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## Uttam meets Chhattisgarh CM to fast-track Sammakka Sagar NOC



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** The long-pending Sammakka Sagar project on the Godavari River appears to be moving closer to a decisive breakthrough, with Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy personally taking up the issue of a No Objection Certificate (NOC) with Chhattisgarh Chief Minister

Vishnu Deo Sai during his visit to Hyderabad on Thursday night. In a significant development that could pave the way for the final appraisal of the project's Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the Central Water Commission (CWC), Uttam Kumar Reddy met the Chhattisgarh Chief Minister and briefed him on Telangana's sustained ef-

orts to fast-track several long-pending irrigation projects aimed at harnessing the waters of the Godavari River for irrigation, drinking water supply and regional development. During the meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy specifically urged the Chhattisgarh government to extend its co-operation by issuing the pending NOC for the Sammakka Sagar Project,

formerly known as the Tupakulagudem Barrage. The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister has responded positively and assured that the matter would be examined sympathetically.

The Minister also handed over a formal communication seeking immediate issuance of the NOC required for appraisal of the DPR by the Inter-State Directorate of the Central Water Commission. In the letter dated June 11, 2026, Uttam Kumar Reddy recalled his earlier request made at Raipur on September 22, 2025, and highlighted the importance of the project for Telangana's irrigation sector. He informed the Chhattisgarh Government that all directorates of the Central Water Commission, except the Inter-State Directorate, had already accorded clearances to the project and that the absence of the NOC alone was preventing further appraisal of the DPR. The Minister noted that engineers from both States had earlier conducted a joint survey of the

submergence area. Subsequently, the Chhattisgarh government sought a more detailed survey involving demarcation of Full Reservoir Level (FRL) and backwater levels to accurately assess the extent of land and villages likely to be affected. Demonstrating its commitment to resolving all outstanding concerns, the Telangana government agreed to bear the entire cost of the survey and released Rs 9.883 crore to the Chhattisgarh Water Resources department in April 2026. The survey is presently underway in Bijapur district of Chhattisgarh. Telangana has also assured the neighbouring State that compensation for any lands identified as affected due to submergence or backwater impact would be paid in accordance with applicable laws and procedures. The State government has repeatedly conveyed its willingness to deposit compensation amounts in advance if required for issuance of the NOC.

## Bhatti orders immediate resumption of Singareni medical board



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** In a major welfare boost for Singareni workers, Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday directed the management of Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) to immediately resume the medical board services, which had been temporarily halted due to various reasons. Keeping the welfare of Singareni workers and the future of their families in mind, the Deputy Chief Minister strictly mandated that the medical board selection process must be

conducted with absolute transparency, impartiality, and zero controversy. Bhatti Vikramarka recalled that during a recent high-level review meeting on Singareni's development with ministers and legislators of the coal belt region, public representatives had brought the workers' anxieties regarding the suspended Medical Board to his notice. He emphasised that the People's government has taken their feedback into positive consideration and is acting swiftly to protect workers' interests. The Deputy Chief Minister explicitly warned that the

medical board process must be thoroughly streamlined to ensure that benefits reach only genuine, eligible employees, thereby securing compassionate appointments (dependent jobs) for their rightful heirs. He ordered the management to institute a foolproof mechanism that completely eliminates middlemen, corruption, irregularities, and fraudulent practices. Requesting the workforce to have complete faith in the administration, the Deputy Chief Minister urged them to cooperate with the management to ensure smooth operations.

## Revanth mourns passing of legendary shooter Jaspal Rana

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has expressed deep sorrow over the passing of Jaspal Rana, one of India's most accomplished shooters, an Asian Games gold medalist, and a distinguished coach who dedicated his life to Indian sports. In a statement here on Friday, the Chief Minister said Jaspal Rana's outstanding achievements at the Asian Games and Commonwealth Games, as well as his representation of India at the 1996 Atlanta

Olympics, brought immense pride to the nation. As India's high-performance coach for pistol events, he played a pivotal role in nurturing young talent and strengthening India's shooting ecosystem, Revanth Reddy said. "With his passing, India has lost not only a legendary sportsman but also an inspiring mentor whose commitment to excellence and service to sports will be remembered for generations," the Chief Minister said. Revanth Reddy conveyed his heartfelt con-



lences to the bereaved family, friends, students, and the entire sporting fraternity, and prayed for eternal peace to the departed soul.

## Telangana aims to emerge as global logistics hub: Sridhar Babu

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** The Telangana government is working to position the State as a global logistics hub through the development of a future-ready ecosystem capable of meeting emerging challenges and opportunities in the sector, Minister for IT and Industries D. Sridhar Babu said. Addressing the international conference on shipping and logistics 2026, organised by the Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) at HICC in Hyderabad on Friday, the Minister said logistics

would play a key role in achieving the goals outlined in the State's long-term vision document, Telangana Rising-2047. Highlighting Telangana's export performance, Sridhar Babu said the State ranks eighth in the country in the export preparedness index and second among landlocked States. Telangana is also ranked seventh nationally in merchandise exports, reflecting its industrial growth, he said. The Minister said the government was transforming Telangana's landlocked geography into a strategic advantage through infra-

structure-led growth. Under the proposed Logistics Policy 2.0, it plans to promote the development of mega multimodal logistics parks, dry ports, bonded warehousing facilities and integrated logistics hubs, he said. Emphasising the need for a skilled workforce to meet the sector's growing requirements, Sridhar Babu said the government was preparing an action plan to encourage the adoption of technologies such as artificial intelligence, cybersecurity, data analytics and machine learning to improve efficiency and competitiveness in logistics operations. Inviting invest-



ments in multimodal logistics, rail-linked infrastructure, air cargo, cold-chain networks, Grade-A warehousing, automation, digital logistics platforms and green mobility solutions, he assured industry stakeholders of the government's support in creating a conducive business environment. FTCCI president R. Ravi Kumar, senior vice-president K.K. Maheshwari, vice-president Srinivas Garimella and Shipping and Logistics Committee chairman Kamal Jain were among those present.

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## Congress conspiracy led to Meenakshi Natarajan's defeat: KTR

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Bharat Rashtira Samithi working president K.T. Rama Rao alleged that internal infighting within the Congress party was the reason for AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan's defeat in the Rajya Sabha elections. In a chat with media persons on Friday, KT Rama Rao alleged that the Congress party's internal conspiracies, leadership failures, and governance collapse have exposed the true nature of the ruling party before the people of Telangana. He asserted that the Congress party itself is solely responsible for the defeat of Meenakshi Natarajan in the Rajya Sabha elections. He questioned why Congress leaders are attempting to drag political opponents into an issue that is entirely the result of their own internal betrayals and



factional politics. The BRS working president demanded that the Congress leadership investigate who within the party leaked details related to cases against Meenakshi Natarajan and provided information to BJP leaders. KTR remarked that if Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is so fond of constituting Special Investigation Teams (SITs), he should order an SIT probe into this matter as well. "Congress leaders themselves know who betrayed the party and who worked against



Meenakshi Natarajan. Rahul Gandhi should identify the "black sheep" within the Congress who are undermining the party from within," he said. The BRS working president said, "What happened with Meenakshi Natarajan is wrong. Election Commission wronged her. One thing is accepted in Jharkhand and on the other side Meenakshi Natarajan's plea is rejected - this is absolutely wrong. Congress too has wronged her, given the reports of conspiracy against her by Telangana

Congress leaders are coming to the front." KTR further stated that the Congress party has a long history of internal conspiracies and betrayals and questioned why the party is trying to blame others for its own failures. He also referred to senior Congress leader Shabbir Ali's remarks about positions allegedly being secured through money, saying that Shabbir Ali had merely spoken the truth that everyone already knows. He alleged that Congress has a history of selling important positions for money and claimed that even the present Chief Minister secured his position through financial and political arrangements. KTR described Revanth Reddy as a "renewal Chief Minister," alleging that his continuation in office depends on satisfying the Congress high command.

## TELANGANA ASKED TO TAP GLOBAL MARKETS AS INDIA'S EXPORTS CROSS \$860 BILLION

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** The Department of Commerce, Government of India, on Friday highlighted the country's remarkable export growth over the past 12 years, with total exports nearly doubling from \$468 billion in 2013-14 to over \$860 billion in 2025-26. Speaking at an interaction programme on "12 Years achievements of the Department of Commerce and Awareness Programme on Boosting Exports from Telangana" in Hyderabad on Friday, Economic Adviser Priya P. Nair said policy reforms, market diversification, digital trade facilitation and export promotion initiatives have strengthened India's position in global trade. Sectors such as engineering goods, electronics, pharmaceuticals, agriculture, textiles and services have driven export growth despite

global economic uncertainties, she noted. Trade and Commerce Secretary N. Bhavanisri said India exports only 13% of its spice production, indicating significant growth potential. She highlighted the role of nearly 40 operational SEZs across Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Chhattisgarh, which have collectively recorded exports of around Rs.15 lakh crore. Industry representatives from

Pharmexcil, APEDA, ECGC and DGFT outlined opportunities for exporters, particularly MSMEs, through FTAs, digital platforms, export incentives and risk protection mechanisms. The speakers urged the Telangana businesses to leverage government schemes, improve quality standards, generate employment and contribute to India's journey towards becoming a global trade powerhouse.

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## Telangana police gets smart upgrade: DGP inaugurates cyber TRNG facilities at CID HQ

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Telangana Director General of Police C.V. Anand inaugurated a Smart Training Computer Lab, SHE Cyber Lab and a Mini Conference Hall at the CID Headquarters in Lakdikapul here on Friday. The new facilities, launched in the presence of

CID director general Charu Sinha and senior police officers of CID and Women safety wing, are aimed at strengthening cybercrime investigation, digital forensics and technology-driven policing. The Smart training lab features AI-enabled interactive smart boards, computer workstations,

video conferencing systems, high-speed connectivity and hybrid learning infrastructure. The SHE Cyber Lab will enhance the capacity of officers dealing with cyber offences, especially crimes against women and children. Speaking at the event, the DGP stressed the need for continuous skill

upgradation to tackle the growing threat of cybercrime and technology-enabled offences. Charu Sinha said the facilities would serve as a state-of-the-art platform for training, knowledge sharing and professional development, further boosting Telangana's smart policing initiatives.

## Bhatti directs departments to meet targeted goals for financial stability



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka directed all government departments to work with seamless coordination and achieve targeted goals to strengthen the State's financial stability and augment revenue resources.

The Deputy Chief Minister chaired a high-level

the performance of various departments.

Speaking at the meeting, Bhatti Vikramarka emphasised the need to strengthen the enforcement and intelligence wings of the Commercial Taxes department to maximise tax revenue. He instructed officials to take proactive steps to ensure Telangana secures a dedicated representation in the national-level GST Fitment Committee, which plays a vital role in key economic decisions. He noted that this representation would effectively safeguard the state's financial interests.

Furthermore, the Deputy Chief Minister reviewed the performance of the Excise department, a major revenue contributor, and ordered the immediate formulation of a foolproof action plan to meet fiscal targets timely. To streamline land administration, the Deputy Chief Minister directed Finance Principal Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultanija to coordinate with the Revenue department to con-

vene a special meeting. He ordered an immediate video conference with all District Collectors to map and identify government land parcels across all districts.

The Sub-Committee extensively deliberated on a comprehensive plan prepared by officials for efficient asset monetisation and accelerating land pooling processes under the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) limits.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee placed special emphasis on fast-tracking the Hyderabad Infrastructure and Land Transformation (HILT) project. The Deputy Chief Minister advised the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MAUD) department to extend full cooperation in issuing the required notifications swiftly. He also emphasised the importance of launching large-scale awareness campaigns to educate the public and industrial sectors about the benefits of the HILT project.

## Revanth slams BJP, BRS over false propaganda against Meenakshi Natarajan



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has accused both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) of disseminating falsehoods concerning Congress leader Meenakshi Natarajan. In an informal chat with media



persons in New Delhi on Friday, Revanth Reddy likened the BJP's conduct to that of Kim Jong-un. He asserted that the BJP is orchestrating elections reminiscent of North Korea's single-party system, characterising their actions as undemocratic and claiming that they "stole the

seat" when unable to win votes. Addressing the rejection of AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan's Rajya Sabha nomination from Madhya Pradesh, which was based on her alleged failure to declare a pending criminal case in Hyderabad on her election affidavit, the Chief Minister suggested that the Returning Officer had made a mistake. He further contended that the BJP's decision to field a third candidate without sufficient support was a deliberate conspiracy. The Chief Minister stated that to distract from this alleged conspiracy, BJP leaders are engaging in "malicious propaganda" against Congress "coverts." He also questioned why permission is consistently denied for meetings organised by YSR Congress president Jagan Mohan Reddy in Andhra Pradesh, noting that such

permissions have been withheld on numerous occasions. He drew a parallel, mentioning that his own government had denied permission for a Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan meeting in Hyderabad due to law and order concerns.

The Chief Minister announced a scheduled meeting with Maharashtra Chief Minister Fadnavis in July, emphasising the need for cooperation to secure the 1,500 acres of land from Maharashtra required for the Tummidihatti project. Furthermore, he alleged that Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy is impeding the Metro's expansion into the Malkajgiri Lok Sabha Constituency, currently represented by BJP MP Etela Rajender. Revanth Reddy pointed out that even Kishan Reddy's supporters have displayed banners critical of Etela Rajender in Hyderabad.

## Gurukul tenders transparent, no Gujarat contractor favoured: Adluri



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Minister for Social Welfare and Scheduled Castes Development Adluri Laxman Kumar has strongly refuted the allegations levelled by BRS Legislature Party leader T. Harish Rao regard-

ing the procurement of student amenities for Gurukuls, welfare hostels, KGBVs and residential educational institutions. Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat on Friday, Adluri Laxman Kumar, along with Minority Welfare Minister Mohd Azaruddin, termed the allegations as entirely false, politically motivated and intended to tarnish Telangana's welfare education system. He stated that the total tender value is only Rs.687.78 crore and Harish Rao must explain to the people how this figure suddenly became a so-called Rs.2,000 crore scam.

"If there is evidence, place it before investigating agencies. Making sensational

claims in press conferences without documentary proof amounts to misleading the public," he said. The Minister further stated that the entire procurement process was conducted transparently through the Telangana Government e-Procurement Portal. He said the tenders were floated through a national competitive bidding process ensuring maximum transparency and competition and 27 bids were received from across the country. "Technical scrutiny and financial evaluation were undertaken strictly in accordance with prescribed norms before finalising the lowest eligible bidders (L1). No work was awarded on nomination basis. The narrative

about a "Gujarat contractor" is entirely fabricated. Companies from Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad and various parts of the country participated in the competitive bidding process. No Gujarat-based company was awarded any contract," he said. "During ten years of BRS rule, works worth merely Rs.40.21 lakh were entrusted to LIDCAP. In contrast, the Congress government has awarded Rs.51 crore worth of work to TGLIPC (formerly LIDCAP) within just two years. This clearly demonstrates which government genuinely believes in strengthening public sector institutions and supporting traditional livelihoods, the Minister said.

## BANDI SANJAY SHARES BREAKFAST WITH STUDENTS, ANNOUNCES Rs.25 LAKH AID

**From Our Staff Reporter Karimnagar, June 12 :** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Friday participated in "Tiffin Baithak" (community breakfast meeting) with the students and villagers at the government high school in Rekonda village of Chigurumamidi mandal in Karimnagar district, marking 12 years of the

Narendra Modi-led government. As part of the "Swachh Pathshala" initiative, Bandi Sanjay shared a meal brought from home with villagers and students and called for collective efforts to maintain cleanliness in government schools. After reviewing the school's infrastructure needs, he announced Rs.5 lakh for dining facilities and Rs.20

lakh for classroom construction and community buildings, with Rs.10 lakh to be released immediately. The minister also interacted with students, felicitated top performers in the Class 10 examinations, and announced that free bicycles would again be provided to government school students. He urged people to organise school-

enrolment rallies on June 16 and participate in school-cleaning drives across villages. Similar "Tiffin Baithaks" were held in schools throughout the Karimnagar parliamentary constituency, with BJP workers, local residents and voluntary organisations joining hands to promote cleanliness and strengthen government schools.

## Harish alleges large-scale corruption in Singareni, demands CBI probe

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Former Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government has pushed Singareni into a crisis through a series of scams, corruption and political interference. Speaking as the chief guest at a Singareni workers' conference organised by the BRS at the party office in Bhupalpally on Friday, Harish Rao presented a detailed PowerPoint presentation highlighting what he described as major irregularities in the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). Harish Rao said Singareni is a priceless asset for Telangana and one of the state's greatest resources. He alleged that the Congress government had transformed the 137-year-

old institution into a hub of corruption. "Singareni, which once had healthy fixed deposits and strong finances, has now been pushed into a debt trap. In just two-and-a-half years, the livelihoods of workers have been put at risk," he said. He asserted that the issue was not related to any one union or political party but concerned the future of Telangana as a whole.

Harish Rao alleged that corruption had spread across multiple sectors in Singareni, including overburden removal contracts, solar power projects, thermal power projects, explosives procurement, diesel purchases and coal stock accounting. He said the BRS government had provided compassionate appointments to nearly 16,000 dependents of Singareni workers and ac-



used the Congress government of attempting to block those appointments through inquiries and administrative hurdles. According to him, the government had failed to conduct medical boards on time, causing hardship to workers and their families. He claimed that the recent announcement by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka regarding 400 pending compassionate appointments

was a direct result of pressure created by the BRS and workers' unions. Harish Rao alleged that a "Site Visit Certificate" system was introduced in Singareni after the Congress government came to power and that it was being used to benefit select contractors. He pointed out that such a system did not exist in Coal India, Western Coalfields or during the BRS government.

## "OPERATION OCTOPUS" CRACKS GHOST SIM NETWORK; 74 CYBER FRAUDSTERS ARRESTED

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police intensified their crackdown on cyber fraud during May 2026, registering 54 FIRs and arresting 74 accused involved in various online scams across the country.

A major highlight of the month was "Operation Octopus-3.0", which targeted a nationwide Ghost SIM racket used in cybercrimes such as digital arrest scams, sextortion and financial

frauds. The operation led to the arrest of 66 individuals, including Ghost SIM holders, PoS agents, and suppliers from 13 states. The number of accused arrested included : Karnataka - 6, Telangana - 19, Andhra Pradesh - 16, Madhya Pradesh - 2, West Bengal - 3, Uttar Pradesh - 7, Tamilnadu - 5, Gujarat - 5, Maharashtra - 4, Delhi - 3 and Odisha - 1.

Investment fraud accounted for the highest number of arrests, followed

by matrimonial, trading, OTP, and social media-related cybercrimes. Police seized 43 mobile phones, 32 SIM cards, 19 laptops, and several banking documents during investigations. Authorities also secured refunds of over Rs.68.27 lakh for the victims in 25 cyber fraud cases involving losses exceeding Rs.10 crore. As part of cyber patrol efforts, Hyderabad Police identified and facilitated the removal of 251 social media profiles and 304 paid

advertisements promoting illegal betting, online gaming, and fake investment schemes. Cyber Crime Police urged the citizens to remain vigilant against fake investment offers, digital arrest scams, malicious APK files, fake social media profiles and online matrimonial frauds. Victims of cyber fraud were advised to immediately report incidents through the national cyber helpline 1930 or the Cyber Crime portal [www.cybercrime.gov.in](http://www.cybercrime.gov.in)

## Tripartite MoA Signing between NAARM & IIOR under BioNEST Co-Incubation Program

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** The Tripartite MoA Signing Ceremony under the BioNEST Co-Incubation Program was successfully conducted at ICAR-NAARM, Hyderabad, between a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM, ICAR-IIOR, and the selected startups.

