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Telangana ready for 100% equity in Metro phase 2,

Revanth demands Central NOC



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has announced that the State government is ready to take up the Metro Rail phase 2 project with 100 per cent equity without the Centre's share.

The Chief Minister demanded the Union government to issue NOC (No Objection Certificate) for Metro Rail expansion to expedite the project works. Addressing a press conference at the Secretariat on Monday, the Chief Minister said

that he had met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Ministers Manohar Lal Khattar and Ashwini Vaishnaw for several times and urged them to sanction the metro rail expansion project which was already delayed for years. Revanth Reddy mentioned that the Centre has agreed to sanction the Metro Rail phase-2 project with a 50 per cent share of each state and the union government after the contract agency L&T company took a back seat. On the advice

of the Centre, the state government took full control of the Metro Rail as the L&T did not agree to the proposal of Metro expansion in view of mounting losses in the first phase project. The agency created Rs 30,000 crore worth assets and however, it incurred an annual loss of Rs.400 crore. The L & T management also refused to future operations and maintenance of the metro rail. Then, the State government took over Metro Rail assets worth Rs.30,000 crore for just

Rs.15,000 crore, Revanth Reddy said. To clear the L&T Metro's loan amount of Rs.13,600 crore from banks at an interest rate of 8.25 per cent, Revanth Reddy said the Telangana government convinced IRFC for funding and secured loan of Rs.13,600 crore from a Japanese entity at an interest rate of 4 per cent. The Chief Minister questioned the Centre for not permitting the transfer of loan from IRFC to state government. We have already paid Rs.1,400 crore dues from us. We also submitted a letter confirming the Reserve Bank's approval, yet the loan transfer was blocked," he said. The Chief Minister said the funds are due for release today and demanded Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy to take the responsibility of release of funds to the state government from the IRFC (Indian Railways Finance Corporation) immediately.

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PAWAN FOLLOWING BJP SCRIPT, ALLEGES TPCC CHIEF MAHESH GOUD

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud launched a sharp attack on Jana Sena chief and AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan over his recent remarks on Telangana and the Congress party, alleging that the Jana Sena leader was acting at the behest of the BJP leadership. Claiming there was a political conspiracy behind Pawan Kalyan's comments, Mahesh Goud said the actor-turned-politician was merely repeating a script prepared by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders. "Politics is not a movie set where one can speak recklessly", he remarked. The TPCC chief recalled Pawan Kalyan's opposition to Telangana's formation and said the Congress, under the leadership of Sonia Gandhi, fulfilled the long-standing aspiration of the people by creating a separate state. He questioned Pawan's role during the Telangana movement and accused him of ignoring the sacrifices



made by Telangana youth. In fact, the BJP leaders, including Modi, had previously insulted the Telangana state in a similar manner, he quipped. Mahesh Goud also credited Congress governments for laying the foundation of India's space sector and said criticism of the Congress party could not be reduced to "movie dialogues". He noted that Telangana audiences had played a major role in Pawan Kalyan's success as a film star and advised him to focus on governance issues

in Andhra Pradesh. Raising political questions over the silence of the opposition BRS, Mahesh Goud alleged that the lack of response from BRS leaders despite Pawan Kalyan's comments indicated a tacit understanding between the BJP, BRS and the Jana Sena leader. While stressing the need for cordial relations between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, he said political leaders should refrain from making provocative remarks against Telangana for electoral gains. He claimed

Telangana's development and welfare-oriented governance had become a model worthy of emulation by neighbouring states. According to him, such remarks could create unnecessary political tensions between the two states. The TPCC chief also asserted that Telangana's development and welfare programmes had become a model for neighbouring states. He said leaders should focus on constructive politics rather than making controversial statements.

Revanth mandates facial recognition for teachers, healthcare staff

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has emphasised the mandatory implementation of a facial recognition system for attendance across all educational and healthcare institutions, from schools and colleges to Primary Health Centres and major hospitals like Osmania and Gandhi. He stressed that all employees in these departments must adhere to this system. During a review meeting at the Secretariat on Monday, Revanth Reddy, alongside other key officials, including Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao and DGP C.V. Anand, assessed the outcomes of the 99-day initiative across various departments. Senior officials from multiple departments presented comprehensive reports on their district and village-level activities.

On the occasion,

Revanth Reddy announced that the state government's 'Praja Palana-Pragati Pranalika' programme, which ran from March 16 to June 12, has successfully brought the government closer to the people. The Chief Minister acknowledged the departments that actively contributed to the 99-day action plan. He recalled his earlier directive requiring senior officials across all levels-from Principal Secretaries to District Collectors-to visit the field every month. Revanth Reddy further instructed the Chief Secretary to report on any officials or District Collectors who failed to comply with these directives. He noted that some departments had not sufficiently publicised their contributions to the 'Praja Palana' progress plan. He mandated that all departments immediately enhance the

visibility of their activities, with senior officials personally overseeing this task. He also urged officials to consistently disseminate their achievements to the public through both traditional and digital media channels.

In addition, the Chief Minister directed Panchayat Raj officials to promptly identify all villages lacking Gram Panchayat buildings and to develop a plan for constructing new ones. He also mandated the installation of solar power plants on all school buildings. Finally, officials were instructed to conduct district-level reviews of the 'Praja Palana' progress plan, mirroring the state-level review of the 99-day action plan. To facilitate this, a senior IAS officer will be appointed as a special officer for each district to oversee these local reviews.

Master foreign languages with discipline to seize global jobs: Vivek

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Minister for Labour, Employment and Mines Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy advised students learning foreign languages, particularly German, to pursue their studies with discipline and consistent practice, enabling them to take advantage of international employment opportunities. The Minister interacted with students and trainers undergoing German language training at the Telangana Overseas Manpower Company Limited (TOMCOM) office in Hyderabad on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Vivek Venkatswamy said TOMCOM is conducting German language training programmes for youth aspiring to secure employment opportunities in Germany. While employment

opportunities are available in India in sectors such as nursing, engineering and other professional fields, he noted that salaries offered in Germany are significantly higher when compared to Indian currency values. "Learning a new language and securing employment in countries such as Germany presents a tremendous opportunity for our youth," the Minister said. He expressed satisfaction over the enthusiastic response to the German language classes recently launched in Mandamari, Mancherla district. "Nearly 200 young people have enrolled in the course, which is very encouraging. The trainer there also appeared highly competent and dedicated," he remarked. The Minister said that students' attendance is being monitored



regularly to ensure effective learning outcomes. He pointed out that language proficiency is often the biggest hurdle in securing overseas employment opportunities and stressed the importance of overcoming this challenge. Vivek Venkatswamy

urged students not to miss even a single class and to attend training sessions regularly in order to attain a high level of proficiency in the language. "Every student must attend classes with discipline and develop complete command over the lan-

guage," he said. Expressing confidence in the initiative, Vivek Venkatswamy said such language training programmes would not only enhance employment prospects for youth but also help them build successful international careers.

Govt urged to promote 8 premium paddy varieties for domestic, export markets



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Agricultural experts and scientists have advised the government to conduct large-scale awareness programmes for farmers on cultivating eight premium paddy varieties that enjoy

excellent demand not only in domestic markets, but also internationally. A Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was held at Praja Bhavan on Monday. The meeting was attended by D.

Sridhar Babu, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Tummala Nageswara Rao. The committee conducted an in-depth review of agricultural production, paddy procurement operations, storage facilities, and the upcoming Kharif cultiva-

tion season in the state. Professors and scientists from agricultural universities participated in the meeting and presented several important proposals.

The experts emphasised that the government should take special measures to encourage large-scale cultivation of the following eight profitable and export-friendly paddy varieties, including BPT 5204, Telangana Sona (RNR 15048), KNM-1638, Jai Sriram, HMT, WGL 962, WGL44 and JGL 1798. Scientists from agricultural universities explained that these varieties enjoy strong market demand and can provide farmers with significant economic benefits.

Given the tremendous

consumer preference for rice produced from these varieties, farmers are likely to receive prices substantially higher than the MSP. "These varieties are highly suitable for export from Telangana. They are especially popular in the United States, Australia, and European countries. As a result, they can become highly profitable crops for farmers. There is no shortage of seeds for these varieties in the market, making large-scale cultivation feasible," farmers said. The experts further stated that if farmers' incomes are to increase significantly and if they are to be protected from fluctuations in international market prices, promoting these eight varieties is the

most effective approach. They recommended that the government prioritise these varieties and organise special awareness programs in villages across the state. Vice Chancellors of agricultural universities informed the committee that promoting these varieties on a large scale in the coming seasons would generate additional income for farmers, benefit the agricultural market, and help Telangana move toward a more profitable paddy cultivation model.

Officials from the Civil Supplies department informed the Ministers that not all fine rice varieties currently cultivated in the state are receiving market acceptance.

Cyber Security Courses Open Across Telangana, Applications Invited Till June 30

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June, 15 : The National Academy of Cyber Security has invited online applications for Government of India-certified cyber security training programmes from candidates across Telangana. Students who have completed Intermediate, Diploma, Engineering or Post-Graduation can apply for courses, including Cyber Security Officer, Diploma in Cyber Security & Ethical Hacking, PG Diploma in Cyber Security & Ethical Hacking, and Master Program in Cyber Security & Ethical Hacking. According to Vimala Reddy, director, National Academy of Cyber Security, the programmes range from six months to one year. Successful candidates will receive Government of India certification and become eligible for careers such as Cyber Security Officer, Information Security Officer and Security Analyst in India and abroad. The last date for applications is June 30, 2026. Interested candidates can apply online through the academy's website - www.nationalcybersecurityacademy.org and for details contact on mobile number: 7893141797.

Telangana ready for 100% equity in Metro phase 2, Revanth demands Central NOC

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The State government is ready to bear the entire cost of the execution of the metro rail expansion project. The centre should issue NOC, Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister slammed the Union government for not approving the Metro Rail expansion project. He alleged that the Centre has discriminated against Telangana and approved only the metro rail projects Ahmedabad, UP and Vizag recently. "We are not politicising the metro

rail issue. Our goal is to take over the first phase of the Metro and complete Phase 2," Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister also took a strong dig at the previous KCR government for neglecting the metro rail expansion during the 10 year rule. The BRS government had focused more on amassing wealth rather than taking care of people's welfare, Revanth Reddy charged. He also expressed serious concern over dropping Hyderabad metro rail ranking to 9th place re-

cently. The Chief Minister criticised former chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao and Union Minister Kishan Reddy for indulging in collusion politics on Metro rail expansion. "The Union Minister was silent when KCR made harsh comments. Why the BRS and Kishan Reddy were hurling challenges at us. We respect Kishan Reddy but we are frustrated at him now. KTR is behind Kishan Reddy who is abetting conspiracies," he said. Revanth Reddy said after

the formation of Telangana, the first phase of the Metro was obstructed under the pretext of protecting historical monuments. However, upon assuming power, the people's government has decided to take up the Metro Rail expansion and they had met the Prime Minister and Union Ministers requesting for approval several times, but in vain. The Chief Minister also questioned the Centre for the slowdown in the Warangal Airport project works.

Every child must be in school, not at work: Vivek

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Minister for Labour, Employment and Training Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy reiterated the State government's commitment to ensuring that "every child is in school, not at work." Addressing a programme organised on the occasion of World Day Against Child Labour 2026, he called for transforming the fight against child labour into a social movement involving all sections of society. The Minister was the chief guest at the World Day Against Child Labour 2026 programme held at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Bagh Lingampally, Hyderabad. Speaking on the occasion, Vivek Venkatswamy said that poverty and adverse family economic conditions continue to force many children into labour. He said that identifying such children and bringing them back into the education system can help secure their future. Pro-



tecting childhood and ensuring access to quality education, he said, is a collective responsibility, he said. Recalling the ideals of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the Minister said education is the most powerful tool for achieving social and economic progress. He noted that many individuals who were once child labourers have gone on to secure respectable jobs, demonstrating the transformative power of education.

The Minister stressed that awareness is crucial in the fight against child labour and called for extensive campaigns, particularly through social media, to educate the public on the issue. He said the complete eradication of child labour would be possible only through coordinated efforts by the government, voluntary organizations, social activists and citizens. Highlighting the State government's initia-

tives for youth development, Vivek Venkatswamy said Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs), skill development programmes and language training centres aligned with overseas employment opportunities are being established across Telangana. He added that children who complete their education and acquire relevant skills will have access to better employment prospects in the future.

TELANGANA LAUNCHES BREAKFAST AND MILK SCHEME FOR 29 LAKH GOVT SCHOOL STUDENTS

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Telangana Transport and Hyderabad District In-charge Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar on Monday launched the state's ambitious "Breakfast and Milk Scheme" for government school students at Raj Bhavan Government High School, coinciding with the reopening of schools after the summer vacation. The minister distributed textbooks and notebooks to

students and inaugurated the statewide "Badi Bata" (Back to School) campaign aimed at boosting enrolment and bringing dropouts back into the education system. Addressing the gathering, Ponnamp Prabhakar said the scheme would benefit nearly 29 lakh students studying in government schools from pre-primary to Class XII by providing nutritious breakfast and milk. He said the initiative is designed to combat hunger, reduce malnutri-

tion, improve attendance, lower dropout rates and enhance academic performance. "The government is committed to strengthening public education. Students will now receive both breakfast and lunch at school, ensuring better nutrition and learning outcomes", he noted. The minister revealed that the state government will spend Rs.540 crore annually on the breakfast programme and Rs.180 crore on milk supply, taking the

total annual expenditure to Rs.720 crore. Voluntary organisations are partnering with the government in implementing the initiative, which is expected to significantly improve student health and educational outcomes, he added. MLAs Danam Nagender and Yashaswini Reddy, Hyderabad District Collector Priyanka Ala, education officials and representatives of Manna Trust attended the programme.

INDIAN ARMY SALUTES WAR VETERAN ON 100th BIRTHDAY

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : The Indian Army celebrated the 100th birthday of Col Kanwar Sain Bakshi, a decorated veteran of World War II and the 1965 Indo-Pak War. Commissioned in 1944, Col Bakshi commanded 2 MAHAR during the his-

toric Battle of Asal Uttar and later served as Commandant of the MAHAR Regimental Centre for a record seven-and-a-half years. The Army hailed him as a soldier, mentor and living repository of regimental history, honouring his decades of service and leadership as

he entered his second century. Col Bakshi's leadership was instrumental in preparing thousands of young recruits during the build-up to the 1971 War. Thereafter, he established and supervised one of the country's largest Prisoner of War Camps at Dhana, Madhya Pradesh,

housing over 15,000 prisoners. On this occasion, the Colonel of the MAHAR Regiment conveyed the gratitude of the Indian Army and the Regiment, describing him as a shining example of devotion to duty, loyalty to the Regiment and selfless service to the Nation.

Failure to secure Metro phase-II approval reflects Revanth's inept governance: KTR

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Bharat Rashtra Samithi working president K. T. Rama Rao strongly criticised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy over the Centre's failure to approve the Hyderabad Metro rail phase-II project, stating that it is a glaring example of the Congress government's administrative incompetence and inability to safeguard Telangana's interests. In a statement here on Monday, KT Rama Rao alleged that despite making 71 visits to New Delhi, the Chief Minister has failed to secure the Centre's approval for Metro phase-II, exposing his lack of influence and ineffective leadership. "While the Central government has ap-

proved Metro projects for cities such as Visakhapatnam, Ahmedabad and other states, the Telangana government has failed to obtain clearance for Hyderabad Metro phase-II. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy must explain to the people of Hyderabad why he could not secure this crucial project," KTR said. The BRS leader alleged that the Chief Minister lacks the courage to question Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Union government due to political compulsions arising from the alleged 'cash-for-vote' case pending against him. "Unable to question the Centre over its discrimination against Telangana, Revanth Reddy is resorting

to the cheap tactic of blaming the opposition BRS to divert public attention from his own failures," KTR said. He further alleged that Revanth Reddy has entered into a covert understanding with the BJP, which, according to him, explains why repeated visits to Delhi have yielded no results for Telangana. Demanding accountability, KTR called upon the Chief Minister to apologise to the people of Hyderabad for what he described as a complete failure in securing Metro phase-II and for allegedly jeopardising the future expansion of the existing metro network. "The people of Hyderabad deserve answers as to why approvals and financial support that



were secured swiftly during the previous BRS government are now being delayed under the Congress administration," he said. KT Rama Rao asserted that the credit for successfully completing the Hyderabad Metro Rail project belongs entirely to former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao.

Bhatti celebrates birthday with KGBV girl students

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday celebrated his birthday in a warm and meaningful manner among students. He visited the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) in Moinabad, Rangareddy district and celebrated his birthday amidst the smiles of government school girls, earning admiration from those present. On the occasion, Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, sat and shared lunch with the students. He personally interacted with them and enquired about the quality of the food being served. Addressing the gathering, Bhatti Vikramarka said the people's government views the future of children as the future of the state. He



announced that the Breakfast Scheme for 29 lakh government school students across Telangana would be implemented from June 15. He also stated that a midday meal scheme has been introduced for students studying in government junior colleges (Intermediate level) and

the government is providing quality education, uniforms, and shoes to students in government schools and welfare hostels, ensuring they are on par with those studying in private corporate schools. Local MLA Kale Yadaiah, Government Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy,

Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, Corporation Chairpersons Challa Narasimha Reddy, Anvesh Reddy, Kotnak Tirupati, CWC member Rudraraju, Library Chairman Madhusudan Reddy, School Principal Jayashree, and several other dignitaries attended the programme.

CM REVANTH REDDY TRYING TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM HIS GOVT FAILURES

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 15 : Launching a scathing attack at the state Congress government, BJP State Chief Spokesperson and Media In-charge N V Subhash on Monday alleged that chief minister Revanth Reddy is targeting BJP union ministers of Telangana and state party president to cover his government failures.



