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Andhra Pradesh Governor, CM recall Narasimha Rao's services to nation



Amaravati, June 28 : Andhra Pradesh Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan

paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao on his 105th birth anniversary, recalling his services to (Contd. on pg.2)

Chandrababu Naidu calls for revival of Indian joint family system

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Amaravati June 26
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday called for the revival of the traditional Indian joint family system. Stating that the joint family system is one of the greatest strengths of India, he said grandparents and other family members helped shape children with values and emotional support. The Chief Minister was speaking after administering polio drops to children



as part of the Pulse Polio Immunisation Programme at his official residence here.

He interacted with children and their parents and enquired about their health, vaccination status

and upbringing. He urged parents to ensure that children receive all (Contd. on pg.2)

Seychelles confers 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' honour on PM Narendra Modi



Victoria, June 28 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon', Seychelles' highest distinction for leadership in environmental conservation and sustainable development. The award acknowledges PM Modi's long-standing push for sustainable growth and his green vision. This is the latest in a series of global honours recognising PM Modi's work on climate action, sustainable development, and green growth. In May, PM Modi was conferred the 2026 Agricola Medal, the highest honour of the Food and Agriculture Organisation, during a ceremony held at the FAO Headquarters in Rome. The medal was presented by FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu at the historic FAO Plenary Hall in recognition of PM Modi's contribution to food security, agricultural development, and farmer welfare, according to the organisation. Earlier in 2018, he received (Contd. on pg.2)

Chandrababu Seeks Centre's Intervention to Rescue Andhra's Totapuri Mango Farmers

Amaravati , June 28 : Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has urged the Central Government to extend immediate financial assistance to Totapuri mango farmers in Andhra Pradesh, citing the severe crisis caused by the collapse of exports and a sharp fall in market prices. In a letter addressed to Union Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Chief Minister highlighted the hardships being faced by thousands of mango growers across



the State. He said adverse conditions in the international market have

brought mango pulp exports to a standstill, (Contd. on pg.2)

PM Modi highlights AI innovations at Nalanda, Central Sanskrit University



New Delhi, June 28 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that as rapid technological advancements and artificial intelligence continue

to transform the world, it has become equally important to preserve human creativity and remain connected to (Contd. on pg.2)

PM Modi urges people to choose clay idols for Ganesh Utsav, support local artisans

New Delhi, June 28 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged people across the country to purchase clay Ganesh idols made by Indian artisans ahead of the upcoming Ganesh Utsav, saying the practice would not only help protect the environment but also strengthen the government's 'Vocal for Local' initiative by supporting traditional potters and craftsmen. Addressing the nation during the 135th episode of his monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister said



many people had written to him requesting that he speak about Ganesh Utsav, even though the festival is still some time away. "Many people have writ-

ten to me suggesting that I speak about a special topic. This topic relates to 'Ganesh Utsav'. Although there is still quite some time left for 'Ganesh (Contd. on pg.2)

Transport Minister Ramprasad Reddy Accuses YSRCP of Trying to Obstruct Amaravati's Development

Amaravati, June 28: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads and Transport Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy on Sunday accused the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) of attempting to create unrest in Amaravati and alleged that the party has consistently tried to obstruct the development of the State capital over the past five years. Speaking to reporters in Amaravati, the Minister said YSRCP leaders, who had earlier refused to



recognise Amaravati as the capital of Andhra Pradesh, now have no moral right to visit the capital region. He alleged that preventing the development of Amaravati had become a political agenda for the opposition party. Ramprasad Reddy claimed that the recent visit of YSRCP leaders to Amaravati was not intended to support the capital's development but to create confusion and provoke (Contd. on pg.2)

Hyderabad, June 28 : Leaders cutting across party lines in Telangana paid rich tributes to former Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao on his 105th birth anniversary on Sunday. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, in a message, paid tributes to the former Prime Minister, acknowledging his "enduring contributions to the building of modern India". He hailed Narasimha Rao as a freedom fighter, a



polyglot, and a visionary leader who ushered in economic reforms and steered the nation effectively through challenging times. The Chief Minister stated that the services and ideals of P.V. Narasimha Rao -- a beloved son of Telangana, a leader who made the nation proud, and a brilliant intellectual -- would always serve as an inspiration for future generations. (Contd. on pg.2)

India's achievements in security, Atmanirbharta fill us with immense pride, says PM Modi



New Delhi, June 28 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said that India has accomplished several achievements across the field of security and 'Atmanirbharta' (self-reliance) in the month of June, filling every citizen with immense pride. Addressing the 135th episode of his monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat', PM Modi said, "The first half of 2026 is about to end. In these six months, we have discussed many achieve-

ments of the countrymen. In June, too, India accomplished a few achievements which fill every citizen with immense pride. These achievements are related to the country's security and Atmanirbharta." Recalling his recent visit to West Bengal, the Prime Minister said, "I got the opportunity to attend an event related to the Navy in Kolkata. There, INS Dunagiri, INS Sanshodhak and INS (Contd. on pg.2)

PM Modi highlights Meghalaya's living root bridges in 'Mann Ki Baat', lauds conservation efforts



New Delhi, June 28 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday praised Meghalaya's iconic living root bridges, describing them as a remarkable example of harmony between humans and nature, while urging people to preserve the unique heritage and support efforts to secure UNESCO World Heritage status for the natural structures. Addressing the nation in his monthly radio programme 'Mann Ki Baat',

the Prime Minister said Meghalaya is renowned not only for its picturesque landscapes and clouds but also for the warmth and hospitality of its people. He said the state's living root bridges are among India's most extraordinary natural and cultural treasures, noting that, unlike conventional bridges, these structures are painstakingly created over several decades by carefully guiding the roots of (Contd. on pg.2)

Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool faction files 4 police complaints against rebel faction

Kolkata, June 28 : The original but minority faction within Trinamool Congress, which is continuing with its political allegiance towards the former West Bengal Chief Minister, Mamata Banerjee and her nephew, the party's general secretary Abhishek Banerjee, has filed four separate complaints at four police stations in and around Kolkata in the last 24 hours against the rebel but majority faction led by

expelled party legislator, Ritabrata Banerjee. Of the four police stations where the complaints have been lodged, two are under the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Police, and the other two are under the jurisdiction of the Bidhannagar City Police. The two police stations under the Kolkata Police jurisdiction, where the complaints had been lodged, are Kalighat Police Station and Pragati (Contd. on pg.2)



Amaravati Farmers Accuse YSRCP of Obstructing Capital Development, Warn of Fresh Agitation

Amaravati, June 28 : Amaravati Farmers have responded to the incident that took place when the YCP CRDA Conservation Committee arrived in Amaravati . They strongly condemned the YCP's stance. They flagged that the YCP's goal is to block the development of Amaravati. They were incensed that the conspiracies of YCP leaders to stop the construction of the capital are still going on today. Today (Sunday),

the capital farmers held a media conference in Mandadam, Amaravati and revealed several key things. They accused the YCP leaders of acting against the interests of the food suppliers. They said that some people do not want the development of Amaravati. They said that they had objected to the visit of former minister Perni Nani and other key YCP leaders to Amaravati. They warned (Contd. on pg.2)



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tensions. He alleged that the confrontations witnessed in the capital region were the result of provocative actions by YSRCP leaders. The Minister said the people of Andhra Pradesh, particularly the farmers who had voluntarily pooled their land for the capital city, are welcoming the revival of Amaravati's development.

However, he accused the opposition of creating unnecessary obstacles and attempting to derail the capital project for political reasons. He further alleged that the YSRCP was using Amaravati as a platform for political drama and said the public was closely watching what he described as the party's contradictory stand on the

capital issue. Reiterating the coalition government's commitment to developing Amaravati as the State capital, Ramprasad Reddy asserted that construction activities would continue without interruption. He said no conspiracy or political opposition would succeed in halting the capital city's development. The Minister also advised

YSRCP leaders to recognise that the people of Andhra Pradesh support development-oriented politics and have rejected attempts to hinder the State's progress. He expressed confidence that Amaravati would emerge as a world-class capital under the present government's leadership despite political criticism from the opposition.

Chandrababu Seeks Centre's Intervention to Rescue Andhra's Totapuri Mango Farmers

resulting in a steep decline in demand for Totapuri mangoes and causing prices in the domestic market to crash. Chandrababu pointed out that farmers had made substantial investments in cultivation with the expectation of normal market returns, but the sudden collapse in prices has pushed them into severe financial distress. He stressed that the situation requires urgent intervention from the Centre to protect farmers from mounting losses. Seeking immediate relief, the Chief Minister requested the Union

Government to provide financial assistance of Rs 281 crore for the procurement of approximately 7.03 lakh metric tonnes of Totapuri mangoes from farmers in Andhra Pradesh. He said such procurement would help stabilise prices and provide much-needed support to growers during the current marketing season. He also proposed the implementation of a special Price Deficiency Payment Scheme, under which farmers would be compensated for the gap between the prevailing market price and the remunerative price.

According to the Chief Minister, such a mechanism would safeguard farmers' incomes while ensuring they receive fair compensation for their produce. Reiterating that agriculture remains the backbone of the State's economy, Chandrababu appealed to the Union Government to respond positively and extend timely support to mango farmers. He expressed hope that prompt intervention by the Centre would provide relief to thousands of farming families and help restore confidence in the horticulture sector.:::

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Agray were inducted into the Indian Navy's fleet. From the designing to manufacturing of these ships, everything is 'Swadeshi' (indigenous)." PM Modi said that India has also achieved a big success in the aviation sector in June, which is the C-295 -- a 'Made in India' aircraft. "The first 'Made in India' Airbus C-295 completed its maiden test flight, and 40 such aircraft are being manufactured in India. The MEME and aero-

space sectors are getting new strength from it, employment opportunities are being generated, and the vision for an 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' is also gaining strength," he said. The Prime Minister also highlighted the successful flight-test of the indigenous long-range land attack cruise missile by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). "It was jointly developed by the DRDO laboratories

and Indian industry partners. It means, today, from sea to sky, our India has become more secure and 'Atmanirbhar,'" he added. PM Modi mentioned the International Yoga Day, which was marked on June 21 across the world, and said, "The entire world joined India in its efforts." "This year, numerous yoga programmes were held in over 2500 locations across the world. Crores of people participated in the yoga pro-

grammes at various locations in our country," he added. Speaking about the World Yogasana Championship, which was held in Ahmedabad, the Prime Minister said it "created a lot of buzz during this month". "In this, India won a total of 114 medals, including 102 gold medals. India was on top in the medal tally of this championship. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the winners of this competition," he added.

PM Modi highlights AI innovations at Nalanda, Central Sanskrit University

India's civilisational roots while embracing innovation. Addressing the nation during the 135th episode of his monthly radio programme, 'Mann Ki Baat', the Prime Minister said the present era is witnessing unprecedented technological progress, making it essential to strike a balance between modern developments and traditional knowledge systems. "This is the age of technology. New research is taking place every day. Ever new AI innovations are coming up. In such times, a crucial question arises: how can we preserve people's creativity? How do we remain connected to our roots while advancing with new technology?" PM Modi said. He mentioned that the Nalanda University has found a solution to these questions. "Our Nalanda University, dating back thousands of years, is now shaping India's destiny in a new avatar. Two years ago, I had the opportunity to dedicate the new campus of Nalanda University to the people. Nalanda University has revived our ancient tradition of Shastraarth, i.e. intellectual discourse," he said. The Prime Minister said that Shastraarth is not merely a medium for expressing one's views; it is a "disciplined process of dialogue, debate, and deep contemplation".

"It requires articulating one's position backed by logic and facts - areas demanding mastery. This process also teaches us to listen to and understand the views of others with patience. I am pleased that Nalanda University has incorporated this into its convocation ceremony. Nearly half of the participating students came from other countries," he said. "This effort to bridge an ancient tradition with contemporary times is highly commendable. I extend my heartiest congratulations to Nalanda University for this initiative. I would also urge other universities across the country to consider similar initiatives," PM Modi added. Another significant effort that the Prime Minister highlighted was a way to prepare the youth for new technology while keeping them rooted in their heritage. "The Central Sanskrit University in Delhi is launching a B.Tech program in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science. This marks a crucial step towards integrating modern technology with India's traditional knowledge. It will facilitate the development of new AI tools for Indian languages and accelerate the digitisation and preservation of our ancient texts and manuscripts. I convey my best wishes to the Central Sanskrit University for this endeavour," he added.

PM Modi urges people to choose clay idols for Ganesh Utsav, support local artisans

Utsav', people have urged that this subject be discussed right now," PM Modi said. He noted that preparations for the festival begin several months in advance, particularly for artisans engaged in making Ganesh idols, making it an appropriate time to encourage environmentally friendly practices and support for local craftsmanship. "In fact, the work of crafting Ganesh idols begins well in advance; idol makers and those involved in the idol trade become active right now. Therefore, I urge all of you... Please make an effort to ensure that the idol of Ganpati Bappa installed in your home, society, or neighbourhood is made from the soil of our own country and crafted by the hands of our own potters and local artisans," he said. The Prime Minister also appealed to idol makers to prioritise the use of clay while urging buyers

to be conscious about the materials used in the idols they purchase and their place of origin. "I also urge those who make Ganesh idols to prioritise clay idols, and I ask buyers to check what the idol is made of and which country it was produced in. Do not buy idols made of Plaster of Paris at all," PM Modi said. Highlighting the environmental benefits of traditional clay idols, the Prime Minister said they naturally dissolve in water after the completion of the worship rituals, thereby reducing pollution and helping preserve natural water bodies. "This helps protect our rivers, ponds, and the environment. It allows us to uphold our faith while also fulfilling our responsibility towards nature," he said. PM Modi further stressed that purchasing idols from local artisans directly contributes to strengthening

India's traditional crafts sector while reinforcing the spirit of self-reliance and support for indigenous products. "When we purchase idols from local artisans, we strengthen the resolve of being 'Vocal for Local'. I am confident that during this 'Ganesh Utsav', and indeed during every such festival, we will give serious thought to these matters and take steps in the national interest," he added. The Prime Minister concluded by saying that the country's greatest strength lies in its people and their collective efforts towards positive change. "The greatest strength of our country lies in its people. The various efforts, big and small, taking place across the country teach us a great deal. These endeavours demonstrate that when there is determination and the support of society, significant change can be achieved," PM Modi said.

