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'Shining examples': PM Modi lauds Indian medical team working in earthquake-hit Venezuela

New Delhi, July 1 : On the occasion of National Doctors' Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday praised Indian doctors and medical professionals deployed in earthquake-hit Venezuela for their work under Operation Amistad. PM Modi stated that the Indian medical team's efforts to serve those in need in Venezuela are shining examples of how medical professionals work when society faces a challenge. "Today, as we mark Doctors' Day, I would like to appreciate all the doc-



tors and medical professionals rise to the occasion every time our society faces a challenge," PM Modi posted on X. The Indian medical team has been providing medical assistance to people affected by the earthquake (Contd. on pg.2)

Will lead Indian Army with ideals of duty, honour and nation first: Gen Dhiraj Seth

New Delhi, July 1 : Chief of Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth on Wednesday expressed happiness over his new appointment and said that he will lead the force with "an unwavering commitment to the ideals of duty, honour and 'Nation First'". Earlier, Gen Seth laid a wreath at the National War Memorial to honour those who made the supreme sacrifice on the line of duty. He was then accorded a Guard of Honour at the South Block lawns. General Dhiraj Seth took over as the next Chief of the Army Staff (COAS), succeeding General



Upendra Dwivedi upon his retirement on Tuesday. In a warm gesture after receiving the Guard of Honour, Gen Seth saluted his father Lt Gen K.M. Seth (Retd) and was saluted by his brother Rear Admiral Ravnish Seth. Speaking to the reporter, Army Chief Gen Seth said, "It is a matter of happiness and humility for me to take charge as the 31st Chief of Army Staff. I accept this responsibility with an unwavering (Contd. on pg.2)

The country's largest furniture park is coming up in Gudur: Chandrababu



By Skyline Staff Reporter Tirupati, July 1 "Once upon a time, investors fled the state. But now they are coming back to AP with their trust in us," said AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Participating in a public meeting held in Punnapuvaripalem, Nellore district, he presented the welfare and development roadmap of the coalition government to the people. On this occasion, he called for the success of the 'P4' program, which is aimed at eradicating poverty. Speaking in the assembly, CM Chandrababu made it clear that his government's aim is to create an entrepreneur in every household in the state, just like the Dwakra associations that have become an example for the country. He said that 25 percent of the total (Contd. on pg.2)

Sai Krishna lock-up death: CI Nagaraju claims he is innocent



By Skyline Staff Reporter Vijayawada, July 1 The high-profile custodial death case of Gade Sai Krishna in Vijayawada, which has triggered widespread public outrage in Andhra Pradesh, took a new turn on Wednesday, with suspended and arrested Circle Inspector S S V S Nagaraju claiming that he was innocent. Appearing before a magistrate through video conferencing, Nagaraju alleged that he was being pressured to accept responsibility for the case and was being falsely implicated. He claimed that attempts were being made to portray him as an accused despite his innocence. Nagaraju told the judge that he had fully cooperated with the Special Investigation Team (SIT) during the investigation and had already shared all (Contd. on pg.2)

Youth should grow up to be job givers, not job seekers: Minister Nara Lokesh

By Skyline Staff Reporter Anantapur, July 1 State Education, IT and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh said that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is leading the state towards the goal of 'Swarnandhra-2047', inspired by the vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He made it clear that Andhra Pradesh is being made a future-ready state by creating education, innovation and employment opportunities. The first convocation of AP Central University in Anantapur was held today. President



Draupadi Murmu and state Governor Abdul Nazeer were present as the chief guests for the program. On this occasion, Minister Lokesh gave an inspiring speech to the students.

President Murmu's life is a lesson Lokesh said that it was a great privilege to share the stage with President Draupadi Murmu at this program. He described her life as a great lesson that cannot be learned in classrooms. "Born in a small tribal village, she faced many personal tragedies and moved forward without losing faith. She has served as a teacher, legislator, governor and today is the President of the world's largest democracy. Her journey teaches us a truth. Our background does not determine our destination, our courage determines our future. Her life will continue to inspire millions of Indian youth," Lokesh explained. **Historic.. First batch** The Minister said that he considered it an honor to participate in the first convocation of Andhra Pradesh Central University. "While every convocation is unique, the first one is always historic. History is written only once. Thousands of people will receive degrees from here in the coming years. But, the first (Contd. on pg.2)

Pakista's crackdown fails as PoK movement grows beyond its leaders

New Delhi, July 1 : There is panic and anxiety within Pakistan's establishment with the protests in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) continuing unabated despite a massive crackdown. After using brute force against the protesters, the establishment now hopes that these people can be demoralised if top-level arrests are made. The arrest of Shaukat Nawaz Mir, a prominent voice in PoK and a top leader of the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) was meant to deter the protesters. Mir was picked up in a coordinated operation by the Intelligence, local police and Pakistan Rangers before being shifted to Rawalpindi. An Intelligence Bureau official said that there



appears to be a shift in strategy by Pakistan. The numerous forced disappearances, firing at the protesters including women and children and threats have not worked. In fact these actions have only increased the resolve of the people of PoK, who have only intensified their protests. The establishment now feels that arresting the top leaders would demoralise the people and the protests may gradually fizzle out, like in the past, the official said. Another official said that it is not just the arrest of Mir that was meant to send out a message. The fact that they shifted him to Rawalpindi where he would be under the direct watch of the military is also meant to send a signal of what is to come if the protesters do not fall in line. (Contd. on pg.2)

Iran not to enter talks with US unless MoU's certain provisions fulfilled, says top Iraian negotiator

Tehran, July 1 : Iranian Parliament Speaker Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf said Iran will not enter negotiations with the United States on a final agreement unless certain paragraphs of a recently signed peace memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two sides are implemented. Qalibaf, also the head of Iran's negotiating team, made the remarks in an interview with state-run IRIB TV while elaborating on the latest developments pertaining to the implementation of the peace MoU and talks with the United States. He said Iran's recent trip to Switzerland sought to implement the MoU provisions for ending the war on all fronts, including



Lebanon, lifting the US naval blockade, reopening the Strait of Hormuz, issuing US waivers for Iranian crude oil exports, and releasing frozen Iranian assets, Xinhua news agency reported. Unless these five preliminary paragraphs are fulfilled, the other paragraphs' implementation will not begin, Qalibaf said. He said Iran, the United States and Lebanon agreed to form a joint committee to enforce the ceasefire, ensure the war's end in Lebanon, and uphold Lebanese sovereignty, adding that Iran and the United States, two of the three parties, already named their representatives. Iran both pursues the path (Contd. on pg.2)

Duvvada goes missing: Another big drama?



By Skyline Staff Reporter Srikakulam, July 1 Maverick celebrity MLC of Andhra Pradesh Duvvada Srinivas, known for his theatrics along with his social media influencer wife Divvela Madhuri, triggered uproar all through the day on Tuesday when suddenly went missing while travelling to Kothuru Police Station to appear before investigators in connection with cases registered against him. Duvvada Srinivas is facing criminal cases over his alleged objectionable remarks against Andhra Pradesh deputy chief minister Pawan Kalyan. According to his supporters, he had informed them that he was heading to Kothuru Police Station to submit his explanation in connection with the cases. However, they alleged that although several hours had passed since he left for the police station, he never reached the premises. (Contd. on pg.2)

GVMC to conduct 'employee grievance day' on every third Friday of the month

A dedicated platform for addressing employees' grievances and service-related issues. ●Time-bound redressal of employees' grievances to be ensured ●GVMC Commissioner Ketan Gar

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, July 1 : In accordance with the directions of the Government of Andhra Pradesh, the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation will conduct "Employee Grievance Day" on the third Friday of every month to address the grievances of its employees, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg said in a statement



issued on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner stated that the initiative would serve as a dedicated platform for GVMC employees to directly bring their service-related matters, administrative issues, and other grievances to the notice of the concerned authorities for timely resolution. He informed that the Employee Grievance Day will be held every third Friday of the month from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Old Council Hall in the GVMC Head Office. (Contd. on pg.2)

Expedite the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process Visit every household and thoroughly verify voters' details. GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg.

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, July 1 : GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg directed the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to expedite the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process by visiting every household, thoroughly verifying the details of voters, and ensuring that complete and accurate information is clearly recorded in the Enumeration Forms. On Wednesday, the Commissioner conducted a surprise inspection of the SIR process in

Secretariat No. 99, covering Adarshanagar-01, Sectors 3, 7 and 10, and Secretariat No. 100, covering MVP-03, Sectors 6 and 9, falling under Wards 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 of

the East Zone, along with East Zone Zonal Commissioner K. Shivaprasad. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner instructed the BLOs to

visit every household, interact with the voters personally, collect their details, and ensure that the information is entered in the Enumeration Forms without any errors. He enquired with the BLOs about the number of Enumeration Forms distributed so far, the number of forms completed, and the number collected back. The Commissioner also directed the officials to compile comprehensive data regarding the number (Contd. on pg.2)



Simhachalam Giri Pradakshina on July 28th and 29th

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, July 01 : In the backdrop of lakhs of devotees attending the Giri Pradakshina of Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy on 28th and 29th of this month, District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore has instructed the officials to work in complete coordination with all the departments and make elaborate arrangements without any shortcomings. He suggested that the Giri Pradakshina should also be organized at the same level as the Chandanotsavam was made a success by all the departments together. In a meeting held at the Collectorate meeting hall on Wednesday evening, the Collector reviewed the arrangements for the Giri Pradakshina with

the Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi, GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, Joint Collector G. Vidyadhari, Devasthanam and other departmental officials. The Collector reviewed the arrangements department-wise and issued orders. He said that the Giri Pradakshina will begin on July 28th at 4 pm at the first Pavancha after special puja programs conducted by the Anuvamsika Trustee, and devotees will participate in the 32-kilometer Giri Pradakshina from the morning itself. In this context, he ordered that all kinds of infrastructure be prepared in advance along the

Comprehensive arrangements along the 32-kilometer route



The Collector ordered the establishment of drinking water facilities, bio-toilets, sanitation, rest centers, medical camps, ambulances, mobile medical units, electric lights, high mast

up every five kilometers. The Collector clarified that a comprehensive traffic operation should be prepared to ensure that there is no disruption to the movement of vehicles during the Giri Pradakshina, and a committee should be appointed for this first. He said that traffic diversion, parking, holding points, signboards and barricades should be prepared in advance in the city.

CCTV cameras to prevent thefts and unwanted incidents : CP

Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi said that the safety of devotees should be given top priority during Giri Pradakshina. Since faults were found in the functioning of CCTVs in the past, he suggested that this time all the cameras should be inspected in advance to ensure

that they are working effectively. He said that extensive CCTV surveillance should be set up along the Giri Pradakshina route to prevent thefts and unwanted incidents.

Free darshan for devotees on 29th: Temple EO

Devasthanam EO J. Venkatarao said that all arrangements are being made on behalf of the devasthanam for the Giri Pradakshina. He said that a permanent shed is being constructed at the first Pavancha at a cost of Rs. 50 lakh. He said that the required number of coconut-cracking counters will be set up during the Giri Pradakshina, and a command and control room will be set up in the lower part of the temple and coordination with all departments will continue.

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at the field hospital established by the Indian Army. India launched 'Operation Amistad' to support Venezuela following devastating twin earthquakes of magnitudes 7.2 and 7.5 on June 24 that have claimed over 1,400 lives and caused widespread destruction across the country. People of Venezuela have expressed their deep gratitude to the Indian medical team at the field hospital. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) shared several videos on Tuesday which showed people receiving treatment, sharing their experience and thanking India for the medical assistance being provided at the field hospital. A local resident detailed her experience about receiving medical care, saying, "I am deeply grateful. I haven't seen such medical attention in 60 years."

When asked whether her pain has eased a bit now, she responded, "Yes, I am feeling much better now."

The local also expressed gratitude to the Indian medical team for arranging an ambulance to take her home following the treatment.

"I need to especially thank you. I somehow managed to reach here with the help of others, and you are now arranging an ambulance to take us back. I am truly grateful, though they say that I don't need to mention it because we are all one family. We are one people, and that is most important. We have this wonderful team standing with us," she added.

As she was getting into the ambulance, the lady again expressed her "deepest gratitude" to the Indian defence personnel working at the field hospital.

Another resident also thanked the Indian team for establishing the field hospital, terming it as "very helpful" for the local community.

When asked about her experience and the treatment suggested by the doctors, she responded, "Yes, I did not have to pay anything for these (medicines). Thank you very much for all your support. The hospital that you have installed here has been very helpful for the local community. I am thankful to your country."

The humanitarian assistance sent by India reached Venezuela on June 28. While announcing the development, External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar expressed confidence that the Field Hospital Unit, relief supplies, medicines and medical equipment will bolster ongoing post-earthquake relief efforts in the country.

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Will lead Indian Army with ideals of duty, honour and nation first: Gen

commitment to the ideals of duty, honour and 'Nation First'." He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh for trusting him with the 'honour and responsibility' of leading the Indian Army.

"I also pay my humble tributes to those brave soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice while serving the nation. Their courage, devotion and selfless dedication will continue to inspire the future generations," he added.

Gen Seth said that the Indian Army is a "combat-ready and battle-hardened force", which is always "prepared and capable of embracing the necessary technologies".