Subhash, in a statement here, strongly criticized CM Revanth Reddy for spreading lies on the central funds for the development of Hyderabad city. He is making cheap allegations against Union Minister Kishan Reddy and the Modi government only to divert public attention from his own government's failures, senior BJP leader accused. He said Revanth Reddy is indulged in making false and baseless allegations out of fear of a crushing defeat for the Congress party in the upcoming GHMC elections. Subhash further stated that Revanth Reddy has already started shedding crocodile tears and running campaigns based on lies. Subhash clarified that it was the Modi government that provided Rs. 1,200 crores Central funds during the first phase of the Hyderabad Metro and made the 69 km line operational under the PPP model and it was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He added that the Centre has already given approval in-principle for Phase-two and is ready to bear 50 per cent of the cost. He pointed out that if the Centre is to release funds, the state government must at least complete land acquisition. But Revanth Reddy government failed to acquire land for the project

which shows its incompetence. Subhash reminded that the Modi government sanctioned Rs.38,297 crores under the Bharatmala Project and the Regional Ring Road (RRR), which is set to become a jewel around Telangana's neck. He stated that while the Centre is ready to lay roads, it is the state Congress government that is delaying the process without acquiring land and letting down the farmers. He advised Revanth Reddy, who questions the Centre regarding employment, to stop reading from that old script of lies. He stated that Prime Minister Modi is distributing job appointment letters to lakhs of youth every month across the country through the 'Rozgar Mela', and the Centre has supported Telangana's youth by providing Rs.86.8 thousand crores under the PM Mudra Yojana. Subhash questioned the Congress government what happened to about the 2 lakh jobs and unemployment allowances they promised to deliver by December. Subhash credited Union Minister Kishan Reddy for bringing Rs. 1,350 crores for Bibinagar AIIMS, Rs. 500

crores for Kazipet Coach Factory, Rs. 889 crores for Sammakka Sarakka Tribal University, Rs.5,336 crores for the Railways, and Rs 31,000 crores for National Highways. He challenged Revanth Reddy to come for an open debate on these funds if he has the courage and capability. Subhash alleged that CM Revanth Reddy has completely lost his grip on the administration and officials as he himself admitted that no one listens to him. He accused the Congress of ignoring promises made to all sections of society, including the farmers' loan waiver and the Mahalakshmi scheme for women. He criticized Revanth Reddy for closing down government schools and failing to provide basic amenities to students. Subhash remarked that the CM is suffering from a 'split personality' mental state where he does not even know what he is talking about. Subhash fired back at the CM for forgetting his re-

sponsibilities and targeting Union Minister Kishan Reddy and Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay with false allegations. It was unfortunate that CM Revanth Reddy calling BJP Telangana State President N Ramchander Rao an "outsider/stranger" which shows his arrogance attitude. He made it clear that it is not Kishan Reddy, CM Revanth Reddy should resign for failing in all fronts and not fulfilling promises made to people. Subhash stated that as soon as the SIR process began in Hyderabad, Congress, BRS, and MIM parties were worried who had risked national security for votes. He criticized that the people of Hyderabad are bound to expose the Congress party's politics of fake votes in the GHMC elections. He alleged that the Congress and BRS parties, which survived on illegal immigrants' votes, are now gripped by fear. He asserted that the public is ready to hoist the saffron flag over Hyderabad.

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APSPDCL CMD directs speedy grid connectivity for rooftop solar systems



Tirupati: June 15

Andhra Pradesh Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (APSPDCL) Chairman and Managing Director Sivasankar Lotheti has directed officials to speed up the process of connecting rooftop solar systems installed on the houses of Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) electricity consumers to the power grid across the company's operational area. The CMD inspected the progress of rooftop solar installation works and grid connectivity process at Vedullacheruvu village under Renigunta Rural Section in Tirupati Circle on Sunday. The village falls under Tirupati Town Division and Renigunta Sub-Division. During the inspection, Sivasankar Lotheti reviewed the implementation of the programme in Nellore, Tirupati, Chittoor, Annamayya, Kadapa, Kurnool, Nandyal, Anantapur and Sri Sathya Sai districts. He instructed officials and

contractors to accelerate the ongoing solar installation works and ensure that the systems are connected to the grid without delay. The CMD said nodal officers in all districts should closely monitor the progress of the works and take necessary steps to complete them at the earliest. The need for coordination among field staff, officials and contractors to complete the project within the stipulated timeline was also stressed. He also warned that appropriate action would be taken against contractors who fail to complete the works within the prescribed deadline. Director (Projects and IT) P Ayub Khan, Chief General Manager M Umamathi, Tirupati Circle Superintending Engineer V Chandrasekhar Rao, Deputy Executive Engineers Jayaprakash and Subramanyam, Assistant Executive Engineers Punyakoti and Mallikarjuna, along with other officials were present.

Mayor, NMC Commissioner inaugurate 'Yogandhra' wellness initiative



Nellore: June 15 (Skyline daily):

In the run-up to the 12th International Day of Yoga, Nellore Municipal Corporation (NMC) Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha Ashok, alongside Commissioner YO Nandan, officially inaugurated the "Yogandhra-2026" wellness programme on Sunday. India News Updates The civic leaders commenced the initiative by lighting a ceremonial lamp at the Command and Control Centre within the Municipal Corporation headquarters. Speaking at the launch, Mayor Sujatha

Ashok emphasized that the state government is executing the "Yogandhra" campaign on a grand scale to systematically elevate the public's physical and mental well-being. She noted that incorporating yoga into daily routines acts as a powerful preventative health measure, ensuring individuals remain active, healthy, and highly productive. The Mayor explicitly advised the student community to adopt regular practice, stating it provides the core physical conditioning and mental discipline required to excel in sports and aca-

demics. NMC Commissioner YO Nandan highlighted that the main objective of the Yogandhra program is to combat modern lifestyle diseases and promote stress-free living. He urged citizens across all municipal divisions to form localized groups, learn proper techniques from certified instructors, and make yoga a permanent part of their lifestyles. The inaugural session witnessed active participation from NMC Deputy Director Madhuri, prominent regional yoga instructors, civic officials, and local school students.

Three held, 2.11 litres liquid ganja seized

Guntur: June 15

Guntur police arrested three accused and seized 2.111 litres of liquid ganja during the vehicle checks conducted at IPD Colony here on Saturday night. According to DSP D Srinivasa Reddy, the police intercepted a Mahindra XUV-500 vehicle during searches and recovered liquid ganja stored in two polythene covers and three plastic containers, along with 20 empty plastic containers, a one-litre plastic bottle containing traces of liquid ganja, and rolling papers used for preparing ganja cigarettes. The seized contraband was examined using a digital weighing scale, which confirmed the presence of 2.110 kilograms (approximately 2.11 litres) of liquid ganja. The police arrested accused R Mahaveer, Abbu Sai Manikantha Teja and SK Rahantulla of Guntur city. During questioning, the accused confessed to procuring liquid ganja from AP-Odisha border areas and transporting it to Guntur. They allegedly repackaged the substance into smaller containers and sold it at high prices to individuals addicted to ganja and other narcotic substances. Tests also revealed that the accused themselves were consumers of liquid ganja. Police seized 2.110 kilograms of liquid ganja, the Mahindra XUV-500 vehicle, and other related materials. A case has been registered and further investigation



is underway. Efforts are underway to identify and apprehend suppliers operating in the Andhra Pradesh-Odisha border region as well as other consumers linked to the network. Addressing the media at the Guntur East Sub-Division Office on Sunday, DSP D Srinivasa Reddy stated that narcotic substances severely affect the future of youth, disrupt family life, and pose a threat to public safety and social harmony. He emphasized that the police department is giving top priority to the eradication of drugs within the Guntur East Sub-Division and warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in the transportation, storage, sale, and consumption of ganja, liquid ganja, and other narcotic substances. He appealed to young people to stay away from drugs and urged parents to remain vigilant regarding their children's behaviour. He urged the citizens to report information related to narcotics to the police or dial 112 and join hands in making society drug-free.

YSRCP BLAs urged to focus on SIR exercise



Vijayawada: June 15

YSRCP Vijayawada Rural Convener Anjagarl Hanuman on Sunday called upon party leaders and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to work responsibly during the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, saying the exercise would play a crucial role in the party's future electoral prospects. A meeting of YSRCP BLAs was held at Nunna under the chairmanship of party Nunna village convener Bhimavarapu Mutha Reddy. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Anjagarl Hanuman stressed the importance of ensuring that eligible voters are included in the electoral rolls and that discrepancies, if any, are promptly rectified.

GMC to conduct PGRS today



Guntur: June 15

Guntur Municipal Corporation commissioner K Mayur Ashok stated that a Public Grievance Redressal System will be conducted on Monday from 10:30 am to 1 pm in the council hall of the GMC for the resolution of local problems faced by city residents. He informed that applications and complaints will be received directly from the public during the programme. He said that the grievances will be reviewed in the presence of the heads of various GMC departments to ensure prompt resolution of civic issues. He urged citizens to make use of this opportunity and submit their grievances for speedy redressal.

Students told to excel in studies



Vijayawada: June 14
Ongole: The members of Kavarthapu Adilakshamma Markandeya Educational Society, Ongole, presented 'Kavarthapu Srinivasarao Smaraka Pratibha Puraskarams' to the students who excelled in Class X and Intermediate, in the fond memory of their founder, on the society's 23rd Anniversary, in Ongole on Sunday. The society president, Kavarthapu Balakrishnarao, presided over the award presentation programme, while its general secretary Gunti Mohan Rao organised the event. The handlooms and textiles district development officer, Anumula Venkateswarlu, housing board project director Prasadarao, Deputy

Tahsildar Bandaru Rajyalakshmi, Padmasali Global Trust trustee and retired ITS officer Kavarthapu Venkata Krishnaprasadarao, Prakasam district Padmasaliya Sangham president Goli Tirupati Rao, former chairman of Chirala Municipality Janjanam Srinivasa Rao, and others participated in the programme as distinguished guests. The society leaders and guests presented the merit students with appreciation certificates, mementos, and cash prizes, while felicitating the Class X and Intermediate toppers, Guddanti Vedasri and Somala Manohar, with shawls and garlands. Mohan Rao explained the righteousness, compassion, and charity of Srinivasarao, the motto, and the society's aims.

SP MP Javed Ali Khan sparks row with 'majority community toxic' remark, BJP hits back

Lucknow: June 15

Samajwadi Party Rajya Sabha MP Javed Ali Khan sparked a fresh political controversy with his sharp criticism of the BJP, accusing it of creating an atmosphere that has weakened trust between different communities. Political Opinion Articles Speaking during a visit to Moradabad, Khan alleged that the BJP's politics has had a lasting impact on social relations and communal harmony across the country. Addressing reporters, the SP lawmaker claimed that the social fabric of the country has changed significantly in recent years. "The poison spread by the BJP has been consumed by a large section of the majority community, and it has become poisonous," he said. He further stated that trust among communities has weakened and that the atmosphere of mutual understanding that once existed has gradually eroded. Khan maintained that he was not making personal allegations against any individual. "At places like Sambhal, we do not face much difficulty in explaining our views to the people because, since the time of Mulayam Singh Yadav, the Samajwadi Party has had a strong support base there. However, we will also reach out to areas where the minority and Muslim population is smaller and where the Hindu majority is larger. We believe that many people have been influenced by the narrative spread by the BJP. I am not making an allegation, but I feel that the BJP has created an atmosphere in Uttar Pradesh and across the country that has weakened the mutual trust that once existed among people," he said. During his



interaction with the media, Khan also spoke about the Samajwadi Party's organisational strategy. He said the party intends to strengthen its presence in areas where the minority population is relatively low and the Hindu population is larger. He noted that party workers would need to engage more actively with voters in such regions and communicate the party's message through direct outreach and public interaction. The BJP strongly criticised Khan's remarks, calling them divisive and inappropriate. Speaking to IANS, BJP MP Jagdambika Pal said: "This is a matter that requires serious attention. If someone is calling the majority society of the country 'poison', then it is they who are trying to spread poison and create division. Even now, they are not learning any lessons. Mamata Banerjee used to use similar language, and today her party is facing serious challenges in West Bengal. I believe that in the coming days, people in Uttar Pradesh will also teach a lesson to those making such statements, whether it is AIMIM, the Samajwadi Party or others using this kind of rhetoric." Union Minister Giriraj Singh also criticised Khan's remarks, saying: "Whether it is

Javed Ali or Akhilesh Yadav, their statement that Hindus have become 'poisonous' is wrong. Hindus are seen as 'poisonous' only by those who have become extremists or are anti-national. They appear 'poisonous' to those who talk about dividing the country from religious places." Singh further alleged that Khan was making such statements with the backing of Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav. "Javed Ali is making such statements with the backing of Akhilesh Yadav. Akhilesh Yadav will have to face the consequences of this in the elections. He should clarify whether this statement was made with his support. If he does not contradict it, people will respond accordingly," he said. Uttar Pradesh Minister Yogendra Upadhyay also reacted to the controversy, saying: "Those who have poison within them will spit poison, and those who have nectar within them will spread nectar." Congress MP Imran Masood also disagreed with Khan's choice of words. "This is very wrong terminology. If the majority community were not secular in large numbers, the very social fabric of the country would be disturbed. You cannot make such a statement because of the actions of a few people. It is wrong," he said.

Community consultation necessary for surveys

Paderu (ASR District): June 15

District collector Nishanthi T has directed that all survey and field-level activities in Hukumpeta mandal be carried out in a transparent, lawful and coordinated manner following concerns expressed by residents of Majjivalasa and neighbouring villages. In response to apprehensions raised by local communities regarding surveys and field operations being undertaken in the area, the collector issued instructions to ensure that all departments, organisations and agencies strictly adhere to legal procedures and maintain effective communication with the public. India News Updates The collector directed that any department or agency intending to conduct surveys, research activities or field visits in the region must obtain prior coordination with local Revenue authorities. She stressed that appropriate community engagement measures, including consultations with Gram Sabhas wherever required under applicable laws and government guidelines, should be undertaken before proceeding with such activities.



To address public concerns and facilitate the dissemination of information, special grievance cells will be established at the District Collectorate and the Integrated Tribal Development Agency office in Paderu. Villagers can submit their representations directly to these centres for redressal of grievances. The administration has also set up control rooms to provide information and receive complaints from residents. People may contact the helpline numbers 9281856953 and 08935-293448 for assistance and clarification regarding any issues related to the ongoing activities.

Tourist boat services suspended

Rajamahendravaram: June 15

Tourist boat services operating in the Godavari River under the Rampachodavaram Revenue Division have been temporarily suspended following safety concerns and allegations regarding the functioning of the vessels. Rampachodavaram Revenue Divisional Officer K Swathi, in a statement issued on Saturday, said the decision had been taken as a precautionary measure on the instructions of Polavaram District Collector K Dinesh Kumar. She stated that comprehensive inspections would be conducted on all tourist



boats operating in the division before allowing them to resume services. The decision comes in the wake of a recent incident during a Papikondalu excursion in which the Sri Lakshmi tourist boat reportedly developed a technical snag and came to a halt in the middle of the Godavari River. The incident, which surfaced after a delay, has triggered concerns over the maintenance and fitness of vessels engaged in tourism activities. According to officials, the boat had com-

menced its journey from the Gandhi Pochamma temple premises carrying 89 tourists on a Papikondalu trip. The vessel encountered technical problems near the old police station area of Devipatnam, forcing the boat operator to stop it midstream. Boat operators later shifted the passengers to another vessel named Jalasri and ensured that the tourists continued their journey without further inconvenience. "Notably, information about the incident did not reach senior officials through the field-level staff immediately after it occurred. The delay in reporting, reportedly caused by negligence or

lapses on the part of the concerned personnel, resulted in the matter coming to the notice of higher authorities only after a day. Sources indicated that senior officials have expressed serious displeasure over the failure of the field staff to promptly communicate such a significant incident. Disciplinary action is likely to be initiated against those found responsible for the lapse," officials said. However, the incident has raised serious questions over the fitness certification and operational standards of tourist boats in the region. The RDO said a joint inspection team comprising officials from the Revenue, Police, Tourism,

Fisheries, Disaster Management and Irrigation departments would examine various aspects related to passenger safety. The inspections will cover the fitness and technical condition of boats, passenger carrying capacity, compliance with safety norms, availability of life jackets and emergency rescue equipment, and the precautionary measures adopted by operators for the protection of tourists. Meanwhile, Chintoor Integrated Tribal Development Agency Project Officer Shubham Nokwal clarified that the suspension applies only to boats operating within the Rampachodavaram Revenue Division.

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Counting Care

For generations, Indian society has perfected a contradiction. It has revered mothers as selfless nurturers, praised wives as the anchors of the household and celebrated sacrifice as an essential feminine virtue. Yet when it came to economics and the law, the labour that sustained families was often dismissed as “non-earning” and therefore unworthy of serious recognition.

That contradiction is finally being confronted. The significance of the evolving judicial approach towards homemakers lies not in sentiment but in economics. It acknowledges an uncomfortable truth: unpaid care work is work. It creates value, supports productivity and forms the invisible foundation upon which the formal economy rests. Every working day begins with labour that rarely appears in statistics. Meals are prepared before office-goers leave for work. Children are prepared for school.

Elderly relatives are cared for. Household crises are managed. Emotional support is provided during moments of stress and uncertainty. These activities do not generate salaries, invoices or tax returns. Yet they make it possible for millions of people to participate in paid employment and contribute to economic growth. Conventional measures such as Gross Domestic Product have failed to account for this reality. Feminist economists across the world have argued that by excluding unpaid domestic and caregiving labour, societies underestimate both women's contribution and the true cost of sustaining life.

The economy recognises the wage paid to a domestic worker but not identical work performed within one's own home. The distinction may suit accounting systems, but it does not reflect reality. Recognising the economic value of domestic labour is therefore not an exercise in generosity. It is an attempt to correct an institutional blind spot. It challenges the notion that worth can only be measured through market participation.

More importantly, it strengthens the idea that dignity should not depend solely on the possession of a payslip. However, recognition alone will not transform the lives of homemakers. Courts can influence social attitudes, but they cannot substitute for public policy. Questions relating to social security, pension benefits, inheritance rights and financial protection for those who spend decades performing unpaid care work require legislative attention. Equally important is ensuring that caregiving itself does not remain an obligation imposed on women.

