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Centre launches India’s 1st ‘Easy Connect’ flight from Varanasi



New Delhi, June 26 : Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu on Friday launched India’s first ‘Easy Connect’ flight from Varanasi, marking

the rollout of the government’s new hub-and-spoke aviation model aimed at providing seamless international (Contd. on pg.2)

AP Reaffirms Zero Tolerance against Drug Trafficking: CM Chandrababu

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-Chandrababu Vows Relentless Action Against Drug Networks Across AP
-Operation Chaitanyam, EAGLE Drive AP’s Fight Against Drug Menace

By Skyline Staff Reporter Amaravati June 26 Andhra Pradesh stands for zero tolerance for drug trafficking, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said on Friday on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

He stated that the state government was committed to cracking down on drug trafficking and bringing the offenders to justice. “On this International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, we are (Contd. on pg.2)



Piyush Goyal honoured with UK-India award for strengthening bilateral ties



London/New Delhi, June 26 : Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has been conferred the special award for exceptional leadership in

elevating UK-India relations at the Annual UK-India Awards 2026 in London, recognising his contribution to (Contd. on pg.2)

Sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain continues to inspire many people: PM Modi on Muharram

New Delhi, June 26 : On the occasion of Muharram, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said that the sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) continues to inspire people across the world to remain steadfast in the pursuit of truth and justice. PM Modi took to social media ‘X’ and said, “The sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain (AS) continues to inspire many people to remain steadfast in the pursuit of truth and justice. It is also a reminder of the enduring power of



courage and conviction.” Muharram is the first month of the Islamic cal-

endar and is regarded as one of the holiest periods (Contd. on pg.2)

Grand Opening of Roti Festival at Historic Barashahid Dargah



By Skyline Staff Reporter Nellore, June 26: The annual Roti Festival commenced on a grand note at the historic Barashahid Dargah in

Nellore district on Thursday, drawing thousands of devotees from across the country. Municipal Administration (Contd. on pg.2)

Pawan Kalyan Calls for Strict Implementation of ‘Friday–Dry Day’ to Build a Healthy Andhra Pradesh

By Skyline Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 26: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has directed officials to strictly implement the ‘Friday-Dry Day’ sanitation initiative across Andhra Pradesh as part of the government’s vision of transforming the state into a Healthy Andhra Pradesh. Stressing that public health is one of the government’s highest priorities, he said preventive measures must be intensified to curb the spread of seasonal diseases during the monsoon.



Chairing a high-level review meeting in Amaravati on drinking water supply, sanitation management, and mosquito control, the Deputy Chief Minister instructed

officials to take proactive steps in view of the changing weather conditions and the increased risk of vector-borne and water-borne diseases. (Contd. on pg.2)

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Minister Gottipati Orders Immediate Safety Measures to Curb Road Accidents in Palnadu

By Skyline Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 26: In the wake of a series of road accidents reported in Palnadu district, In-charge Minister Gottipati Ravikumar on Friday conducted a high-level review meeting with senior district officials and directed them to take immediate measures to improve road safety and prevent further mishaps. The Minister held discussions with the District Collector and the

Superintendent of Police (SP) to assess the recent accidents and review the existing safety mechanisms on major roads and highways. Expressing concern over the increasing number of accidents, Ravikumar instructed officials to identify accident-prone locations across the district and implement preventive measures without delay. He emphasized the need for a scientific (Contd. on pg.2)

Transparency in Fertilizer Distribution Government's Priority: Minister Atchannaidu

By Skyline Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 26: Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu on Friday reaffirmed the state government’s commitment to ensuring transparency and accountability in the distribution of subsidised fertilizers, stating that the implementation of APAIMS 2.0 has effectively curbed the illegal diversion of fertilizers and ensured that benefits reach only genuine farm-

ers.Addressing the media in Amaravati, the Minister said the upgraded Andhra Pradesh Agrisnet Input Management System (APAIMS 2.0) has brought greater efficiency and transparency to fertilizer distribution across the state. The digital platform enables real-time monitoring of fertilizer stocks and distribution, preventing misuse and ensuring that subsidised inputs are supplied only to eligible cultivators.(Contd. on pg.2)

Home Minister Anitha Calls for Public Support to Build a Drug-Free Andhra Pradesh

By Skyline Staff Reporter Vijayawada, June 26: Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha on Friday called upon citizens, particularly the youth, to join the government’s mission of making the state completely drug-free. She urged parents, educational institutions and the public to work together to eradicate the menace of narcotics and protect the future of the younger generation.Addressing a

workshop on drug prevention organised at Tummalapalli Kalakshetra under the theme "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan – Vikshit Bharat Ki Pehchan", the Home Minister stressed that drug addiction not only destroys the lives of youngsters but also causes immense suffering to their families.Sharing an emotional incident, Anitha said she was deeply shocked when a parent (Contd. on pg.2)

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connectivity to passengers from Tier-II and Tier-III cities. The initiative is expected to strengthen India’s ambitions of becoming a global aviation hub while making overseas travel easier for passengers beginning their journeys from smaller cities. The inaugural service was launched from Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport in Varanasi, marking a significant milestone in the government’s efforts to transform air travel accessibility for passengers residing in Tier-II and Tier-III cities. Speaking at the launch

event, Naidu said the initiative represents a major step towards building a future-ready and globally competitive aviation ecosystem. He said the new model would enable passengers from smaller cities to begin their international journeys from their home airports, making overseas travel more convenient and efficient. “Today we take a major step forward towards realising our vision of making air travel more accessible and building a future-ready, self-reliant Indian aviation industry that is efficient, inclusive and globally competitive,” the minister said.

Under the newly introduced hub-and-spoke model, international passengers can complete check-in, immigration and customs formalities at their originating airport itself. Passengers departing from Varanasi, for instance, will complete all departure procedures before boarding a domestic flight to a designated hub airport such as Delhi, from where they will connect to international services without repeating the formalities. The government said the ‘Easy Connect’ initiative is designed to make India the preferred aviation hub for Indian travellers by

2030 and a global aviation hub by 2047. The strategy is also expected to boost trade, tourism, investment and regional economic growth by improving international connectivity from non-metro cities. According to estimates by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, aviation hub development could generate nearly 0.4 million direct and indirect jobs and contribute an additional \$30 billion to India’s GDP by 2030. By 2047, the cumulative economic impact is projected to support around 16 million jobs and add nearly \$1.4 trillion to the economy.

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Expressing concern over the increasing number of accidents, Ravikumar instructed officials to identify accident-prone locations across the district and implement preventive measures without delay. He emphasized the need for a scientific assessment of black spots and called for immediate corrective action to minimize the risk of accidents. The Minister directed officials to install adequate warning signs, reflective markers, and

accident indicators at vulnerable locations to alert motorists. He said such safety measures would help drivers exercise greater caution, particularly during night-time travel and adverse weather conditions. Ravikumar also instructed the Superintendent of Police to establish an effective response mechanism for situations where heavy vehicles break down or remain stranded on roads. He stressed that motorists approaching

from behind should be alerted immediately through warning signals, barricades, flashing lights, or other appropriate traffic management measures to prevent secondary accidents. The Minister further urged officials from the police, roads, and transport departments to work in close coordination to improve traffic management and ensure strict enforcement of road safety regulations. He said protecting the

lives of road users is the government’s top priority and directed officials to regularly monitor accident-prone stretches, strengthen emergency response systems, and create greater public awareness about safe driving practices. The district administration has been asked to submit a comprehensive report on the identified accident black spots and the preventive measures being implemented to reduce road accidents in Palnadu.

