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## Revanth vows to transform women into financial powerhouses



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy affirmed that he was taking the responsibility of developing one crore women as 'Millionaires' as the women's role is crucial to achieve the economic goals set by the People's Government.

Addressing a gathering of the women self help groups at Parade Grounds

in Secunderabad on Tuesday, the Chief Minister alleged that the opposition was conspiring to stall the efforts put by the government to the economic empowerment of the women.

"We are undeterred by the conspiracies and striving with a goal of making one crore women as 'crorepatris' (millionaires). I am taking this responsibility for women's economic

empowerment. With the blessing of women, we will continue to run this government until 2034," he said. "Our culture is to revere women as Goddess Lakshmi. We regard the earth as Mother Earth, the country as Mother India, and the state as Mother Telangana. Chakali Ailamma, Arutla Kamaladevi, and Mallu Swarajyam proclaimed our

glory to the world," Revanth Reddy said.

Stating that former Prime Minister Nehru deserved the credit for granting women the right to vote and placing power in their hands, Revanth Reddy said it was only the Congress party which provided women with opportunities to serve as Presidents and Ministers.

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## Godavari Phase 2&3 project launched to boost Hyderabad water supply



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :** The

Telangana government has launched the Rs. 7,360-crore Godavari water project and laid the foundation for 39 new sewage treatment plants (STPs) as part of a major expansion of Hyderabad's drinking water and sewerage infrastructure. The initiatives aim to meet the growing needs of the Hyderabad Metropolitan Region and the extended TCUR area. Officials said the projects will improve water supply, strengthen sewage treatment capacity and support long-term urban growth.

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board

(HMWSSB) currently provides drinking water and sewerage services across GHMC limits, municipalities, villages, gated communities and urban clusters up to the TCUR region, covering 2,053 square kilometres.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched the Godavari Drinking Water Supply Scheme Phase-II and Phase-III with an investment of Rs. 7,360 crore.

The project will bring 20 TMC of additional water from Mallanna Sagar reservoir. Of this, 17.5 TMC will meet Hyderabad's drinking water requirements, while 2.5 TMC will support Musi River rejuvenation and restoration of the twin reservoirs. Officials said

Hyderabad currently receives between 580 and 600 MGD of water from various sources. However, demand is expected to rise to 835 MGD by 2027 and further increase to 1,114 MGD by 2047. The Godavari water project will supply an additional 300 MGD and help bridge the projected deficit. The government plans to complete the project by December 2027. The Detailed Project Report was prepared by WAPCOS. The scheme includes pump houses, substations, a 3,000-mm diameter transmission pipeline, water treatment plants at Ghanpur and Shamirpet and associated pumping infrastructure.

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## Governor hails PM Modi's historic tenure

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :**

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister. The Governor said this historic achievement reflects the immense trust and confidence reposed by the people of India in Prime Minister Modi's leadership. He noted that under his leadership, the country

has made remarkable progress in economic growth, digital transformation, infrastructure development and global stature, while steadfastly safeguarding national interests. Shiv Pratap Shukla said that transformative initiatives and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047 are guiding India towards becoming a developed nation. He expressed confidence that the country will continue to scale new heights of progress and prosperity under Prime Minister Modi's leadership. "On behalf of the people of Telangana, I extend my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi on this historic achievement. May his leadership continue to guide India towards greater progress, prosperity and global leadership," the Governor said.



## Telangana sets all-time paddy procurement record: Uttam



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :**

Telangana has created an all-time record in paddy procurement despite the Centre reducing its procurement target for the State, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said. Addressing a press conference along with Ministers Adhuri Lakshman and Vakiti Srihari

at the Secretariat on Tuesday, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Telangana had procured 75 lakh metric tonnes of paddy during the current Yasangi/Rabi season, against the Centre's approved target of only 52 lakh metric tonnes. He said another one to two lakh metric tonnes of paddy was likely to arrive at procurement centres in the next few days.

Uttam Kumar Reddy said the State government had honoured its promise of purchasing every grain brought by farmers to procurement centres. He noted that the government had borne an additional financial burden of about Rs 6,650 crore in the present Yasangi season alone to ensure that farmers received the Minimum Support Price.

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## Mega job melas to expand to districts soon: Azharuddin

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :**

As part of the Telangana government's flagship Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika, a mega job mela was held at Red Rose Palace, Nampally, Hyderabad, under the aegis of the Minorities Welfare Department and Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation (TGMFC).

The mega job mela was inaugurated by Hyderabad in-charge Minister Ponnampalabharathi and Minister for Minorities Welfare Janab Mohammed Azharuddin.

The event witnessed the

presence of several distinguished dignitaries, including Rajya Sabha Member Anil Kumar Yadav, Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation Chairman Obedullah Kotwal, Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Vice Chairman Faheemuddin Qureshi, Minorities Welfare Secretary B. Shafiullah, Urdu Academy Chairman Taher Bin Hamdan, and other senior officials and public representatives.

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## Hyderabad emerges as India's preferred business hub: Sridhar Babu

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :**

Minister for IT and Industries D. Sridhar Babu has lauded the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) for its consistent efforts in nurturing entrepreneurship and promoting excellence across the state. Addressing the gathering as the guest of honour at the FTCCI Excellence Awards 2026 held at JRC Convention Centre, Jubilee Hills, on Tuesday, the Minister said FTCCI has played a pivotal role in fostering a culture of excellence and en-

terprise in Telangana. "An award may appear small, but it symbolizes years of perseverance, dedication, and hard work. FTCCI has been instrumental in mentoring and handholding several entrepreneurs, helping them transform their dreams into successful ventures," he said. Speaking about Telangana's robust industrial ecosystem, Sridhar Babu noted that Hyderabad has emerged as one of the most preferred destinations for business expansion in India.

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## Public trust is the strength of the government: Ponguleti



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :**

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said public trust government initiatives had driven the success of the Praja Darbar programme in Palair constituency and reflected growing confidence in the Congress govern-

ment. Addressing a press conference in Khammam along with Khammam MP Raghuram Reddy, the Minister said the government had been working with public welfare as its primary objective since assuming office. He said the state government's 99-day special action plan under the Praja Palana-Pragathi

Pranalika programme would conclude on July 12 as the administration entered its third year. Ponguleti said Palair constituency was divided into 14 clusters for the Praja Darbar initiative. The programme was conducted over the past 25 to 30 days under the slogan "Government at the Doorstep of the People." Turn to Page 2

## Handloom shawls for temples proposed by Padma Shri awardee Gajam Anjaiah

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 9 :**

Padma Shri awardee and noted handloom artisan Gajam Anjaiah urged the Telangana government to provide handloom shawls to devotees at major temples across the state instead of shawls made from synthetic yarn. Anjaiah submitted a representation to Forests, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha during a meeting at her residence in Jubilee Hills. He requested the government to encour-

age the exclusive use of handloom shawls made from pure cotton or silk at major temples, including Yadadri, Bhadrachalam, Basara and Vemulawada. During the meeting, Anjaiah explained that many temples currently distribute shawls manufactured in mills and power looms using synthetic yarn. He argued that continuing the use of synthetic products was inconsistent with efforts to promote environmental protection.

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The Chief Minister criticised the previous BRS government for not inducting even a single woman in the former chief minister K. Chandrashekar's Rao's government during the first five years of the rule. The BJP party had never appointed a woman as the party's national president. The KCR government also failed to disburse the zero-interest loans due to women. The People's government sanctioned zero interest loans soon after assuming the office in the state, he said.

Women have excelled in roles such as ministers, corporation chairpersons, municipal chairpersons, and mayors during the Congress rule, the Chief Minister said that Sonia Gandhi introduced a bill in Parliament in 2013 seeking to provide reservations for women in legislative bodies. Revanth Reddy was confident of women will play a pivotal role in politics by electing 33 percent in the legislative bodies in the future. The Chief Minister took a dig at the opposition parties for objecting to the free bus travel for women.

The opposition took to the streets demanding the cancellation of the free bus scheme. Despite hurdles, we are continuing the free bus travel facility without backing down. Women are using the free bus service to pursue higher education, he said. The Chief Minister highlighted that, for women empowerment, the government entrusted the stitching of school uniforms to women's self-help groups, operate petrol bunks and also encouraged the women group to establish solar power generation plants capable of competing with

Adani. 'Indira Mahila Shakti' buildings were being constructed to compete with corporate offices. 106 stalls were set up in Hitech City to market products made by self-help groups. Self-help group products are also being sold online platforms Amazon and Flipkart, the Chief Minister said. Today is an auspicious day that rain god showered on us soon after the launch of 553 buses, Revanth Reddy said. He asserted that priority must be given to all types of crops in agriculture and create awareness among farmers on crop diversification.

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Officials said the project would benefit nearly 1.34 crore people in Hyderabad and the TCRUR region. The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for 39 new sewage treatment plants with a combined treatment capacity of 972 MLD. The government is constructing the STPs under the AMRUT 2.0 programme at an estimated cost of Rs.3,849.10 crore. The facilities will serve local bodies and villages within the Outer Ring Road limits. Authorities expect sewage generation to in-

crease from 1,950 MLD in 2021 to 2,800 MLD by 2036. Therefore, the new plants will play a key role in preventing pollution in the Musi River and nearby water bodies. Once completed, Hyderabad's total sewage treatment capacity will reach 2,850 MLD, which officials said would meet projected requirements until 2036. In addition, the Water Board has prepared a DPR worth Rs.4,700 crore to construct trunk sewer lines along the Musi River and prevent untreated sewage from entering the river. The Water Board has prepared

DPRs worth Rs.27,231.93 crore for future drinking water and sewerage projects. Among the major proposals is a Rs.301-crore sewer network strengthening project in Chandrayangutta. The initiative aims to prevent sewage overflow on roads and improve underground drainage infrastructure. The board has also prepared a Rs.6,677-crore plan to develop 2,656 kilometres of trunk sewers, branch sewers and collection networks across GHMC areas. Furthermore, it has proposed STPs worth Rs.82.83 crore near Osman Sagar and

Himayat Sagar reservoirs to protect water quality in the catchment areas. Other approved projects include the Kokapet Neopolis water supply scheme costing Rs.298 crore and new GLSRs at Mahendra Hills and Asmangadh at a cost of Rs.30 crore. The government said it had approved water supply projects worth Rs.7,688 crore during the past year. Officials are also preparing a master plan for the TCRUR region. The plan targets daily water supply by 2028 and round-the-clock 24x7 water supply by 2047.

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Speaking on the occasion, Minister Mohammed Azharuddin expressed his appreciation to TGMFC Chairman Obedullah Kotwal and all stakeholders who contributed to the successful organisation of the job mela. The Minister stated that remarkable progress has been achieved in the last two years through the initiatives of the Telangana government under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He highlighted that while several important initiatives remained pending for years, the present government has taken concrete steps to ensure inclusive growth and opportunities for minority communities. He informed that the government is creating nearly one lakh employment opportunities and that the Minorities Welfare department, in coordination with

TGMFC, is actively working to connect minority youth with meaningful employment and career opportunities. The Minister reiterated the government's unwavering commitment to supporting youth from all minority communities, including Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains, and others, without discrimination. He emphasised that the objective of the job mela is not merely to distribute offer letters but to ensure sustainable employment for every selected candidate.

"We will closely monitor the entire recruitment process. Our responsibility does not end with the issuance of offer letters. We will continue to follow up until candidates successfully join their respective organisations. Providing employment opportunities to our youth is our commitment and responsibility,"

the Minister stated. He further announced that similar job melas will be organised across Telangana, including Nizamabad and other districts, to extend employment opportunities to a larger number of minority youth. The Minister urged young people to focus on education, professional development, and skill enhancement. He encouraged unemployed youth to enroll in various Skill Development Training programmes being conducted through Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation. "There are several skill development initiatives and industry-oriented training programs available through TGMFC. Youth should actively participate in these programs, improve their skills, attend interviews, and take advantage of the opportunities being created. Hard work, dedication,

and skills will pave the way for a successful future," he said. The mega job mela was organised by Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation in collaboration with its empanelled Training Partners with the objective of providing placement opportunities and career guidance to educated unemployed minority youth. Approximately 50 to 60 reputed companies and HR teams participated in the event, offering employment opportunities across diverse sectors. Around 20 training institutes also participated in the event along with former trainees and students currently undergoing training programmes. The job mela attracted nearly 2,000 minority youth from different parts of Telangana. In addition to recruitment opportunities, career counselling services and registrations for various skill development courses were also provided.

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"The Centre fixed a target of only 52 LMT. But we went ahead and procured 75 LMT to protect Telangana farmers. Our priority is clear-Telangana paddy farmers must be protected first," he said. The Minister said Telangana had emerged as the single largest Rabi paddy producing and procuring State in the country. Over 61 % of the total Yasangi paddy procured in India came from Telangana alone. In comparison, Andhra Pradesh procured about 25 LMT, Tamil Nadu 12 LMT, Maharashtra 5 LMT, Odisha 4 LMT and

Kerala 2 LMT during the season. He stressed that procurement during Yasangi was more challenging than Kharif, as the entire crop arrived at procurement centres within 40 to 45 days. Despite this short window, the State successfully handled massive arrivals, arranged procurement centres, gunny bags, transport, mill movement and payments. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the total Kharif and Rabi procurement in the current KMS 2025-26 season had already crossed 147 LMT, making it the highest-ever paddy procurement in the history of

Telangana and even combined Andhra Pradesh. This record was achieved under normal market conditions, unlike the COVID period when private markets were shut, he pointed out. The Minister said the State had paid about Rs 35,077 crore directly into 25.20 lakh bank accounts of the farmers for Kharif and Rabi procurement. The current government had paid much higher amounts to farmers through MSP procurement when compared with earlier years. He strongly criticised the BJP-led Central government for reducing Telangana's paddy procurement quota

even as production was increasing due to better irrigation and farmer-friendly policies. He said Telangana followed the MSP price, FAQ norms, moisture conditions and other rules prescribed by the Centre, and therefore the Centre must procure the entire grain purchased by the State. Uttam Kumar Reddy also said that opposition parties had tried to create panic over wet paddy and gunny bags. He clarified that 12,557 metric tonnes of rain-affected paddy had also been purchased at MSP and shifted to boiled rice mills within 12 hours.

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He noted that temples were discouraging plastic usage while still distributing synthetic textile products. According to Anjaiah, handloom shawls made from natural cotton and silk would enhance the spiritual and cultural significance of temple offerings. He also

said such a move would support traditional weaving practices and create sustainable employment opportunities for thousands of handloom workers across Telangana. Anjaiah urged the government to formulate a policy encouraging the use of handloom-produced sacred shawls in

all major temples. Minister Konda Surekha responded positively to the proposal and appreciated Anjaiah's efforts to promote the handloom sector. She said handloom workers played an invaluable role in preserving Indian traditions while also contributing to environmental protection. The Minister

observed that promoting handloom shawls in temples would help protect cultural heritage and strengthen the livelihoods of weavers. She assured Anjaiah that the government would examine the proposal, assess its feasibility and consider appropriate measures to support the handloom sector.

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"Investors looking at India are increasingly looking at Hyderabad. This confidence stems from the policy continuity we have ensured despite changes in government. While political ideologies may differ, we remain committed to policies that serve the larger public and economic good," he said. Describing the event as a celebration of success, the Minister emphasised that long-term business success depends on resilience and adaptability.

Recalling a famous quote by the late Ratan Tata, he said, "Take the stones people throw at you and use them to build a monument." He added that the award winners exemplified this spirit by turning challenges into opportunities rather than waiting for perfect conditions to start their entrepreneurial journeys.

Highlighting the uncertainties of today's business environment, Sridhar Babu observed that disruption has become a constant phe-

nomenon. "In such times, optimism becomes a powerful asset. Our Chief Minister, A. Revanth Reddy, is optimistic, future-focused, and positive. Institutions like FTCCI play a vital role in guiding and supporting businesses through periods of uncertainty," he said.

Quoting N. R. Narayana Murthy, the Minister remarked, "Growth is painful. Change is painful. But nothing is as painful as staying stuck."

Referring to Telangana's ambitious economic vision, he pointed out that Taiwan, with a population of just over two crore people, has built a multi-trillion-dollar economy. "When Telangana announced its aspiration to become a USD 3 trillion economy by 2047, many were surprised and skeptical. We need the support of industry and entrepreneurs to transform this vision into reality," he said.

The Minister said Telangana intends to be at the forefront of India's next phase of growth. "From life

sciences and manufacturing to deep-tech innovation, Telangana is not merely participating in India's growth story but actively shaping and contributing to it," he said. Reiterating the government's commitment to industry, Sridhar Babu firmly asserted, "The government is a partner to every entrepreneur and not merely a regulator. Together, we will build a vibrant Telangana and create the most industry-friendly ecosystem, not only in Hyderabad but across the state." Responding to concerns raised by industry regarding pending incentives for MSMEs, the Minister said the state is undergoing financial restructuring but has nevertheless released a portion of the subsidies due to the sector. He highlighted that Telangana had introduced its first-ever MSME Policy and acknowledged FTCCI's valuable contribution in its formulation. Addressing concerns related to minimum wages, he said

the government adopted a balanced approach and evolved guidelines that sought to protect both industry interests and worker welfare.

On the issue of skilled workforce shortages and widening skill gaps, the Minister assured industry leaders that the government is actively working on multiple initiatives, including the establishment of a Skill University and other capacity-building programmes. Speaking about Telangana's emergence as a preferred destination for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), the Minister said the state aims to attract 100 GCCs during the current year, further strengthening Hyderabad's position as a global business and innovation hub. He later presented the FTCCI Excellence Awards 2026 in 15 categories to organizations and individuals who demonstrated outstanding achievements in their respective fields. The award winners included

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He said he personally met nearly 25,000 people and listened to their grievances. The programme received more than 24,000 applications from urban and rural areas. According to the Minister, the highest number of applications related to Indiramma Houses, with around 11,000 requests. Another 5,200 applications were submitted for Aasara pensions.

Residents also raised issues related to Gruha Jyothi benefits, internal roads, drainage systems and drinking water facilities. The Minister criticised the previous government for failing to resolve issues related to sada bainama land applications after introducing the Dharani system.

He said the Cabinet un-

der Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had amended rules to address 9.26 lakh pending sada bainama applications across the state. Earlier, applicants required the consent of land sellers to complete the process. However, the government removed that condition to help farmers facing difficulties.