A more equal society values care while also sharing its burdens. Ideas shape institutions, and institutions shape culture. The immediate trigger for this debate is a recent Supreme Court ruling arising out of a motor accident compensation case. In recognising the economic contribution of a deceased homemaker, the court moved beyond treating homemakers as “non-earning” dependents and sought to assign a realistic value to unpaid domestic labour. In doing so, it sent a powerful message about what societies choose to value ~ and what they choose to ignore. India's homes have always generated wealth of a different kind: raising children, caring for the vulnerable and sustaining those who drive the economy. Recognising that truth is not an act of charity. It is an overdue act of honesty.

Islamabad has long viewed political mobilisation in PoK through an external lens of alleged Indian ‘interference’. But the recent uprisings in the region lays bare the limits of its own policy.

Historically, a common narrative regarding Kashmir administered on both sides of the Line of Control (LoC) has rested on the assumption that violence in these regions can only be understood through the lens of India-Pakistan rivalry. The ongoing anti-establishment uprising in Rawalakot, Muzaffarabad, and Mirpur, in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), challenges that assumption, given its origins in Pakistan's own political history and deep-rooted grievances between the federal government and peripheral regions.

Islamabad has long viewed political mobilisation in PoK through an external lens of alleged Indian interference, so-called foreign conspiracies, and opposition party machinations. A closer examination shows the grievances driving the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) movement remain localised, with serious concerns over electricity pricing, fiscal extraction, political representation, broken agreements, and the denial of meaningful local autonomy.

To put this in the context of Pakistan's political history, since its partition from India in

1947, Pakistan has found it challenging to reconcile a highly centralised federal state structure with the demands of its ethnically diverse regions. The federal framework has operated less as a mechanism for power-sharing and more as an instrument of the federal administration's overreaching authority. Similar grievances have echoed across Pakistan's peripheries - from Balochistan's demands for greater control over natural resources, to Sindh's concerns about federal encroachment, and Pashtun calls for political accountability in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In each case, political activism has centred on discontent over resource distribution, political representation, and provincial rights.

At the core of this recent uprising are 12 seats in the 49-member Legislative Assembly of PoK reserved for refugees from India's Jammu, after their migration to mainland Pakistan post-Partition. Despite settling in Pakistan's Sindh and Punjab provinces, these communities and individuals participate in PoK's electoral practices. The Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC), a cross-party coalition of traders, lawyers, students, and civil society groups formed in 2023, argues that this arrangement has diluted local representation and undermined federal accountability. Tensions flared up when the

Supreme Court of Pakistan ruled in June that the refugee seats had constitutional cover. The verdict represented a rejection of the movement's key political demands, leading to region-wide protests. Consequently, the Pakistani government banned JAAC, and used force against protesters by opening fire. In 2023, the dispute over rising electricity prices propelled the JAAC movement, indicating a new chapter involving diverse sectors and civil society members in the longstanding story of state neglect.

While the territory is administered by Pakistan, it remains outside the country's constitutional framework. As such, Islamabad views the reserved seats as sustaining its position of representing all of the former princely state of Jammu and Kashmir. However, the local grievances perceive this mechanism as a tool to dilute local participation, thereby reflecting the competing political logics of this region. It is in this context that this issue also separates itself from an externalized lens of the broader India-Pakistan conflict. The mobilisation has remained devoid of cross-border issues. For Pakistan, the issue of refugee seats remains critical to its international claims on Kashmir. The existence of these seats bolsters Pakistan's legal position at the UN to project the representation of



all of Kashmir - including Indian territory. Should Islamabad give up on these seats, it seemingly concedes that the territory is a settled part of Pakistan instead of a disputed region awaiting a plebiscite. In similar symbolism, New Delhi has kept parliamentary seats vacant to represent the entire former princely state, parts of which are controlled by Islamabad. These protests reemphasise the brazen contradiction of Pakistan's Kashmir policy, which centres on self-determination. This gap between global posture and domestic conduct has long existed, despite little international attention. The protests, however, will not have a direct impact on the Kashmir Valley. While the two territories share a dispute, their ethnic identity, language, and even political movements remain distinct. The native residents of PoK, predominantly Pahari, Gujari, and Punjabi-speaking are technically distinct from the Kashmiri-speak-

ing population in the Valley. There remains no shared political structure or common leadership between JAAC and any Jammu & Kashmir political formation. While the optics of Pakistan deploying federal paramilitary forces and imposing an internet and communication blackout will temporarily weaken Pakistan's credibility and talking points in global forums on the Kashmir issue, the reputational costs are unlikely to last much longer in the transactional nature of international relations.

In the coming period, the suppression of JAAC and the Supreme Court verdict will continue to inflame anti-government discontent. With PoK elections scheduled for July 27, Islamabad will face difficult choices - either to hold elections in the territory under heavy security deployment or postpone the elections and compound the legitimacy questions.

Hormuz is reopening, but it may never matter quite the same way again

Hormuz may never carry the traffic it had prior to the war, and its significance for global supply chains may be diminished, to an extent. Here's why US President Donald Trump recently announced that the US and Iran had reached a deal and that the Strait of Hormuz would be reopened soon. Coming over three months after the war started, however, many countries have by now explored alternate pathways to keep their economies running and to hedge against future disruptions.

The India-Omani Partnership India has been one of the worst hit countries by this war, in particular by the closure of the Strait of Hormuz, as much of her energy imports from the Middle East transit through this critical waterway. While oil and gas are the most important, there are other major imports, like fertilizers, that also transit through Hormuz. Recently, Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri, revealed that India's oil marketing companies were losing Rs. 16,000 crore a day, something the recent fuel price hikes aim to address, to an extent. The rupee has fallen to a historical low to touch 95 to the dollar. Amidst these shocks, the news that the India-Omani Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) has been actualised was met with much glee.

CEPA paves the way for more buoyant trade with the Oman Sultanate, especially facilitating Indian exports - a critical need for the economy currently. Most importantly, the location of Oman is significant now with all the tension around the Strait of Hormuz. Oman is located outside the Strait, directly on the Arabian Sea and the Gulf of Oman, and thus, goods can enter and exit its ports of Salalah and Duqm easily without having to go through Hormuz. Moreover, India also had a historical presence at Duqm. India's imports from Oman actually increased by 246.4%, rising from USD 430 million to nearly USD 1.5 billion, driven by higher purchases of crude oil and urea. The countries are now seeking to reactivate the proposal for the Rs.40,000-crore Oman-Gujarat deep-sea gas pipeline. The 2,000-km

subsea project would bypass the Strait of Hormuz, offering a potentially safer and more direct route for natural gas imports, hedging against any similar disruptions in future.

Oman's Sweet Spot

In fact, Oman is in a sweet spot now with its location outside the Strait of Hormuz as countries seek alternatives. One fifth of the world's energy supplies pass through Hormuz from countries of the Gulf like Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, and the UAE to mainly Asian markets. Consequently, Oman has increased its oil exports to unprecedented levels, given that its ports are located outside Hormuz, enabling it to pump supplies to Asian markets. Beyond this, the gains from customs declarations have been remarkable. For example, revenues from declarations for shipments destined for Dubai alone jumped from \$270 million in March to \$2.16 billion in April.

More important is the Sultanate's new positioning as a reliable hub for maritime and air transport and shipping through its ports and airports. For instance, food exports to Gulf countries through Hormuz have also been disrupted. Currently, shipments are travelling from Omani ports through the Hatta border crossing between Oman and the UAE and further into the wider Gulf region and markets. This will enable Oman to reap continuous benefits even after the Hormuz crisis ends. It will also attract massive investments for strategic road and railway projects linking the Gulf states to Oman, and oil and gas pipeline projects that bypass the Strait of Hormuz, like the one with India. Oman will definitely aim to preserve the economic and geopolitical gains it achieved in the war.

The Fujairah Terminal

Other countries, too, are hedging. For many like the UAE, whose economy depends majorly on energy exports, it is an existential threat. The world has lost 1 billion barrels of oil due to Iran's closure of the Strait, according to Dr Sultan Al Jaber, the UAE's Minister of Industry and Advanced Technology. Therefore, the country is now accelerating the construction of the West-

East oil pipeline to double its oil export capacity to 4 million barrels per day by 2027 via the port of Fujairah, which lies around 70 nautical miles outside the Strait of Hormuz.

The Fujairah Oil Terminal FZC (FOT) is a premier, 1.177 million cubic meter independent onshore storage facility in the UAE, specialising in crude oil and refined products. With the disruptions in Hormuz, its strategic significance for global supply through it has increased manifold. This is just as significant for India, as the Fujairah oil terminal can still send supplies to us while also ramping up oil production. According to data, UAE oil exports to India rose to around 619,000 barrels per day in April this year, a 43% increase from previous averages.

Saudi And Iraq Look Elsewhere, Too

Saudi Arabia, OPEC's second largest oil producer has, similarly, diverted exports through its port of Yanbu on the Red Sea, via its East-West Pipeline. It consists of twin pipes that carry oil more than 1,200 km from the Abqaiq oil field in the Kingdom's Eastern Province to Yanbu. Interestingly, this pipeline, also known as Petroline, was built in 1981 during the Iran-Iraq war as an emergency route, with the singular objective of bypassing the Strait of Hormuz to avoid any crisis there and promote energy security. That has now paid off, with the pipeline reported to be operating at full capacity. In fact, Saudi exports of jet fuel to Europe through Yanbu has actually increased after the war broke out this year.

Like them, Iraq, another major oil producer, is also diversifying. As a major exporter through Hormuz, the Strait's closure has made it look elsewhere. It has begun exporting oil through Syria's Baniyas oil port, since early April. Iraqi fuel crossed through the Al-Tanf border crossing into Syrian territory, where from Baniyas on the Mediterranean coast Iraqi oil will make its way to global markets. With Syria's stabilisation and reconstruction, this route is sure to become a permanent one for at least some of Iraq's oil exports even after Hormuz reopens.

Two Unintended



'Beneficiaries'

An unhappy fallout of the closure of Hormuz has been that it is essentially Asian markets that have been affected the most. These relied most on supplies through the strait, unlike, say, Israel, which together with the US began the war. While the US has benefited from oil sales, countries like India, Japan, South Korea have been vulnerable to the Hormuz crisis. They, too, have been looking for alternatives and have turned to non-traditional sources. Two such "non-traditional" sources that have become beneficiaries are Azerbaijan and Kazakhstan. On May 2, a Japan Times report noted how a tanker carrying some 45,000 kilolitres of crude oil from Azerbaijan arrived at an Eneos refinery in Yokohama, quoting officials at Eneos. The shipment of Azerbaijan oil arrived in Japan for the first time as it sought to diversify supply sources. Like India, Japan had also imported mostly Middle Eastern crude, and now has also procured US and Russian oil. This marks a major shift in its energy procurement as it diversifies its supply chains. It also stands to reason that once Hormuz reopens, Japan will no longer be totally reliant on the supplies through that route, at least not as much as pre-war levels. It has now also turned to Kazakhstan as an alternate source, which, logistically, will be cheaper for procurement than Middle-Eastern supplies.

Kazakhstan has also become a beneficiary of the Hormuz crisis. The loss of Middle-Eastern oil in global markets has translated into a surge in demand for Kazakh oil, and disruption in traditional trade routes has meant greater traffic along the

country's Middle Corridor or the Trans-Caspian International Transport Route, which traverses through Central Asia, the Caspian Sea, and the South Caucasus to reach Turkey, Black Sea and Mediterranean ports to Europe. Kazakhstan has ramped up supplies to European markets as well as to Japan and countries like Bangladesh. Jihad Azour, director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)'s Middle East and Central Asia Department, recently described Central Asia as a "transit hedge", offering alternative routes for trade and energy flows amid rising geopolitical uncertainty. Thus, each day newer partnerships, diversified supply sources and alternative routes are emerging around the globe, necessitated by the uncertainty around Hormuz. After the prolonged crisis of the recent war and the persisting uncertainty around it, the possibility that these new supply lines will morph into permanent ones as countries invest in removing current bottlenecks and transforming them into more cost effective, shorter and resilient routes, is high. Of course, these will not substitute the Hormuz chokepoint in its entirety. But Hormuz may never carry the traffic it had prior to the war, and its significance for global supply chains may be diminished, to an extent. Every country dependent on it will retain alternatives to hedge against any similar disruptions in the future. In a way, this may be akin to the de-dollarisation phenomenon, which began with America weaponising the dollar. Weaponising Hormuz, may in fact have turned out to be a sort of a self-goal for Iran.

Israel rejects Lebanon withdrawal despite Trump-Iran deal, says troops will stay indefinitely

Israel has publicly rejected the prospect of withdrawing its forces from southern Lebanon despite a newly announced diplomatic agreement between the United States and Iran, setting the stage for a potential policy clash with Washington.

Senior members of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's government said Israel would maintain its military presence in security zones along its borders and would not alter its security posture under external pressure. Israeli media reports said the position has already been conveyed to US President Donald Trump.

Defence Minister Israel Katz said Israeli forces would continue operating in areas considered critical to national security. "The IDF will remain indefinitely in security zones in Lebanon, Syria, and Gaza to protect Israeli citizens," Katz said while outlining Israel's position.

He also said Jerusalem had made its opposition to a Lebanon withdrawal clear to Washington. "We firmly oppose withdrawing from Lebanon, a position made clear to the US," Katz said.

The Defence Minister warned Iran against any escalation through Lebanon and said Israel would respond forcefully to attacks originating from the northern front. According to Israeli media reports, Katz said Israel would resist pressure over the issue regardless of future diplomatic developments.

"Israel rejects withdrawal from Lebanon despite all existing and future pressures," he said, adding that Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu had communicated the same message



directly to Trump. Ben-Gvir says Trump agreement does not bind Israel. The government's position was reinforced by National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir, who sharply criticised the diplomatic framework announced by Trump and insisted that Israel would make its own security decisions.

In a post on X, Ben-Gvir said Israel was under no obligation to follow the terms of the US-led agreement. "Trump's agreement does not bind us. Israel is not subject to the United States, and we are an independent and sovereign nation," he wrote. He said Israel's primary responsibility remained the safety of its citizens and soldiers. Ben-Gvir also argued that past concessions made under international pressure had harmed Israeli security interests.

"Every time we succumbed to international pressure at the expense of Israel's security, we paid a blood price with interest," he said, citing the Oslo Accords, the 2006 Lebanon agreement and previous periods of restraint in Gaza. While expressing appreciation for the United States and Trump, Ben-Gvir said national security decisions must remain in Israeli hands. "The State of Israel is not a banana

republic," he said. Warning over Hezbollah and Lebanon front

Ben-Gvir took an uncompromising position on Lebanon, saying Israel should not withdraw from areas captured during military operations and should continue targeting threats linked to Hezbollah.

"We are not partners to this agreement that does not ensure our security, and it does not bind us in any way," he said. He also called for the dismantling of Hezbollah and

warned that attacks from Lebanon would trigger immediate retaliation. "Every launch of a drone, UAV, or missile toward Israel from Lebanon will lead to an Israeli strike in Dahiya," Ben-Gvir said. Trump announces completion of Iran deal. The statements from Israeli ministers came shortly after Trump announced that an agreement with Iran had been finalised. Posting on Truth Social, the US President said the deal would lead to the reopening of maritime routes and the removal of the American naval blockade. "The Deal with the Islamic Republic of Iran is now complete. Congratulations to all!" Trump wrote. He added that he had authorised the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and the immediate removal of US naval restrictions. "Ships of the World, start your engines. Let the oil flow!" Trump said. The announcement was made hours before a UFC event scheduled at the White House to mark Trump's 80th birthday. The public disagreement from Israeli leaders signals resistance within Netanyahu's government to any arrangement that would require a military pullback from Lebanon, despite Washington's diplomatic breakthrough with Tehran.

Iran and US at odds over frozen assets before Geneva signing, exposing fault lines in peace deal

Even before the formal signing of the US-Iran peace agreement, a fresh dispute has emerged over billions of dollars in Iranian assets frozen abroad, exposing differences

between Washington and Tehran on how the deal should be implemented.

The disagreement centres on whether Iran should gain access to the funds before negotiations begin or only after meeting commitments outlined in the agreement. The issue has become one of the first major tests for the breakthrough accord expected to be signed in Geneva on Friday.

Iranian media outlets reported that a memorandum of understanding linked to the deal envisages the phased release of frozen Iranian assets during a 60-day negotiation period focused on Tehran's nuclear programme and other key issues. According to Iran's Mehr news agency, which cited a 14-point memorandum, the United States has agreed to release a portion of the funds before negotiations begin. The report said USD 24 billion in frozen assets would be released over the course of the talks and that half the amount would be made available to Iran in advance.

The reported document has not been officially confirmed. Washington, however, disputed that



interpretation. A senior US official told Axios that Iran would not receive access to frozen funds before fulfilling its obligations under the agreement. "This is a pay-for-performance deal," the official said. Different readings of the agreement The dispute comes hours after US President Donald Trump announced that Washington and Tehran had reached a peace agreement. The deal is expected to lead to the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, a vital global shipping route whose operations were severely disrupted during the conflict. Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi, quoted by Tasnim news agency, said negotiations on a final settlement would continue for 60 days and would depend on the United States meeting its commitments. Those commitments, according

to Iranian media reports, include ending hostilities, lifting the blockade and releasing frozen Iranian assets. Iranian reports also claimed that the agreement contains provisions related to a ceasefire in Lebanon. Asset dispute predated peace agreement. The question of frozen Iranian assets has remained a contentious issue throughout the conflict. The matter resurfaced earlier when US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent suggested that the funds could potentially be used to compensate Washington's Gulf allies for losses arising from future hostilities involving Iran. Iran strongly objected to that suggestion. Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi warned last week that using Iranian assets to compensate other countries would amount to a viola-

tion of the agreement. Despite the disagreement, the broader peace initiative has drawn positive reactions from several Western countries. The UK, Germany, Italy and France have indicated a willingness to lift sanctions on Iran if Tehran takes verifiable steps under the agreement. Israel, however, did not immediately comment on the development. The country has maintained that it should retain operational freedom against Hezbollah while continuing military activities in southern Lebanon. The agreement is aimed at stabilising a region that has witnessed repeated ceasefire violations and retaliatory attacks in recent months. The conflict has disrupted global energy supplies and triggered volatility in commodity and financial markets.