Mamata Banerjee-led Trinamool faction files 4 police complaints against rebel faction

Maidan Police Station. On the other hand, the two police stations under the Bidhannagar City Police jurisdiction, where the complaints have been filed, are the New Town Police Station and the Bidhannagar Cyber Police Station. The last complaint was filed at the Bidhannagar Cyber Police Station. The essence of the four police complaints at the four police stations, an insider from the party's minority faction said, is the same, which is unauthorised use of the party's logo in mass programmes organised by the rebel faction and illegally announcing the names of veteran party legislator and Arup Roy as the Trinamool Congress chairperson,

replacing Mamata Banerjee. The leader from the old faction pointed out that in 2022, an organisational conference of Trinamool Congress was held, where the delegates present voted in favour of keeping Mamata Banerjee as the party's chairperson for life. "Only those who have been members of the party for at least five years had the right to vote as delegates in that conference. As per the calculation, that conference is supposed to be held every five years. That is, the organisational conference is supposed to be held again in 2027. If any special situation arises in the meantime, then the 'chairperson', Mamata Banerjee, can only

convene a special session. But instead of following that party protocol, the rebel camp had illegally announced Arup Roy's name as their chairperson in the absence of Mamata Banerjee. Since then, the party logo and name have been used by them as per their wishes. So, we have filed these four separate complaints at four police stations," the leader from the original but minority camp explained. However, the rebel camp has its own argument. "Since we have already approached the Election Commission of India (ECI) over the matter of right on the party logo and funds, the matter will be decided at the Commission-level only now."

Leaders cutting across party lines in Telangana pay tributes to Narasimha Rao

The Chief Minister stated that the services and ideals of P.V. Narasimha Rao -- a beloved son of Telangana, a leader who made the nation proud, and a brilliant intellectual -- would always serve as an inspiration for future generations. Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud called Narasimha Rao one of India's most visionary statesmen. "A scholar, reformer, and transformative leader, his bold economic reforms in 1991 reshaped India's future and laid the foundation for a stronger, globally competitive nation. His wisdom, administrative excellence, and unwavering commitment to public service continue to inspire generations. Remembering his remarkable legacy with gratitude and respect," the state Congress chief posted on 'X'. Leaders of the ruling Congress, the opposition

Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and family members of the late leader visited PV Ganaa Bhoomi (PV Ghat) on the banks of Hussain Sagar Lake here to pay floral tributes. They recalled the services of the late leader, who was posthumously conferred the Bharat Ratna in 2024. Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, former Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, state BJP president Ramchander Rao, Narasimha Rao's grandson and BJP leader N.V. Subhash were among those who visited PV Ghat. Kishan Reddy said that Narasimha Rao was a visionary who paved the way for economic reforms. "The initiative and vision he demonstrated as Prime Minister regarding economic and policy reforms paved the way for the nation's development. His

role in building modern India is truly memorable," he said. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao also paid rich tributes to Narasimha Rao, hailing him as a pioneer of economic reforms, a polyglot, and a statesman. "It is a matter of pride for all of us that P.V. Narasimha Rao - who steered the nation out of a massive crisis during a turbulent period - was born in Telangana," he said and recalled that the KCR government celebrated the centenary of Narasimha Rao on a grand scale. Rama Rao said the BRS government named the Veterinary University after him, renamed Necklace Road as 'P.V. Marg' and installed a towering statue of him to commemorate his enduring legacy. State BJP president Ramchander Rao stated that Narasimha Rao was a leader of immense intellect and foresight, and the

great architect of India's economic reforms. He was the first Prime Minister from outside the Nehru-Gandhi family to complete a full five-year term in office. "However, the Congress's 'first family' could never come to terms with this; they believed that the right to the Prime Minister's office belonged solely to their family. That is why, even after completing his term as Prime Minister, P.V. Narasimha Rao did not receive the respect he deserved within the Congress party," he said. He alleged that Narasimha Rao's mortal remains were not even permitted to be kept at the Congress headquarters in Delhi for the public to pay their final respects. The Congress insulted P.V. Narasimha Rao, the architect of India's economic liberalisation and historic economic reform, and tried in every way to erase his legacy, the BJP leader said.

Governor, CM recall Narasimha Rao's services to nation

the nation. The Governor said Narasimha Rao was a visionary statesman who steered the country towards development through far-reaching economic reforms and made an enduring contribution to the nation's overall progress and development. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu stated that Narasimha Rao is remembered as a great leader who assumed the mantle of Prime Minister during a critical period for the nation, initiated economic reforms with foresight, and transformed the trajectory of India's development. His visionary leadership and contributions to national progress will continue to inspire generations to come, said the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan paid "heartfelt tributes to one of India's most visionary statesmen, an exceptional scholar, former Chief Minister of the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh, and former Prime Minister whose leadership transformed the course of our nation's history". "At a defining moment, his courage, foresight, and landmark economic reforms opened new horizons for India's growth and global standing. His remarkable intellect,

administrative excellence, and unwavering commitment to national progress remain an enduring source of inspiration," Pawan Kalyan posted on 'X'. "From the richness of Telugu literary heritage to the highest office of public service, Shri P. V. Narasimha Rao Garu exemplified wisdom, humility, and visionary leadership. His extraordinary legacy continues to inspire generations to serve the nation with knowledge, integrity, and unwavering dedication. May his extraordinary legacy continue to inspire every Indian to serve the nation with wisdom, integrity, and an unwavering commitment to progress," added the Jana Sena leader. Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said Narasimha Rao was a visionary who steered a nation facing an economic crisis onto the path of development through his reforms, breathing new life into the Indian economy. Jagan Mohan Reddy said that his contributions to the country's progress during his tenure as Prime Minister remain unforgettable. State Congress president Y. S. Sharmila also paid rich tributes to Narasimha Rao.

Naidu calls for revival of Indian joint family system

government-recommended vaccinations on time to safeguard their health. Officials of the Health and Family Welfare Department informed the Chief Minister that the State aims to administer polio drops to approximately 4.92 million children below the age of five during the three-day Pulse Polio campaign beginning Sunday. During his interaction with families, the Chief Minister asked parents about the challenges of raising children, especially in households where both parents are working. He stressed that childcare should not be considered the mother's responsibility solely and called upon fathers to actively participate in raising children. "Fathers and other family members must share the responsibility of bringing up

children. Parenting should never be left entirely to mothers," he said. The Chief Minister observed that societal attitudes towards having children are changing and stressed that children should be viewed as a source of joy and strength rather than a burden. Reiterating the State government's commitment to encourage larger families, Chandrababu Naidu said the government is creating awareness among people on the importance of having two or more children and promoting a family-friendly social environment. Director of Secondary Health K.V.N. Chakradhar Babu and officials from the National Health Mission (NHM) participated. Meanwhile, Minister of Backward Classes Welfare, S. Savitha, stated

that the government is implementing the Pulse Polio programme with great commitment, aiming to create a polio-free society in the state. She launched the Pulse Polio programme in Vijayawada Central constituency by administering polio drops to children along with MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Savitha urged every parent to take responsibility for ensuring that their children under the age of five receive the polio drops. She noted that, in alignment with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision and for the sake of a healthy future for the next generation, the government under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is conducting the Pulse Polio programme extensively across the state.

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the YCP not to provoke them. They made it clear that they are ready for a new type of movement if necessary.

PM Modi highlights Meghalaya's living root bridges in 'Mann Ki Baat', lauds conservation efforts

rubber trees across streams. "These are living bridges that continue to grow stronger with time. They reflect the creativity, patience and deep respect for nature of the people of Meghalaya," PM Modi said. The Prime Minister said the bridges demonstrate what humanity can achieve by working in harmony with nature and termed them a priceless heritage of the country.

He also announced that India has applied to include Meghalaya's living root bridges on the UNESCO World Heritage Site network. Highlighting the challenges posed by climate change, PM Modi said local communities have taken the lead in protecting the fragile ecosystem surrounding the bridges. He said residents themselves undertook the task

of identifying and counting the bridges, as there was no comprehensive record of their existence earlier. Today, local communities maintain more than 120 living root bridges, with dedicated teams carrying out annual inspections of their condition, while others have established nurseries to strengthen the surrounding environment, he added. The Prime Minister also

praised Padma awardee Hally War for dedicating more than five decades to the preservation of the living root bridges, describing his commitment as an inspiration for the nation. PM Modi urged people who have visited the root bridges to share their photographs on social media, saying such efforts would encourage more people to learn about and appreciate Meghalaya's unique natural heritage.

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the Seoul Peace Prize for advancing sustainable economic growth, global cooperation and inclusive development. PM Modi was also conferred the Champions of the Earth Award 2018 for Policy Leadership by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres at a ceremony held at Pravasi Bharatiya Kendra in New Delhi. PM Modi is currently on a three-day State visit to Seychelles.

Encouraging talent with enthusiasm

An artistic spectacle that touched the heart ●Media awards for 60 people ●Scholarships for 150 people ●Cultural exchange between local and foreign artists

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 28

Many celebrities have praised journalists who constantly work for the society as the country's progress achievers, and it is because of them that public problems get a full opportunity to be solved. On Sunday, the Vizag Media Awards, School of Theatre Arts organized the Promotion of Talent - 2026 program at the VMRDA Children's Arena. The guests presented Kalajiva Puraskars to 35 people from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, as well as from home and abroad. Also, 60 people who have shown great talent in the field of journalism and media were given the best journalism awards. Like every year, this year too, 150 children of journalists were presented with Pratibha Puraskars (stipends) through the hands of celebrities. BJP spokesperson and former Rajya Sabha member in-charge of southern states GVL Narasimha Rao and VMRDA Chairman Pranav Gopal, who attended the program as chief guests, said that it is commendable to organize such programs for journalists and their family members every year. He said that it is the friends of journalists who inform the people about the schemes of the central and state governments and bring many programs happen-



ing around the world closer to the people. He called for more service for the welfare of the society. He also said that the government is doing its best for the welfare of journalists. He said that many children of journalists are pursuing higher education and they will all get immense employment opportunities in the future. City Police Commissioner Dr. Shankabrata Bagchi, who was present as a special guest, said that journalists have been recognized as the fourth pillar of society. However, they should present stories to the public honestly without any room for sensationalism. He said that the arrival of international artists in Visakhapatnam is very commendable. The Police Commissioner extended his best wishes to the artists from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, as well as Gujarat and West Bengal. He said that the prestige of

Visakhapatnam city will further increase due to international exchange of arts. The guests of honor included KVR Group Chairman Kayala Venkata Reddy, prominent social workers and Walkers Association International Committee, Gantha Srinu Babu and Chairman R. Nagaraju Patnaik said that every year, journalists are recognized and awarded in the name of encouraging their talent. From L. K. G. to Inter, including degrees, MBA, MBBS, M. L. B. L. Nursing, Engineering, they have distributed scholarships to 150 children of journalists who have obtained the highest marks in higher education. He said that by organizing such programs like awards and scholarships in the name of encouraging their talent every year, journalists will have the opportunity to encourage their children. He



higher education, students will get the immense employment opportunities they desire. He said that such incentive programs will inspire them. Honorary Chairman of the Vizag Media Awards and Scholarships Organizing Committee, Gantha Srinu Babu and Chairman R. Nagaraju Patnaik said that every year, journalists are recognized and awarded in the name of encouraging their talent. From L. K. G. to Inter, including degrees, MBA, MBBS, M. L. B. L. Nursing, Engineering, they have distributed scholarships to 150 children of journalists who have obtained the highest marks in higher education. He said that by organizing such programs like awards and scholarships in the name of encouraging their talent every year, journalists will have the opportunity to encourage their children. He

said that this program was organized with great enthusiasm so that all of them should be more advanced. This year, artists from Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and many other places gave wonderful performances. Speaking at the program, Shitapragya Foundation Chairman YVV Satyanarayana and Karshaka Devbhav National President Aadri Kishore Kumar said that organizing such programs for journalists and their children is commendable. Such programs will give new enthusiasm to the students. Senior journalists, City Cable Company Manager Shandilya, Electronic Media Legend Award recipient Kurra Vijay Kumar, senior journalists Shashank Mohan, along with more than 650 journalists and their family members participated in the program with great enthusiasm.

Carry out the process of digitization of enumeration forms thoroughly

District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore inspected the SIR process at the field level.