To meet the challenges of the evolving security landscape, the Army Chief said, "We must advance the modernisation of the Army with renewed zeal and firm resolve. Our objective is to build a technology-enabled, future-ready Army that is empowered in every respect and capable of operating across multiple domains."

"Keeping these objectives in mind, and drawing inspiration from the guidance provided by the Hon'ble Defence Minister under the 'Decade of Transformation', I have identified my key focus areas. Each letter of the word 'VIJAY' represents one of my priorities," he said.

Detailing the priorities, Gen Seth said that the first letter is 'V' for Vigilance and Readiness. "We will maintain constant vigilance regarding our borders and emerging threats, and uphold a high level of operational readiness to effectively counter any challenge to national security," he added.

'I' stands for Innovation and Transformation, he said, adding, "My focus will be to innovate in both doctrine and technological solutions. Innovation will be an integral part of our mindset, operational methods, and capability development; furthermore, necessary transformations will be implemented to adapt to the evolving battlefield."

'J' represents Jointness and Integration; to enhance the Indian Army's operational effectiveness. "We will maintain synergy - complete coordination and alignment -- with the Air Force and the Navy. I am fully aware that national security is not limited to military might alone but encompasses a collective effort involving military-civil fusion and a 'whole-of-nation' approach. This integrated approach will also make us partners in nation-building and propel us towards the goal of a 'Viksit Bharat 2047,'" the Indian Army Chief added.

'A', he said, stands for 'Atmanirbharta' (self-reliance); leveraging indigenous capabilities and technologies developed within the country, we will build a self-reliant Army. "The overall aim will be to win our wars using indigenous solutions," he added.

'Y' for 'Yodha First', Gen Seth said, "From the youngest Agniveer to the most senior veteran, everyone is a 'Yodha' (warrior), and these warriors constitute the Army's greatest strength. Strengthening the technological threshold and training standards of our soldiers will be my top priority."

"Our veterans and Veer Naris are integral to our military fam-

ily, and their welfare, empowerment, and professional growth will remain of utmost importance to me," he added.

Gen Seth further said that he bows down to all the former Army Chiefs, including his predecessor, General Upendra Dwivedi (Retd), whose vision and leadership "have shaped the Indian Army into a strong, robust, and reliable force".

"On this occasion, I assure every citizen of this country that the Indian Army is fully prepared, and will always remain so, to safeguard the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and national interests of the nation," he further stated.

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batch will be remembered forever. That legacy belongs to you," he said, expressing his heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and gold medalists.

Become job creators

In a changing world, Lokesh called upon the youth to become opportunity creators, not job seekers. "Don't just be job seekers, become job creators. Build organizations, innovations, and solutions. Success never comes to those who choose the easy path. Choose the tough, less traveled path. That is what leads to amazing successes. One must have the courage to endure failures and the determination to rise again," he suggested. He reminded that education does not end with graduation, it is just the beginning of a lifelong learning.

AP as a technology hub

Lokesh said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh is being made a destination for innovation, manufacturing and technology sectors. He expressed hope that immense opportunities will come to the youth in sectors like technology, manufacturing, research, medicine and agriculture. "As you leave this campus, carry your knowledge forward with confidence, values ??with humility and dreams with courage. Create a great legacy that will make your family, your university and this country proud," Lokesh hoped. State Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, University Chancellor Dr. Shankar Acharya, Vice Chancellor Professor SA Kori and others participated in the program.

Pakista's crackdown fails as PoK movement grows beyond its leaders

The JAAC has, however, made it clear that no amount of force or threats will bog them down. The protests will continue even if there is no leader, the JAAC has said while making it clear that it is not a protest by some organisation, but by the people. While Mir has been taken into custody, the establishment has been charging many other leaders under the anti-terrorism laws.

The establishment wants to suggest to the world that it is not fighting mere dissent by the public, but the war is against terrorists, an official said.

The people of PoK have been demanding wheat subsidies, fair pricing where electricity is concerned and an end to exploitation of their resources. The establishment has, however, remained defiant and has not fulfilled any of these demands. Another official said that the Pakistan establishment hoped that the protests would die down like they did in the past. However, things have not gone exactly as per plan and the establishment is staring at a crisis in PoK like it has never seen before, the official added.

What has irked the establishment more is that the people of the region are now declaring that they are not part of Pakistan anymore. They have been seeking independence from Pakistan. This development comes in the backdrop of Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif saying that the people of Rawalot and Mirpur were not proper Kashmiris. This has not gone down well with the people of the region and has only signalled that the rift has become much bigger, officials say.

Officials say that it is not just the people of PoK, but many within Pakistan, too, are questioning the stand taken by the establishment. It is not just PoK, but the whole of Pakistan has been facing a severe economic crisis and this has only added to the heap of questions that is being asked of the establishment, officials say.

The Pakistan establishment feels that it is now time for a major diversion and hence is looking to get India into the picture and project New Delhi as the aggressor.

The establishment has accused India of backing the protests, a claim that has not been taken seriously by anyone.

Over the last couple of days, Pakistan has tried to shift the focus to the Indus Water Treaty (IWT). The aim is to build up a global narrative and drag India into this issue. It wants to project to the world that India is indulging in 'water terrorism' after it placed the treaty under abeyance last year post the Pahalagam terror attack by Pakistan-based militants in which 26 people were killed.

An official said that the aim is to divert attention from its own problems, especially in PoK, and the economic situation in the country.

Pakistan wants to convey to its people that all the problems it is facing are only because the IWT was kept in abeyance. An official said that Pakistan would not look to address issues such as water mismanagement, failing canal networks and poorly maintained dams.

The official said that projects such as the Diamer-Bhasha and Dasu dam have been severely affected due to financial constraints and this is something that the people of Pakistan will not be told about.

Iran not to enter talks with US unless MoU's

of dialogue and responds with force wherever necessary, he

added.

Meanwhile, US President Donald Trump said Iran has agreed not to acquire a nuclear weapon ahead of fresh negotiations in Doha, expressing confidence that the US was making progress both diplomatically and militarily while insisting Tehran would not be allowed to develop nuclear arms.

Speaking in the Oval Office before signing a presidential memorandum on vehicle repairs, Trump said officials were already travelling to Qatar for talks scheduled on Tuesday. "There'll be a meeting on that tomorrow, in Doha... we'll see how that goes," Trump said. "The meeting in Doha is going to be perhaps important, perhaps not. We're going to find out."

The President struck an optimistic tone about the negotiations, saying the US had gained the upper hand after recent military action against Iran's nuclear programme.

On June 18, Iran and the United States signed the MoU on ending the war in the region. On June 22, technical negotiations between Iran and the United States began in Switzerland following high-level consultations between Iranian and US delegations the previous day with the mediation of Pakistan and Qatar.

The country's largest furniture park is coming up in Gudur: Chandrababu

investments coming to the country are coming to Andhra Pradesh alone, and the state is at the top in industrial development. As part of this, Chandrababu announced that the country's largest 'Mega Furniture Park' is coming up in Gudur, which will provide employment opportunities to about 10,000 local youth. He promised to provide better living standards to all the poor along with comprehensive development of all areas and provide the fruits of welfare to every household.

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the information available to him.

The suspended officer further stated that he had no additional information to provide beyond what he had already disclosed during the SIT inquiry. He alleged that the authorities were nevertheless trying to force him to admit guilt.

Nagaraju also expressed concern for his personal safety while in police custody. Informing the court that his life was under threat, he sought judicial intervention to ensure his protection. Taking serious note of his allegations, the judge directed the police to place Nagaraju's objections and complaints on record by submitting them in writing before the court.

Meanwhile, the SIT has intensified its investigation into Sai Krishna's custodial death. Investigators have already approached the court seeking 12 days of custodial interrogation of Nagaraju to facilitate further investigation.

The court's decision on the custody petition is now keenly awaited, as it is expected to have a significant impact on the course of the investigation.

Duvvada goes missing: Another big drama?

They further claimed that both Duvvada Srinivas' mobile phone and that of his driver had been switched off, raising concerns over his whereabouts.

Sources said that later in the evening, Duvvada's lawyer

District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore reviewed the arrangements along with CP, JC and other officials

appeared before Kothuru Police and informed the authorities that his client was unable to attend the scheduled inquiry due to ill health. The lawyer reportedly requested additional time for Srinivas to appear before investigators.

Meanwhile, Divvela Madhuri, a close associate of Duvvada Srinivas, alleged that the police may have taken the MLC into custody.

She said the fact that his mobile phone was unreachable had further fuelled suspicions regarding his disappearance.

Kothuru Police, however, denied the allegations. Officials reportedly clarified that Duvvada Srinivas never arrived at the police station and asserted that the police had no role in his disappearance. Their denial has only intensified speculation over the MLC's whereabouts.

The incident has caused anxiety among Duvvada's supporters, who have expressed concern over his safety.

Reports also suggest that, as a precautionary measure, police placed Divvela Madhuri under house arrest to prevent any law-and-order issues.

The latest developments come shortly after Duvvada Srinivas had previously appeared before Kothuru Police for questioning.

On that occasion, hundreds of his supporters and party workers accompanied him in a rally-like procession to the police station, leading to tense situations in the area.

GVMC to conduct 'employee grievance day' on every third

The Commissioner further stated that, in line with the Government's directions, all grievances received from employees shall be addressed within the prescribed time frame. He added that the concerned Heads of Departments should take prompt action on every grievance received and periodically review the progress of the action taken to ensure effective and timely redressal. These instructions are being implemented effectively in GVMC as well.

The Commissioner directed all Heads of Departments and Zonal Commissioners to create wide awareness among the employees working under their control about the Employee Grievance Day and to attend the programme every month to ensure prompt resolution of employees' grievances.

The Commissioner appealed to all GVMC employees to make effective use of this opportunity by submitting their grievances directly and obtaining timely redressal.

Expedite the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process

of voters who have migrated from the respective Secretariat jurisdictions, the number of newly enrolled voters, and whether any duplicate voter entries exist. He further enquired about the response and cooperation extended by the voters during the house-to-house visits undertaken by the BLOs. The Commissioner instructed that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process should be completed transparently, strictly in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, and within the stipulated timeframe.

The Commissioner also reviewed the duties being performed by the Secretariat staff and enquired about the NTR Bharosa Pension Distribution Programme. He further sought information on whether any applications submitted by citizens under the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) were pending. He directed the Secretariat officials to examine and dispose of all public applications without delay.

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APPENDIX-IV-A [SEE PROVISION TO RULE 8(6)] SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8(6)] of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to Truhome Finance Limited (formerly M/s Shriram Housing Finance Limited), the Physical Possession of which have been taken by the Authorized Officer of Truhome Finance Limited, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis in e-auction on 03.08.2026 between 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for recovery of the balance due to Truhome Finance Limited from the Borrowers And Guarantors, as mentioned in the table.

Details of Borrowers and Guarantors, amount due, Short Description of the immovable property, reserve price and earnest money deposit and date of Inspection are also given as:

Name of Borrowers/ Co-Borrowers/ Guarantors/Mortgagers	Amount of Recovery and date of Demand Notice	Reserve Price (Rs.) & Bid Increment	Date & Time of Auction	Contact Person Details -- (AO and Disposal team)
1.MR.CHINTALAPATI V S S RAGHURAMARAJU S/O MR. SANYASI RAJU	DATE OF DEMAND NOTICE 14-10-2025 notice	Rs.2,50,20,000 (Two Crore Fifty Lakh and Twenty Thousand Only)	03-AUG-2026 & Auction Time: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	MR.PSURESH & MR.B.SATISH KUMAR 9182753548 (M) & 9849225412
2.MRS.CHINTALAPATI RADHA W/O CHINTALAPATI V S S RAGHURAMARAJU	Rs.21062117/-(Two Crore Ten Lakhs Sixty Two Thousand One Hundred and Seventeen only) as on 31-07-2025 under reference of Loan Account No. SHLHGUNT0000752	Bid Increment: Rs. 10,000/- and in such multiples.		Property Inspection Date: 02-AUGUST -2026
3. MR.CHINTALAPATI SRINIVASA RAJU S/O CHINTALAPATI V S S RAGHURAMARAJU		Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)(Rs.)		
DOOR NO 88-3-5 GADALAMA NAGAR MORAMPUDI NA RAJAMAHENDRAVARAM DANAVAIPT NEAR TEMPLE MORAMPUDI RAJAHMUNDY ANDHRA PRADESH INDIA 533103		Rs.25,02,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Two Thousand Only)		
Date of Possession & Type		Last date for submission of EMD : 2nd - August , 2026 Time 10.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.		
17th April, 2026, Symbolic Possession				
Encumbrances known	Not Known			
Description of Property				
All that piece of total land admeasuring Ac 8 07/Cents bearing Plot No 9 in the layout formed by VUDA situated in the sanctioned plan of Madhurawada Village covered by Survey Nos 331/6P, 331/7P 331/8P & 331/9P within the limits of Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation, Rural Mandal, Visakhapatnam District, in the Registration Sub district of Madhurawada and the total land bounded by Bounded on East: Vuda Land , West: Land in Survey no.331/5P, North: Vuda Land , South: 80 feet wide road Schedule B : All that piece of site measuring an extent of 33360 Sq Yds or 278 8890 Sq Mts bearing Plot No 21 in the layout named as 'PEBBLE BEACH' together with Triplex Villa bearing Villa No 21 consisting of Ground Floor measuring 1608 Sq Ft. and First Floor measuring 1508 Sq Ft and Second Floor 784 Sq. FL. in total 4000 Sq Ft. which is fully furnished construction and bounded by East: Villa No.20 , West: 40 Feet Wide Road , North: Villa No.22, South: 80 Feet Wide road This is a written consent deed of settlement				
1) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer the website of Truhome Finance Limited (Formerly Shriram Housing Finance Limited) website. 2) The intending bidders have to submit their EMD amount to be deposited by way of RTGS/NEFT to the account details mentioned herein below: BANK NAME: AXIS BANK LIMITED BRANCH: BANDRA KURLA COMPLEX, MUMBAI BANK ACCOUNT NO. Current Account No. 911020045677633 IFSC CODE: UTIB0000230.				
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YSRCP to go with Mavigan agenda in next elections, says YS Jagan

Vijayawada July 1 (Skyline daily): Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy made significant political remarks. He clarified that his party would approach the electorate in the upcoming elections with the 'Mavigan' agenda. Noting that the next election would essentially be a contest between 'Mavigan' and 'Amaravati,' he stated that the polls would determine which approach the people support. Speaking to media on Wednesday, YS Jagan stated that they would contest the elections under the 'Mavigan' banner and remain committed to the verdict delivered by the people. He emphasised that their goal is to develop the capital transparently, without any scope for corruption. He explained that the objective of 'Mavigan' is to build the capital in a manner that leaves no room for scams. Jagan alleged that while his visit to the capital region was not an issue in itself, some were attempting to turn it into a political controversy. He announced



plans to send individuals of the rank of retired judges to hold discussions with farmers and assess the situation. He reiterated his commitment to standing by the farmers and speaking on their behalf. Furthermore, Jagan stated that they would address public issues by rising above partisan politics. He assured that party leaders would visit any location where a problem exists and stand in support of the affected people. He also declared that they would join forces with anyone fighting for the public interest and that he would personally participate in such movements if necessary.

