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Revanth vows to complete Palamuru-Rangareddy project in two years



From Our Staff Reporter Mahabubnagar, June 5: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy blasted the previous BRS government for not completing the prestigious Palamuru Rangareddy lift scheme project and swindled public money through commission by tak-

ing up the works of pumpset and lifts only during the 10 year rule in the state. He declared that the People's Government would complete the project in two years and also appealed to the people to support the government to expedite land acquisition for the pending projects in the

erstwhile Mahabubnagar district. Addressing the media at Karivena Reservoir in Kothur village of Bhoopur mandal in Mahabubnagar district on Friday, the Chief Minister said the KCR government has spent a whopping Rs 1.81 lakh crore on irrigation project works. Of

which, Rs one lakh crore was spent solely on the Kaleshwaram project and the crucial Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme was completely neglected, he pointed out. Stating that the palamuru project has the potential to supply 90 TMC of water, Revanth Reddy said that Rs 27,000 crore were only spent on the Palamuru irrigation scheme by the BRS government. A major chunk of the funds were spent on pumps and lifts to rake in commissions. The previous government abandoned the project midway without providing water to even a single acre, the Chief Minister charged.

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All stakeholders must join hands to make Telangana TB-free: Governor

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June 5: Telangana Governor and president of the Tuberculosis Association of Telangana Shiv Pratap Shukla on Friday underscored the need for coordinated efforts by government agencies, healthcare workers, voluntary organisations, corporates and the public to achieve the goal of a TB-free Telangana and contribute to the national vision of a TB-free India.

Reviewing the implementation of the TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan at Lok Bhavan, the Governor assessed the progress made under the campaign and the measures being undertaken to eliminate tuberculosis in the State. He also reviewed the activities of the Tuberculosis Association of Telangana and its contribution towards supporting the Government's TB eradication efforts.

Secretary of health, medical and family welfare de-



partment Christina Z. Chongthu, and Commissioner of health and family welfare Dr. Sangeetha Satyanarayana, made a detailed presentation on the implementation of the TB Mukh Bharat Abhiyan across Telangana.

They outlined the State's achievements in TB screening, diagnosis, treatment outcomes, preventive therapy, nutritional support and com-

munity participation. The officials informed the Governor that Telangana has established a strong tuberculosis control infrastructure comprising 171 TB Units, 435 TB Detection Centres, 191 Rapid Molecular Testing facilities and 52 portable handheld X-ray devices. During the recent 100-day campaign, more than 3.87 lakh vulnerable individuals were

screened, over 1.68 lakh X-ray examinations were conducted and 7,663 new TB patients were identified and linked to treatment.

Representatives of the Tuberculosis Association of Telangana also made a separate presentation highlighting the organisation's initiatives in TB awareness, patient support, nutritional assistance and community engagement.

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EFLU Celebrates World Environment Day 2026

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5: The English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU), Hyderabad, observed World Environment Day 2026 with a Special Talk under the global theme: "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future." The event commenced with a symbolic plantation drive led by Vice-Chancellor, Prof. N. Nagaraju, and Chief Guest, Madam D. Harichandana, IAS, reaffirming the University's commitment to ecological stewardship. Delivering the keynote address, Madam Harichandana, IAS, Secretary to the Government of Telangana (Labour, Employment, Training & Factories Department), emphasized the need for climate-conscious development. She also affirmed that "small

beginnings lead to big changes" and highlighted sustainable practices that balance growth with environmental responsibility. In his presidential remarks, Prof. Nagaraju reiterated EFLU's dedication to building a green campus and fostering ecological awareness across the academic world. He noted the pressing challenge of bridging the financial gap for sustainable development, stressing that "awareness is high, but action must catch up." The program drew enthusiastic participation from the Registrar, Sini Manchala, Proctor, Prof. Shyam Rao Rathod, OSD to VC, Dr. Rajaram, faculty members, non-teaching staff, and students, who engaged in discussions on environmental responsibility and collective action for a sustainable future.

Air Vice Marshal Gkj Reddy Assumes charge as Commandant, College of Defence Management



From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5: Air Vice Marshal Gkj Reddy, VSM, assumed command of the College of Defence Management (CDM), Secunderabad, on Friday. He succeeds Major General G Srinivas, VSM, who proceeds to assume the appointment of GOC, Telangana and Andhra Sub Area (TASA). Commis-

sioned into the Indian Air Force fighter stream in 1990, the Air Officer is a Category-A Qualified Flying Instructor with over 4,500 hours of flying experience. A graduate of the National Defence College and Defence Services Staff College, he brings extensive experience from key command and staff appointments, most recently serving as Associate

Director (PMT) at ADE, DRDO. Recipient of the Vishisht Seva Medal (VSM), Air Vice Marshal Reddy has a distinguished record of service across multiple commands. Under his leadership, the College of Defence Management will continue its commitment to fostering strategic leadership and operational excellence within the Indian Armed Forces.

Telangana transforms ITIs into ATCs to boost global youth employment: Vivek

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5: Minister for Labour, Employment, Mines and Geology Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy said the State government has transformed traditional Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into modern Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) with the objective of preparing Telangana's youth for the rapidly evolving global job

market. He stated that these centres are emerging not merely as training institutions but as gateways to skill development, employment opportunities and international careers. The Minister made these remarks after visiting the Mallepally Advanced Technology Centre in Hyderabad on Friday along with media representatives.

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Hiroshima delegation visits Telangana Assembly, Council

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5: A delegation representing Hiroshima State in Japan made a visit to both the Telangana Legislative Council and Assembly on Friday. The delegation was warmly received by Legislative Council Chair-

man Gutha Sukhender Reddy and Deputy Chairman Banda Prakash, who presented them with floral bouquets.

Following their tour of the Assembly and Council buildings, the Hiroshima representatives engaged in discussions with the

Chairman in his office. During this interaction, Gutha Sukhender Reddy highlighted Telangana's status as India's most rapidly developing state, noting the presence of international residents in the capital city who are successfully conducting their

business ventures. He further elaborated that the members of the Telangana Legislative Assembly and Council are effectively engaged in law-making and maintain close contact with the public to address their concerns. The chairman also

emphasised that under the leadership and vision of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the state is experiencing comprehensive development across all sectors, and considered the visit of Hiroshima's representatives to Telangana a propitious occasion.

Singareni CMD urges employees to adopt green practices

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5: Dr. Buddhaprakash Jyoti, Chairman and Managing Director of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) called upon everyone to contribute towards the protection of Mother Earth through environmental awareness by reducing plastic usage, planting more trees, and promoting greenery. On the occasion of World Environment Day, he planted saplings at Singareni Bhavan in Hyderabad on Friday. Later, addressing the SCCL employees, the CMD urged them to adopt environmentally responsible practices both in their professional duties and personal lives. Subsequently, all participants took an environmental protection pledge. On the occasion, Buddhaprakash Jyoti also distributed prizes to the winners of the essay writing, elocution, and quiz competitions conducted as part of the World Environment Day celebrations. Director (personnel & finance) Gautham Potru, and executive director (coal movement) B. Venkanna also participated in the programme and planted saplings. The World Environment Day was also observed across all SCCL areas, where plantation programmes and awareness activities were conducted at several locations.

SHE TEAMS SECURE CONVICTIONS IN FIVE EVE-TEASING CASES AT CHARMINAR

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5: Hyderabad SHE Teams achieved convictions in five eve-teasing cases detected at Charminar, reinforcing efforts to ensure women's safety in public spaces. Under the supervision of V.C. Sajjanar, IPS, Hon'ble Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, SHE Teams continue to work tirelessly towards ensuring the safety, security, and dignity of women and children across the city.

According to the police, as part of their ongoing efforts to ensure safety and security of women

and children in public places, SHE Teams conducted surveillance at Charminar and detected incidents of eve-teasing. During the operation, five individuals were found independently misbehaving with women by inappropriately touching them in public places, causing inconvenience and distress to the victims. The offenders were immediately apprehended by the SHE Team, and petty cases were registered against them under Sections 292 (BNS) and 70(C) of the City Police Act and were produced before a Nampally court, which

sentenced each offender to three days of simple imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs.1,000. Police urged the women facing harassment to seek immediate assistance through Dial 100, 112, or the SHE Teams helpline.

SHE Teams, Hyderabad City, reiterate their commitment to ensuring a safe environment for women and children. Individuals involved in harassment, stalking, cyber abuse, and misuse of social media platforms are hereby warned that stringent legal action will be taken against offenders.

BRS destroyed irrigation sector despite spending Rs1.81 lakh crore: Uttam

From Our Staff Reporter

Mahabubnagar, June 5: Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS government, accusing it of wasting massive public funds while failing to create meaningful irrigation benefits for farmers.

Addressing a press conference along with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the conclusion of an extensive two-day inspection tour of irrigation projects across the Palamuru region, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the Congress government had undertaken the exercise with a clear objective of ac-

celerating all ongoing and proposed irrigation projects and removing bottlenecks that had delayed their completion for years. He alleged that one of the gravest mistakes committed by the previous government was shifting the water source for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme from Jurala to Srisaalam. The Minister said the decision severely damaged the interests of the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district and resulted in huge expenditure without creating even a single acre of assured ayacut. "The previous government claims to have spent nearly Rs 27,000 crore on the



Palamuru-Rangareddy project, but not a single acre of irrigation potential was created. This is the reality behind their propaganda," he said. The Minister said that several major irrigation schemes in Telangana remained incomplete despite a decade of BRS rule.

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"We hoped that the Palamuru projects would be completed once the Telangana state was formed. Had the Palamuru-Rangareddy project been completed alongside the Jurala, Bhima, Nettekoppa, Koilsagar, Kalwakurthy, and other projects, it would have been possible to provide irrigation water to an ayacut of 26 lakh acres in the Mahabubnagar district", the Chief Minister said.

He alleged that the previous BRS government had also neglected land acquisition and the former chief minister focused only on clearing contractor bills

worth thousands of crores. Further, Revanth Reddy said the debt KCR government incurred for irrigation projects over ten years was Rs.84,503 crore. The Congress government cleared Rs 52,120 crore in just 30 months. We paid only Rs.22,000 crore to contractors during those 30 months and spent Rs.8,000 crore on the Palamuru project, he said.

"Land acquisition for about 4,000 acres related to the projects is still pending", the Chief Minister remarked.

He ridiculed the BRS leaders' claim that 90 per cent of the Palamuru project workers were com-

pleted in their rule. How can 90 percent of the work be finished without even 50 percent of the estimated budget being spent?" the Chief Minister wondered if he failed to understand the 'science' or 'math' knowledge of the BRS leaders. "I have not read 80,000 books like KCR".

"Despite facing financial challenges, we are working with composure and determination, the BRS leaders have looted everything and are now trying to paint us as the guilty ones. My visit is aimed at completing the Palamuru district projects on a war footing. History will not forgive us if we fail to complete the project,"

Revanth Reddy said.

He appealed to the district BRS leaders to remain silent for the next two years and it would be a great help. The Chief Minister also mentioned how senior leader Nagam Janardhan Reddy fought against this for years.

Revanth Reddy also took a dig at the BRS leader's plan to embark on Padayatra and suggested the leader continue the yatra to Kashi to get rid of their sins committed during the 10 year BRS rule. The BRS leader lost consciousness and behaved without even the slightest realisation that the public holds them in contempt, he said.

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During the visit, students and trainers showcased the centre's advanced infrastructure, modern equipment and industry-aligned training programmes designed to meet the demands of emerging sectors. Vivek Venkatswamy said that the Telangana government has undertaken a major initiative in partnership with Tata Technologies Limited (TTL) to strengthen the State's skill development ecosystem. He noted that the programme has facilitated investments worth nearly ₹4,000 crore, enabling the establishment of world-class training infrastructure and creating significant opportunities for youth in both domestic and international job markets. The Minister said that the government is also providing stipends to students enrolled in ATCs, ensuring that fi-

nancial constraints do not become a barrier to acquiring advanced skills and technical education.

He observed that modernising training institutions in line with evolving technological sectors would help create a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the needs of future industries. This initiative, he said, will not only enhance employment prospects for Telangana's youth but also position the State as a national leader in skill development. Describing the ATCs as a golden opportunity for young people, Vivek Venkatswamy urged students to make full use of the facilities available to them. He stressed that discipline, dedication and continuous learning are essential for success in today's competitive world. "These Advanced Technology Centres are laying the founda-

tion for the future employment ecosystem in Telangana. They are equipping our youth to seize opportunities not only across India but also at the global level," the Minister said.

He further stated that, alongside the upgradation of ITI infrastructure, extensive training programmes are also being conducted for instructors and faculty members to ensure that students receive quality education and practical training aligned with industry requirements. Expressing confidence in the initiative, the Minister said that ATCs would play a pivotal role in developing a skilled workforce and serve as a milestone in establishing Telangana as one of the country's premier skill development destinations. A special photo exhibition and technology showcase were organised on the premises

of the Mallepally ITI as part of the programme. Students who had completed their training and secured employment shared their experiences with the Minister and media representatives. They explained that the transformation of the institute into an Advanced Technology Centre had significantly enhanced their skills, improved their employment prospects and brought positive changes to their lives. Appreciating the efforts of department officials, trainers and staff, Vivek Venkatswamy commended their dedication towards providing quality training and employment opportunities to young people. He called upon them to continue working with the same commitment to build a brighter future for the coming generations of Telangana.

BRS destroyed irrigation sector despite spending Rs1.81 lakh crore: Uttam

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He pointed out that projects such as Kalwakurthy Lift Irrigation Scheme, Nettekoppa, Bhima and Koilsagar in Mahabubnagar district remained pending, while the SLBC tunnel in Nalgonda district witnessed little progress for years. Similarly, he noted that the Sitarama Project in Khammam district had consumed nearly Rs 8,000 crore without delivering irrigation benefits on the expected scale. Referring to the Kaleshwaram project, he alleged that it was designed, constructed and eventually suffered structural failures during the tenure of the previous government itself. "The irrigation sector was completely damaged by the previous regime. They spent nearly Rs1.81 lakh crore of taxpayers' money, including borrowed funds, but failed to deliver proportionate irrigation benefits. They have no moral right to lecture us on irrigation management to-

day," he remarked.

Taking exception to suggestions being made by opposition leaders regarding the operation of pumps and reservoirs, Uttam Kumar Reddy said those responsible for creating the present problems should introspect instead of offering advice.

The Minister asserted that the Congress government was fighting more effectively for Telangana's rights over Krishna river waters than the previous administration. He said Telangana's case was being strongly represented before the Krishna River Management Board (KRM) and the Krishna Water Disputes Tribunal and the Supreme Court. He further claimed that Telangana had utilised more Krishna river water after the Congress government assumed office in December 2023 than during the ten years of BRS rule. The increased utilisation, he said, had translated into higher agricultural acreage,

record paddy production and unprecedented procurement levels across districts dependent on Krishna waters, including Mahabubnagar, Nalgonda and parts of Khammam. Highlighting the government's achievements in agriculture, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had recorded the highest paddy production and procurement levels in its history under the Congress government. He announced that paddy procurement during the current Yasangi season had crossed 71.5 lakh metric tonnes, describing it as a national record. Telangana alone accounted for nearly 60 per cent of India's total Yasangi paddy procurement, a figure expected to rise to around 75 per cent by the end of the procurement season. "Telangana has already been declared the number one rice-producing state in the country. Today, we are not only the number one producer but

also the number one procurement state in India," he said.

The Minister stated that despite limited support from the Centre, the State government had continued to stand firmly with farmers. While the Centre had agreed to procure only about 51 lakh metric tonnes of paddy, Telangana is spending an additional Rs 6,600 crore to ensure procurement of very grain produced by farmers. The overall procurement was projected to cross 75 lakh metric tonnes, he said. The Minister further claimed that since coming to power, the Congress government had spent an additional ₹16,649 crore beyond central procurement commitments to purchase Rabi paddy from Telangana farmers. Turning to the irrigation sector, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the two-day tour was intended to prepare a comprehensive action plan for completing all major projects in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district.

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They briefed the Governor on efforts being made to complement government programmes and mobilise public participation in the fight against tuberculosis.

Speaking to the media after the review meeting, Shukla said that nearly 28,000 active tuberculosis patients are currently undergoing treatment in Telangana. He noted that the State Government is

implementing the TB elimination programme in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's call to make India free from tuberculosis.

"The Telangana government is fully committed to achieving the goal of a TB-free State. While the programme is being implemented effectively, certain challenges persist, particularly in tribal and remote areas where some patients

do not complete their medication, avoid diagnostic tests such as X-rays, or suffer from nutritional deficiencies," he said.

The Governor said that detailed discussions were held on the challenges being faced at the field level. He added that the Health department would soon hold comprehensive review meetings with district collectors and district-level offi-

cial to identify and address local issues.

"We are determined to remove every obstacle that stands in the way of TB elimination. Wherever necessary, we will seek support and guidance from the Government of India. Our focus is to ensure that every identified TB patient completes the six-month treatment course successfully and recovers fully," he said.

Harish Rao slams Revanth over Krishna water utilisation claims

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5 :

Former minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao strongly criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over his remarks on Krishna water utilisation, alleging that the Chief Minister lacks even basic awareness of his own government's performance in safeguarding Telangana's water rights. In a statement here on Friday, Harish Rao said it was unfortunate not only for Palamuru but for the entire state that the Chief Minister was unaware of the actual utilisation of Krishna waters during his tenure. "A Chief Minister who lacks such fundamental understanding poses a serious threat to Telangana's water rights," he said. Questioning Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy as well, Harish Rao asked whether both leaders were unaware of the contents of official communications issued by their own government. "It has been 30 months since you assumed office. How much longer will it take for you to understand the irrigation sector?" he asked. Harish Rao pointed out that on May 2, 2026, the Telangana Engineer-in-Chief (General) officially wrote to the Krishna River Management Board and the

letter said that Andhra Pradesh utilised 74.23 per cent of the available Krishna waters, while Telangana utilised only 25.77 per cent. "Unlike Revanth Reddy, I do not make baseless allegations or speak without evidence," Harish Rao said. He alleged that despite portraying himself as a son of Palamuru, Revanth Reddy had done virtually nothing for the undivided Mahabubnagar district during the last two-and-a-half years.