By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 28

District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore has instructed the concerned officials to complete the digitization of the enumeration forms being collected as part of the special comprehensive revision process of the voters' list with utmost accuracy and speed. He suggested that each form should be carefully examined and digitized without any mistakes in the registration of voter details. He instructed that quality services should be provided to voters through help desks and their doubts should be resolved and cooperation should be ensured. On Sunday morning, the Collector inspected the distribution and collection process of enumeration forms being carried out in an apartment in Balayya Shastri Layout. He spoke to the BLOs and other officials on duty there and inquired about the issues being faced at the field

level. Later, the ongoing process of digitization of enumeration forms at the Suryabagh Zonal Office and the management of help desks were inspected. The performance of the technical staff was inspected and the digitalization was ordered to be completed more quickly and with quality within the stipulated time. It was suggested that the EROs and AEROs should pay special attention to the distribution and collection process of enumeration forms. The Zonal Commissioners were instructed to take continuous monitoring and take steps to ensure that the BLOs effectively carry out the responsibilities assigned to them. It was clarified that the collected forms should be digitized without any delay and registered in the relevant portal. It was suggested that coordination with other government departments be increased to complete

the process expeditiously, and that the cooperation of Civil Supplies Department staff and local booth-level agents be effectively utilized in the voter identification process at the field level. He ordered that the details of those who died, those who migrated, voters who were incorrectly registered, votes to be deleted, and voters who moved to other polling stations should be verified at the field level and immediately entered in the portal. The Collector clarified that the problems encountered at the field level should be brought to the attention of higher authorities immediately and the special comprehensive revision program of the voters' list should be completed 100 percent within the deadline. GVMC Commissioner Ketan Garg, EROs, AEROs and election cell officials of the concerned constituencies participated.

Times Now honours Dr Satish Raju Indukuri with prestigious national award

New Delhi, 27th June 2026 : Dr. Satish Raju Indukuri, Chief Robotic Joint Replacement Surgeon and Head of Orthopaedics at Apollo Hospital, Visakhapatnam, has been conferred the distinguished title of "One of the 20 Inspirational Orthopaedic Surgeons of India" at the 9th Edition of The Times Now Doctor's Day Conclave, held at the iconic Taj Palace, New Delhi. On Saturday night (27th June). The prestigious award was conferred upon Dr. Satish Raju Indukuri by Lt

General CG Muralidharan, Director General of Medical Services, Indian Army during the conclave. Several Ministers, Governors, Defence Chiefs were graced the occasion. The conclave, organized by The Times Group, is a premier national platform that celebrates the commitment, excellence, and transformative contributions of India's medical fraternity. It brought together eminent healthcare leaders, policymakers, renowned medical



professionals, industry experts, and thought leaders to deliberate on the future of healthcare in India. A Journey of Excellence

Dr. Satish Raju's illustrious career is marked by academic brilliance and pioneering surgical expertise: MBBS - Andhra Medical

College, Visakhapatnam MS (Orthopaedics) - Guntur Medical College Mch (Orthopaedics) - University of Seychelles Fellowships - Computer Navigation Joint Replacement Surgery & Robotic Joint Replacement & Revision Surgery, Germany At 57 years of age, Dr. Satish Raju has brought immense laurels to Apollo Hospitals through his highly successful robotic joint replacement surgeries, earning national recognition for advancing orthopaedic care.

EMC service initiatives are commendable

Speakers at the Scholarship distribution program

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 28

Srikakulam District Joint Collector and Additional Magistrate Farman Ahmed Khan praised the service programs being carried out by the Etihad Muslim Community Welfare Society (EMC). The Annual Scholarship Distribution Program organized by the Etihad Muslim Community Welfare Society was held on Sunday with great pomp at the VMRDA Children's Arena in Siripuram. Farman Ahmed Khan, who was the chief guest at the program, gave several suggestions to the students on their future activities. Yusuf Kabir Ansari, Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, Waltair Division, East Coast Railway, who was the guest of honor,



said that in the rapidly changing technological era, Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be the priority of the future. AI is currently coding in seconds. He said that it can do tasks like preparing complex reports and analyzing large data faster than humans. He said that at this time,

the youth should focus on AI and they will contribute their part to this. Later, on behalf of the society, 220 poor students who scored the best marks from class 8 to degree were given cheques of Rs 22 lakh each, worth Rs 10,000. On this occasion, the president of the socie-

ty Jeelani Hazari, said that every year, through their society, which was started in 2016, scholarships have been provided to poor Muslim students with white ration cards who have scored more than 85 percent marks, as well as students from other castes. As part of that, scholarships were provided to 220 students of the 10th year this year. He informed that the registration of students will start every year in the month of Ramadan and that a white ration card is mandatory. Society Vice President Zafar Hussain, Secretary Sheikh Subhani, Treasurer Riyaz Khan, former President AQJ Farooqui and others participated in this program.

Generous donors rally behind special children ahead of National Divyangjan Programme

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 28 (Skyline): A heartwarming act of generosity by three donors has brought joy and encouragement to specially-abled children from Garividi who are preparing to participate in the National Divyangjan Programme at Mount Abu in July. The children, studying under the Women and Child Welfare Department and receiving guidance from Om Shanthi Latha, required financial support to meet their transportation expenses for the national event. Responding to the need, three donors stepped forward and collectively contributed Rs.75,000, ensuring that the children can confidently represent the region on a national platform. As part of the initiative, Dheera Foundation representatives and YSRCP Young Leaders Dr. Anusha and Dr. Sandeep donated Rs.25,000. Mr. Vakada Gopi, Unit Head of Indsil Hydro Power and Manganese Ltd., also extended financial assistance of



Rs.25,000. Adding to the support, Mr. Mudunoor Jagannadha Raju, President of the Durga Prasad Saraf Seva Society, contributed another Rs 25,000 towards the transportation expenses. The combined contribution will help the children travel comfortably to Mount Abu and participate in various cultural, educational and motivational activities designed for Divyangjan participants from across the country. The programme is expected to provide the children with an opportunity to showcase their talents, interact with participants from different states and build confidence through

national-level exposure. Expressing his appreciation, the organisation's Vice President, G.M.V.N. Ramakrishna, thanked all three donors for their generous support and commitment towards the welfare of specially-abled children. He said such contributions not only ease the financial burden but also inspire the children to dream bigger and participate fearlessly in national events. He added that the timely assistance reflects the community's commitment to promoting inclusion, equal opportunities and a brighter future for Divyangjan children.



Pulse Polio campaign conducted across Garividi

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 28 (Skyline): The National Pulse Polio Immunization Programme was conducted at the Garividi Gram Panchayat Office and Kondapalem-3 Secretariat on Sunday, with officials, elected representatives, and health workers participating in the campaign to ensure every child under the age of five received polio vaccine drops. At the Gram Panchayat office, Executive Officer G. Venugopal Rao inaugurated the programme by administering polio drops to children. He emphasized the importance of timely immunization in protecting children from polio and urged parents not to miss the nationwide vaccination drive. A parallel Pulse Polio camp was also organized at the Kondapalem-3 Secretariat, where Garividi Mandal ZPTC Vakada Srinivasa Rao participated in the programme and administered



polio drops to eligible children. He appealed to parents to make full use of the government's immunization initiative to safeguard their children's health. Former DCCB Director Shivuku Kantha Rao, Shankar, Jampana Rama Raju, Jammu Ramana, health workers, ANM Parvathi, ASHA workers Lakshmi and Ramalakshmi, and Anganwadi workers and Bangaramma and

Chandrakala actively participated in the awareness and immunization campaign. Health officials stated that the objective of the programme is to ensure that every child below five years of age receives polio drops, thereby strengthening the country's efforts to keep India polio-free. They also appreciated the cooperation extended by parents and local residents in making the campaign a success.

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Citizen's Burden

When the government insists that an Indian passport is not proof of Indian citizenship, something more than a legal clarification is at stake. It raises a fundamental question about the relationship between the State and the citizen. The Ministry of External Affairs is technically correct in arguing that a passport is, in law, a travel document. Citizenship is a legal status flowing from the Citizenship Act, not from the Passport Act.

A passport authority may determine that an applicant is entitled to an Indian passport, but that determination does not necessarily extinguish every conceivable future dispute over citizenship. Yet the law cannot be divorced from common sense. Unlike Aadhaar, which is issued to residents, or PAN, which serves tax administration, an Indian passport is not handed out merely because a person establishes identity. The Passports Act expressly bars the issuance of a passport to a non-citizen except in narrowly defined circumstances. The application process involves documentary scrutiny, police verification where required, and an official satisfaction that the applicant is entitled to an Indian passport. The document is issued only after authorities satisfy themselves that the applicant is entitled to receive it. To then describe it as merely a travel document may satisfy legal semantics, but it leaves ordinary citizens understandably perplexed.

The public reaction has reflected precisely this confusion. Social media has been flooded with a simple question rather than a legal argument: if even a passport is not proof of citizenship, then what is? That question has acquired urgency because it comes amid renewed scrutiny of citizenship documents in electoral and administrative processes. The government's own position has contributed to the uncertainty. It has argued before the Supreme Court that Aadhaar is not proof of citizenship. Courts have similarly distinguished identity documents from citizenship. Parliament, too, has been told that no definitive list of citizenship documents exists because citizenship is acquired through different legal routes ~ birth, descent, registration, naturalisation or incorporation of territory. Each proposition may be legally defensible in isolation.

Collectively, however, they leave the citizen with no clear answer. That is not merely an academic problem. Citizenship is the foundation upon which voting rights, constitutional protections and numerous legal entitlements rest. A modern constitutional democracy cannot expect its citizens to navigate this uncertainty by piecing together statutes, court judgments and administrative manuals. The distinction between evidence and conclusive proof is well understood in law. A passport need not be treated as irrefutable proof in every disputed case. But it is equally difficult to argue that a passport issued after due diligence is not among the strongest official evidence that the State has accepted its holder as an Indian citizen. If the government wishes to insist otherwise, the burden now shifts to it. Legal precision must be matched by administrative clarity. Citizens deserve an unambiguous answer to a question that should never have become controversial: what, exactly, proves that they belong to the Republic whose passport they carry? The answer must come, and fast.

Iran peace process needs a new architect, and India shouldn't waste its chance

Most leaders in the West have all experienced a sharp drop in popularity owing to economic and geopolitical uncertainty. For Delhi, this might be the time to cash in on its multi-alignment framework and cement its place at the high table. This is a bewildering 'peace process', as was the war that continues to dribble on. The main combatants are not at the table, and the basic requirements for ending the war are not even being mentioned. Critical issues include a dependable guarantee of no attack on Iran, tied, in turn, to ending all attacks on and by Israel, and a verifiable end to terrorist activity against Tel Aviv. Meanwhile, the process is being constantly eroded with US President Donald Trump threatening more attacks even as Israel turns its back on the tenuous deal that has been reached. As the world's oil reserves reach a precipitous edge, it is vital for everyone that the war ends, and for good, and not continues in fits and starts. That needs a wider engagement. First, Iran has suffered attacks for a year now, with these going on alongside negotiations. The latest threats from Trump included not just to take over the Strait of Hormuz but also, seemingly, kidnapping or assassination of the delegation that came to the meeting called in Switzerland. The Iranians then walked out of the meeting, returning later to hammer out a temporary way forward with the Pakistanis and the Qataris. While the

"Memorandum of Understanding" does declare an "immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all front", this now has little meaning given the daily threats and counter-threats. A complete ceasefire, therefore, has to first guarantee a period of absolute safety to Iran, extending this to an absolute end once a final agreement is signed. A credible guarantee has to be multinational, backed with troops on the ground, primarily from countries who matter to US trade and security. That means Europe and a few others. Notwithstanding the sidelining of the United Nations, it is still the only body that can provide a mandate. The problem is that the world body will be expected to monitor a Security Council member. That's not as impossible as it sounds. It has been done before, not far from Hormuz, and, oddly, in an almost identical situation. The Suez Crisis occurred during Egypt's nationalisation of the canal, which led to attacks by the UK, France and Israel. That, in turn, led to the first peacekeeping mission ever, with President Eisenhower using all levers to end the war and press European countries. This time, the 'levers' have to be the other way around, primarily with UN troops on the ground as a guarantee of safety. That requires European unity and a rare determination to stand up to the US. Both things are possible as the Eurozone limps toward stagnation

fears. Then is the second vital aspect. Israel has conveniently distanced itself entirely from the MoU and continued its bombings on Lebanon, leading to US Vice President JD Vance making a rare open criticism of Tel Aviv, pointing out, "You can't just kill your way out of solving every single national security problem that you have." The irony is that a large list of US companies are intermeshed in the Israeli defence industry. Raytheon, now called RTX, is involved in the famed Iron Dome and David's Sling, and Israel recently announced plans to double its fleet of Lockheed Martin's F-35s. It is entirely possible for the US to limit giving, for instance, spare parts to Israel to bring it to halt its attacks, at least over a short haul. In addition, Israel depends heavily on refined oil from Russia, while crude is sourced via the Caspian Sea. Any or all of these countries could choose to restrict oil passage if Israel tries to fire its way out of a peace deal. Finally, an MoU that doesn't ensure Israel's right to live peacefully is pointless. That means that myriad groups like Hezbollah and Hamas have to be effectively dealt with. An international counter-terrorism alliance made up of those who have been lived with terrorism for years, to include Australia, India, France, Russia, and perhaps even China, as a 'minder' for its client state Pakistan, could launch a 'Five eyes' of their



own. This would give heft to a Stabilisation Force made up primarily of West Asian countries and form the basis of an expanded Abraham Accord, to ensure that each works on the ground with the other. That might even get to the point where these countries actually get what was till now a chimera of sorts, where connectivity and integration comes into play. In fact a Board of Peace++, but without President Trump as Chairman. All of this is possible. The trouble is the huge profits from war. Trump plans an unprecedented \$1.5 trillion increase in military expenditure, even as much of Europe follows suit. Wars always require replenishment of expended stocks and bolster arguments for more technology. Unsurprisingly, defence companies' stocks have gone through the roof. Then are European gas and oil companies, which have doubled their profits, as also US and European banks,

which reported \$47.7 billion in profits in just the first three months of the year. In short, business circles that power politics have no great interest in ending wars. But push will come to shove only when these leaders see their political fortunes plummet - as Trump did in a recent poll and as the UK sees its seventh Prime Minister in ten years. European leaders, barring Italy's Meloni, have all experienced a sharp drop in popularity, primarily due to economic and geopolitical anxiety. For Delhi, this might be the time to cash in on its multi-alignment framework, emerging as a trusted partner to all sides, and chalk out a deal that effectively delivers a sustainable peace, given that the need to end the war is only getting more urgent. An add-on not to be brushed aside is that doing this will bring the focus back to terrorism and give India a place at the high table.