Ponguleti said officials had already identified and issued notices in 5.5 lakh cases. The remaining notices would be served within 15 days. After the mandatory 30-day notice period, authorities would resolve all eligible applications in accordance with the law, he added.

The Minister said the government had launched a modern digital land survey across the state. As part

of the first phase, officials selected 70 revenue villages in every district. He said the survey had already been completed successfully in Kakaravai village of Tirumalayapalem mandal in Palair constituency.

Under the new system, pattas would be issued only to those cultivating the land. Authorities would cancel records where ownership claims lacked validity. The Minister said the Praja Darbar programme received around 4,300 land-related applications. Of these, nearly 2,300 cases would be resolved soon through a special drive. He also said the government had nearly completed the process of removing private lands from prohibited lists where only a portion of land had been acquired for pub-

lic purposes. Regarding housing, Ponguleti said special teams had been formed to process applications received during the Praja Darbar programme. He estimated that resolving revenue-related grievances would take at least 45 days. Eligible beneficiaries under the Indiramma housing scheme would receive approvals in phases.

The Minister added that around 1,500 people had applied for house sites. Officials have been directed to identify land acquired during the tenure of former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy and locate suitable government land for future allotments. He expressed confidence that the government would resolve house-site issues within the next few months.

## CONG. GOVT NEGLECTED FARMERS INTERESTS IN TELANGANA

From Our Staff Reporter  
Hyderabad, June, 9: BJP

State President N Ramchander Rao on Tuesday alleged that the state government was completely neglecting the problems of farmers in Telangana. Instead of standing by the farmers, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was attempting to mislead the public by hiding the facts. Speaking to media at Yadagirigutta in Bhongir district, Rao said after visiting grain procurement centres in the district last month, we have observed that due to the slow pace of grain procurement, farmers were facing severe hardships and there was a risk of losing grain due to rains. Because millers failed to respond, a situation arose where farmers couldn't even sell their produce at the Minimum Support Price (MSP).

The government accelerated the procurement only after BJP MPs, MLAs, MLCs, and leaders stood by the farmers and staged protests at procurement centers across the state, he said. Before the elections, the Congress party had promised to purchase grain down to the very last grain. But today, it was failing to implement that promise. The responsibility of grain



procurement lies entirely with the state government. The Central Government bears all expenses, including reimbursements related to the procurement process, warehousing costs, and transportation costs, he said. The Central government has undertaken large-scale grain procurement across the country. Grain has been procured on a massive scale from Telangana as well. Despite this, making false allegations against the Central Government is unacceptable, he stated.

The state government is supposed to estimate crop yields in advance, send the required intent to the Centre, and undertake procurement accordingly. Blaming

the Central government without fulfilling that responsibility is a betrayal of the people, he alleged and asked the government must answer as to why procurement is not happening even up to the volume reserved by the state. BJP state chief said instead of asking questions that what BJP leaders have done for Telangana, CM Revanth Reddy should put facts before public that what has the Congress government done for Telangana in its two years regime? He blamed that Congress government has not brought new investments to the state. It has not cleared arrears for retired employees. Rythu Bharosa is not being implemented properly.

He further alleged that government employees are not getting salaries on time. There are no jobs for the unemployed. Criticizing functioning of the state Congress government, Rao asked Congress party to answer to the public regarding the status of the six guarantees announced by the Congress party. The promises made in the Warangal Declaration, Khammam Declaration, and Hyderabad Declaration have not been implemented. The government must state where the Yuva Guarantee, SC Guarantee, and other promises have been executed. He asserted that as the Bharatiya Janata Party growing stronger in Telangana, Congress leaders are resorting to false propaganda against BJP.

# SP lays foundation stone for petrol bunk to support police welfare in Gooty



**Anantapur: June 9** Anantapur District Superintendent of Police Jagadish on Monday laid the foundation stone for a new petrol bunk in Gooty, stating that the district police administration is committed to strengthening welfare initiatives for police personnel across the district. The foundation ceremony was held at the site of the old police quarters opposite the Government Hospital in Gooty town. The petrol bunk is being established under the joint initiative of the Police Welfare Society and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) at an estimated cost of Rs 95 lakh. National Politics Updates Speaking on the occasion, the Superintendent of Police said the project is aimed at enhancing welfare

infrastructure and generating long-term benefits for the police community. He noted that the district police department has been giving priority to welfare measures and undertaking initiatives that contribute to the well-being of police personnel and their families. Jagadish expressed confidence that the construction work would be completed within 45 days and that the facility would be made available to the public soon after completion. He said the project would serve both welfare objectives and public convenience once operational. The petrol bunk is expected to be developed with modern infrastructure and necessary facilities in accordance with industry standards. Officials said the initiative reflects the department's efforts to

create sustainable welfare assets while also providing essential services to residents of the area. A d d i t i o n a l Superintendent of Police Ilyas Basha, Guntakal Deputy Superintendent of Police Srinivas, Armed Reserve Deputy Superintendent of Police Neelakantheshwara Reddy, BPCL Sales Manager Lakshmi, Urban Circle Inspector Rama Rao, Sub-Inspectors Suresh and Ameer Khan, along with police personnel and other officials, participated in the foundation-laying ceremony. The project marks another step in the district police department's ongoing efforts to promote welfare-oriented initiatives and strengthen support systems for police personnel while contributing to local infrastructure development.

# Minister sets monthly progress targets for Nandyal officials



**Nandyal: Jun 9** Emphasizing that the ultimate objective of governance is to bring qualitative change to citizens' lives, District In-Charge and State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav directed officials to work with enhanced accountability. Chairing a comprehensive review meeting at the Collectorate on Monday, Keshav evaluated key sectors alongside State Ministers NMD Farooq and BC Janardhan Reddy, and District Collector G Raja Kumari. Keshav stated that under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, global investors are flocking to Andhra Pradesh. He stressed that this macroeconomic growth must translate into visible improvements for farmers, labourers, auto drivers, and small traders. Warning that negligence would invite strict action, the Minister announced that future bureaucratic transfers and postings will be strictly linked to monthly performance metrics. Reviewing public services, the Minister expressed displeasure over complaints regarding ration distribution and declining satisfaction with APSRTC services, ordering immediate upgrades to toilets, seating, and drinking water at bus depots. He also directed the prompt restoration of power during rain-induced disruptions and timely execution of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS). During the session, Minister BC Janardhan Reddy pushed to clear 9,340 pending agricultural power connections. Collector G Raja Kumari reported that with the district receiving up to 9 cm of rainfall, Kharif crop preparations are underway. She added that a house-to-house voter verification drive for the district's 14.05 lakh voters will be conducted from June 15 to July 14, backed by the 1950 helpline.

# Minister Satya Kumar receives 132 petitions, warns against laxity

**Dharmavaram: June 9 (Skyline daily):** Health Minister and local MLA Satya Kumar Yadav on Monday directed officials to break through departmental silos and accelerate public welfare and infrastructure projects across the Dharmavaram Assembly constituency. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Dharmavaram Court Hall alongside Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A Shyam Prasad and Joint Collector M Mourya Bharadwaj, the Minister evaluated crucial irrigation, power, and healthcare lifelines. To reinforce agrarian security, Minister Yadav ordered the immediate clearance of bottlenecks hindering the Molakavemula power substation in Mudigubba mandal and the 33/11 KV substation at Pinnadari. Addressing seasonal water challenges, he instructed engineers to coordinate the advance release of water via the PABR canal and outlined a strategic plan to link the HNSS main canal



with the PABR Right Canal, securing drinking and irrigation needs for Tadimarri, Bathalapalli, and Dharmavaram mandals. Reviewing the health sector, Yadav mandated immediate staff recruitment for the newly built Mother and Child Health (MCH) Block in Dharmavaram and ordered the swift completion of pending Ayushman Health Centres. He further directed revenue teams to instantly resolve lingering land acquisition disputes delaying the critical Kadiri Gate Railway Over Bridge (ROB).

# Large turnout marks Yogandhra-2026 event in Madanapalle



**Madanapalle: June 9** Annamayya district Collector Nishant Kumar said that everyone should make yoga a part of their daily routine and described it as an effective tool for building a healthy society. He took part in a mass yoga programme held on Monday in Madanapalle as part of 'Yogandhra-2026', being organised ahead of International Yoga Day 2026. Addressing the gathering, the Collector said that the district is moving forward towards building a healthier society through Yogandhra-2026. He expressed happiness over the growing

awareness of yoga among the public and said the large turnout in the early morning reflected people's interest and commitment towards yoga. The State government launched the Yogandhra programme with the aim of making yoga a part of people's lifestyle. The Collector said that programmes are being organised in line with the special theme assigned to the district. As part of the initiative, yoga events will also be conducted at Horsley Hills on June 11 and at Boyakonda on June 14. He urged people to practise yoga every day rather than limiting it to

Yoga Day celebrations. Anganwadi workers in rural areas have to spread awareness about the importance of yoga and promote healthy living among the public. Yoga instructor Paul Brahma Kumar guided participants through various yoga postures and explained their benefits. Among those present were Joint Collector Shiv Narayan Sharma, Madanapalle Sub Collector Challa Kalyani, DRO Chandrasekhar Reddy, ICDS PD Haimavathi, DWMA PD Venkataratnam, DPO Radhamma and other officials.

# Massive turnout at Srisailam as 2,100 partake in 'Yoga Andhra' initiative



**Srisailam: Jun 9** Emphasizing the significance of ancient wellness in achieving a balanced life, Nandyal Joint Collector Suraj Dhanunjay stated that India has gifted the world the invaluable treasure of yoga. National Politics Updates Participating as the chief guest at the special "Yoga Andhra-2026" mega-event organized at Srisailam on Monday, he asserted that yoga strengthens physical health while fostering deep mental peace. The large-scale event, executed under the direct guidance of the State Government, witnessed a turnout of nearly 2,100 practitioners. Elaborate arrangements were made across the temple premises, stretching from the Gangadhara Mandapam to the Nandi Mandapam. Addressing the gathering, Srisailam Devasthanam Executive Officer M Srinivasa Rao expressed happiness over hosting the flagship program in the sacred presence of Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy. He noted that the initiative is being smoothly implemented in coordination with the district administration and Endowments Department. The session commenced with the ceremonial lighting of the lamp, followed by intricate demonstrations led by renowned yoga guru Gandhavalli Balasubrahmanyam. Participants performed diverse pranayama techniques—including Kapalabhati and Anulom-Vilom—alongside specialized asanas like Trikonasana and Shalabhasana. Dr Deevi Hayagreevacharyulu served as the commentator, elaborating on the spiritual benefits of the postures in the context of modern medical science.

# App-based sale of urea and DAP launched

**Nellore: Jun 9**

The State government has introduced app-based system for sale of urea and DAP fertilisers from Monday in the district to ensure timely and transparent distribution to farmers, said district Collector Himanshu Shukla. In a statement issued on Monday, he said under the new system, fertiliser sales will be carried out through Andhra Pradesh Agricultural Input Management System (APAIMS) App. This app-based sale would help ensure that allocated stocks of urea and DAP are supplied only to eligible farmers while bringing greater transparency to the entire distribution process, he added. The Collector further stated that the system has been implemented in 26 districts across the State, excluding Kakinada and Krishna districts. Agricultural Department officials have been directed to ensure that all cultivating farmers benefit from APAIMS-based fertiliser sales mechanism. He noted, it would also play prevent diversion of urea for non-agricultural purposes, curbing illegal stocking, and checking misuse of fertilisers. Shukla appealed to farmers in the district to cooperate with officials by providing necessary details while purchasing fertilisers through the app-based system. Farmers facing any issues related to fertiliser supply or sales may contact tollfree helpline 155251 for assistance.



# Clear pending cases on priority to build public trust: Collector tells babus



**Anantapur: June 9** District Collector O Anand on Monday directed line-department officials to ensure qualitative, accountable, and timely disposal of public grievances, emphasizing that no application should remain pending without a valid, documented reason. Speaking at the unified Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) and Revenue Clinic session held at the Revenue Building within the Collectorate premises, the Collector received a heavy influx of 643 petitions from residents across various mandals. The applicants sought administrative intervention for long-pending local grievances, ranging from land documentation discrepancies to civic infrastructure deficits. The Collector personally interacted with several applicants to understand their grievances, issuing immediate, on-the-spot directives to departmental officers to expedite resolu-

tion protocols. He emphasized that the primary metric of citizen-centric governance rests on the quality of disposal, warning that mechanical rejections or superficial closures would invite strict disciplinary action. To prevent systemic delays, Collector Anand instructed department heads to closely monitor tracking logs and resolve high-priority representations within stipulated citizen-charter timelines. He stressed that transparent service delivery is vital to maintaining public trust in the district administration. The grievance drive saw active participation from Joint Collector C Vishnucharan, District Revenue Officer A Malola, and Special Deputy Collectors Padmavathi and Anand. Senior district officials, including PR SE Subbarayudu, CPO Ashok Kumar, ZP CEO Vijayalakshmi, and DMHO B Devi, were also present to log specific instructions for their respective wings.

# Investor confidence soaring in Kurnool; youth can utilise job fairs: Min Bharath



**Kurnool: June 9** Andhra Pradesh Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Minister TG Bharath on Monday said that Kurnool district has witnessed significant development over the past two years under the coalition government. Addressing the Kapu Balija Seva Sangham Merit Awards function in Kurnool, the Minister highlighted the government's efforts to attract large-scale investments and create employment opportunities for the youth. The Minister stated that Orvakal Industrial Hub has emerged as a major investment destination, with projects worth thousands of crores being brought to the region. He noted that a proposed Reliance project, initially estimated at Rs 2,500 crore, has now expanded beyond Rs 6,000 crore. In

addition, Reliance has come forward with another project worth Rs 3,000 crore, reflecting growing investor confidence in the State's industrial policies. Criticising the previous government, Bharath said that despite being in power for five years, it failed to provide a water pipeline to Orvakal Industrial Park. The present government, he said, has taken up the project and is ensuring the required infrastructure for industries. He also alleged that Jai Raj Ispat Steel Company faced several hurdles during the previous regime, whereas the company is now expanding its operations with an investment of about Rs 6,000 crore due to renewed confidence in the present administration. Emphasising employment generation, the

Minister said the State Government is working towards creating 20 lakh jobs. Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh are continuously reviewing initiatives aimed at enhancing employment opportunities, he said. Bharath urged youth to make use of job fairs and informed that the government is coordinating with engineering colleges to impart industry-relevant skills. He further asserted that his family has remained in public life without any corruption allegations and said people can clearly distinguish between leaders who deliver results and those who merely make promises. The Minister added that he has been visiting every ward in Kurnool city to identify and resolve public grievances.

# Civic chief tests drinking water quality

**Nellore: June 9** Municipal Commissioner YO Nandan, along with municipal officials, inspected the Head Water Works (HWW) located within the premises of old Municipal Office on Monday. During inspection, officials collected drinking water samples from the overhead water tank and conducted quality tests using PPM kits in the presence of the Commissioner. Following the tests, the Commissioner personally examined colour and odour of the water and expressed satisfaction after tasting it. Nandan assured the citizens that they need not worry over the quality of drinking water being supplied



by the Municipal Corporation. He welcomed the public to personally witness water quality tests that are conducted regularly at overhead water tanks across the city. SE Rahamthu Jani, Amenities Secretaries, and other municipal staff participated in the inspection.

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## Plugging In

For years, India's electric vehicle debate was driven largely by environmental concerns. Governments offered subsidies, manufacturers launched pilot projects and advocates spoke of cleaner cities and lower emissions. Yet the strongest argument for electrification may ultimately prove to be neither climate change nor urban pollution. It may be India's enduring vulnerability to imported oil. The country's economic rise has been powered by energy consumption, but that growth has also deepened dependence on foreign crude.

India imports the overwhelming majority of its oil requirements, exposing households, businesses and policymakers to geopolitical events far beyond its borders. Conflicts in West Asia, disruptions in shipping routes and fluctuations in global commodity markets routinely translate into higher transport costs, inflationary pressures and fiscal strain at home. In such a context, the growing shift towards electric mobility is no longer merely an environmental transition. It is increasingly becoming an exercise in economic resilience. The logic is straightforward. Every vehicle that runs on domestically generated electricity rather than imported petroleum marginally reduces India's exposure to external shocks.

While electricity generation itself still relies significantly on fossil fuels, the country possesses far greater flexibility in managing its power mix than it does in influencing global oil markets. As renewable energy capacity expands, that advantage is likely to grow. This explains why the next phase of India's electric mobility journey will depend less on consumer enthusiasm and more on policy credibility. The automotive industry makes investment decisions over decades, not election cycles. Manufacturers, component suppliers and infrastructure providers require regulatory certainty before committing billions of rupees to new technologies and production lines. Ambitious targets are important, but clear and enforceable rules matter far more. Equally critical is the development of charging infrastructure. Consumers may be persuaded by lower running costs, but they will hesitate if reliability remains uncertain. The success of electrification will ultimately be determined not in policy documents but on highways, in apartment complexes and in small towns where charging access remains limited. The larger challenge lies in supply chains. The world is entering an era where control over battery materials and critical minerals could become as strategically important as access to oil once was. China's dominance in processing lithium, cobalt and rare-earth elements has created a new form of dependence for countries pursuing electric mobility. India cannot eliminate that dependence overnight, but it must steadily build domestic capabilities in refining, battery manufacturing and recycling if it wishes to avoid replacing one strategic vulnerability with another. The transition to electric mobility is therefore about much more than the automobile sector. It touches energy security, industrial competitiveness, technological self-reliance and geopolitical strategy. Rising fuel prices may be accelerating consumer interest today, but the real significance of the shift lies elsewhere. India is beginning to recognise that in the 21st century, economic sovereignty will depend not only on how much energy a nation consumes, but also on where that energy comes from.