Collector advocates pre-monsoon dry sowing to ensure crop yields amid drought fears



Somandepalli: July 1 District Collector A Shyam Prasad has called upon the farming community to adopt natural farming practices and leverage the Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) method to safeguard crop cultivation against the possibility of below-normal monsoon rainfall. The Collector conducted a comprehensive field visit to inspect natural farming plots developed under the PMDS system at Gudipalli village in Somandepalli mandal on Tuesday. During the inspection, he examined diverse crops being cultivated across a 40-acre land block belonging to

a local farmer, Rangappa. District Project Manager Lakshma Naik briefed the Collector on the technical nuances of the PMDS method, emphasizing how it efficiently utilizes available soil moisture to ensure robust crop establishment before seasonal rains begin. Addressing the gathered cultivators, Collector Shyam Prasad warned that prevailing El Niño conditions could lead to deficient rainfall this year. He urged farmers not to leave their agricultural lands fallow and instead pivot to the PMDS method, which requires significantly

less water, supports long-term soil health, and promises better profit margins. To boost morale and demonstrate the practical application of the system, the Collector stepped directly into the fields, drove an agricultural tractor, and personally sowed seeds in the soil. He instructed agriculture department officials to provide continuous technical guidance to scale up natural farming initiatives across the district. Somandepalli Tahsildar Maruthi Prasad, MPDO Venkata Lakshamma, Mandal Agriculture Officer Vijayabharathi, and local leaders were present.

Foolproof security web formed for CM Naidu's Nellore visit



Nellore: July 1 The district police administration has put in place airtight security arrangements ahead of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's one-day official visit to Nellore district on Wednesday. The Chief Minister is scheduled to visit Punneparipalem village in Chillakur mandal to formally distribute the enhanced NTR Bharosa social security pensions. Reviewing operational readiness on Tuesday, Nellore Superintendent of Police Dr Ajitha Vejjendla briefed the personnel drafted for the high-profile bandobast duties. She allocated specific sector responsibilities and warned that any procedural negligence would invite strict disciplinary action. Dr Vejjendla ordered

meticulous focus on route security from the helipad to the main public venue. To ensure the safe movement of the VVIP convoy, dedicated traffic diversions and specialized parking zones have been established. Furthermore, the SP checked the deployment of Bomb Disposal squads and canine teams, ordering thorough Road Opening Party (ROP) operations and combing exercises in surrounding peripheral areas. Disclosing the scale of the operation, the SP confirmed that 620 police personnel have been mobilized. Later, she personally led a full-scale convoy trial run along the designated route to eliminate any technical gaps. Top district police officials attended the briefing.

Food processing units to boost farmers' income: MLA



Anantapur: July 1 Anantapur Urban MLA Daggupati Venkateswara Prasad and CSL Products Executive Officer Challa Rajendra Prasad addressed a farmers' conference at RK Function Hall on horticulture and food processing opportunities. Interacting directly with cultivators, the leaders gathered insights on marketing, post-harvest losses, and water resources. The MLA stated that the government is committed to transforming Rayalaseema into a horticulture hub and doubling farmers' income by providing access to modern technology, cold chains, and export channels. Government He assured that coordination with Central and State governments would ensure fair remunerative prices.

JSP kicks off drive to reward loyal cadre; massive turnout in Anantapur



Anantapur: July 1 Translating arty chief Pawan Kalyan's vision into action, the Janasena Party has initiated a drive to strengthen its grassroots organizational structure. On Tuesday, a special application collection desk was set up at the 'Anantha Sri 7' venue under the supervision of Anantapur Parliamentary Observer Vemulapati

Ajay Kumar. Enthusiastic party aspirants, including 'Jana Sainiks' and 'Veera Mahilas' from Anantapur Urban and Singanamala constituencies, turned up in large numbers to apply for village, mandal, and district-level committee positions. Ajay Kumar assured cadres that hard work and sacrifices would be duly rewarded with fitting party posts.

Two lorries collided, three burnt alive at Boyapalem



Guntur: July 1 Three persons were burnt alive when two lorries collided on the National Highway no:16, at Boyapalem of Guntur district at 5:45 AM on Wednesday. According to police, the ill fated lorry was coming from Ongole to Guntur. When it reached Boyapalem, the driver of the vehicle lost control over it due to brake failure. The lorry rammed into another lorry coming in the opposite direction from Guntur to Chilakaluripet. Due to its impact, a fire broke out. The drivers of the both lorries and another person traveling in one lorry were burnt alive. Fire engines rushed to the spot to put out flames. Guntur district SP Vakul Jindal rushed to the spot and enquired about circumstances leading to the fire accident. Police officials are trying to trace the details of the deceased. Investigation is underway.

AP EAPCET 2026 results announced, check here



Anantapur: July 1 The AP EAPCET 2026 results have been released. Nara Lokesh, the Minister for Education and IT, announced the results—eagerly awaited by lakhs of students—via the platform 'X'. Across the state, 2,76,572 candidates applied for the engineering stream, with 2,58,545 appearing for the exam; Minister Lokesh revealed that 1,82,317 (70.52%) of them qualified. Similarly, in the agriculture and pharmacy stream, 79,231 candidates applied and 70,929 appeared, with 63,546 (89.59%) qualifying.

Security blanket in place ahead of President's visit to CUAP



Anantapur: July 1 The district police have intensified security arrangements ahead of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the Central University of Andhra Pradesh (CUAP) on Wednesday, where she will attend the institution's first convocation as the chief guest. Reviewing the bandobast arrangements at the university campus near Jantaluru in Bukkarayasamudram mandal, Anantapur Superintendent of Police P Jagadish conducted a rigorous sector-wise briefing for the police officers deployed on duty on Tuesday. The SP issued

detailed protocol instructions, assigned responsibilities to sector in-charges, and directed all personnel to maintain close coordination to prevent any security lapses for the nation's First Citizen. As a critical precautionary measure, the district police have declared the area within a five-kilometre radius of the CUAP campus a 'Red Zone' (No-Flying Zone). This restriction strictly prohibits the operation of civilian drones, remote-controlled cameras, paragliders, and all other flying objects. These airspace restrictions will remain in force from

Tuesday evening until 6:00 PM on Wednesday, with police warning of stringent legal and criminal action against violators. Surveillance and vehicle checks have been intensified across the notified zone, and the public has been urged to report any suspicious activities. SP P Jagadish appealed to local residents, university staff, and students to extend full cooperation for a smooth visit. Tadipatri ASP Rohit Kumar Choudary, Additional SPs M Nagabhushanam and Ilyas Basha, along with local DSPs and Inspectors, were present at the meeting.

Vijayawada MP distributes elderly pension, says, record amount distributed in the State



Vijayawada: July 1 Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) participated in the door-to-door pension distribution program in the Vijayawada West constituency and personally handed over pensions to the beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, the MP stated that immediately after the alliance government assumed power, and following Chief Minister Chandrababu's directives, leaders and activists from the TDP, Janasena, and BJP have been working together to deliver pensions directly to people's homes. He noted that Andhra Pradesh has set a

record for providing the highest pension amounts in the country. He added that the Chief Minister increased the pension amount with the aim of seeing happiness in the eyes of the poor. The MP revealed that Rs 32,000 crore is being distributed as pensions annually in Andhra Pradesh. He stated that despite any challenges or financial constraints, the pension distribution process begins at 6:00 AM on the first of every month and is completed between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM. MP Kesineni Sivanath remarked that the public has warmly welcomed and appreciated this initiative.

Alur MLA blames TDP activists for Anganwadi teacher's suicide attempt



Kurnool: July 1 Alur MLA Virupakshi on Tuesday accused local TDP workers of driving an Anganwadi teacher to attempt suicide after months of harassment in Peddathothur village of Alur mandal. After visiting the victim, Lepakshi, who is undergoing treatment at the Government Hospital, the MLA said she consumed poison tablets following nearly four months of mental harassment. He demanded immediate action against those responsible and sought protection for government employees. Addressing the media, on Tuesday, Virupakshi said the harassment was carried out by close associates of the

TDP constituency leadership, who frequently visited the Anganwadi centre and subjected the teacher to verbal abuse and intimidation. He said the repeated humiliation left the victim unable to cope, pushing her to take the extreme step. The MLA described the incident as a reflection of an atmosphere of fear among government employees, particularly women, in the constituency. The MLA said the incident was not an isolated case and cited previous instances to support his claim. He referred to the reported intimidation of a Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya principal in Halaharvi mandal and another incident in Devanakonda mandal,

where TDP activists were accused of assaulting MGNREGS staff, forcing them out of their office and locking the premises, disrupting official work. Virupakshi further claimed that when the victim's family sought an explanation from local TDP leaders, they distanced themselves from the accused. He accused the ruling party leadership in the Alur constituency of fostering a culture of intimidation while ignoring illegal activities such as land encroachments and sand mining. The MLA urged the State government to order a fair inquiry into the incident, ensure justice for the Anganwadi teacher and provide adequate security to government employees.

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The New Family

For decades, India’s social contract rested on an assumption that required little intervention from the state: families would care for their elderly. Public policy focused on pensions, healthcare and poverty because emotional support, companionship and day-to-day caregiving were presumed to come from within the household. That assumption is now under strain, and nowhere is the change more visible than in Kerala.

The state’s demographic profile places it at the forefront of a transition that the rest of India will eventually experience. Longer life expectancy, declining fertility and sustained migration have produced a society where parents increasingly outlive the traditional family structure that once sustained them. Their children have not necessarily abandoned them. Many have moved elsewhere in pursuit of education, employment or better incomes. Yet the result is the same: ageing parents find themselves alone even when they remain financially secure. This distinction is significant because it changes the nature of the policy challenge.

Financial assistance can pay bills, but it cannot accompany an elderly person to a hospital at midnight, repair a leaking roof, collect medicines or simply provide conversation after days of isolation. Loneliness has emerged as a public issue rather than merely a private sorrow. It carries consequences for mental health, physical well-being and healthcare costs that governments can no longer afford to ignore. Kerala’s decision to create a dedicated institutional framework for elderly welfare reflects an important recognition that ageing is not solely a health or welfare issue.

It intersects with urban planning, housing, transport, technology, labour markets and community development. The emphasis on enabling older citizens to remain in their own homes for as long as possible mirrors a growing international consensus that institutional care should be the last option, not the default one. Yet policy announcements alone cannot compensate for weakening social bonds. A successful ageing strategy requires trained caregivers, regulated senior-care providers, accessible neighbourhood health services, emergency response systems and vibrant community networks. It also demands local governments that treat elderly welfare as an everyday administrative responsibility rather than an occasional welfare programme.

Without sustained investment and clear regulatory standards, ambitious plans risk becoming symbolic exercises. The implications extend far beyond Kerala. States such as Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and even parts of urban Maharashtra are moving along similar demographic trajectories. Migration continues to reshape Indian families, while falling birth rates mean fewer adult children will be available to share caregiving responsibilities in the decades ahead. India’s demographic dividend, celebrated for years, is gradually giving way to the realities of demographic ageing.

The real test of a society is not how it treats its young and productive citizens, but how it supports those who have already contributed a lifetime of work. As India’s population grows older, the country’s social contract must evolve from one that assumes families will always cope to one that ensures no citizen is left to navigate old age alone. Kerala’s experiment is therefore an early glimpse of India’s future.