India in the age of AI: Producer, consumer, or Bystander?

When Jio Platforms file for what promises to be one of the largest IPOs in Indian market history, the natural instinct is to celebrate. A company that rewired how 1.4 billion people connect with the internet is now inviting public capital into its story. That is, by any measure, a significant moment. But, capital markets have a way of forcing clarity. When institutional investors price an offering, they are valuing the next decade, weighing where value will be created and by whom. In that light, the Jio IPO arrives at a moment when a far more uncomfortable question about India's position in the global technology order deserves examination without sentiment.

The question is quite straightforward. In the age of artificial intelligence, is India becoming a net consumer rather than a producer of the infrastructure that will govern economic life for the next half century?

The honest answer is that we are trending in that direction. Understanding why, and whether that trajectory is reversible, matters more than the celebration or the alarm.

The Platform Shift Problem

Every generation of technology infrastructure produces a distinct class of winners. The winners are rarely those who were strongest in the previous era. They are those who recognised, early enough, that a platform shift had occurred and committed capital and conviction to the new foundational layer before the window narrowed. India understood this once. When mobile internet arrived, the government built Aadhaar and UPI. When 4G threatened to remain a premium product serving urban elites, Jio made the counter intuitive decision to subsidise access until scale made the economics work. From that infrastructure base, an entire generation of Indian digital businesses became possible. Zomato, Meesho, PhonePe, Nykaa, Zepto. None of them built the pipes. All of them needed the pipes to exist.

Artificial intelligence is the next foundational layer. It is infrastructure itself, as much as fiber or spectrum. The distinction matters enormously, and India has yet to internalise it with the urgency the moment requires.

The Seduction Of The Application Layer
The consensus view that took hold among Indian technology leaders roughly two years

ago had the surface logic of pragmatism. The United States and China were burning hundreds of billions on foundational model development. India's competitive advantage, the argument ran, lay in its deep software services capability, its cost efficiency and its ability to build applications serving specific markets and verticals. Why enter an arms race from a position of disadvantage?

It was a reasonable, plausible argument. It deserves to be taken seriously. There is even a version of the future where it proves correct. If AI models follow the trajectory of cloud computing or bandwidth, moving from scarce and expensive to abundant and cheap, then the greatest value may ultimately accrue to those who build indispensable products and workflows on top of commodity intelligence. India's strengths in enterprise software, services delivery, and market-specific execution could, in that scenario, prove more durable than ownership of any underlying model.

The concern is that India appears to be making this bet by default rather than by design. That distinction matters because the ultimate economics of AI remain unsettled. It is entirely possible that foundation models evolve much like cloud infrastructure which is increasingly abundant, increasingly interchangeable with value migrating toward products, workflows and distribution. If that proves to be the case, India's instinct to build at the application layer may ultimately look prescient rather than defensive.

The problem is arriving there without having first made a conscious strategic choice. There is a meaningful difference between choosing the application layer because you have made a considered judgment about where value will compound rather than drifting toward it because building foundational models requires a scale of conviction and capital that no institution has yet organised. That is the distinction between strategy and drift. The evidence, at this point, points toward drift.

What the Foundational Layer Confers

If AI models remain strategic assets rather than commodities and serious analysts sit on both sides of that question, then the foundational layer confers three things that the application layer is structurally unable to replicate.

The first is pricing power.

The second is data sovereignty.

India has what may be the most valuable and least systematically captured training dataset on earth. Twenty-two scheduled languages. Over sixteen hundred dialects. A healthcare system whose patterns are distinct from any Western baseline. An agricultural economy whose granular data has no equivalent elsewhere. A legal and administrative repository that reflects governance at a scale no other democracy matches. Very little of this is being converted into model intelligence at national scale. Nor is conversion straightforward. Much of India's data remains fragmented, inconsistently labelled, or protected by legitimate privacy considerations. Possessing data is not the same as possessing usable training corpora. Turning national data assets into model intelligence requires governance, standards and institutional coordination as much as raw scale.

The third is compounding.

There is, however, another plausible future. Open-weight models are improving rapidly, inference costs continue to decline and enterprises are increasingly fine-tuning existing models rather than training entirely new ones. If these trends accelerate, the barriers to building competitive AI applications could fall dramatically. India's software ecosystem would then enjoy a much larger opportunity than many currently assume. That possibility deserves to be taken seriously. It simply remains one possible future rather than an established outcome.

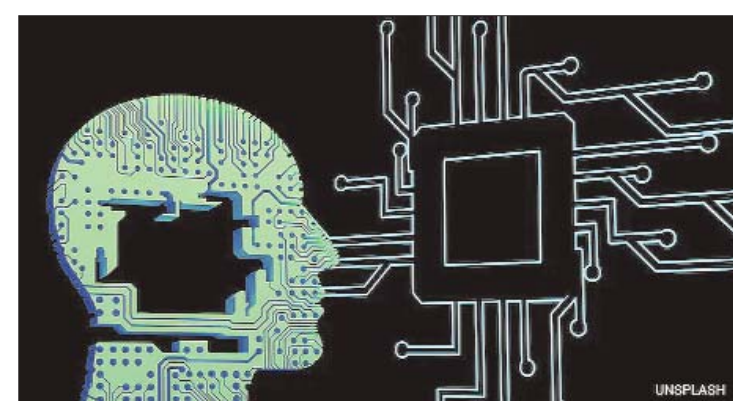
One Company, Many Languages

India's response to this challenge, at present, is largely embodied in a single organisation. Sarvam AI is building foundational large language models for Indian languages. It is doing serious work. It deserves both acknowledgment and support.

To be fair, the broader ecosystem is more active than a single company might suggest. IITs, research laboratories, startups, global capability centres and several enterprise AI teams are all contributing meaningful work. The concern is not the absence of activity but the absence of coordination at the scale that frontier AI increasingly demands.

What the Markets Are Saying

India's weight in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index has compressed.



The movement in equity indices should not be interpreted as a direct proxy for national AI capability. Market weight reflects a range of factors including sector composition, valuations and capital flows. It is best understood as one signal among many suggesting where investors currently expect disproportionate AI-era value to accrue. By 2027, India's AI sector is projected to require approximately 2.3 million skilled professionals.

The analogy is not perfect. Building a nationwide telecom network, while enormously capital intensive, differs fundamentally from competing against frontier AI laboratories whose annual research budgets now run into tens of billions of dollars. Replicating Jio's playbook in AI will therefore require a different institutional architecture rather than simply greater financial ambition.

Deployment Is Also Power

There is another source of strategic advantage that should not be overlooked. Even if India does not emerge as a dominant producer of frontier models, it could become the world's largest laboratory for AI deployment. Few countries combine India's scale, diversity of use cases, software talent and rapidly digitising economy. Widespread adoption across healthcare, education, agriculture, financial services and public administration could itself generate proprietary datasets, operational expertise and globally exportable products. Deployment alone does not substitute for ownership of foundational infrastructure. But nor is it economically insignificant. The countries that shape AI may not all do so in exactly the same way.

The Clock Problem

The window for consequential foundational investment in AI is finite. Frontier AI depends simultaneously on capital, world-class researchers, proprietary data, engineering talent, energy infrastructure and patient institutional leadership. GPUs can be purchased. The ecosystem required to use them at the frontier takes considerably longer to build.

History also suggests that technological leadership rarely belongs permanently to one geography. The internet era elevated companies that barely existed thirty years ago. Mobile computing reordered the hierarchy again. AI may well do the same. The opportunity before India is therefore to identify the layer of the AI stack where it can build enduring comparative advantage before today's assumptions harden into tomorrow's structure.

Producer or Consumer

The trillion-dollar AI company question is ultimately a question about economic identity.

The honest assessment today is that India's trajectory points toward consumption.

That is a condition, not destiny.

The Jio IPO will generate considerable capital market attention in the months ahead. Some of that attention will focus, appropriately, on Jio's own AI ambitions. The larger question, whether India as a country is organising itself to produce or consume AI infrastructure, deserves at least as much serious examination.

The clock is running. The question is whether anyone is watching it.

Stop washing your rice again and again, says Acharya Balkrishna; here's what you're losing

Rice feeds a huge share of the world, but most kitchens wash away its goodness. The starch holds minerals and vitamins that disappear with every extra rinse. Acharya Balkrishna recently wrote about rice in a Facebook post. Rice is the main food for a large number of people across the world. He used this fact to explain a few things about rice that many households overlook, especially during cooking.

Rice feeds a large part of the world

Acharya Balkrishna started by pointing out how widely rice is eaten. It is the staple food for a big share of the global population. This is true across many countries, not just India. Rice forms the base of daily meals for millions of households.

This wide reach is exactly why small details about rice matter. A staple food affects diet on a daily basis. Even minor habits in



preparing it can add up over time.

What rice brings to the body

According to Acharya Balkrishna, rice is not just a source of carbohydrates. It also contains zinc. Zinc plays a role in keeping the body fit. This makes rice more than a simple energy source. It contributes a mineral that the body needs reg-

ularly.

This point is often missed in everyday conversations about rice. Most people associate rice only with carbohydrates and energy. Acharya Balkrishna's post adds zinc to that picture, giving a fuller view of what rice offers.

The problem with over-washing rice

One of the key points Acharya Balkrishna made was about washing rice before cooking. Rice contains starch, and this starch holds mineral salts and vitamins. Washing rice again and again removes these nutrients along with the starch.

He was clear on this. Rice should not be washed repeatedly before it goes into the pot. A single rinse may be enough for most households. Washing it multiple times, a common habit in many kitchens, ends up taking away the very nutrients rice is meant to provide.

This is a small change that can make a real difference. Many people wash rice three or four times out of habit, thinking it makes the rice cleaner. Acharya Balkrishna's post suggests this habit works against the nutritional value of rice rather than improving it.

An old practice: Rice with

milk and sugar

Acharya Balkrishna also mentioned a traditional way of eating rice. Mixing rice with milk and sugar, he said, helps clear the stomach. This is an old practice followed in many Indian homes, often passed down through generations.

This combination is simple. It uses ingredients already present in most kitchens. The mix is usually eaten as part of a meal, not as a separate remedy.

Acharya Balkrishna's mention of this brings attention back to a habit that has slowly become less common in modern diets. This practice fits into a larger pattern of using food itself for digestion and gut comfort, rather than reaching for something separate. Rice, milk and sugar together form a meal that does double duty, providing nutrition while also supporting digestion.

Skydiving trip turns deadly as plane carrying 11 crashes in France; no survivors

A skydiving trip turned deadly as 11 people, including pilot, were killed after a small civilian aircraft crashed in Eastern France on Sunday. According to local media reports, 11 people, including five students and five instructors, were aboard the plane when it crashed. The plane was carrying a group of five students for a skydiving trip and crashed shortly after taking off from Nancy-Essey Airport (ENC), France. “A Pilatus PC-6/B2-H4 Turbo Porter skydiving plane, operating for Tandemotion Parachutisme, crashed



immediately after takeoff from Nancy-Essey Airport (ENC), France. All eleven on board suffered fatal injuries,” local authorities said.

According to Al Jazeera, the police have asked people to “strictly avoid” the area around the airport in the town of Tomblaine.

The country’s Interior Ministry has said that the Interior Minister Laurent Nunez visited the site of the incident, the report added.

Saudi Aramco helicopter crashes in Ras Tanura; 14 killed



At least 14 people were killed after a helicopter belonging to Saudi Arabia’s oil giant Saudi Aramco crashed in Ras Tanura, which hosts one of the world’s largest oil export terminals. According to the Saudi Arabian state news agency, the

cause of the incident that occurred on Sunday remains unknown and an investigation is underway. All 14 people killed in the crash are reportedly Saudi nationals. The incident comes amid heightened tensions between the US and

Iran following a series of military exchanges linked to attacks involving vessels near the Strait of Hormuz. In response to US strikes over the last couple of days, Iran targeted American assets in several Gulf countries. According to Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), it launched a joint missile and drone operation that destroyed eight US military infrastructures in Kuwait and Bahrain. The IRGC alleged that US forces had earlier attacked five Iranian coastal positions on Sunday, accusing Washington of violating a ceasefire agreement under the 14-point memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two sides. The force warned that any future attacks on Iran would receive a “crushing response”.

‘I do not fear death’: Sheikh Hasina says she will return to Bangladesh ‘this year’

Former Bangladesh Prime Minister and Awami League leader, Sheikh Hasina, who was forced to flee her country following a student-led uprising against her government in 2024, has declared that “I’ll be back home this year.” In an interview with a news channel, Hasina said her return to Bangladesh is not a question of personal ambition but it is tied to a far larger purpose- the political rights of the people of Bangladesh, the restoration of democrat, the rule of law, and the spirit of the Liberation War. “I do not do politics for power. I do politics for the welfare of the people of Bangladesh and for the fulfilment of the dream of the Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh



Mujibur Rahman, to build a Sonar Bangla,” Hasina told NDTV. She said that the death penalty awarded to her in Bangladesh is a result of an “illegal, unconstitutional, and politically motivated process.” “The judiciary has been turned into an instrument of political revenge to make the Awami League leaderless. Such attempts have been made before.