## Civilisational resurgence

Civilisational resurgence As India marks 12 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, one of the most profound transformations has been the quiet yet decisive resurgence of Bharat's civilisational identity. Far from being a mere political project, this has been a cultural re-awakening — an assertion that a nation with one of the world's oldest living civilisations need not apologise for its heritage, its temples, or its sacred symbols. The government has acted not as a loud ideologue but as a quiet enabler: clearing judicial logjams, investing in infrastructure, repatriating stolen treasures, and restoring dignity to neglected aspects of our history. This is not majoritarianism as some obsolete intellectuals might conveniently aver; it is civilisational self-confidence long overdue. For decades, successive governments and political parties treated the Ram Janmabhoomi issue as a perpetual court dispute, happy to let it fester. The BJP-led government under PM Modi adopted a solution-oriented approach, respecting the judiciary while ensuring the matter reached a conclusive verdict. The Supreme Court's 2019 judgment paved the way, and on 22 January 2024, Prime Minister Modi participated wholeheartedly in the Pran Pratishtha ceremony of Ram

Lalla as the chief yajman. His presence at the temple's inauguration sent a powerful message: Hindus need not be apologetic about their civilisational icons. Lord Ram is not just a deity but the embodiment of India's cultural ethos — maryada, dharma, and national unity. This event marked a turning point, ending centuries of hesitation and ignited national pride. Temple vicinities have historically been economic and social hubs in Bharat. The Modi government has revived this model through massive infrastructure development around sacred sites, generating unprecedented employment and tourism revenue. In Ayodhya, visitor numbers surged from about 5.75 crore in 2023 to over 16 crore in 2024, with projections exceeding 50 crore in 2026. The city now earns Rs 8,000-12,500 crore annually from tourism and allied sectors, projected to reach Rs 18,000 crore by 2028. This boom has spurred around 1.2 lakh direct and indirect jobs, thousands of new MSMEs, and a surge in hotels and local businesses. Property values near the temple have multiplied five- to tenfold. Varanasi's Kashi Vishwanath Corridor, inaugurated in 2021, has welcomed over 25 crore devotees, injecting Rs 1.25 lakh crore into Uttar Pradesh's economy. Tourist footfalls in Kashi reached record levels, with mas-

sive gains in hospitality, retail, and handicrafts. Mathura-Vrindavan has seen pilgrim arrivals jump over 100 per cent, generating over 30,000 direct and indirect jobs, alongside growth in homestays and women-led enterprises. Ujjain's Mahakal Lok Corridor has transformed the city: tax collections rose sharply, footfall multiplied, and the temple economy now drives broader urban prosperity. These developments prove that respecting civilisational anchors creates inclusive growth, particularly benefiting small traders, artisans, and local communities. The Modi government's decision to restore the full six-stanza version of Vande Mataram — after decades of a truncated rendition — is symbolically profound. Bankim Chandra Chatterjee's composition celebrates Bharat as a nurturing mother. Partial adoption in the past reflected a mindset uncomfortable with unapologetic cultural nationalism. Singing it in its entirety at official functions affirms that the nation's spiritual and geographical unity is non-negotiable. It directly challenges radical ideologies that viewed the motherland through divisive lenses and re-integrates a foundational cultural symbol into public life. Under PM Modi, India has repatriated over 600 stolen antiquities from countries



including the US, UK, Australia, and Canada. These include Chola-era bronzes like the Nataraja statue, idols of deities such as Ganesh and Manikkavichavakar, and Buddhist relics. Each return is more than an artefact reclaimed — it is civilisational dignity restored. It signals that Bharat will no longer be a passive victim of colonial-era looting but an active guardian of its heritage. These efforts, often facilitated through diplomacy, have strengthened global awareness of India's cultural wealth. The government has elevated the legacy of unsung tribal heroes — Birsu Munda, Rani Kamalapati, Veer Durgavati, and others — through Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (15 November) and dedicated museums. This recognition bridges mainland and tribal narratives, fosters pride among indigenous communities, and promises to boost tribal tourism and cultural preservation. It underscores that Bharat's freedom struggle was a collective endeavour, not con-

fining to urban elites. Across these initiatives, the government's role has been that of a facilitator: expediting court processes, funding world-class infrastructure without compromising sanctity, supporting cultural restoration, and promoting awareness. It has empowered citizens and communities to reclaim their heritage organically. The result is a Bharat more confident in its skin — economically vibrant through its temples, culturally rooted, and inclusive of its diverse civilisational strands. Twelve years on, this resurgence is not about erasing the past but healing it. It is about building a Viksit Bharat that draws strength from its eternal civilisational fountainhead. The temple towns booming with pilgrims and jobs, the full-throated Vande Mataram, the returned relics, and honoured tribal legacies are not isolated events — they form a coherent renaissance. Bharat is rising, not in confrontation, but in quiet, dignified self-assertion.

## EU envoy trips up in Pakistan

Kaja Kallas, the EU's High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and former Estonian premier, stated during Operation Sindoor, "Rising tensions between India and Pakistan are alarming. I urge both sides to show restraint and pursue dialogue." This came after the EU chief, Ursula Von der Leyen, had condemned the terrorist strike in Pahalgam mentioning "the vile terror attack in Pahalgam today stole so many innocent lives," and adding "Europe stands with you." Kaja, on the other hand, was playing to Pakistan's narrative. Rawalpindi initiated the terrorist strike, then sought global support when India hit back, and threatened a nuclear war. Addressing a joint conference a month later in Europe, alongside Kallas, External Affairs minister Jaishankar schooled her, "This (Sindoor) is not a conflict between two states. This is actually a response to the threat and practice of terrorism. I would urge you not to think of it as India-Pakistan, but think of it as India-Terroristan." He added that India would never give in to "nuclear blackmail." The message from India was clear, an attack on its soil will draw a firm response. The EU commission website describes India-EU ties in these words: "The EU-India relationship is rooted in shared values of democracy, rule of law, and sustainable development." After the India-EU summit held on 27 Jan this year, the MEA statement read, "The strategic agenda covers key areas: prosperity and sustainability, technology and innovation, security and defence, connectivity and global issues, reinforced by enablers across pillars." It

appeared cooperation was growing in all spheres, when suddenly Kallas applied the brakes. Kallas visited Islamabad recently and interacted with its political and military leadership. The joint statement issued at the end of her visit displayed how diplomacy can cause more damage than good. The statement said: "The Pakistan side briefed on the issue of Jammu and Kashmir. The EU side briefed on Russia's war against Ukraine. Both sides expressed support to peaceful resolution of conflicts through dialogue and diplomacy, in accordance with the principles of the UN Charter." Was the intent to equate Kashmir with Ukraine? Possibly not, but the way it was worded, it conveyed this. The only similarity is that both were invaded, Ukraine by Russia and Kashmir by Pakistan. While Kallas criticized Russia, her approach supported Pakistan. Was it intentional or did Ishaq Dar manage to place Kashmir on the same plane as Ukraine and internationalize it? How did diplomats accompanying Kallas fail to grasp that this would invite reaction from India? The joint statement also indicates that Kashmir is an unsettled dispute, something Pakistan insists on, whereas India believes Pakistan is illegally occupying its territory. It also refuses international mediation, which the world respects, less Kallas, who supported it. The Indian government hit back: "India categorically rejects such unwarranted reference in the joint press communique on matters internal to India. The UTs of J and K and Ladakh are integral and inalienable parts of India." India is also planning to lodge a formal



protest with the EU. A couple of years ago, in response to Europe linking Galwan to Ukraine, Jaishankar said: "There is a linkage today which is being made. A linkage between China and India and what's happening in Ukraine. China and India happened before Ukraine." In Islamabad a similar linkage was made between Kashmir and Ukraine, but Kallas supported it, rather than questioning it. Pakistan raises Kashmir in every global forum and during every visit, a view accepted only by those with vested anti-India interests. Is EU now wading into this category? Possibly Kallas was hoping that Pakistan, in return, would involve the EU in some form of mediation in Iran. Her statement at the press conference hinted at this, "I see a concrete role for the EU in helping to make any eventual agreement durable." Europe is obsessed with Ukraine. It imagines that it would be the next target for Russian expansion. Concerns are increasing especially as the US threatens to limit its involvement. Any nation which offers to listen

to Europe's lament on Ukraine is on the right side. Pakistan has an undeclared role in Ukraine. Its ammunition factories supply artillery ammunition to Ukraine, which European and US companies cannot fulfil. Hence, an added soft corner. A statement issued in January this year, at the conclusion of the India-EU summit mentioned, "The leaders unequivocally and strongly condemned terrorism and violent extremism, in all its forms and manifestations including cross-border terrorism." It was evident that cross-border terrorism implied Pakistan, however it was not named. A similar reference was made in Islamabad, but this time the statement specifically mentioned Afghanistan: "They expressed serious concern over the presence of terrorist entities in Afghanistan and reiterated that Afghan territory must not be used to threaten or attack other countries." By this sentence Pakistan projected itself as a victim of terrorism, ignoring the fact that every terrorist strike in India has a Pakistan hand, which also houses almost all global terrorists.

Blaming Afghanistan was easy as it was neither at the table nor has a voice but would it still justify Pakistan's military actions against Kabul or its own human rights abuses in Baluchistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa? Just mentioning that Pakistan must improve its labour and human rights record to continue with the European Union's trade preferences is nothing. It should have been warned to stop supporting terrorism as a basic pre-requisite. Kallas highlighted Pakistan's right of self-defence at the press conference. She mentioned, "Pakistan has the right to defend itself and its people in line with the international law." If this was the intent, then why did she seek 'restraint and dialogue' during Sindoor. India too responded in self-defence. In a similar vein, is Kallas justifying Israel's actions against Gaza and Lebanon; after all, Israel's response is also linked to terrorism. She had earlier stated on Israel's actions in Gaza, "Israel's military operation in Gaza, the disproportionate use of force and the deaths of civilians cannot be tolerated." If one has the right to defend, why not others. Her comments may not make much difference to Indian policy as it remains firm on Kashmir and refuses any mediation, while accusing Pakistan of supporting terrorism. But they show her and the EU in poor light, incapable of adhering to their own statements, and adopting double standards, especially with a nation with which they seek to enhance strategic ties. It is only a matter of time before she is schooled once again by Jaishankar.

## Eating smarter, not stricter: India's summer plate in 2026

For years, India's relationship with healthy eating was loud and anxious. It came with calorie counters, banned food lists, WhatsApp-forwarded charts, and a rotating cast of celebrity-endorsed plan, keto one season, intermittent fasting the next. Every summer brought a new rulebook, and most people abandoned it by June. Something has changed in 2026. Walk into a home kitchen in Bhopal, a tiffin service in Pune, or a neighbourhood dhaba in Coimbatore, and the conversation around food sounds different. Less frantic. More grounded. People are not chasing a body transformation before a wedding or reversing a blood report in thirty days. They are simply trying to eat in a way that makes sense for the season, for their body, and for the long run. Why summer is the testing ground India's summer, which now stretches from March through June in most of the country, and longer in many states, puts the body under real pressure. Sweating, lethargy, digestive sluggishness, and disrupted sleep are not inconveniences. They are signals. The body in peak heat func-



tions differently, and what worked on a January morning can feel like a burden in May. Traditional wisdom acknowledged this. Grandmothers kept curd in clay pots. Summer lunches were lighter, built around cooling grains and vegetables with high water content. Afternoon meals shrank; mornings and evenings carried more. This was not a diet. It was common sense, passed down through lived experience. What is happening in 2026 is that a younger, more urban generation is rediscovering these instincts, not through nostalgia, but through fatigue with the alternative. The wellness industry sold them complicated systems. Those systems made them

more anxious about food, not healthier. Now they are stepping back and asking a simpler question: what actually feels good to eat right now? Across Indian kitchens this summer, a handful of ingredients have quietly reclaimed their place at the table. Sattu, roasted chana flour, is being stirred into cold water with lemon and black salt and consumed as a mid-morning drink across Bihar, UP, and now far beyond. It costs almost nothing, keeps the stomach full without weighing it down, and handles heat far better than a protein shake. Raw mango is back in everything. Not just as aam panna, though that too, but gatted into

dals, stirred into chutneys, and eaten sliced with salt and chilli as an afternoon snack. The natural tartness cuts through the heaviness of summer meals, and the hydration is a bonus nobody is calculating. Kokum, long known to coastal Maharashtra and Kerala, is turning up in urban cafés and home refrigerators across the country, valued for its cooling effect and its ability to settle a restless stomach. Tender coconut water continues its ascent, not as a packaged product but sourced fresh, which has driven a visible increase in roadside vendors in tier-two cities. These are not superfoods given a Western rebrand. They are local, affordable, and effective, and people are reaching for them because they work, not because an influencer told them to. Lighter portions, not smaller ambitions One of the clearest shifts in 2026 is how people are thinking about meal size in summer. Portion reduction used to be a punishment, something you did reluctantly to hit a number on a scale. That framing is fading. What is taking its place is an instinctive, meal-by-meal read-

ing of hunger. A lighter breakfast of poha or overnight soaked oats with fruit. A proper but not heavy lunch. A gap in the afternoon that might involve a cold drink or a handful of puffed rice. An early, small dinner. This rhythm is neither new nor revolutionary. It is how most Indian households ate before processed food and desk jobs rewrote the schedule. What the menu looks like now Breakfasts lean cooling and light: fruits, thin poha, idli with sambar, soaked nuts, or a simple smoothie made with curd and seasonal fruit rather than imported protein powders. Lunches remain the anchor meal, rice or roti with a dal, a sabzi made from seasonal summer vegetables like lauki or tinda, and a bowl of curd. Nothing extravagant, nothing extreme. Dinners are shrinking. This is perhaps the most consistent shift across income groups and geographies. The heavy evening meal, a habit partly inherited from desk work and late family schedules, is being replaced by soups, khichdi, or just a lighter version of lunch.

## 'Bibi, you better be careful': Trump warns Netanyahu against striking Iran

Iran and Israel said on Monday they had halted attacks on each other after an appeal from US President Donald Trump, though Tehran warned it would resume hostilities if Israel continued to hit Hezbollah in Lebanon. The most direct confrontation between the two countries since April threatened to wreck Washington's efforts to reach an agreement with Tehran to end their more than three-month-old war. Oil prices rose as much



as 5 per cent after the flurry of attacks, then fell when Iran's military said its first wave of strikes on Israel was over. The dollar retreated from its highest level in nearly two months. A source briefed on the matter said Israel had also decided to halt its attacks on Iran. Tehran had fired missiles towards Israeli territory late on Sunday, calling them retaliation for attacks on the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia on the outskirts of Beirut. Israel then hit Iranian air defence systems and a petrochemical plant that it said was used to produce ballistic missiles. Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said it retaliated with a strike aimed at a similar Israeli plant in the city of Haifa. No deaths were reported by authorities on either side.

The latest exchanges complicated Trump's push to end a war that the US and Israel launched on February 28. A ceasefire announced on April 8 paused all-out warfare. But flare-ups in the Gulf have continued. Trump said Israel and Iran both wanted an immediate ceasefire.

"Final negotiations on 'Peace' are proceeding, subject to ignorance or stupidity getting in its way," he wrote on social media. US and Israeli officials said Trump and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu spoke on Monday. In an interview with Axios published on Monday, Trump said he warned Netanyahu that if the Israeli leader went back to war with Iran, he might find himself fighting alone. "I said, 'Bibi, you better be careful, or you will be on your own very soon,'" Trump said. Israel's

Ambassador to the US Yechiel Leiter pushed back on reports that Trump pressured Netanyahu, telling Fox News' "Special Report" that conversations between the two leaders were cooperative and accusing journalists of playing up a misleading narrative. "They have a deep friendship that goes back some 40 years, and sometimes lovers have a spat, and sometimes the tension in the room and on the conversation can get a little heated," Leiter said. An Israeli military official said Israel was prepared to continue operations for "as long as it takes", while Iranian officials struck a similarly defiant tone. A military source quoted by the semi-official Tasnim news agency said Tehran was ready for a prolonged conflict and could renew strikes against US interests in the region.

'Extreme suspicion' UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres urged all parties to exercise maximum restraint and refrain from any action that could further inflame an already volatile situation, according to spokesperson Farhan Haq. Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said Tehran was exchanging messages with Washington in an atmosphere of "extreme suspicion."

Ebrahim Azizi, head of the Iranian parliament's national security committee, warned that any action against Iranian national security or Iran's allies in the region, including Yemen's Houthis, would be met with a decisive and costly response, Iranian media reported. Yemen's Iran-aligned Houthis pledged in a statement to stop Israeli

navigation in the Red Sea, and said they had also fired missiles at Israel.

The Israeli military later said it intercepted a suspicious aerial target from Yemen after hostile aircraft sirens sounded in the Eilat area. The Houthis have so far largely stayed out of the regional war. They control territory at the mouth of the Red Sea, increasingly important as an alternative route for millions of barrels per day of Middle East oil otherwise blocked by Iran's

grip on the Strait of Hormuz.

In Tehran, Iranian media reported explosions, with air defenses shooting down a drone over the capital. There were no immediate reports of casualties or major damage. There were also signs of conditions returning to normal. Flights resumed at Tehran's Imam Khomeini Airport on Tuesday, nearly 24 hours after being suspended following Iran's missile attack on Israel, Iranian media reported. Lebanese-Israeli talks to resume Israel has never halted its Lebanon campaign, which has killed thousands of people, saying it should be treated separately from any US-Iranian ceasefire. Hezbollah has also continued its attacks. Tehran has long said any peace deal with the US depends in part on an end to fighting in Lebanon, which Israel invaded in March in pursuit of Hezbollah fighters who had fired across the border. The US ambassador to Lebanon, Michel Issa, said on Monday that Lebanese-Israeli negotiations had been scheduled to resume in Washington.

Tehran has continued to block most shipping through the Strait of Hormuz, which before the war carried a fifth of the world's crude oil and liquefied natural gas. Washington has imposed its own blockade of Iranian ports.

Trump has said any peace deal must ensure Iran cannot develop a nuclear weapon. Iran's demands include the lifting of international sanctions, the release of billions of dollars in frozen assets and recognition of its control of the strait.