Tech tax: Donald Trump warns France 'not to charge American companies' or face 100% wine tariffs

Donald Trump on Monday, June 15, warned that France could be at risk of a trade war with the United States. The US President said America will be left with "no choice" but to put 100% tariffs on French wine unless Paris decides to eliminate its digital tax on American tech giants.

In an interview with the New York Post, Trump claimed that he has delivered the warning directly to French President Emmanuel Macron. He has demanded Macron to remove the 3 per cent tax on US tech giants or stay ready to face duties in the American market.

"I asked him not to charge American companies, and if they do, I have no choice but to charge a 100 per cent tariff on all champagnes and all wines coming out of France," Trump said. "All (Macron) has to do is get rid of the sales tax, and he wouldn't have that kind of pressure." Notably, the American market accounts for a fifth of the French wine indus-



try's global sales and is said to be worth over \$2 billion annually. As per reports, Trump's demand sets the stage for a bitter showdown at Monday's G7 Summit in Evian-les-Bains. Last week, Macron's office, the Elysée Palace, stated that the two sides have settled their long-running spat over taxing Silicon Valley. What's at stake? Popularly known as the GAFAM tax, France's

digital services tax has remained on the books since 2019. Under this, the European nation imposes a 3 per cent levy on the local revenue generated by the likes of Google parent Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Apple. Since it targets gross revenue rather than profits, the policy reportedly hits US tech titans the hardest. As per the French finance ministry, it raked in \$700 million last year.

Alcohol is considered among the top exports to the United States from the European Union and was worth nearly \$10.46 billion in 2024, as per Eurostat data. In October last year, France's National Assembly had voted 296-58 to double the tax to 6 per cent and narrow the threshold to target the global players. However, the move was later vetoed by ministers.

Sundar Pichai's Stanford homecoming met with boos, walkout and pro-Palestine protest

section of graduating students walked out of Stanford University's commencement ceremony during a speech by Google CEO Sundar Pichai, turning one of the institution's biggest annual celebrations into a platform for pro-Palestine protest.

The demonstration was organised by Stanford's Students for Justice in Palestine chapter and allied groups, which had publicly called for a walkout ahead of the event. Protest organisers said the action was aimed at challenging Google's ties to Israel.

Videos circulating online showed students leaving the ceremony carrying Palestinian flags and chanting "Free Palestine" as Pichai delivered his commencement address. Ahead of the event, Stanford SJP urged students to participate in the protest and criticised Google's role in what it described as the surveillance and killing of Palestinians. "We don't need another tech billionaire to tell us how to get rich off of the killing and surveillance of Palestinians," the group said. "Take a stance against war profiteering. Tell the Google CEO that he is not welcome." Pichai, who earned a master's

degree from Stanford in 1995 and now leads Google and its parent company Alphabet, addressed the university's graduating class during the institution's 135th commencement ceremony on Sunday. Speaking to students, he reflected on pivotal moments that shape people's lives and careers.

"If you are able to filter the signal through the noise, you can nudge your life in these moments into having the impact you want," he said. Pichai also encouraged graduates to remain hopeful despite global uncertainty. "Choose optimism. This might not be true to you at this moment. The world is going through a lot - global conflicts, economic anxiety, a rewiring of technology, information overload, all at a fast pace... We don't get to choose the world we graduate into, but we do get to choose how we frame our circumstances," he told the gathering.



He further urged students to pursue difficult challenges and focus on work that genuinely excites them. According to Stanford University, more than 20,000 people attended the ceremony at Stanford Stadium, including about 3,600 graduating students, making it one of the university's largest commencement events. The protest comes amid a series of demonstrations at university campuses across the United States linked to the Israel-Gaza conflict. Student activists have repeatedly used graduation ceremonies and other high-profile campus events to voice opposition to Israel's military actions in Gaza.

India's wholesale inflation surges to new high of 9.68% in May

India's wholesale inflation surged to a new high of 9.68% in May from 8.26% in April, as per the data shared by the Ministry of Commerce & Industry. The rise in inflation is driven by sharp rise in fuel, crude petroleum and manufactured chemical and metal product prices.

Inflation for Primary Articles, Fuel and Power, and Manufactured Products is 4.99 per cent, 30.33 per cent, and 7.48 per cent, respectively in May compared to 3.78 per cent, 24.89 per cent, and 6.68 per cent, respectively, in April.

Under the new series, the total number of items have increased from 697 to 957. New sources of energy, such as Solar and Wind, have been added under 'Electricity' Group. In addition, Nuclear Electricity has been included in the basket. Further, the Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas has been shifted from 'Primary Articles' to 'Fuel and Power' major group. "The launch of the new WPI and Producer Price Index series represents an important modernization of India's price statistics architecture. The updated methodology, expanded coverage, and improved representation of economic activity will



provide policymakers, businesses, and researchers with more accurate and relevant indicators of producer-level price movements said Rajeev Juneja, President, PHDCCI. PHDCCI President said, looking ahead, the recently announced framework agreement between the United States and Iran, including the proposed reopening of the Strait of Hormuz, could have important implications for wholesale inflation in India. Global crude oil prices have already

declined sharply on expectations of improved energy supplies and reduced geopolitical risk, with Brent crude falling by around 4% following the announcement, he said. Since fuel and power inflation was a key driver of the 9.68% WPI inflation recorded in May 2026, a sustained easing in international oil prices could moderate cost pressures across fuel, transport, chemicals, metals, and other energy-intensive sectors in the coming months, he added.

Sensex jumps over 1,100 points as Trump's Iran deal reshapes West Asia outlook and drags crude lower

Indian equity benchmarks posted strong gains at the opening bell on Monday after global investors welcomed reports of a breakthrough between the United States and Iran that could ease disruptions to global energy supplies.

The rally came alongside a sharp decline in crude oil prices, offering relief to import-dependent economies such as India and improving sentiment across Asian markets.

The BSE Sensex surged more than 1,100 points in early trade to touch 76,656.61, while the NSE Nifty 50 climbed 350.40 points to 23,973.30. Earlier in the session, the Sensex had opened above the 76,700 mark, and Nifty approached 24,000. Real estate, cement and automobile stocks led the gains. Nifty Realty rose 2.59 per cent, while Nifty Cement advanced 2.46 per cent. Nifty Auto gained nearly 2 per cent. Consumer durables, oil and gas, and PSU banking shares also traded firmly in the green. The broader rally was largely support-



ed by optimism surrounding lower energy costs and improving global risk appetite. Healthcare stocks, however, lagged behind the broader market trend. Nifty Pharma slipped 0.17 per cent, while the healthcare index was marginally lower. Crude oil declines after Iran-US breakthrough Investor sentiment received a boost after US President Donald Trump announced that a deal with Iran had been finalised. Trump said on Truth Social that the agreement would bring "peace and security" to the region. He also announced the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and the removal of the US

naval blockade, developments that markets viewed as positive for global oil supplies. International benchmark Brent crude fell nearly 5 per cent to around \$83 a barrel. US benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped more than 5 per cent to around \$80 per barrel. Market participants said lower oil prices could ease inflationary pressures and improve growth prospects for economies heavily dependent on energy imports. Experts see relief for Indian economy Market experts said the combination of easing geopolitical tensions and softer crude prices could improve India's macro-

economic outlook. "With the dawn of peace in West Asia, hopefully, and the consequent sharp correction in Brent crude to below \$84 in early trade, the prospects for the Indian economy and stock market have turned for the better. The GDP growth rate and CPI inflation projections for FY27 can be revised in this changed scenario to 6.9 per cent and 4.6 per cent, respectively. This will have positive implications for the stock market," market experts said. Banking and market expert Ajay Bagga said the developments had removed a major uncertainty that had been weighing on the global economy. "Indian markets partly rallied on these hopes on Friday and are expected to open more than a 1% up this morning on the back of the Iran peace deal and falling oil prices," he said. Bagga said the US and Iran were expected to sign a memorandum of understanding in Geneva later this week.

Mahesh, Prabhas, NTR, Bunny, Charan: who has the Most Exciting Future Projects?



The upcoming movie line-ups of Telugu star heroes have become a hot topic among fans. Several big projects are already announced, and expectations are very high. From pan-India films to collaborations with top directors, the coming years look exciting for Tollywood. Mahesh Babu is currently working with director S.S. Rajamouli on a massive adventure film Varanasi. The movie is being shot in different locations. This project is one of the most awaited Indian films, and fans are expecting something extraordinary from the combination of Mahesh Babu and Rajamouli. Reports also suggest that Mahesh may later collaborate with director Sandeep

Reddy Vanga, which has created even more excitement. Allu Arjun also has a strong lineup. After the success of Pushpa, he is preparing for a film with director Atlee titled Raaka. After that, he is expected to work with Lokesh Kanagaraj. Another interesting project with Basil Joseph is also being discussed, giving fans plenty to look forward to. Jr NTR is busy with director Prashanth Neel's highly anticipated film Dragon. The project has already generated huge buzz. Following that, NTR is expected to join hands with Trivikram Srinivas for a film based on the story of Lord Subrahmanya Swamy. Prabhas continues to have one of the busiest schedules

in Indian cinema. He has Spirit with Sandeep Reddy Vanga, Fauzi with Hanu Raghavapudi, Kalki 2 with Nag Ashwin, Salaar 2 with Prashanth Neel, and another project with Prasanth Varma. Each of these films carries massive expectations and has the potential to become a major box-office success. Ram Charan's current lineup appears relatively lighter compared to the other star heroes. At present, his much-awaited collaboration with director Sukumar is the major project in discussion. While the combination itself is enough to excite fans, many are hoping that more big announcements and exciting collaborations will be added to his slate soon.

New Scenes of Janhvi will end all debate - Buchi Babu



Mega Power Star Ram Charan's Peddi became South India's highest grosser in just nine days and the second weekend collections have been huge. The makers have conducted Success Press Meet and director Buchi Babu Sana talked about the film. He said, "The debate about Janhvi Kapoor character has been huge and we are adding new scenes from Wednesday that we edited out due to runtime. These scenes will end all the debate. I never wanted to showcase her character in wrong manner and I stand for woman empowerment. I hope these

new scenes will give complete clarity." Further Buchi Babu thanked Ram Charan for giving life to his vision on screen as Peddi. He revealed that family audiences, aged people are watching this film and I am thankful to this huge blockbuster. Producer Venkata Satish Kilari stated that second weekend collections are so high that the entire team is thrilled with the reception it is receiving. He stated that as ticket rates will be normal, families will watch the movie on repeats and it would have a long run at the box office.

SK's Super Subbu becomes Netflix first ever Telugu Original



Sundeep Kishan is one of the most talented stars of Telugu Cinema. He has a highly diverse filmography and he is now debuting into digital web-series space with Netflix show, Super Subbu. The fun show about sex education in rural milieu is created and directed by Mallik Ram. Mithila Palkar, Murali Sharma, Maanasa Choudhary, and Brahmanandam are star-

ring in this series that explores story of Subbu, an inexperienced sex education officer trying to survive the lively and unpredictable village of Maakipur. Creator Mallik Ram shared that his primary goal with Super Subbu was to make conversations around sex education feel much less taboo by using humor to quickly break any discomfort. At the core of the story is the

relatable and innocent Subbu, struggling to find his footing while dealing with family dynamics and generational gaps. The show is set to open up rigid households to talk about sex education and importance of it in a fresh comic narrative. The series will stream on Netflix from 2nd July. This marks as the first ever original for Netflix in Telugu language and the premise looks promising.

Did Kalki 2898 AD Save Sing Geetham?



Legendary director Singeetam Srinivasa Rao's latest film Sing Geetham has become one of the biggest surprise stories in Telugu cinema this year. Before its release, the movie had very little buzz. Many movie lovers were not even aware of the project, and there were almost no expectations at the box office. According to the makers, Sing Geetham was produced with a budget of around Rs. 25 crore. However, many viewers who watched the film felt that several scenes appeared to have been shot on existing sets that were already built for producer Nag Ashwin's blockbuster film Kalki 2898 AD. This has become a talking point among audiences and on social media.

The film was produced by Nag Ashwin under the Vyjayanthi Movies and Swapna Cinema banners. Despite being a small film compared to big commercial releases, the movie managed to grab attention because it was directed by the 94-year-old veteran filmmaker Singeetam Srinivasa Rao. Many people appreciated his passion and dedication to filmmaking even at this age. One of the biggest advantages for the film is believed to be its OTT deal. Industry circles estimate that the Netflix rights alone may have brought in around Rs. 11 crore. This means a significant portion of the investment was recovered even before the theatrical run gained momentum.

The real surprise came after the premiere shows. Audiences who watched the early screenings shared positive feedback. Word-of-mouth gradually became stronger, and many viewers praised the film's storytelling and emotional moments. As a result, the evening shows on the first day witnessed better occupancy compared to the morning shows. Since the producers released the film on their own, they have greater control over the revenues. This strategy could help them recover a major percentage of the budget if the movie continues to perform steadily over the weekend.

Trade experts believe that Sing Geetham may not become a massive blockbuster, but it has already achieved something important. It transformed from a film with almost zero expectations into a movie that is receiving appreciation from audiences. Positive reviews, decent weekend collections, and strong OTT recovery have given the film a good chance of ending its theatrical run on a successful note. For a small film released amid tough competition, that itself can be considered a victory.

Raviteja's Green Signal To Tamil Director



After doing back-to-back commercial movies like Eagle, Mr Bachchan, Mass Jathara, and Bharta Mahaseyulaku Wignyaathi, which didn't work at the box office, Mass Raja Raviteja has changed gears and picked up the "Irumudi" movie. Many thought that the 58-year-old star has changed gears and will be doing more of meaningful art cinema now.

But now, it looks like he has okayed another mass film. Apparently, Tamil director Hari, who has delivered the super popular Singham series with Suriya and scored a massive success, is said to have narrated a story to Raviteja recently. Though the director's last outing, Vishal's Ratnam, which got released in 2024, is not so successful in

Telugu, reports are coming that Raviteja liked Hari's idea and wanted to do that film after he wraps up Irumudi. Though Hari carves high-voltage action films for sure, the current OTT situation and the audience's reception towards such films is not so positive, so we have to see what the hero and director will actually do.

On the other hand, as Raviteja is going pretty strict on remuneration, some producers who want to do films with him are said to be backing out. However, the hero wants to make sure that he gives a strong comeback at the box office like how senior heroes Chiranjeevi and Balakrishna are ruling with their mass films, and wants to make it big once again.



Ustaad Bhagat Singh Chooses Hindi Audience First

Pawan Kalyan's latest film Ustaad Bhagat Singh has become a talking point once again. While fans are eagerly waiting for updates on his upcoming projects, the actor's recent release is now making headlines for a different reason. The action entertainer did not achieve the expected success during its theatrical run. However, the film is getting a second chance to connect with audiences through television. Interestingly, the makers have chosen an unusual route for its TV premiere.

Instead of debuting first on Telugu television, Ustaad Bhagat Singh is premiering in Hindi. The Hindi-dubbed version is scheduled to be aired on a popular Hindi movie channel at 8 PM. Meanwhile, the Telugu television premiere is yet to receive an official broadcast date. This move has surprised many movie lovers because Telugu films usually make their television debut in their original language before reaching dubbed-language channels. The strategy has drawn comparisons with Jr NTR's Devara: Part 1, which followed a similar path. In that case too, the Hindi television version was aired before any announcement regarding the Telugu TV



premiere. Directed by Harish Shankar, Ustaad Bhagat Singh features Pawan Kalyan in the lead role. Actress Sreeleela played the female lead and received attention for her energetic screen presence. The film was produced by Mythri Movie Makers on a grand scale. The television premiere also comes on a special day, as it coincides with Sreeleela's birthday. Fans of the actress are expected to celebrate the occasion by watching the film's broadcast. Industry observers are now curious to see how Hindi television audiences respond to the movie. Pawan Kalyan enjoys a strong fan base across India, and the TV premiere could help the film reach viewers who missed it in theatres.

Bidding War Begins for Mahesh Babu's Varanasi Rights



SS Rajamouli's upcoming film Varanasi continues to create huge excitement across India. Starring Mahesh Babu and Priyanka Chopra in the lead roles, the film is one of the most awaited projects in Indian cinema. Recently, several reports claimed that the budget of Varanasi had gone far beyond expectations. However, sources connected to the project have strongly denied these rumors. According to them, the news about the film's budget going overboard is completely

baseless and has no truth in it. The team is reportedly not worried about such speculation. Instead, everyone involved in the project is fully focused on completing the film as planned. Despite the ongoing discussions online, the makers have chosen to remain silent and continue their work without any distractions. Interestingly, the film is already creating a massive buzz in the trade market. Industry sources say that top distributors from different parts of India are showing great

interest in acquiring the film's theatrical rights. In fact, a bidding war is said to be taking place, with several distributors competing to secure the rights at record-breaking prices. While the makers have not officially commented on these reports, the strong demand highlights the confidence that the industry has in Rajamouli's vision and the film's box-office potential. Adding to the excitement, a photo from the sets of Varanasi recently surfaced online. The image reportedly showed a large blue-screen setup surrounded by detailed rock formations and cave-like structures. According to reports, the set is being used for the much-talked-about Ugrabhathi Caves sequence featured in the film.

After Mahanati, Sing Geetham is finding such universal acclaim - Nag Ashwin

Sing Geetham, a complete musical fantasy by legendary director Singeetam Srinivasa Rao, is being celebrated in cinemas all over. The movie is being praised as an unique experience and the integration of music into daily conversations is being revered as a never-seen-before epic idea. The team have conducted a Thank You Meet looking at its overwhelming positive reception. At the event, Nag Ashwin said, "After Mahanati, I think I am seeing such universal acclaim to Sing Geetham. I am overwhelmed to be associated with a Singeetam movie as Aditya 369 made me fall in love with cinema as a youngster. I never thought I would earn this association with Singeetam garu but I am extremely blessed." Anil Ravipudi attended the event as special guest. He remembered "Meka Thokaku Meka" from Aditya 369 on stage and called the movie as the best ever lesson from the legend about bringing uniqueness and freshness to the



screens. He asked people to not miss it in theatres. He further revealed that he first heard Sing Geetham story 8 years ago and while he wanted to bring it to life, he couldn't back then. Now, he expressed his happiness to see Nag Ashwin bringing this movie to big screens. He wished for Singeetam to bring many more new films to screens.