Harish Rao said that the Chief Minister was spreading falsehoods and half-truths only to divert attention from his government's failures. He accused the Congress government of betraying Palamuru by failing to complete the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme, which is designed to provide irrigation to 12.30 lakh acres and drinking water to 1,226 villages. Harish Rao recalled that Revanth Reddy and the Congress party had opposed the project from the beginning and had filed cases that delayed its progress. Despite these obstacles, he said, the BRS government successfully defended the project and accelerated its execution.

Referring to the Chief Minister's comments on land acquisition, Harish Rao



said they reflected a lack of understanding of the project. He stated that despite repeated attempts to create hurdles and incite farmers against the project, the BRS government had acquired 27,191 acres of land for the Palamuru-Rangareddy project. He challenged the Congress government to disclose how much land it had acquired for the project during the last two-and-a-half years. "Wasting 30 months and then waking up after completing half of the government's term to talk about land acquisition proposals is nothing short of shameful," Harish Rao said.

The BRS leader reminded the Chief Minister that he had promised on the floor of the Assembly to provide irrigation to 12 lakh acres within two years at the rate of six lakh acres annually.

"A person who failed to honour that commitment has neither the credibility nor the qualification to speak about irrigation," he remarked. He said constructing major irrigation projects required vision, commitment and execution, not publicity campaigns. Harish Rao credited former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao with transforming the fate of Palamuru, which had long suffered from migration and poverty under previous Congress and TDP governments. "It was KCR who brought migrant workers back home and changed the destiny of Palamuru," he said. Harish Rao noted that several long-pending irrigation projects inherited from previous governments were converted into functioning projects under the BRS government.

Telangana, Hiroshima explore partnership in employment, skill development



From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5 : A delegation from Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan, met Telangana Labour, Employment, Mines and Geology Minister Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy at his chamber in the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Friday. The meeting was facilitated by the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company (TOMCOM). During the interaction, the Japanese delegation briefed the Minister on employment opportunities available for Indian youth across vari-

ous industries and sectors in Japan. Discussions focused on exploring avenues of cooperation between Telangana and Japan in the areas of skill development, international employment opportunities, and the development of a trained workforce. The delegation noted that the relationship between Japanese cities and Hyderabad has a history spanning two decades and that the partnership is currently celebrating its 20th year. Speaking on the occasion, Vivek Venkatswamy said the

Telangana government is actively preparing the state's youth to seize global employment opportunities. He highlighted TOMCOM's professional and focused efforts in creating pathways for overseas employment and enhancing the employability of Telangana's youth. The Minister also expressed his admiration for Japan's technological excellence and work culture. He remarked that he was impressed by the precision of Japanese machinery as well as the humility and discipline of the Japanese people. During the

meeting, LETF Secretary Dasari Harichandana delivered a comprehensive presentation on Telangana's growth potential. She outlined various initiatives being undertaken by the State Government, including skill development programmes, workforce upgradation, and international placement opportunities. Harichandana also proposed the formation of a joint working group between Telangana and Hiroshima Prefecture to further strengthen collaboration and expand employment opportunities.

DRUG-FREE CAMPUSES KEY TO NATION'S FUTURE: GOVERNOR SHUKLA

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June 5 :

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Friday warned that drug abuse poses a serious threat to the nation's future and called for collective action to protect youth from addiction. Addressing a state-level "Drug Abuse Awareness Workshop" organized by Bharat Scouts and Guides at Lok Bhavan here, the Governor stressed that the governments, educational institutions, parents and civil society must work together to curb substance abuse. He said that the vision of a "Viksit Bharat" and a "Viksit Telangana" can be realised only when the youth are empowered with strong values and a sense of responsibility. The Governor advocated drug-free campuses across Telangana and welcomed the state government's decision to introduce anti-drug pledges in student admission forms from the cur-



rent academic year. Citing the success of Himachal Pradesh's "Nasha Mukh Himachal" campaign, he urged young people to stay away from drugs and contribute to building drug-free communities. He also called on parents and teachers to remain vigilant and identify early signs of

addiction among children. The workshop was attended by senior officials, educators and hundreds of students.

Speaking on the occasion, Special chief secretary to Governor Shri Dana Kishore said that the Governor had accorded special priority to the campaigns

for a "TB-Free Telangana" and a "Drug-Free Telangana" immediately after assuming office. Efforts were being made to expand membership in the Indian Red Cross Society and that nearly 5,000 new members had joined initiatives aimed at TB eradication and drug abuse prevention, he noted.

Min Bharath seeks TTD support for Kurnool's Gayatri Goshala



Kurnool: June 5
Andhra Pradesh Minister for Industries, Commerce and Food Processing, TG Bharath Gupta, has appealed for government support towards the development of the Gayatri Goshala in Kurnool, which is regarded as one of the largest cow shelters in the state. Along with members of the Gayatri Goshala Committee, the minister met Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy at the State Secretariat in Amaravati and submitted a representation highlighting the needs of the institution. During the meeting, TG Bharath Gupta explained that the Goshala, located on the outskirts of Kurnool city, currently provides shelter to more than 1,200 cows

and has been serving as a major center for cow protection and welfare. Speaking to The Hans India on Thursday the Minister stated that the Goshala has been functioning with the support of philanthropists and donors, particularly in meeting the recurring expenses related to fodder and maintenance of the animals. He said that Endowments Minister was requested to facilitate assistance from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) for the further development of the Goshala. In addition, he proposed the construction of a Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple on the Goshala premises under the auspices of TTD, which, he said, would enhance the spiritual and cultural sig-

nificance of the facility while attracting greater public participation and support. He also urged the government to extend assistance for the development of land belonging to the Endowments Department's Goshala in Kurnool. According to the Minister, Anam Ramanarayana Reddy responded positively to the requests and assured consideration of the proposals. Bharat Gupta recalled that the Endowments Minister had previously visited the Gayatri Goshala during his tour of Kurnool and was well aware of its activities and importance. Gayatri Goshala Committee President Jagadish Gupta and other committee members were also present during the meeting.

DMHO urges mass mobilisation for 'Yoga 365' drive



Anantapur: June 5
Anantapur: Prioritizing preventive healthcare and community wellness, District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr EB Devi has urged healthcare teams to work collectively to ensure the success of the State Government's "Yoga 365" initiative. Addressing a strategic video conference from the DMHO office with medical officers and frontline staff of Primary and Urban Health Centres on Thursday, Dr Devi stressed the importance of taking this wellness campaign to every section of society to build a healthier populace. She stated that the "Yoga 365" initiative is a major public health framework designed to elevate the physical, mental, and social well-being of citizens through structured, regular practice. With lifestyle diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and cardiovascular diseases rising constantly, the DMHO marked yoga as an effective, zero-cost method for reducing modern health risks. Field-level health workers, including Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs), ANMs, and ASHA workers, were instructed to step up community outreach and educate the public on lifestyle disease prevention. In view of the upcoming International Day of Yoga on June 21, Dr Devi instructed officers to organize physical and online awareness drives to mobilize participants. She urged the public to actively register for these health programmes using the official toll-free helpline number 1800 315 7008. The video conference, which also reviewed an ongoing lifestyle disease survey, featured NCD Officer Vishnumurthy, Mass Media Officer E Nagaraju, and Deputy DMO Lakshminarayana.

SP urges villagers to shun factionalism and personal rivalries



Dharmavaram: June 5
(Skyline daily):
Sri Sathya Sai District SP S. Satish Kumar on Thursday visited the faction-prone Obulanayunipalli village in Dharmavaram mandal to inspect law and order and promote community peace. The SP interacted with the villagers and held a focused meeting with local women to gather data on public grievances and safety. The SP warned that factional conflicts and personal disputes stall regional development and urged residents to

resolve friction through legal routes. He called upon the youth to stay away from anti-social elements, crime, and substance abuse to secure their future careers. Following the village visit, SP Satish Kumar reviewed operations at the Dharmavaram Rural Police Station. Accompanied by Circle Inspector Prabhakar and Sub-Inspector Rajashekar, he instructed the staff to clear pending cases quickly and maintain high standards of public policing.

NDA coalition has failed every major 2024 election promise, alleges YSRCP

Nandyal/Banaganapalle: June 5
The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) on Thursday intensified its criticism of the ruling NDA coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, alleging that it had failed to implement key election promises even after completing two years in office. As part of the statewide protest programme titled "Two Years of Betrayal," party leaders and cadres in Nandyal and Banaganapalle burnt copies of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) manifesto and "Super Six" guarantee documents, accusing Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu of deceiving the people. The protests were led by former Nandyal MLA Shilpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy, MLC Isac Basha, and former Banaganapalle MLA Katasani Ramireddy, along with several senior YSRCP leaders and workers. Addressing the gathering at Dr. YSR Circle in Nandyal, Shilpa Ravi Chandra Kishore Reddy alleged that the coalition government had failed to honour a single major promise made during the 2024 elections. He claimed that rising fuel prices, the weaken-



ing of welfare programmes such as Aarogyasri, and the absence of new development initiatives had placed a heavy burden on the common people. He questioned the status of the much-publicised "Super Six" schemes and accused the government of focusing more on political vendettas against YSRCP leaders than on governance and public welfare. Politics He further alleged that farmers, students, unemployed youth, and women had been neglected despite repeated assurances from the government. MLC Isac Basha echoed similar concerns, stating that the coalition government had lost the trust of the people by failing to implement its commitments. He alleged that the state's debt burden had

increased significantly and criticised the government over the pace of development works, including projects such as Amaravati and Polavaram. In Banaganapalle, former MLA Katasani Ramireddy accused the government of misleading women and unemployed youth by not implementing promised financial assistance schemes. He also raised concerns over the recruitment process under DSC and demanded an independent probe into allegations of irregularities, calling for an inquiry under the supervision of a sitting High Court judge. YSRCP leaders asserted that the party would continue its agitation until the coalition government fulfilled the promises made to the people.

Slams NDA over Rs 4,000 crore pending student fee arrears



Anantapur: June 5
Intensifying its statewide offensive against the ruling dispensation, the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) on Thursday organized a major demonstration titled "Two Years of Betrayal" in front of the Dr BR Ambedkar statue in Anantapur. Led by YSRCP district president Anantha Venkatarami Reddy, party leaders, cadres, and activists gathered to condemn the alliance government for failing to fulfill its pre-poll commitments after two years in office. In a symbolic act of defiance, protesters set fire to copies of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) manifesto and pledge documents bearing the names of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Addressing the agitating crowds, Venkatarami Reddy asserted that public dissatisfaction is mounting rapidly across the state as the government prioritizes publicity campaigns over actual governance. He pointed out that the highly publicised "Super Six" welfare initiatives remain completely unfulfilled. Furthermore, he highlighted that the promised monthly unemployment allowance of Rs 3,000 has not been delivered to educated youth, and essential financial assistance schemes for women have been stalled. The YSRCP district chief leveled serious charges regarding the educational sector, stating that cumulative fee reimbursement arrears have touched an alarming Rs 4,000 crore, making it impossible for students to secure their original certificates from institutions. He additionally blamed the NDA coalition for halting interest-free loans to women and farmers while steering the state into a massive debt burden. Venkatarami Reddy vowed that the YSRCP would expand its agitation to protect grassroots public interests. YSRCP district president Anantha Venkatarami Reddy and party leaders burn copies of the TDP manifesto and election pledge documents during the "Two Years of Betrayal" protest near the Dr BR Ambedkar statue in Anantapur on Thursday

People will elect Jagan if election held today: YSRP

Nellore: Jun 5
Following a call given by YSRCP president YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, party leaders and activists, headed by party State Women's Wing working president, Kakani Poojitha, organised a protest rally under "Two Years of Betrayal" campaign at Sarvepalli junction in Venkatachalam mandal on Thursday. They burned copies of TDP's election manifesto, promises and newspaper advertisements issued by the government and raised slogans against the government, accusing it of neglecting public welfare. Alleging the coalition government of coming to power with "false promises and deceptive assurances", Poojitha Criticised that the government failed to fulfill even one single major election promise and pursuing anti-people policies. Criticising the government for the rising fuel prices, she stated that Andhra Pradesh had become one of the States with the highest petrol and diesel prices in the country.

Collector directs bankers to meet 2025-26 financial targets

Puttaparthi: June 5
District Collector Shyam Prasad has directed bankers and officials to work in close coordination to achieve the targets set for the 2025-26 financial year and ensure the effective implementation of government-sponsored schemes across the district. The fourth-quarter meeting of the District Consultative Committee (DCC) and District Level Review Committee (DLRC) for the financial year 2025-26 was held on Thursday at the Mini Conference Hall of the District Collectorate under the chairmanship of the District Collector. The meeting reviewed the district's banking performance and the progress of various Central and State government welfare and development schemes. During the meeting, the Lead Bank Manager (LBM) presented the district's banking statistics and informed the committee that the combined deposits across all banks in the district currently stand at Rs 12,051 crore, while total advances have reached Rs 22,009 crore. Reviewing the implementation of key government initiatives, the Collector instructed officials and bankers to expand the outreach of the PM Surya Ghar scheme and the PM Formalisation of Micro



Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme at the grassroots level. He emphasized the need to create greater public awareness about these programmes and ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive financial assistance through timely sanctioning of loans. The Collector noted that both the Central and State governments are giving priority to schemes aimed at improving livelihoods and promoting self-employment opportunities. He urged banks to extend greater support to beneficiaries by facilitating access to credit and simplifying loan disbursement processes. Highlighting the government's commitment to empowering women economically, Shyam Prasad stated that efforts are being made to transform every woman into a financially independent and

prosperous individual. He called upon bankers to play an active role in achieving this objective by providing prompt financial assistance and extending necessary credit support to women entrepreneurs and self-help group members. The meeting also reviewed the performance of various banking institutions operating in the district and discussed measures to improve credit flow to priority sectors, including agriculture, micro and small enterprises, and other developmental activities. Lead District Manager Phanindra Kumar, representatives of Canara Bank, State Bank of India, Union Bank of India, Andhra Pradesh Grameena Vikas Bank and other banking institutions, along with officials from various government departments, attended the meeting.

Devanakonda achieves 87.44% progress in SIR-2026 voter mapping campaign

Anantapur: June 4
Kurnool: Devanakondamandal has achieved 87.44 percent progress in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR-2026) of electoral rolls, with voter mapping completed for 52,095 out of the total 59,577 electors. Officials have directed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to expedite the process and ensure completion of the remaining voter verification within the stipulated timeframe. To review the progress and strengthen field-level implementation, an awareness and training meeting was held for BLOs and supervisors at the Mandal Parishad Development Office (MPDO) in Devanakonda on Thursday. Presiding over the meeting, Tahsildar YK Rameswara Reddy emphasized the importance of carrying out revision activities with utmost accuracy and dedication, leaving no scope for errors in the electoral roll updating process. The Tahsildar provided detailed instructions on SIR mapping procedures and the maintenance of records relating to Booth Level Agents (BLAs) of recognized political parties. Politics He urged officials to work in a coordi-



nated manner and strive to make Devanakonda a model mandal in the effective implementation of the SIR-2026 programme. The mandal currently has 62 polling stations, with 62 BLOs and three supervisors overseeing the exercise. Officials informed the meeting that Re-Survey Deputy Tahsildar Amina Begum, Senior Assistant Ravi Kumar and Mandal Revenue Inspector Vijaya Bhaskar are serving as supervisors for the programme. BLOs were advised to approach supervisors for guidance whenever required. The Tahsildar also announced that BLO kits related to SIR-2026 would be distributed shortly. The meeting was attended by BLOs, supervisors and other revenue officials.

Students gain exposure to modern physiotherapy techniques at SVIMS workshop

Tirupati: June 5
Sports physiotherapist for the Indian Physically Challenged Cricket Team from Mumbai Dr Mayank Pushkar asserted that sports injury management, muscle pain relief, movement improvement and modern physiotherapy treatment techniques are essential for effective patient care. National Updates Addressing participants as the chief guest at a three-day workshop organised by the College of Physiotherapy under Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences (SVIMS), Tirupati, on Thursday, Dr Pushkar said he would provide both theoretical and practical training on advanced physiotherapy practices. He said the workshop aims to create awareness among students, faculty members



and physiotherapy professionals about modern treatment methods such as dry needling and soft tissue mobilisation. SVIMS Director cum Vice-Chancellor Dr RV Kumar said the workshop would help students acquire advanced clinical skills. He added that the institute would continue to organise similar academic and practical training programmes to further strengthen physiotherapy education.

College of Physiotherapy Principal Dr Madhavi said it is important for students to understand and learn modern treatment techniques in physiotherapy. She noted that dry needling and soft tissue mobilisation are being effectively used in the treatment of muscle pain and sports injuries. Organising Secretary Dr Shanthi, Dr Viswanath, Dr Srikumari, and other faculty attended the programme.

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Every country counts its people. The real test lies in whether people are willing to be counted. India's ongoing census will be the country's first fully digital enumeration, a technological leap in a process that has traditionally relied on paper forms, door-to-door visits and layers of administrative supervision.

The scale remains staggering. More than a billion people spread across thousands of towns and hundreds of thousands of villages will be recorded, classified and transformed into data that will shape policy, welfare programmes, and political representation for years to come. Yet the significance of the exercise extends far beyond statistics. A census is among the most consequential interactions between a citizen and the state. It asks individuals to disclose details about their lives, families, occupations, education and social identities in the belief that the information will be used fairly and responsibly. The quality of the data ultimately depends not on software or devices but on public confidence. This challenge is particularly relevant today.

Across democracies, trust in institutions has become increasingly fragile. Governments possess unprecedented technological capabilities to collect, store and analyse information, but citizens have become more conscious of questions relating to privacy, surveillance and data security. The result is a paradox: the state has more tools than ever before to gather information, yet must work harder than ever to persuade people that sharing it serves a legitimate public purpose. India's census carries additional political weight. The inclusion of caste data is likely to influence debates on representation, reservation policies and the allocation of public resources.

Population figures will also underpin future decisions concerning parliamentary constituencies and the distribution of funds between states. In such circumstances, even small doubts about methodology, transparency or impartiality can acquire outsized political significance. That is why the census should not be viewed merely as an administrative exercise. It is an institution that helps convert a vast and diverse population into a shared democratic community. Elections determine who governs; a census helps determine who is governed, where they live and what needs they possess. Without credible demographic information, governments are left planning in the dark. Technology can undoubtedly improve efficiency. Digital platforms may reduce delays, minimise errors and enable faster analysis. But no application can substitute for legitimacy.