## Zelenskyy arrives in Estonia to attend Nordic-Baltic summit

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy arrived in Estonia on Tuesday to attend a summit of Nordic and Baltic leaders and to meet with Estonian President Alar Karis, Estonian public broadcaster ERR reported. Estonia is hosting the summit in its capital, Tallinn. The country holds the rotating presidency of the NB8, a regional grouping of the five Nordic countries and the three Baltic states. It brought together the bloc's prime ministers, along with Zelenskyy. The Ukrainian leader was accompanied by first lady Olena Zelenska, whom Estonia's Foreign Ministry welcomed in a post on the social platform X. The visit comes amid friction over Ukrainian drones, which have repeatedly strayed into the region in recent months as Kyiv steps up strikes on Baltic Sea ports Russia uses to export oil in a bid to make Moscow pay an economic cost for its war in Ukraine. Meanwhile, Russia kept



up its strikes across Ukraine. In the northeastern Kharkiv region, three people were killed and 25 others, including three children, were wounded in attacks over the past 24 hours, said Oleh Syniehubov, head of the regional administration. In the Dnipropetrovsk region, three people were wounded when several districts came under attack overnight, said regional administration head Oleksandr Hanzha. Russia launched 166 long-range strike drones and two guided missiles at Ukraine overnight, the

Ukrainian air force said. Air defences shot down 146 of the drones, it said. Russia's Defence Ministry said that air defences downed 140 Ukrainian drones overnight. A woman was killed when a Ukrainian drone hit an apartment building in the Belgorod region, regional emergency officials said.

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Andrii Sybiha also travelled to Tallinn, where he met his Estonian counterpart, Margus Tsahkna. The two discussed Ukraine's security, pressure on Russia, and Kyiv's bid to join the European Union, Tsahkna

said. "Estonia will continue to stand by Ukraine for as long as it takes," Tsahkna wrote on X. "As Putin intensifies his attacks and shows no sign of abandoning his imperial ambitions, our responsibility is to increase pressure, not offer concessions." In May, Foreign Minister Margus Tsahkna said Estonia supports Ukraine's bid to join the European Union and wants the bloc to keep advancing the process. Separately, Zelenskyy said Monday that he had held positive talks with US representatives Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner during a stopover at an airport in Moldova's capital, describing them as focused on ending the war.

In a social media post, he said the two sides discussed diplomatic prospects ahead of this month's Group of Seven summit, and that he had briefed the US side on Ukraine's assessment of Russia's intentions.

## Wild black bear in Japan captured after multi-day hunt grips nation's attention

The Japanese city of Utsunomiya captured a wild black bear on Tuesday after a dramatic multi-day search that gripped the nation, as local schools closed and residents were urged to stay indoors. The city closed all 94 municipal primary and middle schools for a second straight day on Tuesday after its first-ever bear sighting on Saturday evening.

Authorities decided to keep schools closed again on Wednesday due to a report of a possible second bear roaming the city, an official said. Bear attacks have spiked in Japan, including in urban areas, prompting the government to set up a task force this year to reduce incidents. In fiscal 2025, the country reported a record 238 casualties, including 13 deaths, according to the environment ministry. With about 500,000 residents, Utsunomiya, in Tochigi Prefecture, is part of the Greater Tokyo Metropolitan region, about 100 km (60 miles) north of the capital. When the bear resurfaced in a residential area early on Tuesday afternoon, police cars and other vehicles involved

in the search promptly blocked off the vicinity. For more than an hour, police officers milled about, with some holding long sticks and others metal shields, as some national broadcasters aired live footage filmed from helicopters. The adult bear, which was estimated to weigh about 100 kg (220 lbs), was eventually shot with a tranquiliser gun, loaded onto a cage on a truck and driven away. The city has yet to decide what to do with it, an official said. Around 100 km to the northeast, Iwaki, in Fukushima Prefecture, also suspended classes at three schools on Tuesday in a neighbourhood where a black bear was spotted a day earlier. Last week, a bear attack in Fukushima city left at least four people injured, with security footage in one



incident showing the animal chasing a man and throwing him to the ground. Asiatic black bears are listed as a vulnerable species globally, but their numbers are estimated to have tripled in Japan since 2012, aided by a decline in hunting. Experts say climate change has reduced harvests of natural bear food like acorns and beechnuts, while the depopulation of rural areas and the proliferation of abandoned farmland have emboldened them to seek nourishment near human settlements.

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## 20,000 people displaced by Philippines earthquake that killed at least 37

Rescuers searched ruined buildings in the southern Philippines on Tuesday to ensure no one was still trapped a day after one of the strongest earthquakes to hit the country in a half-century killed at least 37 people and displaced more than 20,000. Only four people were considered missing on official records in the southern provinces near where the 7.8 magnitude quake struck Monday morning, but the Office of Civil Defense acknowledged several collapsed and heavily damaged buildings must be thoroughly inspected for possible survivors or casualties. The earthquake centered off Mindanao, the second most populous Philippine island, injured nearly 500 people and dis-

placed more than 20,000, most of whom fled to emergency shelters. Many people who left their homes feared a tsunami. Waves up to 1.4-meter (4.6-foot) above tide level were measured in the Philippines, but the only tsunami damage reported was to six shanties on stilts in a coastal village. Smaller waves washed ashore in Indonesia and Palau and as far away as southern Japan. Landslides and building collapses caused several deaths.

The earthquake left a trail of destruction, including in General Santos, a lively coastal city of more than 700,000 people known as the country's tuna capital, where at least 13 people were killed in collapsed

buildings and due to falling debris. At least 18 died in Sarangani province mostly in a landslide that buried houses in the mountainside town of Glan, according to Rafaelito Alejandro of the Office of Civil Defense. The other deaths were reported in the southern provinces of South Cotabato and Davao Occidental, and on Balut Island, disaster-response officials said.

About 2,000 houses and 117 government buildings and facilities were damaged in several provinces, according to an initial government damage assessment. The international airport in General Santos remained shut, forcing the cancellation of 63 domestic flights except

for those on humanitarian mission.

About 6,000 public school buildings in quake-hit provinces must be assessed before classes can resume. The quake struck on the first day of classes nationwide after a two-month summer break and many who sustained injuries were young students who had gathered with excitement for morning flag-raising ceremonies.

The authorities have warned that buildings that sustained cracks could collapse due to aftershocks, some of them dangerously powerful. "We cannot force the immediate reopening of schools because we have to ensure the integrity of the buildings," Alejandro said.

## Nepal restricts imports of mangoes from India

Nepal has restricted the import of mangoes from India due to the fruit allegedly containing excessive pesticides and a lack of quarantine facilities in the border areas, officials here said. As a result of the ban, the local markets are now filled with domestically grown mangoes. Mangoes are in high demand during the summer season. Officials said the government restricted the import of mangoes, which contained excessive pesticides, and due to a lack of quarantine facilities in the border areas, mainly the Madhesh province. The restriction on the import of mangoes from India has encouraged local farmers, as they do not have to compete with Indian fruits this season, said Ajaya Gyawali, information officer at the Ministry of Land Management, Agriculture and Cooperatives of Madhesh province. "It has promoted the local production, which is a positive development," he added. However, he said the domestic production may be insufficient to meet the demand for mangoes across the country. Siraha,



Saptari and Dhanusha districts in the Madhesh province are the major producers of mangoes, according to Gyawali. In Nepal, mangoes are produced between mid-May and mid-July. The restriction may also affect some industries that are based on mangoes, such as fruit juice manufacturers, he said.

According to local traders, it is important to import mangoes from India to meet the demand for the fruit throughout the year, as the production of Nepalese mangoes is limited to just two months. Bhuvaneshwar Purbe, general secretary of the Fruit and Vegetable Traders' Association in Janakpur, said halting Indian

imports could lead to shortages in the domestic market. He advised the government to strengthen quarantine systems and allow Indian fruits to enter the Nepalese market after proper quality testing, instead of imposing a complete ban on imports, according to The Rising Nepal daily.

According to him, though over 50 tonnes of mangoes arrive from neighbouring districts in Janakpur, which is later supplied to Kathmandu and other parts of the country, the local production alone may not be sufficient to meet the entire demand. The traders warn that the price of mangoes, which is around NPR 100 to 150 per kg in Kathmandu presently, may reach even higher in the coming days if the restriction imposed on the import of the fruit from India is not lifted.

With the halt in import of bananas from India, the fruit, which cost around NPR 120-150 a dozen till last year, has now reached NPR 250 to 300 per dozen, complain local consumers.

## Palestinians trapped between Israeli forces, settlers and Hamas: UN report

The Israeli authorities are directly involved in illegal settler attacks that have killed, injured and displaced Palestinians in the occupied West Bank, while Israeli security forces provide protection to settlers, a UN inquiry said on Tuesday. The report by the Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory also found that Palestinians are trapped between Israeli forces, settlers and Hamas. The global body said the Israeli authorities have enabled settler attacks through financial and military support, in a climate of impunity fostered by judicial and law-enforcement bodies. It said attacks on Palestinian villages and agricultural land have surged since 2023, rising



by 130 per cent, including incidents involving groups of masked assailants. Israeli security forces have routinely accompanied settlers and acted as a shield for the violence, the report said. "Violence by settlers is the direct outcome of Israeli policies that support, enable and protect their actions," commission chair

Srinivasan Muralidhar said in a statement. Civilians across war-ravaged Gaza and the occupied West Bank are being "systematically and deliberately" subjected to severe rights violations, the UN probe report said. It said that civilians in the territory were also being "violently repressed and controlled by the very faction that claims to govern

them". In the Gaza Strip, "ordinary Palestinians find themselves trapped between the structural violence and mass atrocities of Israeli forces and the predatory, fear-based rule of Hamas", the report said. Hundreds of thousands of illegal Israeli settlers live among millions of Palestinians on land Israel occupied in a 1967 war, where Palestinians hope to build a state. Most countries and the UN's top court consider such settlements illegal and a violation of international law. At least seven Palestinians were killed and 832 injured last year, with violence continuing into 2026 in the form of near-daily attacks, according to the United Nations.

## What Apple revealed about Siri and its AI push at its annual developer conference

Apple on Monday unveiled new artificial intelligence advances including upgrades to its Siri assistant, emphasising a focus on privacy and day-to-day use as the iPhone maker tries to catch up to rivals when it comes to AI. Siri AI, which was introduced at the start of Apple's annual World Wide Developers Conference (WWDC), has been highly anticipated by users and developers. While Siri was launched in 2011, it fell behind

other voice assistants and was derided even by Apple fans. It is the last WWDC featuring CEO Tim Cook before he turns his post over to John Ternus in September. Cook received an extended standing ovation and told the audience he is "deeply grateful to have been on this journey with you" and said "the energy around Apple platforms has never been stronger". The conference, which drew developers from some 65 countries to

Apple's Silicon Valley headquarters, focuses on software, in contrast to the fall unveiling of the latest iPhones. Apple steps up its AI game. Apple has sought to distinguish itself from its peers by stressing a privacy-centred approach and integrating AI across its devices and apps. There was no mention of AI superintelligence or companion chatbots. Rather, Apple sought to demonstrate how its AI tools can

make life easier. Apple software chief Craig Federighi took some swipes at AI companies -- without naming them -- that seem to be "pursuing AI for the sake of AI" without clear regard for the people it is supposed to serve. At Apple, he said, "we believe that truly helpful AI should be centred around you and your needs," which means integrating AI into the products people use every day, with a focus on privacy.

## Slumdog is based on two very real incidents - Puri Jagannath



Vijay Sethupathi, Samyuktha, Tabu, Duniya Vijay are starring in Puri Jagannath's Slumdog 33 Temple Road. JB Narayana Rao is producing the film with Puri Connects. The movie teaser has been released today and team conducted a press event in Chennai. At the event, Vijay Sethupathi stated that he believes in great stories and called Puri Jagannath, "a great storyteller." He said, "Puri Jagannath has

created history for himself in Indian Cinema and I am very happy to have worked with him. Slumdog is a very action heavy intense emotional film. I believe it will work Pan-India in a big way." Puri Jagannath said, "I respect Vijay Sethupathi alot as an actor and I have glad we worked together for this film. Slumdog is based on two real incidents and it talks about people who have nowhere to go. The intensity that

VJS can convey in his eyes and his performance is outstanding." He further stated that for this film he worked with great actors and in some scenes he cried himself. Puri Jagannath further thanked everyone and he told that Slumdog will be a very good film. He said, "I think Gen-Z is more emotional than millennials and I want every Gen-Z youth to watch the film as it is an intense emotional drama."

## Will Thaman's Confidence Pay Off?



Thaman is one of the star music composers in South who is usually busy with a bunch of projects. He will always have at least four projects happening at the same time. At the moment, Thaman is occupied with the work on multiple films for which he has given his personal verdict. Thaman claimed that he usually never fakes his emotions and always speaks his heart. In the same context, Thaman opined that the teaser of NBK111 has come out exceptionally well. He claimed that it would be one of the biggest blockbusters in Telugu cinema. And then, Thaman is also working on Idu Arjuna, starring a newcomer. The film's vibe is already generating a positive buzz, and Thaman says that it will be a sure-shot blockbuster. On the other hand, Thaman is also shaping the audio album and score of Lenin. Thaman revealed that the film will be a big hit in Akhil's career. The peak excitement that he displayed is for the film Adarsha Kutumbam. Thaman said that the film would become a big hit that no one knows how long it will keep running in theatres. Thaman is also behind Mega158 in the combination of Chiranjeevi and director Bobby. Thaman said that the project will be next level. Interestingly, all these movies will get released within a span of one year from now. We have to see if Thaman can keep everyone talking about his films and music.

## Another Meaty Role For Bhumika



The much-awaited second season of Dhootha is progressing steadily, with Naga Chaitanya not only reprising his lead role but also stepping into the shoes of a producer for the Amazon Prime Video series. Directed by Vikram Kumar, the supernatural thriller has already generated significant buzz following the success of its first season. The latest update is that Bhumika Chawla has been roped in for a key role in the new season. While details about her character are being kept under wraps, sources indicate that she will play an important part in the narrative. The talented actress was last seen in Euphoria, where she portrayed a mother, and has increasingly gravitated towards content-driven projects in recent years. Apart from

Bhumika, the series also features acclaimed actresses Parvathy Thiruvothu and Priya Bhavani Shankar in pivotal roles, adding further depth to an already impressive cast. Dhootha marked a successful OTT debut for Naga Chaitanya, with audiences appreciating its gripping storyline and atmospheric storytelling. Expectations are naturally high for the sequel, especially with Vikram Kumar returning to helm the project. With production now underway and a talented ensemble cast coming together, Dhootha 2 is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated Indian web series in development. Fans will be eager to see how the mysterious world of Dhootha expands in its second chapter.

## Anumana Pakshi Teaser: Innovative and Fresh



Anumana Pakshi starring Rag Mayur is directed by DJ Tillu director Vimal Krishna and produced Rajiv Chilaka. The movie promotional material has created good buzz and anticipation for it. Now, the makers released the teaser. The teaser introduces us to Anumana Pakshi character about how his fears, doubts irritate even his parents. They think about getting him married and the girl accepts him with his character intact. We see Ajay as police officer investi-

gating the story of the lead. Ajay and Raasi scenes bring new comic energy and every character looks fresh. Rag Mayur's performance as the man who doubts everyone and everything is humorous, intelligent and engaging. The entire teaser discusses about makers brought in a mix of three genres including dark comedy, horror and investigative thriller. Vimal Krishna has created a very innovative narrative that flows through organically.



## Sai Durgha Tej's SYG ropes in a famous Bollywood star in crucial role

Sai Durgha Tej is reinventing himself in the Pan-Indian film, Sambarala Yeti Gattu. HanuMan producers Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy are producing this film on a massive scale like never-seen before in the direction of Rohith KP. The movie team has wrapped up a highly crucial Mumbai schedule with a Bollywood star in a prominent role. The details of this Bollywood star will be revealed later. The film is being mounted on a massive pan-Indian scale with uncompromising production values and meticulous planning. By bringing in national-level talent, the makers are ensuring the film's reach expands across audiences nationwide. Every completed schedule reflects the sheer scale and vision behind this exciting venture. Sai Durgha Tej is fully dedicated to



delivering his best performance in what promises to be one of the most powerful and challenging roles of his career. As production advances steadily, the excitement surrounding the film continues to reach new heights, making it one of the most eagerly awaited releases in the Indian film industry.

## Peddi: It's Jagapathi Babu After Ram Charan



While Mega Power Star Ram Charan has emerged as the biggest talking point of Peddi, another performance that is generating appreciation is that of Jagapathi Babu as Appalasoori. The actor has surprised audiences with a character unlike anything they have seen from him in recent years. Jagapathi Bbau's transformation, commanding screen presence, and nuanced portrayal have struck a chord with viewers,

Appalasoori one of the film's most discussed characters. Many moviegoers are even calling Jagapathi Babu the standout performer after Ram Charan, with social media platforms heaping praises for his impactful performance. The character's depth and the actor's conviction have added significant weight to the narrative, leaving a lasting impression. From packed theatres to online discussions, appreciation for

Appalasoori continues to grow. Viewers have particularly lauded the way Jagapathi Babu brings authenticity and intensity to the role, proving once again why he remains one of the most versatile actors in Indian cinema. With this Buchi Babu Sana directorial, Jagapathi Babu has delivered yet another memorable performance, turning Appalasoori into a character that audiences are likely to remember for ages.

## Honest attempts convert into big blockbusters - Ram Charan



Mega Power Star Ram Charan is creating huge sensation at the box office with Peddi. The movie is receiving huge applause everywhere and passed crucial Monday test too. Charan's performance is receiving huge appreciation from sections of audiences. The movie team held a Thank You Meet to express their gratitude. Director Buchi Babu Sana thanked audiences for giving them such huge blockbuster success. He stated that he is continuously receiving messages and videos showcasing families going with kids to theatres. He stated that he took inspiration from Khelo India campaign initiated by PM Narendra Modi in 2017-18 for this movie story.

Jagapathi Babu stated that he got a jerk on the first day when there were mixed reactions due to few scenes. As the positive word-of-mouth settled and movie became such a huge blockbuster, he is happy. He reiterated that he is forever thankful to Ram Charan and Buchi Babu for giving him another career best role and film. Ram Charan stated that he is thoroughly satisfied by the response he is receiving for his performance. He emotionally stated that he believed in Peddi script genuinely and put in all the efforts he could with honesty, sincerity and commitment. He stated that audiences have proved that such heartfelt efforts will always be rewarded.

## Allu Arjun's Sudden Surprise For Mega - Allu Fans!



Despite relentless rumours of a rift, the Mega and Allu families continue to prove them wrong time and again. From family events to public gestures, the bond remains strong. Now, Allu Arjun's praise for Ram Charan and Peddi has once again delighted fans of both camps. Allu Arjun has shared his thoughts on Peddi and his tweet is winning hearts across social media. The Pushpa actor heaped praise on Ram Charan's performance and called it a gritty and raw act backed by an extraordinary transformation and graceful dance moves. Bunny said he was genuinely proud of his brother and felt Charan deserved every bit of the applause coming his way.