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and transparency to fertilizer distribution across the state. The digital platform enables real-time monitoring of fertilizer stocks and distribution, preventing misuse and ensuring that subsidised inputs are supplied only to eligible cultivators. Atchannaidu said the government is determined to eliminate irregularities in the fertilizer supply chain and has adopted technology-driven mechanisms to strengthen monitoring and improve service delivery

to farmers.Highlighting the progress achieved so far, the Minister said 2.97 lakh farmers have received subsidised fertilizers through the APAIMS 2.0 platform. He added that the government has distributed 48,588 metric tonnes of urea and 12,874 metric tonnes of Diammonium Phosphate (DAP) to farmers during the current season.He stated that the system has significantly reduced the scope for illegal diversion, black marketing and

unauthorized sale of fertilizers, thereby ensuring that agricultural inputs are available to farmers at the right time and at subsidised prices.The Minister assured that the government is continuously monitoring fertilizer availability across districts to avoid shortages during the ongoing agricultural season. Adequate stocks have been maintained, and officials have been instructed to ensure timely supply based on local demand.Reiterating

the government’s commitment to farmer welfare, Atchannaidu said technology-enabled governance is helping improve transparency, accountability and efficiency in the agriculture sector, ultimately benefiting lakhs of farmers across Andhra Pradesh. He added that the government will continue to strengthen digital systems to ensure that every eligible farmer receives the support needed for successful cultivation.

Heavy rains in AP from today.. APSDMA alert

Disaster Management Authority MD Prakhar Jain said that light to moderate rains with thunder-showers are likely to occur in Uttaraandhra, Kakinada, Konaseema, Markapuram, Prakasam and Nellore districts

tomorrow. There is a possibility of light showers in the remaining areas. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has also stated in its report that heavy rains and gusty winds of 40-50 kmph are likely to occur in many

parts of AP for the next few days. Officials explained that there is a possibility of thunder-showers in Kakinada, Konaseema, Ubhaya Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla and Palnadu districts on

Sunday (June 28). People were advised not to seek shelter under trees and hoardings during rains and strong winds. They were urged to stay away from power lines, and farmers and herders were urged to move to safer areas.

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strengthening bilateral ties between the two countries. Addressing a gathering of more than 300 policymakers and industry leaders, Goyal said that the best innings of the India-UK partnership are yet to come, highlighting the growing strategic, economic and technological ties between the two countries as the India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) is set to take effect from July 15. "Truly honoured to have received the Special Award for Exceptional Leadership in Elevating UK-India Relations at the Annual UK-India Awards 2026 in London," Goyal added. This recognition belongs to the many bridge-builders across governments, businesses, academia, culture, and our vibrant diaspora who continue to strengthen India-UK ties, he added. "The best innings of the India-UK partnership are yet to come," Goyal said, while emphasising the vast opportunities for collaboration between the two countries.

The minister also said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India's growth story is creating unprecedented opportunities for deeper engagement between India and the United Kingdom across several sectors. He also congratulated the other award recipients for their contributions towards further enriching the India-UK partnership. The minister noted that the evolving partnership between the two countries is being supported by stronger economic engagement, expanding business ties and growing people-to-people connections, setting the stage for a new chapter in bilateral relations. "Under the decisive leadership of PM Narendra Modi, India's growth story offers unprecedented opportunities for collaboration across trade, innovation, technology, education, and emerging sectors," he stated. "The best innings of the India-UK partnership are yet to come!" Goyal emphasised.

Grand Opening of Roti Festival at Historic Barashahid Dargah

and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana visited the Dargah to inspect the arrangements made for the festival. He also reviewed the functioning of the Police Command and Control Room established to monitor the event and ensure the safety and convenience of devotees. As part of the traditional rituals, the Minister participated in the ceremonial release of rotis into the Golden Pond, a unique custom associated with the centuries-old festival. Devotees eagerly entered the pond to catch the floating rotis, believing that each type of roti symbolizes a specific wish, such as good health, marriage, prosperity, employment, or the blessing of children. Following the ritual, the Minister offered special prayers at the Dargah. Speaking to the media, Narayana said the 412-year-old Barashahid Dargah continues to attract an increasing number of devotees every year, reflecting the strong faith and communal harmony associated with the

shrine. He recalled that before 2014, nearly four lakh devotees used to attend the festival annually, but the infrastructure available at the time was inadequate to handle such large crowds. He said the present government has significantly upgraded the facilities by improving roads, sanitation, drinking water supply, lighting, parking, security arrangements, and crowd management systems to ensure a smooth and safe experience for pilgrims. The Minister expressed satisfaction over the extensive preparations made by various government departments and said every effort has been taken to provide devotees with a comfortable and hassle-free pilgrimage. The Roti Festival, one of the most prominent religious events in Andhra Pradesh, is celebrated every year at the Barashahid Dargah and is renowned for promoting communal harmony, attracting devotees from different faiths who participate in the unique tradition with devotion and hope.

Sacrifice of Hazrat Imam Hussain continues to inspire many people: PM Modi on Muharram

in Islam. The observance is closely associated with Ashura, which commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS), the grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), in the Battle of Karbala. Religious gatherings, mourning processions and prayer meetings are organised across many parts of India and the world during this period. The word "Muharram" means "forbidden", signifying that it is one of the four sacred months in Islam during which warfare is traditionally prohibited. Muslims are encouraged to engage in increased worship, prayer and reflection during this holy month.

Muharram also marks the beginning of the Islamic or Hijri New Year. The Islamic calendar is based on 12 lunar months, with the sighting of the new moon determining the start of each month. The first day of Muharram marks the beginning of the new Islamic year. Although there are no specific acts of worship prescribed for this day, many Muslims use the occasion to reflect on the life, struggles and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and the early Muslim community. The 10th day of Muharram, known as Ashura, is considered one of the most significant and spiritually important

days in the Islamic calendar. It commemorates the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (AS) and his companions at the Battle of Karbala, an event that symbolises sacrifice, steadfastness, faith and resistance against injustice. Muharram holds immense religious and historical significance for Muslims, not only because it is one of Islam's four sacred months but also because several important events in Islamic history are associated with it. While both Shia and Sunni Muslims observe Muharram, their traditions differ. For Shia Muslims, the first 10 days of Muharram are marked by

mourning to honour the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS). Many wear black, attend special prayer gatherings and majlis, refrain from celebratory activities such as weddings and music, and participate in mourning processions on Ashura. In some communities, devotees engage in chest-beating as an expression of grief and remembrance. Sunni Muslims, on the other hand, often observe voluntary fasting on the 9th and 10th of Muharram or the 10th and 11th, following Islamic traditions. Fasting on Ashura is considered a virtuous act, and those who observe it are believed to receive spiritual rewards from Allah.

AP Reaffirms Zero Tolerance against Drug Trafficking: CM Chandrababu

reminded that the fight against drugs is ultimately a fight for our young people, their dreams, their health, and their future," the Chief Minister said in a social media post. "In Andhra Pradesh, we are committed to relentlessly cracking down on drug trafficking and bringing those responsible to justice. At the same time, we will extend every possible support to those battling addiction, helping them recover with dignity and rebuild their lives," he said. "The days when drugs were allowed to gain a foothold in our state are behind us. Today, Andhra Pradesh stands for zero tolerance for drug

trafficking, hope for those seeking recovery, and a safer future for every family," CM Chandrababu added. State Minister for Human Resources Development Nara Lokesh stated that on the occasion of International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Government of Andhra Pradesh firmly reiterates its unwavering commitment to completely eradicating the menace of drugs. "Through aggressive law enforcement operations, strict border and transit monitoring, and comprehensive community rehabilitation programs, Andhra Pradesh is

actively dismantling drug networks while creating viable, legal livelihoods for vulnerable communities. The state calls upon every citizen, educational institution, and civil society group to join hands in this vital mission to ensure a safe, healthy, and drug-free future," said Lokesh. The minister, through his post on 'X', highlighted the key initiatives and achievements of the government during the last few years. These include Operation Chaitanyam, under which the state achieved zero cannabis (Ganja) cultivation in the Alluri Sitarama Raju district. Alternative crops have been introduced

across 29,840 acres. The government rehabilitated 325 families involved in cannabis cultivation. The Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), Vigilance Enforcement, Drug Control Administration and local police launched joint initiatives called 'Operation Garuda' to regulate the sale of narcotics and psychotropic substances in medical shops. The EAGLE conducted over 800 cordon-and-search operations. It inspected 1.93 lakh people and seized 61.8 kg of cannabis, 10 kg of cannabis seeds and 9,346 vehicles.