The startups inducted into the program were Creators Agro Trading & Solution Pvt. Ltd., Tamil Nadu, represented by Samuel Prince A, Founder & Managing Director, which is de-

veloping region-specific entomopathogenic nematodes (EPNs) for sustainable pest management and Sudeep Agriculture Rural Allied Manufactory (OPC) Pvt. Ltd., Telangana, represented by K. Vamshi Krishna Reddy, Director, which promotes decentralized production of bio-fertilizers and bio-pesticides.

Dr. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram, President, a-IDEA and Director, ICAR-NAARM, emphasized the importance of climate-resilient agriculture, biological

inputs and science-driven entrepreneurship in transforming Indian agriculture.

Dr. R.K. Mathur, Director, ICAR-IIOR, highlighted the institute's support to startups through scientific expertise, technology validation, and research infrastructure.

Dr. Gopal Lal, Vice President, a-IDEA and Joint Director, ICAR-NAARM, encouraged the founders to continue innovating in the oilseed sector, where startup participation remains limited but highly

impactful.

Earlier, Dr. Ranjit Kumar, CEO, a-IDEA, welcomed the gathering and the startup selection process was briefed by Dr. R. D. Prasad, ICAR-IIOR, and Dr. P. Supriya, ICAR-NAARM.

The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks by Paritosh Tripathi, COO, a-IDEA. The event reflects the continued commitment of a-IDEA, ICAR-NAARM and ICAR-IIOR towards promoting innovation and strengthening the agri-biotech ecosystem.

## PM Modi solved several critical issues : Union Minister Kishan Reddy

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Friday address at a conference of intellectuals in Secunderabad. He said that During the 12-year tenure of the Narendra Modi government, numerous critical issues that had been pending for a long time had been resolved. He also said that Several legislative and administrative reforms had been implemented with the nation's interests in mind.

"Historic decisions-such as the abrogation of Article 370, the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, the abolition of Triple Talaq and stringent measures to eradicate terrorism-have been executed during the Modi government's 12-year rule. Prime Minister Narendra Modi works with unwavering dedication for the nation's honor, development and the welfare of its people. Narendra Modi is a leader, who has remained immersed in the service of the nation without taking a single day off dur-

ing his 12 years in office-rarity globally for a Prime Minister. He is a great leader, who prioritised his official duties even on the day his mother passed away and setting aside personal grief, he participated in government programs. Upon assuming office as Prime Minister, Narendra Modi declared, "I am not the Prime Minister, but the 'Pradhan Sevak' (Chief Servant)." He has proven this through his actions over the past 12 years," Reddy said.

He noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a leader, who prioritizes eth-



ics, honesty and transparency delivering an administration free from allegations of corruption. He stated that It was the lead-

ership of Narendra Modi that is steering the country forward on the path of development while upholding the trust of the people.

## INDIA STRONG AND SECURE UNDER MODI'S LEADERSHIP: RAMCHANDER RAO

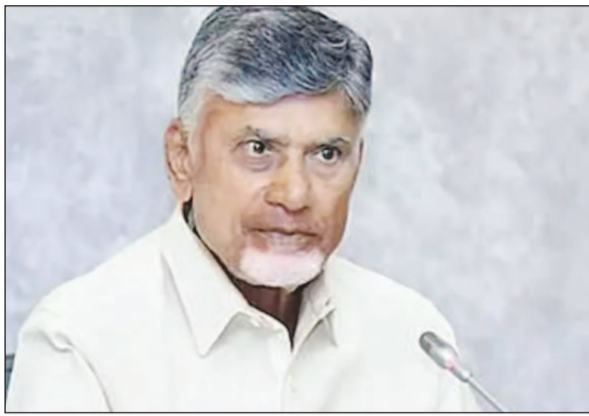
**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 12 :** Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao on Friday asserted that India has emerged stronger, safer and more confident under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Addressing the Prabuddha Varg Sammelan in Secunderabad, attended by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh as chief guest, Rao said the Modi government has strengthened national security through decisive actions, including surgical strikes and Operation Sindoor. He praised the growing role of women in the armed forces, describing Operation Sindoor as a symbol of women-led courage and empowerment. Highlighting the achievements of the NDA government over the past 12 years, Rao said India has become the world's fourth-largest economy and is progressing steadily towards the vision of "Viksit Bharat".

## AP CM Chandrababu mourns over demise of Chief Engineer in Oman

**Amaravati: June 12**

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu expressed grief over the death of Chief Engineer Patnala Suresh, a native of Visakhapatnam, in a missile attack by the US. The CM directed officials to extend all possible assistance and support to Suresh's family on behalf of the state government. He instructed them to coordinate with the Indian Embassy and Omani officials to bring Suresh's mortal remains back home.

Indian Culture Insights The CM assured the bereaved family of the government's support. Following the CM's directives, AP Bhavan has initiated special monitoring of the situation. Suresh was identified as the victim of a missile attack on an oil tanker off the coast of Oman. Reports indicate that the vessel he was on is currently stranded about 30 nautical miles



off the Omani coast. Omani officials have taken measures to bring the vessel to shore; it is expected to reach the port by midnight. The body will be transported to India following official identification.

## Raghava Reddy of NATA in legal soup in US



**Amaravati: June 12**

If the reports are to be believed, NATA leader Raghava Reddy Ghosala is facing serious legal issues in the United States as federal court documents reveal that a criminal case has been filed against him in the Northern District of California (San Jose Division). According to court records, the case is registered as United States of America v. Raghava Reddy Ghosala under case number 5:26-cr-00212-NW. It was filed on May 5, 2026. The documents state that Ghosala has been charged with conspiracy to commit wire fraud, which are serious federal charges. Another significant detail is that prosecutors have informed the court of a connection between Ghosala's case and a previously filed criminal case against Venkateswara Kalluri. Kalluri also faced charges of wire fraud and conspiracy to defraud the United States in that case.

According to a notice filed by the U.S. Attorney's Office, both cases are alleged to involve the same conspiracy related to wire fraud. The documents indicate that this conspiracy began as early as January 2018 and continued until January 2024. The prosecution informed the court that these cases involve the same individuals and similar incidents. It was further noted that assigning all these cases to a single judge would be beneficial—particularly during the sentencing phase—to avoid duplication of work and conserve judicial resources. Ghosala is scheduled to appear in court next on Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 1:00 PM. This upcoming court appearance has sparked intense discussion within the Telugu community. While some speculate that Ghosala could face arrest depending on the court proceedings, others believe a settlement or legal agreement might have already been reached. However, there is currently no official confirmation regarding any of these speculations. At this stage, available court documents merely confirm the filing of the criminal case, the charges involved, and the link established by prosecutors to the previously filed Kalluri case. Given Ghosala's association with 'NATA', the matter has drawn the attention of the Telugu community in the United States. As this involves a prominent figure in the community, there is naturally widespread interest in the proceedings. For now, all eyes are on the court hearing scheduled for June 18. The next hearing is likely to provide greater clarity on whether the case will proceed aggressively or if a resolution will be reached through the legal process.

## Pawan Kalyan remembers victory of coalition govt in 2024, says it is historic

**Amaravati: June 12**

Janasena President and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan stated that the people are the ultimate arbiters in a democracy. He described the verdict delivered by the people in the 2024 elections as a historic decision that charted a new course for the state's future. Speaking on the occasion of the alliance government completing two years in office, Pawan Kalyan noted that two years ago, the people had entrusted them not merely with power, but with responsibility. He added that the NDA alliance partners are working collectively to fulfill that responsibility. Pawan mentioned that the collective efforts of the NDA alliance partners succeeded in stalling the privatization of the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant. He stated that they are making decisions aligned with the people's aspirations while coordinating with the Central government on matters concerning the state's interests.

He remarked that the public mandate instilled confidence regarding the future of a generation and affirmed that the alliance government is committed to working towards the state's development, the youth's future, and



employment opportunities. He observed that the 2024 elections once again proved that even when the public remains silent, they can alter the course of history through their verdict at the right moment. Pawan opined that the 2024 election results represent a victory for democracy over arrogance and destructive politics. He clarified that the alliance government's goal is not merely to share power, but to share responsibility and work together for the state's development. Politics on this occasion, Pawan Kalyan also made significant remarks regarding 'Gram Swaraj' (village self-governance), the strengthening of local bodies, and democratic decentralization. He noted that while critics pointed out that the Jana Sena Party was limited to just 21 seats, the political

sacrifice they made for the state's interests laid the foundation for the alliance's victory. Describing the village as the focal point of national development, Pawan stated that decisions affecting the futures of everyone—from children to the elderly—should be made at the Gram Panchayat level. He emphasized the need to resolve local issues within the village itself, rather than escalating them to the Mandal, District, or MLA levels. He remarked that currently, even minor issues are being taken to MLAs; he argued that it is improper to weaken the authority of the state's hundreds of local public representatives by centralizing the entire system around MLAs. He warned that if institutional systems are weakened, caste-based and regional sentiments gain strength.

## APSDMA predicts rains in AP on Friday amid extension of southwest monsoon



**Amaravati: June 12**

Amidst a mix of heat and rainfall across the Telugu states, the Meteorological Department has issued a key update regarding the weather conditions in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Prakhari Jain, Managing Director of the Disaster Management Authority, stated that the Southwest Monsoon has advanced into more areas of Andhra Pradesh as of June 11. He noted that weather conditions are favorable for its further expansion into additional parts of the Alluri, Manyam, Vizianagaram, and Srikakulam districts over the next two to three days. He also mentioned that a cyclonic circulation persists over the west-central Bay of Bengal and the North Andhra coast, while another cyclonic circulation extends over South Coastal Andhra and its surrounding areas. Andhra Pradesh News Due to these conditions, light to moderate rains accompanied by light-

ning are likely on Friday in the Polavaram, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Palnadu, Markapuram, Prakasam, Nellore, and Rayalaseema districts. Light rains accompanied by lightning are also expected in isolated areas of the remaining districts. Gusty winds blowing at speeds of 40–50 kmph are anticipated; the public is advised to take appropriate precautions and remain alert. According to the Hyderabad Meteorological Centre, light to moderate rains are likely in isolated areas across some districts of Telangana. These rains may be accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds reaching speeds of 40–50 kmph. It was also indicated that there would be no significant change in maximum temperatures across the state over the next three days. It was indicated that there would be no significant change in maximum temperatures across the state over the next three days.

## Jagan demands CBI probe into DSC recruitment



**Vijayawada: Jun 12**

YSRCP president Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday intensified his attack on the TDP-led government, alleging large-scale irregularities in the DSC recruitment process and demanding a CBI inquiry into the examination and appointments. Addressing the media, Jagan claimed the recruitment process for nearly 16,000 teacher posts was compromised from the stage of question paper preparation to final selections. He alleged that the government concentrated key responsibilities with a single authority by assigning both question paper preparation and examination management to the SCERT director, bypassing the DSC convener and undermining transparency. Jagan referred to reports and videos alleging that teaching posts were being sold and questioned how far the alleged question paper leak had spread, who had access to it, and whether money changed hands during the recruitment process. He argued that only an independent agency such as the CBI could uncover the truth. The former chief minister also alleged irregularities in appointments made under the sports quota. He claimed the government issued orders exempting sports quota candidates from writing the qualifying examination, enabling the recruitment of favoured individuals. According to Jagan, around 270 candidates secured jobs under the sports quota without appearing for the qualifying test, while genuine sportspersons, including a National Games gold medallist, were allegedly denied appointments. He further alleged that participation certificates used for recruitment were issued by TDP legislators and MPs. He claimed that after the recruitment process was completed, the government reversed the exemption through fresh orders, describing it as evidence of a pre-planned scam. Jagan alleged that Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and education minister Nara Lokesh were directly responsible for the recruitment process and therefore could not conduct a fair inquiry. He reiterated that a CBI probe was the only credible option. Drawing a contrast with his own tenure, Jagan said the YSRCP government had recruited 1.30 lakh employees within four months through a transparent process.

## Vizag marine engineer among 3 Indians killed off Oman coast

**Visakhapatnam: June 12**

Just days before his 15th wedding anniversary, a 44-year-old marine Chief Engineer Patnala Suresh was killed in the US strike on the merchant vessel MT Settebello off Oman coast. Based in Sriharipuram, Visakhapatnam, he was among the three Indian crew members killed in the attack on June 10. National Politics Updates Suresh was serving as Chief Engineer aboard the vessel. And the ship reportedly came under attack while carrying 24 Indian crew members. Of the 24 crew members, 21 were rescued, while three were reported missing. Officials at Andhra Pradesh Bhavan in New Delhi said they are in touch with the Embassy of India in Muscat and other authorities to facilitate assistance to the bereaved families and expedite the repatriation process. In Visakhapatnam, Suresh's wife Bhargavi is in a state of shock and inconsolable while she has recounted the anxious moments when she received a message informing that her husband went missing along with two other crew members. "Last night, they called and informed me that a drone attack had taken place on the ship where my husband was working and that three Indian crew members were missing. My husband was among them," distraught Bhargavi recalled, mentioning that their wedding anniversary falls on June 24th. When she managed to contact the officials concerned, she was informed that a rescue operation was in progress. "They told me that 21 crew members had been rescued but three were missing. Later, I learned that the bodies of the other two crew members had been recovered and identified, while my husband was still missing," Bhargavi informed. Search operations continued through the night before the family was informed on Thursday afternoon that Suresh's body had been recovered. "I have requested



them to complete all necessary formalities and coordinate with the embassy as early as possible. More than 24 hours have passed since the incident," Bhargavi lamented. Recalling her final conversation with her husband on June 9, a day before the devastating attack occurred, she said, "We spoke for about five minutes. He sounded distressed and told me that the situation was not good and was eagerly looking forward to coming home. It was only with sheer passion that Suresh was into marine engineering. Since he died on duty, the shipping company he worked for the past 13 years should take the responsibility of my two sons." According to family members, Suresh had spent nearly five months at sea and was preparing to return home. He had already received his relieving letter and was awaiting the arrival of a replacement crew member before disembarking and reuniting with his family. The Embassy of India in Muscat is coordinating with local authorities, the shipping company and the Ministry of External Affairs regarding identification procedures, documentation and repatriation. Taking to 'X', Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal expressed condolences and stated that the mortal remains of the three deceased Indian sailors would be brought back to India at the earliest.

## Police detains Kethireddy Pedda Reddy in Tadipatri, tension grips

**Amaravati: June 12**

A tense atmosphere has prevailed in Tadipatri, Anantapur district, since this morning as Kethireddy Pedda Reddy arrived at his residence in Tadipatri today after a year-long absence to attend YSRCP protest programs. Upon learning of his arrival, the police asked him not to stay at his home. Tensions escalated as TDP activists and former MLA JC Prabhakar Reddy headed towards Kethireddy's residence. Anticipating a potential confrontation, the police took Kethireddy Pedda Reddy into custody. Kethireddy Pedda Reddy had made



controversial remarks during the Assembly elections. Consequently, TDP leaders have been preventing him from visiting Tadipatri for some time. The police detained Kethireddy Pedda Reddy at his Tadipatri residence. They stated that the move was a precautionary measure to prevent any law-and-order issues in the district.

## Experts push for agtech innovation at SKV college farewell

**Anantapur: June 12**

Sri Krishnadevaraya College of Horticulture hosted a two-day farewell for graduating B.Sc. Horticulture (Honours) seniors under Associate Dean Dr N Narayana Reddy. Chief guests Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy and Dr Y Santhosh Kumar Reddy paid floral tributes to Smt. Palle Uma before addressing the students. The

speakers emphasized that rising farmer migration from traditional crops to horticulture has boomed market demand for specialized graduates. They urged students to become research-driven scientists to guide rural cultivators. The event concluded with emotional farewell speeches and student cultural programs extending until midnight.



## KIMS Kurnool neurosurgeons plug spinal tear to save dying patient

**Kurnool: June 12**

(Skyline daily):

Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon Dr N Sumanth Kumar and his team at KIMS Hospitals have successfully treated a rare case of intracranial hypotension in a 61-year-old patient.

The critical condition was caused by an upper spinal dural tear leaking cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). After three non-invasive epidural blood patches failed, surgeons bypassed severe venous bleeding to surgically seal the dural



tear. Following a complex 23-day ICU recovery involving tracheostomy management and intensive rehabilitation, the patient completely

regained his speech and independent mobility. Specialists from neurosurgery, radiology, and critical care collaborated on the procedure.

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## Uneasy Allies

For decades, West Asia has operated on a simple assumption: when Washington and Jerusalem stand together, their adversaries have little room to manoeuvre. Recent events suggest a more complicated reality. The challenge facing the United States today is not merely how to contain Iran, but whether it can persuade one of its closest allies to accept the limits of military power. The latest exchange of attacks between Israel and Iran has exposed a strategic divide that had long been visible beneath the surface. The US and Israel remain committed to preventing Iran from becoming a dominant regional force. Yet they increasingly differ on how that objective should be pursued. One side now sees diplomacy, however imperfect, as the best available instrument for managing a dangerous adversary. The other remains convinced that sustained military pressure is the only language Tehran truly understands. This disagreement matters because it goes beyond the personalities of President Donald Trump and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. It reflects a broader tension between immediate security concerns and long-term geopolitical stability. Israel lives within missile range of hostile actors and views every pause in pressure as a potential threat. The United States, by contrast, must consider oil markets, global trade routes, alliance management, a domestic backlash and the possibility of being drawn into another prolonged conflict in a region where successive American administrations have sought to reduce their military footprint. The consequences are already visible. Every fresh exchange of fire raises doubts about the viability of any future understanding between Washington and Tehran. Diplomacy depends not only on agreements but also on confidence that commitments can be honoured. If Iran concludes that American assurances cannot restrain military actions by its allies, negotiations become harder. Equally, if Israel believes diplomatic engagement merely provides Tehran with breathing space, its incentive to act independently grows stronger. History offers sobering lessons. The 1956 Suez Crisis demonstrated that even close allies can find themselves at odds when strategic priorities diverge. More recently, disagreements between American and Israeli leaders over settlements, peace negotiations and Iran's nuclear programme have repeatedly surfaced, only to be managed rather than resolved. The current dispute belongs to that tradition, but it is unfolding in a far more volatile environment. What makes the moment significant is that it reveals the limits of influence. Military superiority does not automatically translate into political control, even among partners. Nor does diplomatic leverage guarantee obedience from allies facing existential security concerns. Great powers often discover that managing friends can be as difficult as confronting foes. The immediate cease-fires and diplomatic initiatives may yet hold. But the larger question will remain. If Washington seeks a durable regional settlement while Israel remains convinced that only coercion can ensure security, future confrontations are inevitable. The real challenge is not ending the latest crisis. It is reconciling two competing visions of how peace can be achieved in one of the world's most combustible regions.

