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## CM Revanth orders action plan for seed distribution, procurement



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy directed the officials to prepare a comprehensive action plan and implement the same effectively in the supply of seeds to the farmers and also the procurement of harvested crops in the ensuing farming season. The Chief Minister emphasised that the Agriculture department should adopt a transparent mechanism and maintain a complete understanding of registration of farmers details, estimation of crop yielding and Paddy procurement.

Revanth Reddy held a review of the Agriculture department at the MCRHRD Bodhi Pavilion on Tuesday. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Tummalanageswara Rao and D Sridhar Babu, Rajya Sabha Member Vem Narendar Reddy, Chief Secretary K Ramakrishna Rao, CMO Principal Secretary Seshadri, Agriculture Secretary Surendra Mohan, Civil Supplies Commissioner Stephen Ravindra, Agriculture director Gopi, Planning Secretary Gaurav Uppal, and other senior officials participated in the review.

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## Steps for separate welfare board for Hamali workers: Vivek



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Minister for Labour, Employment and Mines Dr. G. Vivek Venkatswamy said the State government would initiate steps towards the establishment of a dedicated Welfare Board for Hamali workers. He said a special committee comprising experts, government officials and representatives of labour unions would be constituted shortly to examine the issues and welfare requirements of Hamali workers and recommend a comprehensive framework. The Minister was ad-

ressing the "Telangana Hamali Workers Welfare Board Achievement Meeting" organised by the Telangana Hamali Workers Union at the Press Club, Basheerbagh, on Monday. Speaking on this occasion, Vivek Venkatswamy said Hamali workers play a vital role in the functioning of markets, warehouses and the transportation sector. "The economy moves on the strength of workers. Only when labourers are happy and secure can society progress," he remarked.

The Minister said the proposal for a separate Welfare Board for Hamali workers would be examined from all angles. Based on the recommendations of the proposed committee, the government would formulate an action plan covering workers' welfare, social security, insurance coverage and other benefits. He urged Hamali workers to make full use of the insurance schemes being implemented by the government. Vivek Venkatswamy announced that eligible worker families would soon receive insurance coverage of up to Rs.5 lakh under the Indira Jeevan Bima Scheme, providing financial security in times of distress.

## PUBLIC EDUCATION MUST REMAIN ACCESSIBLE TO ALL: VIMALAKKA

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Arunodaya Samskrutika Samakhya leader Vimalakka demanded that the Congress government immediately fulfill its pre-election promises on education and halt any move to close government schools.

Speaking at a meeting organized by the Mothers' Association at the Basheerbagh Press Club here on Tuesday, Vimalakka alongwith State Convener Bhagyalakshmi Tokala, said education and healthcare are the government's foremost responsibilities and that

strengthening these sectors would reduce the need for welfare schemes. She criticized proposals to shut down government schools, stating that such a move would deprive poor children of educational opportunities. Pointing out that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy himself

studied in a government school, she urged the government to abandon the idea of closure of schools. Expressing concern over the future of public education, Vimalakka noted that villagers are voluntarily forming committees to improve government schools. She called for a

broad consultation involving educationists, teachers, parents, civil society groups, and education protection committees to formulate a roadmap for strengthening public education. "Public education must remain accessible to every child", she asserted.

## Quality research must be conducted in Universities : Prof.Ghanta Chakrapani

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Open University, Centre for Skill Development and Training Centre organized awareness workshop on "INFLIBNET Research Services" at its campus on Tuesday.

Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani, Vice-Chancellor, BRAOU attended as chief guest for the program. Prof. Chakrapani suggested that to provide quality education, academicians should conduct high-level research and incorporate the findings into the curriculum. He advised utilizing the services of INFLIBNET an agency under the Central Government noting that it

offers a wide range of research tools. Prof. Ghanta Chakrapani emphasized the need to create opportunities and pathways to advance the country's research sector; he stated that achieving this requires adopting new approaches that integrate research-based knowledge, skills, value-based education, and accountability. He also highlighted that research activities at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Open University are conducted in a far more comprehensive and systematic manner compared to other universities a fact frequently acknowledged by faculty members from other institutions.

charge Director Academic presided over the program. She stated that various workshops were organized for research scholars to facilitate the production of high-quality research papers. Prof. Devika P. Madalli, INFLIBNET Director participated in the event virtually and addressed the gathering. She explained the services offered by INFLIBNET and discussed topics such as avoiding copyright issues in research and the methods for gathering relevant information and data during the research process. Prof. K. Sridevi, Director of CSTD, stated that the university is taking proac-

## Adluri issues resignation challenge to Harish Rao over Gurukul procurement row

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Minister for Welfare Adluri Laxman Kumar has directly addressed accusations leveled by former minister and BRS MLA Harish Rao, who alleged a Rs.2,000 crore scam in the centralised procurement process for Gurukul schools. "I will go wherever Harish Rao asks me to come. If he proves his allegations to be true, I will resign right there," the Minister challenged. Speaking to reporters at the CLP media hall in the Assembly on Tuesday, Laxman Kumar refuted the claim that tenders were issued without his or Minister Ponnab

Prabhakar's knowledge. "This is not the previous BRS government, where decisions were made without the Ministers' knowledge. In the current Congress government, Ministers have complete freedom and all the decisions are taken place in a transparent manner," he said. The Minister further indicated that the current Congress government is in the process of settling outstanding bills from the previous KCR administration. He clarified that online tenders were sought for items such as children's uniforms and bedsheets. He emphasised that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy personally reviewed



the procurement with three Ministers before approving the tenders, thereby refuting Harish Rao's assertion that he and Ponnab Prabhakar were unaware of the tender process. Laxman

Kumar reiterated that the tender procedure was conducted without corruption and that the Congress government upholds complete transparency in its operations.

## ABVP protests over government plan to close 23,000 schools



**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Tension prevailed at the Directorate of School Education in Hyderabad on Tuesday as activists from the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) launched a protest. Their central demand was for the State gov-

ernment to immediately reverse its proposal to close down 23,000 of the 27,000 government schools operating throughout the state. A significant contingent of students and activists voiced their strong disapproval of the government's actions, chanting slogans

and conveying their discontent with the administration's perceived failure to address the numerous problems affecting educational institutions. Jeevan, a member of the ABVP national executive council, expressed his dismay, stating that it was re-

grettable that instead of bolstering government schools, the current administration was pursuing their closure. The protesters also put forth several other demands. They urged the government to take swift action against instances of fee exploitation in private and corporate schools, and to enact legislation to regulate school fees. Furthermore, the ABVP activists advocated for the rigorous enforcement of the Right to Education Act and called for the immediate filling of all vacant teaching and non-teaching positions, as well as vacancies for mandal and district education officers. In addition to these demands, the ABVP called for the provision of essential infrastructure in government schools and the construction of permanent facilities for residential schools.

## CPI NARAYANA CONDEMNS ATTACK ON CJP LEADER

**From Our Staff Reporter Kadapa, June, 16 :** Communist Party of India (CPI) Central Executive Committee member K. Narayana strongly condemned the attack on a CJP leader, describing it as an assault on democratic rights and freedom of expression. Referring to the so-called "cockroach movement" that reportedly originated in Rajasthan, Narayana said the protest reflected growing public dissatisfaction and frustration. He questioned the intolerance of those who fear democratic expressions of people's grievances. "The attack is not merely on an individual but on the democratic rights of citizens seeking to voice their concerns through legitimate means", he remarked. Demanding stringent action against those responsible, Narayana asserted that threats and violence cannot suppress the people's voice and stressed that democratic freedoms must be protected at all costs.

## PRIP launches AI-powered entrepreneurship & incubation initiative for pharmacy students

**From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 16 :** Pulla Reddy Institute of Pharmacy (PRIP), under the Gayatri Educational Society, has launched a new Entrepreneurship & Incubation Initiative aimed at equipping pharmacy students with skills in artificial intelligence, healthcare innovation, startup development, and venture creation. The programme, beginning in June 2026, will be open to B.Pharm, M.Pharm and Pharm.D. students and seeks to prepare them for emerging opportunities in healthcare technology, digital health, research-driven innovation, product development and entrepreneurship. "Our vision is to ensure students graduate not only with strong clinical knowledge but also with the confidence to build their own ventures", said Aditya Chilumula, Director of PRIP. "We are creating an ecosystem that nurtures the next generation of healthcare innovators and founders." The initiative will provide mentorship from faculty members, pharmaceutical industry professionals, healthcare technology experts, patent consultants and startup advisors. Students will receive guidance in

transforming academic concepts into practical healthcare solutions and commercially viable innovations. According to Dr. Varun Dasari, Principal of PRIP, the programme will combine AI workshops, startup mentoring, industry-linked projects and research-driven learning to complement traditional pharmacy education. In its first year, the institute plans to conduct structured innovation workshops, support student-led healthcare projects, facilitate prototype development, provide patent guidance and strengthen industry collaborations. The initiative comes as Hyderabad continues to strengthen its position as a global pharmaceutical and life sciences hub. Students are already exploring projects such as AI-based medicine inventory management systems, smart medication adherence platforms for elderly patients and affordable nutraceutical and wellness products. PRIP said the long-term goal is to foster a campus culture where entrepreneurship, research and social impact become integral components of pharmaceutical education.

## CM Revanth orders action plan for seed distribution, procurement

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During the meeting, Revanth Reddy, Ministers and officials discussed past experiences in the procurement, measures to ensure farmers do not face difficulties, suggestions of the State Farmers' Commission, Agricultural University, and Agricultural experts. The Chief Minister ordered the immediate formation of a high-level committee to ensure smooth procurement operations starting from the upcoming season, preventing any inconvenience to farmers. State Secretary to Agriculture department will oversee the functioning of the official committee. Director of Agriculture, Managing Director of Civil Supplies, and the Secretary of the Planning Department will be the members of the committee, he said. The committee was entrusted with the responsibility of continuous monitoring of seed distribution, sowing of crops to the registration of farmer details, recording of crop information, estimation of produce, and the final procurement process. In addition to field-level supervision, the committee will facilitate the adoption of modern technology required for the entire farming activity at the ground level. The officials were also instructed to record the details of cultivation of crops

in every acre through precise field-level verification. Revanth Reddy directed officials to take all necessary measures to ensure the smooth procurement of agricultural produce adhering to Minimum Support Prices (MSP) and quotas prescribed by the Central Government. The Chief Minister stressed that an advanced action plan should be prepared to address issues such as unseasonal rains, weighing, transportation, storage, and marketing during the procurement period.

Following the announcement of bonus for fine variety paddy, Revanth Reddy ordered that seven specific varieties of fine variety paddy seeds should be made available adequately. The officials were directed that these seeds should be supplied to farmers at a subsidised rate and also ensure their availability at 'Rythu Vedika' (Farmers' Platforms). A comprehensive data on cultivation of fine variety paddy should be collected regularly, he said. The Chief Minister emphasised that 'Rythu Vedika' should henceforth be developed into the center of benefitting farmers. He directed that arrangements be made to enable farmers to register their details and purchase seeds and fertilizers at the Vedika.

An official each from the Revenue and Police departments, in addition to the Agriculture department, will be deployed at every Rythu Vedika. The responsibility for managing and supervising these centers in the districts was entrusted to the Additional Collectors, he said. Revanth Reddy also directed the Agriculture department to leverage the technology mainly utilisation of AI-based systems. The integration of technology across the entire agricultural ecosystem from seed supply to procurement with the Agricultural University serving as the nodal agency was also discussed. The Agriculture department, Civil Supplies and the Agricultural University were ordered to work in coordination. A study of the results from the AI pilot project launched in the Dammamapeta mandal of Bhadrachari Kothagudem district and expanding its use if it proves beneficial to farmers was reviewed. To enhance transparency and speed in fertilizer distribution, the Chief Minister directed the implementation of a system allowing all types of fertilizers to be booked via an app. The farmers should book urea through the app and distributed via 'Rythu Vedika'. The responsibility of urea distribution was assigned to the

Additional District Collectors, Revanth Reddy said. The Chief Minister advised Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao to regularly write to the Centre regarding the allocation of urea and other fertilizers required for the Kharif season. He asserted that the state government should exert pressure on the Centre to ensure that fertilizers produced at the Ramagundam fertilizer plant are allocated to Telangana. The MPs from all parties should explain the ground reality regarding the fertilizer situation in the state to the union government. If necessary, a delegation of Ministers and MPs should visit Delhi to make a formal appeal to the Centre.

Revanth Reddy also instructed the officials to reduce the losses incurred by MARKFED. The government managed to minimise losses associated with maize procurement by acting strategically and refusing to yield to traders. Maize was previously sold at Rs.13,000 per tonne and the tender rate secured this time exceeded Rs.21,000. The Chief Minister directed officials to further strengthen OIL FED and steer it towards profitability. He also emphasised the need to strengthen the government dairy and instructed that payments to dairy farmers be made on time.

## Farmers' welfare is our primary objective : Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June 16 : State Agriculture and Cooperation Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao today stated that the welfare of farmers was their government's primary objective and added that the administration was committed to ensure the timely supply of all fertilizers, including urea without causing any inconvenience to the farmers. Participating in the 'Rythu Nestham' program, the Minister raised awareness among the farmers about various aspects such as urea distribution via the fertilizer app, toll-free services, weather conditions and the cultivation of alternative crops. He explained that the fertilizer app was introduced to simplify urea distribution for the farmers and noted that several changes and improvements had been made to the app based on farmers' suggestions. He emphasized that transparency, speedy service, reliability and ease of use were the app's main goals.

for Yellareddy assembly constituency K. Madan Mohan Rao remarked that the Urea App introduced by the government for the convenience of the farmers was highly beneficial. He suggested making certain technical modifications to the app to make it more accessible to rural farmers.

The Minister stated that there were currently abundant urea stocks in the state, revealing a total availability of 90.22 lakh bags. "This includes 22.67 lakh bags at retail outlets, 5.56 lakh bags with cooperative societies, 59.56 lakh bags with Markfed, and 3.56 lakh bags in godowns," he said. He informed that, to date, 4.06 lakh farmers across the state had booked urea through the fertilizer app. A total of 13.22 lakh bags were booked out of which 11.18 lakh bags have already been purchased," the minister said. He explained that 84.6 percent of the booked urea had been successfully delivered to the farmers. The Minister noted that Nizamabad district leads in the urea purchases. He stated that 1,39,121 bags were purchased in Nizamabad district, 71,742 bags in Kamareddy district, 50,638 bags in Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district, 34,482 bags in Sangareddy district and 33,485 bags in Adilabad district. The farmers of Nizamabad district were commended by the minister for setting up an example in the use of the digital app. It was noted that out of approximately 3 lakh farmers in the district, 1.5 lakh had already booked and received the urea through the app. The Minister stated that the govern-



ment had introduced a toll-free number facility for the farmers, who do not own smartphones, are uneducated or lack awareness regarding the app's usage. This service is available daily from 10 AM to 5 PM," he said. He explained that the toll-free number would be displayed at all 'Rythu Vedikas' (Farmers' Platforms) to ensure the information reaches the approximately 70 lakh 'Rythu Bharosa' beneficiaries across the state.

The Minister clarified that this digital system was being implemented to curb malpractices such as the illegal transport, black marketing and diversion of the urea to industries. He stated that measures were being taken to ensure the fertilizers reach only genuine farmers and to prevent individuals without landholdings from purchasing the urea. He mentioned that despite some disruptions in the urea supplies arriving by sea from abroad due to international conflict situations, the state

was securing its required quota through coordination with the Central Government. He further revealed that steps were being taken to ensure the timely transportation of urea to the districts via railway wagons and lorries. He stated that the primary objective of this app was to enable the farmers to book the fertilizers from the comfort of their homes and receive them when needed, eliminating the need to stand in queues for hours. He noted that the Central Government was also taking steps to implement this system-currently in practice in Telangana-across the entire country.

The Minister urged big farmers not to panic or demand excessive quantities of urea all at once. He clarified that the government's aim was to ensure equitable distribution of the urea to all the farmers, including small and marginal ones. He assured them that supplies would be provided in phases based on actual requirements. He also advised the farmers to exercise caution, noting that the excessive use of the urea can harm soil fertility.

## BJP TARGETS REVANTH OVER "DONALD TRUMP AVENUE" MOVE

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June 16 : State BJP Chief Spokesperson N. V. Subash criticised Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over the reported decision to name a Hyderabad road as "Donald Trump Avenue", accusing the Congress of political double stan-

dards. Questioning Congress' criticism of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Subash asked who was actually "prostrating before" U.S. President Donald Trump. He alleged that Congress had a history of appeasing foreign powers and accused the party of practising divisive

politics. He accused Congress of selectively glorifying historical figures while neglecting genuine freedom fighters. He pointed out that several prominent roads in the national capital were named after Mughal rulers and colonial-era personalities, exposing the party's dis-

torted historical priorities. He said growing public dissatisfaction with the Telangana government would be reflected in future elections. "The people of Telangana are watching closely and are prepared to administer a fitting political response at the appropriate time", he added.

## Welfare schemes replaced with scams : Harish Rao hits out at Congress govt

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June 16 :

Former minister and BRS deputy floor leader Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government has failed on every major promise made to farmers, students, youth and weaker sections while burdening people with increased taxes and charges. He participated in an extended-level party workers' meeting at Lakshmi Narasimha Gardens in Alganur village of Manakondur constituency in Karimnagar district on Tuesday. BRS leaders Gangula Kamalakar, Jeevan Reddy, MLC L. Ramana, MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy, former MLA Rasamayi Balakrishna and party workers attended the meeting. Speaking on the occasion, Harish Rao said BRS workers in Manakondur had played a crucial role during the Telangana movement and the constituency has



remained a stronghold of committed party cadres since the party's inception in 2001. He alleged that false and politically motivated cases were being filed against BRS leaders and workers. The BRS leader stated that the Congress government has replaced welfare schemes with scams and accused it of corruption

in Civil Supplies, Singareni, power, land transactions and even welfare programmes in Gurukul institutions. Referring to alleged irregularities in Gurukul institutions, Harish Rao said that tenders worth nearly Rs.1,200 crore for uniforms and shoes and Rs.800 crore for food supplies had been awarded under questionable circum-

stances. He remarked that even the concerned Ministers appeared unaware of the details of tenders issued by their own departments. Harish Rao alleged that the government had effectively skipped three instalments of Rythu Bandhu assistance. He claimed that farmers were owed nearly Rs.19,000 crore.

## Kishan Reddy rejects Revanth's charges, says BJP never blocked Metro Phase-2

From Our Staff Reporter New Delhi, June 16 :

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy strongly refuted allegations by Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy that he had obstructed the Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-2 project, asserting that both he and the Centre have consistently supported Telangana's development.

Addressing the media at his official residence in New Delhi on Tuesday, Kishan Reddy termed the Chief Minister's remarks as "baseless allegations" and clarified that the Central Government had already agreed in principle to a 50:50 cost-sharing model for Metro Phase-2. He noted that the Centre had earlier contributed Rs.1,250 crore towards Metro Phase-1 and reiterated that development projects cannot be stalled at the behest of any indi-

vidual. "Neither Prime Minister Modi, the Central Government, nor I require certificates from the Congress party regarding our commitment to Telangana," he said, adding that the BJP-led government has extended full support to the state in various sectors, including highways, railways, urban infrastructure and industrial development.