They failed then, and they will fail again. I do not fear death,” she said. On the prospects of her party upon her likely return to Bangladesh, Hasina said that the Awami League is not a paper organisation but a political force rooted in the soil of Bengal, in the people of Bengal, in the history of Bengal, and in the identity of the Bengali nation.

“In its 77-year journey, the Awami League has been attacked many times, has shed blood many times, and has been banned many times. But each time, it has risen again through the strength of the people,” she remarked. Hasina demanded the Tarique Rahman-led BNP government in Bangladesh to restore “proper democratic environment” in the country and withdraw the “illegal ban” on Awami League. “To ensure a proper democratic environment and stability in Bangladesh, the illegal ban on the Awami League must be withdrawn. False cases must be withdrawn. Political prisoners must be released. Peaceful political activity must be allowed,” she added.

‘8 American bases destroyed in Kuwait, Bahrain in Iran’s missile-drone operation against fresh US strikes,’ claims IRGC

Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) on Sunday claimed it launched a joint missile and drone operation that destroyed eight US military infrastructures in Kuwait and Bahrain, calling the action a response to a second wave of US strikes on Iranian targets. The claim came amid escalating tensions between Washington and Tehran following a series of military exchanges linked to attacks involving vessels near the Strait of Hormuz. In a statement carried by Iranian state media, Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting (IRIB), the IRGC Public Relations department said its naval and aerospace forces carried out the operation between 2:00 am and 3:00 am local time, targeting the Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait and the US Fifth Fleet headquarters at Port Salman in Bahrain. The IRGC described the strikes as a “decisive response” to recent US actions. “Your zealous sons in the IRGC’s naval and air forces, during a joint missile and drone operation at



2-3 am today, Sunday, July 27, destroyed eight important infrastructures of the child-killing US army at the Ali al-Salem base in Kuwait and the Fifth Naval Fleet in Port Salman, Bahrain, by launching ballistic missiles and drones at them and decisively responded to the recent US aggression,” the statement said. Iran warns of stronger response. The IRGC alleged that US forces had earlier attacked five Iranian coastal positions on Sunday, accusing Washington of violating a ceasefire agreement under the 14-point memorandum of understanding (MoU) between the two sides. The force warned that any future attacks on Iran would receive a “crushing response.” “According to the memo-

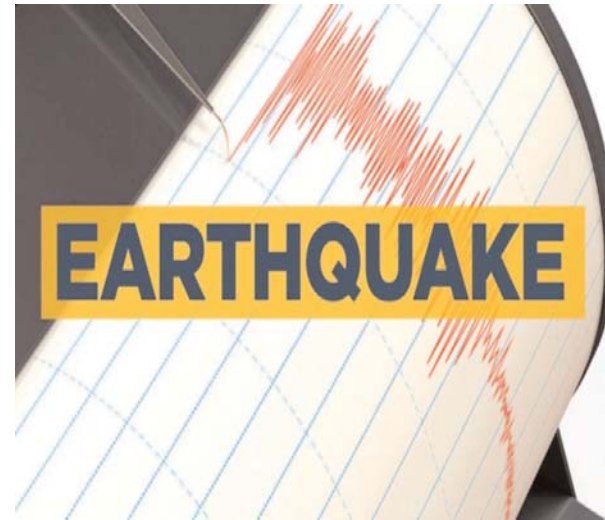
randum of understanding, Islamabad has arrangements to control traffic in the Strait of Hormuz with the Islamic Republic, and from now on, violating ships will be dealt with more forcefully than in the past, and any potential enemy aggression, under any pretext, even if the aggressions are against minor targets, as happened last night and tonight, will have a crushing response,” the statement added, as quoted by IRIB. CENTCOM confirms new strikes. The latest escalation followed a statement by US Central Command (CENTCOM), which said American forces carried out additional strikes against multiple targets in Iran on June 27 under the direction of US President

Donald Trump. CENTCOM said the action came after Iran allegedly failed to uphold the ceasefire and launched a one-way drone attack that struck the Panama-flagged tanker M/T Kiku near the Strait of Hormuz. “U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) forces conducted additional strikes against multiple targets in Iran, June 27, at the Commander in Chief’s direction,” the statement read. “After yesterday’s U.S. strikes in response to the Iranian attack on M/V Ever Lovely, Iran was given a chance to honor the ceasefire agreement but elected not to when its forces launched a one-way attack drone that hit M/T Kiku this morning at 4:30 a.m. ET. The Panama-flagged tanker was transiting near the Strait of Hormuz with more than two-million barrels of crude oil,” it added. CENTCOM said US aircraft targeted Iranian military surveillance infrastructure, communication systems, air defence sites, drone storage facilities and mine-laying capabilities.

Japan shaken by 6.1 magnitude earthquake off Iwate coast, no tsunami threat issued

A strong earthquake measuring magnitude 6.1 struck off the coast of Iwate Prefecture in northeastern Japan early Sunday, prompting authorities to monitor the region closely after a series of recent seismic activities. The Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said there was no risk of a tsunami following the quake. According to the JMA, the earthquake occurred at 5:21 am (local time) at a depth of 41 kilometres. The quake recorded a maximum seismic intensity of lower 5 (5-) on Japan’s seismic intensity scale in Hachinohe City, Aomori Prefecture, and Fudai Village, Iwate Prefecture. Tremors ranging between intensity levels 4 and 1 were reported across a wide area stretching from Hokkaido to the Kanto-Koshin region. JMA warns of continued seismic risk. The JMA said the earthquake was caused by a reverse fault, with the pressure axis running in the west-northwest to east-southeast direction. As of 7:00 am (local time), no additional

earthquakes with a seismic intensity of 1 or higher had been recorded after the major tremor. The agency noted that Sunday’s earthquake occurred in the same area as the offshore Iwate earthquake recorded on June 25, which had reached a maximum seismic intensity of 6+. Authorities warned that regions affected by the June 25 quake should remain cautious about possible strong aftershocks for around a week from the earlier event. The JMA also cautioned that areas that experienced intense shaking could face an increased risk of rockfalls and landslides, urging residents to stay alert for further seismic activity. The agency clarified that the latest earthquake did not meet the criteria for issuing a warning regarding a possible subsequent earthquake off the coast of Hokkaido and the Sanriku region. Sanae Takaichi reviews response measures. Reacting to the earthquake, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi said there was no tsunami concern and that the



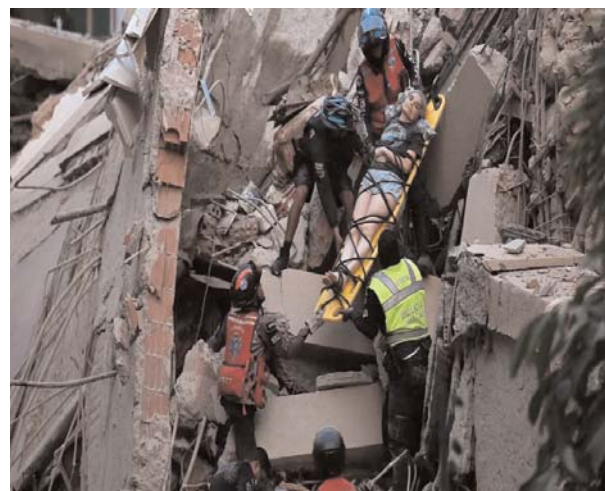
government was continuing its response through the crisis management office established at the Prime Minister’s Office after the June 25 earthquake. Takaichi said she had instructed officials to assess damage, provide timely information to the public and take all necessary response measures. “There is no concern for a tsunami,” the post read. “In this region, earthquakes have been continuing, and on the 25th, an earthquake with a maximum seismic intensity of 6-upper occurred. As the government, we are con-

tinuing to address the situation through the crisis management office established at the Prime Minister’s Office the other day, and I have once again issued instructions for grasping the damage situation, providing timely and accurate information to the public, and other measures,” she added. Acknowledging the concerns of residents facing repeated earthquakes in recent days, Takaichi urged people in the affected region to remain vigilant and continue taking precautions in their daily lives.

Venezuela earthquake death toll rises to 1,430 as aftershocks continue to rattle region

The death toll from the earthquake that struck Venezuela on Wednesday has risen to 1,430. Venezuelan National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez announced the updated figures on Saturday during a government address on state television. Rodriguez said 3,238 people have been injured and 3,142 families have been affected by the disaster. He offered condolences on behalf of Venezuelan authorities to the thousands of victims and their families. Two major earthquakes hit on Wednesday. Two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela on Wednesday. The first registered a magnitude of 7.2 and the second a magnitude of 7.5. The quakes caused widespread destruction across coastal and mountainous regions, including collapsed buildings and landslides. La Guaira, a key port city along the central coast, sustained severe damage and has since been declared a disaster zone by authorities. Since Wednesday, Venezuela has recorded 430 light to moderate aftershocks, according to Rodriguez. Tens of thousands of people are working around the clock on

search and rescue operations, he said. Fresh 4.1 magnitude tremor hits central region. A magnitude-4.1 earthquake was felt across central Venezuela on Saturday, adding to the anxiety of a population already shaken by Wednesday’s events. The tremor was reported by the Venezuelan Foundation for Seismological Research, known as Funvisis. Funvisis said the epicentre of Saturday’s quake was located approximately 35 kilometres west of La Guaira. The agency reported that the quake occurred at a shallow depth of five kilometres. Shallow earthquakes typically amplify ground shaking and increase the potential for structural damage compared to deeper seismic events. Residents flee buildings in Caracas. Residents in Caracas and surrounding areas reported feeling Saturday’s tremor. Many rushed out of buildings in fear of further collapse, according to reports from the affected areas. The reaction reflects the level of fear that has gripped the population since Wednesday. With hundreds of aftershocks already recorded and build-



ings across the region already structurally compromised, each new tremor has triggered fresh panic among residents. Search and rescue operations ongoing. Officials have been working to coordinate relief efforts across affected coastal and mountainous communities. Rescue teams are continuing to reach areas that sustained damage from Wednesday’s earthquakes. Rodriguez confirmed that tens of thousands of personnel remain engaged in search and rescue operations. No timeline has been given for when the active search phase will conclude. The scale of the disaster, with over 1,400 dead, more

than 3,200 injured, and thousands of families displaced, has placed significant pressure on Venezuela’s emergency response infrastructure. Funvisis calls for public calm. Funvisis said it is maintaining round-the-clock seismic surveillance across the region. The agency has called on the public to stay informed through official channels only and to avoid spreading unverified information that could cause further panic. Seismologists are continuing to monitor the region closely given the high volume of aftershocks recorded since Wednesday and the ongoing risk of further tremors in the coming days.

Australia to double fines for social media companies to 99 million

AUD after under-16 ban fails to work

The Australian government has announced plans to double the maximum fine for social media companies that fail to enforce the country’s ban on users under the age of 16. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese of Australia made the announcement on Saturday night, saying technology companies were not doing enough to comply with the law. The proposed legislation would increase the maximum fine from 49.5 million Australian dollars to 99 million Australian dollars. In US dollar terms, that is a rise from approximately 34.1 million USD to 68.3 million USD. “There are still too many children on social media,” Albanese said. “These changes reflect the seriousness with which we take any failure by social media companies to comply with our world-leading law.” The Australian Broadcasting Corporation reported that the government intends to legislate the changes before federal parliament’s annual winter break begins on Thursday. The ban and how it works. Australia’s under-16 social media ban came into effect in December 2025 under the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media Minimum Age) Act 2024. It requires major platforms to take reasonable steps to block underage



account holders. The platforms covered by the law include TikTok, X, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and Snapchat. The law was described at the time of its introduction as the first of its kind in the world. It places the compliance burden on technology companies rather than on parents or children. Study finds ban has had limited impact. A study published on Thursday by Australia’s University of Newcastle found that the ban has had limited early impact. Researchers tracked 408 adolescents aged 12 to 17 before and three months after the law came into effect. More than 85 percent of children under 16 said they were still using social media three months after the ban was implemented. The study was published in the British Medical Journal. Researchers found that children were continuing to access restricted platforms through their own accounts as well as through alternative or shared accounts. Around two-thirds of those surveyed report-

ed encountering age verification measures. The most common methods used by platforms were self-declared age checks and photo-based verification. Stronger powers for eSafety Commissioner. In addition to higher fines, Albanese said the proposed changes would give the government’s eSafety Commissioner stronger powers to compel social media companies to provide evidence of the steps they are taking to prevent under-16s from accessing their platforms. The eSafety Commissioner currently has oversight of online safety issues in Australia but the government says existing powers have not been sufficient to force adequate compliance from the major platforms. No specific details about the nature of the additional powers have been released beyond the requirement for companies to provide evidence of their compliance measures. Platforms yet to respond. As of Saturday, no public response to the announced fine increase had been issued by TikTok, Meta, X, YouTube, Google, or Snap. The government has not specified a timeline for when the new penalties would take effect beyond the intention to pass the legislation before Thursday’s parliamentary winter break.

Shraddha Kapoor’s Hyped Film Lands In Title Trouble



Saaho heroine Shraddha Kapoor is finally returning with a most hyped content driven film after scoring a massive blockbuster with Stree 2. Her next release Eetha is arriving on August 28 under the direction of Laxman Utekar. But even before the promotions begin, the movie has landed in an unexpected controversy. Eetha is inspired by the life of legendary Marathi folk artist Vithabai Bhau Mang Narayangaonkar. She was celebrated as the queen of Tamasha and ruled the stage for decades. One unforgettable incident from her life was delivering a baby backstage after performing while heavily pregnant.