Some years ago, a prominent Pakistani civil rights activist told this writer that his country comprises Punjab and its colonies. In recent years, the Punjabi establishment has been engaged in one battle after another in most of the colonies. There is a full blown insurgency in Balochistan and K-P. There is restiveness in Sindh and South Punjab. But it is the rebellion of people in Pakistan Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (PoK), euphemistically called "Azad Jammu and Kashmir" against the Punjabi dominated Pakistani state that has shaken the military regime fronted by a puppet civilian government. For decades the two occupied territories of Pakistan occupied Kashmir, namely the sliver of territory comprising the Mirpur-Muzaffarabad region (PoK), and the erstwhile "Northern Areas" or Pakistan occupied Gilgit-Baltistan (PoGB) were a bastion of Pakistani nationalism. Denizens of the region, despite not being incorporated formally in Pakistan, were the strongest and staunchest advocates and defenders of Pakistan. People from PoK were recruited not only as soldiers in the Pakistan Army but also as jihadist cannon-fodder for exporting terrorism into Jammu and Kashmir. PoK was often referred to as the base camp for the 'liberation' of Kashmir from India. Ironically, the same region has today transformed as the base camp for the liberation of Kashmir from Pakistani (or more appropriately, Punjabi) occupation. That the populace in these occupied territories would rise up in revolt against the Pakistan Army dominated state structure was unimaginable even a few years ago. But it is the genius of the Lahori and Rawalpindi military and bureaucratic mindset that has made the impossible possible. Discontent in PoK has been bubbling under the surface for some years now. It started manifesting itself towards the middle of the first decade of this century when people from the region started identifying themselves as Kashmiris and not Pakistanis. At that time there were some people who were advocating an independent Kashmir. But even

though these were fringe voices, the Pakistani establishment was so terrified that it is alleged to have unleashed death squads against people like Arif Shahid to shut them down. The breaking of the back of the jihadist terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir by Indian security forces disillusioned many people in the region. After it became clear Pakistan could not snatch Kashmir from India, their attachment to Pakistan took a tumble. Meanwhile, existential crises - bread and butter issues - started impacting the daily lives of people. The fact that PoK was ruled by a comprador elite that owed its existence to remaining in the good graces of the military establishment and was more interested in doing the bidding of Islamabad and Rawalpindi than addressing the pressing concerns of the people of the region added to the sense of disempowerment. The political system was completely rigged in a way that whoever ran the government in Islamabad also got to run the government in Muzaffarabad. Since the beginning of this decade, PoK has seen almost half a dozen 'Prime Ministers'. The first big upsurge against the established order took place in August 2023 over inflated power bills. In May 2024 massive protests broke out over demands of subsidised flour and electricity tariff at the cost of generation of hydroelectric power from the Mangla dam. The protests soon turned violent and the government in Islamabad conceded the demands. It also promised to "review the 'luxuries' of the privileged class." This put a lid over the discontent in the occupied territory but within months big protests broke out against a draconian ordinance promulgated by the government to regulate public assemblies. This step by the government was seen as a move to introduce laws to curb and crush the people's movement for basic civic and economic rights. In September 2025 massive protests broke out over the 38 demands of the Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee which was spearheading the people's movement in PoK. The protests turned violent after

Pakistani authorities tried using strong arm tactics to crush the protestors. Once again the Pakistani state was forced to retreat and an accord was signed assuring the protestors that their demands will be met. Among the most critical and contentious demands was the one that sought the scrapping of 12 seats in the legislature that were allotted to 'refugees' settled in Pakistan. Elections on these 12 seats with minuscule electorates were always blatantly rigged and used to manipulate the government in Muzaffarabad. The J&KAAC had correctly come to the conclusion that these 12 seats were Pakistan's way to control the political process in the occupied territory. Even otherwise, the 'government' in PoK is pretty much neutered and it was the AJK council dominated by Islamabad that exercised a virtual veto over everything in the territory. If the people of PoK had to run their own affairs, it was only fair that the people they elected were accountable to them, and not to the generals in Rawalpindi or their puppet politicians in Islamabad. In Muzaffarabad a tectonic shift has taken place. The traditional political parties and players have become virtually irrelevant. Old school politicians have zero credibility and are seen as lackeys and puppets of Islamabad/Rawalpindi. This is a phenomenon not unique to PoK. It has also been witnessed in other colonies of Punjab. For example in Balochistan, the Baloch Yakjehi Council (BYC) led by a woman Dr Mahrang Baloch could bring out hundreds of thousands of people on the streets with the snap of a finger. In Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, the Pashtun Tahafuz Movement (PTM) captured the imagination of many young people. In Sindh, there was a huge uproar over the Pakistan Army's plans to cut a new canal and the provincial government and the military were forced to retreat. In both Balochistan and K-P, the military establishment used the most brutal tactics to bludgeon the people's movements. The same tactics were tried against the J&KAAC in PoK last year and during the current upsurge, but the fight back there



took the military dominated regime by surprise. Unlike the Baloch and to an extent the Pashtuns affiliated to the PTM, the people of PoK have more agency, and are therefore more assertive than other 'oppressed nations' living under the yoke of Punjab. They have had reasonable representation in the Army and there are many ex-servicemen living in PoK. The diaspora in Europe, especially the UK is strong and vocal, and has the ability to make a lot of noise. Organisationally, the J&KAAC has proved its mettle. It has forged a collective leadership which isn't dependent on a single person or district. It has agglomerated grievances and become a sort of umbrella organisation with which all kinds of people have attached themselves. The fact that it is raising issues linked to civil, political and economic rights of people can be related to by almost everyone in the territory, and has only added to its appeal and strength. Instead of engaging with and resolving the issues agitating the people, the Punjab run military-political establishment has resorted to its default option: using brute force to silence and snuff out dissent. To add insult to injury, the establishment automatically labels any people's rights movement as a terrorist organisation. In Pakistan, for the Punjabi establishment, people's movements are terrorist plots while internationally proscribed terrorists are considered patriotic Pakistanis. And if labelling these movements as terrorists is not enough, the establishment and its minions add additional masala by linking these movements to being

part of Indian sponsored subversion. This tactic worked to an extent in Punjab against Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf and in other provinces. But it is backfiring in PoK where the agitators are openly accusing Pakistan Army of state terrorism and massacres of protesters. The agitation in PoK and the attention it is attracting around the world - even the Amnesty International and other human rights groups have weighed in on the issue - is a massive blow to the Pakistani narrative on Jammu and Kashmir. The brutality with which a citizens' protest for civil rights and political reform has been handled has blown apart the entire edifice of Pakistan's propaganda campaign on Kashmir against India. Comparisons of political and economic conditions between PoK and the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir are now being made not by Indians but by Kashmiris living under Pakistani control, and Pakistan is being questioned like never before. The anger and resentment against the heavy-handedness of Asim Munir's military - Donald Trump's favorite self-appointed Field Marshal has been reported as saying that killing a few thousand Kashmiris is a small price to pay for retaining control over the territory - has created a volatile situation. For the first time, there are elements in PoK who are talking about ending Pakistan's illegal rule over the territory. The direction in which things are moving means that what was unthinkable a few years ago - liberation of PoK and PoGB and the reunification of the Indian state - is no longer out of the realm of the possible.

## Courage or folly? Inside Rahul Gandhi's big Madhya Pradesh gamble

The controversy over Meenakshi Natarajan's rejected Rajya Sabha nomination from Madhya Pradesh has been read largely as a Congress embarrassment. On the surface, it is that. A candidate's papers have been rejected. The BJP is poised to gain from it. The Congress is crying foul. Legal arguments, affidavit technicalities, and Election Commission procedures have now taken centre stage. But the larger political story lies elsewhere. The question is not merely whether Natarajan should have disclosed the Telangana court matter in her affidavit. If a court had issued summons in a private complaint and she had knowledge of it, she was ill-advised not to mention it. In election affidavits, over-disclosure is safer than clever disclosure. A political party entering a high-risk Rajya Sabha contest should not leave even a pinhole for the opponent to exploit. Yet the more interesting question is this: was Rahul Gandhi taking a risk in fielding her? The answer is yes. And, more importantly, he seems to have known it. The Leader of Opposition was not walking into Madhya Pradesh under the illusion that the Rajya Sabha seat was secure. Trouble could have come at three stages. First, at the nomination stage, where the BJP could raise technical objections. Second, through the possible defection or abstention of a small number of Congress MLAs. Third, through cross-voting on polling day. In other words, the danger was not accidental. It was part of the political terrain.

The BJP had already disturbed Congress calculations by fielding a third candidate. In the Madhya Pradesh Assembly, the BJP had a comfortable majority, while the Congress had just about enough strength to fight for one of the three seats if its flock held firm. The margin was not generous. The Congress leadership was reportedly considering moving MLAs to Congress-ruled states to prevent poaching or cross-voting. That itself revealed

the nervous arithmetic. A cautious Congress would have responded to such a situation by choosing a candidate who could manage the state unit, calm the old guard, speak to fence-sitters, and perhaps even neutralise sections of the local BJP establishment. In Madhya Pradesh, that name would have been Kamal Nath. Rahul Gandhi chose otherwise. **Kamal Nath or confrontation** One option before Rahul Gandhi was to field an aging warhorse such as Kamal Nath. He may not represent renewal, but he represents power. He knows Madhya Pradesh. He knows its factions, its contractors, its district leaders, its caste equations, and its arrangements. He has the capacity to negotiate, persuade, cajole, and contain. He may have given the Congress a better chance of saving the Rajya Sabha seat. But choosing Kamal Nath would also have meant choosing the old grammar of Congress survival. It would have meant that, when numbers are tight and the BJP applies pressure, the Congress falls back on the very leaders who have repeatedly dominated its state units, blocked transition, and treated renewal as a decorative slogan. **Rahul Gandhi was not willing to make that bargain.** This is not to romanticise his decision. Nor is it to offer him an excuse. Politics is not a theatre of good intentions. The Rajya Sabha is a numbers chamber, not a seminar room. If the Congress loses a seat, it loses a vote, a voice, committee space, parliamentary presence, and political momentum. But one must understand Rahul's mindset. He seems to have decided that saving one seat through compromise was less important than showing that the Congress would not bend its choices to either BJP pressure or old-guard blackmail. The outcome, even if adverse, would carry a message: no compromise with the BJP, even if it means going one down in the Rajya Sabha; no automatic surrender to the old guard, even if the candidate of renewal is vulnerable. **Why Meenakshi became the sig-**

**nal** Meenakshi Natarajan is not an accidental Congress nominee. She is a Rahul Gandhi politician in the fullest sense of the term. She belongs to the cohort that came into prominence when Rahul first tried to rework the Youth Congress and NSUI structures. She was NSUI president, later Madhya Pradesh Youth Congress president, and was brought into the AICC when Rahul began assembling a younger political team. In 2009, he picked her for the Mandsaur Lok Sabha seat, where she defeated BJP veteran Laxminarayan Pandey. She later lost in the Modi wave, but she remained within Rahul's circle of trust. That circle has often been labelled inside the Congress as the "Jai Jagat" group: left-of-centre, social-justice oriented, morally earnest, organisationally uneven, often accused of having an NGO-style approach to politics. Its critics see in it a lack of electoral cunning. Its defenders see in it the ideological spine Rahul believes the Congress must recover. Natarajan's nomination has to be seen through this lens. It was not merely a ticket. It was an internal note to the party. Rahul was telling the old Congress that proximity to state power is not the only qualification for reward. He was telling the younger Congress that loyalty, ideological clarity, and long association still count. He was telling the BJP that the Congress would contest even in unfavourable terrain. He was also telling himself, perhaps, that renewal cannot be postponed every time the arithmetic becomes uncomfortable. **BJP's opening, Congress's Failure** The BJP, of course, did what the BJP does well. It identified vulnerability and acted on it. The objection to Natarajan's nomination centred on her alleged non-disclosure of a court matter in Telangana. The Congress argued that this was a legal notice or complaint where, according to its side, disclosure was not mandatory in the way the BJP claimed. The BJP



insisted otherwise. The Returning Officer accepted the objection. The nomination was rejected. The Congress has called it political manipulation. Natarajan herself has described it as political, not legal. Senior Congress leaders rushed to complain to the Election Commission. There were accusations of democracy being undermined, and familiar charges that the BJP uses institutions and technicalities to deny opponents a fair contest. There is merit in examining whether the rejection was disproportionate. But there is also no escaping the Congress's own failure. A party that knows it is contesting against a ruthless and alert opponent cannot afford casualness. It cannot say the BJP will exploit loopholes and then leave a loophole. Procedural competence is now part of political resistance. Rahul Gandhi may have chosen risk. But the organisation around him had to reduce avoidable risk. It did not. This is the larger Congress problem. Rahul often frames politics in moral and ideological terms. The BJP fights it in institutional, procedural, and tactical terms. The Congress cannot answer one kind of politics with only the other. It needs both. It needs the moral argument and the form correctly filled. It needs the slogan and the polling agent. It needs the idea and the arithmetic. **A seat lost, a line drawn** The easy conclusion is that Rahul Gandhi miscalculated. Perhaps he did. If the Congress ends up one seat short in the Rajya Sabha

because of this episode, the cost is real. But the more meaningful conclusion is that Rahul made a choice with eyes open. He could have played safe. Instead, he treated the situation as a political signal. That signal is not without contradiction. It may not comfort Congress workers who want winnability over symbolism. It may irritate veterans who believe Rahul still underestimates the mechanics of power. It may invite ridicule from the BJP, which will say that moral posturing without numbers is useless. But Rahul's point appears different. He seems to be saying that the Congress cannot keep postponing internal change in the name of immediate survival. Every time the party faces the BJP, it cannot outsource the fight to those who specialise in accommodation. Every difficult election cannot become an argument for returning to the same old managers. There is a hard lesson here for both Rahul and his critics. For Rahul, the lesson is that risk must be backed by rigour. If he wants to field a Meenakshi Natarajan over a Kamal Nath, the nomination must be flawless, the MLAs must be secured, the legal team must be alert, and the party must be ready for every BJP move before it happens. For the old guard, the lesson is that their indispensability is no longer assumed. Rahul may lose by refusing to compromise, but he seems increasingly willing to accept that loss rather than remain hostage to the politics of yesterday.

## Bulls back at Dalal Street: Sensex gains over 1,600 points, Rs 9.71 lakh crore added in mcap

New Delhi, June 12: Indian stock markets on Friday ended with strong buying as the Nifty climbed above the 23,600 mark and the Sensex gained over 1,600 points. The market's gains were aided by easing crude oil prices, a stronger rupee and positive global cues. At close, the Sensex was up 1,695.40 points, or 2.30 per cent, at 75,527.95, while the Nifty was up 461.30 points, or 1.99 per cent, at 23,622.90. The Indian rupee ended 64 paise higher at 95.11 against the US dollar on Friday, compared with its previous close of 95.75. The market capitalisation of all listed stocks increased by Rs 9.71 lakh



crore as the mcap was increased to Rs 462.05 lakh crore from Rs 452.33 lakh crore. Among sectors, all the indices ended positively. On the gaining end were Consumer durables, realty, telecom, banking, auto, media, oil & gas and metal indices. Nifty Financial Services rallied 3.15%, Nifty Bank added 2.97%, Nifty PSU

Bank rose 2.71%, and Nifty Private Bank added 2.84%. Further, Realty gained 3.5%, Consumer durables, oil & gas and auto also gained 2% or more today. Nearly 100 stocks touched their 52-week high on the BSE, including IFCL, Apar Industries, Aegis Logistics, Sai Life Sciences, Bank of

Maharashtra, Caplin Labs, Federal Bank, On the Nifty, 31 out of 50 stocks closed in the green. Shriram Finance was the top gainer, followed by Bajaj Finance, L&T, IndiGo, Tata Motors PV and Titan. Those 11 emerging as losers were Nestle India, ONGC, Tech Mahindra, SBI Life and Tata Consumer among others. Among the individual stocks, ESAF Small Finance Bank gained 7 per cent, and Bosch India advanced 4 per cent. In the real estate sector, the key gainers were Prestige Estates Projects, Brigade Enterprises, Godrej Properties, DLF, Sobha, and Anant Raj, advancing up to 5%.

## India's retail inflation at 3.93% in May, stays below 4% target of RBI

New Delhi, June 12: India's retail inflation remained at 3.93 per cent in May 2026, being under the Reserve Bank of India's medium-term target of 4 per cent, as per the provisional data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation on Friday, June 12. However, this was slightly up from 3.48 per cent recorded in April. It can-

not be compared with the corresponding period last year due to rebasing of the CPI basket that uses 2024 as the base year now. The revised series came out in January and is based on consumption patterns captured in the 2023-24 Household Expenditure Survey. The rise in inflation suggests that price pressures were beginning to emerge after



a relatively benign start to the year, IANS reported.

## The desert is drowning: China warns extreme floods are coming to its most arid regions

New Delhi, June 12: China is facing a new and growing weather threat. Authorities are warning extreme floods could hit parts of the country's arid north including areas around its vast desert regions. This marks a clear shift from historical patterns where these areas were associated with drought, not flooding.



2026 flood season warning China's 2026 flood season began on April 1 and is likely to bring more severe flooding to the traditionally arid north of country. Typhoons may also move northward and affect inland areas.

From June to August, some areas including Songliao River basin, Hai River, Pearl River may experience major floods. In the same period, middle and lower reaches of Yangtze River and northern Xinjiang may face drought.

China's Ministry of Water Resources has forecast weather patterns for 2026. South might have heavy rainfall. Northern and inland regions could face dry spells.

The rain belt is moving north. One of the most significant developments is structural shift in where China's rain falls. In the final weeks of 2025, rain became the new normal across China's dry north. And, in Inner Mongolia's capital Hohhot, annual precipitation was closing in on 800 millimetres. In Beijing, several meteorological stations had already logged more than 1,000 millimetres, nearly twice the city's typical annual rainfall.

Floods in northwest China's Gansu province, Inner Mongolia, and other areas resulted in 73 dead or missing in 2025. North China's flood season ended about a month later than usual. Across the country, floods affected 22.7 million people, with 404 killed or missing, and caused 165 billion yuan in direct economic losses. This northward push of rainfall is overwhelming infrastructure that was never built to manage heavy flooding. The Taklamakan: China's driest desert, now flooding.

The Taklamakan Desert in Xinjiang is the most extreme example of this reversal. This desert has a typical temperate continental climate with frequent droughts and low precipitation. Annual average precipitation in the desert is less than 100 millimetres, while the annual average evaporation level is as high as around 3,000 millimetres. Yet that landscape is now flooding. In 2024, flooding hit Taklamakan Desert in Tarim Basin in northwest China. Videos on social media showed submerged roads. Flooding was triggered by high temperatures, snowmelt, heavy rainfall. These

conditions caused Tarim River tributaries to overflow prompting the Xinjiang Water Resources Department to activate flood emergency response.

Since mid-August 2024, temperatures had exceeded 40C in some parts of the desert. Rapid snowmelt in surrounding mountains increased flow from tributaries into the Tarim River. Rainfall in July that year was 27% above average. Between August 17 and 27, rainfall in the area of the Tarim River was four times higher than usual.

This is not a one-off event. In July 2021, floods affected an area of over 300 square kilometres in the Taklamakan Desert, with embankments breached and power poles knocked over. During the summer of 2022, the main stream of the Tarim River and its tributaries also flooded. Glacial melt is making it worse.

The floods in Xinjiang are driven by more than just rainfall. Continued high temperatures have accelerated glacial melting in mountainous areas and caused flash floods, mudslides, and landslides across many places in Xinjiang. The China Meteorological Administration warned that glacial melting in Xinjiang poses a high risk of dam failure on a tributary of the Aksu River near China's border with Kyrgyzstan.

From 2001 to 2022, average temperatures in Xinjiang rose by 1C compared to 1961-2000 period. Average precipitation increased 16.1%. This warming has also accelerated glacier melt, with the glacial area in Xinjiang shrinking by 11.7% over the past 60 years. Scientists note that these dual pressures, more rain and faster ice melt, are combining to produce floods in places that historically had neither. Southern China floods simultaneously. While the north and desert regions face flood risk, southern China is already dealing with active flooding right now. In early June 2026, China saw heavy rains across multiple provinces in southern China with nearly 10,000 residents evacuated in Guizhou after torrential rains caused flooding in the area. Flood-

response measures were activated in Hunan and Guangxi.