The Union Minister accused Revanth Reddy of indulging in political rhetoric despite the Centre's continued assistance. He highlighted major initiatives such as Rs.1.75 lakh crore worth of national highway projects, the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park, modernization of 42 railway stations, MMTS Phase-2, the Zaheerabad Industrial Corridor, and financial assistance for projects including the Musi River rejuvenation programme.



Kishan Reddy also stated that he had written multiple letters to the state government urging it to move forward with Metro Phase-2 and stressed that technical and financial issues related to the project should be resolved through discussions between the Centre and the state.

Referring to the funding arrangement involving the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC), he said the Telangana government

had entered into agreements for Metro financing and that the Centre had offered suggestions regarding repayment mechanisms, including the utilization of Metro revenues.

Reaffirming the BJP's stance, Kishan Reddy said, "We do not have a culture of stalling development projects. We will continue to cooperate fully with every initiative aimed at Telangana's growth and progress."

## SCR BAGS NATIONAL S&T AWARD FOR SIGNALLING EXCELLENCE

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June 16 :

The South Central Railway has been conferred with the prestigious National Signal & Telecommunication Award at the International Convention and Exhibition 2026 held in New Delhi. The Zone was adjudged the Best Performing Zonal Railway for its exemplary implementation of Kavach and Digital Electronic Interlocking Systems. The International Convention and Exhibition,

2026 was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from June 10 to 13. The event focused on designing, developing and manufacturing AI-driven next-generation railway control, command and signalling systems for the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. Around 10,000 delegates representing 30 Railway organizations, 25 premier academic institutions and nearly 200 exhibitors participated in the exhibition.

Following SCR's National Signal & Telecommunication Award win, Principal Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer Murali Krishna and his team met Sanjay Kumar Srivastava at Rail Nilayam on Tuesday. Congratulating the team on the achievement, the General Manager praised their dedication and emphasized the importance of modern signalling and communication systems for safe and efficient train operations. He

urged the department to maintain the momentum and continue advancing modernization initiatives during the current financial year.

During the financial year 2025-26, SCR has commissioned 21 Digital Electronic Interlocking Systems, implemented Kavach 4.0 over 486 Route Kms and commissioned Automatic Block Signalling over 479 Route Kms, further strengthening safety and operational efficiency.

## TGSPDCL CMD WALKS THE LINE, ORDERS SWIFT MONSOON READINESS

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June 16 :

As part of the statewide Monsoon preparedness initiative, "Poles and Lines Special Drive - Walk Along the Line" programme, TGSPDCL chairman and managing director Jitesh V. Patil conducted a field inspection at Anand Nagar Colony under Khairatabad Circle here on Tuesday.

During the inspection, the CMD carried out a line-to-line survey of the power distribution network and comprehensively reviewed the condition of electrical lines, poles, distribution transformers, jumpers, service connections, and other electrical infrastructure.

Reviewing power lines, poles, transformers and service connections, the CMD directed the officials to immediately rectify network deficiencies, damaged infrastructure and line clearance issues. Stressing uninterrupted power supply during the monsoon, he called for accelerated maintenance works, preventive measures and prompt redressal of consumer grievances while ensuring strict adherence to safety protocols. To minimize power interruptions during the monsoon season, he directed the officials to expedite maintenance works on feeders, distribution transformers, and LT/HT networks. He further in-



structed them to effectively implement tree-pruning, line clearance, and preventive maintenance measures to ensure uninterrupted and reliable power supply. The CMD advised all officers to continuously monitor their respective network areas and take preventive measures

before issues arise, thereby ensuring quality and uninterrupted power supply to consumers. The programme was attended by DE (Operations), Saifabad, Sammaiah; ADEs Durga Srinivas and Vinod Kumar; AE Narsimha; and other officials of the Electricity Department.

## TG Guv calls on youth to spearhead 'Viksit Bharat@2047' campaign



Anantapur: June 16

Calling upon the country's youth to emerge as the central engine behind the national objective of Viksit Bharat@2047, Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma emphasized that grassroots leadership, institutional innovation, and a high sense of civic responsibility are non-negotiable for nation-building. The Governor made these remarks during an interactive session with Bisathi Bharath—a prominent social entrepreneur from Andhra Pradesh, MY Bharat representative, and National Youth Awardee—at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi on Monday. During the meeting, Bharath presented the Governor with a copy of his latest book, "Changemaker: From Action to Impact." The book meticulously chronicles Bharath's 15-year journey in community development, which originated in a remote, drought-prone village in

Anantapur district and eventually scaled to national and international development platforms. Telangana News App The text highlights his extensive, long-term field execution in youth empowerment, structured life skills education, emergency blood donation drives, environmental conservation, and child protection protocols. Commending his relentless commitment to public welfare, Governor Dev Varma noted that the country's socio-economic trajectory hinges heavily on the participation of its young citizens. He encouraged the youth to actively embrace volunteerism, stating that socially conscious models designed by youngsters can create structural, generational change. The high-profile interactive meeting was also attended by youth leader Abhash Kumar Chowbey, who joined the discussions focused on expanding youth-led entrepreneurship across rural sectors.

## Minister Ramanaidu outlines DSC recruitment success



Kurnool: June 16

Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu on Monday asserted that the coalition government remains committed to transparent governance, employment generation and infrastructure development while addressing the "Two Years of Trust, Development and Welfare" programme in Kurnool. The event was attended by coalition MLAs, district party presidents and senior leaders. The Minister accused the opposition of attempting to create unnecessary controversies over the Mega DSC-2025 recruitment process despite not conducting a similar large-scale recruitment drive during its tenure. Highlighting the government's employment initiatives, Ramanaidu said the coalition administration approved the recruitment of 16,347 teacher posts immediately after assuming office and completed the entire Mega DSC-2025 process within 148 days. He stated that 5.77 lakh applications were received and 3.36 lakh candidates appeared for the examination. According to the minister, the recruitment was carried out through a transparent and technology-driven system, ensuring fairness and eliminating the possibility of external interference. He also commended the role of Education Minister Nara Lokesh in overseeing the process. Later, the Minister chaired a review meeting with the Kurnool MP, coalition legislators, constituency in-charges and irrigation officials to assess the progress of major water resource projects in the district. He said the government's priority is to maximize irrigation coverage with optimum expenditure and noted that the completion of the Handri Neeva canal works enabled the transfer of 52 TMC of water over 248 days, helping replenish reservoirs and tanks across the Rayalaseema region. He added that effective water management has ensured adequate storage in the district's reservoirs. Ramanaidu further stated that the government is expediting key irrigation projects, including Gundrevula, RDS Right Canal, Gajuladinne, Vedavathi and Guru Raghavendra, to strengthen irrigation and drinking water facilities in western Kurnool. He said works under the scheme to fill 68 tanks through the Handri Neeva system are nearing completion, while DPR preparation and statutory clearances for the Vedavathi Lift Irrigation Scheme are in progress. The Minister also announced that repair works at the Srisaillam Dam and modernization projects at Gorakallu Reservoir and Tungabhadra Dam are being undertaken to enhance long-term water security for the region.

## Pawan Kalyan meets Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav, talks on AP forest dept issues



Vijayawada: June 16

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is continuing his visit to Delhi. On Tuesday, he met with Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav. Discussions primarily focused on key issues concerning the AP Forest Department and environmental clearances for various projects. Speaking to the media after the meeting, Pawan stated that he had submitted important proposals regarding Andhra Pradesh. He requested the establishment of modern facilities—such as a Human Wildlife Conflict Mitigation Centre (HANUMAN), a Great Green Wall Monitoring Centre, a Command and

Control Centre, and a State Tiger Monitoring Centre—within the 'Aranya Bhavan' currently being set up for the AP Forest Department. Pawan mentioned that he sought additional funds to increase the number of tiger conservation base camps in forest areas from the current 90 to 150. He noted that these base camps would provide employment opportunities for approximately 300 Chenchu tribal youths. He also revealed that he requested Central assistance for resources such as motorbikes and dry rations, which are essential for patrolling forest areas. Furthermore, he discussed bringing six female tigers from other states to preserve genetic diversity, given the rise in the tiger population with-

in the state. Pawan also stated that he asked the Centre to dispatch a team from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) to address pollution in the Godavari River. He expressed optimism that the Centre would cooperate in assessing pollution levels and implementing appropriate mitigation measures. He stated that the Centre would cooperate in assessing pollution levels and implementing appropriate mitigation measures. He stated that the Centre would cooperate in assessing pollution levels and implementing appropriate mitigation measures.

## Yogandhra Event Held on Krishna River Banks in Vijayawada, Students Attend



Nellore: June 16 (Skyline daily):

'YogaAndhra' celebrations are being held grandly across the state, with government officials, public representatives, and the general public coming together to perform yoga asanas. On Tuesday morning, a 'YogaAndhra' event was organized on the banks of the Krishna River at Baram Park under the leadership of Collector Lakshmi. Representatives from print, electronic, and social media, along with students, participated in the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector urged everyone to cooperate in building a "Healthy, Wealthy, and Happy Andhra Pradesh." He advised everyone to make yoga an integral part of their lives, noting that a healthy body fosters greater dedication in one's

work. He emphasized that the health of all citizens is essential to achieving goals such as 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Vision Andhra Pradesh 2047.' The Collector explained that the yoga asanas being demonstrated are simple and easy for everyone to practice, requiring only 45 minutes of time each day. He announced that a state-level event marking International Yoga Day on June 21st would be held at the VMC Stadium and Ambedkar Kala Vedika in Vijayawada, with the participation of CM Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, other public representatives, and officials. Collector Lakshmi called upon the public to participate in the 'YogaAndhra' program and contribute to building a healthy society. 'YogaAndhra' celebrations

were also held grandly at Kuchipudi in Movva Mandal, Pamarru, Krishna District. Krishna District Collector Balaji, Pamarru MLA Varla Kumar Raja, and other officials participated in the event. The Collector and the MLA joined Kuchipudi artists and students in performing yoga asanas. The students' yoga demonstrations captivated everyone present. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Balaji emphasized the need for people to have a comprehensive understanding of yoga, noting that it helps keep various diseases at bay. He highlighted the numerous benefits of practicing yoga, including enhanced mental well-being. The Collector further stated that cultivating the habit of yoga from childhood would lead to the creation of a healthy society.

## Ex MLA files complaint with RDO over electoral roll irregularities



Nandyal: June 16

Serious allegations have emerged in Banaganapalle constituency over alleged irregularities in the voter registration and deletion process, triggering political concern and calls for an official inquiry. Political Analysis Reports The issue reportedly pertains to the functioning of the Mandal Tahsildar office. Former Banaganapalle MLA Katasani Ramireddy speaking to media persons on Monday has alleged that certain computer operators were involved in updating voter records without the presence or knowledge of Booth Level Officers (BLOs). He claimed that such unauthorized activity raises doubts over the transparency of the electoral roll management process. The former

legislator stated that he had already raised the matter during a grievance session held at the Nandyal District Collector's office last Monday. However, he expressed dissatisfaction over the lack of action taken so far and subsequently submitted a complaint to Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) Narendranath Reddy, urging immediate investigation. He further alleged that BLOs themselves have expressed concern over entries being made without their involvement. Warning of intensified protests if irregularities are found in the Special Summary Revision (SIR) process, Ramireddy demanded strict action. Officials concerned are yet to issue an official clarification on the allegations.

## Minister Satya leads mass yoga session for weavers and business owners

Dharmavaram: June 16

As part of the ongoing statewide "Yogandhra 2026" campaign ahead of the International Day of Yoga, a special thematic yoga session tailored for local business owners and the weaving community was held at the Sai Baba Temple premises on Monday. Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav led the event alongside Sri Sathya Sai District Collector A Shyam Prasad and Joint Collector M Mourya Bharadwaj. Addressing the gathering, Minister Yadav urged citizens to transition yoga from an annual ceremonial event into a permanent daily habit. He recommended dedicating 45 to 60 minutes each morning to the practice, highlighting it as a scientifically proven preventive measure against lifestyle diseases. The Minister



announced that the government is systematically conducting 15-day thematic modules segmented for specific work-groups—including doctors, police personnel, farmers, and weavers—to address sector-specific health stresses. Collector A Shyam Prasad spoke on the connection between traditional yogic postures and nature, noting that even brief daily routines drastically optimize blood circulation and mental clarity.

## Telangana gets Rs 18,860 cr liquor revenue from AP, says Minister Kollu Ravindra

Amaravati: June 16

Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra stated that revenue that should have accrued to the state was sent to Telangana during past government. He remarked that the state suffered significant losses in terms of revenue and public health during those five years. He noted that the alliance government has put the Excise Department back on track with its new liquor policy. On Monday, the Minister held a press conference at the Secretariat to explain the reforms implemented in the Excise Department over the past two years. He revealed that while Telangana sold liquor more than AP between 2014 and 2019, which surged further between 2019 and 2024. He explained that the establishment of government-run liquor shops combined with a sudden hike



in liquor prices, led to a drop in sales and the influx of non-duty-paid liquor. He pointed out that liquor shops were set up along the state borders to cater to AP residents. Consequently, Rs.18,860 crore in state revenue was lost to neighboring states over the five-year period. He noted that out of total sales worth Rs.99,413 crore over the five years, only Rs.615 crore worth of liquor was sold via dig-

ital transactions, with the rest being cash-based. He concluded by stating that a liquor scam worth Rs.3,500 crore occurred under the previous government, describing it as the largest scam of its kind in the country. He said that the Excise Department was strengthened during coalition government and opined that digital transactions in liquor sales have reached 60% under the coalition government.

## Dudekonda farmers threaten agitation over delayed HNSS canal bridge

Pattikonda: June 16

Expressing deep anger over prolonged administrative apathy, farmers from Dudekonda village in Pattikonda mandal have accused Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi (HNSS) project officials of systemic negligence for failing to construct a long-promised canal bridge. The missing infrastructural link has cut off easy access to nearly 1,500 acres of prime cultivable land. According to the affected residents, the crisis traces back to 2017 when the HNSS canal was originally excavated. At the time, irrigation authorities explicitly assured the village that an overbridge would be constructed to preserve direct access to their fields. Nearly nine years and multiple legislative terms later, that promise remains unfulfilled. The farmers lamented that while political leadership has changed, their operational hardships

remain identical. Prior to the canal's construction, landowners could reach their fields via a brief 1.5-kilometer trek. Now, they are forced to take a circuitous, hazardous route of 4 to 5 kilometers, which has drastically inflated fuel, machinery transportation, and labor transit costs. Local residents highlighted that navigating this dark stretch on slow-moving tractors and bullock carts after sunset has caused multiple fatal road accidents. Speaking on behalf of the village, a local farmer, Hari Krishna, stated that numerous petitions submitted to the grievance cells have yielded no response. Demanding immediate financial sanctions for the bridge, the agrarian community warned that they would be forced to intensify their stir if the government continues to ignore the very people who sustain the nation's food supply.

## Clash over soil excavation leaves one dead in Polakal village

Kurnool: June 16

Deep political and factional tensions have gripped Polakal village in C Belagal mandal after a 42-year-old man was brutally murdered late Sunday night following a violent clash over illegal red soil excavation. The deceased has been identified as Jagu. Political Opinion Articles According to police and local sources, the confrontation erupted near Guruthippa in the Brahmana Doddi area. Ground reports indicate that red soil excavation activities were being actively executed on the site by operators allegedly backed by local leaders associated with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Jagu reportedly intercepted the heavy machinery and strongly objected to the ongoing excavation work.

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## Delayed Answers

One year after one of the worst aviation disasters in Indian history, the most unsettling reality is not that the final answer remains elusive. It is that, in the absence of definitive findings, competing certainties have rushed in to fill the void. Modern air travel rests on a simple social contract: passengers accept risks they cannot personally evaluate because they trust that when things go wrong, institutions will discover why, learn from failure and prevent repetition. That trust depends not merely on technical competence but also on transparency, independence and credibility.

The prolonged inquiry into the Air India Flight AI171 tragedy has become a test of all three. The preliminary findings appeared to narrow the field dramatically. The aircraft lost power because fuel to both engines was cut off seconds after take-off. Yet establishing what happened is only part of an accident investigation. The more difficult task is explaining why it happened. Was it the result of deliberate human action, an unimaginable error under extraordinary circumstances, or a systems failure that investigators have yet to understand? The distinction is not academic. It determines where responsibility lies, what safety reforms are needed and whether future passengers are protected from similar risks.

In the meantime, a familiar pattern has emerged. The dead cannot defend themselves, and institutions have reputations to preserve. Manufacturers seek to protect confidence in their products. Airlines struggle to reassure customers and investors. Regulators guard their credibility. Pilots' associations fear that cockpit crews become convenient explanations for complex failures. Bereaved families simply want the truth. Each of these impulses is understandable. None should dictate the outcome of an investigation. There is also a broader lesson for an era defined by instant commentary.

Preliminary reports exist to identify facts and improve safety, not to satisfy public appetite for closure. Yet fragments of technical information, leaked interpretations and selective reporting can rapidly harden into fixed narratives. Once established, such narratives are extraordinarily difficult to dislodge, even if subsequent evidence points elsewhere. The danger is twofold. Prematurely attributing blame to individuals risks grave injustice. Equally, dismissing uncomfortable evidence because it contradicts preferred explanations undermines the integrity of the investigative process itself. India's aviation sector has expanded dramatically and aspires to global leadership.

That ambition demands world-class investigative standards. The ultimate credibility of the inquiry will depend not on how quickly it concludes, but on whether its reasoning is thorough, transparent and capable of withstanding scrutiny. For the families of those who never returned home, delayed answers are painful. But certainty purchased at the expense of truth would be a far greater failure. The purpose of accident investigations is not to vindicate institutions or condemn individuals. It is to ensure that tragedy becomes instruction. Until that obligation is fulfilled, the most honest verdict remains the simplest one: we know a little more than we did a year ago, but we still do not know nearly enough. One year is a long time to wait for answers.

## US-Iran deal marks a strategic reset

Tehran will forcefully protect its core interests, including its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes

JUNE 14, coincidentally US President Donald Trump's birthday, marked the announcement of the US-Iran peace deal. Trump posted on social media about the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and the lifting of the US blockade. Pakistani Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif announced that the deal-signing ceremony would be held in Switzerland on June 19. Interestingly, Sharif thanked Qatar, Saudi Arabia and Türkiye, omitting the UAE. He said mediators would facilitate "pre-implementation discussions", which would lay the foundation for the "technical talks".

Iran, on the other hand, published the 14-clause Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The clauses include \$300 billion in reconstruction commitments from the US and allies; unfreezing of \$24-billion funds, half before negotiations; lifting of the blockade within 30 days and the withdrawal of US forces from around Iran. The reopening of Hormuz is under Iranian purview; its management stays with Iran. Clause 9 notes the Iranian commitment to not produce nuclear weapons, without mentioning any cap on enrichment. Under Clause 14, the missile programme and support for proxy groups stand removed from the agenda.

Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Kazem Gharibabadi called it a "total victory". The Iranian security council claimed that the deal included an immediate end to fighting in Lebanon. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu disagreed with this assertion. The bulk of Iranian claims would be subject to negotiations after the

MoU is signed. Will the world now transition towards pre-2025 normalcy? Global disruption began with the tariffs unleashed by Trump on April 2 last year, christened "Liberation Day". Repeatedly, the US threatened to annex Canada and Greenland, using force, if necessary. In June 2025 came the joint attack by the US and Israel on Iran, a 12-day war and the claim that the Iranian nuclear programme stood dismantled.

On February 28, 2026, there was a second and more serious military onslaught on Iran, starting with the assassination of the Iranian Supreme Leader, Ali Khamenei. It was based on the simplistic assumption — which also formed the basis of Russian President Vladimir Putin's attack on Ukraine in February 2022 — that a popular uprising and instant regime change would occur. Perhaps the US success in rapidly replacing Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in January 2026 encouraged it to attack Iran.

It is generally accepted that Trump has unravelled the post-1945 rules-based order. He has replaced traditional multilateralism with brazen unilateralism, besides adopting unilateral trade policies and arbitrary tariffs. Multilateral institutions stand eroded, exemplified by the US withdrawal from the World Health Organisation. The US has even targeted fellow NATO members, starting with Canada and then Denmark, which controls Greenland.

However, the Iranians resiliently handled the blitz of airstrikes. The attackers also miscalculated Iranian preparedness. After the June 2025 onslaught, Iran modified its defence strategy by embedding drones and missiles in

tunnels deep inside mountains. Iran has two massive mountain ranges and thus unlimited space for its new strategy. Thus, a war supposed to end quickly, seeking regime change and destruction of Iran's nuclear programme, turned into a stalemate.

The US had to declare a ceasefire on April 8 as Iran continued to retaliate, targeting US military facilities in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and Iraq, besides penetrating Israel's defensive Iron Dome. Consequently, the GCC nations and Israel found their stock of interceptor missiles depleting rapidly. Iran additionally shut down shipping through the crucial Strait of Hormuz. Normally, 18 million barrels per day (mbd) of oil transit through it daily. Post-disruption, the global energy prices escalated. Iran had discovered a weapon with global deterrence value. Until the US blocked the Strait on April 8, 1.9 mbd were still transiting through it, but this fell to 1.2 mbd by June 1.

Having failed to achieve their principal objectives, the US and Israel now face a new reality. Iran has demonstrated that it can bear pain to protect its core interests. The regime, having survived the assassinations of top civilian and military leaders, today fully controls governance, society and foreign policy in Iran. During the negotiations after the June 19 signing, Iran will forcefully protect its core interests, including its nuclear and ballistic missile programmes and support for its proxies — Hezbollah, Hamas and the Houthis.

Trump now denies ever seeking Iranian regime change, shifting the focus to Iran committing to never acquiring nuclear weapons. Ironically, this was already the



declared policy approved by then Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei. Seemingly, the MoU was delayed due to the disagreement on the sequencing of these elements. The 60-day period is to finalise a give-and-take on each side's key demands. As Trump has repeatedly criticised the release of funds by then US President Barack Obama before the 2015 JCPOA (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) agreement, the US may use GCC countries to hand back frozen funds to Iran rather than getting directly involved. The deal will have regional and global implications. Firstly, Israel is dismayed by it, even attempting to sabotage it by launching attacks on Beirut on June 14. Reportedly, it has demanded Lebanon's exclusion from the deal, thereby retaining the right to target Hezbollah. Secondly, Iran's survival without a surrender has damaged America's image as the master of global complicity. In 2020, during President Trump's first term, the Abraham Accords were conceived to align GCC and Arab countries with Israel to isolate Iran. The GCC is divided today,

with Saudi Arabia and Qatar having helped Pakistan in finalising the deal. Thus, Accords signatories Bahrain and the UAE are isolated from the combine comprising Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Türkiye and Qatar.

As India is perceived as tilting towards the Israel-US-UAE axis, its diplomatic options are constrained. A diplomatically ascendant Pakistan with a strengthened foothold in the Gulf region and a hotline to the US and China can no longer be ignored or deterred. The broader question arises: would the setback faced by the US in the Gulf impact the existing alliance of far-right governments in democracies in the Americas, West Asia and South Asia.

With Trump's approval rating at home slipping to 28%, perhaps he had to extract himself from the Gulf stalemate. Are his fresh threats merely an image-building and damage-control exercise or a hint that after the November mid-term polls, he may resume the use of force to achieve what he failed to do through dialogue? Iranians would be preparing for both options.

## Heir not-so-apparent: The new reality of Indian politics

There is a temptation to see the Trinamool Congress crisis as a Bengal story alone: Mamata Banerjee's defeat, Abhishek Banerjee's unpopularity with sections of the party, rebel MPs and MLAs testing the limits of loyalty, and a post-power scramble for survival. That would be a mistake.

What is unfolding in the TMC is a cautionary tale for nearly every regional party in India attempting to compress legacy, authority, and future into the hands of a chosen heir.

The latest twist, with a breakaway TMC faction moving towards the little-known Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), apparently based in West Bengal and active in Assam and Tripura, makes the crisis larger than a succession drama. It shows how rebellion in Indian politics is no longer merely a matter of walking out. It is increasingly a matter of finding the right procedural shelter, the right symbol, the right legislative arithmetic, and the right minor partner through which a larger realignment can be engineered.

## The Logic Of Legacy

In Indian politics, a founder can build a party through struggle, charisma, ideology, caste mobilisation, regional pride, or personal sacrifice. But the heir rarely inherits all of that. He or she inherits the office, the surname, the access, and often the impatience. The rest has to be earned. This is where the trouble begins.

Mamata Banerjee's authority was not inherited. It was accumulated through bruises. She took on the CPI(M) when the Left still looked unbeatable. She built the TMC from a rebel Congress platform into Bengal's principal political force. Her legitimacy came from confrontation, not coronation. Abhishek Banerjee's rise, however, was read by many inside the party as a transfer of power from aunt to nephew, not as an organic political ascent.

As long as the TMC controlled Bengal, such reservations could be contained. But once the state slipped away, what had been tolerated as "succession" began to be described as "nepotism". What had earlier been accepted as authority began to look like entitlement.

This is not unique to Trinamool. It is the oldest problem of India's family-led regional parties: those who built the house do not always accept the child who is handed the keys.

The Congress, though a national party, has not been immune to this logic, either. Its difference is scale: the Gandhis sit atop a far older and wider organisation, but the same

question haunts the party - can inherited legitimacy substitute for organisational renewal, electoral proof, and the trust of leaders who have built their own political capital?

In that sense, the crisis of succession is not only regional; regional parties merely experience it faster, more violently, and with fewer institutional cushions.

## The Old Guard And Bloodlines

In founder-led regional parties, the second-rung leadership often consists of people who spent decades alongside the original leader. They went to jail with them, fought elections with them, raised funds for them, managed caste blocs for them, took blows for them, negotiated with rivals for them, and sometimes saved the party from collapse. They can accept the founder's scolding because they remember the journey. They are rarely comfortable taking instructions from someone they remember entering politics as "the leader's son", "the leader's daughter", "the leader's nephew", or "the leader's chosen one".

This is not always personal jealousy. Often, it is a dispute over political capital. The veteran believes they have earned their place through work. The heir believes they have inherited a mandate through blood and proximity. The collision is inevitable.

Maharashtra has already shown this twice. In the Shiv Sena, Uddhav Thackeray inherited Bal Thackeray's party, but Eknath Shinde was able to walk away with a majority of MLAs and eventually the party name and symbol. The issue was not only ideology or alliance arithmetic. It was also the discomfort of a street-built party being run from a familial centre that many old hands felt had drifted away from the Sena's original instincts.

The Nationalist Congress Party offered another lesson. Sharad Pawar appeared to settle the succession debate by promoting Supriya Sule and Praful Patel to national working president roles. Within weeks, Ajit Pawar, the nephew who had spent years as the party's operational strongman in Maharashtra, rebelled and joined hands with the BJP. Here too, the line between family, ambition, and organisation collapsed.

The Samajwadi Party had its own succession war in 2016, when the contest between Akhilesh Yadav and Shivpal Yadav became a proxy battle over who truly represented Mulayam Singh Yadav's political inheritance: the son who had become Chief Minister, or the brother who had built the organisa-

tion. These examples are different in detail, but similar in structure. In each case, the founder's authority had once held competing ambitions together. Once succession became unavoidable, the party discovered that it had not built institutions strong enough to manage ambition without bloodshed.

## The Indian Voter Is Changing

The Indian voter has not become anti-family overnight. Dynasties continue to win. Surnames still help. Recognition matters. Political families carry networks, caste memory, local capital, and symbolic recall. It would be naive to pretend otherwise. But the nature of acceptance has changed.

A previous generation of voters often treated inherited politics as part of the social order. The son of a leader entering politics was no more surprising than the son of a doctor becoming a doctor or the son of a businessman joining the family firm. Today's younger voter is more impatient with that logic. Gen Z may not be uniformly ideological, but it is instinctively less deferential. It respects legacy only when legacy performs. This is why a surname can still give a young leader entry, but it can no longer guarantee affection.

Ironically, the changing pulse of the electorate is often sensed by everyone in the power corridors except the king or queen determined to see the throne in what is, after all, a democracy.

## Dynasty Is Not The Whole Problem

Democracy does not prohibit the child of a politician from entering politics. Nor should it. Many second-generation politicians are hard-working, talented, and electorally successful. The voter has the final right to accept or reject them. The real problem begins when the party becomes a private estate.

When tickets, offices, strategy, finance, communication and future leadership are controlled by one family, the organisation stops producing alternatives. Strong leaders leave, flatterers remain, dissent becomes disloyalty, and younger talent learns the wrong lesson: not how to build a constituency, but how to please the court. This weakens the party in two ways.

First, it makes rebellion more attractive to veterans who feel humiliated. Second, it makes the BJP's task easier. The BJP has made "parivarvaad" one of its most effective political weapons, even if it has dynasts of its own. The slogan works because it converts a private organisational weakness into a public moral charge.



Political scientist Kanchan Chandra has argued that dynastic politics in India is not simply a feudal residue, but a product of modern party structures, weak internal democracy, and the rewards attached to state power. That insight matters. Families dominate not because Indians are genetically deferential, but because parties are poorly institutionalised. When there are no internal elections, no transparent candidate selection, no leadership pipeline and no respected second rung, the family becomes the easiest organisational shortcut.

## But shortcuts have costs.

## The Exit From The Trap

In today's political context, regional parties in India need to learn that succession cannot be a family ceremony. It must be an organisational process.

That means giving younger leaders real responsibility before the crisis, not after it. It means letting them contest difficult elections, answer for failures, negotiate with allies, listen to district leaders, suffer public criticism, and build their own moral account with the cadre. It also means respecting the old guard without being hostage to it.

The founder, too, must know when to step back from parental instinct. The leader who built the party often thinks he or she is protecting the future by protecting the heir. In reality, excessive protection weakens the heir. Politics is not transferred like property. It is recognised by others.

The TMC's tragedy is that Mamata Banerjee understood struggle better than almost anyone else in contemporary politics. But the party she built may not have given its next generation the same hard apprenticeship in adversity. Power created managers. It did not create enough believers.

That is why the immediate TMC moment matters. The past few weeks have been a political tornado for the party, with even insiders finding it hard to understand which way the winds are blowing. In that turbulent context, the NCPI episode may give Mamata Banerjee a

breather. A direct rush of rebels into the BJP would have created a cleaner political narrative: desertion, surrender, absorption. A merger with an obscure outfit complicates that script. It shifts the argument, at least temporarily, from the moral theatre of betrayal to the procedural theatre of recognition, disqualification, and parliamentary legitimacy.

That gives Mamata two choices, neither easy but both still politically meaningful. She can use this window to consolidate what remains of the TMC, rebuild trust with cadres, restore organisational seriousness, and decide whether the party can survive as a leaner but still independent anti-BJP force. Or she can begin a more serious conversation with the parent organisation from which the TMC itself emerged: the Congress. The idea may sound emotionally difficult after nearly three decades of separation, but politics is often less sentimental than arithmetic.

## The Cottage Industry Of Politics

The NCPI episode also provokes a different question about the architecture of Indian politics itself. India is a multi-party democracy, and that is one of its strengths. But the mushrooming of registered political parties, many of them barely visible in public life, raises an uncomfortable question. At what point does political plurality become a cottage industry?

The NCPI's sudden arrival at the centre of national attention illustrates this problem. A party can remain obscure for years and then, through the migration of legislators, become consequential overnight. This may be perfectly legal if it satisfies the letter of the law. But democracy also depends on the spirit of political representation. If parties become vessels that can be activated, occupied, or repurposed at moments of crisis, voters are entitled to ask what exactly they voted for: an ideology, a leader, a party, or a transferable political licence?

## 'There would be no Israel without me,' says Trump, asks Netanyahu to be 'more responsible' in Lebanon

US President Donald Trump on Tuesday criticised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over Tel Aviv's military operations in Lebanon. Speaking to reporters at the G7 in Evian-les-Bains, France, Trump questioned Israeli strikes on Hezbollah targets in Lebanon. "You don't have to knock down an apartment house every time you're looking for somebody... Because there are a lot of people in those apartment houses and they're not all Hezbollah, I can tell you," he said. The US President further said that there "would be no Israel without him".



"Without the US, there would be no Israel. Without me, there would be no Israel because no other president was willing to do what I did," he said. Asserting that he shares "a great relationship" with Netanyahu, Trump urged the Israeli PM to be "more responsible" while dealing with Lebanon. "I have had a great relationship with Bibi. Now Bibi has to be

more responsible with respect to Lebanon," Trump added. Trump's frustration with Netanyahu stems from Israel's refusal to accept the terms of the US-Iran ceasefire. While the peace deal also includes Lebanon, Israel has refused to retreat from Lebanese territory. Trump also warned Iran that "all hell

will rain down" if it tries to acquire a nuclear weapon. "The only thing that really matters to me is that Iran will never have a nuclear weapon, and I have said it loud and clear," he added. The US and Iran have digitally signed the peace deal and a formal physical signing is likely to be held on Friday.

## Pakistan's 45% population living in poverty: Report



Nearly 45 per cent of Pakistan's population is currently living in poverty amid major governance and institutional crisis that continues to undermine its economic potential. The economic crisis situation in Pakistan is not merely a result of the IMF

programmes or economic policy setbacks. It rather stems from a broader leadership deficit and weakening institutions, IANS reported quoting an article from The Dawn. The Pakistani leading daily's report highlights that the country's government has

repeatedly entered IMF-supported programmes that have provided temporary macroeconomic stability to its economy, but failed to address the underlying economic weaknesses. It further points towards a massive decline in financial support for businesses and highlighted that Pakistan's private sector credit-to-GDP ratio has come down drastically from 27 per cent in 2008 to a mere 8.7 per cent in 2025. This is said to be among the lowest levels across all emerging economies. Also, Small and medium enterprises (SMEs) lending has come down from about 17 per

cent in the mid-2000s to just 6 per cent. Moreover, exports are now at 10 per cent of GDP - down from 17 per cent two decades ago. The report also highlights that patronage networks and political interference have weakened the civil service and public institutions in the country. This not only discourages merit-based decision-making, but also reduce administrative efficiency. On Pakistan's judicial system, the report states that there are over two million pending cases in district courts and more than 1,100 vacant judicial positions.

## US emergency oil reserve falls to lowest level since 1983 as Iran conflict drains stockpile

The US emergency oil reserve has fallen to its lowest level in more than 40 years after the Trump administration released millions of barrels from the stockpile to keep energy prices in check during the ongoing Iran conflict. Federal data cited by CNN showed the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) held 340.3 million barrels of crude oil as of June 12, the smallest volume in the reserve since 1983. The decline follows another release of 8.9 million barrels last week and pushes the reserve below the previous record low recorded in July 2023. The current level is the lowest seen in more than 40 years. The last time the reserve contained less oil was in July 1983, when the administration of former US president Ronald Reagan was still building the stockpile and the American economy was considerably smaller. The SPR has become a central tool for the Trump administration as it seeks to contain the economic impact of rising fuel prices. Since the outbreak of the Iran conflict in late February, the reserve has declined by about 75 million barrels, representing an 18 per cent reduction. At present, the stockpile is less than half full. Energy market analyst Andy Lipow said emergency releases from the United



States and other countries have helped prevent a sharper spike in global oil prices. "The Strategic Petroleum Reserve releases, combined with releases by other governments and China reducing its exports, have prevented the Armageddon scenario of \$150 oil from happening to date," Lipow, president of Lipow Oil Associates, was quoted as saying by CNN. He cautioned that the shrinking reserve could become a problem if another major supply shock occurs. "If we were to get a major hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico that shuts production down for several weeks, that buffer would no longer be there," Lipow said. He also said the pace of releases may ease after the administration completes the deployment of 172 million barrels that it committed to release in March. Political criticism turns into poli-

cy shift. The drawdown has also drawn attention because of Trump's previous criticism of former president Joe Biden's use of the reserve. During his 2022 campaign for the White House, Trump accused Biden of depleting emergency oil stocks ahead of midterm elections following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The current administration, however, is releasing oil from the reserve at an even faster rate ahead of this year's midterms. Warnings over reserve's operational limits. Industry officials have also raised concerns about how much further the reserve can be reduced without affecting its emergency role. "The SPR must be at least 20% full to be operational," Mike Sommers, chief executive of the American Petroleum Reserve, said during an interview on CNN's The Lead last week. "We're raising alarm bells right now." "We're getting to levels where we are starting to be concerned," he added. The oil released since the start of the Iran conflict will eventually need to be replaced. However, replenishment is not expected before the peak of the Atlantic hurricane season, leaving the United States more exposed to potential weather-related disruptions in energy production and supply.

## Sensex surges 544 points, Nifty nears 24,000 as US-Iran deal boosts market sentiment

Mumbai, June 16 : Domestic equity markets ended higher on Tuesday, extending their gaining streak as investors cheered the announcement of a US-Iran deal that improved risk appetite and boosted sentiment across global and domestic markets. The benchmark Sensex rose 544.15 points, or 0.71 per cent, to close at 76,808.48, while the Nifty gained 135.25 points, or 0.57 per cent, to settle at 23,995, just below the key 24,000 level. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the 24,000 psychological level continues to remain the immediate resistance zone. "A sustained move above 24,000, could strengthen bullish momentum and open the door for a further advance towards the 24,200-24,400 region," a market expert mentioned. "On the downside, the 23,900 is expected to act as an immediate support," the analyst added. The positive momentum was supported by strong buying in select



heavyweight stocks. HCLTech, Tata Consumer Products and Bajaj Finserv emerged as the top gainers on the Nifty index, helping lift the broader market. Among the Sensex constituents, IndiGo, UltraTech cement, Maruti Suzuki India, Tata Steel, State Bank of India and Sun Pharma were among top losers. The rally was not limited to front-line stocks, with broader indices also ending in positive territory. The Nifty MidCap index advanced 0.41 per cent, while the Nifty SmallCap index gained 0.42 per cent. Sector-wise, real estate, media and consumer durables stocks led the gains. The Nifty Realty, Nifty

Media and Nifty Consumer Durables indices outperformed the broader market. In contrast, metal stocks remained under pressure, with the Nifty Metal index emerging as the biggest sectoral loser of the day. Market participants remained encouraged by the easing of geopolitical tensions following the US-Iran deal announcement, which helped improve global market sentiment and supported risk assets. The positive backdrop, combined with selective sectoral buying, enabled Indian benchmarks to extend their upward trajectory and maintain momentum near record levels. The Indian rupee continues to exhibit a firm undertone, extending its northbound trajectory amid a favourable macro backdrop. "In the near term, USDINR is expected to maintain a downward bias, with spot levels likely to gravitate towards 94.10," an analyst stated.