Gopu Satyanarayana Greeted Pedana MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad on His Birthday

Krishna District Telugu Desam Party (TDP) General Secretary Gopu Satyanarayana on Friday conveyed birthday greetings to Pedana MLA Kagita Krishna Prasad.Gopu Satyanarayana met the MLA personally, wished him good health, long life and success in public service, and expressed hope that he would attain higher responsibilities

in the future. He felicitated the MLA by draping him with a ceremonial shawl and presenting him with a bouquet.Kagita Krishna Prasad thanked Gopu Satyanarayana for his warm wishes and appreciated the greetings extended by party leaders, workers and well-wishers on the occasion of his birthday.



Congress to raise Students' and Unemployed Youth's Voice: Sudheer Babu

By Skyline Staff Reporter Guntur, June 26: District Congress Committee (DCC) President Yennam Sudheer Babu on Friday said the Congress Party is committed to raising the concerns of students and unemployed youth through the "Chatron Ki Goonj" (Students' Voice) campaign. Addressing a press conference in Guntur, he alleged that repeated question paper leaks and irregularities in competitive and recruitment examinations have shaken students' confidence in the education system and jeopardised their future. He said the campaign, launched under the guidance of Congress leader Rahul



Gandhi, would be taken to the grassroots level to understand and highlight the issues faced by students and job seekers. Sudheer Babu demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and called for comprehensive reforms in the education system, transparent conduct of competitive examinations, and the release of an annual job recruitment calendar. He reiterated that the Congress Party would continue to stand by students and unemployed youth and work to protect their future through sustained public engagement and policy reforms.

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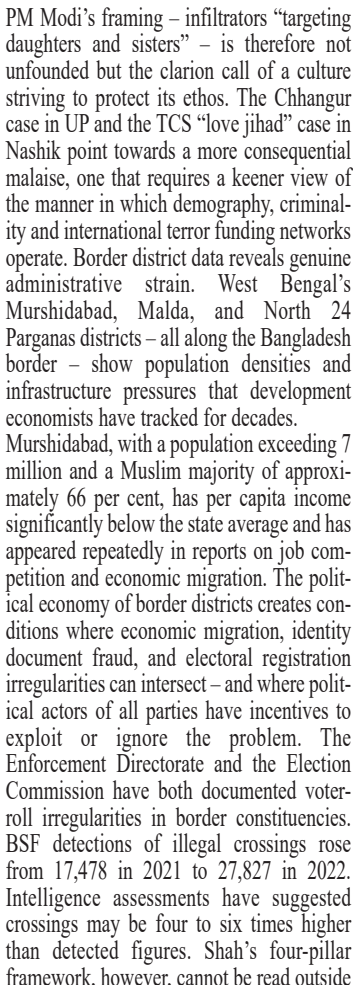
The broader lesson extends beyond energy. Globalisation has created extraordinary efficiencies, but it has also concentrated risk. Whether it is a shipping lane, a semiconductor hub or a rare-earth supply chain, the world remains vulnerable to disruptions at critical chokepoints. The Strait of Hormuz is merely the latest reminder of how quickly local tensions can acquire global consequences. The immediate crisis may be receding. Yet the events of recent weeks have exposed the fragility of assumptions that have governed international commerce for decades. Stability cannot be measured solely by whether ships are moving. It must be judged by whether the conditions that allow trade to flourish are genuinely secure. On that test, the world still has reason to worry.

Nearly 60 per cent of global oil shipments and one-third of international cargo traffic pass through the Indian Ocean. The region faces multiple challenges, including piracy, maritime terrorism, illegal fishing, trafficking and geopolitical rivalry. Securing these sea lanes has become essential not only for India but for the stability of the global economy. India has steadily strengthened its maritime capabilities. Kochi, the headquarters of the Southern Naval Command, is widely regarded as the cradle of Indian naval training. Thousands of naval personnel receive advanced training here every year. India's naval modernization, coastal surveillance

The National Register of Citizens (NRC) process, completed in 2019 after years of litigation, excluded approximately 1.9 million people from the final list – with both Bengali Hindus and Muslims among the excluded, and subsequent legal challenges complicating finality. The NRC's credibility as a clean demographic instrument was questioned by courts, civil society, and even nationalist political figures in Assam who found the outcomes politically inconvenient. So, what does HM Shah's Four-Pillar Framework based on evidence audit look like? The first pillar is predicated on seventy arising out of legal grounding. The Supreme Court's 2005 judgement explicitly

This soft power complements India's growing naval capabilities and reinforces its leadership in the Indian

Ocean. The future maritime order will not be determined solely by aircraft carriers and naval bases. It will also be shaped by trust, connectivity, sustainable development and cooperative security. India's democratic values, technological capabilities and civilizational wisdom provide it with unique advantages that cannot be measured merely in military terms. As the Indian Ocean becomes the epicentre of global geopolitics and economic activity, India's maritime renaissance is gathering momentum. With ports such as Vizhinjam, a vibrant Blue Economy, a professional navy and a rich civilizational heritage, India is well placed to emerge as one of the defining maritime powers of the 21st century. The tides of history are once again turning towards the Indian Ocean. And when history sails through these waters, India will not merely witness the journey – it will help steer it.



Since India's demographic challenges are uncontestably real, documented, and deserve serious policy engagement, the four-pillar framework promulgated by Shah demands serious empirical study, a politics-agnostic approach, and policy reformulation on a massive scale.

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UN expert urges Pakistan judiciary to overturn Baloch leaders' 'unjust convictions'

Quetta, June 26 : UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders Andrea Bolanos Vargas expressed serious concern over the life sentences handed down to Baloch Yakjehti Committee (BYC) leaders Mahrang Baloch and Sibghatullah Shah Ji, calling on Pakistan's judiciary to overturn what she described as "unjust convictions." She cited multiple alleged violations during the proceedings, including denial of fair trial and due process, abuse of antiterrorism laws, criminalisation of peaceful assembly, and double punishment for the same act. The remarks came after a Pakistani Anti-Terrorism Court on Monday sentenced four activists, including Mahrang Baloch, to life imprisonment in connection with a case relating to the killing of a Frontier Corps official, local media reported. Alongside Mahrang Baloch, the court also handed life sentences to Baloch Students



Organisation (BSO) Chairman Balach Qadir, central leader Abu Bakr Kalanchi, and BYC leader Sibghatullah Shahji. "I express grave concern regarding life sentences imposed on WHRD Mahrang Baloch & Sibghatullah Shah, leaders of the Baloch Yakjehti Committee, by the Anti-Terrorism Court in Quetta in a secret trial. Violations Identified: denial of fair trial, abuse of antiterrorism laws, criminalisation of peaceful assembly, due process, and double punishment

for the same act. I urge the superior judiciary to overturn manifestly unjust convictions," Vargas posted on X. Earlier on Tuesday, Tara Chand, President of the Baloch American Congress, wrote to US President Donald Trump expressing grave concern over the life imprisonment of Mahrang Baloch, saying the verdict undermines due process and the rights of peaceful political activists. In his letter addressed to President Trump, the Baloch activist said,

"Mahrang Baloch has dedicated her life to peacefully raising awareness about enforced disappearances, extrajudicial killings, and human rights violations in Balochistan. For more than a year, she has remained imprisoned, and she has now been sentenced to life imprisonment by a Pakistani court. We believe this decision raises serious concerns regarding due process, freedom of expression, and the rights of peaceful political activists." "The people of Balochistan continue to suffer from poverty, political repression, and human rights abuses despite the region's vast natural resources. Many families are still searching for loved ones who have disappeared, while those who peacefully demand justice often face intimidation and imprisonment," he added. Several leading human rights organisations also condemned the ruling, describing it as an "affront to fair trial" and a "blatant miscarriage of justice."