Parts of northeast China, north China, and regions along the Yangtze River have recorded rainfall levels more than double their usual levels, increasing pressure on local flood-prevention systems. Reservoir levels and flood control preparedness

China entered its annual flood season with its 9,677 key reservoirs holding a combined 476.4 billion cubic metres of water as of June 1, roughly 10% above the seasonal average. Officials say the ample reservoir storage provides a solid foundation for flood control and water supply management.

However, the challenge is not just storage capacity. It is the speed and location of the water. Desert and arid-region infrastructure is not built to handle sudden high-volume flooding.

Roads, embankments, and power infrastructure in these areas have repeatedly failed when hit by flash floods and meltwater surges. Infrastructure and agriculture at risk. Flooding is expected to threaten infrastructure, disrupt transport networks, displace communities. Drought may reduce crop yields. Agriculture is particularly vulnerable. Authorities are stepping up efforts to manage these risks.

Xinjiang is a critical agricultural zone. Xinjiang accounts for production of about 20% of the world's cotton, a water-thirsty crop. Flash floods and glacial meltwater events can damage crops, breach irrigation infrastructure, and cause soil erosion across farmland that took decades to establish.

The broader climate pattern China has experienced a 20% increase in incidents of heavy rainfall since 1961, according to the China Meteorological

Administration. Scientists say the floods are consistent with an increase in extreme weather due to climate change. In many parts of China, dramatic changes in precipitation have been seen in recent decades. The Taklamakan and Gobi Desert region has experienced a rise in extreme precipitation events, leading to numerous floods and other rainfall-related hazards in recent years, resulting in loss of life and property. China is the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Each 0.5-degree temperature increase would lead to a \$60 billion rise in annual flood losses, according to researchers in Nanjing. The deserts, once synonymous with thirst, are now part of China's flood risk map. That is a shift authorities can no longer afford to overlook.

## Jailed South Korean ex-president Yoon Suk Yeol gets 30 more years for sending military drones over North Korea

Seoul, June 12: South Korea's jailed former President Yoon Suk Yeol received an additional 30-year prison sentence on Friday. The Seoul Central District Court convicted him for ordering military drone flights over North Korea's capital, Pyongyang. Prosecutors argued the operation was designed to provoke a military response from the North and manufacture a pretext for his failed martial law declaration in December 2024.



The court ruling The Seoul Central District Court found Yoon and his former defense minister, Kim Yong Hyun, guilty of aiding an adversary and abusing their power. The court said they sought to provoke North Korea into launching armed attacks or other serious provocations against South Korea to manufacture a national emergency. The court stated in its ruling that Yoon conspired in the drone operation from the beginning and was a co-principal offender in the crime of benefiting the enemy. It further held that the drone incursions into Pyongyang harmed South Korea's military interests and were carried out for private political purposes unrelated to national security or defense. The court said the defendants used the guise of a military operation to induce provocations from North Korea with the aim of creating a state of emergency. It concluded that Yoon bore the greatest responsibility in this event.

Sentences for co-accused Yoon and his former defense minister Kim Yong Hyun were both sentenced to 30 years in prison. Former head of the Defense Counterintelligence Command Yeo In-hyung received 15 years. Former head of Drone Operations Command Kim Yong-dae received three years in prison with a five-year suspended sentence. What the drone operation involved North Korea accused Seoul of flying drones over Pyongyang to drop propaganda leaflets three times in October 2024. The drone flights into the airspace over Chung-guyok district in Pyongyang occurred between October 3 and October 10. The incident led to destruction of the Gyeongui Line and Donghae Line railways in North Korea further worsening inter-Korean relations. Investigators found internal

memos suggesting that defendants were working to engineer military standoff. One memo contained notes listing targets that North Korea would respond to. That included capital Pyongyang, residence of leader Kim Jong Un and two nuclear facilities. Prosecutors argued that the operation exposed sensitive military capabilities and operational information to North Korea after some drones reportedly crashed near Pyongyang. South Korea's defense minister at the time, Kim Yong Hyun, issued a vague denial when the allegations surfaced. The Defense Ministry later said it could neither confirm nor deny the claims. Tensions rose sharply but did not lead to any military clashes.

Link to the martial law bid Prosecutors argued that Yoon ordered the drone operation in October 2024 to provoke Pyongyang and create a pretext for his failed martial law bid later that year. When Yoon declared martial law on December 3, 2024, he claimed he was protecting the country from anti-state forces that sympathised with North Korea. Special prosecutor Cho Eun-suk had sought a 30-year prison term for Yoon, accusing him of trying to create a warlike situation between the

Koreas while plotting an authoritarian push to remove his political opponents and monopolize power. It soon became clear that Yoon was driven by domestic political troubles. He rolled back the martial law order in the face of mass protests. Yoon's defence Yoon denied wrongdoing. His lawyers said he neither ordered nor later approved the drone operation. They argued the flights were unrelated to martial law and were instead a response to months of North Korean launches of balloons stuffed with rubbish across the border. His lawyers also argued that a guilty verdict would undermine South Korea's security inter-

ests. They did not immediately say whether they would appeal.

Yoon's prior convictions Friday's sentencing is not Yoon's first conviction. He has accumulated multiple prison terms across separate cases since his removal from office. In February, a South Korean court sentenced Yoon to life in prison after finding him guilty of leading an insurrection linked to the martial law attempt. In a separate case, Yoon was sentenced to five years in prison for obstruction of justice. The Seoul Central District Court found that he, with the help of the presidential security service, had tried to prevent his own arrest and deleted multiple documents related to the investigation against him. Yoon, who is already in custody, can appeal Friday's lower court ruling. Political fallout and current government The ruling adds to a series of judgements against the ousted conservative leader, once South Korea's top prosecutor, whose martial law order plunged Asia's fourth-largest economy into its deepest political turmoil in decades. He was removed from office after the Constitutional Court upheld his impeachment. This triggered a snap election that was won by liberal President Lee Jae Myung. Since taking office, Lee has taken steps to ease inter-Korean tensions. These include turning off frontline loudspeakers that blared K-pop and world news, and banning activists from flying balloons carrying propaganda leaflets toward North Korea. North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's sister called Lee's overtures wise behaviour. However, hopes for a diplomatic thaw faded after the North returned to calling South Korea its most hostile enemy. Broader context Drone flights remain a flashpoint in tensions between the two Koreas, which remain technically at war. There have been no public talks between the two Koreas since 2019. North Korea has also accused South Korea of occasional drone flights over the border in the past decade. In December 2022, South Korea fired warning shots, scrambled fighter jets, and flew surveillance drones over North Korea in response to what it called North Korea's first alleged drone flights across the border in five years.

## Elon Musk closer to becoming world's first trillionaire after SpaceX IPO raises \$75 billion

New York June 12: Elon Musk-led SpaceX has reached a major financial milestone after pricing its initial public offering (IPO), a move that has pushed the company's valuation to around \$1.77 trillion and brought Musk closer to becoming the world's first trillionaire. SpaceX reportedly priced its shares at \$135 apiece, raising nearly \$75 billion in one of the largest IPOs in history. The company is expected to begin trading on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol 'SPCX'. The IPO pricing has reportedly increased Musk's net worth to nearly \$970 billion, placing him within reach of the trillion-dollar mark. Musk's SpaceX stake drives wealth surge The IPO is estimated to

have added around \$275 billion to Musk's wealth. His SpaceX holdings, including options, are valued at approximately \$688 billion at the offering price.

Regulatory filings showed that Musk beneficially owns 849.49 million Class A shares and 5.57 billion Class B shares as of May 1, giving him a combined holding of about 6.42 billion shares. Through SpaceX's dual-class share structure, Musk controls more than 85 per cent of the company's voting power, with Class B shares carrying higher voting rights than Class A shares. SpaceX becomes major force in aerospace. Founded by Musk in 2002, SpaceX has grown into a leading aerospace company through its



Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy reusable rockets, Dragon spacecraft and Starship programme. The company has also expanded its presence through Starlink, its satellite internet business.

The Nasdaq debut is expected to influence future technology listings, with other major artificial intelligence companies also being watched close-

ly by investors. SpaceX has said the capital raised will support major future projects, including orbital data centres, a lunar factory and Mars missions.

The company's IPO marks a significant moment for public markets as investors look toward large-scale technology and artificial intelligence-driven businesses.

## BJP may resort to fraudulent means to win elections, alleges Akhilesh

New Delhi, June 12: Accusing the BJP of destroying the sanctity of democracy, Samajwadi Party National President Akhilesh Yadav said the saffron party's only achievement is undermining citizens' rights. Addressing SP workers at party state headquarters here on Thursday, Yadav said the BJP government has plunged Uttar Pradesh into the dark with rampant corruption, women and girls being humiliated daily. "Hospital treatment and medicines are fraudulent. Fake encounters have become the destiny of Uttar



Pradesh. There is no visible development anywhere, nor are there any plans for public welfare. Having failed on all fronts, the BJP may now conspire to win elections through fake means," he said, warn-

ing SP workers to be wary of the BJP's cunning ways as "whatever the BJP does is fake."

The SP chief said any exam being conducted is canceled due to paper leaks. Colleges and universities are increasing fees indiscriminately so that poor students cannot study. Mr. Akhilesh Yadav warned party workers that the 2027 elections are about saving democracy. The public trusts the Samajwadi Party and our preparations are complete. He stated that only the Samajwadi Party can save Uttar Pradesh. The BJP has ruined the state. Now, the PDA community is ready for change. The need is simply to unite and defeat the BJP and oust it from power.

## Varalaxmi Sarathkumar Accepts director Sanjeev Megoti's Apology



A recent controversy involving actress Varalaxmi Sarathkumar and director Sanjeev Megoti has now come to an end on a positive note. The director publicly apologized to the actress after making comments about her absence from the promotional activities of their upcoming film Police Complaint. The issue started when Sanjeev Megoti spoke at a press meet and expressed disappointment that Varalaxmi was not taking part in the film's promotions. He said many people were asking whether she had only a small role in the movie because she was not attending promotional events. The director pointed out that Varalaxmi appears on screen for almost two hours in the film and plays a major role. He also mentioned that

the actress had not dubbed for the film for several months and said that production schedules were adjusted after she suffered a hand injury. According to him, these delays caused financial difficulties for the producer. The director further compared her absence from promotions with the efforts of several industry personalities who actively support their films. However, the situation changed quickly. On Thursday, Sanjeev Megoti released a video apologizing to Varalaxmi Sarathkumar for his remarks. He acknowledged that she had continued working on the film despite her injury and cooperated with the team during the shoot. The director admitted that his comments at the press meet were a mistake. He clarified that Varalaxmi never created any prob-

lems for the production team and said he was sorry for speaking negatively about her. He also revealed that many people from the film industry contacted him and questioned why he had made those remarks. Sanjeev Megoti said he wanted to organize a press meet with Varalaxmi to help the film's distributors, but he now regrets the way he handled the situation. He promised that such an incident would not happen again. Varalaxmi Sarathkumar responded positively to the apology. She shared the director's video on her Instagram Story and wrote, "Apology accepted... justice and truth will always win." She also thanked the Telugu Film Producers Council and its representatives for responding quickly to the matter.

## Sukumar Joins Hands With Another Producer



Like giving his creative brain for hire, and his banner name like a loan, already star director Sukumar is lending "Sukumar Writings" to many producers in Tollywood. Even for the recently released movie "Peddi" featuring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, Vriddhi Cinemas has shared a credit with Sukumar Writings along with Mythri Movie Makers. Earlier, he teamed up with some other small producers also, but then, most of the time it would be a creative collaboration only, not an upfront investment by Sukumar.

Right now, reports are coming up that Sukumar Writings will partner with Bunny Vas' new production house Bunny Vas Works to make a film with Priyadarshi in the lead. There will be an unusual choice as the heroine of the movie; however, the makers haven't revealed anything about it so far. These days, whenever the banner 'Sukumar Writings' is associated with something, the movies are getting amazing attention and buzz. Hope Sukumar has once again given this super creative touch to the script, such that producer Bunny Vas also scores a blockbuster, as he is going through a purple patch for some time.

On the other hand, Sukumar is yet to openly endorse Peddi and talk about it, and we have to see if he would respond to the controversy that popped up in the form of Janhvi Kapoor's character portrayal inside the movie. Also, the director is currently working on a new script that will feature none other than Ram Charan in the lead; however, the film's announcement and official pooja are still pending.

## Jagapathi Babu fires at 'Peddi' Trollers



Ever since the Ram Charan starrer "Peddi" hit cinemas, there's been huge trolling around the film, with some critics firing that the film has objectified Janhvi Kapoor's character big time, and director Buchi Babu Sana has exploited her glamorous curves big time. At one point, that has even overshadowed the brilliant acting mettle showcased by Ram Charan.

Though the film collected Rs.300+ crores already, here is what senior star Jagapathi Babu felt about those critics. Talking about the same in an interview, Jagapathi Babu stated that everyone is entitled to their opinion, but then, a few of the critics are intentionally painting negativity on the movie by bringing it down. He felt that a few people are deriving sadistic pleasure by talking about the film negatively. "These sadists do everything to affect a film's run at the box office. While Ram Charan is a rich guy,

other people who have worked on the project are not that rich. One should think about the Peddi producer who has invested so much in the project," said Jagapathi Babu. "Few people earn in thousands by trolling a film that's made with crores. It's nothing but perversion that these people try to affect the movie's box office performance with their judgment. Peddi is not a bad film; it's just a deep-rooted film with some typical characters," he further added. Jagapathi Babu played the role of Appalasoori in the film, and his character brings the mighty twist to the movie at the right time. Even the senior actor has won lots of praises for playing that role quite convincingly. On the other hand, directors like Ram Gopal Varma are supporting the critics, saying that the moment we sell the ticket to an audience, they are entitled to judge the movie in whichever way they like.

## Gopichand oozes magnetic charm as warrior



Macho Hero Gopichand is working with highly talented director Sankalp Reddy for his high budget warrior epic, Bharatavarsha. The movie has created huge buzz and anticipation with the glimpse and promotional campaign till date. On the occasion of Gopichand's birthday, the movie team have released a new poster with him as a warrior. With a bow and arrow in his hand, against the huge arsenal of forces, his machismo is on a full display. With International level technicians working on the film, the makers are promising an unprecedented cinematic experience. The poster rises high curiosity and excitement further about this incredible action warrior saga. Anudeep Dev is composing music and Srinivasa Chitturi is producing this mega action drama on a massive scale. Further details to be announced soon.



## Why Janhvi Kapoor was scared to perform this Peddi Scene

Janhvi Kapoor is receiving praise as well as controversy for her performance in the blockbuster film Peddi. Recently, the actress spoke about her experience working on the movie and revealed the scene that scared her the most while filming. During a recent interview, Janhvi said she had complete trust in director Buchi Babu Sana's vision. She explained that she believes a director knows what is best for a film because they are responsible for bringing the entire story together. Janhvi also praised Buchi Babu for his successful work in Telugu cinema and said she felt confident working under his guidance.



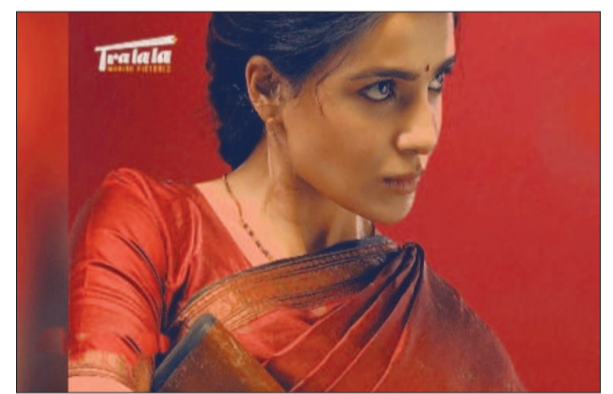
The actress revealed that her entry scene in Peddi was the most challenging part of the film for her. According to Janhvi, the character was very different from the roles she had played in the past. She was unsure whether she could perform the scene convincingly and worried about how audiences would react. However, after watching the final version on screen, she felt happy and proud of the result. One of the biggest challenges for Janhvi was speaking Telugu in front of large crowds. Since Telugu is not her first language, she spent considerable time memorizing her dialogues. She

recalled a special moment when the audience applauded after she delivered an important monologue. The appreciation gave her confidence and made her feel that her hard work had paid off. Janhvi also spoke about the influence of her mother, legendary actress Sridevi. Growing up, she often heard stories about Sridevi's dedication and commitment to her work. These stories inspired Janhvi to develop a similar attitude toward acting. She said she now has her own experiences and memories from film sets that she hopes to share with her children in the future. In Peddi, Janhvi stars opposite Ram Charan and plays the role of Achiyamma. Despite some controversies surrounding certain scenes in the film, Peddi continues to perform strongly at the box office and remains one of the most talked-about releases of the year.

## Does Samantha's Maa Inti Bangaram offer more than Just Mass action?

Director Nandini Reddy has shared some interesting details about the upcoming film Maa Inti Bangaram, starring Samantha Ruth Prabhu in the lead role. The movie is set to release on June 19, 2026, and expectations are already high after the trailer received a positive response from audiences. Speaking about Samantha's character, Nandini Reddy revealed that the actress will be seen in a powerful and entertaining role. She said, "Maa Inti Bangaram presents Samantha in a Baasha-style template. However, the film is not just about mass appeal. The character is packed with soul, emotion and vulnerability, making it a unique and layered role."

The trailer gives a glimpse of Samantha playing a woman with a mysterious past. She enters her boyfriend's family home and faces several personal questions from family members. While everyone expects her to fit the image of an ideal daughter-in-law, she makes it clear that her biggest strength is her willingness to do anything to



protect her family. The film combines family emotions, action, comedy, and drama. Samantha is seen performing several action scenes, many of them while wearing a saree, which adds a fresh and powerful element to her character. During a recent promotional interview, Nandini Reddy also spoke about the filmmaking process behind Maa Inti Bangaram. She explained that successful filmmaking is never the result of one person's decisions alone. "Filmmaking is never about one person's judgment or ego," Nandini said. She revealed that every important decision related to the movie was discussed with the team

before being finalized. According to her, creator Raj, producers, technicians, editors, and other team members were encouraged to share their ideas openly. "Everyone was encouraged to express their opinions, and we listened to each other before arriving at a conclusion," she said. Produced by Samantha's Tralala Moving Pictures, Maa Inti Bangaram also features Diganth, Gulshan Devaiah, Sreemukhi, Gautami, Lakshmi, Anand, and several others in important roles. With its mix of family emotions, action, and a strong female lead, the film promises to offer an entertaining experience for audiences.

## Controversial Movie Lands Salman in Fresh Legal Fight

Bollywood superstar Salman Khan has approached the Delhi High Court seeking an immediate stay on the production, promotion, and release of the upcoming film Kala Hiran: The Battle for Legacy. The move comes amid growing controversy surrounding the film, which is reportedly inspired by the actor's long-running 1998 blackbuck poaching case.

According to reports, Khan has alleged that the makers have violated his personality and publicity rights by using elements that closely resemble his public

image and legal history. The petition reportedly argues that promotional material, including posters and teaser content, identifies him indirectly and could harm his reputation. The legal battle escalated shortly after the film's teaser was released. Salman's legal team had earlier issued a notice demanding that the makers halt the project and remove promotional material linked to the film. However, the filmmakers have continued to defend the project, maintaining their stance despite the objections.

## Thala Ajith stuck in a Remuneration Mess?

Ajith Kumar's next film has become one of the hottest topics in Tamil cinema, and surprisingly, the discussion is not about the story or director but about the star's remuneration. Over the past few months, multiple reports in Tamil media have suggested that salary negotiations are delaying the announcement of his next project.