Struggled with depression, wanted to give up cricket: Indian off-spinner Shreyanka Patil

India off-spinner Shreyanka Patil has revealed that she struggled with depression and even considered quitting cricket during a challenging injury layoff that kept her out of action for more than a year. The off-spinner, who delivered an economical spell in India's 64-run victory over Pakistan in the Women's T20 World Cup here on Sunday, credited her strong support system for helping her navigate the difficult period and make a successful return to the national side. Shreyanka spent nearly 14 months on the sidelines after a fractured finger sustained during an Asia Cup match against Pakistan in July 2024. Her injury woes continued with severe shin issues in both legs and a fractured left thumb, before she finally returned to action for Royal Challengers Bengaluru in the WPL earlier this year. "I'd be lying if I said I wasn't depressed or that I didn't think about giving up cricket. That's how I felt



initially during the injury phase. But there was a voice inside me saying, 'No matter what, I love playing this sport. I'm here only because I love playing it,'" Shreyanka told JioStar. "So, I couldn't give up on something I love doing. I kept my head high, my dad kept talking to me, and my family supported me throughout. The atmosphere around me and the strong support system I had, I was always surrounded by great people. That kept me going. 'I love being back on the field now, and I

won't let that feeling go,'" added the spinner who conceded just 17 runs in three overs as India defended a 170-run total with ease against arch-rivals Pakistan. While the powerplay often tilts the balance in favour of batters, Shreyanka said she enjoys the challenge of operating in those high-pressure overs. With fielding restrictions creating scoring opportunities, her focus is on containing runs and forcing mistakes from the opposition. "I've always enjoyed bowl-

ing in the powerplay, whether it's for my state team or for India. It's amazing to bowl under pressure because that's what I love doing, and it's something I've successfully done in the past. "It was fun bowling to a left-hander. We had a couple of missed chances, but Deepti's (Sharma) five-wicket haul made up for it all. It's a great win for us to start the tournament, and we did so with a convincing margin," she added. Shreyanka stressed that India, the defending Women's World Cup champions, must remain focused despite their dominant win over Pakistan, noting that formidable opponents such as South Africa and Australia await in the tournament. "We know that Australia and South Africa are top teams as well. It's a World Cup, and you never know; anything can happen. So, you have to be at your best on the given day, and if you do everything right, you'll end up on the winning side," she said.

Women's T20 World Cup: Smriti's half-century, Deepti's five-for help India crush Pakistan by 64 runs

The peerless Deepti Sharma strangled an out of sync Pakistan with a five-wicket haul after Smriti Mandhana's delectable half-century as India thrashed Pakistan by 64 runs to make a winning start to their Women's T20 World Cup campaign here on Sunday. Courtesy Mandhana's classy 44-ball-68 and Richa Ghosh's muscular 34 off 17 balls, India managed a winning score of 170 for 6. Save Muneeba Ali's 35-ball-41, there was no sting in Pakistan batting as they folded for a meagre 106 in 17 overs. Having played her part in a priceless 45-run stand with Ghosh, Deepti was in her element with the ball, picking up a career-best 5 for 10 in 4 overs while left-arm spinner Shree Charani grabbed 3 for 21. Shafali Verma's happy knack of picking wickets also helped India. En route her five-wicket haul, Deepti also became the highest wicket-taker in the history of Women's T20 Internationals. With the third game being played on the same Edgbaston track, India got the advantage of bowling second as there was some turn on offer and the odd ball gripped, not allowing the batters to hit through the line. Deepti was literally unplayable on this pitch. The most telling contribution during Indian fielding also came from Deepti, whose direct throw ended left-handed keeper-batter Muneeba's flashy innings. Earlier, Mandhana's batting was grace personified as her regal knock along with Ghosh's came to India to a winning total. Ghosh provided the final flourish as left-arm seamer Tasmia Rubab went for 23 runs in the penultimate over which eventually broke Pakistan's



backbone. Mandhana's elegance was on full display at Edgbaston as she caressed the ball to boundary with sheer timing. The six off left-arm seamer Rubab had class written all over it. Dancing down the track, the inside out boundaries off off-spinner Rameen Shamim were a work of art as she completed her half-century off just 34 balls. Her innings had nine boundaries and two sixes in it. Shamim though finally had Mandhana when her mistimed hit was well taken by skipper Fatima Sana, who timed her slide to perfection. Mandhana had company in her seasoned skipper Harmanpreet Kaur (36 off 35 balls) as the duo added 91 runs for the third wicket after Shafali Verma (6) and Jemimah Rodrigues (1) cheap dismissals had India under pressure at 18 for 2. The skipper and her deputy were cautious with the Powerplay ending at 30 for 2 but they didn't let go of the opportunity to hit the boundaries. In the next seven overs, India scored 70

runs and Mandhana got a couple of reprieves where Pakistan's butter-fingered fielders let regulation chances slip by. The left-hander was dropped off Rubab's bowling when her mistimed lofted shot was dropped by the fielder stationed at mid-off, who failed to latch on to the ball while running backwards. The other was a big hit with the fielder at wide long-on boundary who saw it go for a six as it slipped between her palms. The unlucky bowler was left-arm spinner Sadia Iqbal (2/41), easily one of their best performers along with skipper Fatima Sana (2/33). While Mandhana's footwork was a treat for the eyes, Kaur muscled a lot of deliveries using the depth of the crease. The Indian skipper used the conventional and slog sweep to good effect. Once Mandhana was dismissed, India had a slump as Bharti Fulmali (0) was immediately stumped while trying an ugly hoick and Kaur's flick off Sana was taken by Natalia Pervaiz stationed at square leg boundary.

Olympic medallist Lovlina, Asian champion Preeti Pawar to lead Indian challenge at Usti nad Labem GP



The Boxing Federation of India (BFI) has named a 12-member squad for the prestigious Grand Prix Usti nad Labem in Czechia, scheduled from June 17 to 21, with Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain and reigning Asian Championships gold medallist Preeti Pawar among the leading names as India's build-up towards the Commonwealth Games, Glasgow 2026 gathers momentum. The Indian contingent features several of the country's leading boxers, including top-ranked athletes across a majority of the Commonwealth Games weight categories. With major international events on the horizon, the tournament offers an important opportunity to fine-tune preparations, assess combinations, and gain valuable exposure against

strong international opposition in a competitive European setting. One of Europe's longest-running boxing events, the Grand Prix Usti nad Labem has been a fixture on the global calendar for more than five decades and will be conducted as a European Boxing Gold Tournament under World Boxing regulations. Featuring competition across 10 men's and 10 women's weight categories, the event will serve as a key benchmark for Indian boxers as preparations continue for a packed international calendar ahead. BFI president Ajay Singh said, "The Grand Prix Usti nad Labem is one of the most respected international boxing tournaments and offers an excellent platform for our athletes to compete against strong opposition from

around the world. The squad includes many of our leading boxers, and such opportunities are important as they continue to gain experience, build confidence and test themselves in different competitive environments. We remain committed to providing our athletes with quality international exposure, and I wish the entire team success in Czech Republic." Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and Asian Championships gold medallist Preeti Pawar (54kg) headline the women's squad, which also includes Sakshi (51kg), Priya (60kg) and Parveen (65kg). World No. 1 Jaismine Lamboria and Arundhati Choudhary will not travel with the team as they continue their recovery from injuries. The men's team comprises Jadumani Singh (55kg), Sachin Siwach (60kg), Aditya Pratap (65kg), Sumit (70kg), Ankush (80kg), Kapil Pokhariya (90kg), and Narender (+90kg). The tournament forms part of BFI's continued effort to provide Indian boxers with regular international exposure and access to varied competitive environments as preparations intensify for major events in the months ahead. Indian Current Events Indian squad: Women: Sakshi (51kg), Preeti Pawar (54kg), Priya (60kg), Parveen (65kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) Men: Jadumani Singh (55kg), Sachin Siwach (60kg), Aditya Pratap (65kg), Sumit (70kg), Ankush (80kg), Kapil Pokhariya (90kg), Narender (+90kg).

Hyderabad Heroes' Sumit sees auction tag as reward for hard work, eyes bigger gains for Indian rugby ahead of RPL 2

New Delhi: Indian rugby star Sumit Roy Kumar believes his status as the highest-priced player in the Rugby Premier League (RPL) Season 2 auction is not a burden but a reflection of years of dedication to the sport. National News Coverage The second season of the Rugby Premier League, the world's first franchise-based rugby sevens competition, gets underway on June 16. After making its debut in 2025 with six city-based teams. The league has expanded this year with the introduction of a women's edition featuring four teams. Among the teams looking to build on a successful first campaign are Hyderabad Heroes, who finished with the bronze medal in the inaugural season. The franchise enjoyed an unbeaten run through the league stage before suffering their only defeat in the knock-outs. Ahead of Season 2, Hyderabad retained Spanish star Manuel Moreno and Kenyan international Kevin Wekesa, and successfully brought back several members of last year's core group, including Indian standout Sumit. The former India captain was one of the most sought-after names at the auction and eventually emerged as



the highest-priced player heading into the new season. However, Sumit insists the distinction only strengthens his resolve. "Yes, I see it as a recognition of my years of hard work, because I feel that I am here because I have done so much hard work, so I don't feel any pressure for it. Yes, I get motivation from myself, because the hard work I have done is a motivation for me," Sumit told IANS in an exclusive conversation. Having captained India's Under-20 side at the Asia Rugby Sevens Championship and represented the senior national team, Sumit has steadily grown into one of the leading faces of Indian rugby. Reflecting on his evolution as a leader, he credited the lessons he learned from former captains and the importance of fostering team unity.

"I have learned a lot from my previous captain of the under-20s, how to lead a team, because a team is a team spirit, a team game, so how to lead a team, if someone has a problem, how to solve it, there is no such thing that there is no solution to the problem, there is a solution to every problem," he said. Those leadership qualities are expected to play an important role for Hyderabad Heroes, whose squad features players from multiple rugby-playing nations. Sumit said communication and camaraderie have helped bridge cultural differences within the dressing room. Geographic Reference "There are players from different countries here, some from Spain, some from Kenya, they have come from very different places, so it takes a little time to make a con-

nection with them, but they are such players that it does not seem that they are playing with them for the first time after so many days, it seems that they have been playing with them for many years. "So talking to them, they observe us very quickly, they understand us, so it becomes easy for me to communicate with them, so I got used to laughing and joking with them everywhere," he added. Sumit was also part of the Indian squad that secured a historic silver medal at the CASA 7s earlier this year, one of the strongest indicators yet of the national team's progress on the international stage. While pleased with the strides India has made, he believes greater exposure against top-level opposition remains essential. "We do hard work, but we still have to play more tournaments, play with experienced players, like RPL, we have a series after this, so we will meet good teams there, like Hong Kong, Japan, so our progress is still continuing. National News Coverage "But if not this year, then next year or the year next, we do wish to compete at the highest level with the best teams in the world," he said.

Suryansh, Vipraj fifties take India A to 265 vs Sri Lanka A

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi once again got out after a flying start but spin bowling all-rounders Suryansh Shedge and Vipraj Nigam hit timely fifties to fish India A out of troubled waters as the visitors scored 265 against Sri Lanka A in a tri-nation series game here on Monday. Shedge smashed 72 off 66 balls while Nigam contributed 51 off 49 balls to rescue India after they were reeling at 143 for 7 at one stage. Sooryavanshi (21 off 14 balls) started by smashing pacer Chamika Gunasekara for a six and couple of boundaries but off-spinner Sahan Arachchige got one to slightly drift wide of his hitting arc and the south-paw hit across the line to spoon it towards



point. Skipper Tilak Varma (23) and his in-form deputy Ruturaj Gaikwad (32) added 52 for the third wicket in 9 overs but the Sri Lankan spinners made a comeback on a slowish track. From 91 for 2, a middle-order slump had India tot-

tering at 143 for 7 once off-spinner Vijaykanth Vijaykanth beat Gaikwad with an off-break to trap him plumb in-front. Tilak was dismissed when he tried to smash slinger Kugathas Mathulan through point only to be caught by the fielder sta-

tioned there. However, Mumbai's Shedge and UP's Nigam — two multi-skilled players, who are on national selectors' "targeted list" added 104 runs for the eighth wicket, indicating the depth coming through pathways structure. Both are capable batters and have done well for their respective state sides in the domestic white ball events. It only helps Indian cricket that they are frontline spinners too. While Shedge hit three fours and two sixes while Nigam hit six fours. Gauging the slowness of the pitch, the duo farmed strike and showed the importance of running between the wickets even as they punished the loose deliveries.

First wicket freed me up on India ODI debut, says Punjab pacer Gurnoor Brar

Punjab pacer Gurnoor Brar was more excited than under pressure on his India debut against Afghanistan and his first wicket settled the semblance of nerves, helping him walk away with a memorable outing in the rain-shortened first One-day International here. Brar starred with figures of 3/27 before skipper Shubman Gill unfurled a regal knock, powering India to a comfortable seven-wicket win on Saturday, and the hosts are now leading the three-match series 1-0. "Obviously, I wouldn't say there was pressure but there was excitement...like, I have to do well for India, I have to bowl well. Obviously, everyone wants to give their best here and I was doing the same. I just had to give my best and with God's grace it went well," Brar said in an interaction with Gill, a video of which was shared by the BCCI. Brar earned his ODI call-up on the back of impressive performances in last season's Vijay Hazare Trophy and also boasts of more than 50 wickets from 18 first-class matches. In Dharamsala too, Brar impressed with his sharp pace as he repeatedly clocked above 145 clicks, stretching the speed gun to a highest mark of 148.2 kmph. Gill, who has closely followed Brar's journey, asked the debutant about his emotions on earning the first India cap and the feeling of claiming a maiden international wicket. Brar replied that he felt relaxed after bagging the first wicket. "It's a special feeling, like all the hard work has finally paid off, all the grind



like I did in this heat...yeah it's a special moment. "(The first wicket) yeah, it's like a milestone that you just have to cross. When that first wicket happened suddenly it brought a sense of relief like 'now there's no tension.'" Gill then cheekily asked Brar whether he feared the opening wicket — a skier offered by Ibrahim Zadran — might be dropped given it was a slightly tricky chance. But the 26-year-old replied with a smile: "Since you were under it, I knew it wouldn't be dropped." Despite Brar's impressive spell, Afghanistan posted a competitive 194, powered by opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz's explosive 102 off 51 balls. Chasing the target, India needed someone to anchor the innings, and Gill did so with typical assurance,

crafting an unbeaten 84 on a slightly sticky surface to guide the hosts home in 22.5 overs. Gill said his objective was to stay till the end and ensure India crossed the line. "So, when I went in to bat, my main thing was that I wanted to be there till the end. I wanted to finish the game for the team. And, you know, the way I was expecting the start, that start didn't come. So, I knew I had to grind a bit. The wicket was good, but it was a bit sticky," said Gill. "The ball was turning a bit and seaming slightly. So I thought if I could get through that period, the game would become easier and easier." Then once the runs started coming, I would find my rhythm. Obviously, you feel very good when you plan something and everything goes according to the plan," Gill added.

District Collector felicitates athletes

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 15 Sportspersons Suravarapu Subbarao and Kona Yesubabu, who brought honor to Visakhapatnam district and the state by winning medals in the Para Athletics and Para Pickleball categories in the World Masters Sports Championship-2026 organized at the international level, paid a courtesy call on District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore at the Collectorate on Monday. On this occasion, they informed the Collector about the details of their achievements in the



championship and sought his blessings. They also submitted a memorandum of understanding requesting to provide sports incentives to the para sportspersons. The Collector congratulated the sportspersons who won medals on the international stage and brought glory to the country and the district and wished them more successes in the future.

Yoga celebrations at East Point Golf Club today

Jt Collector Gobbilla idyadhari

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 15 Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari said that a special yoga program will be organized at the East Point Colony Golf Club in Mudasarlova on Tuesday to celebrate International Yoga Day. Speaking at a preparatory review meeting held at the Collectorate on Monday, she suggested that all departments should work in coordination to make the yoga celebrations organized in the district a success. The HODs of all the departments at the district level, members of self-help groups, industrialists and people from other sections should participate and make it a success. He suggested that the DRDA, Tourism Department, Industries



Department and APIIC officials should work in coordination with each other and make strong arrangements for the organization of the program. He said that special arrangements should be made in the program premises in accordance with the district theme and all necessary facilities should be provided to the participants. The Joint

Collector instructed the officials of the concerned departments to take advance steps to ensure the smooth conduct of the yoga program and to discharge their responsibilities effectively. In-charge DRO Govindu, RDOs Dilip Chakravarthy, Sangeet Madhur and officials of all the departments participated.



Builders Association of India (BAI) Vizag Steel City Center organized a grand service program for the fifth week. As part of the 'PGRS', members of the association distributed buttermilk to the complainants who came to the Visakha Collectorate,

A timely, quality solution should be provided with a comprehensive investigation

District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore instructed officials on PGRS requests

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 15 : District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore has ordered that complaints received from the public should be thoroughly investigated in PGRS and timely and quality solutions should be provided. He also clarified that the officers conducting investigations on some complex complaints should personally examine them and upload the reports directly on the portal and not transfer them to the relevant department officials and not shirk their responsibility. At the Public Grievance Redressal Forum (PGRS) held at the Collectorate



Conference Hall on Monday, the Collector received complaints from the public and held a review with the officials. He suggested that a full investigation should be conducted on the complaints, the roots of the problems should be identified and timely and quality solutions should be provided. He said that every complaint should be resolved responsibly so that justice is done to the people. On this occasion, a total of 325 petitions were submitted by the people on various issues.