## TCS faces \$70 million exceptional expense after setback in US legal dispute

New Delhi, June 16 : IT services major Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Tuesday said it will make an additional provision of \$70 million towards damages, interest and legal costs after the United States Supreme Court declined to review a lower court judgment in its long-running legal dispute with Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) -- now known as DXC Technology. In a regulatory filing, the company said the US Supreme Court denied its petition for a writ of certiorari seeking a review of the judgment passed by the United States Fifth Circuit on June 15. The latest development

marks another setback for TCS in the litigation involving DXC Technology. TCS said it had already provided \$150 million in relation to the matter in its books of accounts in accordance with applicable accounting standards. Following the Supreme Court's decision, the company will now make an additional provision of \$70 million towards damages, interest and legal costs as a one-time exceptional expense in the first quarter of FY2026-27. The company had earlier updated investors on the case through regulatory filings in June 2024 and November 2025. Earlier, TCS had suffered



a legal setback after the Fifth Circuit upheld a damages award of \$194.2 million and ruled in favour of CSC in a long-running trade secrets dispute. However, the IT services major did not provide further details on the financial impact beyond the additional provision to be

recognised in the June quarter. Meanwhile, shares of TCS traded over 2 per cent higher at Rs 2,208.50 apiece on the BSE on Tuesday. The IT stock has touched a 52-week high of Rs 3,539.45 and a 52-week low of Rs 2,110.00 on the exchange.

## 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. The wholesale food inflation was at 4.49 per cent in May compared to 3.11 per cent 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.

## IAF to develop indigenous Kamikaze one-way attack drones

New Delhi, June 16 : The Indian Air Force (IAF) has launched a project to develop indigenous long-range Kamikaze drones with Indian industry, a Defence Ministry official said on Tuesday. The IAF has issued a limited tender to select Indian companies for One-Way Attack Unmanned Aerial Systems (OWA-UAS), the official said in a statement. The Kamikaze drone project will be handled by the 5 Base Repair Depot (BRD) at Sulur near Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, that has been designated as the nodal agency for the key task. Kamikaze drones, also known as loitering munitions or suicide drones, are one-way, self-sacrificing unmanned aerial vehicles that fly to a target area, locate enemies and detonate on impact. As part of the decisions taken by the Defence Ministry, the IAF will retain Intellectual



Property Rights (IPR) of the drone platform that is proposed to be designed, developed and manufactured entirely in India with the help of home-grown companies and start-ups. The project will enable faster upgrades, modifications and customisation as per operational needs, the statement said. As per IAF's specifications the long-range Kamikaze drones would operate up to 16,000 feet and function in day and night conditions. At an earlier National Defence

Industries Conclave, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that India must work in a mission mode to emerge as a global hub of indigenous drone manufacturing in the next few years. He added that this was needed to ensure strategic autonomy, enhance defence preparedness and make the country 'Aatmanirbhar' (self-reliant) in view of the present geopolitical uncertainties. The Defence Minister asserted that the ongoing conflicts, ranging from the Russia-Ukraine war to the tensions

between Iran and Israel, are proof that drones and counter-drone technologies are destined to play a pivotal role in future warfare. He said that self-reliance in drone manufacturing is essential not merely at the product level, but at the component level as well. Rajnath Singh said, "From the drone's moulds to its software, engines, and batteries, everything must be manufactured in India. This is no easy task. In most countries where drones are manufactured, a significant number of critical components are currently imported from China." He added that while the creation of any nation's defence industrial ecosystem relies on the contributions of large industries, MSMEs, start-ups, and innovators, it is equally driven by a clear policy push from the government, tailored to meet the country's specific defence requirements.

## Two former MDs of Reliance Anil Ambani Group (RAAG) sent to ED custody in money laundering case



The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has secured custody of two former Managing Directors, Sateesh Seth and Gautam Bhaillal Doshi, of Reliance Anil Ambani Group (RAAG) as part of its ongoing money laundering investigation involving Reliance Infrastructure Ltd and Reliance Communications Ltd. The latest development came after the ED produced both former executives before special PMLA courts, which allowed their custodial interrogation. The arrests had been made earlier on June 12 under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Seth sent to 6-day ED custody, Doshi gets 5 days. According to the ED, Sateesh Seth was first produced before the Special Court (PMLA), Greater Mumbai, where the agency obtained his transit remand. He was later produced before the Special Court

(PMLA), Dwarka, New Delhi, which sent him to ED custody for six days. Gautam Bhaillal Doshi was produced before the Special Court (PMLA), Rouse Avenue, New Delhi, and the court granted the ED five days of custody. Reliance Group says both left the organisation. Reacting to the development, a Reliance Group spokesperson said that "Seth (age 70 years) and Doshi (age 73 years) are not associated with the Group". The spokesperson added, "Seth served the Group as a Group Managing Director and as a Director on the Boards of several companies. Seth left the Group in 2025. Gautam Doshi served the Group as a Group Managing Director and as a Director on the Boards of several companies, both within and outside the Group. Doshi left the Group six years ago, in 2020." ED probe into alleged financial irregularities. The ED said Sateesh Seth was arrested in the ECIR against Reliance Infrastructure Limited and others, while Gautam Bhaillal Doshi was arrested in the ECIR against Reliance Communications Ltd. and others. The agency said Seth had held key

positions in RAAG for a long period and was involved in major commercial and financial decisions across group companies. The ED stated, "Sateesh Seth has been associated with RAAG for a substantial period and has held the position of Group Managing Director, exercising control over key commercial and financial decisions of several group companies. He has also held directorships in multiple group companies engaged in infrastructure, power and allied sectors. Sateesh Seth has occupied key Directorial and Managerial positions in Reliance Infrastructure Limited since 2000." Probe alleges role in siphoning of funds. The ED alleged that Seth was involved in siphoning of public funds linked to road construction projects undertaken by Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. The agency further said Doshi, during his association with RAAG, handled areas including taxation, planning, compliance and risk management. According to the ED, Doshi played a role in creating a corporate structure allegedly used for siphoning proceeds of crime from Reliance Communications Limited and Reliance Telecom Limited.

## Allu Arjun Happy Re-Release Crosses Peddi and The RajaSaab



The re-release of Happy 4K has become a huge success in Kerala and once again proved why Allu Arjun is lovingly called "Mallu Arjun" by fans in the state. The 2006 romantic action comedy returned to theatres in a newly remastered 4K version and received an outstanding response from audiences. While many recent Telugu releases struggled at the Kerala box office, Happy 4K surprised everyone with its strong collections. Reports suggest that even big Telugu films like Ram Charan's Peddi and Prabhas' The RajaSaab could not cross the Rs.1 crore mark in Kerala. However, Happy 4K, a re-release of a 20-year-old film, achieved that

milestone in just four days. The film collected around Rs.95.5 lakh gross in its first three days. The collection breakdown is impressive. On day 1, it is Rs.35 lakh (including premieres). On day 2, it is Rs.28 lakh and on day 3, it is Rs.32.5 lakh. With strong advance bookings for Day 4, the film crossed the Rs.1 crore mark in Kerala. What makes this achievement even more special is that the collections came from the pure Malayalam version of the film. According to trade reports, Happy 4K also recorded the highest opening for any Telugu film in Kerala during 2026. Tracked Day 1 collections were reportedly higher than those of Peddi

and The RajaSaab. This remarkable performance highlights Allu Arjun's unmatched popularity among Kerala audiences. Fans celebrated the re-release across theatres in Kochi, Kozhikode, Thiruvananthapuram, and other cities. Videos shared on social media showed packed theatres, loud cheers, and a festive atmosphere. Many fans said they grew up watching films like Happy, which explains Allu Arjun's special connection with Kerala viewers. Originally released in 2006 and directed by A. Karunakaran, Happy starred Allu Arjun and Genelia in the lead roles. The film has remained a fan favourite over the years.

## Did Samantha Make a Big Promise to her fans?



Samantha is one of the most popular actresses in South India. She has entertained audiences with many successful movies over the years. However, the last few years have been very challenging for her. She took a long break from films due to personal and health reasons. Now, after almost three years, Samantha is making her comeback with the movie Maa Inti Bangaram. At the pre-release event of the film, Samantha made an interesting promise to her fans. She said that she would try to do at least two films every year. This statement has created a lot of discussion among movie lovers and industry experts. Many people are now asking whether it is really possible for Samantha to act in two films every year at this stage of her life and career.

The answer is not very simple. Age is not a major problem for actresses today. Many actresses continue to work successfully even in their forties and fifties. Samantha is still energetic, talented, and loved by millions of fans. Therefore, doing two films a year is not impossible for her. However, there are other factors to consider. Samantha is no longer just an actress. She has also become a producer. Producing films requires a lot of time, planning, and responsibility. In addition, she now has personal commitments after her second marriage. Balancing family life, production work, and acting may not be easy. The success of Maa Inti Bangaram will also play a very important role. If the film becomes a big hit, directors and producers may approach Samantha with more offers. This could help her stay busy and achieve her goal of doing two films every year. On the other hand, if the movie does not perform well, the journey may become more difficult. Samantha recently said that she learned the value of hard work from her husband, Raj Nidimoru. Her dedication and positive attitude show that she is ready for a new phase in her career.

## Nag Ashwin Opens Up On Sai Pallavi in Kalki 2



Actor Prabhas' upcoming film Kalki 2898 AD Part 2 is one of the most awaited movies in India. Recently, many rumors started spreading on social media about actress Sai Pallavi joining the cast of the film. Some reports even claimed that she would play the important character Sumathi as Deepika Padukone got out of the film. However, director Nag Ashwin has now clarified the situation. He said that the rumors about Sai Pallavi being cast in Kalki 2 are not true at the moment. He also confirmed that the character Sumathi is very important to the story and will not be removed from the film. This statement has put an end to many rumors circulating online. Nag Ashwin further revealed that a portion of the work on Kalki 2 has already been completed. He said that the film's shooting is expected to continue in a non-stop manner from September. Fans are eagerly waiting for more official updates from the makers. Meanwhile, from

a few days it has been suggested that Sai Pallavi could make a return to Tollywood in Kalki 2898 AD Part 2. According to industry sources, the film-makers may announce her involvement at the right time. The source claimed that the role would be powerful and performance-oriented, making it suitable for Sai Pallavi's acting style. Sai Pallavi is known for choosing meaningful roles instead of glamour-focused characters. Over the years, she has earned respect across Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam cinema through her natural acting and strong screen presence. Her performances in films such as Fidaa, Love Story, and Thandel received appreciation from audiences and critics alike. Currently, the actress is busy with several major projects, including the highly anticipated mythological film Ramayana. Reports also suggest that she may work with acclaimed director Mani Ratnam in a future project alongside Vijay Sethupathi.



## Why Samantha Hasn't Acted With Prabhas Yet?

Prabhas is currently one of the biggest Pan-India stars in Indian cinema. After the massive success of Baahubali, his popularity reached new heights across the country. The actor is now busy with several big-budget projects and has nearly five major Pan-India films in his lineup. On the other hand, Samantha continues to be one of the most popular actresses in the South film industry. She has been winning praise for choosing unique and performance-oriented roles. Fans are eagerly waiting to see her upcoming projects. At present, Samantha is promoting her new film Maa Inti Bangaram. Directed by Nandini Reddy, the movie is scheduled to release on June 19. The film is special because it is being produced under Samantha's own production banner. It is a heroine-oriented movie and has already created a good buzz among audiences. As part of the film's promotions, Samantha has been attending several interviews and media events. During one such interview, she was asked an interesting question about Prabhas.



The anchor said, "You have acted with almost all the top stars, but you have never worked with Prabhas. When can we expect a film featuring both of you?" Samantha smiled and replied, "How can I answer that?" Soon after, director Nandini Reddy joined the conversation and said, "How would Samantha know that? If a good story and a good role come her way, she will definitely act with Prabhas." Samantha agreed with Nandini Reddy and smiled. Her response quickly caught the attention of fans on social media. For a long time, fans have wanted to see Samantha and Prabhas share screen space. Both actors enjoy huge popularity, and many believe their combination would be a treat for movie lovers. A film starring the two stars would surely create massive excitement across India.

## Can Suriya Become South India's Next Big Superstar?

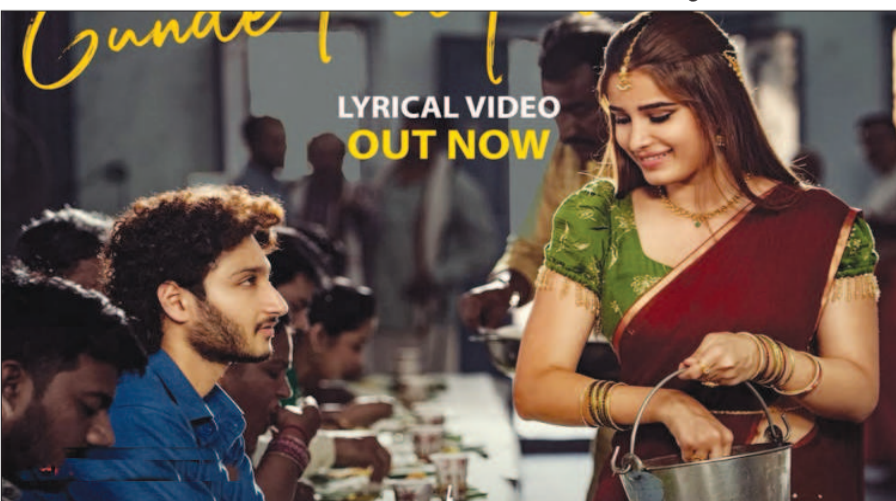
Very few actors enjoy huge popularity outside their home film industry. One such star is Suriya. Though he is a Tamil hero, Telugu audiences have always treated him like their own. Many of his films have performed well in the Telugu states and helped him build a strong fan following over the years. However, the last few years have been challenging for Suriya. Several of his films failed to meet expectations at the box office. Despite those setbacks, Telugu audiences never lost faith in him and continued to support the talented actor. Recently, Suriya bounced back strongly with Karuppu, which was released in Telugu as Veerabhadru. The film turned out to be a big success in Tamil Nadu and received a decent response in Telugu as well. More importantly, it has once again increased the excitement around Suriya's future projects. His upcoming line-up looks very promising. Suriya's next release is expected to be Viswanath and Sons, directed by Telugu filmmaker Venky Atluri. The film is in the final stages of production and is expected to strengthen his market in Telugu cinema.



rounding Suriya's landmark 50th film. According to reports from Tamil and Telugu media, popular director Nelson Dilipkumar is in talks to direct the prestigious project. There is also interesting buzz that leading Tollywood production house Sithara Entertainment may bankroll the film. Reports suggest that producer S. Naga Vamsi has already paid an advance to Nelson, making the project one of the most anticipated films in Suriya's career.

With stars like Vijay focusing on politics and Ajith balancing films with his passion for racing, many filmmakers are now looking at Suriya as one of Tamil cinema's biggest leading stars. With an exciting mix of commercial and content-driven films, Suriya appears ready for a grand comeback. If these projects click at the box office, the actor could once again emerge as one of South India's biggest superstars.

## SM Gunde Pelipothondhe Song: A Relatable Melody



Jaya Krishna is debuting in films with his highly anticipated Srinivasa Mangapuram. The action romance is presented by Ashwini Dutt and directed by Ajay Bhupathi. Rasha Thadani is playing the leading lady and the promotions for the film have created a huge buzz, anticipation to watch the two youngsters on big screens. Jaya Krishna has proven his skills in action, dance and dialogue delivery with the teaser and songs

released till date. In this new song, he looks beautiful like a perfect Telugu boy in traditional Panche. His mannerisms, his style and his looks make it a very attractive song to watch and pleasant one to listen. Rasha Thadani is a big surprise as she pulled off traditional dance very gracefully. Her looks in Telugu traditional voni is mesmerizing. She looks very relatable to Telugu people like a girl-next-door. This song is visually

picturised in such a manner that audiences immediately connect with it. GV Prakash Kumar's mesmerizing fusion of Carnatic ragas in this song and Anurag Kulkarni's rendition are other major highlights. Chandrabose written very heart-touching lyrics that every person would have felt in love. With great buzz and anticipation building with every passing day, Srinivasa Mangapuram is gearing for a grand release in theatres soon.

## Yash vs Tollywood? Here's why the Industry is watching toxic Closely



Kannada superstar Yash's much-awaited pan-India film Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups has faced multiple postponement rumors since it was initially expected much earlier. Recent reports suggest the film may target the Sankranthi 2027 season although the makers have not yet officially announced a release date. According to recent media reports, rumors claiming that Toxic was undergoing major reshoots and had been pushed further were denied by the makers. However, uncertainty regarding the final release date continues as fans await an official announcement. For Tollywood, a Sankranthi release for Toxic would not be a routine development. Sankranthi is the most lucrative theatrical sea-

son in Telugu cinema often witnessing intense competition among top stars for prime release dates and theatre allocation. Even this Sankranthi 2026, veterans such as Chiranjeevi, Nagarjuna, Nandamuri Balakrishna, and Venkatesh Daggubati are all exploring the festival corridor for their upcoming releases. Unlike earlier years when regional films primarily dominated their home markets, Toxic is being mounted as a genuine pan-India project. The film has been shot simultaneously in Kannada and English and will release in multiple Indian languages, including Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, and Malayalam. With Yash's massive popularity after the KGF: Chapter 1 and KGF: Chapter 2 phenomenon, exhibitors are like-

ly to allocate a significant number of screens to Toxic. That is where Tollywood's concern could arise. If a major Telugu star film and Toxic arrive during the same festive period, competition for premium single screens, multiplex shows and distributor attention could become intense. The Telugu industry traditionally prefers Sankranthi to remain dominated by local star vehicles because the festival audience is exceptionally strong in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. At the same time, from a pan-India business perspective, Sankranthi is an attractive window for Toxic. The holiday period provides extended family audiences, higher footfalls, and strong nationwide visibility. Therefore, while the release could be beneficial for Yash and the film's producers, it may complicate release plans for several Telugu biggies targeting the same season. Everything ultimately depends on the official announcement. As of now, the makers have denied reshoot-related delay rumors, but they have not confirmed a final release date.