450,000 migrant children unaccounted for: US Homeland Security



Washington, June 26 : US Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said that his department was expanding efforts to locate 450,000 migrant children he said were unaccounted for after being released to sponsors during the previous administration, adding that authorities had so far traced 147,000 of them. Testifying before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Mullin described the effort to locate vulnerable migrant children as the Department of Homeland Security's top priority. "This is probably one of the most disgusting and disturbing things that we've dealt with," Mullin told lawmakers. "It is my biggest passion that I have." Mullin said not every child who had been traced was found in danger. "All of them didn't have to be

recovered," he said. "Some of them were where they were supposed to be. They were with a family member and they appeared to be doing OK. But we've had some horrific cases." He said investigations had uncovered trafficking rings in which migrant children were subjected to severe abuse. "There's one that's kind of been out in the media a little bit, where there was a ring of several adults that were keeping kids in an underground bunker in a dungeon," he said. Mullin also described cases involving young girls who, he said, had been repeatedly sexually abused after falling into the hands of traffickers. "You can't make a horror story that bad," he said. Calling the situation preventable, Mullin said DHS was establishing a larger task force to continue searching for migrant children. "It is our mission... to go and find all 450,000 kids," he said. "What frustrates me the most is that this was preventable. And no one can argue that. This was 100 percent preventable." Congressman Juan Ciscomani of Arizona said the issue had remained one of his biggest concerns during

the previous administration. "I can only imagine what you've actually seen," Ciscomani told Mullin. "The biggest victims here are those kids." Mullin said authorities were also seeing an increase in boys becoming victims of trafficking and elderly people being exploited by criminal organisations. The issue resurfaced later during a heated exchange with Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut, who criticised the Trump administration's family separation policy during its first term. Mullin countered that lawmakers should also focus on the migrant children he said had gone unaccounted for during the previous administration, prompting repeated interventions from the committee chairman as the exchange grew increasingly confrontational. Human trafficking remains a major focus of US federal law enforcement agencies, particularly along migration routes linking Central America, Mexico and the United States. Federal authorities work with state and local agencies to dismantle trafficking networks involved in the sexual exploitation of children and forced labour. Combating human trafficking has been a priority for successive US administrations, although they have sharply differed over immigration and border policies. The welfare of migrant children, detention practices and border enforcement continue to be among the most politically contentious issues in the US immigration debate.

Vegetable Prices Soar in Dharmavaram as Heat Damages Crops

Dharmavaram , June 26: (Skyline Daily) : Vegetable prices have risen sharply across Ananthapuram district over the past two weeks, causing severe hardship for households already burdened by rising prices of essential commodities and cooking oils. The sudden spike in prices is being attributed to damage caused to pre-summer vegetable crops by the intense heat this year. With local production falling short of demand, traders are now sourcing vegetables from other areas, pushing prices higher in markets across the district. Market sources said the situation is likely to continue until the new crop arrives. Usually, vegetable prices remain high during summer and begin to ease with the onset of the monsoon. This year, however, the trend has been reversed, with prices climbing steeply within just two weeks. The ongoing conflict in West Asia has already led to an increase in the prices of essential goods and cooking oils, and the rise in vegetable prices has added to the distress of ordinary families. Vegetable cultivation is



spread across several mandals in the district, including Dharmavaram, B u k k a p a t n a m , Puttaparthi, Mudigubba, Battalappalli, N.P. Kunta, Talupala, Tadamirri, ODC and Gorantla. Farmers say they are being paid low prices at the farm level, while the same produce is being sold in markets at nearly double the rate. Prices of several vegetables have increased significantly in the last fortnight. A kilogram of carrots, which was priced at Rs. 60 two weeks ago, is now selling for Rs. 80. Brinjals have gone up from Rs. 40 to Rs. 60, cucumbers from Rs. 60 to Rs. 90, and green chillies from Rs. 40 to Rs. 80. Beetroot prices have also risen, with some varieties increasing from Rs. 40 to Rs. 50 and others from Rs. 40 to Rs. 60. In some

markets, cucumber prices have climbed from Rs. 40 to Rs. 60, while beetroot has also been sold at Rs. 63 per kilogram in certain lots. Tomatoes, however, have seen a slight decline from Rs. 50 to Rs. 40, and okra has come down from Rs. 50 to Rs. 40. Housewives said the steep rise in prices has made daily cooking difficult. "Recently, we are facing a severe financial burden due to the significant increase in vegetable prices. We are already suffering because of the rise in the prices of essential commodities. Now vegetables have also doubled in price. If this continues, we will not be able to cook the way we want. The government should take immediate steps and control the prices," said Sarojamma, a housewife

from Dharmavaram. Another resident, Gautami, said the rising prices have left families confused about what to buy each day. "Currently, vegetable prices have increased drastically. Earlier, if we went to the market with Rs. 300, we could bring home a bag full of vegetables. Now, even four or five types of vegetables are not available for that amount. It is costing up to Rs. 600. People are now confused about what vegetables to buy every day. The government should take steps to reduce prices," she said. With supply remaining tight and demand continuing to rise, traders fear that vegetable prices may remain elevated for some more time unless fresh arrivals increase in the coming weeks.

India holds first-ever mango promotion events in Iceland to boost exports

New Delhi, June 26 : India has stepped up efforts to expand exports of its premium mangoes by organising its first-ever mango promotion events in Iceland, showcasing leading varieties and highlighting opportunities to strengthen agricultural trade between the two countries, the government said on Friday. The events -- organised by the Embassy of India in Reykjavik in collaboration with the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) -- were held in Reykjavik and Akureyri, North Iceland, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry said. On the occasion, Indian Ambassador to Iceland R. Ravindra highlighted the unique qualities of India's globally renowned mango varieties and underscored the significant potential for

increasing exports to the Icelandic market. Meanwhile, Director of Trade Agreements at Iceland's Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sveinn K. Einarsson, said the India-European Free Trade Association (EFTA) Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) could create new opportunities for greater imports of Indian mangoes into Iceland. Ólafur Stephensen, Secretary General of the Icelandic Federation of Trade has noted that the growing interest among Icelandic businesses in India and expressed optimism about expanding imports of Indian agricultural products, particularly mangoes. Second Secretary at the Indian Embassy, Anisha Tomar, highlighted India's position as the world's largest producer of mangoes and outlined the government's initiatives to promote exports



through quality assurance, improved market access and international outreach. The government further stated that the events brought together importers, representatives of the diplomatic community, Icelandic businesses and officials from the country's Ministry for Foreign Affairs. Guests sampled four premium Indian mango varieties -- Dasheri, Chausa,

Langra and Kesar -- which received an enthusiastic response for their flavour, aroma and quality. The events also served as a platform to strengthen commercial linkages and promote Indian agricultural exports, it added. Moreover, Iceland imported mangoes worth around \$3.3 million in 2025, with Thailand accounting for nearly \$1 million of the shipments.

India ranks 4th in Hurun global list with 61 unicorns



New Delhi, June 26 : India retained its position among the world's leading startup ecosystems with 61 unicorns, ranking fourth globally in the Hurun Global Unicorn Index 2026. The country continued to be one of the world's largest startup hubs, with Bengaluru retaining its status as India's unicorn capital with 25 unicorns, followed by Mumbai with

13. India's highest-valued unicorns represented sectors such as brokerage, quick commerce and fintech. Meanwhile, six Indian unicorns also debuted on the public markets during the year, reflecting an improving IPO environment. The report also highlighted the growing global influence of Indian entrepreneurs.

Indians have co-founded 217 unicorns worldwide of which 156 are based outside India, including 142 in the United States, while the remaining 61 operate within the country. Collectively, these companies are valued at nearly \$600 billion. According to the report, Indian founders are increasingly shaping the global AI and fintech landscape through several companies. In addition, artificial intelligence emerged as the biggest driver of wealth creation in the global startup ecosystem, with AI unicorns accounting for 36 per cent of the total value of all unicorns worldwide. Although AI unicorns numbered 215 -- almost the same as fintech's 216 -

- they commanded significantly higher valuations. Hurun Chairman Rupert Hoogewerf said 2026 marked the year AI evolved from theme to engine, with the race to develop advanced AI models creating the next generation of global technology giants. Globally, a record 308 startups attained unicorn status during the year -- almost one every day -- while 75 unicorns went public and 64 exited through mergers and acquisitions. At the same time, 88 companies lost their unicorn status after their valuations fell below the \$1 billion mark. The United States remained the world's largest unicorn ecosystem with 806 unicorns.