Out of these, 104 were from the Revenue Department, 68 from the GVMC, 34 from the Police Department, and 119 from other departments. Along with the Collector, Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari, In-charge DRO Govindu,

RDOs Dilip Chakravarthy, Sangeet Madhur, ADC Satyaveni and others received petitions from the people. Officers of all departments participated and registered complaints related to their departments.

Vizag-Araku valley train places first in India Today survey 2026

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 15 The Vizag-Araku Vistadome train route has been ranked No. 1 Rail Tourism Route in the India Today National Tourism Survey 2026. The route has been named for the award in the prestigious 'Indian Routes Editors' choice' category for its pleasant journey

through the Eastern Ghats. The 131-km route, passing through 58 tunnels and over 84 bridges, reflects the engineering excellence. Passing through dense forests, deep valleys, and waterfalls, the journey in the The Vizag-Araku Vistadome train coaches which feature panoramic glass roofs, 180-degree

rotatable seats, large viewing windows, and an observation lounge, enhances travel on the scenic routes by offering immersive views of the surrounding landscapes. Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh will receive the award on behalf of the State government at a function to be held in Goa on June 15.



Care Hospitals Vizag once again recognized as an Advanced Cardiac Care Center

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 15 CARE Hospitals, Visakhapatnam has once again proven its mettle as an advanced cardiac care center in Uttarandhra. Cardiovascular & Thoracic Surgeon (Minimally Invasive & Robotic Cardiac Surgeon) Dr. Bharat Kumar Mohandas led the team to successfully perform state-of-the-art minimally invasive heart surgeries on two critically ill high-risk heart patients. Addressing a press conference at the CARE Hospital conference hall in Arilova Health City, Dr. Bharat Kumar Mohandas said that these successful treatments are a sign of the rapid expansion of state-of-the-art world-class cardiac medical services in Visakhapatnam. He also said that minimally inva-



sive cardiac surgery is providing better outcomes and faster recovery for high-risk and elderly heart patients. In the first case, a highly complex multivessel minimally invasive coronary artery bypass grafting surgery was successfully performed on a 64-year-old man from Visakhapatnam. The patient

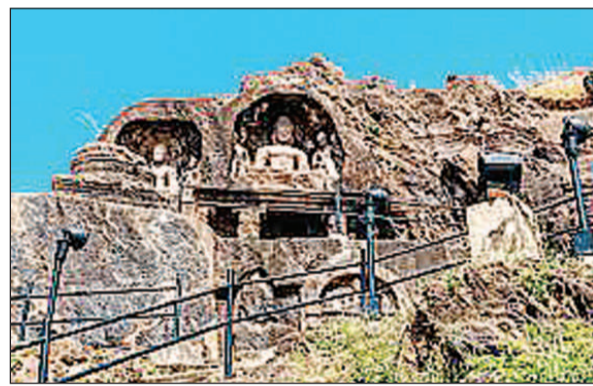
had diabetes, hypertension, severe blockages of the coronary arteries, as well as severe blockages in the carotid arteries that supply blood to the brain, which put him at high risk of stroke during the surgery. In addition, the case became more complicated as his heart function also declined significantly.

However, he said that the surgery was successfully performed using a minimally invasive method with utmost care, and the patient recovered rapidly after the surgery. He said that the ventilator support was removed within a few hours, he started walking the same day, and was able to climb stairs on his own the next day, and was discharged in just two days. In another case, an elderly high-risk heart patient from Eluru was successfully treated with state-of-the-art minimally invasive cardiac surgery despite having multiple other health problems and high surgical risks. Doctors said that both these cases also show how minimally invasive cardiac surgery is playing a vital role in the treatment of complex heart problems.

Buddhist sites in and around Vizag

Visakhapatnam, June 15: With the discovery of a sizeable number of Buddhist sites in and around Vizag, it is evident that Buddhist settlements flourished. It is obvious that Visakhapatnam and Buddhism are intricately linked. In fact, the name Visakhapatnam too is said to be linked to Buddhism. One popular belief is that the town was named after Buddhist Princess Visakha who lived in the 5th to 6th Century BC and is referred to in the Buddhist Gathas. Another similar theory attributes the name to originate from a Buddhist monk, Vaisakhi, who was said to have propagated Buddhism far and wide. The Chinese traveller, Huen Tsang, was said to have mentioned the name of 'Visakha kingdom' in his travelogue. He visited Andhra during 639-40 AD. He also wrote that Hinayana Buddhism was prevalent in that kingdom. Interestingly, a majority of the Buddhist sites discovered in and around Vizag belong to the 'Hinayana' phase of Buddhism, according to the historical evidence found at these sites. Huen Tsang in his treatise refers to a forest area on the East Coast of India which had a high concentration of Buddhist Monasteries where he had visited three stupas of prominence. Home to the world's largest monolithic stupas, Visakhapatnam is surrounded by these sites. The notable Buddhist sites in and around Vizag are,

Thotlakonda, Bavikonda, Pavuralakonda, Bojjanna konda, Lingannakonda and Salihundam. With evidence of famous Buddhist preachers, Nagarjuna and Aryadeva having preached here, it becomes apparent that once in Vizag's history, Buddhism flourished and had a lot of support. **Thotlakonda 2nd century BC to 2nd century AD** Distance from Vizag: about 15 Km Thotlakonda came to light during an aerial survey by the Indian Navy, and excavations established the existence of a Hinayana Buddhist complex, which flourished two thousand years ago. The main stupa constructed on the square platform shows Takshashila influence. On this hill, probably called Senagiri, there were found Brahmi label inscriptions of 2nd century AD 'Drona', meaning the Telugu word 'thotla' or tank, giving this hill its name. The excavations reveal Satavahana lead and Roman silver coins indicating foreign trade; Terracotta tiles stucco decorative pieces, rock trough, deepa stamba, muchulinda naga, sculpture of Nalagiri Damana, Buddha padas etc. The Thotlakonda complex has a number of stupas, Chaityas, Viharas, a congregation hall and a refectory. Thotlakonda was influenced by the ancient Kalinga region. There are also signs of a confluence of cultures with the Takshashila style, stone railing of Mauryan period,



encircling stone wall of Sailya sect, Buddha padas and circular chaityas of Hinayana Buddhism. It is estimated that the monastery accommodated more than a hundred Buddhist monks. 128 meters above sea level overlooking the sea Thotlakonda, on the way to Bhemili town, is flanked by the pristine waters of the sea and the hilly ranges of the Eastern Ghats.

Bavikonda 3rd century BC to 3rd century AD Distance from Vizag: 16 Km Bavikonda is one of the early Buddhist centres of Theravada Style with influences of Sailya Sect during 1st/2nd Century AD. This place has acquired its name due to its wells created to collect rainwater for drinking at this Buddhist establishment. On-site there are many findings like a stone stupa; circular Chaitya Griha (an early Buddhist feature); later apsidal Chaitya (Roman Basilica influence); Ayyaka platforms (N Indian influence), a congregation hall, viha-



ras, kitchen-cum-store complex. Roman coins, Satavahana coins and pottery dating back to 3rd century BC and 2nd Century A.D were recovered here. But more significantly, Buddha padas, Chattrapieces, Brahmi letters engraved on pottery, stucco figurines were found here. Bavikonda is considered by many to be one of the oldest and most sacred Buddhist centres in Asia. With a series of hills cleverly carved into stupas, this site is very similar to Borobudur, Indonesia. During the conservation work of Mahachaitya, five receptacles containing six

silver and gold caskets were recovered from the inner brick course of the Anda(dome) at diagonal points exactly facing the Ayaka platforms. One casket is supposed to be carrying Buddha's relics (presently in Hyderabad Museum). **Bojjannakonda and Lingalakonda in Sankaram: 3rd century BC** Distance from Vizag: 41 Km On the banks of the Sarada River these, Sankaram (derived from Sangharama which meant monastery) near Anakapalli, is host to two Buddhist sites on two

small hillocks, the Bojjannakonda and Lingalakonda. These 3rd and 4th-century Buddhist constructions are replete with rock-cut stupas, Viharas, Buddha images, monastery and sanctuaries. Several antiquities like seals, inscribed tablets, pots, copper coins of seventh century AD have been excavated. The largest monolithic stupa in the world at 64' and the smallest of only 50x2' have been found in these sites. Bojjannakonda (Buddhannakonda) shows all the three phases of Buddhism, Hinayana, Mahayana and Vajrayana. Clearly visible at the site are Hinayana style rock-cut Mahastupa, the Mahayana styled storied rock-cut caves and the Vajrayana influenced Mahakala image. Samudragupta gold coins and Chalukyan copper coins were found here. In Lingalakonda, the unique aspect is the matsyakaram shape, this has not been found anywhere else in the world.

Salihundam 3rd century BC to 12th century AD Distance from Vizag: 118 Km On the banks of the river Vamsadhara, a maha stupa, votive stupas, chaityas, platforms and viharas have been unearthed. Salihundam was known as "Salivatika" (meaning rice emporium). But many called it "Salyapetika" (meaning box of bones or relics). There are a number of Buddhist stupas and a huge monastic complex on a hillock amidst scenic surroundings. A conglomeration North and South Indian cultures are seen here. This place is considered to be the route of Buddhism to the south Asian countries via the sea route. The main stupa measures 46 feet in diameter while the maha vihara salipethaka has an entrance in the shape of Swastika. Inscriptions of 2nd century A.D. have been found here. A spoked Stupa, deemed to be the Ashokan Stupa, the Wheel of Dharma has been found. During excavations relic caskets, four stupas, a Chaitya Griha, structural temples and a number of sculptures reflecting the three phases of Buddhism - Theravada, Mahayana and Vajrayana were found, making this longest sustained Buddhist site. The statues of 'Tara' and 'Marichi' were discovered at this site. Jamballa image, Rouletted ware (Roman Pottery), several inscriptions (in Brahmi) were also found.

Pavuralakonda 2nd - 3rd century AD Distance from Vizag: 24 Km Pavuralakonda ('hill of pigeons') or Narasimha Swamy Konda covering an area of 10 to 12 acres is at a height of 168 mts above sea level, near Bhemuni patnam Beach. Excavations revealed nearly 14-16 rock-cut troughs or cisterns used for collecting rainwater, foundations of viharas, with cells and common verandah, circular chaitya grihas, votive stupas, halls etc. Artefacts found were dated between 3rd Century BC and 2nd Century AD. Pavuralakonda is bordered by a chain of hills on the southwest and northwest and it offers a beautiful view of the curved linear coastline with a crescent-shaped valley. In addition, there are other Buddhist sites in and around Vizag like Kottur, a village near Vizag has rock-cut caves of the Magadha period, spoked brick stupa with Ayaka platforms and triangular windows of Early Theravada sect. Similarly, Vuralametta is a single terrace, Jagatimetta, a double terrace and Rakasimetta a four terraced site. The influence of Buddhism is subtle but deep-rooted, in Visakhapatnam and Andhra as a whole. dating to the pre-Christian era, Andhra Pradesh has some of the most fascinating archaeological monuments that tell the story of Buddhism in the region and the legacy it left behind.

Everyone Should Join the Indian Red Cross Society: Additional Collector Anil Kumar



Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad : JUNE - 15 District Additional Collector Anil Kumar has appealed to everyone to become members of the Indian Red Cross Society, which is dedicated to humanitarian

service. Following the instructions of District Collector Sneha Sabarish, a membership enrollment program for the Indian Red Cross Society was organized at the District Collectorate on Monday under the super-

vision of District Public Relations Officer Rajendra Prasad. During the program, journalists from across the district received Red Cross membership from Additional Collector Anil Kumar. Speaking on the occasion,

Anil Kumar said that becoming a member of the Red Cross Society provides an opportunity to participate in social service activities and extend necessary assistance during emergency situations.

He urged service-minded individuals, youth, government employees, and journalists to join the Red Cross Society and contribute to humanitarian causes. Several senior journalists from both print and electronic media participated in the program and enrolled as members of the Indian Red Cross Society.

All Arrangements in Place for TGTET June-2026 Examinations : District Collector Ankith

Skyline Correspondent

Bhadradi Kothagudem : JUNE - 15: District Collector Ankith has announced that all necessary arrangements have been completed for the smooth conduct of the TG TET June-2026 examinations in the district. "In a statement, the Collector said that the examinations will be conducted in online mode from June 16 to June 22, covering ten sessions over five days. "A total of 1,217 candidates from the district are expected to appear for the examinations. To facilitate the conduct of the tests, Anu Bose Institute of Technology, Palvoncha, has been designated as the examination centre, with all required facilities put in place. "The Collector stated that adequate arrangements have been made at the examination centre, including uninterrupted power supply, internet connectivity, drinking water, security measures, and medical facilities to ensure that candidates do not face any inconvenience. "Candidates have been advised to reach the examination centre well before the scheduled time and carry their hall ticket along with a valid photo identity card for verification. The Collector further stated that officials from all concerned departments are working in coordination to ensure the examinations are conducted in a peaceful, transparent, and efficient manner. He wished all candidates success in the examinations and urged them to strictly adhere to the examination guidelines.



'You Are a Cold-Blooded Murderer': Kejriwal Accuses Donald Trump Over Deaths of Indian Seafarers, Criticises Modi's Silence

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party chief Arvind Kejriwal has launched a blistering attack on US President Donald Trump following the deaths of three Indian seafarers in a US strike on the oil tanker MT Settebello in the Gulf of Oman, while

also accusing Prime Minister Narendra Modi of failing to respond strongly enough to the incident. In a video message shared on social media, Kejriwal directly blamed Trump for the deaths and demanded accountability, turning the tragedy into a sharp political critique of the Centre's handling of the crisis.



Akal Takht Declares Punjab CM Bhagwant Mann Guilty Of Religious Misconduct, Summons Sikh MLAs

Amritsar: Akal Takht Jathedar Giani Kuldeep Singh Gargaj on Monday declared Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann guilty of religious misconduct after a video purportedly showed him committing an act that hurt Sikh sentiments. All Sikh lawmakers of the state were also summoned to appear before the Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, for hurting the sentiments and interests of the 'panth' (community) by passing the new sacrilege law. Gargaj said all the Sikh legislators were summoned on June 29, which is observed as the death anniversary of Sher-e-Punjab Maharaja Ranjit Singh. Ahead of the pronouncement of the edict, Jathedar Giani Gargaj, who called a meeting of Sikh bodies amid objections to certain provisions of the newly enacted Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Satkar (Amendment) Act, 2026, said forensic analysis by two recognised laboratories has confirmed that an objectionable video circulating online, which apparently showed a man resembling Chief Minister Mann committing sacrilege, was authentic. "Ultimately, the conclusion from both labs is that this video is authentic," he said, describing the laboratories as government-recognised and expe-

rienced forensic units. He said reports explicitly stated the footage had "not been tampered with" and was "not AI", adding the video appeared "entirely natural, just like sitting in a natural environment where shadows fall". The Jathedar Gargaj had earlier warned the state government over "objectionable" clauses of the state anti-sacrilege law. Delivering a customary address to mark the 42nd anniversary of the Indian army's Operation Blue Star from the Akal Takht podium on June 6, Jathedar Gargaj, without mentioning the specific "objectionable" clauses of the Jaagat Jot Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji Satkaar (Amendment) Act, 2026, said the "black law" was



again brought by the state government and should be revoked immediately. Earlier, Chief Minister Mann was summoned and appeared before the Akal Takht on January 15 for allegedly making derogatory remarks on Sikh tenets. He was the third Chief Minister to be summoned by the Akal Takht after Parkash Singh Badal and Surjit Singh Barnala. Badal was summoned in 1979 by then Jathedar Sadhu Singh Bhaura over his role in the Sikh-Nirankari clash that claimed 13 lives in Amritsar, while Barnala was declared tankhaiya (guilty of religious misconduct) in 1986 and excommunicated for ordering police action inside the Golden Temple. Later, he sought atonement in 1988.

From Land Donors To First Flyers: Farmers Board Historic Inaugural Flight From Noida International Airport To Lucknow

Lucknow: In an emotional moment marking the beginning of passenger services at Noida International Airport, 170 farmers and workers whose land was acquired for the greenfield airport boarded its first passenger flight to Lucknow on Monday. The inaugural flight departed for Lucknow at 8.30 am with the land donors, including several women, on board. The passengers were invited by the Uttar Pradesh government and later met Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. Abar Khan, one of the passengers, said it was a

proud and unforgettable moment. "We are extremely happy to travel on the first flight from Noida International Airport to Lucknow. What we once imagined has become a reality. I was invited by the Chief Minister to be part of this historic flight, and it is a great honour," he said. Hera Rashid, a resident of a nearby village, described the journey as a historic experience. "We are travelling on the first flight free of cost and will meet the Chief Minister in Lucknow. This is a memorable day for all of us," she said. A 65-year-old farmer



said he had given 30 bighas of his land for the airport project and was delighted to witness the transformation. Another woman passenger said being part of the first flight was a matter of pride for the villagers who had con-

tributed to the project. Jewar MLA Dharendra Singh said the launch of passenger services symbolised not just the opening of an air route but also recognised the contribution of farmers to the airport's development.

'Paper Leak Inka Bahana Hai': Abhijeet Dipke's Attacker REVEALS Why He Slapped Him



Jaipur: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke was slapped during a protest in Jaipur, a video of the alleged assailant speaking to the media while in police custody has gone viral on social media. The man, who was restrained by police following the incident at Shaheed Smarak, claimed he acted because he believed Dipke

was misleading young people and that no NEET paper leak really happened in the country. In the video, the bearded man identifies himself as a resident of Jaipur and insists that he is not affiliated with any political party. While being escorted by police, he alleges that Dipke is misleading the youth and making false claims. The man further ac-

cus the CJP founder of harming public discourse around student issues, though he does not provide evidence for his allegations.

The clip also captures him making provocative remarks directed at Dipke, including calling him a "mosquito" and challenging him by saying, "Idhar aa na macchar, tuje bahar hu main kaun hu." The incident

occurred during a protest led by Dipke at Jaipur's Shaheed Smarak. The demonstration was part of the Cockroach Janta Party's campaign highlighting issues such as examination paper leaks, unemployment and accountability in the education sector. Videos from the venue show Dipke interacting with supporters when one or more men suddenly approached and allegedly slapped him multiple times, disrupting the event and creating panic among those present. Moments after the attack, supporters of Dipke rushed toward the alleged assailant, leading to a brief scuffle at the protest site. Police personnel stationed at the venue quickly intervened and took control of the situation before the confrontation could escalate further. The accused was subsequently restrained and questioned by authorities.