## Upcoming Big-Budget films: Quite Bigger Budget

There was a time when a Rs.100 crore budget was considered a massive gamble in Indian cinema. When films like Om Shanti Om and Magadheera are made on that budget, people used to go jaw-dropped. Today, that number doesn't even make it into the top league. The upcoming lineup of Indian films showcases how aggressively the industry is spending on these biggies to make them bigger. Leading the race is Ranbir Kapoor's Ramayana, mounted on a staggering Rs.2200 crore budget, with a sequel, Ramayana 2,



being made at Rs.1800 crore. If both films click, Indian cinema could witness one of the biggest cinematic events in its history. Then comes SS Rajamouli's Varanasi, reportedly being made on a whopping Rs.1300 crore scale. These are not just movies

anymore. They are long-term cinematic investments designed for theatrical, OTT, international, and franchise revenues. The South industry continues to dominate the big-budget space, and that too, Telugu cinema. Allu Arjun's Raaka, directed by Atlee, is reportedly being mounted on an Rs.800 crore budget. Prabhas' Kalki 2 is riding on the success of the first installment, and the makers are pouring

nearly Rs.700 crores. Then there is Jr NTR's Dragon, and Prashanth Neel is making this film with a nearly Rs.480 crore budget. Jana Nayagan, Toxic, and Spirit are all said to be operating in the 2450 crore range of production budget. That's just an introduction, and many other films including Shahrukh's next and Salman's next are being made with a nearly Rs.300 crores budget only. A hit can create history. A miss can shake entire production houses. Hope everything goes well in these high-stake games.

## Women's T20 WC: Pakistan fined for maintaining slow over-rate against India

Dubai, June 16 : Pakistan have been fined five per cent of their match fee for maintaining a slow over-rate during their Group A clash of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup against India at Edgbaston, Birmingham. The two rivals squared off in a high-profile encounter on Sunday, but the Women in Blue handed a 64-run defeat to the Women in Green. "Trudy Anderson of the Emirates ICC International Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after Pakistan were ruled to be one over short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration. In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Personnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined five per cent of their match fee for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time. "Pakistan captain Fatima Sana pled guilty to the offence and accepted the proposed sanction, so there was no need for a formal hearing. On-field umpires Claire Polosak and Jacqueline Williams, third umpire Eloise Sheridan and fourth umpire Sue Redfern levelled the charge."

the ICC said in a statement.

India began their campaign strongly, achieving a convincing 64-run win over rivals Pakistan in front of a record audience of 18,814. After losing key openers Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues early, the team found themselves at a fragile 18/2 but managed to recover. Smriti Mandhana led the charge with an outstanding, smooth 68 from 44 balls, including 9 fours and 2 sixes. She formed a crucial 91-run partnership with captain Harmanpreet Kaur, who scored 36. Pakistan's bowlers attempted a late-innings squeeze, but Richa Ghosh shifted the momentum by smashing a rapid 34 off 17 balls. Her powerful finish, including 23 runs off the 19th over, pushed India to a strong total of 170/6. Pakistan began their demanding 171-run chase with strong intent, scoring a quick 52 runs in the pow-



erplay to match India. However, when India deployed their spinners, Pakistan's batting order struggled and collapsed under the continuous spin pressure. Deepthi Sharma was the clear star of the evening. She first weakened Pakistan by executing a precise run-out that dismissed Muneeba Ali (41), then dominated the batting lineup. Deepthi ended with her best T20I figures of 5/10, earning the Player of the Match award. Spinner Shree Charani supported her excellently, taking 3/21. Pakistan experienced a severe collapse, losing their final 6 wickets for only 31 runs and being dismissed for 106 in the 17th over.

## Serena and Venus Williams to team up at Wimbledon as wild-card entrants

London, June 16 : One of tennis' most celebrated partnerships will return to the grass courts of the All England Club this month after Serena and Venus Williams were awarded a wildcard for the women's doubles competition at Wimbledon 2026.



The announcement ensures the iconic sisters will once again compete together at the tournament where they built one of the most successful doubles legacies in Grand Slam history. Wimbledon gets underway on June 29, with the pair expected to draw significant attention as Serena continues her return to professional tennis after a four-year absence.

The wildcard grants the former champions direct entry into the doubles draw, although neither Serena nor Venus has been included among the initial recipients of women's singles wildcards. Organisers are yet to allocate one remaining singles wildcard, leaving a slim possibility that either sister could still feature in the singles event. The Williams duo have enjoyed extraordinary success at Wimbledon, lifting the women's doubles trophy six times and compiling an unbeaten record in Grand Slam doubles finals. Together, they

have claimed 14 major doubles titles, establishing themselves as one of the most dominant partnerships the sport has ever seen. Their achievements at the All England Club extend beyond Grand Slam glory. In 2012, Serena and Venus captured Olympic women's doubles gold on the same courts, adding to the Olympic titles they had previously won at the Sydney 2000 and Beijing 2008 Games. For Serena, this year's Wimbledon carries added significance as she continues an unexpected comeback. The 44-year-old had not competed in a Grand Slam since the 2022 US Open, a tournament widely believed to have marked the end of her illustrious career. Earlier this month, however, she returned to competitive tennis in the doubles event at Queen's Club, partner-

ing Canadian teenager Victoria Mboko. The pair won their opening match before Mboko was forced to withdraw from the tournament because of injury, cutting short what had been an encouraging return for the 23-time Grand Slam singles champion. Serena has since continued her comeback campaign at the Berlin Tennis Open, where she is partnering Czech player Karolina Muchová in the doubles competition before heading to Wimbledon. Meanwhile, 45-year-old Venus will also be looking to build momentum despite a difficult singles season. The seven-time Grand Slam singles champion has yet to register a singles victory in 2026, losing all seven of her matches so far. However, she enjoyed success in doubles earlier this year,

teaming up with Britain's Katie Boulter to claim a win at the Madrid Open. Wimbledon's latest wildcard announcement also featured several notable names across the singles draws. Former Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka has received a place in the men's singles main draw as he prepares for the final season of his professional career. Bulgaria's Grigor Dimitrov has also been awarded a wildcard. In contrast, Britain's Dan Evans has not been granted direct entry into the men's singles despite announcing that this will be his final Wimbledon appearance before retirement. On the women's side, French Open runner-up Maja Chwalinska earned a wildcard following her breakthrough run at Roland Garros. While several intriguing storylines are set to unfold at this year's Championships, few are likely to capture the imagination quite like the reunion of Serena and Venus Williams. More than two decades after they first transformed women's doubles, the sisters will once again walk onto Wimbledon's grass together, adding another chapter to one of tennis' greatest partnerships.

## 'We were told to leave immediately': Iran coach hits out at FIFA, US

Los Angeles, June 16 : Iran head coach Amir Ghalenoei expressed dissatisfaction with a sudden change to his team's itinerary after Iran drew 2-2 with New Zealand in its FIFA World Cup Group G opener on Tuesday (IST). Speaking at a post-match press conference, Ghalenoei said his team had been suddenly informed that it had to return to Mexico immediately after the match in Los Angeles.



According to Ghalenoei, the team had previously been told it could remain in the United States until Tuesday lunchtime, but as soon as the match ended, the itinerary changed. "After the game they said to us, 'you have to leave immediately. We've been asked to get on a plane and return to our camp in Tijuana, and we are really troubled by that,'" Ghalenoei told reporters in the post-match press conference.

"They are forcing us to go back early. They are making the situation more and more difficult, more hur-

dles, but we're not going to let that stop us from doing our best," he added. The coach also claimed Iran had faced several difficulties during their preparation for the tournament. "We were supposed to arrive two nights before the game, but they didn't permit [it]. We were supposed to stay here tonight to recover and return at lunchtime.

"I think our team is the most oppressed one in the whole World Cup. Our federation isn't here, our

media isn't here, our management isn't here," he said.

Iran striker Mehdi Taremi described the situation as a "disaster".

"It's a lot of stress for the players and staff, we are just tired of this situation, it's so bad, and it affects our team," he said.

Iran's involvement in the World Cup has been marred by uncertainty, linked to the ongoing war in the Middle East and related security concerns. Meanwhile, FIFA presi-

dent Gianni Infantino visited the Iran team in the dressing room following the game against New Zealand and held discussions. Iran's travel concerns may continue further in the group stage. Their next Group G match against Belgium is also scheduled at SoFi Stadium on Sunday.

The team will have to travel back to the United States later this week before returning to Los Angeles for their next fixture.

## IPL scouts from MI, RCB arrive in Ranchi to track talent at Jharkhand T20 Cricket League

Ranchi, June 16 : The inaugural Jharkhand T20 Cricket League continues to gather momentum as a key platform for emerging cricketers, with talent scouts from Indian Premier League (IPL) franchises Mumbai Indians (MI) and Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) arriving in Ranchi to assess promising players.



The presence of former India wicketkeeper-batter Naman Ojha, representing MI, and domestic cricket veteran Gokul Sharma, representing RCB, at the JSCA International Stadium Complex underlined the growing stature of the competition and its potential role in identifying future IPL talent.

The league has enjoyed a successful debut season since its launch in the presence of India's World Cup-winning captain Mahendra Singh Dhoni. The tournament has attracted significant attention from cricket followers across the country while also securing strong corporate support.

The competition has also become an important showcase for Jharkhand's emerging cricket talent. Following the state's historic triumph in the 2025 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, which helped opener Ishan Kishan return to the national setup, several young players have impressed during the tournament. Cricketers such as Sharandeep Singh, Rajandeep Singh, Prince Anurag Murmu and Supriyo Chakraborty have emerged as standout performers with a series of impactful displays. JSCA President Ajay Nath Shah Naman Ojha spoke highly of both the organisation of the tournament and the quality of players on dis-

play. "The tournament is being organized in a phenomenal manner here in Jharkhand. Even the quality of the wickets is excellent. There is a fine coverage of grass on the pitch which offers genuine assistance to the bowlers. The raw talent pool here is immense. You can see the hunger in these players, they possess the drive required to elevate their careers to the next level." Gokul Sharma said RCB had begun its scouting process early as the franchise seeks to strengthen its domestic talent pool.

"We had a strong last season, but we remain highly focused on infusing fresh, high-quality domestic talent into our setup. We initiated our scouting operations almost immediately. Having seasoned stalwarts like Saurabh Tiwary and Shahbaz Nadeem actively embedded within the association's ecosystem ensures that the local game will inherently thrive and grow."

For the Jharkhand State Cricket Association (JSCA), the arrival of IPL scouts is a significant validation of the league's objectives. JSCA President Ajay Nath Shah Deo described the tournament as a landmark development for cricket in the state.

"This league marks a significant milestone in Jharkhand cricket. We are excited to witness the best talent from the state compete at a professional level and inspire the next generation of cricketers. Our primary objective has been to give our home-grown players a top-tier platform to reach the highest echelons of the sport."

JSCA Secretary and former India cricketer Saurabh Tiwary highlighted the opportunities being created for young players.

"The Jharkhand T20 Cricket League creates immense opportunities for young players to showcase their abilities alongside experienced campaigners. It is a massive milestone for our domestic cricketers to perform live in front of decision-makers from top IPL franchises. This exposure bridges the gap to trial invitations. When these scouts witness you performing under pressure in real time, it drastically accelerates the pathway to receiving official franchise call-ups."

Former Indian player and current JSCA joint Secretary Shahbaz Nadeem echoed those views, saying the league would continue to strengthen the state's cricket ecosystem. "We are confident that the Jharkhand T20 Cricket League will continue to provide fans with weeks of thrilling, highly competitive cricket while creating truly valuable opportunities for emerging talent. Having icons like MS Dhoni support us, and IPL selectors watch from the stands guarantees that our grassroots cricketers are being noticed at the right time."

## Messi, Ronaldo set for historic final FIFA WC as Argentina, Portugal begin campaigns

New Delhi, June 16 : Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo are set to add another chapter to their legendary rivalry when they feature in the FIFA World Cup 2026, becoming the first male footballers in history to play in six editions of the tournament. From making their World Cup debuts in Germany in 2006 to leading their respective nations in 2026, the two icons have dominated world football for more than two decades. With the tournament in North America likely to be their final appearance on football's biggest stage, both will be aiming to script a memorable farewell.



Argentina vs Algeria: Champions Begin Their Defence Defending champions Argentina begin their title defence against Algeria on June 17, with Messi once again expected to play a pivotal role. Having guided Argentina to World Cup glory in Qatar four years ago, the 39-year-old will look to inspire La Albiceleste to back-to-back titles. Argentina enter the competition among the favourites and will rely on key players such as Julián Álvarez and goalkeeper Emiliano Martínez alongside their captain. Algeria, however, are expected to provide a stern test after arriving with confidence following an impressive run of results.

Experienced winger Riyad Mahrez, forward Mohamed Amoura and defender Rayan Ait-Nouri will be central to their hopes of causing an upset. Portugal vs DR Congo: European Giants Meet African Challengers Meanwhile, Ronaldo's Portugal begin their campaign against DR Congo, carrying momentum from their recent UEFA Nations League triumph. The Portuguese side boasts one of the strongest squads in the tournament, featuring stars such as Bruno Fernandes and Vitorinha alongside their veteran captain. Portugal will also be motivated by the memory of forward Diogo Jota

and his dream of helping the nation win the World Cup. Ronaldo, who has won almost every major honour in football, will be desperate to lift the one trophy that has eluded him throughout his glittering career. DR Congo return to the World Cup stage with a talented squad led by Yoane Wissa, Meschack Elia and captain Chancel Mbemba. Known for their pace and physicality, the African side will be aiming to make a strong impression against one of the tournament favourites. The FIFA World Cup 2026 will be streamed live on ZEE5 in multiple languages, including Hindi, English, Malayalam and Bangla.

## Sourav Ganguly seeks legal action against facebook page for allegedly tarnishing his image

Former India captain and Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) president Sourav Ganguly has lodged a complaint with Kolkata Police, alleging that a Facebook page was spreading defamatory content aimed at damaging his reputation. According to the complaint filed at Thakurpukur Police Station, Ganguly accused a Facebook page named "Sourav Ganguly Fans" of repeatedly publishing posts that he claims are intended to tarnish his public image. The complaint also references sports media platform Sportzwiki. The former India skipper alleged that the page had been consistently sharing misleading and damaging content that could create a negative perception of him among the public. "Being a public figure, I understand that opinions and criticism are a part of



public life; however, spreading misleading, defamatory and damaging content with the intention of harming my reputation is unacceptable and requires appropriate legal action," Ganguly stated in his complaint. He further urged the police to identify those operating the page and take action under the relevant legal provisions. One of Indian cricket's most influential captains, Ganguly played a pivotal role in rebuilding the

national team during a challenging period in the early 2000s. Popularly known as 'Dada', he announced himself on the international stage with a century on Test debut at Lord's in 1996 and followed it up with another hundred in his next Test, becoming only the third batter to achieve the feat. Ganguly later transformed India's cricketing fortunes as captain, guiding the team to the final of the 2003 ICC Cricket World

Cup and overseeing landmark overseas successes, including a historic Test series win in Pakistan in 2004. The left-handed batter represented India in 113 Tests and 311 One-Day Internationals, scoring 18,575 international runs. He remains among India's highest run-scorers in both formats and is widely credited for nurturing a generation of cricketers who went on to form the core of a successful Indian team.

# Massive yoga program at Mudassarlova East Point Golf Club

Participating MP, District Collector, other IAS officers, representatives of associations

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 16 As part of the yoga celebrations organized by the state government to celebrate International Yoga Day, a grand yoga program was organized at the East Point Golf Club in Mudassarlova on Tuesday. Highlighting the uniqueness of the tourism sector, the district administration has already organized programs at Rushikonda Beach and Naval Dock Yard. The program organized at the golf club on Tuesday received a special response from all quarters. Visakhapatnam MP Sri Bharat, District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore, Joint Collector Gobbilla

Vidyadhari, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, AP Oil and Seeds Growers Corporation Chairman Gandhi Bajji, District Library Chairman Satish Kumar, district officials, representatives of the Hotels Association, representatives of the golf club, prominent figures from the tourism sector and students participated in the program and performed yoga asanas. Later, the MP, District Collector, and other dignitaries presented mementos to the yoga teachers and the children who performed Pragnya Yoga and congratulated them. **Everyone should participate in the program to**



**be held on the 21st, inspired by last year : District Collector** On this occasion, District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore addressed the program. He reminded that East Point Golf Club is one of the few golf

courses in the state and is currently recognized as one of the leading golf courses in the country. He clarified that the YogaAndhra program was organized here with the aim of further promoting this wonderful tourist des-



tinuation. He said that it is a matter of pride for the state that lakhs of people participated in the International Yoga Day program organized under the auspices of the Prime Minister and Chief Minister last year and achieved a Guinness

World Record. We are successfully organizing yoga celebrations this year as well. He said that a huge yoga demonstration will be organized on the Visakhapatnam Beach Road on the 21st of this month with the participation of thousands of people. He said that through yoga, along with adopting a healthy lifestyle, there will be an opportunity to introduce the famous tourist destinations of Visakhapatnam to the world. He called on everyone to be a participant on behalf of the district administration. **Benefits of yoga and tourism features should**

**be made known : MP** Visakhapatnam MP Sri Bharat said that it is a pleasure to organize yoga at a wonderful venue like East Point Golf Club on the occasion of International Yoga Day. He said that such programs are being organized with the aim of spreading the importance of yoga among the people and introducing the famous tourist places of Visakhapatnam to the world. He said that East Point Golf Club has developed into one of the best 18-hole golf courses in the country and the construction of the club house has been completed with international standards. He said that golfers from

different parts of the country are coming here and this golf club has the potential to further increase the tourist attraction of Visakhapatnam. The MP urged the media to play a key role in introducing the beautiful tourist places of Visakhapatnam to the people, along with the benefits of yoga. East Point Golf Club Secretary S.V.R. Raju, Vice President T.S. Verma, General Manager Brigadier Satya, Aruna Kumari of Living Heart School, DRDA PD, Tourism Officer, other officials and others participated in this program.

## This Andhra Pradesh Engineer Upskilled at Scaler and Landed a 300% Hike in Just 7 Months

Visakhapatnam, 15th June, 2026: For many engineering graduates, not securing a campus placement can feel like being left behind while everyone else moves ahead. For Andhra Pradesh-based Bendu Manohar Naidu, that feeling stayed with him long after graduation. After completing his degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Manohar spent nearly a year trying to secure a role in the core electronics sector. Despite repeated efforts, opportunities remained scarce. As friends began settling into jobs and higher studies, he found himself grappling with uncertainty about what came next. Determined to create a new path, Manohar began exploring opportunities in technology, he decided to transition into the field



despite having no formal computer science background. To build the skills required, he enrolled in the Software Engineering programme at Scaler. The shift was far from easy. Coding concepts were unfamiliar, and competition was intense. Yet Manohar remained consistent. Even on difficult days, he made it a point to solve at least one coding

problem, treating progress as a daily habit rather than a distant goal. His family supported him relentlessly throughout his journey. Months of hard work eventually paid off when he secured his first opportunity in the technology sector. Today, he works with Swiggy as Software Development Engineer 1 (SDE 1). His compensation has grown by over 300% within a span of merely 7 months of joining. For Manohar, the achievement was about more than career progression. After spending nearly two and a half years feeling left behind while many of his peers moved ahead, it reaffirmed that persistence, patience, and the support of loved ones can help turn even the most difficult setbacks into new beginnings.