Laxman Utekar reportedly spent years researching Vithabai’s remarkable journey before making the film. The teaser has already generated curiosity. However, Vithabai’s family is unhappy with the title Eetha. They believe the film should have carried her name instead of a fictional title. The family is even considering legal action against the makers over the issue. So far the production team has remained silent. The film will release in multiple languages including Telugu. Along with Shraddha Kapoor, Randeep Hooda and Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub play key roles while Ajay Atul have composed the music.

‘Ela rasav baasu ee story’



The makers of Rao Bahadur have unveiled an exciting glimpse into the film’s creative journey through the video called World Of Rao Bahadur, where the team shared their thoughts on the ambitious project. Producer Anurag Reddy revealed how the collaboration with Venkatesh Maha began. He said he was eager to know what the acclaimed filmmaker who made C/O Kancharapalem was working on next. A simple message to Maha led to an unexpected surprise. “I just happened to message Venkatesh Maha, and he said, he has a story. He had been wanting to make it for the past five years,” recalled Anurag. What impressed him the most was the director’s unwavering passion and belief in the script. He described it as a story capable of resonating with audiences from every corner of the world, irrespective of language or culture. Hero Satya Dev, equally amazed by the film’s vision, admitted that his first reaction was to wonder how someone could even imagine a world of this scale. According to him, only someone

obsessed with cinema could dream so fearlessly. Calling Venkatesh Maha a madman and a dreamer, he praised the filmmaker’s relentless pursuit of creating something extraordinary. Satyadev further revealed that the team has built a massive cinematic world unlike anything audiences have witnessed before. He believes the visuals and scale of Rao Bahadur will offer a completely fresh experience that deserves to be watched on the big screen. Director Venkatesh Maha explained that while the film presents a grand spectacle, its emotional core lies in the protagonist’s inner world. He shared that Rao Bahadur’s story and psychology became the foundation for creating a visually immersive experience. Maha emphasized that his dream is to take Telugu cinema to global audiences by telling stories that are both unique and timeless. Confident about the film’s impact, the director expressed his hope that Rao Bahadur, along with its central character Rao Bahadur, will remain unforgettable for years to come.

Srihari's son's 'Student' teaser.. Meghamsh impresses with campus politics



Young hero Meghamsh Srihari, who is trying to establish himself in the film industry as the successor of the late Real Star Srihari, is going to come before the audience with his new film 'Student' (#Student). The film team has recently released the teaser of this high-voltage action drama set in the backdrop of campus politics. This teaser, filled with powerful action scenes, has increased the expectations on the film. In this film, Meghamsh Srihari is impressive in his intense mass look as a student leader. Vijetha Pareek is playing the female lead opposite him.

Directed by Balu Tattvamasi, this film is being produced by Bellam Siddha Reddy under the banners of Jovica Cinemas and Cherish Media Works. The film unit said that along with clashes between student unions and politics, the film will also have a beautiful love story. Prem Chand Kancharla is composing the music for the film, while Srinivas Bejugam is working as the cinematographer. The team is confident that this film will be a milestone in the career of Meghamsh, who is waiting to make his mark in Tollywood.

Ram's new film under his own direction...



Energetic star Ram Pothineni is not only a hero but is now preparing to show his mettle as a director as well. His new film #RAPO23, which he is acting in and directing himself, will officially launch tomorrow (June 29) with a grand pooja program. The film team announced this on social media. Ram Pothineni is not just the hero and director of this film. It is noteworthy that he is also providing the story. This project will be released in the psychological action thriller genre. Ram Pothineni's brother Krishna Pothineni is producing this film under his own banner 'Rapo Cinematics'. Renowned cinematographer Thiru will work as the cameraman for this film. There are huge expectations among the fans about this film. Preparations are being made to start regular shooting immediately after the pooja program. The film industry is eagerly waiting to see what kind of magic Ram, who has gained a lot of craze as an actor, will create as a director.

My husband has affairs with many people.. Wife Sunita's sensational comments on Govinda!



Sunita Ahuja, wife of Bollywood actor Govinda, has made sensational comments about her husband. She is currently participating in the reality show 'Lockup: Sach Ya Saja' as a contestant. In the premiere episode of the show, she revealed the secrets of her married life and admitted that her husband Govinda had affairs with many people in the past. These comments have now become a hot topic of discussion in Bollywood circles. As part of the show, host Farah Khan read out some headlines from some news articles about Sunita. In it, she was asked to explain the headline "I want a son like Govinda, but not a husband." Responding to this, Sunita said, "When you are in love, you have to endure everything. Chi Chi (Govinda's nickname) has had many affairs in his life. Actually, such things are normal for heroes and heroines. Since I have stood by Chi Chi for all these years, I want a son like him," Sunita said frankly. Then co-host Riteish Deshmukh read another headline. Sunita responded to the headline, "Husband and wife should shoot with their eyes until they meet. But if a third person comes, they should shoot on their knees." Sunita gave a playful warning to Govinda. "Are you listening... listen carefully. If a third person comes into your life, the bullet will hit you on your knees. I am not lying," she said. Referring to a past incident, Sunita recalled, "I was not even in Mumbai at that time. Many people said that I shot myself. But, I was in a deep slumber." Govinda and Sunita Ahuja got married in 1987. However, they kept their wedding a secret for almost two years. The wedding was officially announced only after the birth of their daughter Tina Ahuja. The couple also has a son, Yashvardhan Ahuja. Bollywood was shocked when Sunita herself revealed that there were so many dark sides to their relationship, which had been known as an ideal couple for many years. Her comments are currently going viral on social media.

Akanksha Sharma Slays Hard In Black Sheer Gown

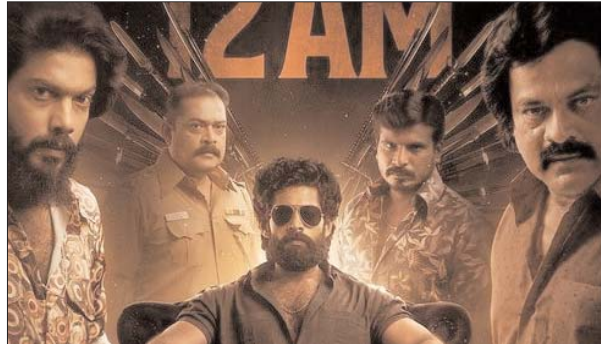
Akanksha Sharma made her Telugu debut with Vishvak Sen's Laila and while the film did not work at the box office, this Bollywood actress has absolutely refused to let that dull her shine. She keeps showing up on social media with looks that grab attention and her follower base across both industries is very much enjoying every bit of it. Her latest pictures are nothing short of stunning. Akanksha wore a black sheer embroidered



gown with deep floral lace detailing all over the full sleeves and body, a sweetheart neckline and a thigh high slit that added a very dramatic touch. The whole look is dark, bold and gorgeous and she carried it with full confidence. Laila may not have worked but Akanksha Sharma in a black gown like this is very hard to ignore. Her glamour does all the talking and right now it is speaking very loudly.



'Lingam' (Jio Hot Star) series review!



A recent crime thriller in Tamil has now hit the OTT screen. The series, which is set in a mafia setting, is called 'Lingam'. This series, in which Kathir plays the lead role, is directed by Lakshmi Saravana Kumar. This series, which is made up of 8 episodes, is streaming from the 26th of this month. This series is available in Tamil as well as other languages ??on 'Jio Hot Star'. Politics revolves around fishing harbors in 'Kanyakumari'. Chella Pandian spins the wheel in the 'Kadappuram' area and Samiyappan spins the wheel in the 'Nagarkoil' area. In order to gain control over each other's area, each of them tries to do illegal business in each other's area. In this context, there are frequent fights between the two. Followers on both sides turn into corpses. Muthulingam (Kathir) lives in the same area with his mother. His intention is to become a police officer. With the intention of getting a job in the sports quota, he plays 'Kabaddi'. There is a talk in that area that no one can play Kabaddi regardless of gender. Seeing his style of play... and his good heart to help all four, 'Malar' (Divya Bharathi) falls in love with him. The two fall in love. It is a tradition to organize Kabaddi competitions every year in that village during the fair. At that time, gang fights happen... and followers die. That year, a rowdy named 'Gunaseelan' is killed by a rowdy named 'Martin'. However, since Muthulingam is in that exact place, everyone thinks that he must have killed Gunaseelan. As a result, he ends up in jail. However, 'Chelladurai'. Muthulingam, who came out of jail on bail due to 'Thiru', joins Chella Pandian as his main follower. He feels that there is no other way to escape from the clutches of the police and Gunaseelan's followers. Muthulingam is growing because of Chellapandian. Samiappan announces that if both of them are killed, he will give him half of his property. What will happen then? What kind of turn will Muthulingam's life take? This

is the story. This story takes place between the 1980s and 90s. This story revolves around politics, rowdiness, gang fights. We mainly see how some criminals play with the lives of those dependent on the harbor. What circumstances turned a young man who wanted to become a police officer into a criminal. How did the decisions he took affect his life? This story revolves around interesting topics. In this story, politicians, their main followers, and police officers are seen on one side. In the meantime, along with Lingam-Malar, Thiru-Padma love stories are running. Occasionally, this track brings relief. From Muthu Lingam's side, there is a mother sentiment. From the lawyer's sister, Durai's sister, from Satya Vaivu's side, there is a sister sentiment. From Malar's side, there is a love filled with emotions that touches here and there. All the main characters have done justice to their roles. Dinesh Kumar's photography .. Niwas K Prasanna's background music .. Ganesh Shiva's editing is not bad. In this season, the hero goes around taking the heads of those he considered his enemies. However, we see that the descendants of those enemies are getting ready for season 2 with revenge. The story of this series, about a young man who dreams of becoming a police officer, unknowingly steps towards a criminal empire .. and becomes a local don, is actually very old. This is a series that has not tried to be new anywhere in terms of storytelling. This story takes place in the 1980s. Many such stories came out back then. So now nothing new has been said .. nothing shown. The lack of unexpected twists is another finding. Violence and bloodshed are seen as befitting this genre. Love... It has to be said that it is a series that could not make much of an impact even from the emotional side. Movie Details
Movie Name: Lingam
Release Date: 2026-06-25
Cast: Kathir, Divya Bharathi, Poornima Ravi, Bose Venkat, Nikhila Shankar, Sathya
Director: Lakshmi Saravana Kumar
Music: Nivas K Prasanna
Banner: Vikatan Televisas
Review By: Peddinti
Lingam Rating: 2.00 out of 5

Anirudh-Kavya's wedding is true.. A senior actor has given strength to the rumors!

The long-standing social media campaign that Kollywood star music director A n i r u d h Ravichander and S u n r i s e r s Hyderabad (SRH) captain Kavya



Maran are going to get married soon has now gained more strength. Senior Tamil actor and theatre legend Y.G. Mahendran's comments on the couple's marriage have become a hot topic in industry circles. In an interview, he spoke about Anirudh and Kavya and hinted that their marriage is certain. Anirudh's wedding soon.. In a recent interview, Y.G. Mahendran said, "Anirudh is a very good, soft boy. Very capable. However, something is stopping him from taking steps towards marriage. I hope those obstacles will be removed soon," he said with a smile. He said that Anirudh is going to get married soon and he always has his best wishes for him. "I am also saying what I heard. But, I believe that this marriage will definitely happen. The pair of them will be very wonderful to watch. They will definitely make a name for themselves as a good couple," he expressed confidence. Kavya Maran is super in business. On this occasion, Y.G. Mahendran specially mentioned Kavya Maran. He praised her for not only being an IPL

team owner but also making her mark in the business sector. He praised her for completely absorbing business acumen from her father, Kalanithi Maran, which is why she is successfully running such a big franchise. He shared his experience when Kavya was the head of the OTT division of 'Sun TV' in the past. "When we went for a project, she treated us very politely. She liked our stories and selected six projects at once. Even though those projects were temporarily put on hold for some reasons, Kavya is a very kind-hearted person as a person," Mahendran recalled. They will do 'musical business'.. Anirudh, who is excelling as a star music director, and Kavya Maran, who is advancing with sharp business strategies.. Y.G. Mahendran jokingly said that they will do 'musical business' together after marriage. Y.G. Mahendran is well-known as an actor, playwright and director in the Tamil film industry for decades. He has worked with giants like Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan and recently acted in 'Akhandha 2' in Telugu. With the comments made by such a senior actor, their fans are celebrating on social media, saying that the news of Anirudh-Kavya's marriage is almost confirmed.

Basic accounting for competitive exams (like SSC, RRB, Banking, UGC NET, or state PSCs) covers fundamental principles, the accounting cycle, financial statements, and key ratios. Mastery relies on understanding standard recording rules and terminology.

Golden Rules of Accounting
All business transactions are recorded in the books using the double-entry system. You will frequently be tested on these three types of accounts:

Real Accounts: Assets and properties.
Rule: Debit what comes in, Credit what goes out.

Personal Accounts: Persons, firms, or companies.
Rule: Debit the receiver, Credit the giver.

Nominal Accounts: Expenses, losses, incomes, and gains.
Rule: Debit all expenses and losses, Credit all incomes and gains.

The Accounting Cycle (Steps)
Examinations test the sequence of how financial data is processed

Source Documents: Invoices, receipts, etc.

Journal: Chronological recording of daily transactions.

Ledger: Grouping similar transactions into individual "T" accounts.

Trial Balance: Checking the arithmetical accuracy of ledgers (Debits must equal Credits).

Trading and P&L Account: Calculating the gross and net profit (or loss) for a period.

Balance Sheet: Showing the financial position (Assets = Liabilities + Equity) on a specific date.