Saving Ayodhya’s Ram Temple needs turning to Koutilya

When a devotee folds a note and drops it into the hundi at the Ram Mandir, she is not completing a transaction. She is performing something older than any temple’s ledger - the surrender of a thing that is hers to a presence that is not. Dana, in the Indian grammar of giving, is not charity. It is closer to yajna: an offering whose entire merit lies in the release, in the giver’s hands coming away empty and clean. The gift is consecrated at the very moment it stops belonging to anyone.

When it lands in a counting room, the sacred becomes countable, and the countable becomes vulnerable. That narrow seam, between the offering that is given to God and the institution that must physically hold it, is where every great devotional civilisation has, sooner or later, been tested. Ayodhya has just been tested there, and failed. The facts are still settling, but the shape is clear enough. A Special Investigation Team has reported serious shortcomings in how donations at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple were counted and monitored - weak oversight, poor accountability, gaps wide enough for cash to slip through. Eight people have been arrested, several of them entrusted with the counting itself; CCTV footage is said to show notes being diverted during the tally.

The story is both peculiarly Indian - corruption in uniquely opaque systems - and entirely

universal. What happened in that counting room is one of the most eternal stories in the history of organised devotion. The error is not in believing this could only happen here. The error is in not recognising how very old, and how very global, the problem is.

Consider the institution most often held up as the gold standard of sacred administration. The Vatican has spent four decades cycling through financial scandal: the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano in 1982, with the Vatican Bank as its largest shareholder and its chairman, ‘God’s Banker’ found hanged under a London bridge; the catastrophic London property venture of the last decade, into which the Secretariat of State poured some 350 million euros before selling the building at a 140-million-euro loss; the corruption trial that followed and convicted a cardinal once spoken of as a future pope; a parallel billion-dollar fraud traced through a suppressed Catholic society in Peru. All of this inside a sovereign whose own theology could not be clearer that the wealth it holds is held in trust - that, as the tradition insists, the Church’s money is not hers but the Lord’s. The conviction did not prevent the theft. Only institutions did: the Vatican’s belated financial watchdog, its submission to external money-laundering review, the slow, humbling acceptance that even a holy treasury must be audited by peo-

ple who assume it might be robbed.

That is the lesson Ayodhya should take, and it is being taken - quietly, and from an unexpected quarter. In direct response to the Ram Mandir affair, the trust that runs Tirupati, the richest temple in the country, has gone to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and asked it to tear out a decades-old accounting system and replace it with a modern, audited, enterprise platform inside a hundred days. The accountants describe the project, rightly, as a potential template for religious institutions across India. Tirupati’s response is the mature one: not to insist that a sacred space is above suspicion, but to build the controls that make suspicion unnecessary.

Here is where the comparison with the Vatican should give Indians not anxiety but a strange confidence. Because the discipline now being imported in the language of ERP systems and internal controls is usually framed as a modern Western correction applied to the, sometimes, symbolic world of temple administration. It is no such thing. It is a recovery of something India theorised earlier and more ruthlessly than almost any civilisation on earth.

The Arthashastra, at least two thousand years ago, sets down a catalogue of 40 distinct ways in which officials embezzle from the treasury - recording what was paid as unpaid and the unpaid as paid, entering a large



gift as small and a small as large, naming one recipient in the books while another pockets the money. Read today, the list is almost completely current. And Kautilya offers it without illusion about human nature: just as it is impossible, he writes, not to taste the honey or the poison that finds itself at the tip of the tongue, so it is impossible for one handling the king’s revenue not to consume at least a little of it. From that bleak realism he builds a system - rewards for whistle-blowers, a larger share for the outsider and a smaller one for the colleague who informs; punishment running up the whole chain of custody, not merely the lowest clerk; the rotation of officials before they learn the loopholes of an office. This is fiduciary accountability worked out in granular detail, in a civilisation that also wrote the Bhagavad Gita.

That is the deeper point a returning civilisation should be willing to make about itself. The figure of the trustee - the one who

holds what is not his, the nimita-matra, the mere instrument through whom the offering passes - sits closer to the heart of Indian thought than the figure of the owner ever has. To demand that such a trustee be watched, counted, and held to account is not a foreign imposition on devotion. It is shraddha in its most practical form. Auditing the hundi is not an act of suspicion against the divine; it is an act of fidelity to the devotee who gave with her hands clean. A civilisation does not prove its maturity by placing its holiest institutions beyond scrutiny. It proves it by remembering that it once knew, better than anyone, that scrutiny is the price of trust. Ayodhya’s scandal is not evidence that India lacks a standard of sacred stewardship. It is evidence of a lapse from one India already possessed - and, if Tirupati’s instinct prevails over Ayodhya’s politics, evidence that the standard can still be recovered. That, in the end, is what returning means.

How technology became India’s social equaliser

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Digital India Mission on 1 July 2015, many saw it as an ambitious technology programme aimed at expanding internet access and digitising government services. Eleven years later, it is evident that Digital India was never merely about broadband connectivity, smartphones or mobile applications. It was a transformative governance reform designed to democratise opportunity, restore dignity to welfare delivery and ensure that technology became an instrument of empowerment for every Indian, particularly those who had remained on the margins of development.

Perhaps no government initiative in independent India has altered the relationship between the citizen and the State as profoundly as Digital India. It has redefined governance by making it more transparent, accountable and citizen-centric. More importantly, it has shifted the focus from entitlement to empowerment, ensuring that the benefits of development reach the last citizen without discrimination or delay. For decades, India’s welfare architecture was plagued by leakages, inefficiencies and layers of intermediaries. Subsidies often disappeared before reaching intended beneficiaries, while the poor had to navigate cumbersome bureaucratic processes to access basic entitlements. PM Modi recognised that genuine empowerment could not be achieved merely by increasing welfare expenditure. The delivery mechanism itself had to be transformed.

This is where the Jan Dhan-AadhaarMobile (JAM) trinity emerged as one of the most consequential governance innovations in modern India. By linking bank accounts, biometric identity and mobile connectivity, Digital India created the world’s largest digital welfare ecosystem. Today, through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over Rs 49 lakh crore is transferred directly into bank accounts of beneficiaries under hundreds of welfare schemes. Every transfer represents a citizen receiving government assistance without paying commissions, depending on middlemen or waiting endlessly for files to move. Few reforms have done more to restore the dignity of the poor than ensuring that every rupee sanctioned by the government reaches its rightful beneficiary.

This transformation is not merely about efficiency; it is about social justice. For millions of poor households, particularly women, the ability to receive welfare directly into bank accounts has translated into greater financial independence and decision-making within families. Farmers receive PM-KISAN assistance without intermediaries. LPG subsidies, pensions, scholarships, MGNREGA wages and numerous other benefits now reach beneficiaries seamlessly. Technology has quietly dismantled barriers that persisted for decades. The scale of this transformation is unprecedented.

More than 57 crore Jan Dhan accounts, nearly universal Aadhaar coverage and over 109 crore internet users together form the backbone of India’s digital revolution. Smartphones have become ubiquitous across both rural and urban India, while BharatNet has extended broadband connectivity to over two lakh Gram Panchayats, bridging the digital divide. Digital access is no longer an urban privilege; it has become a public utility. Yet, the true success of Digital India lies not in connectivity alone but in the opportunities that connectivity has created. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has fundamentally changed the way India transacts.

Today, the neighbourhood grocery shop, the vegetable vendor, the auto-rickshaw driver and the small entrepreneur accept digital payments with the ease of large corporations. India has emerged as the global leader in real-time digital payments, demonstrating that innovation need not remain confined to advanced economies. UPI has brought millions of individuals and small businesses into the formal economy, creating transparency while reducing dependence on cash. Likewise, platforms such as DigiLocker, UMANG, eSanjeevani, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) and the Digital Agriculture Mission have transformed delivery of public services.

Students can access academic certificates digitally, patients can consult doctors remotely, small businesses can compete for government procurement, and farmers increasingly receive timely

information through digital platforms. Governance has become faster, simpler and more accessible. One of the defining characteristics of the government’s digital approach has been the creation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). Unlike many countries where digital ecosystems are built around private monopolies, India consciously developed interoperable public digital platforms that remain accessible to all. Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, Account Aggregator and other components of the India Stack have together created open digital architecture that encourages innovation while ensuring inclusion. Today, India’s Digital Public Infrastructure is recognised globally as one of the country’s most significant contributions to governance innovation.

Countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America are studying or adopting elements of India’s digital model. International institutions increasingly view India’s experience as evidence that digital transformation can be inclusive, affordable and scalable even in large, diverse democracies. What was conceived as a domestic governance reform has evolved into an important pillar of India’s global leadership and development diplomacy. Digital India has also become a catalyst for economic transformation. India’s electronics manufacturing sector has expanded dramatically over the past decade, with the country emerging as one of the world’s largest mobile phone manufacturing hubs.

Policies encouraging domestic manufacturing, combined with a rapidly expanding digital economy, have generated employment, strengthened supply chains and reduced dependence on imports. Digital infrastructure has thus become both a governance asset and an engine of economic growth. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Digital India is that it has empowered those who were traditionally excluded from formal systems. Women, self-help groups, artisans, tribal communities, street vendors and first-generation entrepreneurs have all gained access to financial services, digital marketplaces and government programmes.

A woman in a remote village today can open a bank account, receive welfare benefits, make



digital payments, access telemedicine and store official documents electronically - all through her mobile phone. That is social transformation. The impact extends well beyond welfare. Digital governance has strengthened transparency by reducing opportunities for discretion and corruption. Every DBT payment creates an auditable trail. Every digital transaction enhances accountability. Every online service reduces physical interfaces that once enabled rent-seeking.

In doing so, Digital India has quietly emerged as one of the most effective anti-corruption reforms undertaken in independent India. As India enters the next phase of its development journey, Digital India is also laying the foundation for the age of Artificial Intelligence. AI-powered governance, predictive healthcare, precision agriculture, personalised education, multilingual digital assistants and intelligent public service delivery are no longer distant possibilities - they are rapidly becoming integral to India’s development strategy.

The robust digital architecture created over the past eleven years provides the trusted data infrastructure and secure public platforms necessary for AI to deliver meaningful public outcomes rather than merely commercial applications. Prime Minister Modi has emphasised that India must lead the AI revolution while ensuring that technology remains ethical, inclusive and human-centric. This vision naturally extends the philosophy that shaped Digital India itself. Just as the first decade focused on connecting citizens and digitising governance, the next decade must focus on using Artificial Intelligence to improve learning outcomes, enhance healthcare delivery, empower farmers, strengthen disaster management, optimise urban

planning and create new opportunities for young innovators. If the first phase of Digital India connected India, the next phase can help India think, innovate and compete at the frontiers of global technology.

This evolution also places India in a unique position globally. Few countries possess the combination of population scale, digital identity, real-time payments, interoperable public platforms and democratic governance that India has successfully integrated. These strengths will increasingly define India’s competitiveness in the emerging digital economy. The world is beginning to recognise that India’s greatest export may not simply be software or skilled professionals, but an entirely new model of digital governance that combines innovation with inclusion. Eleven years after its launch, Digital India has become the operating system of New India, quietly powering almost every major governance reform undertaken over the past decade.

The digital rails built since 2015 now underpin welfare delivery, financial inclusion, healthcare, education, commerce, agriculture and public administration. As India prepares for the next decade of technological transformation, the challenge is no longer to prove that digital governance works. The challenge now is to harness emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence with the same commitment to inclusion that defined the Digital India Mission. The years ahead can demonstrate how innovation, guided by democratic values and human dignity, can help India emerge not only as a digital power but also as a compassionate and equitable global leader. That would be the most fitting tribute to the vision that set Digital India in motion eleven years ago.

Donald Trump’s latest financial disclosure reveals colossal \$1.2 billion cryptocurrency income

Cryptocurrency accounted for a major share of Donald Trump’s reported earnings last year, according to a newly released financial disclosure that details about USD 1.2 billion in income from digital asset ventures. The disclosure, released by the US Office of Government Ethics, details Trump’s income, investments and financial interests. Filed under federal ethics rules, the more than 900-page document shows earnings from cryptocurrency businesses alongside revenue from legal resorts, licensing agreements, legal settlements and investments. World Liberty Financial among biggest income sources

The filing shows Trump earned nearly USD 550 million through his association with World Liberty Financial (WLF), a cryptocurrency platform launched in September 2024 with the backing of Trump and members of his family. The filing says the platform raised USD 550 million through the sale of its WLF token. It also states that Trump and his three sons, through an intermediary firm called DT Marks Defi, acquired 22.5 billion WLF tokens, now valued at about USD 1.3 billion.

World Liberty Financial expanded its operations in April 2025 with the launch of a US dollar-pegged stablecoin. Crypto royalties add hundreds of millions

The ethics filing also attributes USD 635 million in royalty income to a



licensing agreement linked to the USD TRUMP cryptocurrency, which was launched shortly before Trump’s presidential inauguration in January 2025. Apart from cryptocurrency, Trump reported earning more than USD 290 million from his portfolio of golf clubs and luxury resorts. The properties listed include Mar-a-Lago in Florida, Trump National Doral, Trump National Bedminster, Trump National Jupiter, and Trump National Washington, D.C. The documents also show Trump earned several million dollars through investments in publicly traded cryptocurrency companies, including Coinbase.