## Cheepurupalli athlete wins Gold in Powerlifting Championship

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), June 15 (Skyline): Talachintala Varshitha Soumya of Cheepurupalli won a gold medal at the 65th Visakhapatnam District Junior and Senior (Open) Men's and Women's Powerlifting and Bench Press Championship-2026 held in Visakhapatnam. Competing under the guidance of coach Y.V. Prasad from Repex Trim Gym, Varshitha delivered an impressive performance in the Junior 69 kg category. She lifted a total of 210 kg in the powerlifting and bench press events to secure the gold medal. The championship was organized by Sri Vijayananda Vyayama



Mandali with the support of the Visakhapatnam District Powerlifting Association. Several athletes from different regions participated in the event. Speaking to reporters on Monday, coach Prasad expressed happiness over the achievements of his trainees, who won medals

in various categories. He encouraged young men and women to take part in competitive sports to improve their physical fitness and confidence, assuring that his gym would continue to provide necessary support and training to aspiring athletes.

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 16 Confederation of Free Trade Unions of India (CFTUI) National President N. Kanaka Rao has demanded that state governments immediately implement a comprehensive law for domestic workers. On the occasion of the 15th International Domestic Workers' Day, the Confederation of Free Trade Unions of India (CFTUI), its affiliated domestic workers' unions, held a meeting with domestic workers' members from several states, including Andhra Pradesh. Speaking on the occasion, Kanaka Rao said that CFTUI represents the largest number of domestic workers among all trade unions in India. He said that India's over 6 crore domestic workers, through their hard work and selfless service, not only contribute immensely to the economy but also make daily life easier in our homes. International Domestic Workers' Day is an occasion to recognize their services and show solidarity with them in their struggle for dignity, justice and equal recognition as workers. As a result of the tireless struggle and efforts of trade unions and social organizations around the world, since the adoption of ILO Convention No. 189 on 16 June 2011, more than 40 countries have ratified



successfully organized. He said that the main program of International Yoga Day will be organized on a grand scale on June 21 from Kalimata Temple to Victory at Sea at RK Beach between 6.00 am and 7.00 am. He ordered that special measures be

taken to ensure that a large number of people, students, employees and representatives of voluntary organizations participate in it. He said that the nodal officers and venue in-charges should discharge their responsibilities properly regarding the organization of

the programs. He advised the relevant departments to effectively manage the arrangements for mobilization, publicity, traffic control, parking, security, medical services, drinking water, sanitation, etc. The Collector stated that there is a need to make yoga a part of everyone's daily life and that yoga plays a key role in building a healthy society. He called on the people of the district to participate in the International Yoga Day programs in large numbers and make it a success. Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari, DCs Mary Prashanthi, Manikantha, in-charge DRO T. Govindu, RDO Dilip Chakravarthy, district level officers of other departments and others participated.

## A comprehensive law for domestic workers should be implemented immediately: CFTUI demand



this historic agreement. It provides domestic workers with the same rights as other categories of workers, such as minimum wages, social security, and legal protection, and more than 60 countries have implemented labor reforms to protect the rights of domestic workers. However, it is said that even after 15 years of ratification of the Convention, the Indian government has not enacted any special law for domestic workers despite repeated demands. This situation has persisted despite several appeals and struggles by domestic workers' unions and social organizations, he said. On January 29, 2025, the Supreme Court of India, a division bench comprising Justice Surya Kant and Justice Ujjal Bhuyan, directed the central government to constitute an expert

committee to examine the conditions of domestic workers and recommend appropriate legislative measures. In this regard, it was informed that a "National Tripartite Discussion" on issues related to domestic workers was organized by the National Forum of Domestic Workers on 13 November 2025, and the discussion was attended by officials from the concerned ministries, namely the Ministry of Labour and Employment, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the Ministry of Women and Child Development, and the Ministry of Law. He said that the CFTUI participated in these discussions through its leadership and representatives from several states. A year later, on January 29, 2026, the

court dismissed their petition seeking only minimum wages for domestic workers, directing them to approach the state governments for a solution. Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant has expressed regret that extending minimum wage protections to domestic workers could discourage employment. He commented that labor unions drag every household into litigation. He said that such an argument is contrary to the principles of social justice and decent work, because it effectively prioritizes the convenience of employers over the rights of workers. Accordingly, Kanaka Rao said that domestic workers' associations affiliated with this movement are initiating efforts to contact their respective organizations and demanded that state governments bring in appropriate laws that guarantee minimum wages, social security, and other labor rights for domestic workers. We welcome and appreciate the efforts of the Ministry of Labour and Employment to consider including domestic workers under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Scheme. Such a move would be an important step towards recognizing domestic workers as part of the formal workforce and ensuring that they receive the necessary social security protections.

## Sahay organisation to conduct voluntary blood donation camp in Garividi on June 19



Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 16 (Skyline): Sahay Voluntary Service Organization has announced a Voluntary Blood Donation Camp to be held on June 19, 2026 (Friday) from 8:30 AM onwards at Hotel V Grand Function Hall (Vantakam A.C.), opposite ESI Hospital, Garividi. The campaign pamphlet was unveiled by SMS

Ferro Unit Head Mr. Vakada Gopi. Speaking on the occasion, organizers emphasized the importance of blood donation in saving lives and serving society. The unveiling ceremony was attended by organization President Mr. Uppu Srinu, Treasurer Mr. Badiganti Sitaram, Garividi Deputy Sarpanch Mr. Bammidi Karthik, Mr.

Satya Srinivas, Mr. Kamma Venkateswara Rao, Mr. Bodduri Sankara Rao, Mr. Varma Raju, Mr. Dubai Shankar, Mr. Kella Ramana, Mr. Baswa Chandrasekhara Rao, Mr. Mandala Venkata Chinnappala Naidu, Mr. Javvadi Rama Rao, and Mr. Bommana Suresh, among others.

## Police Conduct Awareness Program at Model School

Vizianagaram (Garbhram), June 16 (Skyline): Sub-Inspector J. Lokesh Kumar of Budharayalasa Police Station, along with his staff, visited the Model School in Garbhram and conducted an awareness program for students. During the session, the police team educated students on women's safety, the protection of children from abuse, and the provisions of the POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Act. Students were also informed about the concepts of Good Touch and Bad Touch to help them recognize and report inappropriate behavior. The officers further created awareness about the growing threat of cybercrime and explained various precautions that students should take while using digital platforms. Addressing the gathering, SI J. Lokesh Kumar advised students to maintain discipline, focus on their studies, and work towards achieving their goals with dedication and determination.



## Yoga is the best way to build a healthy society: Dist Collector

Vizianagaram, June 16 (Skyline): District Collector Dr. S. Ramsundara Reddy said that yoga programs are being organized on a large scale in Vizianagaram district to celebrate International Yoga Day-2026. He said that special activities have been taken up in coordination with the district administration, AYUSH department, various government departments, educational institutions and voluntary organizations to make yoga a part of the daily life of the people. He said that temple yoga programs will be organized on June 17, 18, 19, 21. On June 17, temple yoga programs will be organized at Punyagiri Shiva Temple, on June 18, temple yoga programs will be organized at Ramatiridham -Sri Ramaswamy Temple, on June 19, temple yoga programs will be organized at Kotha Agharham Sri Sitarama Kashi Vishweshwara Temple, and on June 21, temple yoga programs will be organized at the Sri Paitalilli Temple from 6.30 am to 7.30 am. He said that

a yoga program will be organized at Chintapalli Beach from 6.00 am on June 20. The Collector also said that a large-scale mega yoga program will be organized at the district level at Rajiv Stadium from 6.00 am on June 21. He said that thousands of people will practice yoga on one platform to pave the way for building a healthy Vizianagaram. He asked officers, employees, students, youth, women and people to participate in large numbers in the yoga programs and spread the message of health through yoga. He said that yoga is not just a physical exercise, it is a way of life that establishes a balance between the body, mind and soul. He said that yoga is necessary for everyone in the context of increasing stress, anxiety and lifestyle diseases in today's fast-paced lifestyle. He said that yoga has been recognized as an invaluable heritage provided by India all over the world and every citizen can achieve a healthy life by dedicating some time to yoga every day. He advised stu-



dents, youth, employees, women and the elderly to get used to practicing yoga. District Collector M. Ramsundara Reddy called on the people to participate in making all the yoga programs organized in the district a success, especially the temple yoga programs organized from June 17 to 21 and the mega yoga program to be held on June 21, and to contribute their bit to health awareness.

## Explained: Why Was Telegram Banned In India Ahead Of NEET UG 2026 Re-Exam & Not WhatsApp?



**New Delhi:** When the Indian government invoked Section 69A of the Information Technology Act on Tuesday to restrict Telegram ahead of the NEET (UG) 2026 re-examination on June 21, the obvious question followed almost immediately - if the problem is exam fraud on a messaging platform, why hasn't WhatsApp been banned too? Both apps are wildly popular in India. Both allow group messaging and file sharing. And yet the government, acting on the recommendation of the National Testing Agency (NTA), brought the hammer down on one and left the other completely untouched. The answer lies in how the two platforms are fundamentally designed, and how differently they respond to governments.

### What was actually happening on Telegram

The NTA's official press release paints a specific picture. In the weeks leading up to the re-exam, Telegram channels operating under names such as 'PAPER LEAKED NEET', 'Re-NEET 2026', 'Private Mafia' and 'REE NEET MAFIAA' were

openly soliciting candidates and their families, demanding sums ranging from a few thousand to several lakh rupees in exchange for purported access to the question paper. The NTA has categorically stated that no such paper exists outside the secured examination chain, and that every such offer is a fraud. But the scam was causing real panic among students appearing for a re-exam that already carries enormous anxiety. The Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre under the Ministry of Home Affairs, tried channel-by-channel takedowns. They didn't work fast enough. So the government moved to restrict the platform itself.

### WhatsApp vs Telegram: A tale of two architectures

At first glance, the two apps seem interchangeable. Look closer, and the differences are significant. Telegram is built for anonymity at scale. When you create a Telegram account, you can hide your phone number from all other users and operate entirely through a username. You can then create a public channel with

unlimited subscribers, potentially millions, while your real identity remains invisible to both users and, crucially, law enforcement. WhatsApp is structurally different. Your phone number is your identity on the platform. Creating a group or broadcast list ties back to a traceable number. That alone makes it considerably harder to run an anonymous large-scale fraud operation. Telegram enables large-scale file sharing that WhatsApp doesn't. On Telegram, you can share files up to 2GB with no compression, which is why the platform has long been a destination for leaked movies, pirated content, and, in this case, documents claimed to be question papers. WhatsApp's file-sharing is far more limited and heavily compressed, making it a poor vehicle for distributing high-fidelity exam documents. The message-editing loophole is Telegram-specific. The NTA's press release dedicates considerable attention to a particular Telegram feature: the ability to edit any previously posted message, including swapping out at-

tached PDF files, while retaining the original timestamp. Fraudsters have used this to manufacture fake paper leak evidence after an examination has already been conducted. A channel admin posts an innocuous message before the exam, then edits it to insert the actual question paper after the fact, making it appear the paper was in circulation beforehand. WhatsApp does allow message editing, but only for a limited window after sending, and crucially, it does not allow files to be swapped into existing messages. The loophole simply doesn't exist there.

### The real difference: Who co-operates with governments

Beyond architecture, there is a more fundamental reason Telegram ended up in the crosshairs. WhatsApp, owned by Meta, has a legal presence in India. It responds to government directives, complies with court orders, and uses AI-driven tools to monitor usage patterns in public groups, without reading private messages, to flag anomalous behaviour and shut down bad actors proactively. Telegram was founded by Pavel Durov with an explicit philosophy of non-cooperation with governments. The platform has no office in India. Issuing it a directive and expecting enforcement is, as the NTA's own press release acknowledges, significantly 'trickier.' After months of requesting takedowns through I4C, the government concluded that platform-level compliance was not forthcoming at the speed required.

## Ayodhya Ram Temple Donation Theft Row Deepens; 3 Complaints Filed As SIT Probe Continues

**Ayodhya:** Three separate complaints were submitted to the police on Tuesday in connection with the alleged theft of donation money from the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, even as the Special Investigation Team (SIT) continued its probe into the case. However, no FIR had been registered till Tuesday evening. The first complaint was filed by Dharm Sena founder Santosh Dubey, followed by Uttar Pradesh Youth Congress vice-president Sharad Shukla. The third complaint was lodged by the Karni Sena. Reacting to the controversy, Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav said, "God's FIR will be much bigger. What will you do with the FIR that we file under the law?"

The SIT reached the Ram Temple around 11 am on Tuesday to continue its investigation. Ayodhya District Magistrate Shashank Tripathi and Senior Superintendent of Police Dr Gaurav Grover also visited the temple along with the investigation team. The SIT continued questioning employees suspected of being involved in the alleged theft. On Monday, the SIT questioned Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust General Secretary Champat Rai and later summoned trust member Gopal Rao for questioning. The team also interrogated 42 employees associated with the donation counting process.

According to sources, the SIT first sought details of the alleged theft from Champat Rai before questioning each suspect individually behind closed doors. Security officials told



investigators that while employees were frisked before entering the temple premises, there was no checking when they exited, a possible loophole that is now under scrutiny. The names of five people, identified as Lav Kush, Avnish, Anukalp, Karune and Ram Shankar, have surfaced during the investigation. All were reportedly associated with counting donations received at the temple. Based on their disclosures, police have recovered around Rs 2 crore so far. Lav Kush and Anukalp are currently in police custody.

Karni Sena's state president Abhinav Singh described the alleged theft as "the murder of Hindutva" and demanded immediate arrest of those responsible. "Ordinary people are sent to jail during investigations, but in this case the accused are moving around freely. If an FIR is not registered and arrests are not made, Karni Sena will launch a protest," Singh said.

The controversy began after former Uttar Pradesh minister and Samajwadi Party leader Pawan Pandey

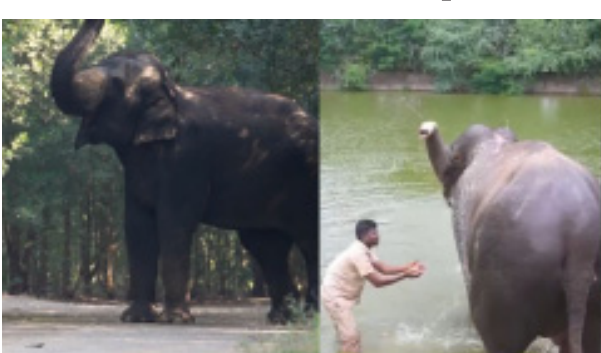
claimed on June 7 that between Rs 5 crore and Rs 7.5 crore had been stolen from the temple's donation collection. Akhilesh Yadav also questioned the government's silence over the allegations and said the matter should be examined by the court. Champat Rai had earlier denied any con-

firmed evidence of theft. As the issue gathered political attention, BJP leader Dr Rajneesh Singh wrote to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 9 seeking a CBI investigation. The following day, the Prime Minister's Office sought a report on the matter from the temple trust.

### 'Pistol Le Lo, Goli Maar Do...': Man Offers Gun To Ice Cream Seller In UP's Hathras; Probe Launched After Video Goes Viral

**Hathras:** Police in Uttar Pradesh's Hathras have initiated an investigation after a viral video showed a man offering his pistol to an ice cream vendor and asking him to shoot, prompting concerns over the display of a firearm in a public place. The clip, shared on social media by X user Madan Mohan Soni, appears to show an ice cream seller approaching a stationary car where its occupants are eating cup ice creams. The vendor, who is believed to have recorded the video, asks the passengers whether they enjoyed the dessert. Responding to the question, the driver says he liked the ice cream. Another passenger then praises the vendor, saying, "Swearing by you, we've never tasted ice cream like yours." Moments later, the same individual pulls out a pistol and says, "Take our pistol and shoot us," while extending the firearm towards the vendor. The authenticity of the video and the circumstances surrounding the incident have not been independently verified. Reacting to the viral clip, Hathras Police said on social media that the matter had been referred to the City Circle Officer for investigation and appropriate legal action. In its Hindi statement, the police said instructions had been issued to conduct a proper inquiry and proceed in accordance with the law.

## A Homecoming For Madhuri: Beloved Elephant Set To Return To Kolhapur After Remarkable Recovery



**Kolhapur:** Madhuri is set to return home. After a year at Vantara, she is fully recovered and is on the verge of reuniting with her family at Kolhapur. For Madhuri, the past year has been a story of healing, and hope. When she arrived at Vantara a year ago, she needed a dedicated care and support. What followed was a remarkable journey made possible by

the unwavering commitment of a team determined to give her a second chance at life. Under their care, she was able to recover quickly.

From the very first day, veterinarians, caregivers, nutritionists, and biologists worked together to ensure Madhuri received the best possible treatment and attention. Every aspect of her well-being was carefully monitored, from her health

and nutrition to her comfort and well-being. Their collective efforts reflected Vantara's mission of providing compassionate care to animals who are in need. Meanwhile, during her treatment and road to recovery, Madhuri was surrounded by a nurturing environment, and she gradually regained her strength and confidence. With each passing day, she grew healthier, stronger, and more prepared for the next chapter of her life at Vantara.

After spending a year under the care of Vantara, she is ready to leave the sanctuary and return to her home in Kolhapur. Her departure is both a moment of zeal and emotion for the team that has cared for her so closely and also got at-

tached to her during the process. While Madhuri's presence at Vantara will be deeply missed, her successful recovery is a testament to the impact of how a dedicated wildlife care and conservation efforts matters in such hard times. There is no greater reward than seeing an animal regain its health and move forward with confidence, surrounded by the love and care it deserves. Madhuri's story serves as a reminder of the transformative power of compassion. At Vantara, every animal is given the opportunity to heal, thrive, and reclaim a better quality of life. Meanwhile, her journey is not just a story of recovery; it is a celebration of hope and the belief that every animal deserves a chance to live.

## El Niño Threat Looms Over Kharif Season: Agriculture Min Shivraj Singh Chouhan Orders District-Wise Action Plans In Vulnerable States

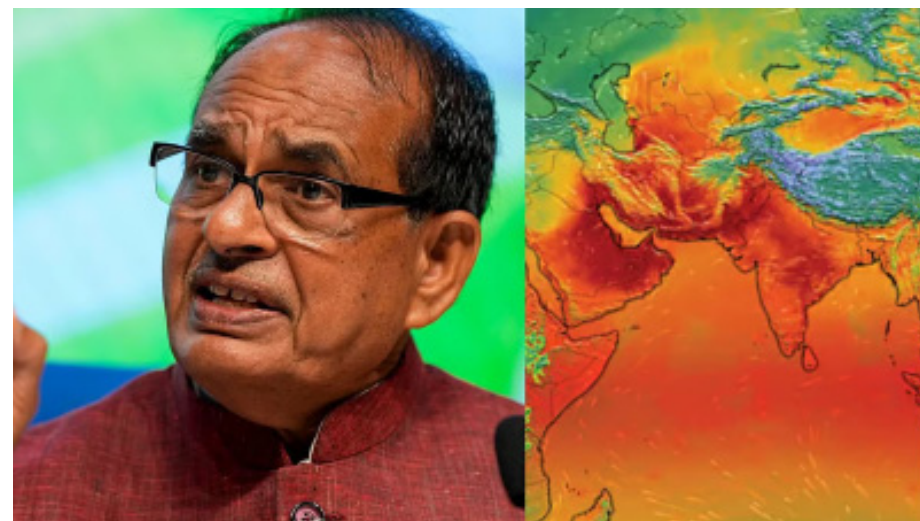
**Bhopal:** With forecasts indicating that El Niño could significantly affect rainfall patterns during the Kharif 2026 season, Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has directed states to intensify preparedness measures and formulate district-specific contingency plans to protect farmers from potential weather-related disruptions. Chairing a high-level review meeting on Kharif preparations, Chouhan stressed the need for proactive planning in 9-10 states expected to face relatively severe El Niño impacts.