Citizens must understand why information is being collected, how it will be protected and how it will contribute to public welfare. Transparency is not an optional add-on; it is the foundation of reliable data. As India prepares for one of the largest peacetime administrative exercises in the world, the lesson is straightforward. The success of a census is measured not by the sophistication of the devices used to conduct it but by the confidence citizens place in the process. Numbers matter. But trust is what makes the numbers meaningful.

Trump's 'forced labour' tariff charge may really be about something else

After the US Supreme Court curtailed the use of emergency powers for reciprocal tariffs, the Trump administration is searching for firmer legal ground.

A tariff is no longer just a tax at the border. It is becoming a test of how a product was made, where its inputs came from and whether its supply chain can be trusted. The latest US move on forced labour imports is a warning that market access will increasingly come with political conditions attached.

The proposed measure, brought under Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, would apply to goods from 60 "economies", a category that includes Hong Kong and the European Union. India falls in the higher duty category, with a range of its exports facing an additional 12.5% levy in the US market. The significance, however, lies beyond the rate itself. Washington is using domestic law to judge the adequacy of another country's import control regime.

The charge is not that Indian exports use forced labour. It is that India does not do enough to detect tainted inputs before they enter Indian supply chains and later reach global markets, including the US.

Forced labour is not lawful in India. But that answer will not satisfy Washington, which is focused on border enforcement and supply chain traceability. In plain language, the question is not whether India prohibits forced labour. It is whether India can prove the integrity of the inputs embedded in its exports. An ethical concern is being

turned into a trade filter.

The objective of eliminating forced labour is legitimate. No serious economy should defend commerce built on coercion. A broad tariff across wide product categories is, however, a blunt remedy for what may be a product-specific and entity-specific problem. It risks becoming less about cleaning supply chains and more about controlling them.

The forced labour proposal is only one in a series of related measures now moving through Washington. A separate Section 301 investigation into structural excess capacity, which includes India in a list of 16 economies, is also underway. That inquiry may be more consequential because it reaches sectors central to India's manufacturing ambitions, including textiles, automotive parts, solar manufacturing, petrochemicals and steel. Metals, critical minerals and pharmaceuticals are all being drawn into a wider trade security agenda.

There is a larger context, too. After the US Supreme Court curtailed the use of emergency powers for reciprocal tariffs, the Trump administration is searching for firmer legal ground. A temporary import surcharge expires in July unless Congress extends it. Section 301 and Section 232 thus matter beyond their immediate tariff impact. They show how Washington is rebuilding its trade architecture through older statutes with new political uses.

The pattern is unmistakable. Access to the American market

is increasingly tied not only to tariffs, but also to labour, security and technology tests. Trade, politics and security now converge at US customs. The impact will be felt by a garment exporter in Tiruppur or a jewellery firm in Surat. A 12.5% duty can erase the margin on an order and push a buyer towards competitors facing lower tariffs. The stakes are high. The US is India's largest goods export destination. Any change in the terms of access will be felt in order books and margins. Yet India should neither panic nor posture. Sovereignty rhetoric will not protect firms that depend on the American market. Nor should India accept every American demand as the price of market access. India must oppose unfair pressure without sounding indifferent to the problem of forced labour.

India should say clearly that forced labour has no place in modern commerce. It should also acknowledge that supply chain traceability is emerging as a serious requirement of global trade. India cannot become an alternative to China by cost and scale alone. It must also become the more trusted manufacturing platform.

At the same time, one country's regulatory preference cannot be allowed to become global law by the back door. If the issue is forced labour, the remedy must be targeted, evidence-based and proportionate. It cannot be a blanket penalty that damages honest exporters and weakens the very supply chain diversification Washington claims to



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support.

India must begin with the process available in Washington. It should file a detailed, product-specific submission and reserve its legal options, including at the WTO, while recognising that litigation alone will not protect exporters in the immediate term.

In the ongoing trade negotiations with the US, New Delhi should contest the 12.5% duty, seek broad product exclusions and insist that these duties do not stack on top of other tariffs. It cannot allow Washington to create multiple tariff layers and then ask India to negotiate each one away separately.

At home, India needs a credible forced labour import control regime of its own. It should be sovereign, country-neutral and evidence-based. In textiles, for example, India should build traceability from cotton to yarn to fabric to garment. For smaller exporters, the state will need to assist with compliance costs. Otherwise, the new rules will become an invisible tax on smaller firms.

For India, this is not only a trade matter. It is part of the manufacturing challenge. Factories alone will not be enough. Export success will depend on customs cooperation, supply chain documentation and constant engagement with foreign regulators. Development policy and trade diplomacy can no longer run on separate tracks.

India should be prepared for scrutiny, but not for unilateral rules written and applied as if they were global law. A country that wants to be a trusted manufacturing power must be able to prove the integrity of what it produces. But a country that wants strategic autonomy must also resist the use of morality as a mask for protectionism.

Tariffs are changing character. India cannot wish this trade order away, and it cannot enter it unprepared. It must build the systems to prove the integrity of its exports, the diplomacy to contest unfair measures, and the confidence to defend its manufacturing ambitions. In the new tariff age, trust will matter. So will leverage.

Will Shivakumar be able to come out of Siddaramaiah's shadow?

As the sombre, if somewhat monotonous oath-taking ceremony of DK Shivakumar was taking place at Bengaluru's Lok Bhavan (formerly Raj Bhavan) on Wednesday afternoon, there must have been a fair sprinkling of keen observers both at the venue and those watching it on their television sets entertaining a stray thought at some point: how will Shivakumar, for all his experience of four decades in politics, handle the ominous shadow of his predecessor Siddaramaiah, and give a good administration in Karnataka?

As the parade of oath-taking lasted nearly an hour, it was clear that the selection of ministerial aspirants had been heavily influenced by Siddaramaiah, as all of them, barring two, had served under him. His son, Yathindra, was the sole new entrant. The party may justify the retention of heavyweights - some even 'overweights' - saying that most of the seniors could not be ignored and Shivakumar's brigade of "young and new faces" will find space in the second or third phase of the ministry's expansion.

It was not just new wine in an old bottle, or, in Karnataka's context, new arrack in an old pot, but capitulation by both Shivakumar and the Congress before a powerful leader to buy peace. But given his volatile temperament, whether Siddaramaiah will continue to offer his 'cooperation' or find a 'trigger point' to test the stability or vulnerability of the government remains to be seen.

When Deve Gowda Played Shadow CM

On the issue of managing political compulsions, there is this example of a veteran Congressman, Dharam Singh, who helmed Karnataka's first Congress-JD(S) coalition government between 2004 and 2006 as chief minister. In the 2004 Assembly polls, the SM Krishna-led Congress government plummeted from 132 seats to 65, while the BS Yediyurappa-led BJP won an impressive 79 seats. But, it was the HD Deve Gowda-led JD(S) that emerged as a 'king-maker,' offering chief ministership to Congress's Dharam Singh while taking a secondary role.

It was clear to Dharam Singh from the beginning that the experienced and wily Deve Gowda would play 'shadow chief minister', and he would have to comply. Singh dutifully visited Gowda's residence almost every evening with official files and spent almost two hours with Gowda reporting on the day's developments and taking 'instructions'. The arrangement continued for 20 months before Gowda pulled the rug from under Dharam Singh's feet.

However, Siddaramaiah, a socialist and not someone with a feudalist of mind, is expected to operate at a more sophisticated level. Shivakumar is also likely to 'consult' him on a regular basis as a matter of goodwill. The party high command may even constitute a coordination committee to include either Randeep Surjewala

or KC Venugopal as well to ensure a smooth functioning of the government.

Shivakumar, having realised his dream of becoming the chief minister after a long wait, may not want to rock his boat, especially since he has the responsibility of preparing the party for the next Assembly polls in 2028 and the Lok Sabha elections in 2029.

To their credit, it must be said that despite their unrelenting tug-of-war over chief ministership almost from the time of 2023 election results, Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar have publicly maintained cordiality - even taking friendly jibes at each other - which should give hope that they are two mature politicians who have found ways of working together.

Complementing each other Importantly, they possibly realise that given their individual strengths of one being an OBC 'Ahinda' leader and another coming from the dominant Vokkaliga community, they complement each other, which helped the Congress get an absolute majority, winning 136 seats in the last election.

At the party level, Shivakumar has shown great organisational skills. Taking over as KPCC president in 2020, at the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic, when nobody wanted to take the responsibility, Shivakumar travelled across the state to help farmers by buying their produce and distributing them free among the people, including daily wage



earners. He also silently arranged transport for lakhs of people to go back to their hometowns during the difficult time of the pandemic. As the state Congress president for six years, he has also displayed his mobilising capability by enrolling about 78 lakh workers, claimed to be the largest enrolment by the Congress party in the country. Now that he will be stepping down as KPCC president, on assuming charge as chief minister, he is on the lookout for someone who will work with him in harmony rather than becoming a rival power centre.

Satish Jarkiholi, one of the senior leaders of the party, was keen on the KPCC post. But, the party has apparently persuaded him to join the cabinet. A veteran leader and Gandhi family loyalist, BK Hariprasad is tipped to be a front-runner to become KCC president. Warding off competition from a handful of his colleagues, G Parameshwara has emerged as the sole deputy chief minister,

which is what Shivakumar wished as well at the moment. A Lingayat and a Muslim being included later as deputy chief ministers cannot be ruled out. Shivakumar will be well aware that Siddaramaiah, having grown as a larger-than-life figure and recently becoming the state's longest serving chief minister, overtaking D Devaraj Urs, continues to enjoy the respect and loyalty of a large number of ministers and MLAs. Being young and ambitious, he is looking beyond 2028 and winning another term for the Congress and a full-term for himself.

He has already granted Siddaramaiah's wish to continue to stay in the CM's official residence, 'Cauvery', for two more years and would probably continue his generosity towards him in many other ways to keep him in good humour and ensure a stable tenure for his government.

Cucumber keeps you hydrated in summer

Cucumber is one of the best summer foods for hydration, says Acharya Balkrishna. With over 90% water content, it helps prevent dehydration, cools the body naturally, supports digestion, and benefits skin.

Acharya Balkrishna, co-founder of Patanjali, put up a post on Facebook recently that is worth paying attention to. He wrote that cucumber contains 90% water, which is why it helps keep the body hydrated, and that people should eat it regularly during summer to avoid dehydration. Simple advice, but backed by solid reasoning.

Why dehydration is a real problem in summer

In most parts of India, May and June are brutal. People sweat heavily, skip meals, drink less water than they should, and end up feeling



tired, dizzy, and drained. Dehydration is not just about feeling thirsty.

It affects concentration, blood pressure, kidney function, and energy levels. And by the time most people realise they are dehydrated, their body has already been struggling for a while.

This is where cucumber comes in. With 90 to 95 percent water

content, it is one of the most hydrating foods you can eat, and it also carries potassium, magnesium, and a little sodium. These minerals matter because when you sweat, your body loses more than just water. It loses electrolytes too. Plain water replaces the fluid but not always the minerals. Cucumber does both.

It actually cools the body

down Ayurveda has always described cucumber as a cooling food. But even outside that framework, the logic holds. Cucumber is easy to digest, produces very little heat in the body, and its high water content genuinely brings down body temperature.

People who deal with summer headaches, skin flare-ups, or that general feeling of being overheated often find some relief just by eating cucumber daily.

Skin, kidneys, and the stomach also benefit

Cucumber contains silica, which is good for the skin. During summer, heat and sun exposure dry the skin out and cause uneven tone. Eating cucumber regularly helps the skin hold moisture better from the inside.

For the kidneys, cucumber

works as a mild natural diuretic. It helps push out waste through urine, which takes some pressure off the kidneys during a season when they are already working overtime.

For digestion, the fibre in cucumber, mostly in the skin, keeps the stomach moving properly.

Constipation becomes common in summer because people drink less water. Cucumber tackles that problem without any fuss.

Very few calories, decent nutrition

100 grams of cucumber has barely 15 calories. But it still gives you Vitamin K, Vitamin C, folate, and some B vitamins. It fills the stomach without loading it. For people who find their appetite all over the place in the heat, cucumber is a genuinely useful snack option.

Maduro now has hotshot lawyer who got Sean 'Diddy' Combs off sex trafficking and racketeering charges

New Delhi, June 5: Nicolas Maduro has added a lawyer who represented hip-hop mogul Sean 'Diddy' Combs at trial to his defense team, court records showed on Thursday, as the ousted Venezuelan president prepares to fight the US drug trafficking charges he faces.

Anna Esteveao of law firm Harris Trzaskoma was part of the team that secured acquittals for Combs on sex trafficking and racketeering charges, which could have landed him in prison for life. Who is Anna Esteveao? Esteveao is a trial attorney at Harris Trzaskoma, a New York-based law firm. Her role in the Combs case drew wide attention during the trial.

At Combs' trial, Esteveao cross-examined star prosecution witness Casandra Ventura, Combs' ex-girlfriend. Ventura had accused the Bad Boy Records founder of forcing her to take part in degrading sexual performances. Esteveao showed jurors emails and text messages, some of which were sexually explicit, from early in Combs' and Ventura's relationship to try to portray her as a willing participant in the drug-fueled performances.

Combs was found guilty on two lesser prostitution-related counts and is serving a 50-month prison sentence at a federal lock-up in New Jersey. He is appealing his convictions



and his sentence.

How she joined Maduro's team

Esteveao was added to the defense team two days after Harris Trzaskoma announced that Maduro's Washington-based defense lawyer, Barry Pollack, was joining the firm. Pollack had previously been with the firm Harris St. Laurent. Pollack is a veteran Washington trial lawyer who long represented WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. He filed a notice of appearance as Maduro's attorney in the Southern District of New York narco-terrorism case.

The defense team is now centralized under one firm, Harris Trzaskoma. Maduro's arrest and charges

On January 3, the Justice Department unsealed a superseding indictment against ousted Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, his wife Cilia Flores, and four other Venezuelan nationals in

the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. The indictment was released the same day Maduro was captured by U.S. special forces in Caracas. The indictment revises an earlier superseding indictment unsealed in 2020.

This indictment carries four counts: narco-terrorism conspiracy, cocaine importation conspiracy, possession of machine-guns and destructive devices, and conspiracy to possess machine-guns and destructive devices.

Captured Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro pleaded not guilty in a Manhattan federal court on January 5 to charges that he led a conspiracy to transport thousands of tons of cocaine into the United States. Maduro, who was removed from Venezuela by U.S. military forces, entered the plea just two days after landing in New York.

Maduro is jailed in Brooklyn ahead of trial.

What the defense plans to argue

Pollack has signaled he is prepared to challenge the legality of what he called Maduro's "abduction" by the U.S. military during a January 3 raid on his home in Caracas.

Maduro is due to appear in federal court in Manhattan on June 30 for a hearing at which his lawyers are expected to discuss the pre-trial motions they plan to make to try to get the charges dismissed.

Background: The Cartel of the Suns

The US government had designated Nicolas Maduro as a fugitive since 2020, on charges of involvement in narcoterrorism, cocaine importation conspiracy, and machine gun possession. According to the Bureau of International Narcotics Matters at the U.S. Department of State, Maduro was involved in managing and leading the "Cartel of the Suns," a drug trafficking organization comprising high-ranking Venezuelan officials.

What comes next

The June 30 hearing in Manhattan federal court will be a key date. Maduro's defense team is expected to file motions challenging both the charges and the legality of how he was brought into U.S. custody. The case is being heard in the Southern District of New York, the same court that prosecuted Combs.

Xi Jinping set for North Korea visit next week, first since 2019 amid geopolitical strains

New Delhi, June 5: Chinese President Xi Jinping will travel to North Korea next week for his first visit to the country in nearly seven years, as Beijing looks to strengthen ties with its nuclear-armed neighbour amid shifting regional dynamics.

Chinese and North Korean state media announced on Friday that Xi will undertake a state visit from Monday to Tuesday. His last trip to Pyongyang was in June 2019.

The visit comes at a sensitive time, with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un deepening relations with Russia while also seeking to improve ties with China, the country's largest trading partner and a key source of economic support.

Analysts believe Beijing is keen to maintain its influence in Pyongyang as North Korea's engagement with Moscow expands. News agency Associated Press mentioned William Yang of the International Crisis Group as saying that China is likely using Xi's visit to reaffirm its strategic interests in Northeast Asia and reassert its role in North Korea.



The trip was announced a day after North Korea unveiled a new facility believed to be linked to the production of material for nuclear weapons. During a visit to the site, Kim vowed to strengthen North Korea's nuclear forces at an "exponential rate", signalling that Pyongyang remains committed to expanding its weapons programme. Experts say the timing of the disclosure may have been intended to reinforce North Korea's position as

a nuclear weapons state prior to Xi's arrival.

North Korea's nuclear programme remains a major concern for the United States, which continues to push for denuclearisation. However, Kim has insisted that Washington must drop that demand as a precondition for future talks.

Xi and Kim last met in Beijing in September, where both leaders pledged deeper cooperation and mutual support.

Putin ties Ukraine peace deal to concessions, claims Russian forces are gaining ground

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday said Moscow remained open to ending the war in Ukraine through diplomacy, but insisted that any settlement would require concessions from Kyiv, even as he claimed Russian forces were continuing to make gains on the battlefield.

Speaking to foreign media editors on the sidelines of Russia's flagship economic forum in St Petersburg, Putin said proposals discussed with US President Donald Trump could pave the way for peace if Ukraine was willing to accept the compromises Moscow has long demanded. The remarks came at a moment when diplomatic signals from both sides appeared to intensify.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky published an open letter proposing a direct meeting with Putin to discuss ending the conflict, while Trump publicly backed the idea of a face-to-face engagement between the two leaders. Putin, however, made clear that Russia sees little reason to slow its military campaign while it believes it holds the advantage. He argued that manpower, industrial capacity and political resolve were working in Moscow's favour and said Russian troops were advancing every day.

"The offensive is ongoing on a daily basis," Putin said. According to the



Russian leader, "at present, the Russian Federation has taken full control of the Luhansk People's Republic — 100%. And Russia has brought over 85% of the territory of the Donetsk People's Republic under its control. (And) 80% of the territory of the Zaporizhzhia region", reported Reuters.