Filing details investments, settlements and licensing income

According to the disclosure, Trump’s assets remain held in a trust managed by his eldest son, Donald Trump Jr. The filing says the trust can be dissolved, allowing Trump to regain direct control of the assets after his second presidential term.

The paperwork also outlines stock purchases made during 2025.

On August 18, Trump reported buying shares of Apple, Microsoft and Nvidia, with each investment valued between USD 5 million and USD 25 million. Ethics rules require assets to be disclosed within valuation ranges instead of exact amounts.

The filing also records the purchase of Amazon shares worth between USD 500,000 and USD 1 million on September 23.

Trump further disclosed receiving more than USD 86 million from legal settlements involving ABC, CBS, Meta, YouTube and X.

His reported assets also include gold bullion valued between USD 500,000 and USD 1 million.

The disclosure says Trump received gifts worth more than USD 370,000, most of them consisting of tickets to sporting events.

Additional income came from branding and publishing deals.

The filing also lists USD 4.7 million from Trump Watches, USD 208,486 from The Greenwood Bible, USD 67,634 from Trump Sneakers & Fragrances and USD 35,920 from the ‘45’ Guitar. Book sales added another USD 590,730 from Letters to Trump, USD 1.89 million from Save America and USD 552,685 from A MAGA Journey. Trump also reported a USD 200,000 speaking fee from a charity event in Naples, Florida, in December 2022.

Afghanistan carries out airstrikes on ISIS-linked targets in Pakistan

The Ministry of Defence of Afghanistan on Wednesday, July 1, claimed that its security forces carried out airstrikes against alleged ISIS-linked targets in Pakistan.

The attacks were carried out on Tuesday night, read a statement from the Afghan ministry. It added that they targeted “ISIS facilities” in the Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, IANS reported.

“The air forces of the Afghan Ministry of Defence tonight conducted airstrikes on an ISIS joint centre and elements of evil and corruption in the Saranan area of the Pishin district, Balochistan province. This centre was used for

carrying out sabotage activities and planning attacks in Afghanistan, and it served as a coordination hub for bombings in which Afghan civilians were targeted,” read the statement.

“In the Qambar Khel area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, successful airstrikes were carried out by the Afghan Air Force on a Daesh centre, and in the Garam Chashma area of the Shah Salim Valley in Chitral, on another joint Daesh centre and elements of evil and corruption. Destructive activities and attacks against civilians were also being planned from these centres,” it added.

As per preliminary information, the strikes inflicted heavy casualties and



significant financial losses on ISIS and its supporters. Further, the Afghan ministry claimed that the attacks were carried out with high precision against designated targets and caused no civilian casualties.

“Afghan air defence forces will target any location used to disrupt Afghanistan’s security,” it stated.

This comes days after 36 civilians, including women and children, were killed, and 163 others were left severely injured in Pakistani military airstrikes in Afghanistan’s Paktia, Paktika, and Kunar provinces.

‘It’s like welfare. I don’t want it’: Netanyahu pushes to end decades of US aid, says Israel can stand on its own

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said Israel should begin phasing out American financial assistance, arguing that the country’s economy has grown strong enough to fund itself without external support.

Speaking on Tuesday, Netanyahu said he wanted the process to begin this year while also outlining his government’s position on key security and foreign policy issues, including Iran, Gaza, Lebanon and Palestinian statehood. “I want to stop American aid. It’s like welfare; I don’t want it,” Netanyahu said.

He argued that US assistance now accounts for only a small share of Israel’s economy. “Our economy is no longer a small economy... we can finance ourselves with this fraction of a per cent of our GDP that we receive from the United States. I want this process to start this year,” he said.

Netanyahu reiterates opposition to Palestinian state

The Israeli Prime Minister also reaffirmed his government’s opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state. “Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people. No Palestinian state will be established here,” he said.

On Israel’s security doctrine, Netanyahu said the country would continue taking action against



threats beyond its borders instead of relying solely on defensive measures. “We will pursue an active security policy—we won’t sit back and wait behind fences,” he said.

Asked whether Israel planned to rebuild settlements in Gaza, Netanyahu declined to elaborate. “As for rebuilding settlements in Gaza, you have to be ready to act first and talk afterwards. Sometimes it’s better to separate the two. That’s why I’m not going to add anything further on that subject,” he said.

He also defended keeping some aspects of government policy undisclosed. “You have to understand that the art of statecraft isn’t limited to domestic politics. I don’t have to declare everything to the whole world at every moment,” Netanyahu said.

Israel signals contin-

ued military pressure on Iran and Lebanon

Netanyahu also issued a warning over Iran, saying Israel would continue acting against threats if required.

“We entered Iran twice to save ourselves from destruction. There will be a third time if necessary,” he said.

The Prime Minister further confirmed that Israeli forces would maintain their presence inside Lebanese territory. “We didn’t leave Lebanon. We have effectively established this security belt—about 10 kilometres inside Lebanon—with the agreement of the Lebanese government. And, of course, Hezbollah is outraged. The same is true of Iran,” he said.

During a visit to troops deployed in northern Israel, Netanyahu said the

military would remain in southern Lebanon until the threat from Hezbollah was removed.

“Our position is clear: we will not leave southern Lebanon until the threat has disappeared. And as long as Hezbollah, armed, is here and threatening us, we will stay here,” he told soldiers.

The remarks came after the signing of a Washington-brokered framework agreement between Beirut and Tel Aviv that aims to promote long-term stability and facilitate the demilitarisation of the Iran-backed Shiite militia.

According to the agreement, any future withdrawal of Israeli forces would depend on the Lebanese government establishing designated security zones where the Lebanese military assumes control.

Venezuela earthquake death toll rises to 1,943; state of emergency remains in force

Venezuela’s death toll from last week’s twin earthquakes has climbed to 1,943, with more than 10,000 people injured as rescue and relief operations continue across the country’s worst-affected regions.

The revised toll comes as authorities press ahead with search and rehabilitation efforts under a state of emergency. The armed forces have been deployed to support rescue work, while temporary shelters and medical teams continue assisting thousands of displaced and injured residents.

Rescue and relief efforts continue President of the National Assembly of Venezuela, Jorge Rodriguez, said the government had mobilised the armed forces to aid relief operations in the disaster-hit areas. Shelters have been established for displaced families, and medical teams remain on the



ground treating those injured. Emergency crews are continuing to search damaged buildings for survivors, with several affected areas still under rescue operations.

Fresh aftershock triggers panic but no new damage

A 4.2-magnitude earthquake struck near Caracas and La Guaira on Monday morning, prompting residents to rush out of homes, offices and other buildings as the ground shook.

According to the Venezuelan Foundation

for Seismological Research, the epicentre was located in the Caribbean Sea, about 10 km off the coast of La Guaira state, which was among the regions hardest hit by the powerful 7.2- and 7.5-magnitude earthquakes that struck on Wednesday.

“We are terrified. We have not slept properly since Wednesday. Every tremor makes us run out,” Maria Lopez, a resident of La Guaira, told local media.

Rodriguez later said

authorities had received no reports of additional damage or casualties following the aftershock.

“We have no reports of additional damage anywhere in the national territory,” he said, urging people to remain calm and follow official instructions.

Officials have appealed to residents to avoid entering damaged buildings and cooperate with rescue personnel.

Emergency hotlines remain operational, while people living in coastal areas have also been advised to move to higher ground as a precaution against potential tsunamis.

On Sunday, authorities had reported 1,450 deaths and said 774 buildings had either collapsed or suffered severe damage. The latest figures indicate the scale of the disaster has continued to grow as rescue teams reach more affected areas.

Nayara Energy cuts petrol by Rs 5, diesel by Rs 3 as lower crude prices reach consumers



Consumers filling up at Nayara Energy fuel stations will pay less for petrol and diesel from July 1 after the private fuel retailer announced a nationwide reduction in pump prices. The company has cut petrol prices by Rs 5 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre across its retail network.

The move comes as international crude oil prices have softened following the easing of tensions in West Asia. It is the first retail fuel price reduction since

global crude prices began declining after concerns over supply disruptions eased. The revised rates are effective immediately at more than 7,000 Nayara Energy fuel stations across the country.

The final retail price, however, will continue to vary from state to state because of differences in value-added tax (VAT) and other local levies.

Why crude oil prices have eased

Global oil prices have declined after hostilities in West Asia subsided and key shipping routes reopened. The restoration of crude oil and liquefied natural gas supplies has eased fears of disruptions in the international energy market.

The fuel price reduction coincides with several petroleum-

related changes announced at the start of July.

LPG prices and export duties also revised

State-run oil marketing companies have reduced the price of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders by up to Rs 183.5 in major cities. There is no change in the price of the 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder.

The Centre has also revised the windfall tax on petroleum product exports with effect from July 1.

According to a Finance Ministry notification, the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on petrol exports has been increased to Rs 4 per litre from Rs 1.5 per litre.

The export duty on diesel has been lowered from Rs 14 per litre to Rs 8.5 per litre. The levy on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) exports has also been reduced from Rs 12.5 per litre to Rs 7.5 per litre.

The ministry said there is no change in the existing excise duty on petrol and diesel sold for domestic consumption.

Stock markets end lower as Nifty slips below 23,900

Indian stock markets ended lower in a volatile trading session on Tuesday, with the Nifty closing below the 23,900 mark. The benchmark indices erased their early gains and oscillated between positive and negative territory throughout the day.

At the close, the Sensex fell 249.70 points, or 0.33 per cent, to settle at 76,478.67, while the Nifty declined 80.50 points, or 0.34 per cent, to close at 23,865.75. The Nifty Midcap index gained 0.4 per cent, while the Smallcap index advanced 1 per cent.

Among the sectoral indices, Nifty IT was the worst performer, plunging 2.73 per cent, while Nifty FMCG fell 0.68 per cent. The Nifty IT index has declined nearly 30 per cent so far this year.

Bank Nifty slipped 0.32 per cent, and the Nifty Financial Services index lost 0.16 per cent. On the positive side, Nifty Realty rose 1.31 per cent, while the Consumer Durables index gained 1.16 per cent.

On the Nifty, 25 stocks ended in the green. The top gainers were Maruti Suzuki India, Titan Company, Bajaj Finance, Adani Enterprises and Eternal. Among the major losers were Eicher Motors, Tata Consumer, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies and Tech Mahindra.

On the BSE, 162 stocks touched their 52-week highs, while 91 stocks hit their 52-week lows.

Stocks that reached 52-week highs included Apollo Hospitals Enterprise, Federal Bank, Aurobindo Pharma, GMR



Airports, FSN E-Commerce Ventures (Nykaa), Phoenix Mills and Zyddus Lifesciences. Those touching 52-week lows included Infosys, TCS, HCL Technologies, Wipro, Persistent Systems and ONGC.

Auto stocks reversed their early losses to end in positive territory. Maruti Suzuki India emerged as the top gainer, rising around 5 per cent, while Tata Motors Passenger

Vehicles advanced 2.10 per cent and Exide Industries gained 1.28 per cent.

US stock futures traded higher as the rebound in technology and chip stocks extended. The S&P 500 had risen 1.2 per cent in the previous session, while the Nasdaq 100 climbed about twice as much. Crude oil prices traded with modest gains, with Brent crude hovering near \$74 a barrel.

Centre announces Rs 5/litre ATF price cut for domestic airlines; fuel export duties revised from July 1

Domestic airlines will pay less for aviation turbine fuel (ATF) from July 1 after the Centre reduced the fuel price by Rs 5 per litre, bringing the effective rate down to Rs 110 per litre. The revision comes alongside a fresh review of export duties on petroleum products, while taxes on petrol and diesel sold within the country remain unchanged.

The changes form part of the government’s fortnightly review of fuel export levies, introduced on March 27 to maintain domestic availability of petroleum products during the ongoing West Asia crisis. The revised export duties also take effect from July 1.

ATF price reduced; export duties reset

According to the latest revisions, the export duty on petrol has been fixed at Rs 4 per litre, while diesel exports will attract a levy of Rs



8.5 per litre.

A separate notification has set the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on aviation turbine fuel exports at Rs 7.5 per litre.

The Ministry of Finance said the Road and Infrastructure Cess remains nil on these exports, making the SAED the entire export levy.

The government reviews export duties every two weeks by assessing the average international prices of crude oil, petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel during

the preceding fortnight. The previous revision was announced on June 16.

Mauritius, Maldives added to exemption list

The Centre has also widened the list of destinations exempt from these export duties.

Earlier, public sector oil companies exporting petrol, diesel and ATF to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka were exempt from the levy. The exemption has now been extended to Mauritius and the Maldives.

No change for retail fuel consumers

The notifications do not alter the existing excise duty on petrol and diesel supplied for domestic consumption.

As a result, the revised levies will affect fuel exporters, while consumers purchasing petrol and diesel at retail outlets across India will not see any direct impact from the latest changes.

Did Akhil Lenin Save any Surprises?