He also appreciated Jagapathi Babu, Janhvi Kapoor and the rest of the cast for their contributions to the film. Special praise was reserved for director Buchi Babu Sana. Allu Arjun credited the filmmaker for elevating every artist in the film and presenting Ram Charan on a grand scale. He also congratulated the producers and technicians behind the project. Interestingly, Allu Arjun is the first major Tollywood star hero to publicly shower praise on Peddi. Naturally, his tweet grabbed the attention of both Mega and Allu fans. For some time now, social media has been flooded with unverified rumours about differences

between the Mega and Allu families. However, both families have repeatedly dismissed such talk through their actions and public appearances. Now, Bunny's warm words for Charan have once again strengthened that message. Fans from both sides are celebrating the gesture and welcoming the positive vibes surrounding the two families. Meanwhile, Peddi continues its box office journey on a strong note. The film is now heading towards the Rs 300 crore worldwide gross mark. After a powerful opening weekend, it has managed a decent hold during the weekdays despite the expected drop, with all eyes now on its full run.

## Ram Gopal Varma's Take On Reviewers Is This

Big movies on one side, and independent YouTube reviewers on the other side. Peddi has seen most of it, with some reviewers talking about only the negative aspect of the film, and some targeting it with the choicest of words. However, some alleged that the movie team is throwing copyright strikes on those people. Amidst this chaos, veteran filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma tried to give a new perspective on this. Varma stated in a video interview that review writers are like 'rains' and you cannot blame the rain for getting wet. He stated that when there are rains, either we should stay indoors, use a raincoat, or get drenched; that's the only option. But you can't blame the rain and shout at it. The maverick director felt that the whole society gets criticised every single day, including the likes of phones, restaurants, political moves, cricket; everything gets reviewed by the public, so why not films and the film industry? RGV straightaway stated that producers



want to keep the audience blind for the first three days of the release, such that they could make a lot of money. Perhaps that's the reason they went even to Court to block reviews for three days. He even stated that reviewers are doing a service for the public by asking them to stay away from a movie and save their money, such that they won't spend unnecessarily on garbage. He says that the minute a ticket is sold, the audience will have the right to speak about the film in public domain. Will Tollywood buy into this, or keep continuing to attack the reviewers and the whole reviewing system in the name of spoiling the market? We have to see!

## Winning has become second nature for India, says head coach Muzumdar ahead of Women's T20 WC

New Delhi: India head coach Amol Muzumdar believes the team's sustained success over the last few years has helped create a winning culture within the squad, as the reigning ICC Women's Cricket World Cup champions prepare for another shot at global silverware at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. India enter the tournament carrying the tag of world champions after ending their long wait for a senior women's ICC title by lifting the 50-over World Cup last year. The achievement has elevated expectations around the side, but Muzumdar insists his players are well-equipped to handle the pressures that come with competing on cricket's biggest stage. "There's pressure in every tournament, and the players are used to it. They've been playing international cricket for some time now. But in a tournament like the World Cup, we'll be going in as ODI World Cup champions for the first time," Muzumdar told JioStar. The coach believes India's recent success has not been built solely on major tournament performances but on a mindset developed through consistently treating every series as an important assignment. "Winning is a habit. Over the last three years, we've tried to win every series and to treat each one as extremely important, regardless of who we're playing against. Once you



get into the habit of winning series, it becomes second nature," he said. Under Harmanpreet Kaur and Muzumdar, India have established themselves as one of the most consistent teams in women's cricket, with the World Cup triumph serving as the culmination of years of progress. The focus now is on maintaining those standards and ensuring the team approaches the T20 World Cup with the same intensity that fueled their success in the 50-over format. Muzumdar also highlighted the commitment shown by the squad during its build-up to the tournament, praising the players' dedication during the preparation phase. "The team has been working very hard on this for the past month. I've never seen a team, irrespective of gender, work so hard and be so dedicated towards one goal," he

mentioned. While India will rely heavily on experienced campaigners such as Harmanpreet Kaur, Smriti Mandhana, Deepti Sharma and Jemimah Rodrigues, the squad also includes players who were not part of the World Cup-winning group. Integrating those players into the team's culture has been a key focus for the coaching staff. National Politics Updates Discussing the message delivered to squad members who missed out on last year's historic triumph, Muzumdar emphasised the importance of unity and knowledge-sharing within the dressing room. "It's about bringing the youngsters together. This team has seniors who are always ready to share whatever experiences they have gained," Muzumdar stated. The coach pointed to wicket-keeper-batter Yastika Bhatia as an example of a

player capable of making an impact despite spending significant time away from the international arena because of injury setbacks. "There are a few new faces in this team. Yastika has been playing for many years, but she was sidelined due to injury. She knows what international cricket is all about," he added. For Muzumdar, the message to every player in the squad remains straightforward as India chase another ICC title, as he said, "So, there's only one message: go out there, give your best, and try to win games for India. It's as simple as that." With the confidence of world champions and a squad blending experience with emerging talent, India will head into the Women's T20 World Cup aiming to prove that last year's triumph was not the end of a journey, but the beginning of a sustained era of success.

## We were superstitious, hence didn't come to watch second day's play: Suthar's father Jagdish

Jagdish Suthar, a retired Physical Education teacher from Rajasthan's Sri Ganganagar district, had travelled all the way to Mullanpur with his family to watch his elder child Manav make his Test debut for India but left for home without watching his son's on-field exploits on second day of the match against Afghanistan on Sunday. Suthar made a brilliant debut as he had the Afghanistan batters tied in knots with figures of 3 for 21 in 15.5 overs. "Yes, me, my wife and my daughter Mansi (Manav's younger sister) had come to watch his debut. I can't describe how it felt seeing him get the Test Cap yesterday. However today we had come back home as we were all nervous and a bit superstitious watching him live in action from the stadium," the soft-spoken Jagdish Suthar

told PTI during an exclusive interaction on the second day of the Test. A man of few words, Jagdish was very reluctant to take any credit for his family to watch his elder child Manav make his Test debut for India and the hours that he has put into practice. He would leave home for training in the morning and return late in the evening. It is his credit and his childhood coach Dheeraj Sharma to whom we are all indebted. Manav learnt all his cricket under him," Suthar senior said. Asked when it was that he found that his son has talent, Suthar said that it wasn't one fine day that he realised it. "Like every other child, he was also passionate about cricket. He would play with tennis and rubber ball when he was around six to seven years old. Since I was a PT teacher, I always encour-



aged my son to play the sport and enjoy. When he was around 10 to 11 years old, I had enrolled him in Dheeraj sir's academy. After that I just told him, 'Tujhe jo achha lage, tu kar, mera support humesha tere saath rahega (Whatever you feel like pursuing, do it and I will give you my full support),' Jagdish added. Asked if he was concerned about his son's studies, he replied in the negative.

"Cricket was his focus but he has also completed his graduation," he informed. According to Suthar, his son is very reticent and seldom speaks about cricket when he is at home. "When he is at home, we hardly have conversations on cricket. He doesn't speak much. We know that he is a big fan of Ravichandran Ashwin and the way he had dominated world cricket during his time," he concluded.

## 'Met Virat but couldn't speak, felt nervous': Pooja Vastrakar recalls star-struck moment

New Delhi: Even as one of India's most experienced all-rounders and a regular presence in the national setup, Pooja Vastrakar isn't immune to feeling starstruck. The Indian woman cricketer, currently captaining Chambal Ghariyals in the Women's MPL T20, recalled a chance meeting with Virat Kohli in South Africa and admitted that nerves got the better of her, preventing her from striking up a conversation with one of Indian cricket's biggest icons. National Politics Updates "I met Virat in South Africa. But I didn't talk to him. Because we were at the airport, and I thought he was occupied. I was nervous, maybe, so I didn't speak to him because he's someone with a busy schedule. And I never felt the need for it. Because if you go to the NCA (BCCI CoE), you meet all the players there. There are coaches. We have so many senior players in our team. So, they help us with small things. So, I didn't talk to him at that level," Pooja, who also represents RCB, told IANS during an exclusive interaction. The candid admission offered a rare glimpse into the human side of one of India's most experienced all-rounders,



who has represented the country across formats and featured in the Women's Premier League for both the Mumbai Indians and Royal Challengers Bengaluru. Away from franchise cricket, Pooja is currently focused on leading the Chambal Ghariyals in the Women's MPL T20, a tournament she believes is an important stepping stone for aspiring cricketers. "This platform is very big for girls. And when they get a platform, they get a chance to show their skills. And when there's a tournament like this, all the scout members are involved, and they have an eye on the players. And I think even they know that this is a big platform for the play-

ers and that they're working hard. So, any good innings or a good moment, even if it's a ball, it's good for them to go to the camps, whenever there are any," she said. Asked what separates future India players from the rest, Pooja pointed to discipline as the defining quality. "I think discipline is very important. Because a lot of people work hard, a lot of people have talent. But the discipline, if you're bowling an over, can you deliver all the 6 balls exactly the way the captain wants you to? If you're batting, if the score is 120, can you stay till the end and chase it down? That is where discipline is crucial in making a player a star," Pooja expressed. As captain, Pooja said her responsibilities extend far beyond her individual performances. "When we play for India, we have our own responsibilities, and that sense builds in. But when you're a captain for a franchise in MPL or even the state team, for that matter, you have to act responsibly, not just for yourself but also for the 15 members plus supporting staff.

## Stars from 16 countries to feature in Mumbai chess event

Mumbai: In all 58 leading chess players representing 16 countries will comprise the star-studded field that will be fighting for the various titles in the Masters Section (Category A) of the Masters Chess Tournament, which will be played at the Expo Hall, World Trade Centre, from June 10 to 18. The 58 contestants in the field include four Grandmasters, 34 International Masters, six FIDE Masters, two Women International Masters, and two Candidate Masters. The Masters Section is the flagship event of the Rs 60 lakh prize money Global Chess Festival, organised by Indian Chess School. It brings together some strong players from India and around the world, with an average rating of 2359. Conducted in a classical format of 9-Round Swiss League, the tournament provides an ideal platform for players to compete for rating points, title norms, and substantial prize money. Offering a total prize fund of Rs 35 lakh, the winner will take home a purse of Rs 8 lakh. India Travel Guide GM Iniyan Pa of Tamil Nadu, the reigning National Champion, is the top seed, with a rating of 2573, followed by GM Sankalp Gupta (2553) and GM Abhijeet Gupta (2540). While India has 32 players in the fray, the other countries represented are Belarus, Egypt, Russia, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Georgia, Ukraine, Slovakia, Scotland, Vietnam, Canada, the United States, Costa Rica, Cuba, and FIDE. Running concurrently will be the 360 One Global Challengers B Category Tournament and the Junior Masters tournament. The B Category will serve as the perfect platform for ambitious players aspiring to reach the elite Masters level. Open to players rated below



2300, the Challengers Section offers a rare opportunity to compete in a world-class tournament environment while testing their skills against strong and experienced opposition. The 2026 edition has attracted an impressive field of 225 players, making it one of the largest sections of the festival. The winner of the Challengers Section will earn a direct qualification to the 2027 Masters Tournament, irrespective of rating. This pathway provides talented players with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to compete alongside Grandmasters and International Masters in the flagship event of the festival. Leading the field is FM Madhvendra Pratap Sharma (2373), supported by a strong contingent of titled players and rising stars eager to make their mark. The Junior Masters Chess Tournament is the crown jewel of junior chess and is proudly billed as the richest tournament for Juniors in the country, offering an impressive prize fund of Rs 10 lakh. Created with the vision of providing young talents a world-class platform to showcase their abilities, the event has become one

of the most sought-after tournaments on the global junior chess calendar. The 2026 edition has attracted 125 young players from India, the United States, and Zambia, with an average age of just 11 years, highlighting the remarkable depth of emerging talent in the game today. Over the years, the Junior Masters has earned a reputation for identifying future stars of world chess. Former participants and champions include some of India's brightest talents, such as D. Gukesh, the reigning World Champion, R. Praggnanandhaa, Divya Deshmukh, and Pranav Venkatesh, all of whom have gone on to achieve remarkable success on the international stage. Adding further prestige to the event is a landmark initiative introduced by the organisers. Beginning this year, the champion of the Junior Masters Section will receive a direct qualification to the 2027 Masters Tournament, irrespective of rating. This unique pathway allows a young champion to earn the opportunity to compete alongside Grandmasters and International Masters in the festival's flagship event.

## 'Life has completely changed after ODI WC, we'll continue this run of winning trophies': Harmanpreet Kaur

New Delhi: India captain Harmanpreet Kaur believes the team's historic ICC Women's Cricket World Cup triumph last year has transformed the outlook of the side, as the players prepare for another shot at global glory at the upcoming ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. National Politics Updates After years of near misses and heartbreak on the biggest stages, India finally broke through by securing their maiden senior women's ICC title with a 50-over World Cup win. As India gear up for the T20 World Cup, skipper Harmanpreet said the breakthrough success has had a profound impact on the squad's confidence and belief. "Yeah, 100 per cent. I think everybody will agree with me that life has completely changed after winning



our first ODI World Cup. Hopefully, we'll continue this run of winning trophies. This is what I want as a captain, and I think it's what everyone in our team has been dreaming of. Hopefully, we'll continue moving in this direction," Harmanpreet told JioStar. The experienced skipper has been one of the central figures in India's rise over the past decade. Having

featured in multiple ICC events and witnessed several campaigns end in disappointment, Harmanpreet now leads a side carrying the confidence that comes from knowing it can win on the biggest stage. That confidence has been evident in India's preparations for the T20 World Cup. The team recently began its warm-up campaign with a victory over the West

Indies in Cardiff, with several squad members delivering encouraging performances. The result added to the growing optimism surrounding a team that now enters major tournaments with heightened expectations rather than lingering doubts. India's squad blends experienced campaigners such as Harmanpreet, Smriti Mandhana and Deepti Sharma with emerging talents who have impressed in recent international assignments. The management will hope that the combination can help sustain the momentum generated by last year's World Cup success. With the T20 World Cup fast approaching, India will be aiming to build on the most successful chapter in their history and add another ICC trophy to their collection.

## Chota Nagpur Royals takes on Ranchi Titans in Jharkhand T20 League opener, Dhoni to attend opening ceremony

Ranchi: Virat Singh led, Chota Nagpur Royals will take on Rajandeep Singh's Ranchi Titans in the opening match of the Jharkhand T20 League starting from June 10 at the JSCA International Stadium Complex. The opener will be followed by the opening ceremony for the Jharkhand T20 League which will be attended by the pride of Jharkhand, MS. Dhoni, one of the most internationally respected cricketers India has produced. National Politics Updates The second match of the day will be played between Koylanchal Super Kings and Janshedpur Steelers, captained by Utkarsh Singh and Kumar Deobrat, respectively. The Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA) have announced the final fixtures for the twenty-seven matches to be played at the JSCA International Stadium Complex, including the two semi-finals and the final. Six franchises i.e. Ranchi Titans, Janshedpur Steelers, Chota Nagpur Royals, Koylanchal Super Kings, Dhanbad Diamonds and Santhal Strikers will be fighting for the coveted trophy of the inaugural Jharkhand T20 League.



"This league marks a significant milestone in Jharkhand cricket. We are excited to witness the best talent from the state compete at a professional level and inspire the next generation of cricketers and wish all the teams and the cricketers the best of luck," said Ajay Nath Shah Deo, President, JSCA. "The response from players, franchises and supporters has already been phenomenal. We are confident that the inaugural edition will set a strong benchmark for the future" stated by Sanjay Pandey, Vice President, JSCA. "The Jharkhand T20 League will create immense opportunities for young players to showcase their abilities alongside experienced campaigners. We look forward to an

exciting season ahead" said Saurabh Tiwary, Honorary Secretary, JSCA. "We are confident that the Jharkhand T20 League will provide fans with two weeks of thrilling and highly competitive cricket while creating valuable opportunities for emerging talent" said Shahbaz Nadeem, Joint Secretary, JSCA. The core aim of the league is to create a platform enabling cricketers to showcase their talent and excel at the state, national and international level. Ishan Kishan, Robin Minz, Kumar Kushagra, Anukul Roy, Sushant Mishra, Utkarsh Singh and Virat Singh are amongst the key players that will be seen in action at the inaugural Jharkhand T20 League.

# Vizag Gen Z in 2026: Trends, Vibes and Obsessions!

Visakhapatnam, June 9; Vizag Gen Z is not just living life the way it used to. There is a noticeable shift in how the city's younger generation spends time, expresses identity, builds habits, and even defines happiness. Everyday routines are no longer just routines anymore. They are aesthetic choices, lifestyle statements, and social media moments waiting to happen. Somewhere between cafe culture, fitness trends, online influence, and emotional self-awareness, a new version of Vizag youth has quietly taken shape. And these are the things they are fully obsessed with right now.

**Aesthetic Cafes That Feel Like a Mood**  
Cafes in Vizag have evolved into more than just food stops. They have become inviting spaces for studying, working, meeting friends, or simply existing in peace. The obsession is no longer just about coffee or desserts. It is about lighting, interiors, calmness, and how the place feels in real life and on camera.

Warm tones, minimal decor, quiet corners, and playlist-driven ambience are now key factors in choosing where to go. A cafe is successful today if it feels like a scheme from a lifestyle reel.

**Romanticising Everyday Life**  
One of the strongest Gen Z traits right now is the ability to turn ordinary moments into something meaningful. Even simple activities like travelling along the beach road, sitting alone with headphones, watching the rain from a café window, or taking slow evening walks are now seen as valuable experiences worth remembering.

Life is no longer just happening. It is being observed, appreciated, and mentally saved as a moment. This mindset has changed how people in Vizag experience their own city.

**Fitness, Glow-Up Culture, and Self-Improvement**  
Fitness is no longer just about health goals. It has become part of identity. Gym routines, running groups, skincare habits, hydration tracking, and diet awareness are now deeply inte-



grated into daily life. Even people who previously avoided fitness conversations are slowly adopting structured routines. The idea of "glow up" has become a long-term personal project rather than a temporary phase.