(Practice Questions for all Government Job Recruitments)

1. A free sample account is -----
Nominal Account

2. Cash book is a type of ----- but treated as -----
Subsidiary Book, Principal Book of Account

3. Cash book is used to record -----
Ans: All receipts and payments of cash

4. A cheque which is payable across the bank counter is a-----
Ans: Bearer cheque

5. The balance in petty cash book represents -----
Ans: An asset

6. Purchase book is used to record all -----
Ans: Credit purchase of goods

Q7. Prepaid salary account is a -----
Ans: Personal Account

Q8. Interest received account is a -----
Ans: Nominal Account

Q9. Accrued interest is a -----
Ans: Personal Account

Q10. Interest receivable is a -----
Ans: Personal Account

Q11. Cash account is a-----
Ans: Real Account

12. Bank account is a -----
Ans: Personal Account

13. Advance to employee is a-----
Ans: Personal Account

14. Advance to suppliers is a -----
Ans: Personal Account

15. Goodwill is a -----
Ans: Real Account

16. Patent, Copyright, Trademark are -----

Basics of Accounting for Competitive Exams



Ans: Real Account

17. Bad debt and Bad debt recovered are-----
Ans: Nominal Account

18. Sale book is used to record all -----
Credit sales of goods

19. B/R book is a -----
Ans: Part of Journal

20. Purchase book, sale book is a -----
Ans: Part of Journal

21. Goods taken by proprietor for personal use will be recorded in -----
Ans: Journal proper

22. Total of sales book is posted to -----
Ans: Sales Account

23. When a customer returns the goods a -- -----is sent to him.
Ans: Credit note

24. When the goods are sent to supplier a - -----is sent to him.
Ans: Debit note

25. Credit purchase of stationary by a stationary dealer is to be recorded in --- -----
Ans: Purchase book

26. BRS is prepared by a -----
Ans: Customer of Bank

27. BRS is statement showing the causes of differences -----
Ans: Between the cash book and pass book

28. Installation charges of machinery purchased is -----
Ans: Capital expense

29. Expense incurred on trial run of machine is -----
Ans: Capital expense

30. Repair of second hand machinery before put to use is-----
Ans: Capital expense

31. Annual maintenance fee of machine is - -----
Ans: Revenue expense

32. Cost of ring & pistons of an engine changed to get better fuel efficiency is -----
Ans: Capital expense

33. Interest on term loan for purchase of machinery where the commercial production has not begun till the last day of Accounting year is -----
. Ans: Capital expense

34. Premium received on issue of shares is -----
Ans: Capital receipts

35. Scrap value of machinery is -----
Ans: Capital receipt

36. Insurance claim for machinery damaged by fire is -----
Ans: Capital receipt

37. Cash received from debtors is -----
Ans: Revenue receipt

38. Fine imposed is -----
Ans: Revenue expenses

39. Purchase of goodwill is -----
Capital expense

40. Import duty on purchase of material is - -----
Ans: Revenue expense

41. Loss on sale of machinery is -----
Ans: Revenue loss

42. Festival advance to employee is -----
Ans: Prepaid expense

43. Cost incurred on dismantling a machine worn out part is -----
Ans: Revenue expense

44. Amount spent on repainting an old building for first time on purchase is -----
Ans: Capital expense

45. Amount spent on annual repainting of building is -----
Ans: Revenue expense

46. ----- Usually arises from unplanned or unexpected event that given rise to the possibility of an inflow of economic benefits to the business entity.
Ans: Contingent assets

47. In the financial statement contingent assets and liabilities are -----
Ans: Not recognized

48. In the financial statement provisions are -----
Ans: Recognized and adjusted

49. The trial balance checks the -----of the books of Account.
Ans: Arithmetical accuracy

50. Under inflationary condition, FIFO method will show -----
Ans: Lowest value of cost of goods sold

51. Under inflationary condition, LIFO method will show -----
Ans: Highest value of cost of goods sold

52. Deprecation is related to -----
Ans: All tangible fixed assets Except Land)

53. Deprecation Accounting is -----
Ans: A process of allocation of the cost of fixed assets

54. Deprecation is a -----
Ans: Non cash operating expense

55. The object of opining suspense Account is -----
Ans: To avoid the delay in preparation of financial statement

56. The inventory of finished goods is valued at cost or NRV-----
Ans: Which is lower

57. Damaged inventory is valued at -----
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Ans: Net realizable value

58. Under inflationary condition, FIFO method will show -----
Ans: Highest value of closing stock

59. Under inflationary condition, LIFO method will show -----
Ans: Lower value of closing stock

60. For depreciating good will the suitable method is -----
Ans: SLM

61. For depreciating mine the suitable method is -----
Ans: Depletion

62. ----- is same like deprecation.
Ans: Amortization

63. For depreciating leases the suitable method is -----
Ans: Annuity method

64. Trading Account is prepared to ascertain -----
Ans: Gross Profit

65. P/L Account is closed by transferring its balance to-----
Ans: Capital Account

66. Provision is a-----
Ans: Charge against the profit

67. P/L Account shows the ----- for an Accounting period.
Ans: Financial performance

68. Balance sheet shows the ----- at a particular date.
Ans: Financial position

69. Wages and salaries appearing in trail balance are shown on the-----
Ans: Debit side of treading Account

70. Outstanding wages appearing in trail balance is shown on the -----
Ans: Liabilities side of balance sheet

71. Prepaid insurance appearing in trail balance is shown on the -----
Ans: Assets side of Balance Sheet

72. Closing stock appearing in trail balance is shown on the -----
Ans: Assets side of Balance Sheet

73. Capital work in progress is -----
Ans: Tangible asset

74. Drawings are-----
Ans: Deducted from capital

75. The debit balance in the P/L Account is a-----
Ans: Loss

76. The value of human resources is generally not shown in balance sheet as per -----
Ans: Money measurement concept

77. Accrued income is shown as a -----
Ans: Current asset

78. Unaccrued income is shown as a -----
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Ans: Current liability

79. A promissory note is an ----- to pay.
Ans: Unconditional promise

80. In case of Promissory note, there are --- -----
Ans: 2 parties

81. A bill of exchange is an ----- to pay.
Ans: Unconditional order

82. In case of bill of exchange there are --- -----
Ans: 3 parties

83. The term of bill after sight commences from the date of -----
Ans: Acceptance of the bill

84. The term of bill after date commences from the date of -----
Ans: Drawing a bill

85. When the bill is honoured at the maturity date, the drawee debits -----
Ans: B/P Account

86. The promissory note should be -----
Ans: Signed by promisor

87. As per section 69(3) of the Co. Act 1956, the amount payable on application on each share must be at least - -----
Ans: 5% of the nominal amount of share

88. As per SEBI Guidelines, the amount payable on application on each share must be at least -----
Ans: 25% of the issue amount of shares

89. As per Table A (SEBI Guidelines), the amount of call on a share must not exceed -----
Ans: 25% of the nominal amount of share

90. A company can issue share at premium-----
Ans: Even in the absence of any express authority in its articles

91. The maximum rate of interest which can be charged on calls in arrears is -----
Ans: 5% p.a.

92. The maximum rate of interest which can be paid on calls in advance is -----
Ans: 6% p.a.

93. If shares are forfeited, share capital Account is debited with the amount of -----
Ans: Called up value of shares

94. On the approval from Central Government the rate of discount on issue of share can be -----
Ans: 10% of the nominal value of shares

95. A fee paid in cash to notary public is charged by -----
Ans: Holder of bill of exchange

96. A ----- has a separate legal entity from its member.
Ans: Company

97. An authorized capital refers to that amount which is stated in the ----- as share capital.
Ans: Capital clause of the memorandum of association

98. ----- is not disclosed in the balance sheet of the company.
Ans: Reserve capital

99. Equity shares can be issued with the differential rights as to -----
Ans: Dividend and voting

100. -----of a company is an invitation to make an offer to subscribe the share or debenture of the company.
Ans: Prospectus

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FORTITUDE: Importance, Development, and Role in Daily Life and Professional Career

Introduction:
Fortitude is one of the most valuable soft skills that enables individuals to face challenges, difficulties, and hardships with courage, patience, and determination. It is the mental and emotional strength that helps a person remain strong during adversity, stress, or uncertainty. In today's competitive world, fortitude is essential for personal growth, professional success, and overall well-being. People with fortitude do not give up easily; instead, they learn from setbacks and continue moving toward their goals.

Importance of fortitude:
Fortitude plays a significant role in shaping an individual's character and personality. Life is full of unexpected situations, failures, and obstacles. Without fortitude, people may become discouraged and lose confidence. However, those who possess this quality can maintain a positive attitude and overcome difficulties effectively.

Some major benefits of fortitude include:

1. Builds Resilience :
Fortitude helps individuals recover quickly from failures and disappointments. Instead of dwelling on mistakes, they focus on finding solutions and improving themselves.

2. Enhances Emotional Stability:
People with fortitude can control their emotions during stressful situations. They remain calm, composed, and rational even when facing pressure.

3. Encourages Goal Achievement:
Success often requires persistence and determination. Fortitude motivates individuals to keep working toward their objectives despite obstacles.

4. Strengthens Self-Confidence:
Overcoming challenges develops self-belief. Every difficulty conquered through fortitude increases confidence and personal satisfaction.

5. Promotes Positive Thinking:
Fortitude encourages optimism and hope. Individuals learn to view prob-

lems as opportunities for growth rather than barriers to success.

How to Develop Fortitude:
Fortitude is not an inborn trait; it can be cultivated through conscious effort and practice. The following strategies can help develop this valuable soft skill:

1. Adopt a Growth Mindset:
Believe that abilities and intelligence can improve through effort and learning. View failures as lessons rather than permanent setbacks.

2. Set Realistic Goals:
Break large goals into smaller, achievable tasks. Completing these tasks builds confidence and strengthens perseverance.

3. Practice Self-Discipline:
Develop habits that require consistency and commitment. Following routines and fulfilling responsibilities improve mental strength.

4. Embrace Challenges:
Avoiding difficulties limits personal growth. Taking on challenges helps build courage, adaptability, and confidence.

5. Learn Stress Management Techniques:
Practices such as meditation, deep breathing, physical exercise, and mindfulness help individuals remain calm during difficult situations.

6. Develop Positive Relationships:
Supportive friends, family members, mentors, and colleagues provide encouragement and guidance during challenging times.

7. Reflect on Past Successes:
Remembering previous achievements and obstacles overcome can boost motivation and reinforce resilience.

How Fortitude Works in Daily Life:
Fortitude is essential in everyday situations. It enables individuals to handle personal, social, and emotional challenges effectively.

Academic Success:
Students often face examinations, project deadlines, and academic pressure.

Fortitude helps them stay focused, manage stress, and continue working despite setbacks.

Family Responsibilities:
Family life may involve financial difficulties, conflicts, or health-related concerns. Fortitude allows individuals to remain patient and supportive during such situations.

Health and Wellness:
Maintaining a healthy lifestyle requires discipline and determination. Fortitude motivates people to continue exercising, eating well, and following medical advice even when progress seems slow.

Personal Growth:
Learning new skills, overcoming fears, and changing habits often involve discomfort and persistence. Fortitude provides the courage needed to continue self-improvement efforts.

Fortitude in Professional Career:
In the workplace, fortitude is highly valued because it contributes to productivity, leadership, and career advancement.

Handling Workplace Pressure:
Employees frequently encounter tight deadlines, demanding clients, and challenging projects. Fortitude helps them remain focused and productive under pressure.

Effective Decision-Making:
Strong professionals can make rational decisions during crises or uncertain situations. Fortitude prevents emotional reactions from affecting judgment.

Leadership Development:
Successful leaders demonstrate courage and confidence when facing organizational challenges. Their fortitude inspires team members and promotes trust.

Career Growth:
Professional success often involves failures, rejections, and competition. Fortitude encourages employees to persist and continuously improve their skills.

Adaptability to Change:
Modern workplaces experience con-

stant technological and organizational changes. Fortitude helps professionals adapt positively and remain relevant.

Conclusion:
Fortitude is a powerful soft skill that empowers individuals to face life's challenges with courage, determination, and resilience. It enhances emotional stability, strengthens confidence, and supports continuous growth. In daily life, fortitude helps people manage stress, overcome obstacles, and maintain positive relationships. In professional careers, it improves leadership, productivity, adaptability, and long-term success. By developing a growth mindset, practicing self-discipline, embracing challenges, and maintaining optimism, anyone can cultivate fortitude and achieve both personal and professional excellence.

Fortitude is not merely the ability to endure difficulties—it is the strength to

transform challenges into opportunities for success.

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Women's T20 World Cup: Do or die match against Aussies.. India wins the toss

India won the toss and elected to bat in the crucial final group stage match against Australia in the Women's T20 World Cup 2026. A win in this match at the famous Lord's Cricket Ground in London on Sunday will keep Team India's semi-final hopes alive.

Australia, which has won all four matches played so far in this tournament, is at the top of the points table with an excellent net run rate. The team's semi-final berth is almost certain. However, the situation is completely different for the Harmanpreet Kaur-led Indian team. Only a win in this match will qualify them for the semi-finals. A defeat will mean they will have to exit the tournament.

Although Australia looks like the favorite on paper, India



has a good record against that team in recent times. The Indian team's confidence is boosted by the victories they achieved in the ODI World Cup last year and the T20 series win on their own soil.

After winning the toss, Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur said, "This is a very important game for us. That is why we have decided to bat freely. We have made a change in the team. Kranthi Goud has returned to the team in place of Nandini Sharma. She can excel on this pitch."