The trailer of Akhil Akkineni's upcoming film Lenin has received a positive response from movie lovers. After its release, many fans appreciated the trailer for its powerful action scenes, emotional moments, and strong political background. The movie is directed by Murali Kishor Abburi and is expected to be an important film in Akhil's career. The trailer presents Akhil in a completely different look. It shows him as a serious and intense character set in a rural political environment. The action scenes, local Chittoor dialect, and background music have impressed many viewers. Because of these elements, the trailer has created good buzz on social media. However, not everyone is fully satisfied. A common opinion among viewers is that the trailer may have revealed too much of the movie's story. Many people feel that they can already understand the complete journey of the hero after watching the trailer. The trailer appears to show the hero's simple life, the incident that changes everything, his fight against powerful political leaders, and even some major emotional and action scenes. While these moments are exciting, some viewers believe that almost every goosebumps scene has already been included in the trailer. This has led to one important question. If the trailer already contains most of the film's biggest highlights, what surprises



will remain for audiences in theatres? Usually, trailers are expected to create curiosity without revealing the entire story. They should make people excited to watch the film instead of giving away all the important moments. At the same time, there is another side to this discussion. Some filmmakers intentionally reveal more story in trailers to convince audiences that the movie has a strong plot. This can help build confidence, especially when viewers are careful about choosing which films to watch in theatres. Now, the success of Lenin will depend on how well the story is presented on the big screen. Strong performances, emotional scenes, engaging dialogues, and unexpected twists can still make the movie enjoyable even if the basic story is already known. Fans are now waiting to see whether the makers have kept a few exciting surprises hidden for the film's release.

Naga Bandham Hero's Daily Makeup Took Six Hours



Ahead of the release, hero Virat Karna says his next outing Nagabandham represents the most challenging journey of his life. Directed by Abhishek Nama and produced by Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagireddy under NIK Studios, the epic fantasy adventure has made exceptional pre-release business, thanks to the strong buzz the movie is carrying. Although his debut Peddha Kapu was also mounted on a grand scale, the actor believes Nagabandham pushed him to entirely new limits. "I worked twice as hard for this film. Every ounce of my energy went into these characters," he said. To transform himself, he gained 20 kilograms for one phase before losing five kilograms for another. He also mastered horse riding, improved

his dance skills, and committed himself to rigorous physical conditioning. The elaborate Naga Sadhu makeup itself required six hours every day. The actor disclosed that he never relied on stunt doubles. "Not a single action sequence in the film was performed by a duplicate. I executed every stunt myself." During an action sequence in severe winter conditions, Virat's body froze due to the freezing temperatures while filming with minimal costume. He was immediately shifted to Apollo Hospital's emergency department before resuming shooting the very next day after receiving medical clearance. He admitted feeling nervous during the early days of filming because of the gigantic sets and hundreds of junior artists working daily. However, director Abhishek Nama

constantly encouraged him, reminding him to focus solely on his performance. Confident that audiences will be impressed, he said those who watched the movie already have responded extremely positively. "The film has come out brilliantly. Every scene directed by Abhishek Nama gave me goosebumps. Viewers are going to witness a spectacular theatrical experience." The actor acknowledged Megastar Chiranjeevi as the biggest inspiration behind his cinematic dreams and said he hopes to continue acting in commercial entertainers packed with family emotions and action. Virat confirmed that Nagabandham is planned as a two-part saga and revealed that he intends to maintain a steady pace by releasing two films every year.

Thaman & Trivikram! What's Cooking Now?



Ace composer SS Thaman and star director Trivikram have delivered some smashing hits like Ala Vaikuntapurramlo, whose songs have gone super viral in the nation, with people from almost every state doing reels to them. Later, things started to fail after Guntur Kaaram, and somehow Trivikram is not interested in the composer, but then there's a huge twist coming. For his upcoming film with Venkatesh, titled Adarsha Kutumbam, Trivikram has first roped in Harshavardhan Rameswar as the music director of the movie, thus shocking everyone. After working with Mani Sharma and Devi Sri Prasad, Trivikram felt that Thaman is the best go-to option for him. However, he went for a

change, though Thaman is continuing his association with Trivikram's production houses like Sithara Entertainments. Finally, Harshavardhan is sent out, and Thaman is brought back. And now, when Thaman is expected to score for God of War as well, Anirudh has come into the picture. At a certain point in time, Trivikram is not interested in Anirudh because he feels that the Tamil composer doesn't know when and where to break Telugu words properly or how to keep them together. But now Anirudh is back into Trivikram's movie, and many are wondering if this will work out, or if Thaman will take his place too. Currently Thaman is working on #AK47 and anything could happen in a year's time.

Did Rasha Thadani Charge Rs.1 Crore for Telugu Debut?



Rasha Thadani, daughter of Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon, is getting a lot of attention even before her Telugu debut film releases. A recent social media post has claimed that the young actress was paid ?1 crore for her first Telugu film, Srinivasa Mangapuram. However, this payment has not been officially confirmed by the film's makers or the actress. The claim quickly went viral online and started a debate among movie fans. While some people believe that paying such a huge amount to a debut actress is too much, others feel the reported salary is fair because Rasha already has a strong fan following and comes from a well-known film family. Rasha Thadani is making her Tollywood debut opposite Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni, the nephew of Telugu superstar Mahesh Babu. Jaya Krishna is also making his acting debut with the film, making Srinivasa Mangapuram a special launch for both newcomers. The film is directed

by Ajay Bhupathi, who became popular after directing the blockbuster RX 100. The movie is being presented by Ashwini Dutt, while P. Kiran is producing it. Veteran actor Mohan Babu plays the main antagonist, adding more excitement to the project. As part of the film's promotions, the makers recently released the romantic song "Gunde Pelipothondhe." The melody has received a positive response from music lovers. Composed by GV Prakash Kumar, the song features heartfelt lyrics by Chandrabose and is beautifully sung by Anurag Kulkarni. The visuals showcase the sweet emotions of first love, with Jaya Krishna and Rasha sharing good on-screen chemistry. Earlier, another song from the film also received a warm response, helping increase the buzz around the project. Rasha has already attracted attention with her graceful screen presence and traditional looks in the promotional songs.



Samantha To Spend Her 'Profits' Meaningfully

When Samantha's "Maa Inti Bangaram" got delayed, shooting times were extended, and release dates changed; many wondered about the film. Even the senior starlet got worried and felt a sigh of relief when they had sold the total digital rights of the film, recovering their investment so far.

However, they didn't expect that they would see almost Rs.40 crore in bonuses from the theatrical market. Maa Inti Bangaram has outdone all expectations and has made more than Rs.75 crores gross already in the Telugu states, which means Samantha, along with her husband Raj Nidimoru, pocketed nearly Rs.40 crores 'share' from it. And now, the actress is considering making 3-4 short films over the next couple of years while she takes a maternity break. Currently settled in Mumbai, Samantha wants to listen to scripts, finalise things and make another interesting film like Shubham and Maa Inti



Bangaram. Well, many actors try to make movies after they get profit from a film, but then, if they choose the wrong scripts, surely all that effort will go down the drain. Also, for Samantha's production house, Subham movie hasn't brought any profits, but Maa Inti Bangaram did, because it has her own presence as the leading lady. So, the actress should also think about that before taking any calls, so that she would spend her profits from Maa Inti Bangaram meaningfully.

Rana Daggubati's To Release Youth Ameer Log Across Telugu States

The upcoming Telugu movie Ameer Log has received a big boost before its release. Actor Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media has officially taken up the distribution of the film. The movie will now be released on a large scale across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, giving it a wider reach among audiences.

Ameer Log is produced by Madhavi Reddy Soma under the Awwal Number Productions LLP banner. The film is directed by Ramana Reddy Soma. It stars MC Hari, Manoj, and Sasidhar in the lead roles. Vedashree, Raavan Nitturu, Vishwender Reddy, and Saiyogi play important supporting characters. The film has already created good interest with its promotional content. The first-look poster received a positive response from movie lovers. Later, the song Awwal Dawath, sung by Rahul Sipligunj, became popular among the audience. The teaser also increased excitement for the movie. The makers promise that Ameer Log will be a complete com-



mercial comedy entertainer made mainly for young audiences. According to the team, Spirit Media decided to release the film after watching the completed version. They liked the fresh story, entertaining screenplay, and emotional moments. The movie is based on the lives of three close friends living in the streets of Hyderabad. Their journey, friendship, fun-filled adventures, and the message behind the story are expected to connect well with the youth. The support of Spirit Media is expected to help the film reach more theatres and a larger audience. The company has

earlier backed several content-driven films, and its association is seen as a positive sign for Ameer Log. The technical team also includes talented artists. SVK handled the cinematography, while Smaran Sai composed the music. Rohit Penumatsa worked as the editor. Manohar Reddy Manchuri is the co-producer, and the posters were designed by Shakti. With strong promotional support and a reputed distribution partner, the makers are confident about the film's release. They are expected to announce the official release date soon. Promotional activities will also increase in the coming weeks.

Prabhas supports Alia Bhatt, fans Connect it to Kalki 2 Rumours

Pan-India star Prabhas has once again won the hearts of fans with his kind gesture. The actor is known for supporting films made by his friends and co-stars. This time, he shared the trailer of Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt's upcoming movie Alpha on his Instagram story and wished the entire team all the best. Prabhas simply shared the trailer and sent his best wishes to Alia Bhatt and the makers of the film. His post quickly became a hot topic on social media. Fans were happy to see him encouraging another actor's movie. Many people praised Prabhas for always supporting good films, no matter which film industry they belong to. Alia Bhatt also noticed Prabhas' support and thanked him with a warm message. She replied on social media by writing, "Thank you... Thank you... Thank you so



much." Their friendly online conversation became popular among fans, who appreciated the respect they showed each other. However, the post also started fresh discussions about Kalki 2898 AD Part 2. For the past few weeks, there have been many rumours that Alia Bhatt may play

an important role in the sequel. Some reports even claimed that she had already joined the shooting. Since Prabhas shared her movie trailer, many fans believe it could be a hint about their possible collaboration. Even so, there is no official confirmation from the makers of

Kalki 2 about Alia Bhatt joining the cast. Until the production team makes an announcement, these reports should be treated only as rumours. Prabhas is currently busy with several big projects. He is shooting for Spirit, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. The film has already created huge excitement among movie lovers. He is also working on Fauji, directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, which is expected to release in December 2026. Meanwhile, Alia Bhatt's Alpha has also generated strong buzz before its release. The trailer has received a positive response from audiences, and advance bookings have already started. Fans are now waiting to see how the film performs at the box office. At the same time, many are eagerly watching for any official update about Alia Bhatt's possible role in Kalki 2.

Dil Raju's 'Dreams' Targeting Next Year

If main films are not working, then definitely nothing will work. If films fail, then the hero's image crashes, the producer's credibility crashes and the director's market crashes. Sometimes careers also crash if films fail to do well at the box office in a row. The same thing is happening with Dil Raju for some time. He was once considered a producer with a Midas Touch, but now the touch has turned out to be the opposite. A couple of years ago, Dil Raju launched the production banner "Dil Raju Dreams," saying they would produce small-budget movies under it. However, films like



Balagam took off as such small movies, but ended up on the main banner of the producer. But now, the producer is saying that they will be releasing nearly 6 movies on the Dil Raju Dreams banner in 2027. A new team is said to be listening to the stories, then filtering them out, and bringing the

finest to Dil Raju's notice, to take a final call. Well, this process is happening from a long time but nothing solid is happening. However, Dil Raju says now that other production houses, investors and some cash-rich funders are ready to join DRD to co-produce the movies.

Women's T20 WC: England handed Nat Sciver-Brunt boost ahead of semi-final against South Africa

London, July 1 : England cricket team has been handed a big boost ahead of their crucial Women's T20 World Cup semi-final clash against South Africa as their captain Nat Sciver-Brunt has been passed fit to return from injury for Thursday's match at Kennington Oval. Sciver-Brunt got retired hurt during England's clash against Ireland in Southampton. That was a recurrence of an injury she suffered while playing domestic cricket in late April, due to which the all-rounder was out of the crucial preparation series against India and New Zealand. Skipper played both warm-up games ahead of the tournament, scoring 3 against Australia and 57 against India before scores of 46 not out and 48 against Sri Lanka and Ireland respectively at the World Cup.



"We literally threw everything at it, I'm really happy with where I am at physically. Myself and the medical team are really happy with where we're at. Physically I'm able to take part in all of the game, so from that point of view I'm really happy," Sciver-Brunt said in the pre-match press conference at The Oval on Wednesday, confirming her return to the playing XI. England enters the semi-final with a perfect record, having won all five

of their group matches. The return of captain Nat Sciver-Brunt makes an already strong team even better. They have posted scores of 164, 186, and 219 in the tournament, showcasing the depth of their batting lineup. England's greatest strength lies in their top order, led by the tournament's top run-scorer, Danni Wyatt-Hodge. The experienced opener has scored 282 runs in five innings at an average of 94. This includes an unbeaten 89 against New Zealand at The Oval, and she has already received three Player of the Match awards. Sciver-Brunt's return, following a significant improvement in her calf injury after a positive MRI scan, gives England their strongest XI for the first time in three matches. Her presence also adds another quality seam-bowling option, restoring balance to the team.

Women's T20 WC: When and where to watch South Africa vs England semis clash, know all details



London, July 1 : South Africa aims to continue their impressive run as they face unbeaten hosts England in the second semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at The Kennington Oval on Thursday. A spot in Sunday's final against Australia is on the line. The Proteas head into this knockout match with strong confidence after bouncing back from an early loss to Australia. They won four of their next five games. Their campaign peaked against India, where Marizanne Kapp delivered a standout performance, scoring an unbeaten 81 and taking 2/27 to help South Africa

secure a place in the last four. In contrast, England has appeared to be the most well-rounded team in the tournament, winning all five of their group matches. The return of captain Nat Sciver-Brunt from injury provides a significant boost. Opener Danni Wyatt-Hodge has shone as the top batter with 282 runs in five innings at an average of 94, including an unbeaten 89 at The Oval. South Africa's hopes will once again rely heavily on Kapp, supported by experienced pace bowlers Shabnim Ismail and Ayabonga Khaka, along with left-arm spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba.