Russia annexed the territories in 2022, a move rejected by Ukraine and most Western nations. Putin said Ukraine's desire to halt Russia's advance could instead be addressed through a negotiated settlement. "Rather than stopping that, it would be better to bring the war to an end altogether by agreeing to the compromises that were discussed in Anchorage," he said, referring to discussions held during a summit with Trump in Alaska last year.

Putin reiterates demand for compromise While Putin did not spell out the exact terms again, his comments appeared to reference Moscow's longstanding demand that Ukraine surrender the

remainder of the Donbas region. Kyiv has consistently rejected such proposals, arguing they would weaken the country and expose it to future attacks.

Putin said Russia remained ready to conclude the conflict through peaceful means and claimed he had conveyed that position to Trump. "We are certainly prepared and willing to reach an agreement with Ukraine through peaceful means," he said. He added that any agreement would require both sides to accept the compromises discussed during his talks with the US president. Zelensky pushes for direct talks In his open letter, Zelensky suggested that a direct meeting between the two leaders could help break the deadlock. He argued that Russia was facing growing domestic pressures, including inflation, fuel shortages and continued Ukrainian drone and missile strikes.

The Ukrainian leader also suggested that Putin's political future could

depend on decisions made now regarding the war.

The Kremlin said Putin was aware of the letter but had not yet studied its contents in detail.

Trump, meanwhile, welcomed the prospect of a meeting between the Russian and Ukrainian leaders. Warning on hypersonic missile

Putin also used the interaction with foreign journalists to issue a warning about Russia's military capabilities.

He said Moscow had not yet deployed its Oreshnik hypersonic missile against Ukraine in real combat conditions and had so far limited its use to testing and evaluation. The nuclear-capable missile, first unveiled in operations against Ukraine in 2024, has a reported range exceeding 5,000 kilometres. Putin has previously described it as impossible to intercept, although Western analysts have disputed that claim. Putin avoids talk of post-2030 future Asked about his political future, Putin declined to discuss whether he would seek another presidential term after 2030.

Russia's Constitution allows him to run again and potentially remain in office until 2036, but Putin said it was too early to focus on that question. "The country faces a lot of large-scale and pressing issues," he said. "They need to be solved while thinking about the future of Russia."

UN warns AI boom could exact heavy environmental toll by 2030

New Delhi, June 5: The rapid expansion of artificial intelligence (AI) could come at a significant environmental cost, with a new United Nations report warning that the rising energy demands of AI systems may place additional pressure on global resources.

According to the report, AI-related energy consumption could double by 2030, potentially accounting for around 3 per cent of the world's total electricity use. The resulting carbon emissions could reach levels comparable to the United Kingdom's current emissions, while water consumption for cooling data centres could exceed the annual drinking water requirements of the global population. The report highlights that AI's growth could follow the economic principle known as the "Jevons Paradox", wherein improvements in efficiency lead to increased overall consumption rather than a reduction in resource use.

Named after economist William Stanley Jevons, the paradox was first observed in 19th-century England, when greater efficiency in coal use resulted in higher overall coal consumption as costs fell and demand expanded. The UN report suggests that as AI models become cheaper and more accessible, their widespread adoption could spur new applications and significantly increase usage, potentially offset-

ting the benefits of improved efficiency.

Data centres already consume vast amounts of energy. Last year, their electricity consumption was estimated to be equivalent to that of Saudi Arabia, one of the world's largest electricity consumers. If AI-driven energy demand doubles by 2030, the resulting carbon footprint could require nearly 6.7 billion trees grown over a decade to offset the emissions. The report further estimates that data centres could require approximately 9.3 trillion litres of water and land covering an area nearly ten times the size of Mexico City to support future AI infrastructure.

Beyond environmental concerns, the report points to growing global inequalities in AI infrastructure. Only 32 countries currently host AI-specific cloud infrastructure, with nearly 90 per cent of that capacity concentrated in the United States and China. It warns that countries lacking AI infrastructure may face a widening digital divide while simultaneously bearing environmental costs associated with mineral extraction, supply chains and electronic waste. The report identifies



two key factors shaping AI's environmental footprint: the scale of AI deployment and the nature of the tasks being performed. Text generation, coding, image creation and video processing each require varying levels of computing power and energy. It also notes that the choice of AI models plays a crucial role, as different systems carry varying energy demands and environmental impacts.

Calling for responsible AI development, the UN report emphasises the need for comprehensive value-chain governance, covering everything from mineral sourcing and infrastructure development to recycling and safe disposal.

The report urges governments and industries to strike a balance between AI innovation and environmental responsibility, ensuring that technological progress does not come at the expense of the planet.

From Fry to Fly: How Japan is turning used cooking oil into sustainable aviation fuel

As the global aviation industry races to cut carbon emissions, Japan is betting on an unlikely resource hidden in millions of kitchens: used cooking oil.

Across the country, households, supermarkets, businesses and airlines are joining an ambitious effort to transform waste cooking oil into Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF), a cleaner alternative to conventional jet fuel. What makes this effort remarkable is its scale. From home kitchens in Tokyo to corporate cafeterias and retail chains, a nationwide collection network is being built around a simple idea, yesterday's frying oil could help power tomorrow's flights. The kitchen revolution behind green aviation For many Japanese households, sustainability now begins after dinner.



Instead of throwing away used cooking oil, residents are collecting it in bottles and delivering it to designated collection points. One of the most visible examples is the "Fry to Fly" initiative, a public-private partnership that links households directly to Japan's sustainable aviation fuel supply chain. The concept is straightforward: waste oil from homes is gathered, processed and eventually converted into aviation fuel capable of reducing the industry's dependence

on fossil fuels.

The movement has transformed ordinary citizens into active participants in Japan's energy transition, creating a rare connection between household recycling habits and commercial aviation.

Why sustainable aviation fuel matters now Aviation remains one of the most difficult sectors to decarbonise. Japan has set a target of sourcing 10 per cent of airline fuel from sustainable alternatives by 2030. Achieving that goal will require

approximately 1.7 million kilolitres of SAF.

Current domestic production stands at only around 30,000 kilolitres, representing a tiny fraction of the country's total jet fuel consumption. Bridging that gap will require a dramatic increase in feedstock collection and production capacity.

The next few years could determine whether Japan achieves its aviation fuel ambitions. Energy companies are approaching critical investment deadlines as they decide whether to commit billions of yen toward large-scale SAF production facilities. These decisions depend heavily on one factor: the availability of used cooking oil. Tokyo's push to mobilise millions of households Authorities in Tokyo are aggressively expanding collection efforts.

RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 5.25%, says India better placed to weather global turbulence

Mumbai, June 5: Choosing caution over a policy shift, the Reserve Bank of India on Friday left the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 per cent. The decision was unanimous, with the Monetary Policy Committee citing an uncertain global environment, geopolitical risks and inflationary pressures. The decision comes at a time when policymakers are navigating a complex external environment marked by disruptions to trade routes, volatile financial markets and rising energy prices. While India has remained relatively resilient compared to several major economies, the central bank signalled that external risks continue to warrant caution.

Announcing the outcome of the MPC meeting, RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra said all members voted in favour of maintaining the policy repo rate under the Liquidity Adjustment Facility (LAF) at 5.25 per cent. As a result, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate remains at 5 per cent, while the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) rate and the Bank Rate continue at 5.5 per cent. Global uncertainties remain a key concern Explaining the committee's thinking, Malhotra said the global economy continues to face multiple headwinds, including supply chain disruptions, uncertainty around trade flows and heightened market volatility. "The global economy has been



Governor, Reserve Bank of India

shaped by heightened uncertainty, disruptions to key trade routes and supply chains, increased market volatility, and cautious business sentiment," the Governor said while announcing the policy decision. He noted that India entered the current phase of global turbulence from a position of relative strength compared to previous periods of global stress. According to Malhotra, the present environment should also be viewed as an opportunity to strengthen the country's economic resilience while addressing emerging challenges. "It is important to not only confront and address these challenges, but also, at the same time, take this as an opportunity to further enhance our resilience," he said. West Asia tensions and energy prices

in focus The RBI Governor also pointed to the continuing geopolitical impasse in West Asia as a major source of uncertainty for the global economy. Rising energy prices and supply chain disruptions linked to regional tensions remain among the key risks being watched by policymakers.

He said central banks across major economies have become increasingly cautious as they balance the need to support growth while keeping inflation under control.

Malhotra observed that some advanced economy central banks could increasingly lean towards monetary tightening as inflation concerns persist.

Markets showing mixed signals While global equity markets have remained buoyant, aided by optimism around artificial intelligence-driven growth, bond markets continue to face pressure from inflation concerns and worries over debt sustainability, the Governor noted.

The latest decision follows the MPC's previous policy review in April, when the committee had also unanimously opted to retain the repo rate at 5.25 per cent while maintaining a neutral policy stance.

Don't Blame Tollywood For Janhvi Kapoor's Roles



Right now, many viewers feel Telugu filmmakers are presenting Bollywood diva Janhvi Kapoor in overly glamorous roles. The same criticism surfaced during Devara, and now similar comments are being heard after Peddi's release. A section of fans believes that as Sridevi's daughter, Janhvi should be getting graceful, performance-oriented characters rather than glamour-focused roles. That too, with Buchi Babu Sana presenting her in a more demeaning avatar, these fans of Sridevi are on the rise now. But is it really fair to blame only the directors? After all, actors also choose the films they sign. Janhvi has already built a reputation in Bollywood through glamorous roles, fashion campaigns, magazine covers, and other photo shoots. Unlike Sridevi, who entered cinema in a completely different era where heroines often carried entire films on their shoulders, Janhvi belongs to a generation where visibility and market positioning work differently. If we look at her Instagram page, those pictures are

more spicy than what she has done in Telugu films to date.

More importantly, Telugu filmmakers are not forcing her into these roles. Scripts are narrated. Characters are discussed. Contracts are signed. If Janhvi wanted only author-backed, performance-heavy characters, she has enough influence today to reject films that don't offer them.

The inside talk is that, as she's charging more than ₹6 crores for each film, she's being offered only these glam roles, which could have a viral pull on the youth to theatres.

While Janhvi chased author-backed roles in Bollywood, where she mixed glam with lots of scope for acting, she hasn't even seen a single blockbuster falling her way. Maybe that's the reason she wants to excel as a commercial starlet first rather than an arthouse actress. But her mother also did lots of glam roles, like in NTR's Vetagadu before choosing those roles with substance. Till then, let's not blame Tollywood alone.

Nagabandham Rare Feat, Fetches Fancy Rates



The most-awaited mythical adventure and thriller Nagabandham has managed to achieve something few big-ticket films are unable to accomplish in the current market. The film has attracted exceptional interest from leading players, translating into a highly rewarding non-theatrical business much before its theatrical release. What's more, the movie fetched its makers fancy rates for non-theatrical rights.

Amazon Prime Video has bagged the streaming rights, while Star Maa has acquired the Telugu satellite rights. Zee has taken charge of the television rights for Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, and Malayalam

versions, underlining the film's wide-reaching market appeal. Zee Studios will distribute the movie across North India and overseas territories. What makes this feat particularly noteworthy is that the film is led by Virat Karma, who is still at the beginning of his career. Yet, the project's scale, the larger-than-life content, visual ambition, and strong creative confidence have convinced buyers to invest heavily in the film across languages. Rather than depending solely on promotional hype, director Abhishek Nama reportedly gave prospective partners a glimpse of the film's strengths firsthand. The

response was overwhelmingly positive, with industry circles impressed by its expansive world-building, technical finesse, and the momentum generated by its promotional content. For the makers, this is more than a business victory. It is a validation of their decision to mount the film on a grand canvas, backed by extensive VFX work, lavish production design, and a belief that scale and storytelling can still continue to fetch impressive business. With the trade already placing its faith in the project, Nagabandham now heads toward its July 3 release carrying substantial prospects.

Lenin's Love Is Filled with Fierce Violence

The makers of Lenin are clearly aiming to strike a chord with the masses through their promotional content. The film starring Akhil Akkineni and Bhagyashri Borse in lead roles. After good songs, makers dropped Soul Of Lenin video song today.

Instead of presenting a conventional romantic number, the song showcases the emotional struggles and determination of a man fighting for the woman he loves. The intense visuals have struck a chord with viewers and generated widespread appreciation online. Akhil Akkineni steals the spotlight with his rugged appearance and emotionally charged performance. His expressions communicate both vulnerability and strength, giving audiences a deeper look into the character.

Bhagyashri Borse adds elegance and emotional depth, making every frame visually engaging and emotionally resonant. Musically, Thaman delivers a stirring composition that seamlessly blends melody with dramatic intensity. The lyrics capture the essence of unconditional love, while the vocals add soul to the narrative. Their pairing brings warmth and emo-



tional depth, making the teaser feel lively and engaging. With its grounded storytelling and realistic tone, the glimpse of Lenin promises a film filled with heart and strong emotional connections. The film also stars Sivaji, Brahmaji and others in key roles. The rich visuals, rustic setting and Thaman's score makes this teaser an impressive one. Directed by Murali Kishor Abburu, the film is gearing up for a grand release on June 26th, promising a well-rounded cinematic experience.

Produced by Akkineni Nagarjuna and Suryadevara Naga Vamsi under Manam Enterprises LLP and Sithara Entertainments, and presented by Annapurna Studios, the film has editor Navin Nooli and cinematographer Leon Britto.

Will Vaishnav Tej's decision Pay off now?



After debuting on a high with the "Uppena" movie, many thought that another hero from the mega family would call the shots big time. He's none other than Megastar Chiranjeevi's nephew Vaishnav Tej, who happens to be the baby brother of Sai Dharam Tej. However, things didn't go well, as his next films, like Kondapolam, Ranga Ranga Vaibhavanga, and Aadikeshava, failed miserably at the box office.

After the 2023 disaster, Aadikeshava, Vaishnav Tej hasn't signed a film, but is actually listening to a lot of scripts. Many directors who have narrated him interesting stories got rejected by Vaishnav and his team, and then those stories went on to become blockbusters at the box office in these three years. Finally, it is com-

ing out that after listening to nearly 100 scripts, which he didn't take up, he has locked a film narrated by a director named Mahesh S, and Anil Sunkara will be producing the movie. Reports are coming that the pre-production of the film is underway and the shoot is set to roll very soon. Now that Vaishnav Tej took a 3-year gap, lost the advantage of being a popular face, and then chose a film, there are definitely both advantages and disadvantages. First, he has to come up with an amazing film, because after this much gap, if the story is still routine, then the result is going to be more fatal than earlier. Secondly, he should build all the hype and edge again, as being just a mega hero won't help anymore. A lot has changed in these three years.

Is Jana Nayagan Playing with fire?



The upcoming Vijay starrer Jananayagan continues to face uncertainty as reports suggest that its censor certification process remains unresolved despite ongoing efforts. This unexpected delay has reportedly created concerns among distributors and other stakeholders who have invested in the project.

According to industry buzz, KVN Productions is considering refunding distributors and taking full responsibility for the film's release once the pending hurdles are cleared. The move, if true, would help protect distributors from prolonged financial uncertainty. However, it could significantly increase the financial burden and risk for the producer, especially as the release delay continues to grow. While Vijay's immense popularity and his growing political influence could generate strong anticipation for the film, Jananayagan is not entirely free from challenges. The project has already faced discussions regarding its remake tag, and like many major releases, it may also be vulnerable to piracy-related losses.

Extended delays can further affect audience momentum and overall business prospects. Given these circumstances, securing censor certification at the earliest possible opportunity appears crucial. A faster resolution would not only reduce financial pressure on the production house but also help maintain the film's market value and audience excitement. If the reports are accurate, accelerating the censor process should be the top priority to ensure a smoother and more successful release. Let's see what happens in the days to come.

Can Keerthy Suresh Pull Off Romance Now?

Keerthy Suresh is one of the leading heroines in the film industry. Having started her career in Tamil and Malayalam films, she later went on to attain stardom with Telugu films. The actress is reportedly in talks for a romantic thriller in Hindi and the news is trending across the internet. However, the big question is whether the actress can pull off romantic roles especially at a time, she completely distanced herself from playing girl next door and usually bubbly girl roles.

With Mahanati, Keerthy worked her way out and climbed the ladder to become the top heroine in the film industry. She also began doing female centric films or movies that revolve around her character. Even then, she did a few commercial films but after marriage, she completely stopped playing typical leading lady characters. Now, justifying romantic films will be a big challenge for Keerthy Suresh. Convincing the audiences again with romantic dramas will not be easy for any heroine. Even for the family audiences, Keerthy is still familiar as an actress who does cute and sweet roles than typical characters. She was last seen in Revolver Rita and Uppu Kappurambu, where both are female centric and not the typical romantic films. As a result, if the ongoing reports are true, Keerthy definitely has to overcome a bigger challenge.

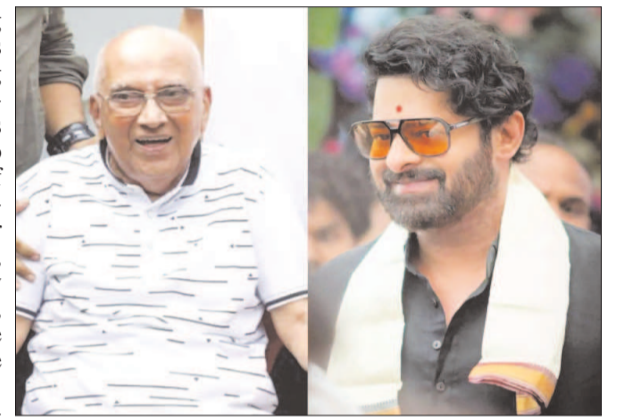


Will Prabhas Step Up for Sing Geetham?

Nag Ashwin is producing Singeetham Sreenivas Rao's new directorial Sing Geetham. The film is slowly catching the audience's attention, and it is going to be a musical, which is itself a big experiment. The promotional material so far impressed the audiences, but this is not enough, say the reports. Interestingly, Prabhas needs to give the film a big push to create more awareness.

Considering the good rapport that Prabhas and Nag Ashwin have, the actor could be crucial in promoting the film at this crucial juncture. Prabhas is already supporting the film's team by posting content on his stories.