### District-Wise Contingency Plans to Be Prepared

The minister instructed state governments to identify vulnerable districts and develop crop-specific contingency strategies well in advance. The objective is to ensure that farmers receive timely guidance, alternative cropping options, and necessary support if rainfall deficiencies affect sowing operations. According to Chouhan, each vulnerable district should have a tailored strategy focusing on water conservation, moisture management, intercropping practices, and alternative crop patterns suited to local conditions.

### Focus on Scientific Farming Practices

Emphasising resilience and productivity, Chouhan called for wider adoption of scientific agricultural techniques across states. He encouraged the use of improved crop varieties, mulching, intercropping systems, and moisture-retention methods to help farmers maintain yields despite climatic uncertainties. The minister also urged authorities to communicate scientifically backed information to farmers, avoiding



panic-inducing messages and instead providing practical, solution-oriented advice.

### Push to Expand Cotton and Pulses Cultivation

Boosting domestic production of key crops emerged as a major focus during the review meeting. Chouhan called for increased acreage under cotton cultivation while simultaneously accelerating efforts under the Pulses Self-Sufficiency Mission. The government is working with states to expand cultivation of pigeon pea, black gram, and green gram through improved seed availability, crop rotation practices, technical guidance, and area expansion initiatives. The move is aimed at reducing India's dependence on pulse imports and strengthening food security.

### Fertiliser Supply and

### Water Availability Reviewed

Officials also reviewed fertiliser stocks, market prices, reservoir levels, and water storage conditions across states. Chouhan assured that fertiliser availability remains adequate nationwide and directed officials to streamline supplies to states and districts as monsoon activities progress. He also instructed authorities to ensure advance stocking in regions that could face localised shortages during the season.

### Stronger Coordination Among Agricultural Institutions

Highlighting the importance of last-mile delivery of agricultural knowledge, the minister called for closer coordination between agricultural universities, ICAR institutions, Krishi Vigyan

Kendras (KVKs), and state agriculture departments. He stressed that research and technical expertise are valuable only when they reach farmers on time and urged continuous field-level feedback, regular reviews, and active engagement with farming communities throughout the Kharif season.

### Govt Aims for Resilient Kharif 2026

As weather uncertainties continue to dominate agricultural planning, the Centre is focusing on preparedness, scientific interventions, and institutional coordination to minimise risks and safeguard farm incomes. The emphasis on district-level planning reflects the government's strategy of responding to climate challenges with targeted, localised solutions rather than broad, one-size-fits-all measures.

## Tamil Nadu Expands Crop Loan Waiver To Rs. 75,000; Rolls Out Rs. 5,932 Crore Package For 14.43 Lakh Farmers



**Chennai:** Yielding to demands from farmers' organisations and political parties, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay on Tuesday announced a major expansion of the state's crop loan waiver scheme, extending full relief to crop loans up to Rs 75,000 availed through cooperative banks by small, marginal, and other farmers. The decision comes barely three weeks after the government unveiled a crop loan waiver programme

covering loans up to Rs 50,000 obtained by small and marginal farmers. Following the announcement, several farmers' groups and political parties had urged the government to broaden the scope of the scheme, arguing that a large number of cultivators with higher borrowings remained outside its ambit. Acting on these representations, the government conducted a detailed review of the scheme at a high-level meeting

chaired by the Chief Minister at the Secretariat on Monday. Ministers and senior officials from the Agriculture, Cooperation, Finance, Planning and Development departments participated in the deliberations.

### Waiver limit raised

Based on the review, the government decided to increase the waiver limit from Rs 50,000 to Rs 75,000. Under the revised package, crop loans obtained through cooperative banks between May 1, 2025 and February 28, 2026, will be fully waived if the outstanding amount is up to Rs 75,000. The government has also announced relief for farmers whose crop loans exceed Rs 75,000. Such borrowers will receive financial assistance of Rs 35,000 each, ensuring that a wider section of the farm-

ing community benefits from the scheme. According to official estimates, the enhanced crop loan waiver package will benefit 14.43 lakh farmers across Tamil Nadu and involve an additional expenditure of Rs 5,932.23 crore. The government said 8.33 lakh marginal farmers would receive waivers and relief worth Rs 3,599.67 crore, while 5.16 lakh small farmers would benefit to the tune of Rs 1,995.42 crore. Another 93,548 farmers classified under other categories would receive assistance amounting to Rs 337.15 crore. Officials said the revised scheme was formulated after considering farmers' demands and the operational guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India for government-sponsored loan waiver programmes.

## Right to Information Act should be implemented with utmost priority



**Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli:** JUNE - 16 State Chief Information Commissioner Dr. G. Chandrasekhar Reddy has instructed the officials that the Right to Information Act should not be neglected under any circumstances and that the government departments should implement it with utmost priority. State Information Commissioners P.V. Srinivasa Rao, Mohsina Parveen, Deshama Bhupal, Boreddy Ayodhya Reddy, District Collector Koya Sriharsha, Additional Collectors J. Arunashree, Koppula Venkata Reddy and DCP Ram Reddy participated in the Right to Information Act awareness program organized for district officials at the Integrated District Collectorate (IDOC), Peddapalli on Tuesday. G. Chandrasekhar Reddy said that the Right to Information Act is a powerful tool to enhance transparency and accountability in a democratic system. He said that Section-3 provides every Indian citizen the right to access information held by government departments. He said that no fee is required for BPL families with white ration cards on RTI applications. It was suggested that the Public

Information Officers should inform the applicant in advance about the cost of providing information. The Chief Information Commissioner made it clear that every officer should be fully aware of all the provisions of the RTI Act, resolve every application received in a timely manner, make information related to the departments available online, and that the Right to Information Act should never be neglected and implemented with the highest priority. District Collector Koya Sriharsha said that the guidelines suggested by the State Chief

Information Commissioner should be implemented by all the officers of all the departments in the district. He advised that the officers should pay special attention in the implementation of the RTI Act and provide transparent services to the people. The Collector said that he was happy that more than 570 public information officers and first appellate authorities from various departments of the district participated in this awareness program. Through this program, the officers were advised to develop more awareness about the law and resolve applications in a timely manner. Revenue Divisional Officers Gangaiah, Suresh, district level officers, public information officers of various departments, first appellate authorities, staff and others participated in this program.

## Increase Attendance in Schools and Anganwadi Centres: Collector Ankith

**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem:** JUNE - 16 District Collector Ankith has directed officials to take special measures to improve student attendance and enhance educational standards in government schools and Anganwadi centres across the district.

During an inspection tour of Allapalli Mandal on Tuesday, the Collector paid a surprise visit to the Allapalli Mandal Primary School. He enquired about the total student strength and attendance percentage from the Headmaster. He also inspected the pre-primary section and Anganwadi centre functioning on the school premises and reviewed the teaching methods and

educational activities being provided to children. The Collector stressed the need for continuous interaction with parents to improve student attendance. He instructed officials to create awareness about the facilities and quality education available in government schools. He also examined the food, milk, Bala mrutham, and other nutritional supplements prepared for children at the Anganwadi centre. Noticing that only two children were present at the centre, he directed officials to prepare a special action plan to increase attendance. As part of the tour, Collector Ankith noticed that a culvert on the main road connecting Allapalli and Peddakapattapuram villages had



partially collapsed. He immediately got down from his vehicle and inspected the damaged structure. Directing Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department officials to undertake urgent repair works, he emphasized that the culvert should be restored before the monsoon to ensure uninterrupted vehicular move-

ment. He instructed officials to complete the repairs on a priority basis, keeping public safety in mind and ensuring smooth transportation. Kothagudem RDO Madhu, Allapalli Tahsildar Usharani, MEO Shantharao, and officials from various departments accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

## District Collector B. Satya Prasad Directs Medical Staff to Work Responsibly and Build Public Confidence in Government Healthcare Services

**Skyline Correspondent Korutla:** JUNE - 16 District Collector B. Satya Prasad instructed doctors and medical staff to work responsibly so that people develop greater trust in government healthcare services. On Tuesday, the Collector conducted a surprise inspection of the Government Hospital in Metpally. During the visit, he thoroughly reviewed the medical services being provided to patients, availability of medicines, cleanliness, and staff attendance. The Collector inspected the hospital wards and medicine stor-

age rooms and directed officials to ensure that adequate stocks of essential medicines are always available for patients. He also interacted directly with patients to understand their problems and concerns. He emphasized that doctors and hospital staff should discharge their duties responsibly to enhance public confidence in government healthcare services. Later, the Collector visited the under-construction new hospital building and instructed the concerned officials to ensure that the work is carried out according to qual-



ity standards and completed within the stipulated timeframe so that the facility can be made available to the public at the earliest. The inspection was attended by

Narasimha Rao, District Hospital Coordinator Ramakrishna, Hospital Superintendent Sajid Ahmed, MRO Neetha, doctors, and officials from various departments.

## Kamareddy District Secures First Place in Telangana in Red Cross Membership Drive: Collector Ashish Sangwan



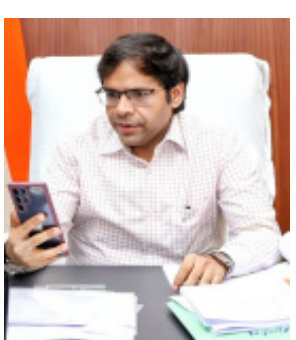
**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy:** JUNE - 16 District Collector Ashish Sangwan stated that Kamareddy district has secured the first position across Telangana in the Red Cross membership registration drive due to

the collective efforts of officials and staff. He said that the district received an overwhelming response to the membership campaign and that this achievement was made possible because every department officer and employee worked with

dedication and commitment. The Collector described this recognition as a matter of pride for the district. He further stated that more efforts are needed to maintain the district's top position. Since the deadline for member-

ship registration has been extended until July 31, he urged officials to complete all pending registrations and help the district move further ahead. The Collector thanked all officers and staff for their support and called upon them to continue the campaign with the same enthusiasm and dedication to keep Kamareddy district at the top position in the state. The Collector appreciated the staff who participated in the blood donation camp and requested them to create greater awareness about blood donation in society. Officials and staff of the Excise Department, medical personnel, and others participated in the programme.

## TGTET June-2026 First Day Examinations Conducted Peacefully: District Collector Ankith



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem:** JUNE - 16 The first day of the TG TET June-2026 examinations held across the

district on Tuesday was conducted successfully in a peaceful atmosphere, said District Collector Ankith in an official statement. He stated that the examinations were conducted smoothly without any untoward incidents due to the advance arrangements made by the district administration. The examinations were conducted in two sessions at the Anu Bose Institute of Technology examination centre in the

district. During the first session (F/N), a total of 145 candidates were allotted, of whom 127 appeared for the examination, while 18 remained absent. The examination commenced on schedule and was conducted peacefully. In the second session (A/N), 145 candidates were allotted, of whom 123 attended the examination and 22 were absent. This session was also conducted successfully without any inconvenience

or disruption. The District Collector stated that all necessary arrangements for the conduct of the examinations had been completed in advance. Adequate security measures, CCTV surveillance, drinking water facilities, uninterrupted power supply and other essential amenities were provided at the examination centre. He added that the examinations are being conducted smoothly under the close supervision of the district administration.

## TGNPDCL Launches Emergency Response Vehicle in Mulugu Division to Strengthen Power Services

**Skyline Correspondent Mulugu:** JUNE - 16 To provide faster and more efficient services to electricity consumers, an Isuzu D-Max S-Cab Emergency Response Team (ERT) vehicle, sanctioned under the aegis of TGNPDCL, was inaugurated on Tuesday by Mulugu Circle Superintending Engineer B. Bhikshapathi. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the vehicle would help in providing quick emergency services such as address-

ing power supply interruptions, handling breakdown situations, carrying out maintenance works, transporting damaged Distribution Transformers (DTRs), and resolving consumer complaints more efficiently. He stated that the vehicle would play a crucial role in promptly resolving electricity-related issues even in the remote areas under the Mulugu Division and in delivering quality services to consumers. He further noted that TGNPDCL is



continuously striving to strengthen the power supply system and enhance consumer satisfaction. The programme was attended by P. Nageswara Rao, Divi-

sional Engineer; N. Venugopal, Assistant Divisional Engineer; Mahender, AE (Commercial); Krishna Rao, AE (Technical); and other officials.

## Mulugu Youth Urged to Make the Most of Mega Job Fair on June 17: Collector Hemanth Sahadeorao

**Skyline Correspondent Mulugu:** JUNE - 16 District Collector Borkade Hemanth Sahadeorao has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the successful conduct of the Mega Job Fair-2026, which will be held on June 17 at M.R. Garden in Incharla, with the objective of providing employment opportunities to unemployed youth in Mulugu district. On Tuesday, the District Collector, along with District Superintendent of Police Sudhir Ramnath Kekani, IPS, inspected the arrangements

being made at M.R. Function Hall in Incharla. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that a large number of unemployed youth from rural areas of the district are expected to attend the job fair. Therefore, all necessary facilities should be provided to ensure that participants face no inconvenience. He instructed the concerned officials to make adequate arrangements for drinking water, food, seating, parking, and shaded areas at the venue. More than 70 reputed companies are expected to participate



in the Mega Job Fair and offer employment opportunities based on the candidates' educational qualifications and skills. The Collector directed officials to set up separate stalls for each company and ensure

that candidates can easily attend interviews. The District Collector appealed to the youth of the district to make the most of this opportunity, secure employment, and improve their families' economic conditions.

## Monitoring of RPs is important in urban cleanliness



**Skyline Correspondent Mahabubabad:** JUNE - 16 Municipal Commissioner Vinod Kumar who held a meeting with Mepma RPs at the Municipal Corporation office said that as part of urban cleanliness, RPs should be made aware of the people in every ward to separate the garbage from their homes into wet and dry types and provide them to door-to-door garbage collection vehicles without dumping garbage wherever they fall, and also help the RPs in urban cleanliness. Said, "Mepma DMC Vijaya, Sanitary Inspector Srihari and Environmental Engineer Kranti RP participated in this meeting.

## Motisons Jewellers Ltd. Raises INR 150 Crore via QIP, FPIs and AIFs amongst Allotees

**Hyderabad, 16th June:** Motisons Jewellers Ltd. (BSE: 544053, NSE: MOTISONS), a growing player in the jewelry industry, in its board meeting held on 11 June 2026, has approved the allotment of 13,57,46,600 Equity Shares to the eligible Qualified institutional Buyers (QIB's) at the issue price of Rs. 11.05 per Equity Share, aggregating to Rs. 150 Crore. The company allotted shares to FPIs Pine Oak Global Fund, Mint Focused Growth Fund PCC-Cell 1, Saint Capital Fund, Nova Global Opportunities Fund PCC-Touchstone and AIFs Compact Structure Fund, and Tiger Strategies Fund-I. Earlier, the company reported stellar earnings for quarter and year ended 31 March 2026. For FY26, the company reported total revenue at Rs. 49583.69 Lakhs, ris-

ing 7.12% YoY. Profit after Tax (PAT) came in at Rs. 6370.77 Lakhs (FY26), growing 47.57% YoY from Rs. 4317.11 Lakhs (FY25). EPS was reported at Rs. 0.65.

Motisons Jewellers Ltd. is a prominent player in the jewelry retail industry, with a rich history spanning over two decades. It specializes in the sale of a diverse range of jewelry, including gold, diamond, kundan, and an array of other precious and semi-precious stones. Additionally, the company offers a variety of other products, such as pearl, silver, platinum, and other metals, as well as gold and silver coins, utensils, and other artifacts. With a

proven track record of approximately 25 years, Motisons established its brand, 'partywear, jewelleMotisons.' The company prides itself on offering a wide-ranging collection that includes antique-finished, pearl, kundan, and diamond jewelry. A key strength of Motisons Jewellers lies in the diversity of designs created by its skilled jewelry designers, who continuously develop unique and specially designs to cater to the latest customer tastes and preferences. Motisons Jewellers' extensive product portfolio comprises over 300,000 designs, covering a wide range of price points. The company's offerings cater to various occasions, including weddings, personal milestones, fashion events, festivals, and daily wear, as well as specific collections for children and men.



Jewellers has experienced significant growth and has firmly

## District Collector Ashish Sangwan Participates in Aksharabhyasam Ceremony and Distributes Notebooks to Children



**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy:** JUNE - 16 As part of the Badibata programme, District Collector Ashish Sangwan participated

in the distribution of notebooks to students and a mass Aksharabhyasam (initiation into education) ceremony for children. On Tuesday, the

Collector visited the Zilla Parishad Secondary School and Anganwadi Centre at Shetpally village in Lingampet Mandal. On this occasion, he distributed notebooks and textbooks to the students and encouraged them in their educational journey. Subsequently, the Collector visited the Plastic Control Centre set up at the Gram Panchayat. He created awareness about the harmful effects of plastic

usage and emphasized that everyone should play a role in environmental protection. On the occasion, containers and tiffin boxes, which can be used as alternatives to plastic, were distributed to local grocery shop owners. The programme was attended by the Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO), District Educational Officer (DEO), MPDO, other officials, teachers, Anganwadi staff, and parents of the students.

# Education is the only way to develop an individual, Society

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Patancheru, June.16 :** The literacy program organized at Tellapur Government Primary School on Tuesday was a grand success. PACS Chairman Mallepally Buchi Reddy attended the program and blessed the children with literacy. Speaking on the occasion, he said that education is the foundation of

every human life and education is the main tool for the development of society. He advised everyone to study and reach a higher level, and students should study with discipline and achieve high goals in the future. The Program was attended by TRS leaders Odde Narsimlu, Sagar Indra Reddy, primary school Teachers, Principals, Students and Parents.



## Provide Health Cards to All Advocates, All India Lawyers Union, Bhadrachalam Unit Demands



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadrachalam, June.16 :** The Bhadrachalam unit of the All India Lawyers

Union (AILU) has demanded that health cards be issued to all advocates registered with the Bar Council. AILU State

Committee member T. Chaitanya made the demand while announcing a protest to be organized by the Telangana State Committee of AILU at Indira Park in Hyderabad on June 20, seeking the resolution of various issues faced by advocates. As part of the campaign, pamphlets related to the proposed dharna were distributed and displayed by advocates at the premises of the Judicial Magistrate of First Class Court in Bhadrachalam. Chaitanya appealed to advocates

from the Bhadrachalam Bar Association to participate in large numbers in the protest program. "Among those who took part in the campaign were AILU Bhadrachalam Unit President Bandaru Arun Chand, Secretary Payam Ravivarma, District Committee Member U. Gautham Kumar, senior advocate M. Kishore, and advocates A. Anjili Kumari, Shivakrishna, Korada Srinivasa Rao, Vijjagiri Raviteja, Soujanya, P. Madhubabu, Lakshman, and several others.