According to industry buzz, Ajith has reportedly decided to reduce his remuneration to around Rs.150 crore, lower than what he is said to have received for Good Bad Ugly. Even then, producers appear cautious about committing to such a massive figure in the current market scenario. Reports claim that discussions with Leading banner did not progress as expected, with the production house allegedly willing to go only up to Rs.90 crore. Similar reports suggest that another potential producer offered around Rs.110 crore. These claims remain unconfirmed but have fueled intense speculation. The prolonged delay in finalizing AK64 has only added to the rumors. Earlier



reports had also indicated disagreements over remuneration, with figures ranging between Rs.170 crore and Rs.200 crore being discussed. At present, two projects are believed to be under consideration, one with Adhik Ravichandran and another with Siruthai Siva. Both are expected to be large-scale commercial entertainers. However, neither project has officially gone on floors. For now, fans are eagerly waiting for clarity. Whether the remuneration issue is real or merely industry speculation, the delay in announcing Ajith's next film is undoubtedly giving rise to more questions than answers.

## Prabhas Packed Schedule Rules Out Aditya Dhar Project



Prabhas is currently one of the biggest stars in Indian cinema. The actor enjoys a huge fan following across the country, especially after the success of films like Baahubali, Salaar, and Kalki 2898 AD. Because of his popularity, many filmmakers are interested in working with him. Recently, rumors started circulating that Prabhas had met director Aditya Dhar and that the two were planning a new film together.

The speculation gained attention quickly, especially after the success of Aditya Dhar's recent work. However, sources

close to the development have clarified that there is no such project in the pipeline at the moment. One of the main reasons is Prabhas' packed schedule. The actor is currently busy shooting for several major films.

He is working on Fauzi and Spirit, while preparations are also underway for the sequel to Kalki 2898 AD. Apart from these projects, Prabhas is also said to be in discussions for more films in the future. Because of these commitments, the actor does not have enough dates available for a new collaboration. Industry insiders say

that his schedule is almost full for the next couple of years.

On the other hand, Aditya Dhar is also focused on his own work. Reports suggest that he is developing a new script and may work with Bollywood actor Ranveer Singh again. The director is currently concentrating on his upcoming projects and is not planning a film with Prabhas at this stage. There are also reports that Prabhas is in talks with several production houses, including Hombale Films, for future projects. This further indicates that his calendar is already packed with commitments.

## 'India will need Rohit and Virat's qualities to win the World Cup': Irfan Pathan

New Delhi, June 12 : Former India all-rounder Irfan Pathan has underlined the importance of Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli ahead of India's first ODI against Afghanistan, saying the experienced duo will be central to the team's chances in the upcoming ODI World Cup in South Africa.

Pathan praised Rohit's ability to counter fast bowling in challenging overseas conditions and described Virat as the ideal batter to anchor India's innings from the No.3 position. "Rohit Sharma's biggest strength is his ability to handle short-pitched bowling. He has exceptional timing and gets into position early. In South Africa, where bowlers get both swing and extra bounce, Rohit is the ideal batter to punish anything short," Pathan told Jio Hotstar. The former left-arm pacer also highlighted Kohli's



unmatched consistency in the 50-over format and his ability to guide the innings under pressure. "Coming to Virat Kohli, he brings immense experience to the middle order. In ODIs, no one does it better than him. Batting at number three, his records speak for themselves. If India lose an early wicket, he is the man to rebuild the innings," he said. "He loves batting long, and when it comes to chasing, he is the best in

the world. India will need both these qualities of Rohit and Virat if they are to win the World Cup in South Africa," he added. Pathan also weighed in on India's wicketkeeping options, backing KL Rahul as the team's first-choice wicketkeeper-batter in ODIs. "KL Rahul is India's first-choice wicketkeeper-batsman in ODIs. He has done well at numbers five and six. He is versatile," Pathan said. He added that Ishan

Kishan's inclusion as a backup wicketkeeper was a sensible move due to his ability to bat higher up the order and handle pace effectively.

"As a backup, the selectors have brought in Ishan Kishan. Ishan can bat higher up the order and plays the short ball well square of the wicket. That is a smart selection." Pathan further stated that Sanju Samson remains a strong contender for opportunities in the middle order. "The third in line should be Sanju Samson. Whenever he has got a chance, he has delivered. We saw that in the T20 World Cup. Sanju now plays with maturity and handles pressure well. He can be tried at number five," he said. Meanwhile, India will shift their focus from Tests to ODIs as they start a three-match ODI series against Afghanistan at HPCA in Dharamshala on Saturday.

## India begin 2027 ODI World Cup roadmap with Afghanistan series

New Delhi, June 12 : India's long-term planning for the 2027 ODI World Cup begins with the three-match series against Afghanistan, starting in Dharamshala on Saturday. While the immediate focus will be on winning the series, the team management will also use the opportunity to assess players and combinations for the future.

A major point of interest will be Rohit Sharma, who returns after recovering from a hamstring issue sustained during the IPL. The veteran opener has regained fitness in time for the series, but with the World Cup still more than a year away, questions remain over whether he can continue at the highest level until the tournament in South Africa.

Virat Kohli's absence due to a hamstring injury means India will have to reshuffle their batting order. Rohit is expected to partner captain Shubman Gill at the top, while either Ishan Kishan or Yashasvi Jaiswal could be given the responsibility of batting at No. 3. Shreyas Iyer is likely to occupy the No. 4 spot, with KL Rahul continuing as the team's preferred wicketkeeper-batter in the middle order. One player under particular scrutiny will be Nitish Kumar Reddy. The young



all-rounder has impressed with his batting in recent months and is increasingly being viewed as a potential backup to injury-prone Hardik Pandya. However, India's think tank will be keen to evaluate his bowling workload and effectiveness, especially as the team looks to build depth in the pace all-rounder department.

Reddy enjoyed a strong IPL campaign and now has a chance to establish himself in the ODI setup. His ability to contribute consistently with both bat and ball could be crucial to India's plans going forward.

The bowling attack is likely to feature a mix of experience and fresh faces. Washington Sundar and Kuldeep Yadav are expected to handle the spin duties, while uncapped left-arm spinner Harsh Dubey provides

another option. In the pace department, Arshdeep Singh and Prasidh Krishna are set to lead the attack, with either Prince Yadav or Gurnoor Brar in line for an international debut.

With Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj rested, the series offers an opportunity for India's second line of fast bowlers to make an impression. Afghanistan, meanwhile, arrive with a squad capable of challenging any side in white-ball cricket. The return of star leg-spinner Rashid Khan is a major boost for the visitors, while veteran all-rounder Mohammad Nabi adds experience and balance.

Led by Hashmatullah Shahidi, Afghanistan will draw confidence from their impressive performances in recent ICC tournaments and their growing reputa-

tion as a dangerous limited-overs side.

Fast bowler Mohammad Saleem, who grabbed attention with a six-wicket haul in the recent Test match against India, has also been included in the ODI squad and could play a key role.

With the picturesque Dharamshala venue offering pace, bounce and favourable conditions for stroke-making, the series promises to provide valuable answers for both teams as they continue building towards future challenges.

Squads: India: Shubman Gill (c), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul, Kuldeep Yadav, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Prasidh Krishna, Shreyas Iyer, Rohit Sharma, Hardik Pandya, Washington Sundar, Harsh Dubey, Ishan Kishan, Arshdeep Singh, Gurnoor Brar, Prince Yadav.

A f g h a n i s t a n : Hashmatullah Shahidi (c), Sediqullah Atal, Rahmanullah Gurbaz (wk), Ikram Alikhil (wk), Azmatullah Omarzai, Bilal Sami, Nangeyala Kharoti, Fareed Ahmad Malik, AM Ghazanfar, Mohammad Nabi, Rashid Khan, Darwish Rasooli, Ibrahim Zadran, Zia Ur Rahman Sharifi.

## PV Sindhu confirms semifinal spot at Australian Open

Sydney, May 12 : World No. 10 PV Sindhu booked her place in the semifinals of the Australian Open currently underway at the Quaycentre in Sydney with a dominant victory over Chinese Taipei's Chen Su Yu.

In a match lasting just 27 minutes, the third-seeded Indian controlled both games from the beginning to seal a 21-6, 21-9 victory. The result marks Sindhu's second semifinal appearance of the season, having previously reached the last four at the Malaysia Open 2026.

An interesting semifinal awaits Sindhu as the two-time Olympic medallist takes on top seed and three-time world champion Akane Yamaguchi. The clash will be the 29th meeting between the two, with Sindhu holding a 15-13 advantage in their head-to-head record. However, the Japanese has won four of their last five encounters. The result was Sindhu's second semifinal appearance in eight BWF

World Tour events this season, offering a timely confidence boost after an inconsistent run on the circuit. The good run of young Indian Tanvi Sharma came to an end in the quarterfinals as she was outclassed by Japan's Akane Yamaguchi, whose solid defence and pinpoint accuracy were too difficult to counter. Tanvi's journey to the quarter-finals may have ended in disappointment but she produced a series of solid displays and a few major upsets that underlined her burgeoning promise and marked another important step in the career of one of India's brightest badminton prospects.

Yamaguchi advanced to the semis with a 21-14, 21-14 victory over India's Tanvi Sharma in 32 minutes. In men's doubles, the Indian pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun were forced to retire during the second game against opponents from Chinese Taipei.



Earlier, Sindhu, World Junior Championships runner-up Tanvi Sharma, and the men's doubles pair of Hariharan Amsakarunan and MR Arjun advanced to the quarterfinals. Tanvi continued her impressive run with a 21-12, 21-15 win over Malvika Bansod, while Sindhu defeated fellow Indian Isharani Baruah 22-20, 21-12. Hariharan and Arjun also progressed, overcoming Australia's Michael Owen and Dylan Soedjasa 21-17, 21-17.

## 'That's why we see guys like Sooryavanshi hit first ball for six': Steyn contrasts fearless youngsters with Kohli's longevity

New Delhi, June 12 : South African pace great Dale Steyn believes the fearless brand of cricket displayed by today's young stars is not merely a product of talent, but the result of a significant cultural shift in how the game is coached, analysed and discussed.

Speaking about the emergence of attacking young batters such as Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Dewald Brevis and Tristan Stubbs, Steyn said modern cricketers are benefiting from an environment that is far more accepting of failure than previous generations experienced.

"We're seeing a good combination of current coaches who are ex-players of the current game, are more understanding of failure. And in 2020, there's a lot of failure. You know, you fail way more than you succeed. And every now and then you have one or two seasons where you blow the lights out and you do extremely well," Steyn told IANS in an interaction facilitated by SA20 in the lead-up to Season 5.

According to Steyn, one of the biggest changes has been the willingness of coaches and commentators to embrace the game's evolution rather than criticise players for taking risks.

"And we're not sitting as commentators or as coaches sitting there saying, oh, we want to see the economy rates of bowlers coming down because the game is evolving. And I think that's what commentators and coaches of yesteryear would have done, you know.

"That has allowed a fearless brand of cricket. Because a player is now



not scared that if he plays a bad shot, he's going to be abused on TV. Or he's going to have a coach say to him, that was a bad shot. Whereas maybe, call it 10 years ago, that may have been the case," he opined.

Steyn said this shift in mindset has created the freedom for young players to express themselves without fear of criticism.

"We just understand that that's the way that the game is evolving. And I think that is, again, that relationship between coaches, between commentators, between cricket pundits and the player has given players the freedom to express themselves and play the way that they want to play. It's an open playing field right now," he said.

The former fast bowler pointed to teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi as an example of the confidence modern players now possess.

"That's why we see guys like Sooryavanshi walking out there and first ball hitting it for six. If you cast your mind back 10 or 15 years ago, there weren't many players that would do that. There was a handful of players that would do that. Sanath Jayasuriya may have been somebody

that would do that as an opening batter? Maybe Virender Schwag. But, you know, they were a novelty," he mentioned.

Steyn believes young players are no longer judged as harshly for failing while playing aggressively, which has encouraged innovation across the game. "It wasn't an outlier. It wasn't something that happened on a day-to-day basis. And if they did fail, they would say, oh, that's the way that they play. But if a new player tried that, they would be abused. We don't do that anymore," he added.

The changing mindset is not limited to batters. Steyn explained that bowlers, too, have become more accepting of risk in pursuit of wickets rather than merely trying to contain runs.

"I think that relationship has really allowed a lot of players the freedom to breathe. They can just go, oh, okay, cool. I can go out there and do that. And that's from a batting point of view. From a bowling point of view, bowlers are not scared of going for 20 runs an over or 15 runs an over. They are trying to take wickets. They are trying to break the game open. That is their main goal.

"If you go for 15 runs and over, take a wicket. And that's cool. You know, there used to be a chain of thought that, oh, if I'm going at 10 and over, I'm getting smashed. No. If you're bowling four overs for 40, you've done well. You've done incredibly well. Maybe try and pick up a couple wickets to really break the game open. But you're doing incredibly well," he expressed.

While discussing modern batting, Steyn also reserved special praise for Virat Kohli, citing the Indian star's longevity and relentless desire to improve.

"Look, both. Let's just hop on the latter right now, which is Virat Kohli. I think his ability to sustain, his mental approach to the game, stay fresh, and stay wanting to continue to perform says a lot about him. He's got a lot of self-drive, which is something that I think all of us cricketers had in my era. That's the only thing that we had. We just wanted to get better every single year," he stated.

For Steyn, the evolution of cricket's language, analysis and mindset has created an environment where players can push boundaries without fear, helping take the sport to new heights.

"So the thinking in terms of the game is gone. The language in terms of the game is gone. And the communication in terms of what we are telling the viewers, the spectators. Their understanding of the game has advanced. The information that you are feeding the spectators has advanced. So everybody now is living in a world where we're just looking up. The possibilities are endless.

## 'Jab mrityu nishchit ho...': Jaspal Rana's Instagram bio goes viral as nation mourns shooting legend

New Delhi, June 12 : As tributes poured in following the death of legendary Indian shooter and coach Jaspal Rana, a line from his Instagram bio captured the attention of athletes, politicians and fans alike. The message, centred on dedicating one's life to a greater cause, quickly began circulating across social media, with many calling it a reflection of the values that defined his life.

Rana's Instagram bio read: "Jab mrityu nishchit ho, swyam ko achhe kaaran ke liye samarpit karna sarvottam hai." ("When death is certain, it is best to dedicate oneself to a good cause.")

The quote resonated deeply in the aftermath of his demise, with several users sharing screenshots of the bio and describing it as a fitting summary of a man who spent decades bringing glory to India before shaping the next generation of shooters. One of Rana's final Instagram posts also drew attention after his death. Shared during a visit to Lugano, Switzerland, it showed him enjoying simple moments away from competition, including preparing pasta and sharing meals with members of the Indian shooting contingent. The post also featured his star pupil, double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, highlighting the close bond between coach and athlete. Rana died at the age of 49 after suffering cardiac complications. He had reportedly experienced chest discomfort while returning from the ISSF World Cup in Munich and was admitted to Max Hospital in New Delhi, where he underwent a stent procedure. Though he was reportedly recovering, doctors later confirmed that he suffered a sudden cardiac rupture while asleep.

PM Narendra Modi calls it a "profound loss".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the nation in mourning, describing Rana's death as a profound loss to Indian sports. "Deeply saddened by the passing of Shri Jaspal Rana Ji. His passing is a profound loss to the world of Indian sports. He brought immense glory to the nation through his extraordinary achievements in shooting. Equally remarkable was his contribution as a mentor, shaping and guiding young athletes with great dedication."

The Prime Minister added that Rana's commitment to excellence, discipline and service to sport earned him immense admiration and extended condolences to his family and the sporting fraternity.

Amit Shah: "An irreparable loss to the nation" Union Home Minister Amit Shah said Rana had dedicated his life to strengthening India's reputation in shooting, both as a champion athlete and as a coach.



"He dedicated his life to establishing India's indomitable mettle in shooting by winning international honours for the nation and by nurturing young shooters as a coach. Rana Ji's passing is an irreparable loss to the nation."

President Droupadi Murmu remembers his lasting contribution. President Droupadi Murmu said Rana's exceptional performances brought glory to the country and that his influence extended well beyond his own achievements. "As an athlete and mentor, he made a lasting contribution by nurturing young talent. His dedication, discipline and commitment to excellence will continue to inspire generations of sportspersons."

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya hails his inspiring legacy. Union Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya described Rana as both a legendary shooter and an exceptional mentor. "His incredible contributions to our nation, as a champion athlete and an inspiring legacy." Sporting fraternity pays emotional tribute. Indian Olympic Association president PT Usha said India had lost a wonderful person who first won laurels for the nation as an athlete and then as a mentor to Olympic champions.

"He brought innumerable laurels to our country, first as an athlete and then by mentoring our Olympic champions. We have lost a wonderful person." Former Olympic champion Abhinav Bindra remembered Rana as a teammate who helped shape Indian shooting. "Jaspal was my teammate and, in many ways, part of a generation that helped shape Indian shooting. He was intense, gifted, and carried the pride of the country every time he stepped onto the range." Former shooter Ronjan Singh Sodhi described the loss as deeply personal. "He was not only a great shooter but also a great person and a very dear friend. It is a personal loss."

India men's cricket head coach Gautam Gambhir also paid tribute, writing: "Shri Jaspal Rana was a stalwart of

Indian Sports. His passing has left a huge void. Om Shanti." Chief Ministers and leaders express grief. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami called Rana the pride of the state and said his achievements would inspire generations. "His extraordinary contribution to shooting and the inspiration he provided to young athletes made India proud on the global stage. His passing is an irreparable loss to the sports world, Uttarakhand and the entire nation." Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy similarly said India had lost not only a legendary sportsman but also an inspiring mentor whose commitment to excellence would be remembered for generations.

BJP leaders Sudhanshu Mittal and Arun Singh also praised Rana's dedication to the sport and his role in mentoring young athletes, while BSP leader Shyam Singh Yadav, who said he had known Rana since childhood, described his death as an "irreparable loss."

A legacy beyond medals One of India's most decorated shooters, Rana remains the country's most successful Commonwealth Games athlete with 15 medals – nine gold, four silver and two bronze. He also won four Asian Games gold medals and famously claimed three gold medals at the 2006 Doha Asian Games despite battling a high fever.

After retiring, he transformed Indian pistol shooting as a coach, mentoring several elite athletes, most notably Manu Bhaker, whom he helped guide to a historic double bronze-medal finish at the Paris Olympics. Honoured with the Arjuna Award (1994), Padma Shri (1997) and Dronacharya Award (2020), Jaspal Rana's legacy extends far beyond medals. Judging by the line that greeted visitors to his Instagram profile, he believed a life dedicated to a greater cause was its own reward, a philosophy that many now see reflected in the career he built and the generations of shooters he inspired.

# Higher Education Must Foster Knowledge Alongside Honesty, Compassion and Social Responsibility : MP M. Sribharat

By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 12  
Visakhapatnam Member of Parliament and President of GITAM Deemed to be University, M. Sribharat, emphasized that the true purpose of higher education extends beyond imparting knowledge and professional skills. Educational institutions, he said, must also nurture honesty, compassion, ethical leadership, and a strong sense of social responsibility among students.

Addressing the inaugural session of the Digi100X Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Leadership Conference at Radisson Blu Hotel, Visakhapatnam, Sribharat welcomed education leaders, vice-chancellors, directors, trustees, industry representatives, and policymakers from across the country. He noted that the conference provides an important platform for collaborative learning, exchange of ideas, and meaningful discussions on the future of higher education in India. Highlighting the transformative role of universities in shaping future generations, Sribharat said that students must not only excel academically but also emerge as responsible citizens guided by strong values and ethical principles. He observed that sustainable societal progress can be achieved only when knowledge is complemented by honesty and compassion.