The word in tinsel town is that the team must plan a team interview. It will be good to see Prabhas hosting the legendary director Singeetham, producer Nag Ashwin. The interview can have a wider reach and will also keep the film alive during this pre-release phase. Although the current week is highly ded-



icated to Peddi, there is no scope for any other film to gain a buzz. Hence, the team must plan the interview in few days as the film releases on the next Friday. The team may also plan a pre-release event but before that, if Prabhas steps forward for the promotions, that will be a big boost.

Sing Geetam is an upcoming Indian musical-fantasy film starring Aayan and Ahilya Bamroo. The film follows a young man's journey into a mysterious, isolated village. Hope the film becomes a hit.

Peddi Opens strong, but the Real test Begins now!

Ram Charan's Peddi has opened on a strong note at the box office. Including premiere collections, the film reportedly crossed Rs 135 crore gross worldwide on day one. The overseas numbers are also impressive, with the movie racing past the \$2.5 million mark. These figures were officially announced by the team, and fans are celebrating what is being called Ram Charan's career best opening.

However, the real challenge starts now. The film has received mixed reactions from audiences. While some viewers are praising it heavily, others are not fully convinced. Because of that, the public talk is swinging. Trade circles feel that if family audiences and regular moviegoers continue to support the film despite the mixed talk, Peddi could still end up posting record numbers. Recently, even dubbed films with average reports managed decent



revenues in Telugu states. So, a big scale Telugu film like Peddi still has strong chances at the box office.

One major surprise is the audience turnout despite the high ticket prices for premiere shows. Not just fans, even families and general audiences attended the expensive early screenings. Advance bookings for the second day are said to be solid, especially in B and C centers. The biggest advantage for Peddi right now is the long weekend. Since pre-

mieres started on Wednesday, the film will already enter its fourth day by Sunday with strong occupancy expected through the weekend. If the movie maintains momentum during this period, reaching break even may become easier. At the same time, everything depends on how the talk shapes up over the next few days. The team is hoping the response turns more positive and unanimous. Discussions about holding a success meet are already going on internally.

Talented Star Disbelieves "Varanasi" Budget

Recently, hotshot heroine Priyanka Chopra has stated in a couple of interviews that the budget of SS Rajamouli's magnum opus Varanasi, where she's playing a female lead opposite Mahesh Babu, is more than 700 crores. Then the makers of the upcoming Ramayana have confirmed on multiple occasions that they are spending close to ₹1000 crores to give a terrific experience for the audience. While the statements immediately garnered attention, virality, and went on trending on social media, here comes a senior star who is actually dismissing them.

"Even I've heard a lot about the budgets of these films. But they are actually a PR tactic, amplified to get attention for those movies, and that happened," says Manoj Bajpayee, the star of films like Satya, who has recently become a heart-throb of Gen Z as well with "The Family Man" web series. He also stated that even the casual discussion between fans is mostly centred around numbers, budgets and box office of the film, rather than the content of the movie. He even felt that these days even actors are being cast



based on the following they have on social media, but not based on their acting potential.

Well, most of the points commented upon by Manoj Bajpayee are true, but then, the whole of the industry is going mad after this trend, no matter what the complications are like. Otherwise, many actresses with more than 25+ million followers have become stars only because of their photoshoots, but not for their acting prowess. Coming to movie budgets, well, no one knows the truth about it better than the producers.

'I woke up to the car under a truck': Michael Clarke reveals terrifying crash after IPL final

Former Australia captain Michael Clarke has revealed he narrowly escaped a potentially devastating road accident while travelling to the airport after the IPL 2026 final in Ahmedabad, describing the incident as one of the most frightening experiences of his life. Clarke, who was in India as part of the tournament's commentary team, said he was asleep in the passenger seat when the vehicle crashed into the back of a semi-trailer, leaving the front portion of the car lodged underneath the truck.



safely," Clarke said on the Beyond23 Cricket Podcast.

"I was asleep. I fell asleep after the game, travelling. Obviously, I wasn't driving. Then I woke up to virtually the front half of the car being under a truck," Clarke revealed. "Interesting trip home, to say the least. Let me start by saying thank God for good people in India. That's why I made it home

collision. "I got away with some bruises, but I definitely think he had a little break in his leg. I was really concerned because he was so scared. It wasn't his car; he works for the company," Clarke added. The former World Cup-winning skipper further expressed his gratitude to the BCCI officials, who consistently checked on both him and his injured driver following the accident. "Everyone at the BCCI, everybody there, they've been checking in on him, and they've been checking in on me. They've been unreal. So I'm very grateful for that. It was a complete accident. These things happen all the time, but for me it was more the shock because I was fast asleep and then woke up to see myself so close to being underneath a truck," he said.

trailer, and our car had gone underneath," Clarke revealed. "The car's certainly written off," he added. The 44-year-old escaped with minor bruises, but admitted the shock of waking up to find the vehicle crushed beneath a truck left a lasting impact. Clarke also expressed concern for the driver, who he believes may have suffered a leg injury in the

trailer, and our car had gone underneath," Clarke revealed. "The car's certainly written off," he added. The 44-year-old escaped with minor bruises, but admitted the shock of waking up to find the vehicle crushed beneath a truck left a lasting impact. Clarke also expressed concern for the driver, who he believes may have suffered a leg injury in the

'He should play Test cricket': Ashwin's advice for Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

Among the growing calls for Vaibhav Sooryavanshi to earn a senior India debut, former cricketer Ravichandran Ashwin has backed the teenage sensation to pursue Test cricket, insisting it would be for the larger good of the game.

The 15-year-old has emerged as one of the brightest young stars in Indian cricket after a stunning IPL 2026 campaign for Rajasthan Royals, where he amassed 776 runs and finished as the tournament's leading run-scorer. While many believe Sooryavanshi is ready for the international stage, Ashwin feels his long-term development should include the demands of red-ball cricket.



Speaking at the Cricinfo Honours Awards 2026, where he was named among the 25 greatest men's international cricketers of the 21st century, Ashwin stressed the importance of Test cricket despite acknowledging the growing pull of white-ball formats among young players. "I personally think he should play Test cricket. If you're thinking about the larger good of the game, then I believe he should. But that said, can you teach your children

what they are not willing to learn? You simply can't," Ashwin said. He added, "You cannot force a particular facet of the game. Yes, Test cricket is the pinnacle, but I've been involved in grassroots coaching for a long time, and I don't see young cricketers turning up wanting to play red-ball cricket. They defend a couple of balls and immediately want to learn the shots that will get them out of trouble." Ashwin finished his international cricket career in December 2024

with 765 scalps across formats – second-highest for India, only behind Anil Kumble (953). His tally of 537 wickets for India in Test cricket is also second only to Anil Kumble (619). Ashwin remains the only player in Test history to have claimed more than five Test hundreds (6) to go along with 500 wickets to his name. He is only behind Ian Botham (5) in the tally of nabbing a Test century and five-for in the same Test, having done so four times.

Nepal, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Oman qualify for Asian Games 2026 men's cricket event

Nepal, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Oman have secured their places in the men's cricket competition at the 2026 Asian Games, scheduled to be held in Japan in September and October.

The four teams advanced after finishing at the top of their respective groups in the qualification tournament held in Singapore. Nepal and Malaysia emerged from Group A, while Hong Kong and Oman topped Group B. Nepal enjoyed a dominant campaign. They opened with a massive 221-run win over China after posting 313/2, powered by opener Kushal Bhurtel's explosive 129 off 43 balls.

The total also made Nepal the first team in men's T20 cricket history to record multiple 300-plus scores. They followed it up with another commanding performance against Malaysia, scoring 275/7 and winning by 167 runs. Bhurtel struck another century in that match. With Qatar withdrawing from the tournament before it began, Nepal's two victories were enough to seal top spot in the group. In Group B, both Hong Kong and Oman remained unbeaten after defeating Bahrain and Singapore. Their final league match against each other only determined the semi-final



pairings, as both teams had already qualified. The four qualifiers will join Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, who earned direct entry as Asia's Full Member nations, along with hosts Japan. The men's cricket tournament at the Asian

Games will begin on September 24, with the final scheduled for October 3. Earlier, Thailand, Malaysia and China qualified for the women's cricket competition, which will be held from September 17 to 22 as part of the 20th Asian Games.

Sri Lanka's Pathirage overtakes Neeraj Chopra on Asian all-time list with world-leading 92.62m throw

Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage produced one of the finest javelin throws of his career, smashing the Golden Gala Pietro Mennea meeting record with a world-leading 92.62m effort at the Wanda Diamond League meeting in Rome. Reflecting on the achievement, the 23-year-old said the victory "felt like a Sri Lankan festival".

Pathirage became the first Sri Lankan ever and the first athlete in 2026 to breach the coveted 90m mark. After opening with an impressive 84.49m throw, a distance that would have been enough to secure gold on its own, he unleashed a sensational second-round effort of 92.62m to take complete control of the competition. The throw was the best recorded in the world since the men's javelin final at the Paris 2024 Olympics and secured Pathirage a commanding victory over two-time world champion Anderson Peters, who finished second with 83.91m. World bronze medallist Curtis Thompson claimed third place with a best effort of 83.89m, according to World Athletics statistics. "I tried my best today to set a national record and I managed to improve it by three metres," Pathirage said after the event. "Even though I had only two valid attempts today, I am very stable mentally. It was very hot in Rabat, but the weather in Rome was good and felt like ideal conditions in which to throw far. Winning today felt like a Sri Lankan

festival." His 92.62m effort eclipsed the previous meeting record of 90.34m, set by Olympic champion Andreas Thorkildsen two decades ago. The mark also propelled Pathirage to eighth place on the world all-time list and made him the second-best Asian javelin thrower in history. Pathirage moves ahead of Neeraj Chopra on Asian all-time javelin list. The Sri Lankan's stunning 92.62m effort propelled him to eighth on the world all-time rankings and made him the second-best Asian javelin thrower in history. Only Pakistan's Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem, whose personal best stands at 92.97m, has thrown farther among Asian athletes. The throw also moved Pathirage ahead of Cheng Chao-Tsun (91.36m) and India's Neeraj Chopra (90.23m) on the continental all-time list, underlining the magnitude of his breakthrough performance in Rome. While Pathirage stole the spotlight in Rome, India's Sachin Yadav endured a difficult Diamond League debut, finishing eighth in a 10-man field with a best throw of 79.18m. The 26-year-old was competing in his first international event since finishing fourth at the World Championships in Tokyo last year, where he registered a personal best of 86.27m. In that competition, Yadav had finished ahead of compatriot Neeraj Chopra, who placed eighth with a throw of 84.03m.

Gambhir calls ICC's idea of switching from red ball to pink in Tests to combat bad light 'a proactive move'

New Delhi, June 5 : India head coach Gautam Gambhir supported the ICC's decision of trialling the switch from a red ball to a pink ball when bad light threatens a Test match, calling it a "proactive and positive move."

During its board meeting on Monday, the ICC has approved a trial of switching from a red ball to a pink ball before the start of a Test that is likely to be affected by bad light, subject to prior agreement from both teams, to maximise play in case of anticipated bad light.

"I love that because I've always believed that if there's an opportunity to get a result, you should always have that opportunity. Imagine if you are playing the last Test match before the World Test Championship final and you have the chance to win that Test match to qualify, and because of bad light, it's not happening. So I'm all for it," Gambhir said on the eve of India's one-off Test against Afghanistan, starting on Saturday. Until now, pink



balls have only been used in day-night Test matches, which are mostly played in Australia. However, a new trial will allow teams to switch from a red ball to a pink ball during a standard day Test. This change aims to keep play going under stadium lights when it gets too dark, minimising the time and overs lost to bad light. "If there's an opportunity to get the result, if both teams agree

to it... I know it could be a little unfair and difficult for the players, but imagine working hard for two years and the last Test match before the World Test Championship final; if you don't play five days because of bad light, how unfair that could be. So I think it's a proactive move, it's a positive move, and, hopefully, the teams will start taking it in a positive way," he added.

'We will give him a longer rope': Gambhir backs Sudharsan at No. 3

New Chandigarh, June 5 : India head coach Gautam Gambhir has thrown his weight behind young batter Sai Sudharsan, confirming that the left-hander will occupy the crucial No. 3 position in the one-off Test against Afghanistan beginning here from Saturday.

Speaking ahead of the match, Gambhir stressed the need to show patience with Sudharsan, who is set to get another opportunity in a batting slot that has remained unsettled since Cheteshwar Pujara's exit from the Test side. "Sai Sudharsan hasn't got a fair chance. He played in England. We will give him a longer rope," Gambhir said during the pre-match press conference.

Asked if Padikkal get a chance given his red-ball form, Gambhir said he would get his chance when the time was right, Gambhir said. "You can only pick XI, unfortunately. Sometimes you just have to wait for your opportunity. I've always believed that guys who we are going to play, we give



them a fair run. And again, Sai is not in bad form either. He has got, what, 700 (722) runs in IPL. If judging players by only four or five Test matches is good enough, then I feel that we will never be able to build something." "So, hopefully, he (Padikkal) will get his chance. Whenever his time comes, we'll give him a fair run as well. It's not about giving someone five Test matches and someone else one Test match. If we give someone a fair run, we'll give the other guy whenever he gets the opportunity comes a fair run as well. But, at the moment, I

think we've got to give Sai a fair run. He's a world-class player and I'm sure he'll come good," he added. India have struggled to find a permanent occupant for the No. 3 spot since Pujara's departure. Since then, several batters have been tried in the position, including Shubman Gill, Washington Sundar, Dhruv Jurel, Devdutt Padikkal and Sudharsan. Gill enjoyed the longest run at one-drop before moving to No. 4 after taking over the Test captaincy following the retirements of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma from the longest format.

Sudharsan has featured in six Tests so far, and averages just over 27, but the team management remains confident about his long-term prospects.

Despite India's current position of sixth in the World Test Championship standings with 48.15 per cent of the available points, Gambhir maintained that the side remains firmly in contention for a place in the final. "We believe that we can win the WTC. There is talent and hunger in this team," Gambhir said.

Gambhir also revealed that the Afghanistan Test would help the team management assess spin-bowling options ahead of the upcoming two-Test series in Sri Lanka. Left-arm spinners Manav Suthar and Harsh Dubey are competing for a place in the squad.

"Manav and Harsh are to a certain extent similar but different also in terms of release points. This match gives us a chance to determine our fourth spinner as we will take four spinners in Sri Lanka," he said.

'We will expect him to be the way he is': Gambhir on Pant's Test vice-captaincy snub

New Chandigarh, June 5 : India head coach Gautam Gambhir has broken his silence on Rishabh Pant's removal as Test vice-captain, saying that the team management does not want the wicketkeeper-batter to change his natural style of play, but the 28-year-old must improve his ability to read match situations in international cricket.

Pant was replaced by KL Rahul as India's Test vice-captain ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan, a move that sparked widespread debate. The leadership change came after the left-hander endured a disappointing Test series against South Africa, where India were whitewashed 0-2, and a below-par IPL 2026 season with the Lucknow Super Giants.

Addressing the issue during a pre-match press conference, Gambhir made it clear that the team management continues to back Pant's aggressive approach. "And, as far as Rishabh is concerned, we will expect him to be the way he is. It's not like we will tell



him to work on his game. But, in international cricket, it's very important to read the situation," he said. "At that time, what kind of situation was there, and what kind of situation demands a certain shot. But, it's not like any player is told to play a completely different game than his natural game," he added.

The India coach said players across formats must ultimately focus on contributing to the team's success. "Whether it's test cricket, one-day cricket, or T20 cricket. The ultimate aim is to make a run and take a wick-

et. You can never get away from that. No matter how you make it, it's up to you. But it's very important to read the situation and the game," he said.

Gambhir also played down the significance of leadership roles, insisting that captaincy and vice-captaincy are secondary to performing for the country. "See, responsibility is only for playing for India. Everything else is a by-product. Captaincy, vice-captaincy, all these are by-products. When you start playing for India, you don't think about vice-captaincy or captaincy from day one. You think about doing good for India. So, going from one to the other is only a by-product," he added.

Meanwhile, Pant, 28, is preparing to play his 50th Test match against Afghanistan in New Chandigarh starting on Saturday. In 49 Tests, Pant has amassed 3476 runs at an average of 42.91 and strike-rate of 74.24, including hitting eight centuries and 18 fifties.

Reward Sooryavanshi with T20I cap, he's ticked all the boxes: Gandhi

New Delhi, June 5 : Former India cricketer and national selector Devang Gandhi said teenaged left-handed opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has to be rewarded with an India T20I cap, adding that he has ticked all boxes and could even one day terrorise Test match bowlers as well.

Sooryavanshi, who was the Player of the Tournament in India winning the 2026 U19 Men's Cricket World Cup, is poised to become the youngest cricketer in an India men's squad since Sachin Tendulkar's debut in 1989. He had an outstanding time while playing for Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2026, where he amassed 776 runs at a staggering strike rate of 237.30. Sooryavanshi, 15, will next

turn out for India A in the 50-over tri-series against Afghanistan 'A' and hosts Sri Lanka 'A' from June 9 to 21 in Dambulla. "I think the way to handle him is reward him with an India cap because the way he's performed in the last two years - he's hitting all the top bowlers of the world. In the first year, a lot of people said that was the first year. But look at the way he's hitting. He's hitting in front, right? He's playing all authentic shots. "What was heartening for me to see is that if you remember his last two knocks, he got 27-ball 94 (97). In the last game, in Qualifier 2 where RR lost, he got 90-odd (96). But in different circumstances, right? There were wickets falling from the

other end. He was rotating the strike. So, if required, he can shift gears, which is more alarming for world cricket, right?" Gandhi said in an exclusive conversation with IANS on Friday. Looking ahead, Gandhi believes Sooryavanshi's further development as a cricketer would require exposure to the 50-over and red-ball formats through India A setup, while focus should also be on improving his fielding. "A boy who is so mature that he can even take singles, play the situation, yet maintain a strike rate of 200-plus, right? So, for me, he has ticked all the boxes. One aspect which he can still work on is his fielding because we haven't seen him field a lot during IPLs, right?"