# Ramagundam Area. I 2 Mine New Pit Committee Election

**Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : JUNE - 16** Singareni Coal Mines Karmika Sangh BMS Ramagundam Area. I, 2 Mine Pit Committee Meeting was held at the central office in Godavarikhani and a new Pit Committee was elected in the presence of General Secretary Vaddepalli Kumar and Working President Yadagiri Sathaiah. Ajay Coal Cutter was elected as Pit Secretary, Vijay Coal Cutter as Assistant Pit Secretary, and Bodakunta Rajesham was elected as Chief Organization Secretary unanimously. The program, chaired by



Karraula Mahesh Area Vice President, was attended by Meda Ramamurthy, Akula Harin Central Organization Secretary, Sayaveni Satish

Central Treasurer, Gattu Srinivas, Nathudi Sridhar Reddy, Kiran, Sangani Sambaiah Joint Secretary, Ellavula Kotaiah, Penchala

Venkataswamy, Bojjapalli Nagaraju, Akula Kotesh Pit Secretaries Chenna Satish, Puppala Nagendra Prasad, Naga Anil Sagar and others.

## Anti-Narcotics Wing conducts surprise checks at Khani Municipal Office



**Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli : JUNE - 16** The checks were carried out in

the parking area of the municipal office and parking lot under the jurisdiction of

Godavarikhani One Town Police Station under Ramagundam Police

Commissionerate by Godavarikhani One Town Inspector Indrasena Reddy, Afzaluddin, SI Manohar along with the coordination of the Narcotic Dog Squad. On this occasion, the office premises, parking area, visitor equipment and surrounding areas were thoroughly inspected. The police said that these checks were conducted with the aim of preventing the illegal transportation, storage and use of narcotics. The public was asked to cooperate with the police if they come across any information related to narcotics.

## Project Associate opportunity at Gitam



(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Patancheru, June.16 :** Gitam Deemed University

Hyderabad campus is inviting applications for the post of Project Associate for a research project being

conducted with funds from Anandan National Research Foundation (ANRF) at the School of Science, Hyderabad campus, Principal Investigator Dr.T.Swaroopa Rani said in a statement. Candidates who have completed M.Sc. in Microbiology, Biotechnology, Agricultural Sciences, Biochemistry, Nanotechnology, Life Sciences or related disciplines can apply. The selected

candidate will be provided with a fellowship of Rs.30,000 per month and HRA. The appointment will be for one year initially, which can be extended up to a maximum of three years based on performance. Interested candidates are advised to send their biodata and copies of educational certificates to stirupaa@gitam.edu by the 22nd of this month. An online interview will be conducted for those selected.

## Rural SI Venkata Rajam Urges Public to Utilize National Mega Lok Adalat

**Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada : JUNE - 16** Vemulawada Rural Sub-Inspector (SI) Venkata Rajam has appealed to the people of the Mandal to make use of the National Mega Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on June 20. "He stated

that the Lok Adalat serves as an excellent platform for the speedy settlement of pending civil, criminal, and other cases in courts through mutual consent between the parties involved. He advised people to take advantage of this

opportunity to save both time and expenses. "The SI requested the concerned parties to cooperate in resolving their cases. He explained that several types of cases can be settled through mutual agreement in the Lok Adalat, including



# Will stand by the families of BRS leaders

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Patancheru, June.16 :** Adarsh Reddy, the BRS party in-charge of Patancheru constituency, said that the party will always stand by the families of BRS party leaders and activists. On Tuesday, he toured the Gaddapotharam and Jinnaram municipalities and visited several BRS leaders and their family members. First, he inquired about the health condition of BRS senior leader and former sarpanch Gadde Narasimha from Kazipalli village

Gaddapotharam municipality. Later, he went to Jangampet village under Jinnaram municipality and visited the family members of BRS leader Shankaraiah, who recently passed away, and expressed his deepest condolences. He also met BRS leader Mahesh Yadav, who was recently involved in an accident, and inquired about his health condition and wished him a speedy recovery. Speaking on the occasion, Adarsh Reddy said that BRS will always be responsible for the welfare of leaders and activists who have worked for the party



and will stand by their families in times of need. The Program was attended by BRS senior leaders Jinnaram Venkatesh Goud, former ZPTC Kolan Bal Reddy, Jinnaram Municipal

Chairman Janardhan, former Mandal President Rajesh, Councillor Prabhakar Reddy, Shiva, Narender, Nagaraju, Shankarappa, Bhimarao, Srikanth and others.

## Multi skill technician training, certificate & Job offer letter

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

**Sangareddy, June.16 :** The Multi Skill Technician Training Program organized by Peepal Tree Foundation has concluded successfully. On this occasion, certificates and job offer letters were handed over to the students who successfully done the training. Deccan Tollway Pvt Ltd a group company of Sekura Highways has tied up with Peepal Tree

Foundation who has been conducting these training programs with the aim of providing employment opportunities to rural youth through skill development. Trainers Prashanth and Harika provided technical and practical skills to the trainees. The guests praised the efforts of the students and congratulated them. The Program was attended by Vijendar Reddy, Operations Manager, Deccan



Tollways Pvt Ltd, Nagaraju Corridor Manager, Somanath Sastry, Plaza Manager, Sampath Kumar, Vice Presi-

dent - Peepal Tree Foundation, Suresh Reddy - Project Head, Naveen Goud - Center Head and others.

# Chalmeda Meets Former Minister Harish Rao

**Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla : JUNE - 16;** Vemulawada Assembly constituency BRS Party In-charge Chalmeda Lakshmi Narasimha Rao attended the BRS workers' meeting held on Tuesday in the Manakondur Assembly

constituency of Karimnagar district. "During the event, he met Siddipet MLA and former minister Harish Rao, who attended as the chief guest. On the occasion, Chalmeda welcomed him by presenting a shawl of Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy of

Vemulawada and offered temple prasadam. "Several party leaders and workers participated in the meeting, where discussions were held on strengthening the party, coordination among workers in various constituencies, and future action plans.



## Land issue pending for 20 years resolved



(District Correspondent / Skyline)

**Sangareddy, June.16 :** The land

issue pending for the last twenty years in Gollapalli village of Kondapur mandal,

Sangareddy district has been resolved, said the Kondapur mandal Tahsildar. According to the details given by Tahsildar Ashok, Golla Anthaiah has 3 acres 20 guntas of land in survey numbers 182/AA, 189/A/2, 198/A and 186/A. He had five sons, two of whom died. The Tahsildar said that the inheri-

ance land pending for the last 20 years has been resolved, the legal heirs have been registered and pass books have been issued to them. The family members and villagers expressed happiness and thanked Tahsildar over the resolution of the land issue pending for many years.

# 92 lakh votes were illegally removed in Bengal through SIR

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

**Sangareddy, June.16 :** Mahesh Kumar Goud, the TPCC President said that 92 lakh votes were illegally removed in Bengal through SIR and there is a conspiracy to conduct the SIR process to benefit communal parties. A meeting of booth level agents was held on SIR at Redlas Hotel in Sangareddy on Tuesday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that our country is the best democracy in the world and now democracy is in danger under the BJP. He said that the SIR process was done transparently in 2002 and the SIR process that is being done now will remove the votes that they do not get. He said that the Chief Election Commission has become a pawn for the BJP and there is a conspiracy to conduct the SIR process to benefit communal parties. He said that 92 lakh votes were illegally removed in Bengal in the name of SIR, BLAs will have to play a crucial role in en-



suring that everyone's votes are safe. He said that no one is against Gods, but if bjp do not mention the name of God will not get votes. He said that KCR is in the movement and they have respect for him, but he did not give 50 thousand jobs during his ten years in power. He said that they have given 80 thousand jobs so far, and if BRS cheat in the name of double bedrooms, they have given Indiramma houses. He said that Pawan Kalyan, who did not participate in the

Telangana movement even for a day, is now provoking regional feelings and is playing like a puppet in the hands of BJP. He said that Kishan Reddy is saying that CM Revanth is talking about all the wrong things and should tell what BJP at the center has done to the state in these 12 years. He said that BJP on one side and BRS on the other side couldn't digest the development happening in the state. He said that the responsibility of protecting every vote lies with the BLAs. He

advised the BLAs to work carefully. The Program was attended by Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha, TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala, TPCC Working President Jaggareddy, MP Suresh Shetkar, MLA Sanjeev Reddy, Food Corporation Chairman Faheem, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Anantakishan, leaders Pritam, Neelam Madhu, Kata Srinivas Goud, Gali Anil Kumar, Kiran Goud, Kuna Santosh, Shafi, public representatives, leaders, activists and others.

## Jagtial Collector Announces Successful Completion of 99-Day 'Praja Palana-Pragathi Pranalika'; Rs1,238 Crore Paid to Paddy Farmers

**Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 16** Jagtial District Collector B. Satya Prasad announced the successful completion of the 99-day "Praja Palana - Pragathi Pranalika" (People's Governance - Progress Plan) initiative, which was implemented across the district from March 6 to June 12. "Addressing a press conference held at the Integrated District Offices Complex on Tuesday, the Collector provided a detailed overview of the 99-day developmental agenda and the landmark achievements in paddy procurement." "By June 10, the entire procurement

process was wrapped up, and by June 11, all financial clearances were made. In a record span of just 45 days, 5,19,156 metric tonnes of paddy were procured from 85,616 farmers at Minimum Support Price (MSP). A total of ₹1,238 crore has been directly credited into the bank accounts of the farmers," Collector Satya Prasad stated. "Agricultural Strategy for the Upcoming Kharif Season" "Looking ahead, the administration is actively educating farmers to cultivate fine-grain rice (Sannabiyyam) in at least 2 lakh acres during the upcoming Kharif season. The Collector added that farm-

ers are also being incentivized to diversify into alternative crops such as oil palm and pulses. "Infrastructure, Education, and Welfare Upgrades" "The district has set an ambitious target of planting 45 lakh saplings this year. The Collector confirmed that the plantation drive will commence immediately with the onset of the monsoon, and all government departments have been directed to achieve their respective targets within the next two months. "Collector Felicitated on Completing Two Years" "The press conference concluded with a fe-



## We Purchased Every Grain as Promised; Rs 83 Crore for Jowar to be Deposited in Farmers' Accounts Within Two Days

**Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : JUNE - 16** Adilabad Agricultural Market Committee Chairman Borancho Srikanth Reddy stated that the people's government led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is giving top priority to farmers' welfare and has fulfilled its promise by purchasing every grain produced by farmers. "Srikanth Reddy thanked Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, District In-charge Minister Jupally

Krishna Rao, Government Advisor Sudharshan Reddy, and Rajya Sabha MP V. Narender Reddy for entrusting him with the responsibility of serving as Market Committee Chairman. "He also expressed gratitude on behalf of the farmers to District Collector Rajarshi Shah, District SP Akhil Mahajan, and Transport Department officials for their cooperation in ensuring the smooth conduct of the procurement process. "Additionally, he thanked Market DM Mahesh, District Market Officer Gajanand, AMC officials, governing body



members, society chairpersons, CEOs, hamali leaders Haimad and Manoj, transporters, lorry owners, and the farmers who fully cooperated in the procurement process. "He appealed for continued cooperation from farmers and officials in the coming days. Market Committee members Tati Ashok, Mudala Poshetty, leaders Rendla Rajanna, Mohsin, Atla Govardhan Reddy, Aleem, Subhash, and others were present at the meeting.

## Right to Information Act, 2005 (RTI Act, 2005)



Mittapalli Srinivasa Rao, Senior Journalist "In a democratic system, the right of people to know about the functioning of the government is extremely important. To promote transparency and accountability in government affairs, the Government of India enacted the

Right to Information (RTI) Act in 2005. This Act came into force across the country on October 12, 2005. "Through the Right to Information Act, every Indian citizen has been given the right to seek information from government departments, public authorities, local bodies, and institutions receiving government funds. The Act provides citizens with an opportunity to question government decisions, development works, implementation of welfare schemes, and the utilization of public funds. "According to this Act, a person can submit an application to the concerned department and re-

quest the required information. Generally, the information must be provided within 30 days. If the information is denied or delayed, the applicant can file a first appeal and subsequently approach the State Information Commission or the Central Information Commission. "The Right to Information Act has increased transparency in the government system. It has become an effective tool in controlling corruption. Public awareness has increased, and monitoring of government functioning by citizens has become stronger. The Act plays a vital role in achieving good governance through public

participation. "However, the Act provides certain exemptions concerning national security, personal privacy, and matters related to court proceedings. The decision on whether information should be disclosed in the public interest rests with the concerned authorities. "In conclusion, the Right to Information Act is a powerful instrument of democracy. By understanding their rights and using this Act responsibly, citizens can help build a transparent and corruption-free administration. The RTI Act stands as a symbol of the principle that "the right to know is the lifeblood of democracy."

## RMPs and PMPs Are the Backbone of Rural Healthcare: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay



**Skyline Correspondent Karimnagar : JUNE - 16** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, said that RMPs and PMPs are the primary support system for rural healthcare. He stated that it is impossible to imagine ru-

ral society without RMPs and PMPs and that attacks on them are unjustifiable. He warned that if rural medical practitioners stop providing services, the entire healthcare system in villages could come to a standstill. "On the occa-

sion of completing 12 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, Bandi Sanjay held a face-to-face interaction with RMP and PMP practitioners during the 'Chai Pe Charcha' programme organized in Manakondur. He explained the achievements, welfare schemes, and development initiatives of the Modi government and said that the Central Government is working to ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes reach even the last person in society. "The minister further stated that a digital revolution had become possible under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leader-

ship. Through Jan Dhan accounts and digital payments, welfare benefits are being directly credited to beneficiaries' bank accounts without any scope for corruption. He added that substantial funds had been brought for development works in the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency, with priority being given to education, healthcare, and infrastructure sectors. "Bandi Sanjay also assured that financial assistance would be provided for the construction of a welfare building for RMP and PMP doctors if suitable land was identified and made available.

## Computer Training Enhances Employment Opportunities: Municipal Chairperson Samindla Vani Srinivas

**Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 16** Municipal Chairperson Samindla Vani Srinivas has stated that computer training significantly improves employment opportunities for the youth. "Certificates were presented to students who completed training at the free Computer Training Centre run by Valmiki Avasam Seva Bharati. The distribution ceremony was held on Tuesday at Valmiki Avasam. "Speaking as the chief guest, Municipal Chairperson Samindla Vani Srinivas praised the Valmiki Avasam, operated under the aegis of Seva Bharati (an RSS-affiliated organization). She highlighted that

for the past 32 years, the institution has been rendering excellent service by providing free accommodation, meals, and educational facilities to underprivileged students from rural areas. "She commended the organization for not only focusing on academics but also nurturing discipline, good conduct, patriotism, and moral values among the students. She urged rural unemployed youth to make the best use of the free tailoring and computer training programs to enhance their employment prospects. "The chief speaker, Tapas State Secretary Bonagiri Devayya, noted that Seva Bharati is



running approximately 1,75,000 service initiatives across the country. He called upon the youth to shape their lives in accordance with modern societal changes and to cultivate a spirit of service. "The event was attended by prominent businessman Kotagiri Sanjay, Santosh, Councillor Prashanth Rao, Seva

Bharati District President S.P. Subrahmanyam, Avasam Secretary Madan Mohan Rao, Avasam Treasurer Siripuram Srinivas, Kailasam Committee members Bejjanki Sampurna Chari, Chittari Madhukar, Gaurishetti Harish, Ashok Rao, Dr. Dhanunjaya, Bommera Satyanarayana, and others.

**Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla : JUNE - 16** With schools and educational institutions reopening across the state, the Transport Department conducted special inspections of school buses in Vemulawada town on Tuesday, giving top priority to student safety. The inspections were carried out under the supervision of District Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspector (AMVI) Prithviraj Varma. "During the inspections, officials verified the validity of the vehicles' fitness certificates, permits, insurance documents, and pollution control



certificates. They also checked the drivers' driving licences, experience, first-aid kits, fire extinguishers, and emergency exit facilities, along with other safety standards. "Speaking on

the occasion, AMVI Prithviraj Varma warned that strict legal action would be taken against vehicles operating without fitness certificates or transporting students beyond the permitted

capacity. He stated that such vehicles would be seized and emphasized that school managements should not neglect student safety under any circumstances.

## Resolving Journalists' Issues is Our Mission: TUWJ (IJU) District President Abdul Rahman



**Skyline Correspondent Asifabad : JUNE - 16** The Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ-IJU) is committed to the welfare of journalists and resolving their issues, said the union's District President, Abdul Rahman. "A membership enrollment program of TUWJ (IJU) was held on Tuesday at the Retired Employees'

Building in the district headquarters. Speaking on the occasion, District President Abdul Rahman and District General Secretary S. Sampath Kumar assured that the union would continue to fight for the problems faced by journalists at the grassroots level. "They stated that the union would strive to ensure that

every eligible journalist receives accreditation cards, house sites, health cards, and benefits from government welfare schemes. They emphasized that TUWJ has always been at the forefront of protecting journalists' rights. "The program was attended by Accreditation Committee Member Prakash Goud, TUWJ District

Treasurer Adapa Satish, TUWJ District Assistant Secretary Devunuri Ramesh, Press Club General Secretary Varanasi Srinivas, Press Club Treasurer Sridhar, and journalists including Mekala Srinivas, Suresh Chari, Bhaskar Chari, Radhakrishna Chari, Nithish Kumar, Janakiram, Raj Kumar, Srinivas, Tirupati, Kishore, Arun, and others.

## TGTET June-2026 First Day Examinations Conducted Peacefully : District Collector Ankith



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem : JUNE - 16:** The first day of the TG TET June-2026 examinations held across the district on Tuesday was conducted successfully in a peaceful atmosphere, said District Collector Ankith in

an official statement. He stated that the examinations were conducted smoothly without any untoward incidents due to the advance arrangements made by the district administration. "The examinations were conducted in two sessions

at the Anu Bose Institute of Technology examination centre in the district. "During the first session (F/N), a total of 145 candidates were allotted, of whom 127 appeared for the examination, while 18 remained absent. The examination commenced on schedule and was conducted peacefully. "In the second session (A/N), 145 candidates were allotted, of whom 123 attended the examination and 22 were absent. This session was also conducted successfully without any inconvenience

or disruption. "The District Collector stated that all necessary arrangements for the conduct of the examinations had been completed in advance. Adequate security measures, CCTV surveillance, drinking water facilities, uninterrupted power supply and other essential amenities were provided at the examination centre. "He added that the examinations are being conducted smoothly under the close supervision of the district administration.

## Priority to Development of Basic Amenities in Villages

**Skyline Correspondent Jagtial : JUNE - 16** Jagtial MLA Dr. Sanjay Kumar garu laid the foundation stone (Bhoomi Pooja) for the construction of a new building for the Mother Teresa Mahila Sangham with an estimated cost of ₹10 lakhs and inaugurated the construction works of three CC Roads at a cost of ₹15 lakhs in Dharoor village

of Jagtial Urban Mandal. "The programme was attended by Sarpanch Surender, AMC Chairman Gaddam Narayan Reddy, Former AMC Chairman Koluguri Damodar Rao, MPDO Vijayalakshmi, MERVO Rammohan, Up-Sarpanch Srinivas, Former Sarpanch Prabhakar, Former Up-Sarpanch Mahesh, AMC Director



Naresh, Women Leader Sattavva, Ward Members, Mahila Sangham

leaders, Mandal Sarpanchs, local leaders and others