'Pareshan Thi Wo Bechari': Dilwali Dulha Le Jayegi Co-Star Sorab Bedi Says He Spoke To Sanchita Ugale 2 Days Before Her Death



New Delhi: Sorab Bedi and Sanchita Ugale were co-stars in Dilwali Dulha Le Jayegi and shared a close bond both on and off-screen. Reacting to the actress' untimely death, Sorab revealed that he had spoken to Sanchita just two days

ago. He also shared that she was "kafi paresh" during her final days. During an interaction with the paparazzi, Sorab said, "Meri parso hi baat hui thi use yaar." He further revealed that he learned about Sanchita's death on the morning of

June 15 and was preparing to visit her family. Sorab added, "Avi jaunga uske ghar. Mujhe pata nahi tha, aaj subh hi pata chala." Speaking about her state of mind, Sorab shared that Sanchita had been worried for the past few days. He told the paps, "Pareshan thi wo bechari." The Splitsvilla 16 fame actor also admitted that the news came as a huge shock to him. He said, "Mere liye to bhot shocking hai yar." Sorab Bedi and Sanchita Ugale shared screen space in Dilwali Dulha Le Jayegi, where they essayed the lead roles of Kartik and Sukoon. The duo's on-screen chemistry

was widely appreciated by viewers, making them one of the most talked-about pairs on the show. All Indian Cine Workers Association (AICWA) President Suresh Shyamal Gupta has urged Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis to order a thorough investigation into Sanchita Ugale's death. He appealed to the authorities not to treat the case solely as a suicide and instead conduct a probe from all possible angles. Shyamal stated that Sanchita was a well-known face in the entertainment industry and that her death at such a young age has raised several questions.

Ram Temple Donation Scam Probe: Alleged Misappropriation May Exceed Rs.200 Crore, 50 Staff Under Scanner

Ayodhya: What began as whispers about the lavish lifestyles of a handful of temple employees has snowballed into one of the biggest alleged financial scandals involving a Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Investigators now suspect that the misappropriation of cash offerings made by devotees at the Ram Temple could exceed Rs 200 crore, making it one of the country's largest alleged thefts of religious donations. The Uttar Pradesh government has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT), while a senior IPS officer from Delhi is also conducting a parallel inquiry after arriving in Ayodhya on a special aircraft four days ago, sources said. The SIT has been asked to submit its findings within 15 days. The investigation has brought nearly 50 people involved in counting donations under scrutiny. So far, police and investigating agencies have recovered around Rs 2 crore in cash, an SUV and three iPhones from five suspects. Officials believe these recoveries may only be the beginning as investigators trace the money trail and examine assets accumulated over the past five years. Every rupee dropped by devotees into donation boxes placed near the sanctum sanctorum and along the temple's darshan route is taken to a highly secured room inside the Ram Janmabhoomi complex. The location of this room is kept confidential and entry is restricted. Here, 24 privately hired employees count and bundle the currency notes under the supervision of 12 trust personnel, while officials from the State Bank of India and auditors from TCS monitor the process. Ironically, most of the pri-



ate employees handling crores of rupees every day were drawing salaries of around Rs 14,500 a month. According to sources, suspicions surfaced after several members of the counting team, including Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush, Rajesh Pathak, Ram Shankar alias Tinnu Yadav, K.D. Tiwari and Manish Yadav, witnessed extraordinary changes in their financial status. Expensive SUVs replaced motorcycles, large tracts of land were purchased and commercial properties began appearing in their names or those of family members. The matter reportedly remained confined within the temple administration until one employee, frustrated over the lack of action on repeated complaints, publicly spoke about the alleged diversion of donations. The allegations quickly spread beyond Ayodhya, reached political circles and eventually prompted the government to order a formal investigation. Among those under the scanner is Ram Shankar Yadav alias Tinnu, considered a close associate of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust General Secretary Champat Rai. Investigators are examining as-

sets worth nearly Rs 50 crore allegedly linked to him in Ayodhya and Lucknow. Residents say Tinnu once drove an auto-rickshaw and travelled on a motorcycle. Today, investigators are examining a 70-room hostel near Ayodhya airport, stakes in three restaurants, residential properties in Lucknow, another hostel in the Naka area and a Toyota Fortuner allegedly linked to him. His nephew, Manish Yadav, who was allegedly inducted into the cash-counting team through his influence, is also under investigation. Sources claimed investigators recovered Rs 36 lakh in cash based on information provided during questioning. Another suspect, K.D. Tiwari, was responsible for receiving gold and silver ornaments donated by devotees before handing them over to trust officials. Investigators are examining land purchases worth Rs 1.5 crore and other assets allegedly disproportionate to his known income. Denying any wrongdoing, Tiwari said his responsibility ended after weighing the jewellery, issuing receipts and handing the valuables to authorised trust officials. Investigators are also questioning Rajesh Pathak, an-

other member of the counting team, over what they describe as a dramatic improvement in his lifestyle over the last five to six years. Lavkush, who allegedly worked as a car mechanic before joining the temple administration, is also under scrutiny. Sources claimed investigators recovered Rs 10 lakh in cash from his residence, some of it allegedly hidden inside household storage and beneath cow dung. A house under construction in Faizabad is also being examined.

Anukalp Mishra, another member of the counting team, is being investigated for purchasing a house in Ayodhya, developing a farmhouse in his native village and displaying conspicuous wealth during religious events and family celebrations. Investigators are verifying whether these assets are proportionate to his known sources of income. Investigators believe the inquiry will determine not only whether donations were siphoned off over several years but also whether systemic failures in the temple's cash-handling mechanism allowed the alleged misappropriation to continue unnoticed.

District Collector Chahat Bajpai Calls for Successful Implementation of Pulse Polio, Stop Diarrhoea and National Deworming Campaigns



Skyline Correspondent Hanamkonda: JUNE - 15: Hanamkonda District Collector Chahat Bajpai directed officials to ensure the successful implementation of the Pulse Polio Programme, Stop Diarrhoea Campaign, and National Deworming Programme, aimed at eradicating polio

and protecting children's health. "The Collector stressed that every child aged 0-5 years in the district must receive polio drops to help build a polio-free society. He instructed officials to pay special attention to high-risk areas such as migrant labour settlements, brick kilns, and construction sites to ensure that no child is left out. He also directed officials to ensure the availability of ORS packets and Zinc tablets in schools and Anganwadi centres. Education Department officials were instructed to promote personal hygiene habits among students, including washing hands before meals. "District Medical and Health Officer Dr. Ram Kumar informed the meeting that 84,298 children aged 0-5 years in the district would be administered polio drops during the Pulse Polio programme on June 28. For this purpose, 472 polio booths, mobile teams, transit points, and special teams in high-risk areas have been established. "The District Immunisation Officer said that the Stop Diarrhoea Campaign would be conducted from June 15 to July 31. ASHA workers will distribute ORS packets and Zinc tablets door-to-door and create awareness about diarrhoea prevention. "The meeting was attended by Additional Collector Ravi, DRO Srinivas, ZP CEO Sheshadri, and officials from the Panchayat Raj, Women and Child Welfare, Education, Tribal Welfare, BC Welfare, SC Welfare, Intermediate Education, and other related departments.

Rajanna Temple Development Works in Full Swing: Rs150 Crore Expansion to Enhance Devotee Facilities

Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla: JUNE - 15: State Government Whip Adi Srinivas on Monday inspected the ongoing expansion and development works at the Vemulawada Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Temple. He reviewed the progress of the works along with Temple Executive Officer Ramadevi, Endowments Department officials, and representatives of the Vemulawada Temple Development Authority (VTDA). "Adi Srinivas said that all development works are being carried out in accordance with Agama Shastra guidelines and based on the suggestions



of the pontiffs of the Sringeri Sharada Peetham. "He explained that the construction of the Maha Mandapam, Aniveti Mandapam, Brahmana Satram, Koti Lingala premises, and Dharmagundam is progressing simultaneously. "The officials have been instructed to expedite the works and complete them within the stipulated time. Until the development works are completed, devotees are being provided darshan through the Bhimeshwara Swamy shrine. "Adi Srinivas further said that the Telangana government is giving special im-

portance to the development of major temples from Basara Gnana Saraswati Temple to Bhadrachalam Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple. He expressed confidence that the expansion of the

Rajanna temple would soon be completed, enabling devotees to have a full-fledged spiritual experience and sought the blessings of Lord Rajanna for the well-being of all people.

Prompt Public Service Delivery is Our Goal: District Collector Ankit

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem: JUNE - 15: District Collector Ankit reiterated that providing prompt, transparent, and citizen-centric services remains the government's primary objective. He made these remarks while receiving petitions and grievances from the public during the Prajavani programme held at the IDOC office on Monday. Additional Collector Venugopal and DRO Padmavathi were also present. "People from various parts of the district brought issues related to land disputes, welfare schemes, employment, infrastructure, revenue matters, and other departmental concerns to the Collector's attention. After

carefully examining each petition, the Collector instructed the concerned officials to review the issues and take necessary steps for their resolution. "Addressing the gathering, Collector Ankit stated that every grievance received through Prajavani would be treated with utmost priority. He directed officials not only to register complaints but also to ensure their timely resolution through a clear action plan. He emphasized that better coordination among departments would help accelerate the grievance redressal process and warned against any delay or negligence in addressing public issues. "The Collector instructed officials to resolve issues that can be addressed im-



mediately without delay, while ensuring that pending matters are settled within the stipulated timeframe. He further stressed that authorities should work towards providing permanent solutions to public grievances and ensure that government services reach every eligible beneficiary. "He also advised citizens to sub-

The litigants should make good use of the National Lok Adalat. - Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha

Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli: JUNE - 15: Ramagundam Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha has called on the people to make good use of the National Lok Adalat and resolve their legal issues quickly. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner said that disputes will be resolved peacefully and through compromise through the Lok Adalat to be held on the 20th of this month. He said that in matters suitable for compromise, such as criminal com-

poundable cases, civil disputes, property division, family and marital cases, bank dues recovery, electricity theft, and check bounce cases, both parties can discuss with each other and reach a compromise through Lok Adalat. He suggested that instead of wasting time and money by going around the courts due to minor disputes, they should utilize this opportunity provided by the law department and get a peaceful solution. The Commissioner ordered that the po-

lice officers, constables on court duty and other police personnel in the Peddapalli and Mancherla zones should be provided with appropriate guidelines and cases suitable for compromise should be identified. He suggested that both parties should be called and counseled and efforts should be made to reach a compromise. He asked people who want to compromise in their cases to contact the concerned police officers. He said that disputes would be resolved



quickly through Lok Adalat and the victims would get speedy justice.

District Judge Urges Public to Utilize Lok Adalat for Speedy Settlement of Pending Cases



Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla: JUNE - 15: District Principal Judge and Chairperson of the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), Mrs. P. Neeraja, urged the people of Rajanna Sircilla district to make use of the Lok

Adalat scheduled to be held on June 20 and settle their pending court cases amicably. "A coordination meeting was held on Monday at the District Court Complex with judges, public prosecutors, and police officials of the district.

Speaking on the occasion, the District Judge emphasized that efforts should be made to resolve as many cases as possible during the Lok Adalat. She also offered several suggestions and guidelines to the police officials. "The

meeting was attended by Mrs. B. Pushpalatha, First Additional District Judge; Radhika Jaiswal, POCSO Court Judge; D. Chandrayya, Additional Superintendent of Police; P. Lakshmanachari, Senior Civil Judge, Sircilla and In-charge Secretary of DLSA; Ajay Kumar Jadhav, Senior Civil Judge, Vemulawada; Deputy Superintendents of Police Nagendra Chary and Srinivasulu; Junior Civil Judge Ms. Meghana; along with police officers and court monitoring personnel.

Collector Rajarshi Shah Directs Foolproof Arrangements for NEET Examination in Adilabad

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad: JUNE - 15: District Collector Rajarshi Shah has instructed officials to make foolproof arrangements for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) scheduled to be held on June 21, ensuring that the examination is conducted smoothly without any untoward incidents in the district. "On Monday, the Collector, along with Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, held a coordination meeting with concerned officials at the Collectorate meeting hall and issued necessary directions. "The Collector stated that the NEET exami-



nation is crucial for the future of students and emphasized that all departments should work in coordination to ensure there is no scope for even the slightest mistake. He also issued special instructions regarding the provision of basic facilities at examination centres. "To ensure that

candidates reach their centres on time, he directed officials to arrange additional RTC buses. "Speaking on the occasion, SP Akhil Mahajan said that there should be no compromise on security and discipline at the examination centres. He announced that Section 144 would be imposed

around the centres and directed that all nearby xerox centres must remain closed during the examination. "Additional Collector R.S. Chitra, Utnoor RDO Mohan Singh, AO Varna, and officials and staff from the Education, Medical, Revenue, and Police departments attended the meeting.

District SP Ashok Kumar IPS Personally Reviews Public Grievances on Grievance Day

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial: JUNE - 15: District SP Sri Ashok Kumar IPS personally reviews Public Grievances on Grievance Day. "As part of the weekly Public Grievance Day programme held every Monday, District Superintendent of Police Sri Ashok Kumar IPS personally examined

several public complaints at the District Police Office today. He directly interacted with around 13 petitioners from various parts of the district and listened to their grievances in detail. "The SP instructed the concerned officials to investigate every complaint in a fair and transparent manner and take

prompt, appropriate action to ensure swift delivery of justice to the complainants. He directed that all issues solvable within the legal framework should be resolved without any delay, and emphasized the need to maintain complete integrity and professionalism throughout the inquiry process.



Grand Army Awareness and Felicitation Seminar Organized by Udaya Defence Academy in Kamareddy

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy: JUNE - 15: A grand 'Army Awareness and Felicitation Seminar' was organized under the auspices of Udaya Defence Academy. The event was inaugurated by the chief guest, Kamareddy Municipal Chairperson Mrs. Ippa Uma Rani Srinivas, by lighting the ceremonial lamp. "Speaking on the occasion, Mrs. Uma Rani Srinivas said that the sacrifices and services rendered by Indian soldiers for the nation's security are an inspiration to everyone. She appreciated the efforts of Udaya Defence Academy in instilling patriotism, discipline, and a spirit of service



among the youth. "She called upon young people to make use of the opportunities available in the defence sector, including the Indian Army, the Indian

Navy, and the Indian Air Force, and contribute to the service of the nation. "Concluding her speech, the Municipal Chairperson raised the slogan, "Jai

Jawan - Jai Kisan. "The event concluded on a patriotic note, encouraging more youth to pursue careers in the defence services and serve the nation.

District Collector K. Haimavathi Inaugurates Telangana Public School in Markkook



Skyline Correspondent Siddipet: JUNE - 15: District Collector K. Haimavathi inaugurated the newly sanctioned Telangana Public School

at Markkook Mandal headquarters in Siddipet district. "On this occasion, the District Collector, along with District Education Officer Varaganti

Sastry, inspected all the classrooms and the available infrastructure. She instructed the Amma Adarsha School Committee to arrange four buses to safely transport students to the school and back to their homes. "She stated that from next year, admissions will also be taken in the second sections of all classes. "The Collector mentioned that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had virtually inaugurated the Markkook Telangana Public School while inau-

gurating the Narmetta Oil Palm Factory, and classes have commenced from today. "She added that the buildings, which were previously used as police quarters, are now being utilized for the Telangana Public School. An amount of ₹16.62 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of permanent school buildings, and construction work will be taken up soon. "The event was attended by Gajwel RDO Chandrakala, local mandal-level officials, parents of students, and others.

District Collector Ashish Sangwan Receives 93 Grievances at Prajavani Programme in Kamareddy

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy: JUNE - 15: District Collector Ashish Sangwan participated in the Prajavani programme held at the District Collectorate on Monday and received petitions from the public. "A total of 93 applications were submitted during the programme. The petitions mainly related to land issues, wel-

fare schemes, pensions, employment, housing, revenue matters, and other departmental concerns. "The District Collector instructed the concerned departmental officials to carefully examine each application and resolve them swiftly in accordance with the rules and regulations. "Additional Collectors Victor and N.V.



Giri, ZP CEO Chander, and other district officials also

participated in the programme.

MLA congratulates Bindu for her performance



(District Correspondent / Skyline) Sangareddy, June.15 : Chinta Prabhakar, the

Sangareddy legislator congratulated Nenvat Bindu of Ismail Khanpet village, who brought recognition to the state and district by showing her talent in the recently organized international competitions in Bhutan. On Monday, Bindu along with her family members met MLA Chinta Prabhakar. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that Bindu, who has achieved success at the

Salvation is possible only with Love and Devotion

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Narayankhed, June.15 : Human life can be saved by worshipping God with love and devotion, said Madhavananda Saraswati Swami, the head of Rangampet Ashram Peeth. He participated in the Lakshmi Sudarshana Yagam Poornahuti program organized at Mahati Jyotishyalam in Narayankhed town on Monday and addressed the devotees. Speaking on the occasion, Swamiji said that the ongoing Purushottam

month is very auspicious and the worship, donations and yagnayagas performed during this month give many times more results compared to the normal period. He said that spiritual programs performed with devotion and service not only benefit individual well-being but also benefit the society. Narayankhed legislator Dr.Pattolla Sanjeev Reddy, who was the chief guest at the event, said that the entire country along with Narayankhed constituency will prosper with peace and



prosperity through the Lakshmi Sudarshana Yagam. Before the commencement of the Yagam, MLA Sanjeev Reddy and his wife Anupama Reddy performed special pujas. The Program was attended by Brahmin Association District Secretary Vinod Patil, Mahati Jyotishyalayam founder Gururaj Sharma, Dignitaries and devotees.