"But also going ahead for his holistic development as a cricketer, I'm sure there will be plans to make him play more of India A games as well, whether it is the 50-over format or the red-ball. "A player of that calibre, that talent definitely needs to be groomed, counselled, so that we can see him more. Can you imagine him playing Test matches with the same authority? Not exactly like that. But even half of it, it'll be such a delight to watch him playing Test cricket," he said. At the same time, Gandhi allowed himself to dream of what Sooryavanshi could do in Test cricket. "It will be the bowlers who will be having heart attacks, right? They must be wondering how to stop this boy. I

Continue the Visakhapatnam Airport

■ We will not tolerate Visakhapatnam being sacrificed for the selfish politics of migrant leaders. ■ You have no right to turn a metropolis into an Old City. ■ The airport is 56 kilometers away.. nowhere else in the world ■ The responsibility to prevent this lies with the local coalition leaders. ■ Vasupalli fires at MP Bharat and Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 5
Former MLA Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar has appealed to continue the airport located in the heart of Visakhapatnam, which is the lifeblood of the mega city. He said that as a local leader and a resident of Visakhapatnam, he is demanding the government. Speaking at a media conference organized at the Asilametta office on Friday, he alleged that Visakhapatnam, which used to be a rich city, is turning into an old city due to the selfish politics of migrant leaders. Even now, according to the opinion of local leaders, public organizations and the people, Visakhapatnam Airport should be maintained in this area. He said that many tourists are reaching Visakhapatnam through the airport. Does the Defense Department want to leave Visakhapatnam Airport? He raised the flag. He said that many states in the country have

Defense Department airports in many places like Jammu, Kashmir, Goa, Srinagar, Chandigarh, Pathan, Agra. Vasupalli alleged that the airport is being deliberately moved away from Visakhapatnam. He said that the comments made by MP Bharat and Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu were incorrect. They have no connection with Visakhapatnam and want to drive out the migrant leaders who have not developed this area. He said that they welcome the development of Vizianagaram due to Bhogapuram Airport, but it is not right to cut the throat of this area. He said that GMR Company developed Bhogapuram Airport with a bank loan of 500 crores. If it is 56 kilometers away, how can employees working at Visakhapatnam Airport be able to travel that distance with the same salary? They said that if they are not given transport allowance or quarter facil-



ities, they should stay or else they will be asked to leave their jobs. Whether they will provide jobs locally or not, that is not the case either. He said that time is very valuable and that organ transplantation is going on in full swing at a time when Visakhapatnam is developing as a health city. He questioned how a heart, liver or any other organ from any body can be brought at a specific time if the airport is 56 kilometers away. He said that 60 percent of the tourists on Vijayawada and Tirupati airlines travel from Visakhapatnam, and now due to security technical issues, they have to go to the airport two hours earlier, and if it takes another two hours to travel 56 kilometers from Visakhapatnam, it will

take more than four hours to board the plane. He said that the Airport Authority of India has stated in its report that Visakhapatnam Airport, which provides services to major cities in the country and abroad, is at 13th place. He said that more than 2.5 lakh people and nearly 3 million passengers a year travel through Visakhapatnam Airport. Local leaders in the coalition government should work to keep Visakhapatnam airport operational. Vasupalli demanded that the closure of Visakhapatnam airport be stopped. He said that otherwise, they will be left as historical figures.

Liquor stores on the beach?
Will the peaceful Visakhapatnam beach be turned into a bar area? Vasupalli Ganesh Kumar took a dig at Chandrababu Naidu. He said that in the past, when he tried to turn the same Visakhapatnam beach into a red light area, Chandrababu Naidu was taught a suitable lesson and

stopped. He said that now, with the help of power, they are turning the youth into "alcohol addicts" and selling their day and night across the state. He said that it is shameful that now they are trying to give licenses to bars on the peaceful Visakhapatnam city beach road. He said that filling his own coffers is more important to Chandrababu than the health of the people, the safety of women and the welfare of the future families of the youth. Vasupalli warned that if the bar culture on Visakhapatnam beach is not stopped, people will surely be angry. Former Corporator Kodigudla Purnima Sridhar, District Vice President David Raju, District Secretary Abbi Reddy Adivishnu, District BC Cell President Sanapala Ravindra, State RTI Secretary Dasmantula Chinni, South Mahila President Vasupalli Bangaramma, Ramu and others participated in this meeting.

Anganadi workers trained on AI-based child screening through Navachetana App

Vizianagaram (Gurla), June 5 (Skyline):

A one-day training programme on the use of the AI-powered 'Navachetana' application for screening children aged 0-6 years was conducted for Anganadi workers under the ICDS Garividi Project at Gujunga Valasa High School on Thursday.



The programme was organized under the supervision of CDPO Arudra, Dr. Manoj, Sridhar, and ICDS supervisors with the objective of enhancing early identification of developmental and health issues among young children through artificial intelligence-based assessment tools. Addressing the participants, CDPO Arudra said the initiative aims to identify growth deficiencies, nutritional status concerns, developmental milestones, and other health-related issues in children at an early stage. The AI-driven Navachetana application will analyze information collect-

ed through Anganadi centres to provide a comprehensive assessment of a child's development. The screening process will be carried out through three key methods: direct observation of children, collection of information from parents or caregivers through structured questionnaires, and assessment using specially designed kits to evaluate developmental abilities. Officials explained that children in the 0-6 age group have been categorized into nine developmental stages. Based on a child's age, the application automatically generates age-appropriate

questionnaires, enabling the identification of up to 21 types of developmental disorders and disabilities. Children requiring further attention will be referred promptly for medical intervention and specialized care. During the session, TOT-trained resource persons Dr. Manoj and Sridhar provided hands-on training to the participants. ICDS supervisors Sakuntala, Jyothi, Padma, and Bharathi also assisted in conducting the programme. A large number of Anganadi workers from the mandal participated in the training.

World Environment Day at GITAM

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 5

World Environment Day was observed on Friday, under the aegis of the Department of Environmental Science, School of Science, GITAM Deemed University. GITAM Vice-Chancellor Dr. Erol D'Souza and Registrar Professor D. Gunasekaran participated as chief guests and planted saplings on the campus. Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Erol D'Souza highlighted the environmental damage caused by plastic waste and urged everyone to avoid using plastic. He stated that measures such as solar power generation, rainwater harvesting, and efficient waste treatment



would be implemented to further enhance GITAM's national reputation as a green campus. He emphasized the need for both industries and the general public

to come forward for environmental conservation and stressed the importance of planting trees in open spaces. Professor Anantha ramakrishna of the GITAM

School of Science stated that adopting a plastic-free lifestyle should be everyone's goal. He noted that the use of plastic must be gradually reduced to ensure that future generations can live in a safe ecosystem. Saplings were planted under the supervision of GITAM NSS volunteers. Professor C. Kavitha, Director of the GITAM School of Science; Professor N.V.S. Venugopal of the Department of Chemistry; Dr. P. Shanthilatha, Head-in-charge of the Department of Life Sciences; Dr. K. Suresh Kumar, Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Science; as well as heads of other departments and students, participated in the event.

Fruit Plants Distributed to Government Offices During Prakruthi Parivartan Programme in Garividi

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 5 (Skyline):

As part of the nationwide Prakruthi Parivartan initiative, an environmental awareness programme was organized in Garividi to promote sustainable living and environmental conservation through spiritual values.

On the occasion, members of Om Shanti and the Lions Club distributed fruit-bearing saplings to various government offices, encouraging officials and employees to contribute towards increasing green cover and protecting the environment. The programme highlighted the importance of safeguarding nature through responsible lifestyle practices and strengthening the connection between



human well-being and the environment. Participants were educated on key aspects of the initiative, including water conservation, waste management, energy saving, organic living, and eco-friendly habits.

Organizers explained that the project, being implemented in collaboration

with UNEP, aims to bring positive change at the individual, community, and village levels through environmental awareness and conscious living practices.

Awareness materials and informative literature on environmental protection and sustainable living were also distributed dur-



ing the programme. Speakers urged participants to actively engage in conservation efforts and adopt environmentally responsible practices in their daily lives.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents, volunteers, community leaders, and government

employees, who pledged their support for building cleaner, greener, and more sustainable communities. The programme concluded with a call to protect natural resources and promote tree plantation activities as part of a collective effort towards environmental sustainability.

Locked home targeted by thieves in Vinayaka Colony

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 4: (Skyline):

Thieves targeted a locked house in Vinayaka Colony of Garividi town, making away with gold ornaments, cash and silver articles worth several lakhs.

According to the complaint, Pilla Ramanaidu had left for Visakhapatnam with his family on May 25 after locking his residence. Upon returning on Thursday afternoon, the family discovered that unidentified persons had broken into the house and



stolen valuables. The victim reported the loss of nearly three tula's of gold, ₹1.80 lakh in cash and about 160 grams of silver articles. A complaint was immediately lodged with the police. Following the complaint,

Circle Inspector Shankara Rao, Sub-Inspector B. Lokeshwara Rao and a Clues Team visited the scene and collected evidence. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation to trace the offenders.

Electric Shock Incident Raises Safety Concerns Among Power Staff

Energy Assistant Suffers Minor Injuries in Garividi; Public Calls for Stronger Safety Measures for Electricity Staff

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 5 (Skyline):

An Energy Assistant from Koduru village, Visingiri Nagaraju, sustained minor injuries after suffering an electric shock while carrying out transformer maintenance work in Rickshaw Colony under Garividi mandal on Friday.

According to sources, the incident occurred during routine repair operations on a transformer. Fellow workers immediately shifted Nagaraju to the Garividi Primary Health Centre, where he is currently undergoing treatment. Medical officials stated that his condition is stable and there is no



immediate danger to his health.

The incident has once again highlighted the occupational risks faced by electricity department field staff. With similar accidents being reported in recent weeks, local residents and employees have expressed concern

over workplace safety standards.

Residents urged authorities to ensure the availability of proper safety equipment, regular safety training, and strict adherence to safety protocols to prevent such incidents and safeguard frontline power workers.

Indian Surgeon creates 'World Record' in medical history by performing World's Longest Robot-Assisted Cardiac TeleSurgery Across 20,000 km Between Guyana And India using Made in India technology

Visakhapatnam, June 5, 2026: In a landmark achievement that could redefine the future of surgery worldwide, a world record in medical history was established with the successful completion of a robot-assisted cardiac procedure across nearly 20,000 kilometres of fibre network distance between Guyana and India, making it the world's longest-distance robotic cardiac telesurgery ever conducted.

How The Surgery Was Carried Out?

For the historic intercontinental procedure, Dr. Sudhir Srivastava created a remotely operated robotic surgery console - a compact, chair-based robotic surgery command system designed to perform procedures from distant locations in real time. The patient-side robotic setup was stationed at IRCAD India in Indore, where the robotic arms and surgical instruments precisely replicated Dr. Srivastava's hand movements from nearly 20,000 kilometers away. The system func-

tioned with a network latency of 290-300 milli seconds, allowing communication between both locations during the surgery. Equipped with high-definition 3D visualisation and advanced robotic controls, the technology enabled the surgical teams in Guyana and India to coordinate the complex cardiac procedure with precision and stability despite the vast geographical distance.

Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana, said, "As Guyana celebrates its 60th Independence Anniversary, we are proud to mark the beginning of a transformative new chapter in our nation's healthcare journey. Our vision has always been to position Guyana as a leader in advanced healthcare and medical innovation, and today we take a significant step forward with the adoption of robotic surgery technology, one of the most groundbreaking advancements in modern medicine. He further added, we are confident that with the SSI Mantra robotic surgical sys-



tem and its comprehensive training ecosystem, Guyana will rapidly build a strong pool of skilled robotic surgery practitioners. This initiative will enhance the capabilities of our healthcare workforce, expand access to advanced medical care, and further strengthen Guyana's position as an emerging leader in healthcare innovation in the region."

Commenting on the achievement, Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, Chairman and CEO, SSI Innovations International, said, "The successful completion of this intercontinental cardiac telesurgery between Guyana and India at a world-record distance of

20,000 kms, marks a historic milestone for SSI Innovations and our SSI Mantra surgical robotic system. With each new remote procedure, we continue to push the boundaries of telesurgery and move closer to democratizing access to world-class surgical expertise globally."

Hon. Dr. Frank Anthony, Minister of Health, Government of Guyana said, "As Guyana marks its 60th Independence Anniversary, this landmark achievement serves as a testament to the transformative role of innovation in advancing healthcare. We congratulate the team at SSI Innovations for successfully accomplishing

this historic world-record in robotic cardiac telesurgery. H. E. Seeraj Dharamkumar, High Commissioner of the Co-operative, Republic of Guyana to India said, "The successful completion of the world's longest-distance robotic cardiac telesurgery between Guyana and India is a remarkable milestone in the advancement of global healthcare. This achievement demonstrates the transformative potential of technology in overcoming geographical barriers and expanding access to specialized medical expertise. As Guyana continues to strengthen its healthcare infrastructure and embrace innovative medical solutions, collaborations such as this play a vital role in enhancing patient care and building future-ready healthcare capabilities. To date, the SSI Mantra has been granted regulatory approval in fourteen countries, including: India, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Oman, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, Guyana, Nepal, Iraq

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy Reviews Karvena Package-14 & 15 Reservoir Works in Mahabubnagar



Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar: JUNE-05 Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Friday inspected the Karvena Package-14 and Package-15 Reservoirs located in Bhootpur Mandal of Mahabubnagar District. These reservoirs are being

constructed as part of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. "During the inspection, the Chief Minister asked irrigation officials about the extent of pending works. The Irrigation Chief Engineer informed him that works

worth approximately 7500 crore are still pending. "The Chief Minister directed the Irrigation Chief Engineer to examine the possibilities of increasing the storage capacities of the Koisagar Project and Bhootpur Reservoir. "The Chief Minister directed District Collector Khushboo Gupta to appoint efficient Tahsildars under the leadership of the Additional Collector to expedite the remaining land acquisition process. He emphasized the need for daily reviews of completed and upcoming tasks. "The Chief Minister instructed the Collector and Irrigation Department officials to

dedicate at least 30 minutes every day exclusively to monitoring the progress of the project. He assured that the government would take care of fund allocation and other related issues. "Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Jupally Krishna Rao, Vakiti Srihari, Government Whip and Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy, District Collector Khushboo Gupta, SP Janaki, MLAs G. Madhusudan Reddy, Kuchukulla Rajesh Reddy, Veerlapalli Shankar, Additional Collector Madhusudan Naik, and senior irrigation officials accompanied the Chief Minister during the visit.

Adilabad Set to Get Telangana's Second Largest Airport, Says MLA Payal Shankar



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad: JUNE-05 A major step has been taken towards the construction of another prestigious and one of the largest airports in Telangana after the Shamshabad International Airport. The Central and

State Governments are actively working on establishing a Joint Airfield Airport in Adilabad over an area of 1,980 acres under the joint supervision of the Ministry of Defence and Civil Aviation. "Apart from the existing 400 acres under the

Defence Ministry, the Centre has requested an additional 1,550 acres of land. Responding positively, the Telangana Government has agreed to provide 1,580 acres. Of this, 1,500 acres will be allocated to the Defence Ministry, while 80 acres will be allotted to the Airports Authority of India. "Industrial Corridor to Transform Adilabad" The proposed airport, expected to be the largest in Telangana after Shamshabad, is likely to

attract significant industrial investments to the district. To further boost industrial growth, the government has already planned an Industrial Corridor spanning 2,000 acres in Adilabad. "Gratitude to Central and State Governments" "MLA Payal Shankar expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the people of the district and personally, to the leaders of both the Central and State Governments for their support and cooperation in making the airport project a reality.

District Collector Garima Agrawal Directs Plantation in Median Dividers at IDOC Junction

Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla: JUNE-05 District Collector Garima Agrawal directed officials to plant trees in the median dividers established as part of the beautification works at the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) Junction. "On Friday, the Collector inspected the ongoing beautification works being carried out by the Sircilla Municipality at the IDOC Junction within the municipal limits. The works include junction beautification, installation of statues

depicting various stages of textile production in the weaving and textile industry, development of greenery, and plantation activities. "The Collector closely examined the statues representing different stages of textile manufacturing and appreciated the officials for their efforts. She instructed them to plant trees in the median dividers at the junction to further enhance the area's appearance and environmental value. "Garima Agrawal also directed the officials to



complete all beautification works at the earliest. "Municipal Commissioner Khadeer Pasha, Sircilla Tahsildar Mahesh, DE Vani, and other officials were present during the inspection.

Maharashtra FDA Uncovers Rs.2.17 Crore Medical Device Supply Violations Linked To Government Hospitals; Surgical Gloves, Gauze Seized

Mumbai: In a shocking revelation, the Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has uncovered alleged illegal supply of surgical gloves, bandages, absorbent cotton gauze, and medicines worth over Rs 2.17 crore to government hospitals, including BMC-run hospitals, during raids conducted in Mumbai, Bhiwandi, and Palghar, officials said on Thursday.

Violations in medical device storage and supply According to FDA officials, the raids exposed large-scale violations involving storage, packaging, and supply of medical devices without valid licences and mandatory quality standards under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and Medical Devices Rules, 2017. Officials also suspect that non-sterile gloves were falsely labelled and supplied as sterile surgical gloves to government hospitals and medical colleges. FDA officials said surgical gloves worth Rs 74.85 lakh were seized from M/s Saachi Medic in Sakinaka after the firm was allegedly found storing and selling imported gloves without valid licences. "The company had imported surgical gloves from Malaysia and supplied them to units in



Bhiwandi and Wada for packaging and labelling before distribution," an official said. Documents recovered during the inspection allegedly revealed that the products had been supplied to Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) hospitals, officials added. **Major violations at Bhiwandi and Palghar units** During subsequent inspections at a Bhiwandi-based manufacturing unit linked to the firm, FDA teams found major violations of Medical Devices Rules, 2017, including absence of a Quality Management System, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), and Plant Master File, officials said. Surgical gloves

worth Rs 9.88 lakh were subsequently restricted, and production at the facility was ordered to be stopped. In another major raid at M/s Mediath Lifecare Pvt Ltd in Wada, Palghar, FDA officials alleged that the company procured non-sterile gloves and supplied them as sterile products to government hospitals despite sterilisation equipment being non-functional. "The company owner has given a written admission during the inquiry," an FDA official claimed. Officials said the FDA also found non-sterile bandage cloth, rolled bandages, and absorbent cotton gauze labelled "Government of Maharashtra (MMGPA) Supply - Not for Sale." The stock worth Rs 1.26 crore has

been prohibited from sale and distribution. Additionally, allopathic medicines worth Rs 6.17 lakh were seized from the premises for allegedly being stored without a valid wholesale drug licence. Further investigation and legal action are underway, officials said. "The matter is being communicated to the State Health Department and the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC). We appeal to all hospitals, doctors, and medical colleges to procure medical devices and medicines only from authorised vendors and mandatorily verify licence numbers, batch numbers, manufacturing dates, and expiry dates before purchase," FDA officials said.