Indian MedTech Company SS Innovations International Beats Global Surgical Robotics Giants to win outstanding company award in surgical robotics technology awards 2026

Vijayawada, June 26, 2026: In a defining moment for India's medical technology sector, SS Innovations International has been honoured with the Outstanding Company award at the Surgical Robotics Technology (SRT) Industry Awards 2026, one of the world's most prestigious recognitions dedicated exclusively to surgical robotics and the first Indian company to receive so.. The achievement marks a significant milestone for the company, which was selected from an exceptional field of globally renowned surgical robotics innovators and medical technology leaders, including Intuitive, Medtronic, Johnson & Johnson MedTech, Distalmotion, Meril, MicroPort, THINK Surgical, FUTEK and Precision IO Group, reaffirming its emergence as a leading force in the global surgical robotics landscape. Now in its fourth edition, the Surgical Robotics Technology (SRT) Industry Awards are regarded as one of the world's most respected honours celebrating excellence in surgical robotics. Organised by Surgical Robotics Technology (SRT), the leading global news and intelligence platform dedicated exclusively to the surgical robotics ecosystem, in partnership with QNX, the awards recognise organisations, technologies and industry leaders driving transformative advancements in robotic assisted surgery. The annual awards celebrate excellence in innovation, clinical impact, technological leadership and commercial achievement across the global surgical robotics landscape. The 2026 winners represent some of the most influential organisations and leaders shaping the future of robotic surgery. Steve Bell received the Industry Leadership award for his outstanding contribution to MedTech and surgical robotics. Microbot Medical was recognised as the Innovative Start-up. Sentante won the Groundbreaking Technology award for the Sentante Robotic System. Moon Surgical received the Software Innovation award for Maestro Insights, while Dr. Brian Cohen of Cohen Orthopedic was honoured as the Outstanding Healthcare Provider. Together, the winners reflect the highest standards of innovation and excellence across the global surgical robotics ecosystem, with SS Innovations International earning the coveted Outstanding Company title. Commenting on the recognition, Dr. Sudhir Srivastava, Founder Chairman and CEO of SS Innovations International, said, "Winning the Outstanding Company award at the SRT Industry Awards is a proud milestone for SS Innovations International and for India. This recognition validates our commitment to developing world class surgical robotic technologies that are innovative, accessible and affordable. It inspires us to continue advancing our mission of transforming surgical care through cutting edge technology and expanding access to robotic surgery across the world." Over the past few years, SS Innovations International has rapidly established itself as one of the fastest growing innovators in surgical robotics through its flagship SSI Mantra Surgical Robotic System. Developed in India with a vision to democratise robotic surgery, the system has enabled advanced minimally invasive procedures while expanding access to robotic surgery through affordability, technological innovation and pioneering advancements in telesurgery. The company continues to strengthen its global presence through growing clinical adoption, regulatory milestones and continued investment



in next generation surgical technologies. The Outstanding Company recognition marks another defining milestone in SS Innovations International's journey and reinforces India's growing stature as a global hub for advanced medical technology innovation. It reflects the confidence of the international surgical robotics community in the company's technological capabilities, vision and commitment to shaping the future of surgery. About SSI SS Innovations International, Inc. (Nasdaq: SSII) develops innovative surgical robotic technologies with a vision to make the benefits of robotic surgery affordable and accessible to a larger segment of the global population. The Company's product range includes its proprietary "SSi Mantra" surgical robotic system and its comprehensive suite of "SSi Mudra" surgical instruments, which support a variety of surgical robotic procedures including cardiac surgery. An American company headquartered in India, SS Innovations plans to expand the global presence of its technologically advanced, user-friendly, and cost-effective surgical robotic solutions. Visit the Company's website at ssinnovations.com or LinkedIn for more information and updates. About the SSI Mantra The SSI Mantra is a user-friendly, modular, multi-arm system with advanced technology features, including: 3 to 5 modular robotic arms, an open-faced ergonomic surgeon command center, a large 3D 4K monitor, a touch panel monitor for all patient related information display, a virtual real-time image of the robotic patient side arm carts, and the ability for superimposition of 3D models of diagnostic imaging. The optional SSI MantraAsana tele-surgeon console is a portable, compact alternative to the SSI Mantra's standard surgeon command center that provides equivalent control functionality while enabling enhanced portability, ergonomic flexibility, and telesurgery capability. The SSI Mantra utilizes over 40 different types of robotic endo-surgical instruments to support different specialties, including cardiac surgery, and 5mm instruments for the pediatric population and ENT surgeries. A vision cart provides the table-side team with the same magnified 3D 4K view as the surgeon to provide better safety and efficiency. The SSI Mantra has been clinically validated in India in more than 170 different types of surgical procedures.

'Jayamundi Bhayamela Manasa' (ETV Win) Movie Review!



Stories set in the backdrop of youth drama always get a good response from the youth. Another film from the same genre is 'Jayamundi Bhayamela Manasa'. This is a film that has come directly to OTT instead of theaters. This film, which has Bharan .. Ravi .. Rajesh playing the main roles, is directed by Ranjith Pasham. It is streaming on 'ETV Win' from the 18th of this month.

Suresh .. Kiran .. Varun are also good friends. All three are middle-class youth. After completing B.Tech, they take some time to get clarity about their goals. Suresh has a strong desire to become a creator. However, he is trying to catch the track related to that. Kiran is depressed due to a breakup. He faces many difficulties to get out of it. Varun hopes to make a name for himself as a film writer. Varun remembers the moments when he was obsessed with 'Madhu' during his college days. His father keeps pushing Varun to get a job. Varun is troubled because he does not have the opportunity to write scripts peacefully at home. Suresh and Kiran both feel that they need some peace. So the three of them decide to go on a fun road trip together.

In order to get the desired peace of mind within their budget, they think that it is better to complete the road trip on bicycles. They are confident that this trip will definitely give them the energy they are looking for. So they set out with the intention of going all the way to Mumbai. What experiences will they encounter on that journey? What will they do in those circumstances? That is the rest of the story.

This is a story that revolves around three friends. The story goes along with the journey that the three of them take together. A story that introduces their imaginations, emotions, feelings, hopes, and aspirations. How does a road trip affect their lives? How does this road trip provide the necessary experiences to move forward in their lives? This story moves forward with a message.

The actual story begins with a road trip planned by three friends to move forward in their careers and get the neces-

sary enthusiasm for it. The scenes continue by combining the elements of friendship, love, and career. In this story, the roles of the three friends are given equal importance. The audience thinks that the lives of the three will be a part of this story. But only Varun's track seems to have importance in the story. We think that the three characters will continue to touch emotions equally from three sides. But of the three characters who started the journey equally, the other two characters are limited to supporting Varun's track. They could not work out any feeling from the side of those two characters.

There is no other purpose in this road trip except to find the lost bicycles that were taken on the trip.. to curse each other.. to relieve the pain in Varun's mind and to meet his lover 'Madhu' who is in Pune. There are no emotionally touching scenes in this entire journey. Even the love track fails to impress. All the main characters are new artists. They did well in their respective roles. The photography and background music are good. Both of these have been able to create the necessary feel from the love track side. The editing work also seems neat.

In the past, many films have been made about friends going on a road trip together. The experiences they face on that journey. Unlike those films, they could not touch on a new point. There is no adventure worthy of the title. The dialogue 'Life is about being what you like.. Living what you like' is good. But they could not weave heart-touching scenes in that direction.

Movie Details

Movie Name: Jayamundi Bhayamela Manasa

Release Date: 2026-06-18

Cast: Bharan Dandamudi, Ravi Mahadasyam, Rajesh Khanna, Sharanya Sharma

Director: Ranjith Pasham

Music: Kalyan Nayak

Banner: Anantha Chitralaya

Review By: Peddinti

Jayamundi Bhayamela Manasa Rating: 1.75 out of 5

'Tukra Ke Mera Pyaar 2' (Jio Hot Star) Movie Review!