On the other hand, Australian captain Sophie Molyneux said that they also wanted to bowl. Kranthi Goud has been included in the final Indian team for this match, while Phoebe Litchfield has been included in the Aussie team.

Collector D.K. Balaji Calls for Coordinated Efforts to Accelerate Industrial Development in the District

Machilipatnam: June 28 (Skyline daily):



District Collector D.K. Balaji has directed officials of all departments to work in close coordination to accelerate industrial development, attract investments, promote Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), and boost exports across the district. The Collector chaired the District Industries and Exports Promotion Committee (DIEPC) meeting, followed by the District Export Promotion Committee (DEPC) meeting, at the PGRS Conference Hall in the Collectorate on Saturday. During the DIEPC meeting, officials reviewed the status of industrial approvals through the Single Desk Portal, disposal of pending applications, implementation of the Prime Minister Vishwakarma Yojana and the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), progress of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) signed during the Partnership Summit-2025, reconstitution of the District Export Promotion Committee, and the release of incentives to MSMEs under various industrial policies.

The Collector instructed officials to ensure that all approvals required for establishing industries are granted within the stipulated timelines and that government incentives reach entrepreneurs without delay. He stressed that a transparent and efficient approval system would encourage investment and facilitate industrial growth in the district.

In the subsequent DEPC meeting, the committee reviewed the district's export performance, export action

plan, identification of products with high export potential, collaboration with partner institutions, expansion of market access through e-commerce platforms, and measures to address issues faced by exporters.

Collector Balaji emphasized the need to provide comprehensive support to local MSMEs, artisans, farmers, and entrepreneurs to help them access global markets. He said effective implementation of the district's export promotion strategy would not only enhance exports but also generate more employment opportunities and strengthen the local economy.

The meetings were attended by District Industries Centre Manager R. Venkata Rao, Machilipatnam Postal Division Superintendent B. Srinivasa Rao, Mallavalli Industries Association President Ravi Kumar, Imitation Jewellery Park President Subba Rao, Fire Services Officer Esu Ratnam, Agriculture and Horticulture Department officials Jyothi Ramani and J. Jyothi, representatives of banks, and officials from the Electricity, Municipal and other departments.

Questions Raised Over Emergency Care at Chimakurthy Government Hospital After Road Accident Victim Referred Without Treatment



Chimakurthy June 28 (Skyline daily):

Serious allegations have surfaced against the Government Hospital in Chimakurthy following claims that a road accident victim was referred to Ongole Government General Hospital without receiving adequate emergency medical care.

According to the victim's family members and local residents, Venkateswarlu, who sustained severe injuries in a road accident, was allegedly provided only basic first aid, with a bandage applied to his wound, before being referred to Ongole instead of receiving immediate stabilisation and treatment at the local hospital. The incident has triggered criticism from the public, who questioned whether the hospital's emergency ward has the minimum required medical facilities, including saline, emergency medicines, and trauma care equipment. They expressed

concern that failure to provide timely treatment during the "golden hour" after a serious accident could put patients' lives at risk.

Locals pointed out that Chimakurthy is nearly 25 kilometres from Ongole, and critically injured patients often face additional risks while being transported over that distance.

Residents have demanded that the District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) conduct an inquiry into the allegations, examine whether the hospital is facing a shortage of doctors or emergency medical resources, and take appropriate corrective measures if deficiencies are found. The public has also urged the authorities to establish a 24x7 emergency and trauma care unit at the Chimakurthy Government Hospital to ensure timely treatment for accident victims and other emergency cases.

Free Medical Camp Benefits 200 at CVN Reading Room and Club



Ongole June 28 (Skyline daily):

In an effort to promote preventive healthcare and create awareness about lifestyle-related diseases, the CVN Reading Room and Club Committee organised a free medical camp on Sunday morning in collaboration with Geetha Diabetes and Endocrine Hospital. The camp was conducted for club members as well as the general public and witnessed an encouraging response.

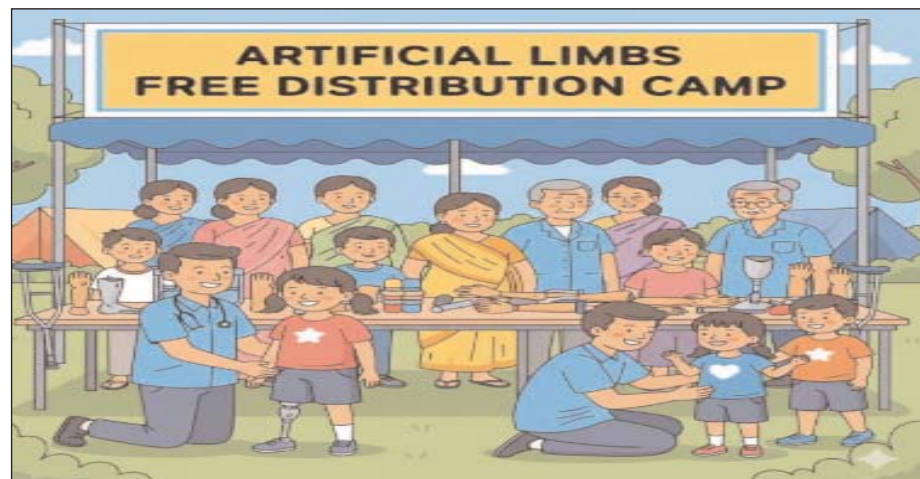
Addressing the gathering, Club President Edupalli Gurunadha Rao said the initiative was aimed at safeguarding the health of club members and encouraging people to undergo regular health check-ups for the early detection of diseases. He noted that such community-oriented health programmes help spread awareness about healthy living and reduce the risk of chronic illnesses.

Renowned diabetologist and endocrinologist Dr. A. Geetha Priyadarshini stressed the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle to prevent and manage diabetes. She advised people to engage in regular physical exercise, follow a balanced and disciplined diet, and undergo periodic medical examinations. She explained that timely diagnosis and proper treatment can significantly reduce the complications associated with diabetes and other endocrine disorders.

As part of the camp, comprehensive health screening packages worth nearly Rs. 2,000 per person were provided free of cost to around 200 beneficiaries. The tests included blood pressure (BP), blood sugar, HbA1c, thyroid function, and lipid profile examinations. Doctors also offered individual medical consultations, explained the test results, and provided guidance on diet, exercise, medication, and lifestyle changes wherever necessary. Participants appreciated the organisers for conducting the camp and making quality healthcare services accessible at no cost. Many expressed satisfaction over receiving expert medical advice and comprehensive diagnostic services under one roof.

The programme was attended by Club Vice-President Ramireddy Nithin Rajireddy, executive committee members Kareti Kiran Kumar and Jallipalli Poornachandra Rao, club members Devarashetti Singayya, Kurra Prasad Babu, Kolla Sukhdev, Midasala Mallikarjuna Rao, Angalakurthi Prasad, Parsha Kotaiah, hospital staff, and other dignitaries. On the occasion, the club members felicitated Dr. A. Geetha Priyadarshini in recognition of her dedicated medical services and valuable contribution towards organising the free health camp. The organisers expressed their commitment to conducting more such public health initiatives in the future.

Selection Camps for Artificial Limbs and Assistive Devices to Be Held Across Guntur District



Guntur, June 28: (Skyline daily):

District Collector C.M. Saikant Varma has announced that special selection camps are being organised across Guntur district to identify eligible persons with disabilities for the distribution of artificial limbs and assistive devices.

In a statement issued on Sunday, the Collector said the initiative is being implemented by the Department for the Welfare of Differently Abled, Transgender Persons and Senior Citizens in collaboration with the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO). The programme aims to provide artificial limbs and calipers to eligible orthopedically disabled persons who have lost a limb above the knee. The Collector said special

identification camps are being conducted in seven Assembly constituencies from June 27 to July 2 to assess beneficiaries and facilitate the distribution of assistive devices. The first camp was held at Prattipadu on June 27.

The schedule for the remaining camps is as follows: June 28 at the Idgah Community Hall near the Municipal Corporation office in Mangalagiri; June 29 at the Indoor Stadium in Ponnur; June 30 at Chavas Function Hall near the Government Hospital in Tenali; July 1 at the Mandal Parishad Office premises in Tadikonda; and July 2 at NTR Stadium in Guntur. Collector Saikant Varma urged all eligible beneficiaries to make use of the opportunity by attending the camps with the required documents.

Applicants must carry their SADAREM medical disability certificate, ration card, income certificate, Aadhaar card, UDID (Unique Disability ID) card copies, two recent passport-size photographs, and a valid mobile phone number.

He said the camps are intended to ensure that eligible persons receive suitable prosthetic limbs and mobility aids after proper assessment, thereby improving their mobility, independence, and quality of life.

For further information, beneficiaries may contact the District Welfare Office at 0863-2323329.

The district administration appealed to eligible persons with disabilities to participate in the camps and avail themselves of the government-supported rehabilitation services being offered under the programme.

Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh Offers Prayers at Tirumala, Seeks Blessings for Andhra Pradesh and Amaravati



Tirumala, June 28: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Kandula Durgesh offered prayers at the Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Tirumala on Sunday, seeking divine blessings for the prosperity of the State, the successful completion of Amaravati, and the welfare of its people. The Minister visited the hill shrine along with Jana Sena Party leaders from the Nidadavole Assembly constituency and had darshan of Lord Venkateswara in accordance with temple traditions. Speaking to the media after the darshan, Durgesh said he prayed for Andhra Pradesh to achieve all-round progress under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. He said he also prayed for the successful completion of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's Chaturmasa Deeksha, expressing hope that the spiritual observance would conclude without any obstacles. The Minister stated that Pawan Kalyan's dedication and commitment towards the welfare of the State and its

people should bear fruitful results, and sought the blessings of Lord Venkateswara for the fulfilment of those efforts.

Durgesh said he prayed for Andhra Pradesh to remain peaceful, prosperous and progressive, with sustained development across all sectors. He also offered special prayers for the speedy completion of Amaravati, expressing hope that the people's capital would emerge as a world-class city reflecting the aspirations of the citizens. The Minister said he sought the Lord's blessings for the uninterrupted progress of Amaravati's construction works and expressed confidence that the State would witness rapid development under the present leadership. "I prayed that Lord Venkateswara's blessings remain with Andhra Pradesh, its people, and the ambitious Amaravati capital project, enabling the State to move forward on the path of growth and prosperity," Durgesh said.

The visit was attended by Jana Sena Party leaders and supporters from the Nidadavole constituency, who accompanied the Minister during the temple visit.

Krishna Police Recover 400 Mobile Phones Worth Rs.60 Lakh in Three Months; SP Hands Them Over to Owners



Machilipatnam, June 28: Krishna District Superintendent of Police (SP) V. Vidyasagar Naidu handed over 400 recovered mobile phones, worth approximately ₹60 lakh, to their rightful owners on Sunday, commending the police personnel for achieving the feat within just three months.

Addressing a press conference at the District Police Office, the SP said mobile phones have become an indispensable part of modern life, serving as a vital tool for banking, education, employment, business, and personal communication. Losing a mobile phone due to theft or other reasons often causes significant inconvenience to the public, he noted. To provide prompt assistance to citizens, the Krishna District Police have been effectively utilizing the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal to trace and recover lost or stolen mobile phones. A special team under the Crime Control Station (CCS),

working in coordination with the IT Core team, has been formed to track missing devices by analysing IMEI numbers through the CEIR portal and recovering them from various locations.

As a result of these dedicated efforts, the police recovered 400 mobile phones worth around ₹60 lakh in the past three months. Of these, 100 phones were recovered by the Machilipatnam CCS, 63 by the Penamalur CCS, and 237 by the Gudivada CCS.

The recovered mobile phones were formally handed over to the victims by SP Vidyasagar Naidu during the programme.

The SP urged the public to immediately report the loss of a mobile phone at the nearest police station and register the complaint on the CEIR portal. Prompt reporting enables authorities to block the device and expedite the recovery process. He reiterated that the Krishna District Police remain committed to protecting citizens' property and providing efficient public services by leveraging modern technology.

The beneficiaries expressed their gratitude to the district police and thanked SP Vidyasagar Naidu for helping them recover their valuable mobile phones. The SP also appreciated the dedicated efforts of the police personnel involved in the recovery operation.

Diploma Students Gain Industrial Exposure During Visit to BEL, Nimmaluru

Machilipatnam, June 28: With an objective to enhance industrial awareness and bridge the gap between classroom learning and practical applications, second-year diploma students of YJR-DMS Engineering College, Machilipatnam, visited the Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) facility at Nimmaluru as part of an industrial tour on Friday.

During the visit, BEL officials provided students with detailed insights into the company's advanced manufacturing processes, quality control systems, electronic product manufacturing techniques, industrial safety standards, and the organisation's significant contributions to India's defence sector. They also highlighted BEL's role in promoting indigenous technology and strengthening the nation's self-reliance in defence manufacturing.

The students interacted with technical experts and observed modern production methods, automation technologies, precision engineering practices, quality testing procedures, and quality assurance systems. The industrial visit offered them valuable hands-on exposure and helped them understand real-world industrial operations while creating awareness about future career opportunities in the engineering and manufacturing sectors.



The college management stated that such industrial visits play a crucial role in enhancing students' practical knowledge and preparing them for professional careers by exposing them to industry practices beyond the classroom.

The Vice Principal and Diploma In-charge of the college appreciated the faculty members for successfully organising the visit and expressed gratitude to the management and officials of BEL, Nimmaluru, for providing students with an enriching learning experience. Students described the visit as highly informative and inspiring, stating that it gave them a better understanding of industrial operations and emerging technologies.

Faculty members P. Sekhar, Sailaja and Sumana accompanied the students and coordinated the industrial visit successfully.