Speaking about GITAM University's vision, he stated that the institution is striving to become a centre of knowledge that drives positive social change through a culture rooted in integrity and compassion. While building such a culture is challenging, he said it is essential for the future of education and society. Sribharat also addressed several challenges facing higher education institutions in India, including regulatory constraints, limited institutional autonomy, and the need for stronger collaboration among governments, universities, and industry. He expressed optimism that upcoming educational reforms would create a more enabling environment for institutions to innovate and grow. He appreciated the efforts of the

Andhra Pradesh Government in strengthening the higher education sector. In particular, he commended the emphasis on merit-based appointments of vice-chancellors and institutional leaders, free from political influence, stating that such an approach enhances confidence within the academic community.

Calling for greater cooperation among universities, industries, and educational institutions, Sribharat stressed that collective efforts are essential to building strong institutions that promote quality education, research, and innovation. He urged stakeholders to work together to strengthen the state's higher education ecosystem. He also invited delegates from across the country to explore Visakhapatnam's cultural and educational landmarks, including Simhachalam Temple, Kailasagiri, and the GITAM campus. Concluding his address, Sribharat called upon all stakeholders in the education sector to work together in creating a higher education system that nurtures not only academic excellence but also ethical leadership and positive social impact. He expressed hope that higher education would continue to play a pivotal role in India's development and

distinction-building efforts. Distinguished Guests The conference was attended by several eminent personalities, including: Dr. Ashwin Fernandes, QS India Chair and Vice President (Strategic and International Engagement), QS Quacquarelli Symonds. Prof. Arindam Ghosh, Indian Institute of Science (IISc), recipient of the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology and the Infosys Prize. Hemant Sahal, Founder of Digi100X and CEO of Digi1. More than 200 education leaders and industry experts from across the country participated in the conference. The event also witnessed the presence of Vice-Chancellors from over 40 universities, including 28 Vice-Chancellors from universities across Andhra Pradesh, along with distinguished academicians and policymakers.

## Electoral Roll coordination meeting held in Garividi

-RDO Sudharani Calls for Close Coordination Between BLOs and Booth-Level Agents

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 12 (Skyline): A coordination meeting for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) was held at the Mandal Parishad Office conference hall in Garividi to review activities related to electoral roll management and voter registration. The meeting was attended by Electoral Registration Officer for the 15-Chipurupalli Assembly Constituency and Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), M. Sudharani, along with Garividi Tahsildar C.H. Bangarraju. Officials discussed the ongoing voter list revision process and emphasized the importance of maintaining accurate and updated electoral records.



Addressing the participants, RDO Sudharani highlighted the need for effective coordination between BLOs and BLAs to ensure that all eligible citizens are included in the electoral rolls. She also stressed the importance of timely verification and correction of voter details. Tahsildar Bangarraju urged field-level officials

to carry out their responsibilities diligently and in accordance with election guidelines, ensuring transparency and efficiency throughout the revision process. The meeting concluded with an interactive session in which officials clarified queries raised by BLOs and BLAs regarding voter registration and electoral roll updates.

## The school should be brought back to its former glory

District Collector Abhishikth Kishore

By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 12  
The District Collector has advised the teachers to restore the former glory of the Visakha Vimala Vidyalaya, which was reopened after providing quality education to many students in the past. The Visakha Vimala Vidyalaya, located in Sector 6, Visakhapatnam, which was previously run under missionary auspices and closed, was reopened by District Collector Abhishikth Kishore along with MLAs Palla Srinivasa Rao and Vishnu Kumar Raju. The school premises and buildings were inspected. Speaking on the occasion, District Collector Abhishikth Kishore said



that the school should provide admissions to students to the full capacity. He said that admissions should be increased through the Badi Kamandi program.

He said that the Swachh Andhra - Swarna Andhra program should be organized and the school premises should be cleaned. He said that sports facilities will be

provided and arrangements will be made to take the students on excursions. He asked the District Education Officer to talk to the Akshaya Patra Foundation and provide mid-day meal facilities in the school and to hold teacher-parent meetings. Speaking to the students, he wished them to study well and achieve good ranks. MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao said that the school, which was closed last year, was reopened with the cooperation of the district collector on the orders of state education and IT minister Nara Lokesh. North Constituency MLA Krishnakumar Raju, District Education Officer Prem Kumar, and teachers participated in the program.

## Training Programme on 'Maritime Economy and Port Management' for IES Officer Trainees Concludes at VPA

By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 12  
The five-day Training Programme on "Maritime Economy and Port Management" for Indian Economic Service (IES) Officer Trainees concluded successfully at Visakhapatnam Port Authority on Friday. A valedictory function was organized at Visakhapatnam Port Authority on Friday. The training programme was inaugurated by Shri J.S. Bindra, IRTS, Chairperson, Visakhapatnam Port Authority on 08 June 2026. The programme was designed to provide participants with comprehensive exposure to the maritime sector, port administration, infrastructure development, logistics, blue economy initiatives, and policy frameworks driving India's maritime growth. During the valedictory function, officials highlighted the importance of such capacity-building programmes in equipping future economic policymakers with a deeper understanding of the maritime sector's critical role in the nation's economic development. The programme provided a valu-



able platform for interaction with eminent experts, policymakers, industry leaders, and senior port professionals. Over the five days, the trainees attended sessions covering a wide range of subjects, including Maritime India Vision 2030, Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, maritime connectivity, blue finance, environmental management, infrastructure development, cruise tourism, public-private partnerships (PPP), logistics, railway and road connectivity, and dredging for enhancing port competitiveness. A major highlight of the programme was the practical exposure through field visits to various

facilities of Visakhapatnam Port Authority and Hindustan Shipyard Limited. These visits enabled the trainees to gain first-hand knowledge of port operations, maritime infrastructure, shipbuilding activities, and logistics systems. The sessions were delivered by distinguished academicians and industry experts from organizations including Indian Maritime University, Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), Railway Board, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Mumbai Port Authority, Dredging Corporation of India Limited, and Visakhapatnam Port Authority. The Officer Trainees expressed

their heartfelt satisfaction with the training programme, which was organized in a highly professional manner. They stated that the programme provided them with a comprehensive understanding of the port sector by effectively integrating theoretical learning with practical exposure, thereby broadening their perspective on the maritime and port industry. The trainees also conveyed their sincere appreciation to Team VPA for the excellent hospitality, meticulous arrangements, and facilities provided throughout the programme. J.S. Bindra, IRTS, Chairperson, VPA, along with Arun Prasad T., IES, Chief Vigilance Officer, and M. Sankara Babu, Secretary, VPA, distributed certificates to the participants, marking the successful completion of the five-day training programme. J.S. Bindra, IRTS, Chairperson, VPA, and Arun Prasad T., IES, Chief Vigilance Officer, conveyed their best wishes to the Officer Trainees for their future endeavours and a successful career ahead.

## Industrial development should be accelerated

District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy

Vizianagaram, June 12 (Skyline): District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy held a review meeting with officials of the relevant departments in his chamber on Friday to review the establishment of various industries proposed and under construction in the district, land allotments, creation of infrastructure, and issuance of permits. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the government is giving top priority to industrial development in the district. He said that the establishment of industries will increase employment opportunities for the local youth and will contribute greatly to the economic development of the district. He instructed the officials to provide full support to the industrialists coming forward to invest in the district. He said that 64.67 acres of land has already been registered and handed over to



Radhika Vegetable Oils Company under APIIC limits at Kottakki in Ramabhadrapuram mandal. He reviewed the availability of land required for the proposed industries, progress in land acquisition, provision of infrastructure like electricity, drinking water, roads, etc. department-wise. He suggested that the necessary permissions for setting up industries should be granted within the stipulated time frame and the work should be expedited with coordination between various depart-

ments. The Collector clarified that steps should be taken to identify the problems faced in the establishment of industries and to provide a conducive environment for investors. He instructed the officials to positively consider every proposal that contributes to the industrial progress of the district. District Industries Center General Manager Kamalakar, APIIC DJM K. Jayachandra, and electricity department officials participated in this meeting.

## Massive Protest Rally Held in Cheepurupalli Under 'Two Years of Betrayal' Campaign

-Botsa Satyanarayana Leads Opposition Demonstration

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), June 12 (Skyline): A massive protest rally under the banner "Two Years of Betrayal" was organized in Cheepurupalli constituency following a call by former Chief Minister Y. S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. The event witnessed significant participation from party leaders, workers, and supporters, with Legislative Council Opposition Leader Botsa Satyanarayana attending as the chief guest. Thousands Join Rally Through Town The rally began near the City Cable petrol bunk and moved through the town to Gandhi Center. Large numbers of party cadres and supporters participated, turning the event into a major political show of strength in the constituency. Former MP Bellana



Chandrasekhar, Dr. Botsa Anusha, and Dr. Botsa Sandeep were among the leaders who joined the programme. Government Accused of Failing to Deliver Promises Speaking at the gathering, Botsa Satyanarayana alleged that the government had failed to implement several commitments made during the election campaign. He criticized the administra-

tion over issues such as rising prices, unemployment, and the pace of development, claiming that public expectations had not been met. Open Letter to NTR Unveiled At the statue of late N. T. Rama Rao, Dr. Botsa Anusha released an open letter titled "Then It Was You, Today It Is the People." The letter highlighted concerns over unfulfilled election prom-



ises and called for accountability in governance. Party Leaders Pledge Continued Public Outreach Dr. Botsa Anusha and Dr. Botsa Sandeep reaffirmed their commitment to raising public issues and working among the people under the guidance of Botsa Satyanarayana. They said the party would continue its efforts to highlight issues affecting

citizens across the constituency. Wide Participation From Party Cadres The programme was attended by constituency observers, MPPs, ZPTC members, mandal-level leaders, representatives of affiliated wings, party workers, supporters, and beneficiaries of welfare schemes from across the four mandals of Cheepurupalli constituency.

## Yoga Andhra on the beach of Rushikonda



By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 12  
A yoga program was held on the Rushikonda beach on Friday morning as part of the 12th International Yoga Day. The Yoga Andhra program, jointly organized by the district administration, AYUSH Department and Tourism Department, was inaugurated by District Collector Abhishek Kishore, Police Commissioner Shankabrata Barjee, Joint Collector Vidyadari and others by lighting the lamp. The Collector, CP, JC and others performed yoga asanas.



## New resolve for BRICS agricultural cooperation from Indore: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan addresses inaugural session

- India emphasises global partnership under PM Modi's leadership and the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam': Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- India is focused on empowering small farmers: Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Agricultural sector records 4.5 per cent annual growth, food production reaches 376 million tonnes : Chouhan
- Women and youth power key drivers of agricultural transformation : Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- Natural farming and technology to shape future preparedness : Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan



**New Delhi, June, 12 (PIB):** The two-day conference of agriculture ministers of BRICS countries commenced in Indore, the commercial capital of Madhya Pradesh and a city recognised for cleanliness, with Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan presenting India's agricultural achievements, cultural values and commitment to global cooperation. During the inaugural session, Shri Chouhan highlighted India's focus on strengthening international agricultural partnerships under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra

Modi and stressed the spirit of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', which views the entire world as one family. Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shri Ramnath Thakur, was also present on the occasion. Addressing representatives from BRICS nations, Shri Chouhan referred to India's long-standing tradition of 'Atithi Devo Bhava', or 'The guest is our God', and extended a warm welcome to all delegates attending the conference. He said India has consistently supported the principles of global unity, peace and cooperation and reiterated

that under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's leadership, the country's approach is based on "peace, not war; coordination, not conflict". According to him, these principles can become the foundation for stronger and more effective global agricultural cooperation in the future. The Union Minister said the conference was an important platform for collectively addressing challenges faced by small and marginal farmers across the world, particularly those arising from climate change, pressure on natural resources, rising input costs and uncertainties in agricul-



tural markets. He said that ensuring the welfare and empowerment of small farmers was central to strengthening global food security and sustainable agricultural growth. If small and marginal farmers become economically strong and technologically capable, he said, the world's food security structure would also become stronger and more resilient. Highlighting India's agricultural achievements, Shri Chouhan said the country's agriculture sector had registered an average annual growth of nearly 4.5 per cent over the last decade. He informed delegates that India's total foodgrain production has now reached nearly 376 million tonnes (MT), reflecting sustained growth in the sector. Wheat production in the country has reached

close to 118 million tonnes, while horticulture production has crossed 378 million tonnes. Fish production has also increased significantly and has now exceeded 19 million tonnes, demonstrating broad-based growth across multiple agricultural and allied sectors. He further said that India is implementing the world's largest food security programme, through which food security is ensured for a very large section of the population. Appreciating the role played by farmers in strengthening the agricultural economy, Shri Chouhan said these achievements were possible because of the hard work, dedication and resilience of farmers along with the support of sensitive and farmer-centric government policies. He added that India's

agricultural growth story reflected the country's determination to ensure both food sufficiency and nutritional security. Shri Chouhan said approximately 43 per cent of India's workforce is associated with agriculture and allied sectors, making it one of the most important pillars of the country's economy. He noted that agriculture is not only linked to food security but also serves as the primary source of livelihood for millions of rural families. Referring to various initiatives launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, he said programmes relating to improved seed varieties, irrigation expansion, agricultural technology, digital services and farmer support schemes have provided substantial benefits to cultivators across the country. Emphasising the role of small and marginal farmers in India's agricultural structure, Shri Chouhan said nearly 87 per cent of farmers in the country belong to this category. Therefore, empowering them remains the key to ensuring inclusive and balanced development in rural India.

## DRI seizes 71 lakh smuggled foreign-origin cigarette sticks worth Rs. 14 crore in North-East Region; four persons arrested



**New Delhi, June, 12 (PIB):** In a major crackdown against smuggling of foreign origin cigarettes, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) carried out multiple coordinated operations in the North Eastern Region. Since May 2026, operations conducted by DRI have led to a total seizure of about 71,00,000 sticks of foreign-origin smuggled cigarettes across the North Eastern Region, valued cumulatively at approximately Rs. 14 crore and along with arrest of 4 persons. Among major operations, DRI seized more than 45 lakh sticks of foreign-origin cigarettes of brands such as Mond, XSo, ORIS and Patron in Mizoram on 11th June 2026. This operation was carried out with the assistance of the 34th Battalion, Assam Rifles. One person has been arrested in the case. Preliminary investigation indicates that the cigarettes were smuggled into the country from Myanmar through the Zokhawthar sector along the Indo-Myanmar border. In a series of operations in last few weeks another 26 lakh such cigarettes have been seized, and 3 persons have been arrested.

## Government notifies control order to curb black marketing and hoarding of diesel by unscrupulous elements

**New Delhi, June, 12 (PIB):** The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has notified the "Motor Spirit and High-Speed Diesel (Temporary Regulation of Supply through Retail Outlets) Order, 2026" to curb black marketing and hoarding of diesel by unscrupulous elements. These regulations are temporary measures, initially valid for up to 90 days, ensuring diesel availability to all retail consumers. The current situation is one of uneven extraordinary demand growth in some retail outlets due to shifting of bulk diesel volume to PSU Oil Marketing Retail Outlets. This is driven by industrial and direct or institutional and commercial consumers who have been shifting their procurement from their dedicated consumer pumps to retail outlets due to the difference between bulk and retail diesel prices. The other reason is that private Oil Marketing companies' sales exhibited a decline of around 58% in HSD sales during May 2026 due to higher prices fixed by them. The data for the month of May 2026, as compared to the corresponding period last year, reveals a significant surge in diesel sales through PSU OMCs Retail outlets wherein 327 districts recorded more than 10% growth, with 80 districts seeing a growth exceeding 30%. The new regulatory measures are specifically designed to protect retail consumers from inconvenience caused by intermittent supply issues at retail outlets. These measures will not affect citizens in any way given the fact that for the average person driving a car or riding a two-wheeler, the 200-litre cap is far beyond what any private vehicle would need. The measures are aimed at large/bulk consumers who should not be procuring diesel from Retail Outlets to take undue advantage of the price arbitrage. Blatant instances of procurement of large quantities of diesel in jerry cans, and its resale have come to the notice of Government. This order will enable strict action against such buyers/operators, dealers and officers who are involved in this black marketing and hoarding of diesel. Prohibiting diversion of fuel from retail outlets to bulk consumers essentially means more supply stays in the system for the retail customers. To protect retail consumers during the ongoing West Asia disruption, PSU Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) are currently absorbing losses of around ₹500 crore per day on the sale of petrol, diesel and domestic LPG. This graduated price support is intended to protect retail consumers and ensure affordability of fuel for households, farmers and other end-users. This support is not meant for industrial and bulk supplies, where pricing continues to track international market prices, resulting in retail diesel being around ₹40 per litre cheaper than bulk diesel.

The diversion of High-Speed Diesel (HSD) by bulk consumers has led to localized supply issues and potential disruptions for bona fide retail customers and essential services. Pursuant to this order, now the Central Government has issued directions to Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies, namely Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited to ensure the following: Retail outlets will dispense diesel only into vehicle tanks or PESO approved containers, with a maximum limit of 200 litres per day per customer/vehicle. Diesel purchased at retail outlets cannot be resold. Industrial and direct or Institutional and commercial customers are prohibited from procuring fuel from retail outlets and must source their requirements through consumer pumps. Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) and Retail Outlet Dealers will be responsible for ensuring compliance with the prescribed restrictions and preventing any attempts to circumvent the provisions of the Order. State governments and Union Territory administrations have been directed to take necessary actions against any malpractices, such as black marketing or unauthorized diversion, to ensure the interests of the common man are protected.

# Today's Horoscope



### Aries

Take physical education along with mental and moral one then all round development is possible. Remember a healthy mind always remains in a healthy body. Today instead of just sitting around-why not get involved in something- which will improve your earning power. The jovial nature of family members will lighten up the atmosphere at home. Behave properly while going out with your mate. Natives who get accused of not giving ample time to their families can think of spending some quality moments with them. However, due to some important work popping up, your plan will fail. Remedy :- Helping poor and needy students, with books, writing materials, uniforms, and educational material will increase the benefic influence of Mercury, thereby removing the roadblocks in your love life.



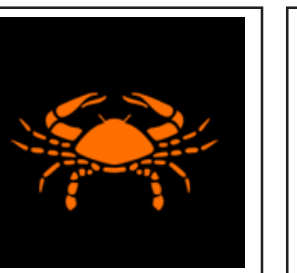
### Taurus

Health remains perfect. You should value time and money or else the upcoming time will be full of troubles and challenges. Someone close to you will be in a highly unpredictable mood. Romantic entanglement will add spice to your happiness. Natives of this zodiac sign will plan to execute creative tasks in their free time today. Although you won't be able to succeed in your planning. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse. A good sleep is the best thing you can do for your health; you may do this today. Remedy :- For enhancing positive experiences in the family, offer 28 drops of mustard oil near Peepal or banyan tree or in a pot filled with mud at home.



### Gemini

Playing with kids would give you a wonderful healing experience. Your financial life will prosper today. Along with that, you can get rid of your debts or ongoing loans. Joyful time with family and friends. Despite a lot of conflicts, your love life will be good today and you will be able to keep your partner happy. Today, due to any party or get-together at your home, your time can get wasted. Your spouse will kiss your pains away in the fractions of seconds today. You can talk to someone close to you on the phone for a long time during the night today, and discuss about the things going on in your life. Remedy :- For maintaining good health, put copper rivets on the four legs of your bed.



### Cancer

You might find it difficult to control your emotions-Your unusual behaviour will confuse people around you and leave you frustrated. Not a very beneficial day- so check your money situation and limit your expenses. People close to you will create problems at personal level. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. Traveling will make you see new places and meet important people. If you and your spouse are not feeling very happy these days, you are going to have mad fun today. It is going to be a day for shopping, if you let loose your impulses. You really need some good clothes and footwear now. Remedy :- Stop consuming alcohol and non-veg food to achieve a healthy lifestyle.