**Beach Road as a Lifestyle, Not Just a Location**  
Beach Road has always been iconic in Vizag, but Gen Z has given it a new role in daily life. It is now a space for clearing the

mind, late-night drives, casual meetups, solo walks, and music-filled thinking sessions. The road is not just scenic anymore. It is emotional. For many young people, it represents freedom, calmness, and a renewed energy after long days.

**Content Creation Becoming Normal**  
Creating content is no longer seen as something special or separate. It has become part of how people

express themselves. Photography, reels, aesthetic posts, vlogs, and digital storytelling are now common even among those who are not "influencers." Every day of life is being documented more intentionally. Even simple moments are framed like content, whether or not they ever get posted.

**Side Hustles and Financial Independence Mindset**  
There is a growing focus on building something beyond traditional paths. Freelancing, small online businesses, digital skills, content work, and creative services are becoming more common among students and young professionals. The idea of relying on only one income source feels outdated to many. There is a strong push toward independence, flexibility, and doing work that feels personal.

**Soft-Life Energy and Mental Reset Culture**  
A major shift in Gen Z culture is emotional awareness. Rest is now considered productive. Mental health is taken more seriously. Burnout is recognised earlier. And

breaks are no longer seen as laziness but as necessary pauses. There is a visible move toward slower living, emotional balance, and protecting personal peace.

**Music, Headphones, and Personal Soundtracks**  
Music has become a constant companion in daily life. From morning walks to evening drives, from study sessions to random overthinking moments, playlists shape mood and mindset. Everyone seems to have a personal soundtrack for different versions of their day. It is not just listening anymore. It is emotional regulation through sound.

Vizag Gen Z is not defined by one trend or habit. It is a blend of aesthetic living, emotional awareness, ambition, creativity, and a constant search for better versions of everyday life. They are not just consuming culture. They are actively creating it, shaping it, and redefining what youth in Vizag looks like right now.

## Pawan Kalyan stresses on detailed investigation into Vizag Steel Plant accident

Pawan Kalyan stresses on detailed investigation into VSP accident  
By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 9  
For over 35 years, an incident of this magnitude has not happened anywhere, and a comprehensive report will be submitted by a three-man committee from Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL), said Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan.

After interacting with accident victims of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant undergoing treatment at KIMS Icon Hospital in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, Pawan Kalyan said the committee will probe every detail of the incident, including safety audits conducted so far

and protocols followed at the workplace. "Experts will consider all angles of the incident before submitting the final report," he mentioned.

Plant employees brought to Pawan Kalyan's notice that a similar incident occurred in the adjacent department of the plant the day before. However, since it happened at night, no one was injured and no casualty was reported. "After examining the incident spot, I felt the plant needs upgrading," opined Pawan Kalyan.

The Deputy Chief Minister noted that such industrial accidents happen in France and China. "But ladle blast incident is something happening for the first time in the steel



industry. Machinery-wise, Bhilai Steel Plant and Visakhapatnam Steel Plant appear to be similar, while the rest of the steel plants have new and upgraded machineries," he observed.

Twice a year, Visakhapatnam and Anapapalli districts register an industrial accident. There is a need to look

beyond the incidents and probe into the recurring causes of industrial accidents in detail so that they can be prevented from happening, Pawan Kalyan stressed, underlining that monitoring what kind of measures are in place to prevent industrial accidents from repeating plays a critical role. "Whether safety audits

## Andhra Premier League-2026 set to begin at ACA, VDCA stadium

By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 9  
All is set for the Andhra Premier League 2026 or the APL tournament, scheduled to begin in Visakhapatnam on June 9. Operations team of the APL made a complete inspection of the ACA-VDCA stadium, the venue of the tournament, on Sunday.

"All arrangements are ready for the matches to be played in Visakhapatnam," said Girish Dongre, Chief Operating Officer of Andhra Cricket Association.

The opening match of the tournament will be played between Kakinada Kings and Simhadri Visakha Lions from 7.30 p.m. on



June 9. The ACA extends an invitation to cricket fans and the public. Entry to the stadium is free for all. The team which inspected the stadium includes M.S. Kumar, GM (game development, ACA), J.K.M. Raju (stadium manager, ACA), Y. Venkatesh (media manager, ACA) and others. Matches will be played in Visakhapatnam (June 9 to

14), Kadapa (June 17 to 21) and Mangalagiri (June 24 to 30). The competing teams for the Andhra Premier League 2026 are: Simhadri Vizag Lions, Kakinada Kings, Capital Amaravati Royals, Vijayawada Sunshiners, Bhimavaram Bulls, Tungabhadra Warriors and Royals of Rayalaseema.

## The festival of Paiditali Ammavaru celebrated with grandeur

Thousands of devotees visited the goddess  
A couple from Gantla offered new clothes to the goddess.

By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 9  
The festival of Goddess Sri Paiditali, the sister of Simhadri Nath, was held with great pomp and show on Tuesday. This festival, which is held every year in the second week of June, was also held with great pomp this year under the auspices of the Simhachalam Deva sthanam priest Vamsiyulu Landa Varu Village Utsava Committee. The goddess was awakened early in the morning with Suprabhat Seva and worshipped. Thousands of

devotees who were already in the queue lines were given the opportunity to have darshan of the Goddess. The devotees who had gathered from the surrounding villages offered turmeric and saffron to the goddess and paid obeisances. Along with the goddess Paidithalli, all the devotees also had darshan of her other sister Bangaramma. The Simhachalam Devas thanam authorities made all the arrangements so that the devotees did not face any difficulties. On the occasion of the fes-



tival, Sri Paidithallamma, the sisters of Simhadri Nath, and Sri Satthemma Thalli, the honorary president of the Maridimamba Ammavari Temple Committee, former members of the Simhachalam Devasthanam Board of

Trustees, special invitees, National Journalists Association Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Working Journalists Federation State Secretary Gantla Srinu Babu and his wife presented new clothes to the Bangarammavari. They

## A small help, a big act of humanity MGNREGS workers raise fund for Cancer-stricken colleague

Vizianagaram (Gurla), June 9(Skyline):  
A simple act of kindness turned into a powerful example of humanity as MGNREGS workers extended financial support to a fellow labourer battling oral cancer.

Pendurthi Krishna, a daily wage worker from Gujjangivalasa village in Gurla mandal, is undergoing treatment for oral cancer. Concerned about his condition, Field Assistant Ramana appealed to co-workers to contribute whatever they could to help ease the family's financial burden.

Touched by the appeal, the



workers pooled together Rs.20,000 and handed over the amount to Krishna's wife, Bangaramma, on Tuesday through Field Assistant Ramana. The gesture highlighted

the strength of community support and compassion, proving that even a small contribution can make a significant difference in someone's life during times of hardship.

## Anganwadi awareness rally promotes child welfare and nutrition

Supervisor Shashikala urges parents to utilise govt services for children's development



Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), June 9(Skyline):  
An awareness rally was conducted in Vangapalli village under the "Anganwadi Badi Pilusthundi" campaign to encourage parents and beneficiaries to make effective use of Anganwadi services. The programme was led by Anganwadi Supervisor P. Shashikala under the Cheepurupalli sector.

Speaking on the occasion, Shashikala highlighted the crucial role played by Anganwadi centres in providing early childhood education, nutrition, healthcare support, and overall development opportunities for children. She informed villagers that the government is implementing several welfare initiatives through these centres and urged eligible beneficiaries to

take advantage of the nutritious food distributed regularly. The rally spread awareness about the importance of preschool education and child health, with participants raising slogans in support of the Anganwadi enrolment drive. Anganwadi teachers J. Ramu and R. Bharathi, helpers, parents, and villagers actively participated in the programme.

## Former Deputy CM Visits Ex-MP Bellana Chandrasekhar, Inquires About Health

-YSRCP Leaders Extend Support Following Recent Back Injury

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), June 9 (Skyline):  
Former Deputy Chief Minister and former Minister Pamula Pushpa Vani visited the residence of former Vizianagaram Member of Parliament and YSR Congress Party PAC Committee member Bellana Chandrasekhar (Pedababu) in Cheepurupalli on Tuesday and enquired about his health.

Bellana Chandrasekhar recently sustained a back injury in an accidental incident and is currently recovering. Pushpa Vani met him at his residence, expressed concern over his health condition, and wished him a speedy recovery.

District YSRCP President Shatrucharla Parikshit Raju and other party leaders were also present during the visit and extended their support to the former MP. The leaders discussed his health status and conveyed their best wishes for his early return to public activities.



## ABVP Renews Demand for BC Residential School in Cheepurupalli

-Student body urges MLA to sanction Gurukul institution for backward class students

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), June 9(Skyline):  
The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has intensified its demand for the establishment of a BC Gurukul Residential School in Cheepurupalli constituency, submitting a representation to the local MLA seeking immediate action.

ABVP leaders said students from Cheepurupalli, Garividi, Gurla, and Merakamudidam mandals continue to face challenges in accessing quality residential education due to the absence of a BC Gurukul institution in the constituency. Despite a large population belonging to backward classes, the region remains without a dedicated BC residential school, they noted.

The student organization highlighted the increasing competition for admissions in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyas



(KGBVs) and BC hostels across the constituency, leaving many deserving students without adequate educational facilities. ABVP proposed upgrading the existing BC Boys Integrated Hostel situated between Cheepurupalli and Garividi into a full-fledged Gurukul School. The site already possesses basic infrastructure and sufficient land for future development, making it a suitable location for the

institution, leaders said. The organization urged the government to approve the long-pending proposal and provide better educational opportunities for students from rural and economically weaker backgrounds. ABVP Vizianagaram District Convener Sampath Kumar, along with other activists, participated in the memorandum submission programme.

# National Workshop on Seafood Exports Focuses on Value Addition, Sustainability and Market Access

**- Marine Products Exports Rise Nearly 70% in a Decade; India Eyes USD 30 Billion Seafood Exports: Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal**  
**- Workshop Explores PLI Framework, Cold Chain Infrastructure and Export Opportunities in Seafood Sector**



**New Delhi, June, 9 (PIB):** The Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, in collaboration with the Department of Fisheries and the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), organised a two-day National Workshop on Seafood Exports in Visakhapatnam on 5-6 June 2026. The workshop served as a platform for deliberations on enhancing India's seafood exports through value addition, sustainability, improved market access, inno-

vation and infrastructure development. The workshop was attended by Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh Shri N. Chandrababu Naidu; Union Minister of Commerce & Industry Shri Piyush Goyal; Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh; Union Minister of Civil Aviation Shri Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu; and Union Minister of Food Processing Industries Shri Chirag Paswan. Addressing the inaugural

session, Shri Piyush Goyal highlighted the Government's whole-of-government approach towards promoting seafood exports and noted that India's marine products exports have increased by nearly 70 per cent in value terms over the last decade. He stated that India currently accounts for around 4 per cent of global seafood trade and called upon stakeholders to work collectively towards achieving seafood exports of USD 30 billion within the next five years through value addi-

tion, branding, quality enhancement, sustainability and diversification of export markets. The Minister emphasised the need to increase the share of value-added seafood products, including ready-to-eat and ready-to-cook offerings, and encouraged exporters to leverage market access opportunities arising from India's recently concluded Free Trade Agreements covering 38 countries. He reiterated the Government's vision of establishing India as a globally trusted source of high-quality and sustainable seafood products. N. Chandrababu Naidu highlighted Andhra Pradesh's leadership in fisheries and aquaculture and its significant contribution to India's seafood exports. He reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to making Andhra Pradesh a global hub for sustainable aquaculture and seafood exports through innovation, infrastructure development, branding and stakeholder collaboration. Rajiv Ranjan Singh highlighted the remark-

able growth of India's fisheries sector, with fish production increasing from 95.8 lakh tonnes in 2012-13 to nearly 198 lakh tonnes in 2024-25. He noted that despite global challenges, India's seafood exports reached approximately ₹73,890 crore (USD 8.46 billion), with frozen shrimp continuing to be the country's leading seafood export item. He highlighted the Government's efforts under PMMSY and PMKSSY 2.0 to strengthen export-oriented fisheries infrastructure, traceability, value addition and sustainable aquaculture. Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu underscored the importance of efficient logistics and air cargo infrastructure in supporting high-value seafood exports. He highlighted ongoing efforts to strengthen cargo infrastructure, improve multimodal connectivity and streamline cargo movement to enhance India's export competitiveness. Chirag Paswan emphasised the immense potential for value addition in the seafood sector and called for greater focus on processing, branding,

technology adoption and market diversification. He stressed the need to move from "volume to value" and "produce to product" while strengthening India's position as a trusted global supplier of food products. Secretary, Department of Fisheries, Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi highlighted the importance of co-ordinated efforts among stakeholders to strengthen India's seafood export ecosystem. He underlined the role of infrastructure development, certification, innovation, value addition and market access in enhancing the sector's global competitiveness. The event brought together senior officials from the Central Government, States and Union Territories, representatives of key institutions including MPEDA, EIC, NFDB, NABARD, NCDC, NCEL and SFAC, as well as seafood exporters, processors, industry associations, startups, researchers, aquaculture farmers and other stakeholders from across the seafood value chain.

## GeM Strengthens Digital, Transparent and Inclusive Public Procurement in India's Governance Ecosystem

**- GeM Boosts MSE Inclusion: Registered Units Rise to 11.9 Lakh; Procurement Reaches Rs.8.69 Lakh Crore with 2.17 Crore Orders**  
**- GeM Drives Inclusive Growth: Women, Startup and SC/ST MSE Participation Surges with Strong Rise in Procurement**

**New Delhi, June, 9 (PIB):** Over the past years, India's governance ecosystem has witnessed a steady shift towards technology-driven, transparent and citizen-centric service delivery. Since its inception on 9 August 2016, the Government e Marketplace (GeM) has supported this transition by enabling efficient and more transparent public procurement, while facilitating broader participation of buyers and sellers and contributing to improved service delivery outcomes. Conceived as a major governance reform, GeM has transitioned public procurement from a largely manual and fragmented process to a digital and data-driven system. By reducing human interface, improving transparency and simplifying access to government procurement opportunities, the platform has enabled wider participation across enterprises and geographies. It continues to serve as a significant initiative in the area of digital procurement.

GeM has also contributed to improving the Ease of Doing Business by opening government procurement markets to enterprises of all sizes. Through online onboarding, transparent bidding mechanisms, digital contract management and end-to-end procurement processes, the platform has reduced entry barriers and facilitated participation of businesses in government supply chains. Inclusivity has remained a feature of the GeM platform. Participation of micro and small enterprises (MSEs) has increased, with registered MSEs rising from 2,396 in 2016-17 to over 11.9 lakh at present. Procurement from MSEs has grown from ₹69 crore to more than ₹8.69 lakh crore, while the number of orders has increased from 2,994 to over 2.17 crore during the same period. The platform has also enabled participation of traditionally underrepresented groups. Women-owned MSEs on GeM have increased from 268 in 2016-17 to over 2.16 lakh, with procurement value rising from ₹8 crore to more than ₹93,327 crore. Startup participation has grown from 88 to over 40,000 entities, with procurement increasing from ₹2 crore to over ₹61,400 crore. Similarly, registered SC/ST MSEs have increased from 38 to over 66,000, with procurement value exceeding ₹21,800 crore. These developments reflect the widening participation in public procurement facilitated through the platform.

Beyond procurement, GeM has also supported public service delivery requirements, particularly in the health sector. The platform has facilitated procurement of over 324 crore vaccine doses and 199 crore syringes. It has also enabled procurement of medical kits for Vande Bharat trains, diagnostic equipment and a range of healthcare-related supplies and services. Technology continues to play an important role in the evolution of GeM. The platform is leveraging artificial intelligence-based tools, advanced analytics, digital monitoring systems and transparent auction mechanisms to improve efficiency, accountability and user experience across procurement processes.

As India progresses towards the vision of Viksit Bharat, GeM remains focused on strengthening digital procurement systems through innovation, improved user experience and adoption of best practices. The platform continues to function as a digital marketplace supporting government institutions, businesses and entrepreneurs. By connecting local enterprises with government demand, GeM contributes to broader national priorities, including Atmanirbhar Bharat, by enabling participation of MSEs, startups, women entrepreneurs, cooperatives and rural enterprises in public procurement. Speaking on the occasion, Shri Mihir Kumar, CEO, GeM, stated that over the past twelve years, GeM has contributed to building a transparent, efficient and inclusive public procurement ecosystem. He noted that the platform has enabled participation of enterprises, including MSEs, startups and local manufacturers, and has strengthened access to government procurement in a structured and transparent manner, supporting public service delivery and expanding economic opportunities. GeM continues to function as a digital platform supporting procurement and service delivery across government institutions.

## Empowering India's Energy Markets: Coal Exchange for Viksit Bharat

**New Delhi, June, 9 (PIB):** In a significant step towards modernizing India's coal supply chain, the Government has paved the way for the establishment of Coal Exchanges in the country. The recently enacted Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2025 introduced the concept of a Mineral Exchange and empowered the Central Government to promote transparent and efficient trading of minerals, including coal and its processed forms. In pursuance of the above, the Coal Exchange Rules, 2026 have been published by Ministry of Coal in the Official Gazette on 04.06.2026. These are available at the website link <https://coal.gov.in/sites/default/files/2026-06/09-06-2026a-wn.pdf> on the website of Ministry of Coal to facilitate this initiative, the Ministry of Coal has already designated the Coal Controller Organisation (CCO) in December 2025, as the authority responsible for registering and regulating Coal Exchanges. Eligible entities will be authorized by CCO to establish and operate Coal Exchanges, frame market rules and by-laws, and facilitate coal trading. Registrations will be granted for a period of 25 years. The introduction of Coal Exchanges marks a paradigm shift in coal marketing by moving from the traditional "one-to-many" sales model to a competitive "many-to-many" trading platform. This will enable transparent and market-driven price discovery, improve efficiency, and provide coal producers, including commercial and captive miners, with easier access to a wider pool of buyers. Public Sector coal companies can also leverage the platform to enhance market participation. The Coal Exchange initiative reflects the Government's commitment to enhancing ease of doing business, promoting transparency, and building a modern, self-reliant energy ecosystem. By creating a more competitive and efficient coal market, the reform is expected to strengthen energy security, support industrial growth, and contribute significantly to the vision of Viksit Bharat through sustainable economic development and a future-ready energy sector.