Captain Laura Wolvaardt, who was out for a duck against Bangladesh in the final group match, will seek to lead strongly. England's batting depth has been a key factor in their success, achieving totals of 164, 186, and 219. Alice Capsey has contributed to explosive finishes, while Sophie Ecclestone has effectively controlled the middle overs with her reliable left-arm spin. The Oval has mostly favoured teams chasing during this tournament. Australia easily chased down the West Indies' 125 in the first semi-final at the same venue. The conditions provide early support for seamers, and evening dew may make bowling first a preferred choice. Though England will be the favourites to reach their first Women's T20 World Cup final since 2018, South Africa has already proven they can challenge the tournament's top teams. Another inspired performance from Kapp could lead the

Mooney backs Australia's all-round strength ahead of T20 World Cup final

Australia wicketkeeper-batter Beth Mooney believes the team's strength lies in its all-round depth, crediting consistent contributions from across the squad for powering the six-time champions into a record eighth ICC Women's T20 World Cup final. After Australia's commanding eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the semifinal at The Oval, Mooney praised the impact of Ashleigh Gardner, Georgia Wareham and Georgia Voll, saying Australia's ability to produce match-winners in every department has been key to their campaign. The defending champions will now face either England or South Africa in Sunday's final at Lord's. Mooney reserved special praise for Gardner, who followed up her match-winning knock against India with another influential all-round display against the West Indies. "She's been a critical player for us for a long period of time. She obviously batted beautifully against India at Lord's the other day. She gets a lot of confidence from that. And I think we saw that today with the ball. She bowled beautifully and took wickets at critical times. So we know the threat that she poses to other teams, and we're very lucky to

have her at our disposal in our team," Mooney said after the match. With Australia now one win away from another world title, Mooney stressed the importance of having every player in form. "Certainly going into the pointy end of the competition, it's always good to have all your players in good form," she said. Mooney also praised Georgia Wareham, saying the all-rounder has developed into one of Australia's most valuable players after adapting to different roles over the years. "Wolf (Wareham) has been unreal. Not too many cricketers float around the world stage having the skill set that she does and the nous of the game ... the calmness. So it's probably been a little bit of time in the making for Wolf. I think she's been given different roles along the way but really come into her own in that number six role with the bat especially, and also just nailing it with the ball," she added. Mooney described Wareham as a complete cricketer. "She's the all-round package—Wolf—bat, ball, field, great temperament, great human. So another player that is probably the envy of world cricket, and she's in our team. So I'm very lucky that I get to have the best seat



in the house, both behind the stumps when I'm keeping and obviously seeing her do her thing with the bat. So hopefully she's got one more very good game in her and can help us get on the right side of the result on Sunday," she said. Mooney also credited opener Georgia Voll for Australia's aggressive starts in the powerplay. "Yeah, we've discussed that that's a pretty important phase of the game to try and attack, and obviously with Georgia Voll at the top of the order, it makes it pretty easy to do that," she said.

India replace Yastika with Kamalini, retain Shreyanka for Asian Games title defence

India have made just one change to their squad for the women's cricket competition at the 2026 Asian Games, replacing out-of-form wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia with 17-year-old G Kamalini after their group-stage exit from the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Kamalini, regarded as one of India's brightest young talents, has been named as the reserve wicketkeeper for the tournament, which will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 17 to 22. Off-spin all-rounder Shreyanka Patil has also been included in the squad, subject to fitness clearance. Patil suffered an ankle ligament injury during India's Women's T20 World



Cup match against the Netherlands and was ruled out of the remainder of the tournament. Leg-spinner Prema Rawat, who replaced Patil in the World Cup squad and featured in one match, has not been retained for the Asian Games. Bhatia, who played four matches during the T20 World Cup, endured a forgettable run, managing a mere 41 runs from three innings at an average of 13.66 and a strike rate of 117.14. She was used in different batting positions throughout the tournament as India continued to search for the right middle-order combination. In the final group-stage match against Australia, she was pushed down the order and did not get an opportunity to bat.

Cullinan urges caution over Sooryavanshi's rapid rise

As excitement continues to grow around teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, former South Africa batter Daryll Cullinan has urged Indian cricket to protect the 15-year-old from the pressures of early fame, saying the youngster should be allowed to enjoy his childhood before being fast-tracked into international cricket. Cullinan, who represented South Africa in 70 Tests and 138 ODIs, believes Sooryavanshi's situation is unlike anything cricket has witnessed before because of the immense spotlight created by the IPL, Indian cricket and social media. "What we are seeing in Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is not simply a talented boy playing above his age. It is something cricket has genuinely never had to deal with before – name-



ly, a child placed at the centre of one of the most commercially powerful, globally visible and socially amplified sporting environments ever created: Indian cricket and the IPL," Cullinan wrote in a column for Cricinfo. "Cricket has seen prodigies. It has seen young players arrive early and carry labels they did not ask for. But it has not seen this precise combination before, of innocence, extraordinary gift, and a social media world that has abolished nearly every distance between a

child and the opinions of hundreds of millions. Sooryavanshi is 15, living a life that is not proceeding at the ordinary pace of growing up. This needs careful consideration before it is too late," he added. Drawing on examples of other sporting prodigies whose careers failed to live up to their early promise, Cullinan said Sooryavanshi's development must be handled with patience rather than haste. "In my view he should be at home preparing for his exams, playing gully cricket with his mates, and being a young boy while he still has the chance. That does not mean ignoring his talent. It means understanding that the talent will only be truly served if the person carrying it is allowed to grow whole," Cullinan wrote. The former South

African batter also compared Sooryavanshi's rise with that of Sachin Tendulkar, noting that although Tendulkar entered international cricket as a teenager, he benefited from experienced people around him who helped shield him from outside pressures. According to Cullinan, that protective layer is much weaker in today's social media era, where young cricketers are constantly exposed to public opinion. He believes Tendulkar is the ideal person to guide the youngster through this phase. "It is my sincere hope that he will turn to Tendulkar for guidance. He could not be more lucky than to have a mentor in a fellow Indian cricketer who has been through it all and seen it all, and who will have his best interests at heart," he concluded.

Don't want to play any franchise cricket: Brook committed completely to England

Banned from the Indian Premier League until the 2028 season, Harry Brook has insisted he has no regrets about skipping the cash-rich franchise league, saying his only priority is representing England as he also emerged as the leading contender to succeed Ben Stokes as the country's next Test captain. Brook, who is already England's white-ball captain, is widely seen as the frontrunner to take over the Test side following Stokes' retirement from international cricket. While the leadership question remains undecided, the 27-year-old made it clear that international cricket will always come before franchise commitments. Brook is currently serving a two-season IPL ban after withdrawing from the tournament for two successive years after being picked at the auction. He first pulled out ahead of IPL 2024 due to a family emergency and then skipped IPL 2025 to prioritise his England commitments after being appointed captain of the ODI and T20I teams. The BCCI's regulations state that any overseas player who withdraws after being bought at the auction for reasons other than injury faces a two-year ban from participating in future IPL auctions. Despite the ban, Brook said he remains fully committed to England and has no desire to play franchise leagues around the world apart from The Hundred. "I've committed completely to



England cricket. I've said that I don't want to play any franchise cricket barring the Hundred and given everything that I want to do is to play cricket for England and whatever I do on and off the field is to try and be and perform as well as I possibly can for England, and hence the reason I don't play in the IPL and PSL and all the other franchise competitions," Brook said in the lead-up to the five-match T20I series against India. "I am just happy playing cricket for England as much as I possibly can. Hence the reason I don't play any franchise cricket. For me, personally, I just got to try and look after myself, to be honest. To play as many games as I possibly can for England, and whether that's as captain or not – I'm just happy to be out on the park," he added. Brook also admitted that leading England's Test side would be a dream if he is offered the role. "Look, it would be a great honour to do it, it'd be a privilege to do it, to

captain England in the highest format of our game. The pinnacle, I think it is. Playing Test cricket is the greatest thing that I've ever done in my life and it's a dream and something that I've always wanted to do since I could speak. Look, it's not up to me, that decision, but if I got offered it then I'd be happy to take it," he said. Although Brook is England's designated Test vice-captain, the ECB turned to former captain Joe Root to lead the side during Stokes' suspension against New Zealand. Brook backed that decision wholeheartedly. "I think the decision that was made was the right one. Making Rooty captain last week was definitely the right decision. He has always been there for the ECB. He has been a stalwart for English cricket. He's in my opinion the best batter to ever play Test cricket. "The ECB needed him that week as well and he stepped up. My job that week was to just try and help him as much as possible. Lots of conversations: obviously we're at first and second slip, so we're always chatting about how we can have an effect on the game. But I definitely feel ECB made the right decision," he said. England's immediate attention now shifts to the five-match T20I series against India, while the ECB is expected to announce its new permanent Test captain ahead of next month's home series against Pakistan.

BCB lists India series in new media rights tender

India's white-ball tour of Bangladesh appears to have moved a step closer to becoming a reality after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invited bids for the television and digital media rights of the series, even though the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is yet to officially confirm the tour. According to a report by Cricbuzz, the six-match series, comprising three ODIs and three T20Is, is listed as part of the BCB's latest tender for the worldwide media rights of its home international fixtures in 2026 and 2027. In a communication sent to broadcasters, the BCB said, "The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)



invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from reputable TV Broadcasters, Digital Platforms and Marketing Agencies / Consortiums / Firms for acquiring the Worldwide Media Rights of the following Bilateral Home Series." The India series heads the list of fixtures included in the tender. The tour was originally scheduled for last year but was postponed due to diplomatic tensions between India and

Bangladesh. Since then, both Bangladesh's government and the BCB administration have undergone changes. Besides the India series, the tender also includes the West Indies' two-Test tour of Bangladesh in 2026, England's two-Test series in 2027 and Pakistan's five-match ODI series in 2027. The BCB has informed interested broadcasters that the Expression of Interest (EOI) document will be available from July 2. It states: "The details of the EOI process, the Tentative Series Itinerary, the Prescribed Format for the Submission of the Financial Proposal and other relevant information

shall be set out in the EOI document, which will be available from 2nd July 2026." The deadline for submitting bids has been set for July 22. The tender further notes: "The EOI along with the Financial Proposal (prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the EOI Document), must be submitted in the prescribed format issued by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). Hard copy submissions must be delivered to the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh by 22nd of July 2026 during office hours (between BST 10:00 to BST 17:00)."

Dr. Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision hands over traffic barricades to Ongole traffic police for supporting smoother traffic in the city

Ongole, 1st July 2026 :Dr.Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospital, Ongole, a newly opened centre, handed over traffic barricades to the local Traffic Police, reinforcing its commitment to community well-being, road safety and responsible civic engagement. The handover ceremony was held in Ongole centre in the presence of Mr.Chava Hazarathaiah – CI; Mr.Srinivasa Rao SI– Traffic; members of the Traffic Police team; Dr. Ramalinga Reddy, Dr.ChenchiReddy, Dr. Veni Sri and the staff members. Commenting on the initiative, Dr. AAV Ramalinga Reddy, Sr. Cataract Surgeon, Dr. Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals, said "Road safety

requires the ongoing commitment of every road user and community member. We are pleased to hand over these barricades to the Ongole Traffic Police, supporting their ongoing efforts to improve traffic discipline, enhance on-ground visibility and enable safer movement across the city." The barricades will aid traffic management at key locations and strengthen public awareness around responsible road behaviour. Dr. Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision's recently opened Ongole branch brings state-of-the-art eye-care technology and experienced clinical expertise closer to the community. Its senior specialists bring decades of experience across cataract, squint, paediatric ophthalmology and LASIK refractive pro-



cedures. The hospital remains open every day from 8am to 6pm for consultation. The centre also provides comprehensive services in Retina Services, glaucoma management, keratoconus, pinhole pupilloplasty, orbit and oculoplasty, general ophthalmology, optical and pharmacy services.