### Leo

Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Today, you won't need to spend your own money, as an elder of your house can help you with your finances. Everyone wants to be your friend today- and you would be too happy to oblige. People who are still single are likely to meet someone special today. But before moving forward, just be clear about that person's relationship status. Children of this zodiac sign will spend their entire day playing sports. Parents should pay attention to them, as they may get injured. Suspicion of your partner may grow to a huge fight. Expressing your happiness makes people related to you happy as well. Remedy :- Offer Prasad at Shree Lakshmi Narayan temple and donate food products among needy people for happy and blissful family life.



### Virgo

A day when you will be able to relax. Massage your body with oil to give relief to your muscles. If you wish to lead a smooth life and maintain a stable standard of living, then you need to remain attentive today regarding your finances. Some of you are likely to purchase jewelry or a home appliance. Likely to feel the presence in absence of your partner. Don't make hasty decisions that you will regret later in your life. Looks like, you are going to get special attention from your spouse. Doing anything more than your capacity can prove to be harmful for you. Remedy :- Wear silver bangle to increase your financial prospects.



### Libra

A day when you will be able to relax. Massage your body with oil to give relief to your muscles. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. 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. You will make your life worth by forgiving your beloved for her past indifference. Some of you will undertake a distant journey-which will be hectic-but highly rewarding. If you were feeling cursed since long, this is the day when you will feel blessed. Remedy :- To maintain peaceful environment in family, keep a Silver bowl containing white sandalwood, camphor, and a white stone in bedroom.



### Scorpio

Chances of your recovering from physical illness are high which will enable you to participate in sports competition. You are very likely to attain financial benefits today, but you must perform charity and make donations, as it will acquire mental peace. Period of tension may prevail but family support will help you. You will never forget this day in your entire life, if you didn't lose the opportunity of making love today. After completing household chores, housewives of this zodiac sign can watch a movie on TV or get engaged in their mobile phones in the free time today. There are chances that tensions between you and your spouse will escalate and it might not turn out to be good for your relationship in long term. Remedy :- Offer your respects and donate raw turmeric, five peepal leaves, 1.25 kgs of yellow pulses, saffron, a sunflower, and yellow clothes/fabric to a Brahmin for preserving family happiness.



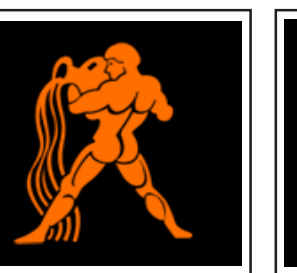
### Sagittarius

Your polite behaviour will be appreciated. Many people will shower verbal praise on you. Real estate investment would be lucrative. Domestic life will be peaceful and adorable. Today your beloved would find it extremely difficult to deal with your erratic behaviour. You would want to give time to your family members at the end of the day, but you may get into an argument with someone close to you, which can spoil your mood. If you are giving more opportunity to others to control you other than your better half, you might get an adverse reaction from your partner. You might plan to visit a close relative along with your family, and it certainly is a good day for that. However, avoid talking about any bad past incident, as it may create an unpleasant situation. Remedy :- Eat food in a bronze plate, and bring in auspiciousness to your love life.



### Capricorn

Success from past ventures lifts your confidence. You should not invest your money today without consulting anyone. You will have trouble in controlling your emotions- but do not nag people around you or you will be left all alone. Little chance to escape from the Cupid's arrow. The natives of this zodiac sign can watch a movie or match at home with their siblings today. By doing this, love will increase among you people. Your better half will caress your weaknesses. It will make you feel ecstatic. What a day - movies, partying and hanging out with friends on the cards. Remedy :- Serving physically challenged and differently enabled persons, and giving them sesame-based savouries will enable happiness in the family.



### Aquarius

Your health and energy conservation habit will benefit you immensely as you plan to go on a long journey. Despite a busy schedule you will be easily able to cope up with the tiredness. You need to accumulate your money and know when and where to spend wisely, otherwise you will have to repent in the coming time. Domestic life will be peaceful and adorable. Keep your love fresh like precious things. You need to work on your shortcomings, and for this, you should make time for yourself. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today. A friend of yours can praise you wholeheartedly today. Remedy :- For continued financial growth, never ill-treat or show disrespect to Kinnars (Eunuchs), as they are ruled by Mercury.



### Pisces

Your enormous confidence and easy work schedule brings you enough time to relax today. You do not understand the importance of money in life, but today, you'll realize its significance as you'll be in need of finances but won't have enough to carry out. Give proper time to your family. Let them feel that you care for them. Spend your quality time with them. Don't give any chance to complain. Apologize for your rude behaviour in love. Construction work undertaken today will finish to your satisfaction. You might fight today on an old issue with your spouse like he/she forgot your birthday, or something like that. But, everything will be alright at the end of the day. You may have plenty of time today, but do not waste your precious moments by building castles in the air. Doing something concrete will pave your way better for coming week. Remedy :- If you have to spend with someone you don't like, it might give you frustration. To avoid that, apply a tilak of white sandalwood on your forehead.

### Short Circuit Sparks Fire in Jagtial's Mochi Bazaar; Municipal Chairperson and Commissioner Visit the Spot



**Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 12** A sudden fire broke out in a residential house in the Mochi Bazaar area of Jagtial town due to a short circuit. Upon receiving the information, fire department personnel rushed to the spot with a fire engine and successfully

brought the flames under control. It is reported that several household articles and belongings were gutted in the mishap. "Officials Inspect the Spot and Comfort Victims" Upon learning about the incident, Jagtial Municipal Chairperson

Samindla Vani Srinivas and Municipal Commissioner Satya Pranav visited the site to assess the situation. The Chairperson interacted with the affected family members, offering them words of comfort and reassurance during this difficult time. "Safety Advisory:

Chairperson Samindla Vani Srinivas urged residents to remain vigilant regarding electrical appliances and wiring, emphasizing the need to take necessary precautions to prevent short circuits. "Fire Department Commended" The Chairperson highly appreciated the fire department personnel for their swift response and timely action in extinguishing the fire, which prevented the flames from spreading further. "Key Officials Present" Municipal Commissioner Satya Pranav, along with local leaders and officials including Aduvala Jyothi Laxman, Kuthuru Shekhar, Siripuram Srilatha Srinivas, and members of the fire department, were present during the inspection.

### Drug Awareness Program Conducted at Race College to Promote a Drug-Free Society



**Skyline Correspondent Kodad : JUNE - 12** A drug awareness program

was organized at Race College in Kodad town. Traffic SI Anji Reddy and

SI Sudheer Kumar participated in the program and educated students about the harmful effects of drug abuse. "Speaking on the occasion, the officers advised young people to stay away from narcotic substances and avoid bad habits, while focusing on their studies and future goals. They emphasized that drug addiction not only affects an individual's life but

also has a serious impact on families and society as a whole. "The officials urged everyone to take responsibility in building a drug-free society and requested citizens to immediately inform the police if they notice any suspicious activities related to drugs. "College staff and students actively participated in the awareness program.

### District Health Officer Reviews National Health Program Implementation and Seasonal Disease Preparedness

**Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar : JUNE - 12** On 12.06.2026, under the chairmanship of District Medical & Health Officer (DM&HO) Dr. A. Srinivasulu, a review meeting was conducted at the IDOC Conference Hall with the Mid-Level Health Providers (MLHPs) of the district regarding the implementation of various National Health Programs. "During the meeting, Dr. Srinivasulu emphasized the importance of preparedness at Health Sub-Centres and village levels for the prevention and control of seasonal diseases such as Malaria, Den-

gue, Chikungunya, and Diarrheal Diseases. He instructed health staff to implement preventive action plans and work in close coordination with officials from the Panchayat Raj and Municipal Departments. "Dr. Srinivasulu instructed officials to plan and implement measures to ensure that safe deliveries are conducted in government hospitals. He also highlighted that diseases such as Leprosy and Tuberculosis (TB) can be effectively treated and controlled if identified at an early stage. "In addition, he directed all concerned officials to make



comprehensive arrangements for the Pulse Polio Immunization Program scheduled to be conducted on June 28, 2026. "The review meeting was attended by PO CHI Dr. N. Shailaja, DLO Dr. Raju, PO MHN Dr.

Shivakanth, SO Narayana Nayak, DPO Seetha Ram Goud, Epidemiologist Yugandhar, Health Educators Hanmanth and Narsimha, DDM Mahesh, along with MLHPs from across the district.

### TUWJ Kamareddy District Executive Committee Sworn In; MLA Highlights Declining Journalism Values Due to Paid News



**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy : JUNE - 12** The newly elected district executive committee of the Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ), Kamareddy District, took the oath of office on Friday at Varalakshmi Gardens in the presence of State President Virahat Ali and General Secretary Ram

Narayan. "Vice Presidents: Syed Kaunar Ali, MD Abid, Mudam Shankar Patel, U. Balayya, MD Yunus" Joint Secretaries: Srinivas Reddy, Sai Prasad, K. Srinivas Rao, U. Ramakrishna, Lakshminarayana "Executive Members: Srikanth, E. Venkateshwarlu, Injamuri Srinivas, K. Gangadhar, J. Balaprakash, MD Wajid Ali,

G. Srinivas, Mekala Ravi, Bhavani" He stated that in the current environment, people often find it difficult to distinguish between genuine news and false information. The remarks were made during the TUWJ district branch's third general body meeting and the oath-taking ceremony of the new district executive committee

held at Varalakshmi Gardens, Kamareddy. The MLA noted that despite the challenges, a few value-based journalists and newspapers continue to play a vital role in resolving public issues. "Businessman T. Subhash Reddy emphasized that rural journalists contribute significantly to social development by highlighting local issues through their reporting. He mentioned that after he built one school, his initiative inspired donors to construct 27 more schools, demonstrating the positive impact of media coverage. "TUWJ District President Rajanikanth, General Secretary Rajesh, Indrasena Reddy, Latheef, Satyanarayana, and several other members participated in the program.

### Efforts should be made to eradicate child labour

**Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad : JUNE - 12** World Anti-Child Labor Day organized an awareness rally in Mahabubabad town center jointly by District Legal Services Authority and Share NGO on Friday. Mrs. Nagavani, chairperson of the Child Welfare Committee, who attended the program as the chief guest, said that everyone should work hard to make the simile of poets and writers that heaven is in childhood, come true by building a



child labor system. " He expressed concern that even though the government is providing free education, children are still languishing in hotels,

brick kilns and homes. According to the Child Labor Prohibition Act, doing any kind of work with children below 14 years of age is a crime and those

### Applications Invited for Loans to Street Vendors under PM SVANidhi Scheme



**Skyline Correspondent Mulugu : JUNE - 12** The Central Government has introduced the PM SVANidhi (Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi) Scheme for street vendors. Under this scheme, small vendors within the Mulugu Municipality limits can avail loans without any collateral or guarantee. "Currently, loans are being provided in three

phases: "1st Phase: ₹15,000 "2nd Phase: ₹25,000 "3rd Phase: ₹50,000 "A total loan amount of up to ₹90,000 can be availed. "Municipal Commissioner Sampath stated that beneficiaries who repay their loans on time will receive a 7% interest subsidy from the government. Additionally, vendors who carry out digital transactions are eligible

for cashback incentives. "How to Apply: "Eligible applicants can submit their applications at the Municipal Office or through the RPs (Resource Persons) in their respective wards. "Applicants can also register online through the official PM SVANidhi Portal to avail the benefits of the scheme, the Commissioner added.

### Comprehensive Arrangements Underway for Deputy Chief Minister's Visit to Mancherla: Collector Kumar Deepak



**Skyline Correspondent Mancherla : JUNE - 12** District Collector Kumar Deepak stated that all necessary arrangements are being made for the visit of State Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka to the district on June 13. "On Friday, the Collector, along with

DCP A. Bhaskar, Additional Collector (Revenue) V. Ramulu, Mancherla MLA Kokkerala Prem Sagar Rao, Tribal Cooperative Development Corporation Chairman Kotnalk Tirupati, District Rural Development Officer Kishan, Mancherla Municipal Corporation Mayor

Dharni Madhukar, Dandepalli Tahsildar Rohit Deshpande, MPDO Prasad, Luxettipet Municipal Commissioner Vijay, and Temple Executive Officer Srinivas, visited the Sri Gudem Satyanarayana Swamy Temple and offered special prayers. "He further stated that at Padmanayaka Function Hall in Mancherla town, the Deputy Chief Minister will distribute appointment letters to family members of Singareni employees who are medically unfit to continue their duties. Later in the evening, he will inspect the open-cast mines in the Srirampur Area and subsequently perform the Bhoomi Pujya for the reconstruction of

the Sri Viswanatha Temple in Mancherla town. "The Collector said that all required arrangements are being made to ensure the successful conduct of the Deputy Chief Minister's visit. "Later, the Collector, along with the DCP, Mancherla MLA, and ACP Prakash, inspected the arrangements at Padmavati Function Hall in the Vempalli area of Mancherla town. He also visited Padmanayaka Function Hall on College Road along with the General Manager of Singareni's Srirampur Area and reviewed the preparations. "Officials and public representatives participated in the programme.

### Remove Obstructions to Water Flow in Taliperu Left Canal : District Collector Ankith



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem : JUNE - 12** District Collector Ankith conducted a field inspection in Dummugudem mandal on Friday, reviewing the Taliperu Project Left Canal and the Dummugudem Primary Health Centre (PHC). During the visit, he issued several directions to officials regarding irrigation water supply and the delivery of healthcare services. "The Collector first inspected the Taliperu Project Left Canal in

Veerabhadrapuram village and reviewed the canal's condition, water flow, and ayacut details with irrigation officials. Officials informed him that the Taliperu Project provides irrigation water to approximately 24,700 acres, while the 46.46-kilometre-long left canal supplies water to around 21,100 acres through 34 distributaries. "Collector Ankith directed officials to immediately remove weeds, silt, and debris accumulated in the canal to ensure

the smooth flow of water. He stressed the need for special attention to canal maintenance so that irrigation water reaches farmers on time and extends to the tail-end ayacut lands without interruption. Later, the Collector made a surprise inspection of the Dummugudem Primary Health Centre. He visited various sections of the hospital and reviewed the functioning of medical services. Interacting with patients in the inpatient

ward, he enquired about the treatment and facilities being provided. He also examined attendance records of doctors and staff and assessed the overall service delivery. "The Collector interacted with students who had come to obtain physical fitness certificates and sought details regarding the procedure followed for issuing such certificates. He also inspected the medicine storage room and reviewed the availability and stock position of essential drugs. In addition, he examined inpatient and outpatient registers along with other medical. "Directing officials to ensure the continuous availability of emergency medicines required for snakebite and scorpion sting cases, the Collector also sought details from doctors regarding the treatment protocol followed for snakebite. "Tahsildar Ashok Kumar, Irrigation Executive Engineer Johnny, Dr. Rukmakar Reddy, and officials from various departments accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

### If Jaggareddy has guts, he should reveal the name of Covert

**(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.12 :** Chinta Prabhakar, the Sangareddy legislator demanded that before criticizing BRS or doing politics, Congress should answer people of the state about the internal politics going on in the Congress party. Although Congress leaders are saying that injustice was done to Meenakshi Natarajan, he questioned why Telangana Congress leaders are not responding to the allegations about the candidate who gave information to obstruct the nomination process. He questioned why Congress is keeping silent on the allegations that a person

who is said to be close to CM Revanth Reddy backbited Meenakshi Natarajan. He alleged that allegations are being made against BRS to hide the internal infighting going on in the Congress. They are making objectionable remarks saying that BJP did the theft and BRS is the one who is throwing mud. He said that if you break the pot and say that Madhya Pradesh ministers gave information along with evidence and your Telangana Congress leaders gave information, you do not have the guts to answer it. He said that Harish Rao is being criticized personally for exposing the coverts in the Congress. He asked why



Jaggareddy is not speaking even though he knows that it was the Chief Minister's team that betrayed Meenakshi Natarajan. He commented that Jaggareddy, who was defeated by the people in Sangareddy, has no moral right to criticize Harish Rao, a public leader

who has won six times consecutively with a huge majority and is in the hearts of the people. If Jaggareddy has the courage, he should reveal the name of the covert follower of the Chief Minister who prevented Meenakshi from getting a Rajyasabha seat, he said.

## Topaji takes oath as AVMS State Vice President



(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.12 : Topaji Ananthakishan of Sangareddy sworn in as the Arya Vaishya Mahasabha State Vice President at Sama Saraswati Garden in Champapet, Hyderabad on Saturday. Topaji Ananthakishan took oath in the presence of former minister TG

Venkatesh. Speaking on the occasion, Ananthakishan expressed his gratitude for giving him the opportunity to be the State Vice President. He said that he will do his best for the welfare of Arya Vaishyas. Arya Vaishya Mahasabha State President Amaravati Lakshminarayana congratulated him.

## TGIIC Employees Sports Meet concluded grandly



(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.12 : The two-day TGIIC Employees Sports Meet concluded in a grand way on the third day, Friday, with the cultural celebrations of the employees. TGIIC employees enthusiastically participated in the cultural programs organized at the Khemka Auditorium in Gachibowli ISB on Friday. They had a great time dancing and singing songs. Later, TGIIC Chairperson

Nirmala Jaggareddy and MD Shashanka presented prizes to the winners of the sports competitions held over the two days. Speaking on the

occasion, they said that employees should sharpen their hobbies whenever possible, which will increase their mental happiness.

TGIIC EDs Pawan and Veera Reddy along with senior officers and staff of the company participated in the program.

## Special training for GITAM students on skill development

(By Our Reporter / Skyline) Patancheru, June.12 : With the aim of skill development, career advancement, preparing students according to the needs of the industry and creating awareness about global higher education opportunities, Gitam Deemed University has launched a special program called 'June 2026 Session Series'. This was announced by Dr.Rojeena Mathew, Director, Training, Guidance and Career Counseling (TMCG) at Gitam Career Guidance Center. As part of this pro-

gram, experts and alumni will guide students on artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics, product management, higher education opportunities abroad and emerging career fields. Dr.Rojeena Mathew said that the main objective of the program is to understand the changes coming in the industry, explore educational opportunities around the world and develop skills required for future careers. She revealed that so far, 149 skill development programs have been organized under the aegis of TMCG and hun-



dreds of students have been guided.

## Action should be taken against Bisleri industry for violating labor laws

(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.12 : Athimela Manik, the CITU State Working Committee member questioned that Why is no action being taken against the management of Bisleri International industry that is violating labor laws, is it a crime not to form a union legally.? He said that if the illegally dismissed workers are not reinstated immediately, they would seize the Collectorate. Bisleri International industry workers in IDA Pashamylaram participated in the strike for the second day and protested at the industry. Speaking on the occasion, Athimela Manik said that the Bisleri management is violating the rights of the workers. He said that the management



has been acting tyrannically for eight months to resolve the problem peacefully. He said that it is violating labor laws and engaging in anti-labor policies. He demanded that the illegally dismissed workers be reinstated on duty through negotiations with the union and a wage agreement be reached and that the minimum wage for contract workers be implemented as per GO.6. He said that the management should stop provoking the workers who

are peacefully protesting and stop the policies. He said that the workers were forced to go on strike as a last resort due to the management's stubborn attitude. He demanded that the management should at least give up its stubborn attitude and respond positively to the solution of the workers problems. Otherwise, he warned that the fight would be intensified and the Collectorate would be besieged. Deputy Labor

Commissioner Yadaiah inspected the Bisleri industry. He came to the workers who were on strike and enquired the details. Later, he inspected the industry and had a talk with the management and suggested to solve workers problem as soon as possible. The Program was attended by CITU District Committee Members Raju, Leaders Venkatesh, Union Leaders Shekar Reddy, Naveen Nagaraju, Praveen Satish Ajay and others.