The 'Tukra Ke Mera Pyaar' series has a special place among the drama series from Hindi. The first season of this series, which starred Sanchita Basu and Dhawal Thakur in the lead roles, received a remarkable response. How did the financial gap separate the two lovers? .. How did it cause enmity between them? This is a story woven around the topic. Sanchita Basu's acting has fallen well. Season 2 has been made from such a series. It is streaming from the 19th of this month. 4 episodes were dropped from season 2.

Kuldeep Kumar (Dhawal Thakur) and Sanvika Chauhan (Sanchita Basu) fall in love. Manohar Singh, who is attracted to money, rejects their love. Sanvika, who feels that Kuldeep is in danger because of him, breaks Kuldeep Kumar's heart. With that trick, he becomes a collector. He wants to use his powers to trouble Sanvika's family. However, due to political and gang feuds, Sanvika loses her father and husband. She misunderstands that Kuldeep has a hand in these incidents.

Sanvika takes her father's place and moves forward in politics. All the people of 'Sitarapur' admire her very much. 'Kunwar', who has set his heart on Sanvika, pretends to help her and tries to get close to her. Understanding his intention, Sanvika pretends to believe him. Daddu Maharaj, who thinks that his daughter's life will be in danger because of Sanvika, starts making preparations to harm her. Kuldeep senses this evil intention in his father-in-law's mind.

All those who played the main roles have acted brilliantly. Among all, Sanchita Basu's performance gets the highest marks. Her performance as a lonely young woman who fights steadily and steadfastly is pleasing. The photography and background music add more strength to the scenes. From the editing side, there are no unnecessary scenes anywhere. It is common practice to extend the story for Season 2 from there, assuming that Season 1 has a good reputation. But that does not seem to be the case in the case of 'Tukra Ke Mera Pyaar'. Because the story has been made very extensive with many branches. There are plenty of opportunities for the weekly episodes to be interesting. Every angle seems very interesting. Love.. hate.. revenge.. betrayal.. repentance.. combining many such elements, this content with a strong screenplay will impress the family audience.

Movie Details

Movie Name: Thukra Ke Mera Pyaar 2

Release Date: 2026-06-19

Cast: Sanchita Basu, Dhawal Thakur, Anirudh Dave, Palak Jain, Govind Pandey

Director: Shraddha Pasi Jairath

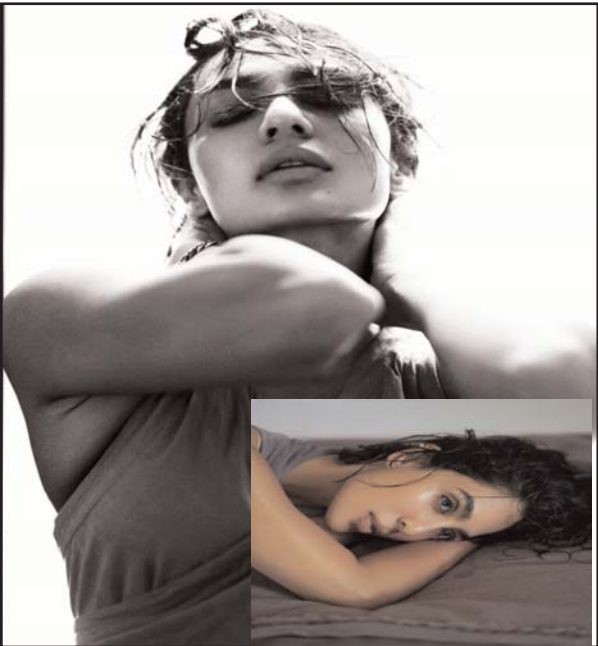
Music: -

Banner: Bomby Show Studio

Review By: Peddinti

Thukra Ke Mera Pyaar 2 Rating: 2.75 out of 5

Sobhita's Raw Intensity Leaves Stunned



Sobhita Dhulipala has always brought an intensity to everything she does, and her latest photoshoot captures exactly that.

Known for her powerful performances in Made In Heaven and The Night Manager, she most recently led the Telugu crime thriller Cheekatilo on Prime Video, playing Sandhya, a true crime podcaster who unravels a serial killer's dark secrets set in Hyderabad. The show received strong praise and cemented her position as one of the most compelling actresses working in Indian entertainment today.

In her new pictures, Sobhita lets raw, unfiltered beauty do all the talking. With tousled wet curls, barely there makeup, and a soft grey wrap dress, she leans into a mood that is deeply sensual and effortlessly cinematic. The close up frames capture the kind of brooding, magnetic gaze that very few can pull off with such ease. Sobhita has always stood apart from the crowd, choosing roles and looks that reflect depth over glamour. Her ability to command attention without saying a word, both on screen and in a photoshoot, is what makes her one of Bollywood's most distinct and watchable faces right now.



Prabhas Hints at Baahubali 3, But Will It Materialize?



There seems to be no end to the Baahubali juggernaut. Even a decade after the introduction of the epic fictional world Mahismati by filmmaker SS Rajamouli, the emotion behind it continues to resonate with moviegoers across the globe. Also, the makers are keeping everyone immersed in one or the other way.

Recently, Netflix released a special documentary series titled Baahubali: The Torchbearer. Filmed back during the production of the epic original films, this behind-the-scenes deep dive offers fans an emotional, nostalgic journey with the cast.

As fans go gaga over this documentary, a promotional video featuring the core trio of Prabhas, Rana Daggubati, and Anushka Shetty has now grabbed the attention and triggered a huge discussion. This is because trio surprised the audience by dropping a crazy hint "The world is not ready for this announcement... Baahubali is coming for you

all!" In the now viral video, Prabhas is seen holding up three fingers at the very end. For millions of die-hard fans, this seemed like the third installment of Baahubali cannot be completely ruled out. But, it can also be just a tease to build anticipation for the animation spectacle titled Baahubali : The Eternal War, which is likely to hit the screens next year.

Even if S.S. Rajamouli and the producers are indeed planning a proper cinematic installment, taking it on to the floors is going to be very challenging given that all the actors and technicians who worked on the franchise are currently busy with other commitments. Given Rajamouli's track record of spending 3 to 4 years per film, a slot for Baahubali 3 wouldn't open up anytime soon. Keeping aside all these inferences, it is of doubt that Baahubali 3 will create an never-before-seen hysteria if at all it materializes in the future.

OG2: Pawan Is More Excited Than Fans



Pawan Kalyan fans are flying over the moon. The reason is simple. The much anticipated sequel/prequel to his gangster drama OG is likely to go on floors much earlier than expected as per the recent developments.

After the disappointment of Ustaad Bhagat Singh, it appeared like Pawan Kalyan will take a brief sabbatical from movies because of his political commitments in the NDA government of Andhra Pradesh and as the head of Janasena party. Even fans also believed that the wait is going to be so long as Pawan is not much keen to take up new projects.

Though this sequel was promised at the time when OG hit the screens, many expected that it is not going to happen any time sooner because of Pawan Kalyan's busy involvement in politics and also due to Sujeeth's obligations with other actors. However, this speculation turned out to be wrong. All of a sudden, much to the excitement of fans,

dropped an unexpected update from Pawan Kalyan's production house last week about his potential reunion with director Sujeeth for none other than the second installment of OG. It was announced that the discussions between the actor and director will take place very soon.

In no time, both Pawan Kalyan and Sujeeth met earlier this week and had a brief discussion about the highly awaited collaboration. The story sittings triggered a massive buzz because Pawan Kalyan seemed so elated with Sujeeth's narration and also deeply involved in the character arc during this meeting.

Taking the excitement to a whole new level, Pawan Kalyan has now posted about this earth-shattering combination through his official X handle just a while ago. He quoted the video of his production house and wrote " You asked, We heard... Welcome to OG Universe." This post has sent fans

into an unprecedented range of enthusiasm because Pawan Kalyan hardly talks about his movies except for the promotional events. He never posted anything about his films on his social media account despite having millions of followers. So, his intense involvement in OG sequel has come as a big shock to his fans as well.