SP inspects CCS, Women's Police Station

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

Sangareddy, June.15 : Paritosh Pankaj, the Sangareddy District Superintendent of Police inspected women's police station and central crime station of Sangareddy on Monday. On this occasion, he enquired the cleanliness of the police station surroundings, staff barracks, maintenance of station records, and the status of pending cases. After reviewing the cases under investigation, he said that quality investigation should be conducted in ev-

ery case and the victims should be supported. He suggested that every detail from the registration of the complaint to the filing of the charge sheet should be recorded online and updated from time to time. He also said that the investigation should be completed within the stipulated time and the accused should be presented before the court. He said that programs should be organized more widely to create awareness among the people about various types of crimes against women, POCSO Act, and



cyber crimes. He asked to speak politely with those who come to the police station, listen to their problems patiently, and assure them that their problems will be solved. The Program was attended by Sangareddy DSP Satyaiah Goud, Mahila Police Station SHO Mahesh Goud, CCS Inspectors Shiva Kumar, Prasad Rao, Sis Manik Reddy, Srikanth, Pula Bhai, staff and others.

Congress NMR team members join BRS

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, June.15 : Congress youth joined the BRS party in large numbers, attracted by the BRS party's public welfare policies and development programs, said Patancheru constituency BRS party in-charge Adarsh ??Reddy. Congress party NMR team members from Nallavalli village in Gummudidala mandal joined the BRS party on Monday. In a program organized at his residence in

Ramachandrapuram, Gummudidala BRS senior leader Prabhakar Reddy, Deputy Sarpanch Pochaiiah, and village president Mahesh, Madhu, Harsha, Anil Kumar, Arun Teja, Sai, Srikanth, Srinu, Harish, Naresh, and Sajid Khan joined the BRS party. Adarsh ??Reddy warmly welcomed them by covering them with party scarves.



Speaking on the occasion, Adarsh ??Reddy said that activists should play a key role in further strengthening the party from the village level. He called for taking the party's ideologies to the people by working with

dedication to solving the problems of the people. BRS party leaders and activists participated in this program.

Increase the pace of development works



(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, June.15 : Gudem Mahipal Reddy, the

Patancheru legislator has instructed the officials to complete the ongoing development works in

Ameenpur and Patancheru circles within the stipulated time and make them accessible to the people. In a review meeting held on Monday, he reviewed the progress of development works being undertaken in nine divisions within the limits of the two circles. He suggested that the work of roads, drainages and other infrastructure being undertaken in new colonies should be expedited and completed within the deadline. He said that sanitation

should be given top priority in the wake of the onset of the monsoon season. He instructed the officials to intensify garbage removal activities, keep the canals clean and take mosquito control measures to prevent the spread of seasonal diseases. Officials said that funds have been sanctioned for the development of Bollaram Stadium and Pati Vivekananda Stadium. It was said that the development works will commence soon.

Peddapalli DCP visits Khani II Town Police Station



Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : JUNE - 15 Ramagundam Police Commissionerate Peddapalli Zone DCP B. Ram Reddy visited Godavarikhani II Town Police Station under Godavarikhani Division on Monday. Godavarikhani II Town CIs Prasad Rao and Lingamurthy welcomed the

DCP with a bouquet of flowers upon reaching the police station. The DCP first inspected the surroundings of the police station and the functioning of the CCTV cameras. Later, he checked the reception and station records and found out about the staff problems."Next, he asked the inspector about the de-

tails of the police officers and staff working within the station limits. He also inquired about the nature of the crimes being registered in the station limits, the details of rowdy sheeters, and the current conditions of the suspects. He also learned about the performance of the Blue Colts staff station-wise and their

duty hours." Later, the DCP made several suggestions to the officers and advised that every station officer must visit the residences of rowdy sheeters and inquire directly about their condition. He also said that people should be made aware of cyber crimes, the importance of CCTV cameras, road safety and traffic rules and sensitize them. He instructed the station officers to pay special attention to the sale and purchase of other intoxicants along with ganja and to continuously work to control intoxicants. He said that visible policing is very necessary for controlling crimes and suggested that the police should conduct continuous patrolling and carry out surprise vehicle checks.

We Will Develop Karimnagar into a Model City: Mayor Kolagani Srinivas

Skyline Correspondent Karimnagar : JUNE - 15

Mayor Kolagani Srinivas participated in a special sanitation drive undertaken by the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation with the objective of making the city clean and healthy."As part of the programme conducted in the 36th Division, the Mayor inspected major roads, internal streets, drainage canals, and garbage collection points and reviewed the progress of sanitation works."He instructed officials to take necessary measures to avoid any negligence in sanitation management."The Mayor said that a special action plan should be implemented



to keep every colony in the city clean and that providing a healthy environment to the people is the primary objective of the Municipal Corporation. He also instructed officials to speed up fogging operations and anti-larval spraying

programmes to prevent mosquito-borne diseases."Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Kolagani Srinivas said that public cooperation is essential for building a clean Karimnagar and appealed to citizens to dispose of garbage only in designated places. He stated that equal importance is being given to sanitation management along with development works and that efforts are being made to transform Karimnagar into a model and clean city in the state."Corporators Thota Anil and Banda Ramana Reddy, public representatives, municipal officials, and sanitation staff participated in the programme.

Private Schools Selling Notebooks Leaves Small Bookstore Owners in Distress

Skyline Correspondent Bhadrachalam : JUNE - 15

As the new academic year begins, the usual rush at bookstores has been noticeably absent this year, causing concern among small business owners. Traders allege that private schools are directly selling notebooks and other educational materials to parents, severely affecting the sales of local bookstores."Bookstore owners said that small traders like them, who operate in accordance with government regulations by obtaining GST registrations and trade licenses, are suffering

significant losses. They added that many families who have depended on the sale of books and notebooks for decades are now facing financial difficulties."Typically, this back-to-school season accounts for a major portion of their annual business. With that expectation, traders had purchased and stocked large quantities of notebooks and stationery in advance. However, due to a sharp decline in sales this year, they fear that they may not even recover their investments."The traders have appealed to the concerned authorities to look



into the sale of notebooks in private schools and take action in accordance with government regulations. They urged the government to consider not only the interests of students but also the livelihoods of small

traders."Bookstore owners believe that the government should implement a balanced policy that ensures students' education is not affected while also protecting the livelihoods of small business owners.

District Collector Directs Officials to Resolve Praja Vani Grievances Without Delay

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 15

District Collector B. Satyaprasad directed officials to conduct thorough inquiries into all petitions received under the Praja Vani programme and resolve the grievances at the earliest."On Monday, the Collector received public complaints and petitions at the Praja Vani programme held at the Collectorate Auditorium in Jagtial."Speaking on the occasion, Collector B. Satyaprasad stated that people from the district headquarters as well as various mandals visit Praja Vani to bring their issues to the notice of the administration. He instructed officials to handle the complaints received by their re-



spective departments with a positive approach, conduct comprehensive inquiries, and take proactive steps to resolve them. He emphasized that petitions should be reviewed promptly and disposed of with-

out keeping them pending."The Collector noted that a total of 71 complaints and petitions were received during today's Praja Vani programme. He directed the concerned officials to take necessary action

for their immediate resolution."The programme was attended by Jagtial Revenue Officer Prasad, RDO Madhu Sudan, other district-level officials, Municipal Commissioners, and others.

Better education belongs to public schools

Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad : JUNE - 15

District Education Officer Satyanarayanamurthy said that better education by experienced teachers belongs to the government schools. Speaking on this occasion, he directed the teachers to work harder to increase the number of students in the schools this academic year and bring

more fame to the district education department by providing quality education with the highest teaching standards. AMO Venkateswarlu, CMO Suresh, GCDO Gayatri, school principals Ranji Naik, teaching team Kishan, Satyavathy, Nagamuni, Varalakshmi, Chamanti, Srujana, Lakshmi and parents of students participated in this program.



Congress Gave False Hopes and Betrayed the People: Former Minister and MLA Harish Rao



Skyline Correspondent Siddipet: JUNE - 15 Former Minister and MLA T. Harish Rao criticized the Congress party, stating that in the contest between

gratitude and hope, hope had won, and that Congress had shown people dreams only to deceive them later. "Harish Rao said that the water plant has now

been inaugurated and that he had also sent 100 water cans to the village. He mentioned that a BC Community Hall was constructed and that efforts were made to ensure the Ring Road passes through the village. He also stated that water from the Kaleshwaram project was brought to Nagireddy Cheruvu, contributing significantly to the village's development. "He added that some development works are still pending and promised that they would be completed one by one in the future. He urged the villagers to take responsibility for maintaining the newly inaugurated water plant and said that the funds collected for the plant would help in its fu-

ture maintenance. "He accused the Congress government of neglecting the Rythu Bandhu scheme, implementing only partial farm loan waivers, and cancelling the Rythu Bima scheme. He said that Congress had raised people's hopes with false promises and later turned those hopes into disappointment. "Harish Rao expressed confidence that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi would return to power and that KCR would once again lead the state toward better days. He also called upon the villagers to work together for the village's development and assured his full support for the construction of a Hanuman temple in the village.

District Development is the Goal; Pending Applications and Development Works Must Be Completed Quickly: Collector Borkade Hemant Sahadeorao

Skyline Correspondent Mulugu: JUNE - 15: District Collector Borkade Hemant Sahadeorao directed officials to work with the objective of the district's development and ensure that pending applications and development works are completed at the earliest. "On Monday, the District Collector held a comprehensive review meeting with revenue officials in his chamber on various issues, including Bhu Bharati, land acquisition, re-survey of Rama chandrapuram lands, issuance of MeeSeva certificates, and the Special Intensive Revision programme. "During the meeting, the Collector reviewed the progress of the Bhu Bharati programme, verification of land records, and the resolution of applications received from the public. He instructed offi-



cially to expedite the land acquisition process for government needs and development projects while strictly adhering to regulations. The Collector also stressed that applications related to MeeSeva certificates should not remain pending for long periods and

instructed officials to provide necessary certification services to the public within the stipulated time. "The Collector emphasized that officials should work in coordination on issues related to district development, public service delivery, and resolution of land prob-

lems, ensuring that no pending issues remain. "The meeting was attended by RDO Krishnaveni, DRO Ravikumar, Collectorate AO Raj Kumar, Supervisors Manjula and Mahesh Babu, Tahsildars of all mandals, and other concerned officials.

Tourist Destinations of Telangana: Exploring the Cultural, Historical, and Natural Heritage of Telangana



Telangana is one of India's most culturally diverse states, rich in historical heritage and traditions. Formed as a separate state on June 2, 2014, Telangana attracts tourists with its unique customs, ancient temples, forts, waterfalls, and breathtaking natural beauty. The state has

earned a special identity in historical, spiritual, nature, and adventure tourism. "Hyderabad - Where History Meets Modernity" Hyderabad, the capital of Telangana, is a world-famous tourist city. It beautifully blends historical monuments with modern technological development. Places such as Charminar, Golconda Fort, Salar Jung Museum, Hussain Sagar, and Birla Mandir attract thousands of tourists every year. Ramoji Film City is renowned as the world's largest integrated film studio complex. "Yadadri Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple" Yadadri is one of the most prominent pil-

grimage centers in Telangana. The magnificently renovated temple offers spiritual peace and divine experience to devotees. Every year, millions of pilgrims visit this sacred shrine. "Ramappa Temple" Located in Palampet village of Mulugu district, Ramappa Temple stands as a symbol of the architectural brilliance of the Kakatiya dynasty. The temple's extraordinary sculptures and craftsmanship earned it a place on the UNESCO World Heritage List, bringing great pride to Telangana. "Bhadrachalam Sri Sita Ramachandra Swamy Temple" Situated on the banks of the Godavari

River, Bhadrachalam is one of the holiest pilgrimage centers for devotees of Lord Rama. During the Sri Rama Navami celebrations, devotees from across the country gather here to witness the grand celestial wedding Conclusion. "Telangana is truly a paradise where history, culture, nature, and spirituality blend harmoniously. Every district in the state has its own unique attractions. By visiting these places, we not only discover the greatness of Telangana but also realize our responsibility to preserve its rich cultural heritage. The development of tourism can further contribute to the progress and prosperity of the state.

TUWJ (TJF) Demands 50% Fee Concession for Journalists' Children



Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem: JUNE - 15 Keeping in view the educational development of journalists' children, the leaders of the TUWJ (TJF) H-143 Union demanded a 50 percent concession in school fees. In

this regard, a memorandum was submitted on Monday to District Education Department Assistant Director (AD) Shambhu Prasad under the leadership of Union District President Kalloji Srinivas and District Secretary MD Shafi. "They urged

the government and the Education Department to take steps to provide a 50 percent fee concession in aided and private educational institutions for the children of journalists. They also appealed to the State Government and the Education Department to respond positively and support the welfare of journalists. "Positive Response from the Education Department" District Education Department AD Shambhu Prasad responded positively to the journalists' request. He assured that clear instructions (orders) would soon be issued to schools across the district regarding fee concessions for journalists'

children. "The assurance given by the Education Department AD was welcomed by TUWJ leaders and local journalists. "The programme was attended by TUWJ (TJF) H-143 Union District Assistant Secretary Achina Prabhakar Reddy, District Vice-President Kagithapu Venkateswarlu, TENJU District President Vattikonda Ravi, Publicity Secretary Krishnam Raju, and representatives Krishna Rao, Praveen, Shyam, Naresh, Suri, Faheem, Suresh, Mogili, Ramu, Shakeel, Rabbani, Ramdas, Lakshman, Murali, along with a large number of journalists.

Grand Retirement Felicitation Ceremony Held for Medical Gem Dr. M.V. Kotireddy

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem: JUNE - 15 A grand retirement felicitation ceremony was held at Raghava Nilayam in Bhadrachalam in honor of Dr. M.V. Kotireddy, who earned immense love and respect from the people through his exceptional medical services at Bhadrachalam Area Hospital over a long and distinguished career. "The program was presided over by Bhadrachalam Reddy Bhavan Convener Mandapati Sudhakar Reddy, EC Member Bogala Srinivas Reddy, Audit Member G.V. Ramana

Reddy, and members Quest Raja Reddy and Maram Venkateswara Reddy. "Prominent personalities who attended the event included Boosireddy Shankar Reddy, Gade Madhava Reddy, Bilipelli Rangareddy, Press Club President B.V. Ramana Reddy, Morthala Siddha Reddy, Ramakrishna Reddy, CPM leader Bala Narsa Reddy, Jakkireddy Srinivas Reddy, Uppada Ram Prasad Reddy, MPTC Ramireddy, Annem Koti Reddy, Surya Hospital's Jayachandra Reddy, Sridhar Reddy, Chaitanya Reddy, BRTU District President



Sanikommu Shankar Reddy, Area Hospital Superintendent Dr. Rajashekar Reddy, Dr. Narasimha Reddy, Dr. Sessa Reddy, Dr. Yugandhar Reddy, Dr. Sukrutha, Dr. Pawan Reddy, Geetha Pavani, Dr. Srikanth

Reddy, Dr. Sai Tej Reddy and several other doctors and members of the Reddy community, who conveyed their heartfelt wishes for Dr. Kotireddy to enjoy a long, healthy, and prosperous life.

Every School-Age Child Must Be in School: Child Protection Representative Boyikadi Laxman

Skyline Correspondent Siddipet: JUNE - 15 Every school-age child must compulsorily attend school and pursue education, said Child Protection Representative Boyikadi Laxman. "A poster related to children's education was released at a school in Kondapak mandal headquarters, followed by an awareness pledge. "He stated that education is a fundamental right of every child and that keeping children away from education harms their future. Speak-

ing on the occasion, he said that some children are staying away from school due to economic and social reasons. He urged parents, teachers, village elders, and public representatives to take special interest in identifying such children and re-enrolling them in schools. "He emphasized that education is the most powerful weapon to eradicate child labour and that engaging children in labour is a punishable offence under the law. "He advised students to make full use



of the facilities provided by the government, including the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act, the Mid-Day Meal Scheme, free textbooks, and uni-

forms. He also called upon society to remain vigilant in preventing issues such as child marriages, child labour, and violence against children.

District Development is the Ultimate Goal; Pending Applications and Development Works Must Be Completed Swiftly: Collector Borkade Hemant Sahadeva Rao



Skyline Correspondent Mulugu: JUNE - 15 District Collector Borkade Hemant Sahadeva Rao directed officials to work with the primary objective of the district's development and ensure that all pending applications and development works are completed expeditiously. "On Monday, the Collector

held a comprehensive review meeting with revenue officials in his chamber on various issues, including Bhu Bharati, land acquisition, re-survey of Ramachandrapuram lands, issuance of MeeSeva certificates, and the Special Intensive Revision programme. "The Collector also stated that applications

related to MeeSeva certificates should not remain pending for long periods and instructed officials to provide necessary certification services to the public within the stipulated timeframe. "The Collector emphasized that officials should work in coordination on matters related to district development,

implementation of public services, and resolution of land issues, ensuring that no pending problems remain. "The meeting was attended by RDO Krishnaveni, DRO Ravikumar, Collectorate AO Raj Kumar, Supervisors Manjula and Mahesh Babu, Tahsildars of all mandals, and other concerned officials.

Massive Fake Cotton Seed Seizure in Adilabad; Interstate Racket Busted, Kingpin Arrested



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad: JUNE - 15 Police in the district have arrested a gang involved in the supply of fake cotton seeds. Superintendent of Police (SP) Akhil Mahajan stated that cases have been registered against nine persons, and four individuals,

including the main accused, have been arrested and sent to judicial remand. "A total of 792 packets of fake cotton seeds were seized, with an estimated value of more than ₹20 lakh. The seeds were being stored in a warehouse and were seized by the Two Town Police, SP Akhil

Mahajan said while addressing a press conference held at the local Police AR Headquarters meeting hall. "The SP warned that strict action would be taken against those involved in the illegal trade of fake seeds to cheat farmers and earn unlawful profits. "He advised

farmers to purchase seeds only from authorized dealers and to insist on obtaining a bill or receipt. He also urged farmers to immediately inform the nearest police station or agriculture department officials if they come across any suspicious sale of seeds or pesticides. "The press conference was attended by DSP L. Jeevan Reddy, Two Town Inspector K. Nagaraju, CCS Inspector Chandrasekhar, Sub-Inspectors Akhil and Gopikrishna, along with other police personnel.