# Today's Horoscope



**Aries**

Health needs care. Today, one of your parents can lecture you on the importance of saving money. You need to listen to them very carefully, otherwise you may face problems in the upcoming time. A dispute is likely to occur between family members regarding money matters. You should advise all family members to be clear about finances and cashflow. In the busy streets, you will realize that you are the luckiest because your sweetheart is the best. Your hard work will be rewarded as you are likely to get a promotion. Don't think about the monetary gains because in the long run you will be the beneficiary. Don't be eager to let others know how you feel today. After marriage, the sin becomes worship, and you might worship a lot today. **Remedy :-** For great health benefits, eat and distribute saffron-based sweets to poor and needy people.



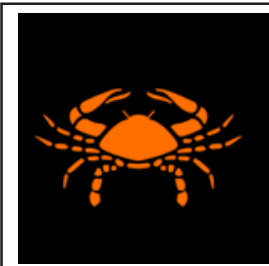
**Taurus**

Health will be perfect today. Investment needs to be made with a long-term perspective. Friends will offer you good advice regarding your personal life. Try not to say anything harsh to your beloved-otherwise you may have to repent later. A good day as you get excellent opportunity to achieve your goals. IT professionals can also get a call from abroad. Not a very good day for traveling. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today. **Remedy :-** Improve your love life by offering Prasad at Lord Bhairav temple.



**Gemini**

Try to control your impulsive and stubborn nature especially in the party as it may spoil the mood in the party. Lack of money can be the reason of discord in the family today. In such a situation, think well before talking to other family members and seek advice from them. Pending household jobs will take up some of your time. You will catch the eye of a special someone-if you move about within your group. Adapt to new techniques to increase your work efficiency-Your style and unique ways of doing things will interest people who are watching you closely. Today, you will have ample time to spend with your spouse. Your lover will feel overwhelmed at the attention and love s/he will get. Today, your partner might show a wonderful side of him/her. **Remedy :-** For a successful financial life, donate black woolen blankets to the poor and needy.



**Cancer**

Don't force and compel people to do things for you. Think in terms of other's want and interest that will give you unlimited happiness. Today, you can take your family members out for a get-together and spend a lot of money on them. Children help you complete household jobs. Romantic feelings will be reciprocated today. Despite overburdened with work, you can remain energetic at your workplace. Today, you can complete all your tasks before the given scheduled time. Today, you will plan to spend time with your spouse and take them out somewhere, but won't be able to do so due to his/her ill-health. Life will be really exciting when your spouse will come to you forgetting all the tiffs, embracing you with love. **Remedy :-** Health will get better by taking care of a dog with multi-coloured spots.



**Leo**

Hectic work schedule may make you short-tempered. Today, you may spend your money on getting a defective electronic item fixed. Over indulgence in outdoor activities at the cost of studies could invite the wrath of your parents. Planning career is as important as games. Better to balance both to please your parents. Your lover can demand something from you today, but you won't be able to fulfil the wishes. This can make your beloved upset. Today if you are polite and helpful you would get highly positive response from your partners. **Remedy :-** Helping and serving people with Leprosy and caring for hearing and speech impaired people can help in maintaining very good health.



**Virgo**

Few tensions and difference of opinion could leave you irritated and uneasy. If you are a student and want to study abroad, then financial crisis at home can upset you today. Be generous in your approach to sort personal matters, but guard your tongue to prevent hurting those who love and care for you. Behave decently with your sweetheart today. Your hard work will show colors today at work. As per your personality, you get upset by meeting more people and then try to find time for yourself amidst all the chaos. In this sense, today is going to be a great day for you, as you will get enough time for yourself. **Remedy :-** Having show-piece items/idols/curios made with the use of POP (plaster of paris) will result in excellent health.



**Libra**

Today you need to relax and try to find happiness amongst close friends and family members. You could find yourself in an exciting new situation-which will also bring you financial gains. Small children keep you busy and bring you joy. Sudden romantic encounter are foreseen today. Good day for traders and businessmen as they would benefit from growing demand. Those who were very busy for the last few days will finally get to enjoy their own time. Everything seems happy today in your married life. **Remedy :-** Have faith in God and prevent yourself from psychological violence, doing this will help you to maintain good health.



**Scorpio**

Children would not act to your liking-which would make you frenzy. You should restrain yourself as uncontrolled anger usually hits everyone and the angry person most because it wastes energy and retards judgement faculty. It only makes things more difficult. People who had undertaken loans may experience troubles in repaying the amount today. Over indulgence in outdoor activities at the cost of studies could invite the wrath of your parents. Planning career is as important as games. Better to balance both to please your parents. Love pangs will unable you to sleep today. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. **Remedy :-** Offering 2 or 3 lemons to Lord Shiva or near Peepal tree will enhance health.



**Sagittarius**

Your kind nature will bring many happy moments today. Visiting the house of close relatives can add to your financial troubles. Company of friends will provide comfort. A lonely phase that has been gripping you for long time ends-as you seem to find your soul mate. Added knowledge that you acquire today would give you an edge when dealing with peers. Try your best to stay away from people. It's better to look out for and give ample time to yourself than people around you. Your spouse will come to you with some beautiful words today describing your value in his/her life. **Remedy :-** For improving finances, avoid traits such as envy and jealousy.



**Capricorn**

Don't depend on fate try to improve your health as fortunate is a lazy goddess. If you had invested in any land overseas, then it can be sold today at a good price, which will help you earn profits. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems- Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. Romance and socializing will rule your mind despite pending jobs. You could ruin your project if you are too open about your plans. Students of this zodiac sign will waste their time majorly on TV or mobile phone more than required. This will lead to wastage of time. You will cherish the old beautiful romantic days today again with your spouse. **Remedy :-** Nailing the four corners of the bed with copper nails will be very auspicious for health.



**Aquarius**

Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. The arrival of money today can relieve you from many financial troubles. Likely to get some good news which will not only enthrall you but your family also. You need to keep your excitement under control. Avoid being forceful in love affairs. Those who are still unemployed need to work harder today to get a good job. Only by working hard will you get the desired result. You may give advice to your children regarding time management and how to utilize the time in the most fruitful way. **Remedy :-** To improve your love life, keep a silk or satin based white piece of cloth in your wallet or pocket, but ensure that it does not get dirty or messy.



**Pisces**

Pleasure trips and social get-togethers will keep you relaxed and happy. Real estate investment would be lucrative. You will make new friends if you get involved in group activities. Relations with your darling night get strained even over very small issues. A day of when you should meet important and eminent people to put a light on your new plans. Time to re-assess your strengths and your future plans. Your health might suffer due to the stress given by your spouse. **Remedy :-** Donate items like wheat, lentils, jaggery, porridge, red cloth and vermilion that represent Sun God at Vishnu or Shiva temple for charging up your love life.

## Husnabad Municipal Council Inspects Dump Yard, Distributes PPE Kits to Electricians



**Skyline Correspondent Husnabad:** JUNE - 09: As part of the Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika programme, several sanitation and safety initiatives were conducted under the auspices of the Husnabad Municipality. On this occasion, the municipal governing body and the Commissioner jointly inspected the

Dry Waste Collection Center, Compost Yard, and Dump Yard in the town. Speaking during the visit, Chairperson Dandi Lakshmi emphasized that public participation is crucial in maintaining a clean and healthy town. She urged residents to segregate household waste into wet and dry categories and hand it over separately to municipal

sanitation vehicles. She explained that wet waste can be used for the production of organic compost, while dry waste can be recycled, contributing to environmental protection. Mixing waste, she noted, creates difficulties in waste management and increases the risk of environmental pollution. Later, officials and public repre-

sentatives reviewed the waste management processes being implemented at the dump yard and provided necessary instructions to sanitation staff. They reiterated that the municipality is committed to maintaining cleanliness, protecting the environment, and ensuring effective solid waste management in the town.

## SP Mahesh Gite Directs Police to Leverage Technology for Effective Crime Control

**Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla:** JUNE - 09: District SP Mahesh B. Gite instructed police officers to work towards effective crime control and ensure speedy investigation of registered cases so that justice is delivered to victims without delay. He made these remarks during the monthly review meeting held with officers of the Sircilla Sub-Division at the District Police Office. The SP emphasized the need to utilize modern technology in line with changing circumstances to improve crime investigation, identification of offenders, and enhance the speed and transparency of case management. He directed officials to make full use of CCTNS 2.0 and the e-Evidence system to strengthen the collection, preservation, and management of digital



evidence. He advised officers to have a clear understanding of standard procedures related to civil and land disputes. Special teams should be formed to prevent thefts and take proactive measures against property crimes. The SP also instructed police to conduct

surprise inspections and register cases against anti-social activities such as illegal transportation of ganja, sand, and PDS rice, as well as gambling operations. He directed all police stations to conduct evening vehicle checks, drunk-and-drive enforcement drives,

and special inspections to curb public consumption of alcohol. As part of the Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika programme, he called for public awareness campaigns on road safety, cybercrime prevention, the harmful effects of narcotic drugs, and women's safety.

## Resolve Cases Through Mutual Compromise via National Mega Lok Adalat: District SP Sri Ashok Kumar IPS



**Skyline Correspondent Jagtial:** JUNE - 09: District Superintendent of Police Sri Ashok

Kumar IPS has urged the public to resolve eligible cases amicably through mutual agreement at the National Mega Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on 20th June 2026. Speaking on the occasion, the SP stated that the Lok Adalat provides an excellent opportunity to settle various compoundable cases with mutual consent. These include criminal compoundable cases, civil disputes, property partition cases, family maintenance cases, matrimonial disputes, bank recovery cases, electricity theft cases, cheque bounce cases, drunk and drive cases, minor petty cases, and other suitable matters. He emphasized that "Compromise is the royal path" and appealed to the public to make the best use of this opportunity provided by the justice system. He added that district police officers, court staff, and other officials will identify compromiseable cases and facilitate settlements by providing necessary counselling to both parties. Citizens who wish to resolve their cases through mutual compromise are requested to contact the concerned police officers.

## S. Gouri Shankar Appointed as Regional Chairman of Telangana Arya Vysya Mahasabha



**Skyline Correspondent KAMAREDDY:** JUNE - 09: Mr. S. Gouri Shankar has been appointed as the Regional Chairman of the

Telangana State Arya Vysya Mahasabha by the Mahasabha President, Amaravadi Lakshmi Narayana. On this occa-

sion, Arya Vysya Mahasabha Vice President Kailas Srinivas Rao Gupta and Arya Vysya community members of Kamareddy extended their heartfelt congratulations to Gouri Shankar on his appointment. They stated that Gouri Shankar has rendered valuable services in various leadership roles over the years, including serving as President of the Kamareddy Chamber of Commerce, District General Secretary of the Arya

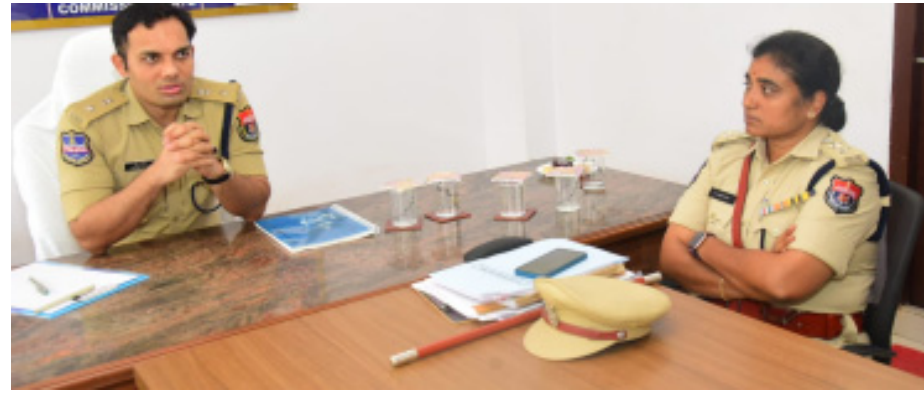
Vysya Mahasabha, Vice President of the Market Committee, and President of the Rice Millers Association. Describing him as a soft-spoken and respected leader known for his dedication and goodwill, they expressed confidence that he would continue to receive greater responsibilities and achieve higher positions in the future. They wished him success in his new role and prayed for his continued service to the community.

## Complete CCTNS 2.0 & e-Evidence Data Entry by June 15: CP Ghouse Alam

**Skyline Correspondent Karimnagar:** JUNE - 09:

Karimnagar Police Commissioner Ghouse Alam visited the Huzurabad ACP Office on Tuesday as part of the annual inspections. During the visit, he reviewed office records and pending cases and issued several important instructions to officials. The Commissioner emphasized the increased use of technology in policing and directed officers to complete the entry of all case-related information into CCTNS 2.0 and the e-Evidence applications by June 15. He instructed that details of both old and new cases be uploaded regularly and updated without delay.

Referring to the jewellery showroom robbery that occurred earlier in Karimnagar, the CP said that security



measures at jewellery shops, banks, lodges, and hotels are being reviewed. He stated that guidelines regarding the installation of CCTV cameras are being strictly enforced and that notices have been issued to establishments with inadequate security arrangements. He further said that details of migrant workers are being registered at all

police stations and that intensified inspections are being conducted at suspicious locations, railway stations, hotels, and lodges. Special sniffer dog squads are being deployed in anti-drug operations, and strict action is being taken against offenders involved in drug-related activities. The Commissioner noted that the "She Leads" and

"Snehitha" programmes are being implemented effectively to ensure the safety and security of women and girl students. During the inspection, CP Ghouse Alam expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Huzurabad Sub-Division police personnel and appreciated their maintenance of records and overall functioning.

## Collector Rajarshi Shah Calls for Successful Completion of Voter Mapping Drive

**Skyline Correspondent Adilabad:** JUNE - 09: District

Collector Rajarshi Shah appealed to all citizens of the district to actively participate in the voter mapping process and make it a success. On Tuesday, at the Collector's Camp Office, the Collector successfully completed the mapping of his vote to the SIR-2002 Electoral Roll in the presence of the BLO and MRO officials. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that since he did not have voting rights during the



2002 SIR period, he mapped his details using the voter information of his father, who was residing in Bihar

at that time, through the Election Commission of India website under the "Search by Elector Name" option. He informed that the deadline for the voter mapping process is June 24. After that, from June 25, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will begin visiting households and distributing Enumeration Forms. The Collector urged all residents of the district to participate in this time-bound and important voter mapping exercise and ensure its successful completion. Town Tahsildar Srinivas, RI Yajwender, BLO Nivedita, and others were present during the programme.

## Special Prayers Offered to Sri Anjaneya Swamy at Yadadri

**Skyline Correspondent Yadadri Bhuvanagiri:** JUNE - 09:

Special prayers were conducted on Tuesday for Sri Anjaneya Swamy, the Kshetrapalaka (guardian deity) of the holy shrine of Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy at Yadadri. The temple priests performed a sacred abhishekam to Sri Anjaneya Swamy, located within the Vishnu Pushkarini premises, accompanied by the chanting of Manya Sukta hymns. The deity was adorned with sindoor (vermilion), fragrant flowers, and various aromatic substances. A special Nagavalli Dalarchana ritual was also performed. A large number of devotees and local residents participated in the leaf worship ceremony (Aaku Puja) and received the blessings of the deity.



## State DGP C.V. Anand to Visit Adilabad District Tomorrow

**Skyline Correspondent Adilabad:** JUNE - 09: State

Director General of Police (DGP) C. V. Anand will undertake his first official visit to Adilabad district on Wednesday.

According to information released by the Police Department, the DGP's schedule is as follows:

9:30 AM: Crime Review Meeting with district police officials.

11:30 AM: Inauguration of a newly installed hydraulic system at the AR Headquarters MT Section.

11:40 AM: Inauguration of the Children's Park at the Police Family Quarters.

11:45 AM: Inauguration of the Traffic Training Institute opposite the DPO Office.

12:00 Noon: Launch of traffic signals at Collector Chowrasta.

12:05 PM: Departure to Tosham Village in Gudihatnoor Mandal to participate in a Gram Sabha organized under the Praja Palana programme.

As part of the visit, the DGP will also participate in the "Arrive Alive" road safety programme, which includes:

Distribution of helmets and volleyball kits to youth. Issuance of learner's driv-



ing licences through a Driving Licence Mela.

Distribution of new disaster management equipment for the district ahead of the monsoon season.

Rangoli competitions for women.

Free eye check-ups and distribution of spectacles.

CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training for emergency situations.

Distribution of first-aid kits to auto drivers.

1:10 PM: Return to Adilabad Headquarters.

1:30 PM: Media conference by the DGP at the AR Headquarters Conference Hall.

Police officials stated that the DGP will review law-and-order issues, road safety initiatives, and community welfare programmes during his visit.

## District Principal Judge Sai Ramadevi Conducts District Coordination Committee Meeting in Siddipet

**Skyline Correspondent Siddipet:** JUNE - 09: A District

Coordination Committee Meeting was held at the District Court Complex in Siddipet under the chairmanship of District Principal Judge Sai Ramadevi. The meeting was attended by Additional District Judge Jaya Prasad, District Collector K. Haimavathi, judges of various courts, public prosecutors, Assistant Commissioners of Police (ACPs), and other officials. During the meeting, the District Principal Judge reviewed the status of pending civil and criminal cases in the district. She instructed the concerned officials to expedite the disposal of civil and criminal cases that have been pending for a long time.

She also emphasized the need to accelerate efforts for the settlement of various cases during the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on June 20. She directed judi-



cial and police officials to work efficiently so that Siddipet district can emerge as one of the leading districts in the state in terms of case disposal. The Principal Judge further instructed all departments to work in close coordination to ensure the speedy resolution of pending cases and improve the overall efficiency of the justice delivery system.