Pawan Kalyan's mood and mannerisms during the promotions of OG were of a different level. He displayed great energy levels and involved thoroughly in the making of OG because of the vintage character penned by Sujeeth. Undoubtedly, OG has given him utmost satisfaction as an actor in recent times.

Now, he seems to be once again very eager to get into the shoes of Ojas Gambheera and give a wholesome treat to fans and audiences. For now, his involvement and eagerness have given a big reason for fans to cheer before the sequel starts rolling.

Big update on Mahesh-Rajamouli's movie.. Jakkanna says shooting will be completed by then!



Superstar Mahesh Babu and famous director S.S. Rajamouli are expecting a huge pan-world project 'Varanasi', which is coming up in the combination of the film. Fans are eagerly watching the updates of this film. In this context, Rajamouli himself gave a key update regarding the shooting of this film. He clarified that the entire shooting will be completed in another four months, that is, by September or October this year. With this announcement, expectations on the film have increased further. Rajamouli, who participated in the 'Annecy International Animation Festival' held in France, revealed these things while talking to an international media organization. He said that the key

action scenes of the film and the important schedule to be held in Varanasi have already been successfully completed. Jakkanna explained that currently only small scenes and patchwork that drive the story forward have to be shot. It is clear from his words that the shooting of the film is going on at a fast pace. Rajamouli shared interesting technical details about making the film in IMAX format. He said that the story will feel authentic only when viewed on an IMAX screen, which is why this format was chosen.

However, he said that no changes have been made to the story for IMAX, only technical adjustments have been made. He explained that the

shooting is being done using a special technique called 'anamorphic framing' to make it compatible with both normal cinema scope and IMAX. He said that although there were some difficulties with this technique initially, the work went smoothly after that. Global star Priyanka Chopra is playing the female lead in this action-adventure film, which is being released with huge expectations worldwide. This project, coming from Rajamouli after 'RRR', is being produced with great prestige. The producers are preparing to release this film worldwide on April 7, 2027. With Rajamouli's latest announcement, it seems that the release date of the film has also become clear.

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Telangana CM Reddy, Guv urge people to stay away from drugs

Hyderabad: June 26
(Skyline daily):

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Friday appealed to people to stay away from drugs and strive towards building a healthy society. On the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the Chief Minister and the Governor, in their messages, called upon people to say no to drugs.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy urged everyone to strive towards building a healthy society by staying away from drugs. In a message to mark the 'International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking,' he called upon everyone to work towards creating a drug-free society by fostering positive thinking and values among the youth.

He noted that drugs not only ruin individual lives but also shatter families, thereby negatively impacting society and leading to law-and-order issues. He emphasised that awareness, vigilance, and a sense of social responsibility are crucial for controlling drug abuse and curbing illicit trafficking. The Chief Minister appealed to everyone to participate and cooperate in achieving the goal of a "Drug-Free Telangana."

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla called upon everyone to join hands in preventing drug abuse and promoting a healthy lifestyle for a drug-free society.



Director General of Police C.V. Anand, in his message, stated that drug abuse not only harms individuals but also affects families and society.

"Let us join hands to spread awareness, support prevention, and encourage a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Together, we can build a safer and stronger Telangana," he posted on 'X'. In another post, the DGP stated that drug eradication is not merely the responsibility of the police alone. He said that it is a movement that requires the collective effort of the entire society to move forward unitedly.

"In the fight against drugs... I urge everyone to increase awareness... and call upon all citizens to stay vigilant and become partners in building a drug-free Telangana. The fight against drugs is not the responsibility of the police alone it is a collective movement that requires the active participation of every section of society," he said.

Police Deny Protest Permission in Tadipatri; Former MLA Kethireddy Placed Under House Arrest



Tadiparthi, June 26
Tension prevailed once again in Tadipatri on Friday after police denied permission for a proposed mass protest by leaders of the YSR Congress Party in front of the Gandhi statue.

As a preventive measure, former MLA Kethireddy Pedda Reddy was placed under house arrest at his residence in Bhagat Singh Nagar. Protesting the police action, Kethireddy, along with his supporters, staged a sit-in outside his

residence after being prevented from participating in the planned demonstration.

The protesters alleged that the denial of permission was undemocratic and raised slogans against the police, demanding that democracy be protected in Tadipatri.

The police maintained a strong security presence in the area to prevent any untoward incidents. The situation remained tense but under control, with authorities closely monitoring developments.

Road accident in Konaseema.. TDP leader dies

Konaseema District, June 26: TDP leader Moka Lovaraju died in a road accident in the district. Lovaraju, a resident of Katrenikona village, died after falling off his bike last night, police said. Police reached the spot after receiving information that a man had fallen off his bike on the main road near Geddnapalli village at night. Lovaraju, who was lying with head injuries, was rushed to the hospital where doctors declared him dead. Police believe that the TDP leader's death was due to an accident caused by a two-wheeler going out of control. The body was taken to M u m m i d i v a r a m



Government Hospital for postmortem. The police have registered a case and are investigating the accident. Locals say that the deceased, Loveraju, used to run a biryani business in Katrenikona and was an active participant in TDP

activities. The deceased is survived by a wife and two children. The family is in mourning due to Loveraju's death. The TDP party ranks have expressed condolences over the death of the TDP leader.

SIT Intensifies Probe in Sai Krishna Lockup Death Case; Hunt On for Three Absconding Accused



Vijayawada, June 26: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) probing the sensational Sai Krishna lockup death case has uncovered significant developments, revealing the alleged involvement of three more individuals in the disposal of the victim's body after his custodial death. The fresh findings have intensified the investigation

According to officials, the SIT has identified former Circle Inspector (CI) Nagaraju as the prime accused in the case. Investigators allege that after Sai Krishna died in police custody, Nagaraju, along with head constables Ashok and Jangam Nani and his close associate Suresh, allegedly conspired to dispose of the body in an attempt to destroy evidence and conceal the circumstances surrounding the custodial death. Following the arrest of CI Nagaraju, the three other accused—head constables Ashok, Jangam Nani and Suresh—reportedly went into hiding. The SIT has now launched an extensive search operation across multiple locations to trace and apprehend the absconding suspects. Police teams have reportedly been deployed in several districts, while surveillance has been intensified to monitor their possible movements. The SIT's investigation has been strengthened by technical evidence, including Call Detail Records (CDRs) and CCTV footage. Investigators say these pieces of evidence indicate that the three accused played a crucial role

in assisting Nagaraju after Sai Krishna's death. The evidence allegedly places them at key locations during the period when the body was transported and disposed of, making them central figures in the ongoing investigation.

The probe has also brought to light the service history of head constable Jangam Nani. According to investigators, Nani had earlier served at Gannavaram, where he was suspended over alleged irregularities. He was later transferred to the Vacancy Reserve (VR) following complaints related to his tenure at Patamata Police Station. Despite the earlier disciplinary action, he was recently posted as a head constable at Krishnalanka Police Station.

Investigators are also examining allegations that Nani conducted private dealings using the name and influence of CI Nagaraju. The SIT is verifying these claims as part of its broader investigation into the conduct of the accused and any possible misuse of official authority.

Officials said the investigation remains active and that additional evidence is being collected through forensic analysis, witness statements and digital records. The SIT is expected to question more police personnel and other individuals who may have had knowledge of the events surrounding the alleged custodial death and the subsequent disposal of the body.

The Sai Krishna lockup death case has sparked widespread public concern over custodial violence and police accountability in Andhra Pradesh. With the arrest of the main accused and the ongoing manhunt for the remaining suspects, the SIT is continuing its efforts to establish the complete sequence of events and ensure that all those found responsible are brought to justice.

'I End Up Switching Off the TV': Former AP CM Kiran Kumar Reddy Laments Declining Political Decorum

Tirupati, June 26: Former Chief Minister of undivided Andhra Pradesh, Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy, has expressed concern over the deteriorating standards of political discourse, saying he often has to switch off the television because he finds it difficult to watch political debates. Speaking at a public programme in Chinnagottigallu in Tirupati

district, Kiran Kumar Reddy made a strong appeal for restoring dignity and mutual respect in politics.