20 years of leadership amid evolving global dynamics: ArcelorMittal Executive Chairman Lakshmi Mittal

Viskhapatnam June 19: ArcelorMittal Executive Chairman Lakshmi Mittal has stated that the last 20 years has been characterized by China's remarkable growth. Now it is India's turn, with massive infrastructure expansion, rapid urban housing growth, and energy transition infrastructure all on the cards. "If I look back over the 20 years, I genuinely believe that the merger did indeed create a stronger company, benefiting from greater scale, diversification, resilience and strategic reach. Clearly – as is always the way - there have been events we did not anticipate. The after-shocks of the Global Financial Crisis are still with us, and the fallout from COVID has been similarly dramatic. I am adamant though that we navigated these shocks better together than we could have done separately," Mr. Mittal said in a video message delivered to attendees at the World Steel Dynamics annual Global Steel Dynamics Forum 2026, held in New York. "Operating in 2026 is obvi-



ously very different to 2006. Today markets move faster, competition is more global, technology changes constantly, and companies are expected to adapt in real time. Even traditional industries like ours operate in a faster, more global, more data-driven, and more environmentally constrained world than they did in 2006. There are plenty of reasons to remain optimistic and excited about the future. I have no doubt that we will continue to face plenty of challenges and unexpected events. But honestly, I can say that after 50 years in the steel industry, there is no place I would rather be." Ahead of its 20th anniversary on July 31 this year, ArcelorMittal Executive

Chairman Lakshmi Mittal, recalled the speech he gave at the event, shortly before the merger of Mittal Steel and Arcelor was reached. Reflecting on the past two decades, Mr. Mittal highlighted how the combination created a stronger, more resilient business with the scale, diversification and reach to navigate major global shifts - from the financial crisis to the COVID-19 pandemic to the rise of China's steel industry. He also set out how industry has evolved, with faster-moving markets, greater technological change and a more complex operating environment than in 2006. Looking ahead, Mr. Mittal expressed confidence in the long-term outlook for steel, underpinned by demand from emerging markets such as India, infrastructure renewal in developed economies and the energy transition. He also underlined the growing role of domestic industrial policy and the importance of maintaining a strong, competitive steel industry.

Kandregula Vekatararamana appointed as member of State Vigilance Committee

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, July1 Kandregula Venkata ramana, an influencer, activist and state awardee of consumer rights protection and Right to Information (RTI) laws, has been appointed as a member of the State Vigilance Committee of the State Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department. The state government has issued orders (M.S. No. 8 dated 30-6-2026) to this effect. The State Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Minister is the chairman of this committee, which will consist of senior officials of the state government and representatives of consumer associations. The tenure of the committee is three years. He has been working tirelessly in the Telugu states to implement the Consumer Protection Act for the past 36 years, the Right to Information Act for the past 21 years, and to spread the movement in the Telugu states by organizing awareness seminars, campaign programs, distributing free applications, and publishing books to enable a larger number of people to use



the laws. Currently, Venkataramana is serving as the State President of the Consumer Organizations Federation, Secretary of the Anaka palke Mandal Consumers Council, State Coordinator of the Public Forum, Resource Person for Consumer Protection and RTI Acts, Influencer, Consultant, and Analyst. Similarly, Kandregula Venkataramana, who has worked as a journalist in various newspapers for 36 years, is currently working as the Associate Editor of 'Janam', a monthly magazine recognized by the Government of India, which has been publishing since 2006 with themes such as consumer protection, RTI, human rights, national food safety laws, consumers, RTI Commission judgments, relevant government

orders, citizen charters, government services and social issues. So far, he has written 29 books on the Consumer Rights Protection Act, 12 on the RTI Act, 11 on the Bureau of Indian Standards, and two special books on the services of the Department of Weights and Measures. He has received 39 awards and commendations from government and non-government organizations. He has previously served as the editor of the 'Viniyagedeepika' magazine published under the auspices of the State Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, as a member of the State Advisory Committee of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and as a member of the East Coast Railway Waltair Division Rail Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC). Meanwhile, representatives of RTI, consumer associations and government employee associations have expressed happiness over the appointment of Kandregula Venkataramana.

Cheepurupalli MLA Kimidi Kala Venkata Rao's birthday celebrated with festive spirit across constituency

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), July 1 (Skyline): The birthday of Cheepurupalli MLA and former Minister Kimidi Kala Venkata Rao was celebrated with great enthusiasm at multiple locations across the constituency on Tuesday, drawing large gatherings of party leaders, elected representatives, workers, supporters and local residents. The main celebrations took place at the MLA's camp office in Cheepurupalli, where the premises wore a festive look. Leaders and party cadres from different parts of the constituency assembled to extend their greetings. The celebrations featured fireworks, traditional drum performances and the distribution of sweets, creating a vibrant atmosphere.



Speakers on the occasion appreciated Kala Venkata Rao's continued commitment to public welfare and constituency development. They wished him good health, a long life and greater responsibilities in public service in the years to come. As part of the birthday celebrations, Telugu Desam Party leaders and activists also organised a community service programme at the Anna Canteen in Cheepurupalli

town. A cake-cutting ceremony was followed by an Annadanam (free community meal), with food served to the public. Participants said the celebrations reflected their gratitude for the MLA's leadership and expressed hope that he would continue contributing to the progress of the constituency. The birthday events concluded amid cheerful participation from party workers, well-wishers and members of the public.

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The central team examined and expressed satisfaction

Vizianagaram , July 01 (Skyline): A central team inspected the mango tandra industry in Bhimali, Jami mandal under One District One Product on Wednesday. The mango tandra industry was selected by the District Collector in the past and proposals were sent under One District One Product. The central team arrived to examine the proposals. They spoke face to face with the farmers who are making mango tandra in Bhimali. The farmers said that 300 families are working on this industry and if our industry gets One District One Product recognition, they will further develop the industry under that name. They explained that they are using sugarcane without adding any chemicals. They



said that they have obtained a loan facility of up to 35 percent through the Horticulture Department. The central team inspected the packaging , pulp-ing units and collection centers and asked where they are marketing. The farmers said that they are selling wholesale and retail. The central team expressed satisfaction after

talking to the farmers. Efforts are being made to increase mango cultivation in the district: District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy After the field visit, the central team politely met District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy in the Collector's Chamber. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that mango cultivation is

already high in the district and steps have been taken to expand it this year under the development of horticulture. He also said that the mango tandra prepared by mango farmers is also being encouraged for marketing and branding. He said that this industry will be encouraged to be institutionalized in the future to make it profitable for the farmers.

Harpreet Singh and Shruti Gupta participated in this visit from the Invest India team, while District Horticulture Officer Chittibabu , Horticulture Officers Bharani , Padma , DRDA PD , Handloom and Textile Development Officer Vasantha and others participated from the district.

A New Benchmark in Overseas Medical Education through India-Uzbekistan Academic Collaboration

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, July1

Due to the shortage of MBBS seats in India, nearly 30,000 Indian students pursue medical education abroad every year. In India, NMC-recognised medical colleges generally admit a maximum of 250 students annually to ensure academic quality and adequate clinical exposure. However, some foreign medical institutions have been admitting up to 1,500 Indian students every year, raising concerns regarding educational quality, clinical training, faculty availability, and infrastructure. In its recent Alert Note, the National Medical Commission (NMC) advised Indian students to exercise caution before enrolling in foreign medical institutions that do not comply with the Foreign Medical Graduate Regulations, 2021.

At the same time, while the overall FMGE pass percentage of Indian students graduating from foreign medical institutions stands at 23.37%, graduates from Uzbekistan recorded a pass

percentage of 40.37% in the FMGE December 2025 examination. This demonstrates that selecting institutions with quality education, limited student intake, adequate clinical training, and compliance with NMC regulations plays a crucial role in student success. During the International Medical Education Conclave 2026, medical education experts, healthcare professionals, international academic representatives, students and parents concluded that the future of overseas medical education depends on quality, regulatory compliance, and structured academic partnerships between institutions. They also observed that an Integrated Indian Equivalent MBBS Programme, designed in accordance with the NMC FMGL Regulations, 2021, offers a quality, safe and future-oriented pathway for Indian students studying abroad.

Kimyo International University offers several distinctive advantages, including recognition by the World Health Organization (WHO) and ECFMG



(USA), complete English-medium instruction, its own teaching hospital, on-campus hostel facilities, a medical degree that qualifies graduates to practise in Uzbekistan in accordance with local regulations, and an affordable annual tuition fee of approximately Rs.3 lakh, making it accessible to middle-class families. In addition, the University has earned a place in the QS World University Rankings, reflecting its academic excellence, and is recognised as one of the largest universities in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. Against this backdrop, GSL Medical Institutions, Kimyo International University, and NEO Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology jointly announced the launch of the

Integrated Indian Equivalent MBBS Programme, designed in accordance with the NMC Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) curriculum. Dr. Ganni Bhaskara Rao, Chairman, GSL Group, said that the demand for MBBS education in India far exceeds the availability of seats. Although the FMGL Regulations, 2021 were introduced by the NMC to safeguard Indian students studying abroad, many foreign medical institutions are yet to fully comply with these regulations. He stated that GSL has partnered with Kimyo International University to offer a high-quality Integrated Indian Equivalent MBBS Programme, aligned with the FMGL Regulations,

with an annual intake limited to 250 students.

The programme will provide Indian faculty-led supplementary academic teaching, cadaveric anatomy training, Smart Lab simulation, clinical skills development, clinical observerships in teaching hospitals, specialised coaching for the FMGE/NEt examinations, and opportunities to pursue postgraduate medical education in the United Kingdom, subject to eligibility and the applicable regulations of the concerned authorities.

Under this partnership, Kimyo International University and GSL Medical Institutions will jointly undertake curriculum development, clinical training, faculty collaboration, research, and continuous student mentoring. NEO Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology will coordinate the programme and provide comprehensive student support services. To ensure academic quality, faculty availability, infrastructure, and adequate clinical exposure, the annual intake will be limited to 250 students.

NTR Bharosa pensions bring joy to pensioners' eyes

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas distributed pensions in Pachalavalasa

Vizianagaram , July 1 (Skyline): The Minister for Micro , Small and Medium Enterprises , Rural Poverty Alleviation and Diaspora Empowerment, Kondapalli Srinivas, said that we can see happiness in the eyes of pensioners with the NTR Bharosa pensions being given by the government. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas distributed pensions in Pachalavalasa village of Dattirajeru mandal on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said that only one pension is being distributed every month with the aim of welfare of the poor and that AP is an ideal for the country in the pension distribution system. He said that Rs. 2,711.79 crore has been released for NTR Bharosa pensions in the state for the month of July. He said that a total of 62,19,648 people , including 7,792 newly sanctioned widow beneficiaries, were



given pensions on July 1 across the state. The government has released Rs. 3.12 crore for new widow pensions, and since the formation of the coalition government, Rs. 68,598.44 crore has been spent on pensions. Honorable Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that he would personally go to the homes of the beneficiaries in

Punnapuvaripalem village under Chillakuru mandal of Nellore district on Wednesday and provide pensions. NTR stood as the foundation of welfare in the history of Andhra Pradesh. NTR started the pension program in 1983. In 2014-19, the pension was Rs. He said that the credit for making 2 thousand belongs to CM Chandrababu Naidu , and today

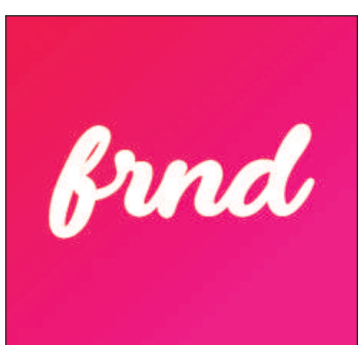
the credit of providing Rs. 4 thousand pension to beneficiaries through social pension in the state also goes to the coalition government. Despite the financial difficulties in the state, the coalition government spent Rs. 66 thousand crores on pension distribution in two years, and that if he comes to power, he will increase the pension from Rs. 2 thousand to Rs. 3 thousand. Jagan Reddy has taken a U-turn. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas emphasized that the credit for distributing all pensions as soon as the coalition government came to power and making the poor live with more dignity goes to the coalition government. Telugu Desam Party Politburo member Gantiada Sridevi , AMC Chairman PVV Gopala Raju , Dattirajeru Party Mandal President Chappa Chandrasekhar and others participated in the program.

A story of hope, love, and second chances: Ilakkiya

Visakhapatnam, 1 July 2026: For 28-year-old Ilakkiya, the journey toward emotional wellbeing, companionship, and financial independence took a transformative turn when she discovered FRND, India's leading voice-first social discovery platform by Interact Group. Ilakkiya lost her mother at birth. Her father, her only parent and anchor, passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving her with no immediate family. She moved in with relatives, but the arrangement lacked emotional comfort and a sense of belonging. Eventually, she made the difficult choice to step out on her own. Socially withdrawn and deeply hesitant, particularly around speaking to men, Ilakkiya found everyday interactions challenging. Trust,

after all, is difficult to rebuild when life has repeatedly taken away the people closest to you. It was during this phase that Ilakkiya came across a video about FRND on social media. Drawn to the idea of a safe, judgment-free space where she could simply talk and be heard, she decided to join the platform. What began as a tentative first step soon became a turning point not just for Ilakkiya, but for the people she connected with.

One of her earliest and most meaningful connections was with a man working 12-hour shifts in Qatar, far from home and emotionally isolated. Through consistent, genuine voice conversations on FRND, Ilakkiya became a steady presence in his life, helping him navigate emotional and personal difficulties he had carried alone for



years. What started as companionship became a deep friendship that made a remarkable difference in his life. But the most profound chapter was still unfolding. On the platform, Ilakkiya met another man who mirrored her own grief. He too had lost his mother

long ago and carried a quiet hopelessness, his only purpose in his life was to dedicate his life to his work. Life, for him, was something to endure, not to live. Slowly, through late-night conversations and shared vulnerability, something shifted. Ilakkiya grew fond of him. What started as empathy deepened into friendship, and then into love. They got married this year.

Beyond companionship, FRND also became a source of livelihood for Ilakkiya. With her earnings from the platform, she completed her education and is today a practising advocate, a professionally and personally transformed woman who credits one platform for changing the entire trajectory of her life.