## Iron foot on cannabis, narcotics



Skyline Correspondent Paddapalli : JUNE - 12 Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha said that an iron foot is being taken on cannabis and other narcotics. He said that 200.465 kg of government banned cannabis, which was seized from the accused in 53 cases registered at various police stations in Paddapalli and Mancherial districts under the commissionerate, was destroyed with the permis-

sion of the court under the NDPS Act." He said that samples were collected from the case property for FSL tests in the presence of the judicial officers and the remaining cannabis was burnt at Venkatarama Incinerators in Idulagattapalli village, Manakondur mandal, Karimnagar district, following the environmental pollution control rules under the auspices of the Commissionerate Drug Disposal Committee. He said

that 200.465 kg of dry cannabis and 34 cannabis plants related to a total of 53 cases were destroyed through the incineration process. He said that the total value of the cannabis and cannabis plants destroyed is Rs. 1,00,23,250. Speaking on this occasion, the CP said that the government is taking very strict measures to eradicate cannabis, drugs and other intoxicants. He said that the ganja related to the cases registered in various police stations under the Ramagundam Police Commissionerate was destroyed as per the provisions of the NDPS Act. He expressed concern that some people are cultivating, supplying, transporting and selling ganja for illegal gain, turning the youth of urban and rural areas into drug addicts. He said that extensive checks are being carried out by the local police, special

drug control teams and the Narcotics Department personnel to curb those involved in anti-social activities. He warned that strict action will be taken as per the law if anyone sells, transports or stores ganja or other intoxicants. He said that if the details of those selling or consuming ganja are provided to the police, the names of those who provide information will be kept confidential. He warned that from now on, legal cases will be registered against those who are addicted to and consume intoxicants like ganja and if necessary, the PD Act will be implemented and sent to jail." Paddapalli DCP B. Ram Reddy, Additional DCP (Admin) K. Srinivas, Godavarikhani ACP M. Ramesh, Jaipur ACP A. Venkateswarlu, CCRB Inspector Baburao, Anil and others participated in this program.

## Admissions to Government Junior Colleges Must Increase; Strong Measures Needed to Eradicate Child Labour: District Collector Sneha Sabareesh

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad : JUNE - 12 District Collector Sneha Sabareesh chaired a review meeting on the Women and Child Welfare Department and the Intermediate Education Department at the Collectorate Conference Hall on Friday."During the meeting, the Collector instructed officials to prepare complete information regarding all Anganwadi projects, the number of children enrolled in Anganwadi centres, and vacant posts across the district. She em-

phasized the need to increase admissions of children below three years of age in the upcoming academic year and ensure that they receive nutritious and tasty food."The Collector directed officials to collect details of students who passed the Class 10 examinations and facilitate their admission into nearby Government Junior Colleges to increase enrolment. She also instructed college authorities to conduct monthly slip tests to improve students' academic



performance."The Collector emphasized that attendance records of principals, lecturers, and students in all ten Government Junior Colleges in the district should be

maintained meticulously." "District Intermediate Education Officer Madar and principals of Government Junior Colleges participated in the meeting.

## Grand Celebrations Mark Birthday of TPCC SC Department State Chairman Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : JUNE - 12 The birthday celebrations of Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana, TPCC SC Department State Chairman and Manakondur MLA, were held grandly at the Adilabad District Congress Committee office under the leadership of District Congress SC Department Chairman Parameshwar Koletkar."Party leaders and workers cut a cake and extended their heartfelt birthday wishes to the senior Congress leader. Speaking on the occasion, Parameshwar Koletkar praised Dr. Kavvampally Satyanarayana's commit-

ment to social justice and his continuous efforts for the welfare and rights of SCs, STs, BCs, minorities, and other marginalized communities."He stated that the TPCC SC Department Chairman has been playing a crucial role in strengthening the Congress Party at the grassroots level and providing opportunities to youth, students, and social activists within the party."The leaders also highlighted the welfare and development programs being implemented by the Congress government under the leadership of the Chief Minister and said that party workers are striving to



ensure their successful implementation. They emphasized that government welfare schemes should reach all eligible beneficiaries."Among those who participated in the event were Adilabad Market Committee Chairman Boranchu Srikanth

Reddy, former DCC President Sajid Khan, former Market Committee Chairman Sanjeev Reddy, Town President Kizar Pasha, SC Department State General Secretary Durgam Shekhar, along with several Congress leaders, youth leaders, and party workers.

## AMC Chairman Srikanth Reddy Announces Key Decisions for Farmers' Welfare and Market Yard Development

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad : JUNE - 12 Agricultural Market Committee (AMC) Chairman Boranchu Srikanth Reddy stated that several prestigious development works will be under-

taken with the objective of ensuring the welfare of farmers visiting the market yard and providing them with better infrastructure facilities."A General Body Meeting of the Agricultural

Market Committee was held on Thursday under his chairmanship. During the meeting, the governing body unanimously approved several development projects and resolved to send proposals to the Government and the Director of the Marketing Department for approval."Chairman Srikanth Reddy clarified that these resolutions were passed to ensure that farmers do not face any difficul-

ties in the market yard and are provided with all necessary amenities and services."The meeting was attended by AMC Vice-Chairman Tanveer Ahmed Patel, Municipal Chairperson Bandari Anusha, PACS Chairman Mestram Parameshwar, District Marketing Officer (DMO) Gajanand, Selection Grade Secretary Vittal, members of the Market Committee governing body, and staff members.

## 12 Years of Modi Government: New Milestones in Development and Welfare, Says BJP Leader Dr. Chennamaneni Vikas

Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : JUNE - 12 On the occasion of the completion of 12 years of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, BJP State Official Spokesperson Dr. Chennamaneni Vikas addressed a media conference on Friday and highlighted the achievements of the government. He stated that the country has witnessed historic transformations in the fields of development, welfare, and good

governance."Dr. Vikas said that the government has expanded financial inclusion through Jan Dhan accounts, provided food security through the free food grain distribution scheme, and ensured healthcare protection through Ayushman Bharat. He added that farmers have been supported through schemes such as PM-Kisan, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, and PM Kusum."He further explained that employment opportunities for youth have increased through initiatives like



Mudra Yojana, Skill India, PM Vishwakarma, and Make in India."Dr. Vikas emphasized that the Modi Government is moving forward with the vision of transforming India into a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India)."The event was attended by District Town President Rapelli

Sridhar, District General Secretary Sirikonda Srinivas, District Vice President Gopadi Surender, Councillors Mamindla Amarsha Lakshmirajam and Vangala Srinivas, former Town President Regula Santosh Babu, Town General Secretary Vivek, and other party leaders.

## Katla Suresh joins BMS

Skyline Correspondent Paddapalli : JUNE - 12 Under the chairmanship of Karraula Mahesh Area Vice President, General Secretary Vaddepalli Kumar, Working President Yadagiri Sattaiah, who was attracted to the union's activities, the General Secretary and Working President invited Katla Suresh General As-

sistant to the union under the leadership of Area Workshop Pit Secretary Thumma Gattaiah. Meda Ramamurthy, Akula Harin, Sayavena Satish Central Treasurer, Gattu Srinivas, Nathadi Sridhar Reddy, Kiran, Sangani Sambaiah Joint Secretary, Ellavula Kotaiah, Penchala Venkataswamy, Bojjapalli Nagaraju, Akula Kotesh



Pit Secretaries Chenna Satish, Ajay, Puppala Nagendra Prasad, Naga Anil Sagar, Bodakunta

Rajesham, Satyanarayana, Sakali Ashok and others participated in this program.

# The Role of Teachers in Government Schools

Mittapalli Srinivasa Rao is a senior journalist

Teachers play a vital role in shaping the future of students. Especially in government schools, teachers carry a great responsibility in building society. By providing quality education to students from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds, they bring light and hope into their lives. Government school teachers are not only educators who teach academic subjects but also mentors who instill discipline, patriotism, humanitar-

ian values, and social responsibility in students. They have the responsibility of identifying the unique talents of every student and guiding them toward higher goals and achievements. Government teachers also play an important role in motivating students from poor families, encouraging interest in education, reducing dropout rates, and maintaining coordination with parents. They ensure the effective implementation of government welfare programs such as the Mid-Day Meal

Scheme, free textbooks, and school uniforms. In today's technological era, teachers are adopting digital teaching methods to provide modern education to students. They strive to develop creativity, self-confidence, and leadership qualities among learners, preparing them for future challenges. In conclusion, the development of government schools is the foundation of national development. Teachers are the architects who strengthen this foundation. Their services are invaluable to so-



ciety. They efficiently fulfill the noble responsibility of shaping students into responsible and capable citizens.

## Health Camp and Medical Screening Conducted for SERP and MGNREGS Staff



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem :** JUNE - 12 As per the instructions of Ms. Divya Devarajan, Chief Executive Officer of the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), a health camp was

organized on Friday at the IDOC Conference Hall for SERP and MGNREGS employees working in the district. The camp was conducted with the support of Ericsson Insurance TPA Private Limited,

Hyderabad. District Rural Development Officer (DRDO) Ms. Vidya Chandana inspected the camp and stated that such health initiatives are highly beneficial, especially since most SERP and MGNREGS employees are above 40 years of age. She noted that staff members are often exposed to work-related stress, which can lead to various health issues, and emphasized the need to organize such health camps annually. A total of 202 employees underwent medical screening, including 106 SERP staff members and 96 employees from the Employment Guarantee

Scheme (EGS) and other departments. The medical examinations conducted during the camp included: Blood Pressure (BP) Test, Blood Sugar Test, Calcium Test, Cholesterol Test, Lipid Profile Test, ECG (Electrocardiogram), 2D Echo Test, Eye Examination. The camp was organized by Ericsson Insurance TPA Private Limited, Hyderabad, with the cooperation of Yashoda Hospital, Malakpet, Hyderabad, Pathkind Laboratories, Hyderabad, and Sharath Max Vision, Warangal. A total of 202 employees attended the camp and underwent health check-ups.

## Strict Action Against Single-Use Plastic Users: Korutla Municipal Commissioner Raghavendra Warns



**Skyline Correspondent Korutla :** JUNE - 12 Korutla Municipal Commissioner V. Raghavendra has warned that strict action will

be taken against those using single-use plastic. On Friday, following the instructions of the Municipal Commissioner, municipal

officials conducted surprise inspections at tiffin centers and grocery stores within the town limits. During the inspections, single-use plastic items being used in several shops were seized, and fines totaling ₹10,000 were imposed. Officials also created awareness among shopkeepers about the harmful effects of plastic usage. In addition, trade license renewal inspections were carried out, and shop owners were advised to renew their trade licenses without delay. He further instructed business owners operating without trade li-

censes to obtain them immediately. Shopkeepers were also directed to segregate waste generated from their business activities into wet, dry, and hazardous categories and hand it over to municipal sanitation vehicles when they arrive. The Commissioner cautioned that violations would attract penalties under the SWM-2026 Rules. The inspection drive was attended by Sanitary Inspector Rajendra Prasad, In-charge Sanitary Inspector Ashok, Record Assistant Jagadish, municipal staff, and other personnel.

## Voting Rights Are the Cornerstone of Democracy: Ensure Every Eligible Citizen is Included in the Voter List

**Skyline Correspondent Korutla :** JUNE - 12 Voting rights are the most valuable rights in a democratic system, said Telangana Velama Corporation Chairman and Korutla Congress In-Charge Juvvadi Narsinga Rao, TPCC General Observer for Voter List Special Intensive Revision Rudra Santosh, and Congress State Leader Juvvadi Krishna Rao, who provided detailed guidance to Booth Level Agents (BLAs) regarding the SIR process. During the event, SIR kits were distributed to the BLAs. The leaders instructed BLAs to ensure that not a single eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls in their respective

booths. The program was attended by Jagtial District Congress Committee President Gazangi Nandayya, PCC Joint Secretary Banda Shankar, Korutla and Metpally Congress Presidents Tirumala Gangadhar



and Raisoddin, Korutla Mandal Congress President Pannala Anji Reddy, Municipal Chairperson Tirumala Vasantha, councilors, constituency-level Congress leaders, party workers, and others.

## Clean Vemulawada is the Goal: Strict Action Against Illegal Garbage Dumping – Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju



**Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada :** JUNE - 12 Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju conducted a surprise inspection on Friday to review sanitation conditions, drainage systems, and areas affected by

illegal garbage dumping in Vemulawada town. Accompanied by Municipal Commissioner Lokesh, the Chairman visited major roads and drainage canals and reviewed sanitation management in various

parts of the town. During the inspection, he identified issues such as garbage accumulation in drains, construction waste, and obstructions affecting the flow of sewage water. He instructed officials to take immediate measures to clean the affected areas. The Chairman also identified locations where garbage and construction debris were being dumped illegally along roadsides and directed officials to take strict action against those

responsible. Emphasizing the importance of public participation in maintaining cleanliness, he urged residents to dispose of waste only in designated areas. He stated that the municipality is implementing a special action plan to further improve sanitation services and that providing a clean and healthy environment for the public remains its primary objective. Sanitation Inspector Sukumar and other municipal staff also participated in the inspection.

## TUWJ (IJU) Committed to Journalists' Welfare: District President Chiti Srinivasa Rao

**Skyline Correspondent Jagtial :** JUNE - 12 Training classes to be organized for journalists in the district. ID cards will be distributed to union members shortly. Every member must strive toward strengthening the union. JAGTIAL: The Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ - IJU) District President, Chiti Srinivasarao, stated that the union is actively undertaking initiatives aimed at the welfare of journalists, intending to set a benchmark for future generations. The District Executive Body meeting was held on Friday at the TUWJ (IJU) affiliated Press Club near Tahsildar Chowrasta in the Jagtial district headquarters, under the chairmanship of Chiti Srinivasarao. Addressing Accreditation Delays Srinivasarao urged members not to succumb to misconceptions regarding media accreditation cards. He



assured them that the union would fight to ensure every eligible journalist receives accreditation. He noted that the delay in the issuance of accreditation cards in the district was caused by the continuous changes in the In-charge District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) position. Furthermore, he clarified that the committee has approved the issuance of over 450 cards to various newspapers based on the existing Government Order (GO). We will fight relentlessly if any eligible journalist is denied a card, but un-

der no circumstances will ineligible individuals be allowed to obtain one, Srinivasarao asserted. A Warning Against Anti-Union Activities Concluding his address, Srinivasarao warned of strict action against anyone attempting to disrupt or fragment the union. He clarified that individuals who are no longer active in the field of journalism would be purged from the union rolls. He called upon all executive members to initiate diverse programs to strengthen the organization's founda-

tions. Attendees: The meeting saw active participation from: District General Secretary: Bejenki Sampooma Chari; State Council Member: Ragula Gopal Chari Vice Presidents: Gaddala Harikrishna, Haider Ali, Alle Ramu, Loka Ramana Reddy; Treasurer: Siricilla Venu Gopal Assistant Secretaries: Guram Chandra Shekhar, Korepu Raj Kumar, Chinta Naresh; Executive Body Members: Manoj, Shankar Goud, Raghupathi Reddy, Harish, Naresh, Sajid, khaja zameer Ali, Ghouse, Srikanth, and others.

## Collector K. Haritha Directs Expedited Completion of Skills Center Construction Works



**Skyline Correspondent Kumuram Bheem Asifabad :** JUNE - 12 District Collector K. Haritha has directed officials to accelerate the construction of the Skills Center

building, which is being established to provide training to unemployed youth and support their future career opportunities. On Friday, the Collector, along with District

Panchayat Raj Engineering Officer Dharmender, inspected the ongoing construction works of the Skills Center building being built at an estimated cost of ₹70 lakh behind the old Collectorate building in the Industrial Area of the district headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that the Skills Center is being constructed with funds of ₹70 lakh under the Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP). She said that once the center becomes operational, it will provide skill training in various sectors to unemployed youth across

the district, enabling them to secure self-employment opportunities and build successful careers. The Collector instructed engineering officials to maintain quality standards in the construction process and complete all pending works at the earliest so that the building can be brought into use without delay. Among those present were PR Executive Engineer (EE) Dharmender, District Coordinator Sambasiva Rao, Assistant Engineer (AE) Gopal, TASK District Manager Rakesh, Lakshminanth, and other officials.

## DAESI Diploma Certificates Awarded to Agricultural Input Dealers in Mahabubnagar

**Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar :** JUNE - 12 To develop agricultural input dealers into skilled para-extension professionals, encourage them to provide scientific advice to farmers, and create awareness about agricultural laws and regulations, the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, conducts a one-year diploma course known as DAESI (Diploma in Agricultural Extension Services for Input Dealers). The course is open not only to existing agricultural input dealers but also to rural unem-

ployed youth who wish to start agri-input businesses. As per Central Government regulations, obtaining or renewing licenses for fertilizers and pesticides requires a DAESI Diploma Certificate. Today, certificates were awarded to 40 dealers who successfully completed the DAESI Batch 2024-25 (TP No. 2969) course conducted by MANAGE under the supervision of the Farmers Training Centre (FTC), Mahabubnagar. The chief guest of the programme was Mr. B. Venkatesh, District Agriculture Officer and Deputy Director (DDA),



Farmers Training Centre. Other officials who participated in the event included Mrs. Madhavi (ADA, FTC), Mr. Rampal (ADA-R, Mahabubnagar), Mrs. Meena (AO, FTC), and Mr. Srinivas (AO, Mahabubnagar Urban).

The dealers who completed the course expressed their happiness, stating that the DAESI training had significantly enhanced their professional skills and would help them provide better services and scientific guidance to farmers.

## Senior Journalist Dannarapu Rajalingam Appointed as Media Committee Secretary of Telangana Arya Vysya Mahasabha



**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy :** JUNE - 12 Senior journalist Dannarapu Rajalingam, a resident of

Kamareddy town, has been appointed as the Media Committee Secretary of the newly formed executive

committee of the Telangana Arya Vysya Mahasabha for the 2026-2028 term. On the instructions of Mahasabha President Amaravadi Lakshmi narayana, Vice President Kailasa Srinivasa Rao Gupta formally handed over the appointment letter to Rajalingam. Speaking on the occasion, Rajalingam expressed his gratitude to President Amaravadi Lakshmi narayana for en-

trusting him with the responsibility of Media Committee Secretary. He also thanked Kailasa Srinivasa Rao Gupta, Shanishetty Gouri Shankar, and Athimamula Ramesh Gupta for their support and encouragement. The program was attended by Mogilipalli Bhoomesh, Uppala Haridhar, Rajender, Shanishetty Srinivas, Valipishetty Lakshmirajam, Kasturi Narahari, and several other members.

## N. Sayanna Assumes Charge as New RTC Depot Manager in Adilabad

**Skyline Correspondent Adilabad :** JUNE - 12 Mr. N. Sayanna has officially assumed charge as the new RTC Depot Manager of Adilabad. Previously serving as the Depot Manager of Nizamabad-II Depot, he was transferred to Adilabad as part of the latest administrative transfers. On Friday, he formally took charge of his new position as De-

pot Manager. Following the assumption of duties, he paid a courtesy visit to the Adilabad District Collector. Meanwhile, Ms. Pratima Reddy, who had been serving as the Adilabad Depot Manager until now, has been transferred to the Armur Depot. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Sayanna stated that RTC has always

been committed to ensuring the safe transportation of passengers to their destinations and will continue to prioritize passenger safety and service.