He observed that political discussions, particularly on television and social media, have increasingly become personal and abusive rather than constructive. The former Chief Minister said political leaders should respect one another despite ideological differences. "Politics should be a platform for healthy debate and public service, not personal attacks," he remarked.

Drawing comparisons with other professions, Kiran Kumar Reddy pointed out that doctors, lawyers and professionals in various fields compete with one another but continue to maintain mutual respect and cooperate whenever necessary. Unfortunately, he said, such an environment no longer exists in politics. He expressed disappointment that criticism has shifted from policies and governance to personal attacks.

According to him, television debates have become unpleasant to watch, while social media platforms have witnessed an alarming increase in the use of abusive and offensive language. Kiran Kumar Reddy stressed that politics carries greater responsibility than most professions because it directly affects the lives of the people.

He said discussions among political lead-



ers should focus on public welfare, policy formulation, governance and development rather than targeting individuals.

The former Chief Minister also cautioned against attempts by political leaders to belittle one another for political gain. He said respecting political opponents ultimately enhances one's own credibility and stature. Personal criticism and character attacks, he added, do little to strengthen democracy or improve governance. He observed that the rise of social media and smartphones has encouraged many people to seek instant attention and wider public reach. As a result, some leaders resort to harsh criticism and sensational statements, believing that crossing the limits of decency will generate greater publicity and political visibility. Reflecting on the changing political landscape, Kiran Kumar Reddy said politics has undergone a significant transformation over the years.

He noted that the spirit of public service has gradually diminished, while personal ambitions and the pursuit of power have become more dominant. This shift, he said, has deeply disappointed many senior political leaders who witnessed a more dignified political culture in earlier decades. His remarks have once again sparked a debate on the need to restore civility, healthy democratic dialogue and mutual respect in contemporary politics.

Indigenous 'Netra' surveillance aircraft system gets final clearance from IAF



Kolkata, June 26 : The Indian Air Force (IAF) received the Final Operational Clearance (FOC) certificate for the indigenous 'Netra' Airborne Early Warning and Control (AEW&C) system that has been developed through close collaboration among the Indian Air Force (IAF), Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the Ministry of Defence said.

The system has been indigenously developed through close collaboration among the IAF, DRDO, and associated industries to significantly enhance airborne surveillance, situational awareness and battle management capabilities, the Ministry added on Thursday.

This was a landmark achievement in India's journey towards self-reliance in advanced aerospace and defence technologies. The Initial Operational Clearance (IOC) was given in 2017.

The successful induction of the Netra AEW&C system into operational service reflects DRDO's commitment to indigenisation, innovation, and capability enhancement of the defence services. The ceremony was presided over by the Deputy Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti in Karnataka's Bengaluru.

Former Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal RKS Bhadauria (Retd), former DRDO Chairman S. Christopher, serving and retired senior officers of IAF, Centre for Air Borne System (CABS) Director and Outstanding Scientist P. Santhya, Outstanding Scientist and Chief Executive (Airworthiness) APVS

Prasad, Scientist 'G' and NETRA FOC Head, A S Kumaran, other senior officials of DRDO, and industry partners attended the event. Deputy Chief of the Air Staff Air Marshal Bharti spoke about the operational utilisation and reliability of the system during Operation Sindoor and Balakot strikes.

He reiterated the importance of indigenous technologies which offer the services the flexibility to adapt the system to the evolving war scenario by undertaking modifications. He lauded the synergy among DRDO, IAF and the industry which has defined the success of the programme. Distinguished Scientist and DRDO Director General of Aeronautics Cluster, K Rajalakshmi Menon, narrated the successful journey of Netra.

She brought out the challenges faced and the decisions taken that enabled to achieve the programme objectives and deliver the operationally capable system to IAF. She emphasised the importance of system engineering and how it helped in the planning and execution of flight-tests. Distinguished Scientist and DRDO Director General of Electronics Cluster, B K Das, said that the synergy among the stakeholders has been the cornerstone of success of this programme.

He termed Netra AEW&C as a defining testimony to self-reliance and attaining 'Viksit Bharat'. Special appreciation and felicitations were extended to organisations and units that played a pivotal role in the successful realisation and operationalisation of the Netra AEW&C system as part of the event. The contributions of all stakeholders were acknowledged as instrumental in transforming the system from concept to operational reality.

Tomato Prices Fall as Arrivals Surge at Mulakalacheruvu Market



M u l a k a l a c h e r u v u (Annamayya), June 26: Tomato prices have declined sharply at the Mulakalacheruvu market in Annamayya district due to a significant increase in arrivals from the region.

With harvesting in full swing across the six mandals of the Tamballapalle constituency and adjoining villages on the border of Andhra Pradesh's Sri Sathya Sai district, large quantities of tomatoes are reaching the market, resulting in downward pressure on prices. On Thursday, premium-quality tomatoes fetched a maximum price of Rs. 470 per 23-kg box, while most other lots were sold between Rs. 300 and Rs.

400, depending on quality. Just a day earlier, tomatoes were selling for around Rs. 530 per box.

Market arrivals have more than doubled over the past week. While only 10,000 to 20,000 boxes were arriving daily a week ago, the current inflow has increased to 30,000 to 45,000 boxes a day.

Despite the price decline, the Mulakalacheruvu market continues to serve as a key trading hub, with tomatoes being transported to several northern states, including Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh. Traders expect prices to remain under pressure if arrivals continue at the current pace.

Fake Documents Used in Bid to Grab Deputy Speaker's Land Worth Over Rs. 2 Crore



Visakhapatnam, June 26: An alleged land-grabbing attempt involving forged documents has come to light in Visakhapatnam, with property reportedly belonging to Raghurama Krishnam Raju becoming the target. According to reports, a group allegedly attempted to illegally take possession of a parcel of land worth more than Rs. 2 crore located in the prime locality of Madhuravada. The accused are suspected of preparing fake documents

and carrying out fraudulent registrations using forged signatures to claim ownership of the property. The alleged forgery and bogus registrations were recently uncovered, raising concerns over land fraud in the rapidly developing area. Authorities are expected to investigate the matter and identify those involved in the alleged document forgery and attempted land grab. Further details are awaited as the investigation progresses.

Hyderabad police book fake 'Gold Man' for alleged fraud

Hyderabad, June 26 : Cases have been filed against P. Suresh Kumar alias Surya Bhai, popularly known as the 'Gold Man' for alleged gold investment fraud, the Hyderabad police said on Friday.



Claiming to be a close aide of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Hyderabad Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar, Surya Bhai allegedly duped people by promising to supply imported gold at prices significantly lower than the market rate. However, after receiving the money, he allegedly failed to deliver the promised gold. Police registered two separate cases following complaints by the victims.

There are allegations that he had collected Rs 32 lakh from one of the victims, promising to supply them with imported gold. The victim said that when he failed to provide them with gold or return their money, they went to his house. He gave them three iPhones and a cheque for Rs 20 lakh, but later allegedly took back the phones by threatening them.

On a complaint, a zero FIR was registered at Attapur Police Station, and the

case was subsequently transferred to Narayanguda Police Station. A separate case was registered against Surya Bhai for lodging a false complaint. The police initiated the action after they found that he provided false information.

Police were conducting an investigation to determine the full extent of the alleged fraud and to identify whether more victims were cheated by the accused. Surya Bhai, 34, a resident of the Attapur area, became popular on social media for flaunting gold jewellery. Wearing heavy jewellery with white attire and temple visits, he cultivated an image on social media platforms and came to be known as the 'Gold Man'.

e came under the income tax scanner in March this year. However, during the investigation, the officials found that most of his ornaments were cheap imitation metals and not real gold. He had claimed to be wearing jewellery items worth around Rs 1 crore, but during the investigation, he revised the estimate downward. The jewellery was finally valued at about Rs 3 lakh.