AAP Chief Arvind Kejriwal Alleges 'Billion-Rupee Paper Leak Business', Says Powerful People Behind Exam Scams

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Centre over recurring examination paper leaks, alleging that a "business" worth billions of rupees is operating behind the scams and that influential individuals are involved. In a video message posted on his official X handle on June 5, Kejriwal questioned why major examination paper leaks continue to occur despite repeated controversies, claiming that the issue stems from a lack of political will rather than administrative failures. "Paper leak is a business of billions & trillions and there are many people involved in it. Why is this paper leak not stopping? Paper leaks are happening every two to three years. Why?" he said. Highlighting the governance record of AAP-led administrations, Kejriwal claimed that no examination paper leaks occurred during his party's tenure in Delhi or Punjab. "We have run a

government in Delhi for 10 years. Not a single paper leak has happened. We have had a government in Punjab for four years. Not a single paper leak has happened there either," he said. The AAP chief contrasted this with recruitment and entrance examinations conducted by central agencies, alleging that repeated leaks point to deeper systemic issues.

Raises Questions Over Exam Contracts

Kejriwal cited the alleged irregularities surrounding recruitment examinations and referred to a company that was reportedly involved in examination-related controversies in Telangana. According to him, despite past allegations and blacklisting, the company was awarded contracts linked to national-level examinations. Questioning the Centre's actions, he alleged that no significant legal action was taken against those responsible and claimed that attempts were being made to shield those involved. "They just formed a committee. No ac-



tion was taken against anyone else. This means the entire scam is being covered up," he alleged.

Comments On NEET Controversy

Referring to the controversy surrounding the NEET examination, Kejriwal questioned measures announced to prevent future leaks. He argued that if examination papers are allegedly compromised during the paper-setting stage, changes in transportation arrangements alone would not address the root cause. "The scammers are being saved because they have to leak the papers again next year. They have to earn bil-

ions of rupees again next year," he alleged.

Calls For Public Action

Kejriwal urged students, parents and citizens to raise their voices against examination irregularities and demand reforms. "Until all of you raise your voice and force the government to fix this entire system, it will not change," he said, calling for public pressure to ensure accountability and reforms in the examination process. The remarks come amid continuing debates over exam security, transparency and accountability following multiple controversies involving competitive and recruitment examinations across the country.

Ebola Scare In Rajasthan: Ugandan Woman Isolated At Jaipur's RUHS Hospital After Being Flagged During Airport Screening

Jaipur: A 19-year-old woman visiting Jaipur from Uganda has been suspected of Ebola infection. She arrived in Jaipur from Sharjah on an Air Arabia flight on Friday morning and was found suspected during screening at the airport.

The young woman has been admitted to the Rajasthan University of Health Sciences (RUHS) and placed in isolation, while other passengers who travelled with her on the

flight have also been instructed to self-isolate at home.

Medical response and testing

Dr. Anil Gupta, Superintendent of RUHS Hospital, said that though Ebola virus infection has not yet been confirmed, symptoms resembling the infection have been observed in the young woman.

"We have sent one sample to Pune for testing, and a second sample will be



sent after 48 hours. She will remain in quarantine until both samples are tested, and in case found positive,

she will undergo treatment while remaining in quarantine for 21 days," said Dr. Gupta.

UP CM Yogi Adityanath Launches 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' & India's First Air Shed-Based Clean Air Project On Environment Day



Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday launched the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' mega plantation campaign and unveiled a series of environment-focused initiatives, including India's first Air Shed-based Clean Air Management Project, on the occasion of World Environment Day.

Emotional Appeal

Addressing a gathering after planting a camphor sapling at the Kukrail Range of the Awadh Forest Division, Adityanath urged every citizen to plant a tree in their mother's name, saying mothers hold the most special place in everyone's life. "Prime Minister Narendra Modi had reminded citizens of their responsibility towards their mother and motherland. That is why the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign has been dedicated to mothers. Since a mother is dearest to everyone, every citizen should

plant a tree in her name and contribute to this campaign," he said.

Medicinal Forest

The chief minister also established the Maharshi Charak Medicinal Forest during the programme. More than 200 saplings were planted simultaneously in his presence. Forest Minister Dr Arun Kumar Saxena planted an amla sapling, Minister of State for Forests K.P. Malik planted a neem sapling and BJP MLA O.P. Srivastava also planted an amla sapling. Highlighting environmental challenges, the chief minister said climate change has resulted in erratic weather patterns, excessive rainfall and droughts, affecting both humans and nature.

Plastic Ban Call

"The crisis is largely human-made, and therefore it is humanity's responsibility to find solutions," he said, urging people to avoid ac-

tivities that damage the environment and actively participate in conservation efforts.

He called for the elimination of single-use plastic, appealed to citizens not to dump plastic waste in public spaces and water bodies, and stressed the need to conserve every drop of rainwater.

Air Shed Innovation

The chief minister also urged people to plant at least one tree on every important occasion and protect existing green cover. He said Uttar Pradesh has planted more than 242 crore saplings over the past nine years and would continue expanding its green footprint through the ongoing campaign.

Earlier in the day, Adityanath launched the Uttar Pradesh Clean Air Management Project at a programme held at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan. The Rs.2,741 crore project,

supported by the World Bank, is being described as India's first Air Shed-based initiative aimed at tackling air pollution through a regional approach.

During the event, World Bank official Anne Janet Glover and UP CAMP Chief Executive Officer B. Chandrakala handed over the memorandum of understanding related to the project in the chief minister's presence. Adityanath also launched the official logo and website of UP CAMP and released a short film showcasing the agency's work. He unveiled the logo for the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Plantation Campaign 2026', which aims to plant 35 crore saplings across the state, and also launched the mascot of the Uttar Pradesh Pollution Control Board. The chief minister launched a compilation of 100 wetlands in Uttar Pradesh and unveiled the state's Wetland Portal.

Strict Action Against Illegal Transportation of Sand and Soil Without Permission : District Collector K. Haritha



Skyline Correspondent Kumaram Bheem Asifabad : JUNE - 05 District Collec-

tor K. Haritha stated that strict action will be taken against anyone transport-

ing sand illegally without proper permissions in the district. On Friday, she inspected tractors carrying sand from the Sarsala stream near Kotha Sarsala village in Kagaznagar mandal and verified their permission documents. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that action would be taken against those transporting sand from streams and soil from tanks without valid authorization. She informed that

the government launched the Mana Isuka Vahanam App on April 1 and that individuals transporting sand must book a slot through the app and obtain the necessary permission. "She emphasized that illegal transportation of sand without proper authorization would not be tolerated under any circumstances. "Related officials, tractor drivers, and others participated in the inspection.

Training on Value-Added Products from Mahua Flowers: Laddu, Powder, Labeling and Branding

Skyline Correspondent Mulugu : JUNE - 05 With the support of the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK), Mamnoon, a training program was conducted on the preparation of value-added products from Mahua flowers, including laddu and powder, as well as on labeling and branding techniques. "The training was organized at Nava Bharati Mandal Samakhya in Mulugu for 10 women from Potlapur village of Mulugu mandal and 10 women from Kondaparthi village of Tadvai mandal. "Senior



Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Paranjyothi, Additional DRDO Officer Srinivas, Food Safety of-

officials, APM HR Koteswar, Mulugu APM Srinivas, Krishi Vigyan Kendra representative

Anji Reddy, along with women participants and others, attended the program.

Awareness Drive on Jaundice and Hepatitis-A Conducted in Villages



Skyline Correspondent Shankarapatnam : JUNE - 05 A team of medical experts from Sirisilla Medical College, including Dr. Jyothi, Dr. Nikhil, Dr. Shruthi, and Dr. Maheshwar Reddy, vis-

ited the villages of Rajapur, Kannapur, Metpalli, Chintalapalli, Molangur, and Lingapur in Shankarapatnam mandal on Friday. "The doctors interacted with patients suffering from

Jaundice and Hepatitis-A, which have been reported in the area. They advised the patients to take the medicines provided by the government regularly and encouraged them to remain con-

fidant during their recovery. "Speaking on the occasion, Huzurabad Deputy DMHO Dr. Shravan said that symptoms such as yellowing of the eyes and skin, dark-colored urine, abdominal pain, and fever should not be ignored. He advised people to consult doctors at their nearest Primary Health Centre (PHC) immediately if such symptoms appear, as early diagnosis and treatment can help control the disease effectively. "Supervisor Anil and other medical staff also participated in the awareness programme.

Let's plant saplings.. Let's protect the environment

Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : JUNE - 05 On the occasion of World Environment Day, Peddapalli Chief District and Sessions Judge Sunitha along with judges, sessions judges, bar association members and police officers planted a sapling in the premises of the Additional District Court in Godavarikhani. Speaking on the occasion, Madam said that on the occasion of World Environment Day, it is becoming a tradition for judges (judges) to plant saplings in court premises or in special camps. She emphasized the importance of environmental protection and said that planting trees and protecting them is everyone's so-

cial responsibility. The District Judge said that a clean environment is very necessary for the survival of every living being on earth, keeping the environment clean is very important and it is everyone's duty to do so. Therefore, he said that planting trees and creating awareness on environmental issues is very important. He suggested that every person should plant at least five trees in his lifetime to have an impact on the environment. Principal Junior Civil Judge Nallala Venkata Sachin Reddy, 1st and 2nd Additional Munshif Magistrates Swarika and Srinija Kohlikar, along with Bar Council member Chandala Sailaja, Bar Association rep-



representatives Gujjeti Satyanarayana, Kudidi Venkatesh, Gajjela Prasanna, Jawvaji Srinivas, Chidurala Ramesh, Shahnawaz Khan, Godavarikhani I Town Inspector Indra Sena Reddy, and others participated in this program.

Koleti's Birthday Celebrations



Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : JUNE -

05 Koleti's birthday celebrations were held

grandly under the auspices of TRS Youth Leader Palle Ramesh. A cake cutting and food distribution program was organized at the Ishwara Kripa Ashram to celebrate the birthday of former Police Housing Corporation Chairman Koleti Damodar. Former MLA of Ramagundam constituency Korakanti Chander was present as

the chief guest in this program. Also present were Koleti Seenanna and Eshwara Kripa organizers PT Swamy, Narayandasu Maruthi, Dommeti Vasu, Godavarikhani Arya Vaishya Sangam President Nataraj Sampath, Mahesh, Naveen, Ajay, Nikhil, Pani Naveen, Rambabu, Yashwanth Reddy, Sriram, Karthikeya, Prem Kumar and others.

Forest Conservation is Everyone's Responsibility: Collector Rajarshi Shah

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : JUNE - 05 Collector Rajarshi Shah emphasized that protecting forests is the only way to tackle the challenges posed by changing climatic conditions and global warming. As part of the "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika" programme and in observance of World Environment Day, a large-scale plantation drive was organized on Friday in Yapalaguda Beat of Adilabad Rural Mandal using the innovative High-Density Mixed Plantation method aimed at forest rejuvenation. "The programme was inaugurated by Collector Rajarshi

Shah, who participated as the chief guest along with Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan and Forest Officer Prashant Bajirao Patil by planting saplings. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that the government, through the Forest Department, is creating widespread awareness and undertaking conservation efforts with the objective of environmental protection and increasing forest cover. He reiterated that safeguarding forests is the only effective solution to address the challenges of climate change and global warming. "He called upon the public to actively par-



ticipate in the plantation drive under the slogan "Greenery for Progress through People's Participation", urging everyone to make tree plantation a mass movement. "Among those who attended the programme were Municipal

Chairperson Bandari Anusha, Market Committee Chairman Srikanth Reddy, Sarpanch Nirosha, DSP Jeevan Reddy, FDO Aravind, public representatives, villagers, students, and officials and staff from the Forest and Police Departments.

Political Awareness is Essential to Build Disciplined Communists: Chada Venkat Reddy



Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : JUNE - 05 Senior CPI leader and former MLA Chada Venkat Reddy said that party members must study the rapidly changing political developments in the country and develop themselves into well-trained and disciplined Communists. "On Friday, he inaugurated a three-day political training camp organized for CPI

council members from Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, and Jagtial districts at Mahandeeswara Banquet Hall in Vemulawada. The program was presided over by District Secretary Manda Sudarshan, while State Assistant Secretary Takkallapalli Srinivas Rao hoisted the party flag. "He further stated that Sangh

Parivar forces are attempting to gain political influence in Telangana and are using Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan for that purpose. He demanded that Pawan Kalyan publicly apologize for remarks that hurt the sentiments of the people of Telangana. "Chada Venkat Reddy also criticized delays in paddy procurement, stat-

ing that farmers are facing hardships due to the negligence of the Central Government and the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in purchasing grain. He urged the Telangana Government to take immediate steps to procure farmers' produce without delay. "The program was attended by State Assistant Secretary Takkallapalli Srinivas Rao, State Secretariat Member Kalavena Shankar, District Secretaries Panjala Srinivas, Tandra Sadanandam, Manda Sudarshan, Chenna Vishwanatham, and others. On the first day of the training camp, Takkallapalli Srinivas Rao, Madhukar, and B.S. Mohan Reddy conducted training sessions.

CM Revanth Reddy Reviews Uddandapur Reservoir Works, Targets Completion by July 2027

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : JUNE - 05 Chief Minister Revanth Reddy stated that all necessary measures are being taken to ensure the speedy completion of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. "On Friday, after inspecting the ongoing works of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project, the Chief Minister visited the Uddandapur Reservoir. Later, he reviewed the photo gallery and project maps arranged at the site. "The Uddandapur Reservoir is the fifth reservoir in the main trunk of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. The reservoir works are being executed under three packages—Package 16, Package 17, and Package 18. Out of the total sanctioned works worth Rs. 7,802.91 crore, works valued at approximately Rs. 5,126.59 crore (65.70%) have been completed. "The remaining physical work worth Rs.



2,675.91 crore is expected to be completed by July 2027. The ayacut under this reservoir, including the South Main Canal, covers 9,36,685 acres. "Package 16" Agency: M/s NEC-RVR (JV), Hyderabad "Total Package Cost: Rs. 4,315.32 crore" Work Completed: Rs. 3,053.29 crore (70.50%) "Remaining Physical Work: Rs. 1,262.03 crore (29.50%) "Land Required and Acquired: 354 acres-26 guntas and 346 acres-20 guntas "Package 17" Agency: M/s HES-Harsha (JV),

Hyderabad "Total Package Cost: Rs. 736.08 crore" Work Completed: Rs. 501.74 crore (68.16%) "Remaining Physical Work: Rs. 234.34 crore (31.84%) "Land Required and Acquired: 1,678 acres-03 guntas and 1,667 acres-19 guntas "Package 18" Agency: M/s MEIL-HES (JV), Hyderabad "Total Package Cost: Rs. 2,751.51 crore" Work Completed: Rs. 1,571.96 crore (57.13%) "Remaining Physical Work: Rs. 1,179.55 crore (42.86%) "Land Required and Acquired: 3,183 acres-

26.5 guntas "Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Jupally Krishna Rao, Vakiti Srihari, Jadcherla MLA Anirudh Reddy, Yennam Srinivas Reddy, G. Madhusudhan Reddy, Shankar, Sampath, Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, Mega Reddy, Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Madhusudan Naik, CEA S.N. Reddy, CE Vijay Bhaskar Reddy, CE Rahimuddin, SE Uday Shankar, Executive Engineers, and other officials participated in the programme.

Five Remanded for Extorting Money After Threatening a Youth

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : JUNE - 05 Mavala Circle Inspector (CI) B.D. Prem Kumar stated that five individuals were arrested and remanded to judicial custody for allegedly threatening a young man and extorting money from him within the limits of Mavala Police Station. "According to the police, the victim, Sable Rameshwar (21), a resident of Shantanpur village in Gudihalathoor mandal, lodged a complaint at Mavala

Police Station on June 4. In his complaint, he stated that he had been acquainted with a young woman from Adilabad for about a year. On June 3, she allegedly called him and asked him to meet her near National Highway-44 at Dubbaguda. "When he reached the location at around 8:00 PM, the accused arrived and questioned both him and the young woman. They allegedly threatened the victim, seized his mobile phone, and demanded money. Using his mobile

phone, they reportedly forced him to transfer 72,500 and also assaulted him while issuing threats to his life. "The accused have been identified as: "A1. Mohammed Sadab "A2. Shaikh Jarar "A3. Shaikh Shakir "A4. Sadiq "A5. Syed Junaid "Based on the complaint, a case was registered against the five accused under Crime No. 368/2026, Section 310(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and an investigation was launched. "CI B.D. Prem Kumar warned



that strict action would be taken against anyone who takes the law into their own hands and engages in threats, intimidation, or extortion.

World Environment Day celebrated at BHEL



(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, June.5 : Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited Hyderabad celebrated World Environ-

ment Day at its Ramachandrapuram unit. On this occasion, various programs were organized with the theme "Let's get inspired by nature; let's

protect the environment and our future". A green rally was organized from Gandhi Statue to Nehru Udyan Park under the auspices of the Health,

Safety and Environment (HSE) department. Executive Director Srinivasa Rao flagged off the rally. In the rally, employees took an environmental pledge and created awareness with placards and slogans. A sapling plantation program was organized at the Town Center Park under the aegis of the Township Administration Department. On this occasion, the officials together planted about 40 saplings. The Program was attended by Executive Director Srinivasa Rao, General Managers Nandu, Dr.Sandhya Kar, AGM Suran Prasad, along with several officers, employees, and CISF personnel.