# Women's Empowerment is Congress Govt's Goal : MLA

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Narayankhed, June.9 :** Dr.Patlolla Sanjeev Reddy, the Narayanakhed legislator said that the Congress government is committed to the economic development and empowerment of women. On Tuesday, he flagged off buses in Narayanakhed town carrying women to the 'Mahila Shakti Mahasabha'. These buses were arranged under the 'Indira Mahila Shakti' scheme for women representatives from the Narayanakhed Mandal Mahila Samakhya and the Kangti Mandal Janani Mahila Mandala Samakhya. Approximately 100 women representatives from Narayanakhed and Kangti mandals departed in these buses to attend the meeting scheduled at the Parade Grounds in Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion,



the MLA mentioned that the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is implementing numerous welfare programs to make women self-reliant. He noted that the 'Indira Mahila Shakti' scheme is strengthening women

economically by creating employment and business opportunities for them. He described the initiative of handing over 553 'Mahila Shakti' buses to TGSRTC across the state as a historic milestone in women's empowerment. He assured that further concessions

and financial assistance would be provided to women's groups in the future. The Program was attended by Representatives of women's groups, officials, local public representatives, political leaders, and a large number of women.

# Sindhu felicitates winner Bhavani

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Patancheru, June.9 :** Sindhu Adarsh Reddy, the former Corporator felicitated Kumari Bhavani, a player from Bharathi Nagar Division, who won the first position in the international ball badminton tournament. Bhavani, who belongs to Old MIG Colony under Bharathi Nagar Division, emerged as the winner after showing outstanding talent in the India-Thailand Test Series (Men & Women) 2025-26 competitions organized by the Ball Badminton Federation of Asia in Bangkok and Pattaya,



Thailand. Speaking on the occasion, Sindhu Adarsh Reddy said that Bhavani's victory is a matter of pride

for Bharathi Nagar Division as well as the state of Telangana and the country. Wishing her

more successes in the future, she felicitated Bhavani with a shawl and congratulated her.

# Awareness on Solid Waste Management is Essential: District Collector Garima Agrawal



**Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla : JUNE - 09:** District Collector Garima Agrawal emphasized the importance of awareness regarding solid waste management. As part of the 99-day action plan under the Praja Palana Pragati Pranalika program, an awareness session on the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Rules-2026 was organized by the Telangana Pollution Con-

trol Board at the Dry Resource Collection (DRC) Centre of Sircilla Municipality. District Collector Garima Agrawal attended the program as the chief guest. During the event, the Nodal Officer of the Telangana Pollution Control Board explained the key provisions of the new Solid Waste Management Rules. Officials were also given field-level awareness through a demonstration of

waste management processes being carried out at the DRC centre. Addressing the gathering, Collector Garima Agrawal instructed all departments involved in waste management to effectively utilize compost sheds and ensure strict segregation of waste into four categories: wet waste, dry waste, sanitary waste, and special care waste. She also directed officials to identify bulk waste generators and

ensure there is no negligence in implementing the rules. The Collector warned that, in accordance with Supreme Court directives, violations or negligence in implementing the new Solid Waste Management Rules could result in penalties and, if necessary, legal action. District Panchayat Officer Sharafuddin, Sircilla and Vemulawada Municipal Commissioners Khadeer Pasha and Lokesh, Telangana Pollution Control Board Assistant Environmental Engineer Shraavan, Swachh Bharat Mission IEC Consultant, ward officers from Sircilla and Vemulawada municipalities, Mandal Panchayat officials, Panchayat Secretaries, and others participated in the program.

# Participation of local people is crucial for environmental conservation

**Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : JUNE - 09:** Peddapalli Forest Range Officer Satish Kumar stated that special awareness programs regarding environmental conservation and the utilization of forest products were conducted on Tuesday under the aegis of the Peddapalli District Forest Department, as part of the 'Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika' (People's Governance - Development Plan) initiative. Awareness meetings were held in Kundanpalli (Antargoon Mandal) and Khansapet (Manthani Mandal). At the Urban Forest Park in Kundanpalli village, local residents were educated about the environment. Training sessions were conducted on value-added activities involving



forest products-such as broom grass, honey, gum, and Mahua flowers-as well as on vermicompost production methods within the Urban Forest Park premises. The Forest Range Officer, forest department staff, and 62 villagers participated in this program. Manthani Forest Range Officer Vinay Naik also raised awareness among the residents of Khansapet village regarding the collection of forest

products and vermicompost production. The Sarpanch and Deputy Sarpanch of Khansapet attended the event as chief guests. Forest department staff and 38 villagers participated in this program. Speaking on the occasion, officials advised villagers who depend on the forests for their livelihood to follow scientific methods while collecting forest produce, ensuring no harm comes

to the environment. They encouraged the villagers to explore avenues for generating additional income-such as producing organic fertilizers like vermicompost-alongside forest conservation efforts. They also called upon everyone to play an active role in maintaining ecological balance. Komurayya, Tirupati, Narsayya, Ravi, Srikanth, Sravanthi, and others participated in the event.

# 'One Plant in the Name of Mother' held at GITAM



(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Patancheru, June.9 :** As part of the 'One Plant in the Name of Mother' (Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam) programme being organised across the country, Gitam Deemed University organized a sapling planting programme at its Hyderabad campus on Tuesday. The programme, which was launched with the aim of promoting envi-

ronmental awareness and conservation, was enthusiastically participated by university officials, faculty, staff and students. On this occasion, Gitam Hyderabad Additional Vice-Chancellor Professor D.S.Rao, Resident Director DVVSR Verma, Director of Hospitality-Campus Life Ambika Philip along with heads of various schools and departments expressed their sup-

port for environmental conservation by planting saplings. They said that planting saplings plays a key role in combating climate change, conserving biodiversity and promoting a sustainable lifestyle. They said that by planting saplings in honour of mothers, we can instill a sense of responsibility, love and care for nature. The organizers said that Gitam University

is committed to environmental protection and achieving sustainable development goals, and through such programs, they are instilling social responsibility among students. They said that this program has not only increased greenery in the university but also contributed to creating awareness about environmental protection.

# Action demanded against fake propaganda on social media..

**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem :**

**JUNE - 09:** Members of the Bhadrachalam Gram Panchayat governing council have demanded legal action against individuals spreading false propaganda and posting objectionable comments regarding the council's six-month administration, allegedly through Instagram. On Tuesday, the council members submitted a complaint at the local police station. They stated that an Instagram account named "bcmmu chatlu" had been posting photographs without permission, along with content that



misleads the public and spreads false information. They also alleged that the account operator, along with individuals who made abusive comments, should be investi-

gated and appropriate action taken under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Information Technology Act. The complainants further requested the immediate re-

moval of the objectionable posts. Gram Panchayat council members, ward members, and other elected representatives participated in the complaint submission.

# Let's build a marijuana-free society : SP Dr. Sabreesh,

**Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad : JUNE - 09:**

District SP Dr. Sabarish said that we will target a cannabis-free society. He visited Signal Colony in the town on Tuesday. The people there were made aware of the dangers of cannabis, especially to the youth. The posters were released by the SP himself and pasted on the walls of the colony. He explained that the use of cannabis causes serious health problems like brain damage, reduced thinking power, respiratory problems, de-



pression and it has a serious impact on education, employment and future.

Posters informed the public about the way to identify cannabis, which is in the

form of dried leaves, flowers or plant parts, with 5-7 toothed edges and a distinct pungent smell. If you have any suspicious information related to ganja, you are asked to report it to 8712656999 immediately. It has been announced that the details of the informers will be kept strictly confidential and a reward of up to Rs 5,000 will be given to those who provide correct information. Town CI Raghupathi Reddy police personnel participated in this program.

# SHG Women from Mulugu Leave for Mahila Shakti Mahasabha in Large Numbers



**Skyline Correspondent Mulugu : JUNE - 09:** A large number of Self-Help Group (SHG) women from Mulugu district participated in the Mahila Shakti

Mahasabha organized by the State Government at the Parade Grounds in Secunderabad, Hyderabad. Under the leadership of DRDA Project Director

Chandrasekhar, women from various SHGs traveled in large numbers to attend the event. Women from Mulugu headquarters also left in large numbers under

the supervision of APM Srinivas. The buses carrying the participants were flagged off from the Minister's Camp Office in Mulugu by District Library Organization Chairman Banoth Ravi Chander and Municipal Chairperson Chintanippula Chandrakala. Several district Congress leaders, including Chintanippula Bikshapathi, Gollapalli Rajender, Udaraju, along with CCs, Mallachari, Vijaya, Lakshmi, Kavitha, VOs, and many women members participated in the programme.

# Telangana DGP C.V. Anand Arrives in Adilabad Ahead of District Tour

**Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : JUNE - 09:** Ahead of his scheduled visit to Adilabad district on Wednesday, Telangana Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand, IPS, arrived in the district on Tuesday. On the occasion, Multi Zone-I Inspector General (IG) S. Chandrashekhara Reddy, District Collector Rajarshi Shah, Superinten-

dent of Police (SP) Akhil Mahajan, and other senior officials extended a warm welcome to the DGP. Accompanying the DGP on the district visit was Charu Sinha, IPS, Director General of Police (Women Safety, CID & ACB). Both senior officers were welcomed by district officials, who presented them with saplings as a mark of respect and hospitality.



## Complete Every Case Within Deadlines: Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha



**Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli June 09:** The May crime review meeting of police officers was held at the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate office under the chairmanship of Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha. In this meeting, pending cases, arrests of accused, cases under investigation, execution of warrants, and performance of police personnel were comprehensively reviewed. The CP focused specifically on the cases registered so far and old pending cases. He asked the officers to find out the reasons for the delay in the investigation and ordered them to take immediate action. Speaking, the CP instructed the officers to give priority to transparency and quality without compromising on the investigation of cases registered under the Commissionerate. He advised that every case registered under

the Rama gundam Police Commissionerate should be completed within the stipulated time frame and steps should be taken to ensure that the accused are punished with quality investigation. He said that legal advice should be taken if necessary in cases pending for a long time and the investigation should be expedited. He said that priority should be given to the identification, seizure and attachment of assets, with special focus on property-related crimes and economic crimes. He directed that the arrests of the accused in serious cases involving women should not be delayed, and that grave cases, NDPS cases and other key cases should be monitored by DCPs and ACPs themselves. He advised that daily monitoring should be carried out on the implementation of pending non-bailable warrants and legal action should be taken even against minor crimes. He said that facts should be ascertained at the field level and transparent action should be taken in the investigation of public complaints and CCC petitions, and cases should be registered only after the investigation process is fully recorded. The Commissioner advised that no one should be called to the police station unnecessarily and that the SOP should be strictly followed in the case of arrests. He warned that the

conduct of the police determines the prestige of the department and that there should be no room for negligence in duties. He advised that every SHO and CI should strengthen the local intelligence system and give priority to early information collection, and maintain good relations with the people and build trust. It was suggested that first aid kit, dragon light, ropes, cones, crime protection ribbon, right gear kit (helmet, stone guard, lathi, body protector) should be mandatory in vehicles. Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha suggested that early alertness should be exercised to rescue people trapped in low-lying areas and floods during the rainy season, and that drill practices should be conducted frequently on how to rescue those in danger and keep the personnel ready.

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## Collector K. Haritha Directs Doctors and Health Staff to Ensure Transparent and Quality Healthcare Services



**Skyline Correspondent Kumuram Bheem Asifabad : JUNE - 09:** District Collector K. Haritha has instructed doctors and healthcare staff working in Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and Community Health Centres (CHCs) across the district to provide transparent and quality medical services to patients at the grassroots level. On Tuesday evening, the Collector, along with Additional Collector Yuvaraj Marmat, conducted a video conference from the Collectorate Complex with medical officers and staff from all PHCs and CHCs in

the district. The Collector also directed all staff members to mark their attendance exclusively through the government's Face Recognition App, which was introduced to improve employee attendance. She instructed senior officials to continuously monitor both staff performance and atten-

dance through the app. She further directed officials to pay special attention to the health conditions of pregnant women and lactating mothers within the PHC jurisdictions and ensure the timely supply of medicines and vaccinations. Hospital staff were advised to treat patients courteously and take preventive measures at the field level to control the spread of diseases. District Medical and Health Officer Sitaram, Deputy Medical Officer Nagender, medical officers, and health department staff from across the district participated in the video conference.

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## District Collector Ashish Sangwan Distributes Notebooks and Pens to Newly Admitted Students During Badi Bata Programme



**Skyline Correspondent KAMAREDDY : JUNE-09:** District Collector Ashish Sangwan participated in the Badi Bata programme being conducted across the district with the objective of increasing student

enrollment and ensuring access to education for every child. On Tuesday, the Collector visited the Badi Bata campaign organized in the SC Colony of Ramareddy Mandal and reviewed the door-to-door awareness

drive aimed at identifying school-age children and enrolling them in government schools. On this occasion, admissions were provided to children who had completed four years of age into pre-primary classes, as well as to students joining primary and high schools. The Collector stated that students interested in shifting from private schools to government schools were also identified and enrolled. During the programme, notebooks and pens were distributed to newly admitted students. The Collector encouraged students to set clear goals in life, study with discipline, and strive to achieve higher positions in society. He emphasized that education is the foundation of social development. He highlighted that government schools provide quality education along with free textbooks, uniforms, the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, the upcoming Breakfast Scheme, and digital learning facilities. The Collector urged parents to send their children to school regularly and help build a strong foundation for their future. Education Department officials, public representatives, teachers, students, and parents participated in the programme.

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## BRS MLAs condemn minister Vivek's comments

**(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.9 :** BRS MLAs have strongly objected to Minister Vivek Venkataswamy's comments that the opposition parties are joking at the procurement centers. Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar, Zaheerabad MLA Manikrao and Narsapur MLA Sunitha Lakshma Reddy demanded that the minister withdraw his comments immediately. A district review meeting was held at the Sangareddy District Collector's Conference Hall on Tuesday. Later, Chinta Prabhakar said that it is not right to criticize the opposition parties for mentioning the problems of the



people, even though it has been 30 months since the government was formed. It is the responsibility of the opposition parties to speak on behalf of the people, and it is not right to describe it as a joke. The minister, who came to the district review

meeting, said that it is not right to mention state-wide issues instead of focusing on district development and local problems. They were furious that the Congress government was still stalling by criticizing the previous government and had failed

to implement the promises made during the elections. On this occasion, MLA Chinta Prabhakar submitted a memorandum to District In-charge Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkataswamy regarding the issues of Sangareddy constituency.

## Govt lands should be protected from encroachments : Minister

**(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.9 :** Vivek Venkataswamy, the minister for State Labour and Employment Department and District In-charge Minister suggested that government lands in Sangareddy district should be protected from encroachments and that officials of all departments should work in coordination for the comprehensive development of the district and implement government programs effectively. At a review meeting held at the District Collectorate on Tuesday, he along with Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha gave directions on the steps to be taken by the officials of the respective departments. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Vivek suggested that the officials should pay special attention to ensuring that Sangareddy district, which is rapidly developing as an industrial hub, achieves further progress. He suggested that the agriculture, revenue and police departments should coordinate to inspect fertilizer



stores and ensure that no irregularities occur, and that steps should be taken to prevent farmers from facing shortage of urea, DAP and other fertilizers. He said that the Indiramma Indla Scheme is being implemented successfully across the state and that the government's goal is to provide houses of their own to the homeless poor. He also suggested that steps be taken to allocate previously unallocated double bedroom houses in the district to eligible beneficiaries. He suggested that the work of replacing electricity poles

within the National Highway-65 should be expedited, and that the registration program for construction workers should be widely undertaken to ensure that they receive the benefits of government welfare schemes. Later, Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha said that it is important that the services provided by the government reach the people directly. He instructed the concerned officials to take steps to ensure that all the necessary diagnostic equipment, drugs and necessary equip-

ment are available in the government hospitals in the district and to submit proposals for the provision of additional beds where necessary for dialysis services. The Review meet was attended by MPs Raghunandan Rao, Suresh Shetkar, MLC Anji Reddy, MLAs Chinta Prabhakar, Manik Rao, Sunitha Lakshma Reddy, Sanjeeva Reddy, SETWIN Chairman Giridhar Reddy, District Collector Prateek Jain, District SP Paritosh Pankaj, Additional Collectors Sangeetha, Pandu, District officials of various departments and others.

## Collector Bhavesh Mishra Directs Officials to Ensure Quality Food and Better Facilities for Government School Students

**Skyline Correspondent Nirmal : JUNE -09:** District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials to ensure that students studying in government educational institutions receive corporate-level education, improved facilities, and quality meals. In view of the reopening of schools shortly, the Collector conducted a review meeting with education department officials at the Collectorate on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized that teaching methods should focus on enhancing students' skills and competencies. He noted that the distribution of textbooks to mandals has been almost completed. The Collector instructed officials to prepare a special action plan to further improve Class 10 examination results during the current academic year. He also directed that extensive sanitation drives be undertaken in all educational institutions and that schools, hostels, and kitchens be maintained in a clean and



hygienic condition. He stressed that students should be provided with quality food every day according to the prescribed menu. As schools are reopening after the summer vacation, he instructed officials to inspect the expiry dates of food items stored in hostels and ensure that

expired or substandard materials are not used. The Collector stated that Mess Committees play a vital role in ensuring quality meals. He advised involving students in monitoring food standards and the quality of food items through these committees. He also directed that vegetables and

other supplies be properly stored in storerooms. Additional Collector (Local Bodies) B. Venkateshwarlu, District Education Officer Bhojana, SC, ST, and BC Welfare Department officials Dayanand, Ambaji, Srinivas, MEOs, and other officials and staff attended the meeting.

## District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar Calls for 20% Increase in School Enrolment Under Badi Bata Programme

**Skyline Correspondent Suryapet : JUNE -09:** District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar conducted a review meeting with Education Department officials and Complex Headmasters through Webex on Tuesday to discuss measures for strengthening government schools in the district. The meeting focused on improving educational standards and providing better infrastructure in schools. As part of the Professor Jayashankar Badi Bata Programme, the Collector set a target of achieving at least a 20 percent increase in student enrolment in every school during the current academic year. He directed officials to identify schools that had

been closed due to zero enrolment in previous years and take immediate steps to reopen them from this academic year. The Collector also instructed officials to expedite the appointment of instructors and ayahs in the 91 newly sanctioned pre-primary schools in the district. He emphasized the need for extensive awareness campaigns to ensure maximum enrolment of children in these centres and directed officials to provide all necessary infrastructure facilities. The Collector further directed authorities to ensure that the interactive flat panels and computers already sanctioned to schools remain functional at all times. Schools lacking internet connectivity



were asked to submit proposals immediately so that necessary arrangements could be made. He stressed that improving infrastructure and promoting digital learning in government

schools are key priorities for providing quality education to students. He urged officials and teachers to work in coordination and make the Badi Bata programme a grand success.