Collector, SP inspect ongoing construction works of NH-65

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, June.5 : Prateek Jain, Sangareddy District Collector and District SP Paritosh Pankaj along with officials of the relevant departments inspected the progress of the ongoing road expansion and construction work on National Highway-65 from Sangareddy to Patancheru at the field level on Friday. They made a comprehensive inspection of the road construction work, water logging points, drainage system, relocation of electricity poles, shifting of water pipelines, sanitation management and other issues and made several sug-

gestions to the officials. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector instructed the officials to take precautionary measures so that the people do not face any problems during the monsoon season in view of the ongoing road construction work. He advised them to work with a plan in advance keeping in mind the problems faced last year. He said that temporary security arrangements should be made at black spots where there is a possibility of accidents, and slabs should be installed and closed on the drainages on the side of the road. The National Highways authorities were advised to immediately shift



water pipelines where necessary and take steps to prevent water from accumulating anywhere. The Program was attended by Additional SP Chaitanya Reddy, DSPs, RWS SE Raghuvver, R&B officials, National Highways DEE

Ramakrishna, EE Shraavan Prakash, GM Ramesh, RKCP contractor Jayaprakash, Sangareddy, Isnapur Municipal Commissioners, DSPs, RDO, Tahsildars, officials of relevant Departments and others.

Research on quantum technology in GITAM

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, June.5 : GITAM Deemed University in Hyderabad has undertaken a research project related to the development of quantum technologies. The university has announced that it is inviting applications for the appointment of Junior Research Fellow (JRF) in this project, which is being funded by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India. This research will be conducted in collaboration with IIT Bombay and Sapienza University of Italy. The selected candidate will get the opportunity to work with an-



ternational research team. Candidates with B.Tech or M.Tech qualifications in Electronics

and Communication Engineering can apply. Preference will be given to those with GATE qualifi-

cation and research experience. They said that in this three-year fellowship, he said that the first two years will be provided with HRA along with Rs.37 thousand per month and the third year as a Senior Research Fellow will be provided with HRA along with Rs.42 thousand per month. Dr.Shantanu Saha is the principal investigator for this project, and a grant of Rs.45.43 lakh has been sanctioned from DST. Interested candidates should apply by the 12th of this month, and the university said that those selected will also have the opportunity to do a PhD in the future.

Let's Plant Trees Today for a Greener Tomorrow: In-charge District Judge M.R. Sunitha



Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad : JUNE - 05 In-charge District Judge M.R. Sunitha emphasized the importance of environmental protection and urged everyone to plant trees today for a

better tomorrow. "On the occasion of World Environment Day, a sapling plantation programme was organized on Friday. In-charge District Judge Sunitha attended the event as the chief guest

and planted a sapling. "As part of the awareness programme, a signboard carrying the message, "Plastic carry bags are not provided here; customers should bring their own hand

bags," was unveiled for display by local street vendors at their shops. "District Legal Services Authority Secretary and Senior Civil Judge Shalini Shokelli stressed that plastic carry bags should be completely banned and urged everyone to switch to eco-friendly jute bags. "Chief Junior Civil Judge Swati Murari, Additional Junior Civil Judge Arvapalli Krishna Tej, Bar Association President M. Satyanarayana, Legal Aid Defense Counsels D. Nageswara Rao and V. Raj Krishna, District Court staff, Forest Department officials, NCC students, and others participated in the programme.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Plants Saplings at Urban Oxygen Park on World Environment Day in Siddipet

Skyline Correspondent siddipet : JUNE -05 On the occasion of World Environment Day, Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar participated in a sapling plantation program at the Urban Oxygen Park in Marpadaga village of Kondapak Mandal, Siddipet district. "The event was attended by Member of Parliament Raghunandan Rao, District Collector Haimavathi, Commissioner of Police Rashmi Perumal, Additional Collector (Revenue) Lakshmi Kiran, the District Forest Officer (DFO), District Library Chairman Dharipalli Chandram, and officials from various departments. "During the program, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar unveiled a poster titled "Do You Know

the Value of a Tree in Protecting the Environment?" and took a pledge to plant and protect saplings. "Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's Key Remarks "We formally launched the plantation drive organized by the Forest Department in Siddipet on the occasion of World Environment Day. "At a time when the world is becoming a global village, protecting the environment through tree plantation is essential. "Planting trees should not be treated as a one-time activity; it should become a part of our daily lives. "In Husnabad constituency, Steel Banks containing 13 different items were distributed to 280 women's self-help groups through the Governor. "Glasses were



distributed to 500 hotels, and Husnabad Municipality, along with Suryapet, is set to receive recognition for these initiatives. "Pollution levels in Delhi have made living conditions difficult. To prevent such a situation in Telangana, the Chief Minister has introduced an EV policy. "Telangana is implementing a zero-tax policy for electric vehicles, a unique

initiative in the country. "A healthy competition should be created among villages for tree plantation, and sarpanches of villages that excel in plantation drives should be recognized and appreciated. "The Minister called upon the public to actively participate in environmental protection and make tree plantation a collective social movement.

District Collector Ashish Sangwan Inaugurates Rainwater Harvesting Pond on World Environment Day



Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : JUNE -05 On the occasion of World Environment Day, Kamareddy District Collector Ashish Sangwan inaugurated a rainwater harvesting pond constructed with DMF(T) funds at the IDOC premises in

Kamareddy district on Friday. "The Collector informed that the pond was constructed at a cost of ₹6.55 lakh under DMF(T) funds. He explained that the project would help store rainwater, increase groundwater levels, and contribute to maintaining ecological

balance. "On the occasion of World Environment Day, the Collector appealed to everyone to take responsibility for water conservation and environmental protection. Later, he planted saplings around the rainwater harvesting pond and instructed officials to ensure

cleanliness in the surrounding area. "He noted that developing the surroundings with greenery would create a pleasant environment for visitors to the Collectorate. The Collector further stated that if the area around the pond is beautified, it could also serve as a venue for cultural events and celebrations such as Bathukamma in the future. "He advised officials to develop the area in a manner that benefits the public while promoting environmental conservation. "In-charge Additional Collector N. Giri, DRDO Damodar Reddy, and other officials participated in the programme.

Drive Away Pollution, Promote Greenery: World Environment Day Awareness Rally Held in Siddipet

Skyline Correspondent Siddipet : JUNE -05 On the occasion of World Environment Day, an awareness rally was organized under the leadership of Municipal Commissioner Ashrith Kumar. The rally commenced from Komati Cheruvu Necklace Road and proceeded towards Mustabad Chowrasta, ending at the Government Boys High School (Medak Road Multipurpose High School). "Municipal staff, students of Ambitus School, morning walkers, and local youth participated in the rally, spreading awareness about environmental protection. Participants raised slogans such as "Save Trees - Protect the Environment," "Say No to Plastic - Love Nature," and "Plant Trees



– Eliminate Pollution," encouraging citizens to take responsibility for preserving nature. "Placards carrying messages on pollution control, tree plantation, and reducing plastic usage were displayed during the rally. Commissioner Ashrith Kumar urged the public to minimize the use of plastic bags and instead adopt

cloth bags. He emphasized that planting and nurturing more trees is essential for maintaining a green and healthy environment. "On the occasion of World Environment Day, prizes were distributed by the Commissioner to students who excelled in drawing and essay-writing competitions organized by Kranti School.

Participants also took an oath to protect and preserve the environment. "The program was attended by municipal staff, Srinivas Reddy (Ambitus School Management), Bhagavan Reddy (Kranti School), Dr. Swamy (Dental), students from Ambitus and Kranti Schools, and several other participants.

Kamareddy Collector Orders Immediate Shifting of Wet Paddy to Protect Farmers from Losses



Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : JUNE - 05 District Collector Ashish Sangwan instructed officials to complete the paddy procurement process by June 10, as unseasonal rains have affected the procurement schedule that was originally expected to conclude by June 5. "On Friday, the Collector, along with

Additional Collector Victor, visited the Rameshwarpally Paddy Purchase Center after heavy rains lashed the Kamareddy Division on Thursday, resulting in approximately 800 metric tonnes of paddy getting wet. "During the visit, the Collector inspected the damaged paddy and interacted with farmers to understand their

concerns. He assured them that immediate measures would be taken to prevent any losses and that the wet paddy would be shifted without delay. "He directed District Manager Srikanth, District Civil Supplies Officer Venkateshwarlu, DCO Ram Mohan Rao, and other concerned officials to arrange sufficient vehicles and ensure the

urgent transportation of the wet paddy to rice mills without any delay. "The Collector expressed serious dissatisfaction with 14 rice millers who failed to unload paddy according to their capacity. He warned that strict action would be taken against those who do not cooperate with the government procurement process. "The Collector assured farmers that there is no need for concern, as the government is taking all necessary measures to procure their produce completely and ensure timely transportation. "Officials from various departments, rice millers, procurement center staff, and farmers participated in the programme.

Applications Invited for Government Pre-Primary school Posts in Bhadrachalam Mandal



Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem : JUNE - 05 As per the directives of the Telangana Gov-

ernment, the School Education Department and Samagra Shiksha are set to establish a Government Pre-Primary School in Bhadrachalam Mandal for the academic year 2026-27, said Mandal Education Officer Thotamalla Rama. The Pre-Primary School will be started at the Mandal Parishad Primary School, Tatagudi Centre, Bhadrachalam. In this connection, applications are

invited from eligible candidates for the posts of pre-primary Instructor and Aaya (Helper) Candidates applying for the Pre-Primary Instructor post must have passed Intermediate, while applicants for the Aaya post should have passed at least Class VII. Selection of candidates will be given priority on the basis of habitation, followed by Gram Panchayat, Mandal, and District levels.

Interested candidates are requested to submit their applications on or before 5:00 PM on June 08, 2026. Applications should be accompanied by relevant documents, including educational qualification certificates, residence proof, and a copy of the Aadhaar card. The completed applications must be submitted at the Mandal Educational resources center Bhadrachalam.

Environmental Protection is Everyone's Responsibility: District Collector Ankit

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem : JUNE - 05 Marking World Environment Day, the Forest Department organized a plantation drive on Thursday at the VKCM area of Rudrampur in Chunchupally Mandal. District Collector Ankit attended the programme as the chief guest and planted saplings. "Speaking on the occasion, the Collector emphasized that planting trees is essential for maintaining ecological balance. He urged every citizen to plant

at least one sapling and take responsibility for its care and protection. He said that increasing green cover is crucial to ensuring a clean and healthy environment for future generations. "The Collector stressed that planting saplings alone is not enough and that special attention must also be given to their maintenance and survival. "District Superintendent of Police Rohith Raju and District Forest Officer Krishna Goud also participated in the plantation drive along



with the Collector. They called upon people from all sections of society to actively contribute to environmental conservation. "For-

est Department officials, staff members, public representatives, and local residents took part in the programme.

First Successful PTCA (Stenting) Procedure Performed at Nizamabad GGH



Skyline Correspondent NIZAMABAD : JUNE - 05 The Department of Cardiology at the Government General Hospital (GGH), Nizamabad, has achieved a

significant milestone. A 65-year-old patient named Buraji, who was admitted with a severe heart attack (Acute MI), underwent a successful angiogram and

a subsequent PTCA (stent placement) procedure to clear severe blockages in his coronary artery. The patient is currently stable and recovering. "Hospital

Superintendent Dr. B.V. Nagamohan and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Ramulu highly appreciated the cardiology team—comprising Dr. Sandeep, Dr. Gopikrishna, and Dr. Ravikiran—along with the Cath Lab and nursing staff for successfully performing this complex procedure for the first time in the hospital's history. "On this occasion, the hospital authorities stated that advanced cardiac care and emergency stenting procedures will now be permanently available locally at the Nizamabad Government Hospital, providing immense relief to the people of the district.

TBGKS Urges Massive Participation in June 7 Singareni Protection Meeting at Godavarikhani

Skyline Correspondent REBBENA : JUNE - 05 Telangana Boggu Gani Karmika Sangham state leadership has called upon the entire Singareni workforce to make the "Singareni Parirakshana Sabha" scheduled on Sunday, June 7, 2026 at Godavarikhani a grand success. "TBGKS leaders said every Singareni worker must unite and participate to protect the rights of workers and safeguard Singareni. "Kairiguda



TBGKS FIT Secretary Bongu Venkatesh released wall posters for the meeting. Central Committee Joint

Secretary Oram Kiran, Area Leaders Sampathi Tirupathi, Assistant FIT Secretary Marina Chander,

Shift In-charge Saligama Ravi Chandrasekhar and Bickshapathi participated in the programme.

4.48kg of Ganja seized in palvancha, four arrested



Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem : JUNE - 05 Excise Enforcement officials seized 4.48 kg of dry ganja being transported on two motorcycles during a vehicle inspection near kesavapuram in Palvancha. The operation was conducted

under the directions of Joint Khammam District Excise Deputy Commissioner G. Janardhan Reddy Assistant Commissioner G. Ganesh and Enforcement Superintendent K. Tirupathi. The inspection team, led by Sub-Inspector Ch. Srihari Rao intercepted two

KTM Duke motorcycles carrying the contraband. Four persons were taken into custody, including two individuals from Kumool district and two from Malkangiri District. "According to officials, the accused were transporting the ganja from Malkangiri to

Hyderabad when they were apprehended. Authorities seized 4.48kg of ganja, two Motorcycle and three Mobile phones from their possession. The total value of the seized property is estimated at approximately Rs 4.60 lakh. "Head Constables Khalil Ahmed and Jamal sharif along with Constables Shivakumar, Nagaraju, Prasanna Kumar and Upender, participated in the operation. Officials appealed to the public to report information related to ganja or other narcotic substances through the Excise Department's toll-free helpline 1800-425-2523.

Jagtial Students Earn Prestigious Black Belts in Karate; CP Gous Alam Felicitates Achievers

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 05 Four students from Jagtial district have successfully earned the prestigious Black Belt in Karate. "The students—S. Chakri, K. Sai Charan, B. Soumith Raj, and K. Chaitanya—received intensive training under the guidance of Marrpalli Srinivas, Chief Instructor of the Okinawa Martial Arts Academy in Jagtial. They demonstrated outstanding performance in the Belt Grading Test conducted at Vivekananda Residential School in Karimnagar, under the aegis of the Okinawa Martial Arts Academy. "K. Vasanth Kumar, Telangana Deputy Grand Master and Chief Ex-



aminer of the Okinawa Martial Arts Academy, personally conducted the Black Belt examination and awarded the belts and certificates to the successful students. "Karimnagar Commissioner of Police Gous Alam specially felicitated the students who achieved this

feat. "Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner emphasized the importance of learning Karate in light of rising incidents of crime in society. He urged everyone, particularly the youth, to focus on sports and physical fitness rather than falling into addiction. He also stressed

that girls must learn Karate as an essential self-defense skill. "Senior Karate Master Maripelli Lingayya, along with E.M.A. Mannan, Ananthula Kantha Rao, Nares, Rajasekhar, Santosh, Ramu, and others, participated in the programme.

Environmental Protection is Everyone's Responsibility: Jagtial Collector B. Satyaprasad Plants Saplings on World Environment Day



Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 05 Environmental Protection is Everyone's Responsibility

"District Collector B. Satyaprasad Plants Saplings at Gun Park on World Environment Day. "In com-

memoration of World Environment Day, Jagtial District Collector B. Satyaprasad planted saplings at Gun Park in the heart of Jagtial town. "Speaking on the occasion, District Collector B. Satyaprasad stated. "Environmental protection is the responsibility of every individual." He urged all citizens to plant saplings and nurture them so that future generations can inherit a clean and green environment. "The Collector highlighted the vital role of trees in maintaining ecological balance and noted that large-scale

plantation drives help reduce pollution while preserving biodiversity. He appealed to the public to actively participate and contribute to the success of the Haritha Haram programme in the district. "The event was attended by Additional Collector (Local Bodies) B. Raj Goud, Jagtial Revenue Divisional Officer Madhusudan, Jagtial Municipal Commissioner Satya Pranav, Municipal Councillor Boyinapalli Prashanth Rao, along with other concerned officials and dignitaries.

Periodic Labour Force Survey Conducted in Vemulawada to Assess Employment Status

Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : JUNE - 05 As part of the Periodic Labour Force Survey being conducted across the erstwhile Karimnagar district, Joint District Statistics Officer Gurrum Srinivas Goud carried out the survey in Vemulawada under the supervision of the Statistics Department. "He met Vemulawada Municipal Commissioner Lokesh at his office, handed over survey pamphlets, and explained the importance of the survey. The National Statistics Office is conducting the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for the year 2026 to assess the employment conditions of the people. "Speaking on the occasion, Srinivas Goud said that selected urban

and rural areas across the erstwhile Karimnagar district are being covered under the survey. Initially, general household information is collected. Subsequently, a few families from each village or locality are selected, and a detailed survey is conducted once every month for three months using mobile tablets. "The collected data is entered into a special digital platform. "During the first phase, information such as the name of the head of the family, family members, educational qualifications, school dropouts, higher education details, vocational training courses, employment status, self-employment activities, and daily wage work is recorded. For daily wage workers, details regarding the type of work



performed during the week, the number of hours worked, and wages earned are collected. "The survey also gathers information about women engaged in self-employment, including their income details. Additionally, data on platform and gig workers associated with online service providers such as Zomato, Swiggy, Rapido,

Ola, and Uber is being collected. "The programme was attended by Municipal Commissioner Lokesh, Manager Sampath Reddy, Councillor Annaram Srinivas, Ward Officer Roja, Bill Collector Munja Ramesh Goud, and Municipal MEPMA staff members Varala Shobha and RP Posu Manjula, along with other municipal staff.

Rs117 Crore Sanctioned for 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu Infrastructure in Dharmapuri

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 05 Telangana Social Welfare Minister Adhuri Lakshman Kumar stated that the development of the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at Dharmapuri will be carried out by considering the opinions of land evictees and ensuring that no one faces inconvenience. He assured that compensation would be paid transparently as per the Land Acquisition Act. "During a review meeting held in Dharmapuri with District Collector B. Satyaprasad, officials, and affected



families, the Minister appealed to all sections of society to cooperate in the temple development works and avoid political controversies. "The Minister announced that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has sanctioned ₹117 crore in the first phase for develop-

ment works related to the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu. Infrastructure such as bypass roads, parking facilities, Pushkar ghats, and other amenities will be developed to ensure a smooth experience for devotees visiting Dharmapuri and Koti Lingala. "District

Collector B. Satyaprasad reiterated that compensation would be paid fairly and transparently according to government norms and that all arrangements are being made well in advance for the successful conduct of the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu.