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24-hour services from RTG center... CM Chandrababu Naidu's key instructions

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Amaravati, July 6
Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has given clear directions to the officials to respond to complaints and issues from the public in real time and to increase the speed of government services. After reaching Amaravati after completing a five-day tour of the districts, he held a long review with top officials at the Real Time Governance (RTG) Center in the Secretariat. The meeting mainly discussed the performance of key departments like Municipal Administration, Panchayat Raj, Home, and Excise and the quality of public services. He said



that only if we can respond quickly can we provide better services to the citizens and accountability in governance will increase.

Chandrababu made it clear that the people should get a real-time response from the Real Time Governance Center. Citing the incident where a boat capsized

off the Visakhapatnam coast and fishermen were missing, he said that the key is how quickly and coordinated various government departments responded in such catastrophic situations. He suggested that multi-department coordination meetings should be held frequently under the auspices of the Chief Secretary (CS) to ensure coordination among the government machinery. The RTG center has been directed to take strong measures to ensure that it serves the people 24 hours a day. "We are recording the satisfaction level in Chittoor district through AI methodology. Officials will have the opportu-

nity to know the public opinion directly as they conduct field visits. 'Last mile governance' should be provided to the people at the constituency level. Political management and bureaucratic action should be in sync in state development and public administration," the Chief Minister analyzed. **Action plan to resolve PGRS** CM Chandrababu Naidu strongly ordered that the pending applications under the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) be resolved expeditiously. He said that a concrete action plan should be prepared for the resolution of PGRS (Contd. on pg.2)

20,000 startups, 1 lakh jobs in five years.. Minister Lokesh's offer to Korean companies

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Amaravati, July 6
State IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh is visiting South Korea with the aim of attracting large-scale investments to Andhra Pradesh. As part of this visit, he is holding key meetings with the aim of making AP a leader in the field of innovation and manufacturing. Lokesh clarified that his government's goal is to promote 20,000 startups in the next five years with the slogan 'One Family-One Entrepreneur' and thereby create one lakh jobs. He made this key announcement at a roundtable



meeting with founders of Korean tech startups under the auspices of the Seoul Business

Agency (SBA). **Red carpet for Korean startups**

Minister Lokesh explained to the Korean entrepreneurs about the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH), which is the backbone of innovation in AP. He said that this hub is operating with Amaravati as its main hub and regional centers in cities like Visakhapatnam, Tirupati and Anantapur. He said that it is being developed into a world-class innovation hub with the participation of giant companies like Tata, L&T, GMR, and Adani. He invited Korean startups to participate in programs like idea generation (Spark) and incuba-

tion (Catalyst). He reminded that more than 2,500 startups and more than 5,200 entrepreneurs have already been supported through this platform. Lokesh specifically mentioned the financial incentives being provided to startups under the AP Innovation & Startup Policy 2024-29. He said that Rs. 22 crore RTIH-SIDBI seed fund, up to Rs. 20 crore AIF seed equity, credit-guarantee for working capital are being provided. He promised to further boost startups in advanced sectors like (Contd. on pg.2)

Donation theft row deeply distressing, shouldn't be politicised: Ram Temple trust chief



Lucknow, July 6 : Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust President Mahant Nritya Gopal Das on Monday expressed deep anguish over the alleged theft of donations from the Ram Temple and demanded the strictest punishment for those responsible, while urging against politicising the issue. He also expressed confidence that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath will ensure justice. He urged that the matter, linked to

the faith of millions of Hindus, should not be politicised for personal gain. In a statement, Mahant Das said, "I am deeply distressed by the theft of donations from the temple of Shri Ramlalla Sarkar. Whoever has committed this sin must face the severest possible punishment. I have full faith in the esteemed Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, Yogi Adityanath, and the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi, that they will ensure punishment (Contd. on pg.2)

Deeply touched: PM Modi thanks Indonesian President Subianto for warm welcome at airport

Jakarta, July 6 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday that he is "deeply touched" by the warmth of Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto, who received him at the airport in Jakarta as he kicked off his three-day State Visit to the country. This is PM Modi's first bilateral visit to Jakarta since the elevation of ties



to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2018 and he said that he is looking forward to the

talks with President Subianto that will provide greater momentum to the close ties between both countries. PM Modi also stated that he is looking forward to interacting with the Indian community in Indonesia. "Arrived in Jakarta. I was deeply touched by the warmth of President Prabowo Subianto, who (Contd. on pg.2)

PM emplanes for 3 nation tour, says visit will strengthen Act East Policy, Mahasagar vision

New Delhi, July 6 : Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday embarked on a three-nation visit to Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand and said that this tour will further strengthen India's Act East Policy, MAHASAGAR Vision as well as the commitment towards a free and open Indo-Pacific. Earlier in his departure statement, PM Modi said



that he will be in the invitation of Indonesia from July 6-8 at Indonesian President

Prabowo Subianto. "India and Indonesia elevated bilateral ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during my first visit to Indonesia in 2018. This will be my first bilateral visit after the elevation of our bilateral ties and follows the state visit of President Prabowo, who was the chief guest at our Republic Day (Contd. on pg.2)

US in renewed Moon race with China, timeline now measured in months: NASA chief

Washington, July 6 : NASA Administrator Jared Isaacman has said the United States is in a renewed race with China to return astronauts to the Moon, warning that the competition is now measured "in months, not years" as both nations accelerate plans to establish a sustained human presence beyond Earth. Speaking in an interview on CBS's Face the Nation as the United States marked the 250th anniversary of its independence, Isaacman said there should be no doubt that



Beijing intends to land astronauts on the Moon, making it imperative for Washington to move quickly. "It is not arguably. Like, there -- we are very much

in a space race right now, and the Chinese are moving at incredible speeds," he said. "The Chinese will land their taikonauts on the moon. There's no question. The question is, will the United States return before them." Isaacman said the Trump administration had made lunar exploration a national priority by providing what he described as a "historic investment" for NASA's Artemis programme. "We are going back," he said. "It will be an (Contd. on pg.2)

Rescue operation continues until missing fishermen are located IG Gopinath Jetty, along with MLA Vamsi Krishna and JC Vidyadhari, disclosed the details.

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, July 06: The search and rescue operation will continue continuously until the six fishermen aboard the IND-AP-MM-VS-83 mechanized fishing boat that went missing near the Visakhapatnam coast are found, said Visakha Range Inspector General of Police, Coastal Security Additional Charge Gopinath Jetty. He disclosed the details of the search operations at a press conference held at the Collectorate VC Hall along with District Joint Collector Gobbilla Vidyadhari and MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas Yadav on Monday. The IND-AP-MM-VS-83 boat, which had set out from Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour



on July 1 for fishing, was due to return on July 4 when it capsized due to adverse weather conditions, strong winds and high waves. There were seven fishermen on board, out of which Karri Chinna was rescued by the Panama-flagged MV Universe

Wealthy commercial vessel. The search for the remaining six fishermen is ongoing, it was clarified. It was stated that as soon as the information was received at midnight on July 4, the Coastal Security Police alerted the Indian Coast Guard and the Indian Navy

and launched a search and rescue operation. Currently, two ships of the Indian Coast Guard and two ships of the Indian Navy are conducting a continuous search in the area where the accident occurred. Similarly, Dornier aircraft and helicopters of the Navy and Coast Guard are continuing aerial surveillance over the sea, he said. Electronic surveillance is also being carried out continuously by the Regional Operations Station (ROS) in Visakhapatnam. He said that the search and rescue operations are currently facing severe difficulties due to the high waves in the sea up to four meters and winds blowing at a speed of about 50 nautical miles per hour. However, he revealed that a standard 72-hour (Contd. on pg.2)

Netanyahu pushes back against JD Vance's 'US only ally' remark, highlights India's 'tremendous support'

Jerusalem, July 6 : Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has pushed back against US Vice President J.D. Vance's remarks that the US is Israel's "only powerful ally" by highlighting 'tremendous' support from India.



In an interview with Fox News, Netanyahu described India as a "friend" of Israel and pointed out the immense support he receives from Indians on social media platforms. He also described US President Donald Trump as the "greatest friend" that Israel has in the White House. When asked about J.D. Vance's remarks, Netanyahu responded, "We have a very good

relationship, but it doesn't mean that I agree with everything that he says, and I have to point out this. Donald Trump is a great, the greatest friend we've ever had in the White House, and I stand by that completely. Secondly, we have some other friends like the small country called India. It has 1.4 billion (Contd. on pg.2)

NIA names LeT founder Hafiz Saeed in supplementary chargesheet on Pahalgam terror attack

New Delhi, July 6 : The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday filed a supplementary chargesheet against Pakistan-based terrorist and founder-chief of Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT), Hafiz Saeed, in connection with the deadly Pahalgam terror attack, an official statement said. Filed before the NIA Special Court in Jammu, the supplementary chargesheet names Hafiz Saeed in his individual capacity as well as in his role as chief of the banned LeT and its proxy outfit, The Resistance Front (TRF). The accused has been charged under various provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023, and the



Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. The NIA has also invoked charges related to waging war against India and criminal conspiracy allegedly hatched from across the border, the statement said further. The supplementary chargesheet, filed as a continuation of the original 1,597-page (Contd. on pg.2)

WhatsApp keeps 'username feature' launch on hold; wins more time to respond to govt notice

New Delhi, July 6 : Meta-backed messaging platform WhatsApp has assured the Indian government it will not roll out its proposed username feature in the country until ongoing consultations with authorities are completed, sources familiar with the matter said. The Meta-owned messaging platform has also been granted an additional three days to respond to the government notice seeking clarification on the feature. The original deadline for WhatsApp's reply had lapsed on Friday. WhatsApp had proposed a username option which would allow users to communicate on WhatsApp without sharing their phone numbers.



The Central government issued a formal notice last week expressing concerns that such a move could heighten risks of online fraud, phishing and impersonation. The government asked WhatsApp to keep the feature on hold until discussions address its security and consumer-protection concerns, and a Meta delegation met (Contd. on pg.2)

Pride of every BJP worker: PM Modi lauds Nitin Nabin's simplicity amid Opposition swipe

New Delhi, July 6 : Amidst the Opposition's caustic swipe at BJP National President Nitin Nabin and subsequent war of words, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed his simplicity, conduct and high moral character. He shared a post of Nabin's college friend, a noted journalist, where the latter describes his humble beginnings and a penchant to stay grounded while shunning any privileged treatment owing to his political background. "This simplicity and straightforwardness is a matter of pride for every BJP worker," PM Modi said, sharing the journalist's post. The journalist described Nabin's

student life in Delhi in 1998. The post recalled that despite being the son of a sitting MLA, Nabin led a simple life, shared inexpensive meals with friends, travelled by Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) buses and participated equally in household chores to reduce expenses. According to the journalist, he and Nabin first became friends in 1998 after both moved to Delhi for higher studies following their Class 12 examinations. Despite being the son of a legislator from Bihar, Nabin never projected his family's political background or sought any privileges. In another post, the journalist nar-



rated their life in Delhi's IP Extension area, where Nabin and a few other friends stayed together in a modest accommodation in Patparganj because they could not

afford a proper flat. He wrote that Nabin followed a strict monthly budget of Rs 2,000 to cover rent, food and college expenses. The group shared

household responsibilities, including preparing breakfast, washing utensils and cleaning the room. The journalist described Nabin as "disciplined, friendly, and unassuming, never flashy", despite being the son of a Bihar MLA. The Prime Minister's appreciation came against the backdrop of an intensifying political exchange between the BJP and the Aam Aadmi Party over allegations of donation theft, which triggered a fresh round of sharp remarks between Arvind Kejriwal and Nitin Nabin. Responding to Nabin's remarks, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal retorted, "Who are you?" Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta

also launched a sharp attack on Kejriwal, saying his remarks reflected "frustration and desperation." In a post on X, Gupta first introduced Nabin while highlighting his political journey and achievements. "Mr Arvind Kejriwal, Mr Nitin Nabin, aged 46, is the youngest-ever national president of the world's largest political party, the Bharatiya Janata Party. He has had the honour of representing the Bankipur Assembly constituency in Bihar for four consecutive terms. Starting as an activist in the Yuva Morcha, he has journeyed all the way to becoming the party's national president.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, POTNURU SRAVANTHI (New Name) W/o. POTNURU NAVEEN, Previously called as ANDAVARAPU SRAVANTHI (Old Name), R/o D.no: 21-3-6, VEMAKOTIVARI VEEDEHI, PARVATHIPURAM, PARVATHIPURAM MANYAM. Now changed my name from ANDAVARAPU SRAVANTHI (Old Name) to POTNURU SRAVANTHI (New Name) hence forth I will be Called as POTNURU SRAVANTHI (New name) for all purpose.

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24-hour services from RTG center... CM

applications belonging to various categories and departments. He suggested that the complaints received from the people should be divided into financial and non-financial issues and resolved in order of priority. He made it clear that the collectors and higher officials should take full responsibility so that the results are visible at the field level. The Chief Minister has ordered the removal of 23 lakh metric tonnes of garbage accumulated in the municipalities and corporations of the state on a war footing within the next three months. He called for achieving 'zero waste' in urban areas as our goal. He also urged the public representatives to participate and pay attention to this huge task. He instructed the officials to issue specific standard operating procedures on programs like drinking water at the field level, clean vehicles for waste collection, and door-to-door garbage collection.

Iron fist on marijuana.. Big push for safety

The CM directed the Home Department officials to completely control the marijuana gangs in the state and take an iron fist against them. He said that the central government is working towards the goal of a 'drug-free country' and in accordance with that, strong steps should be taken to eradicate marijuana in the state. He suggested that information about the steps being taken to eradicate marijuana should be widely disseminated to the public. At the same time, he clarified that crimes against women should be significantly reduced and their safety should be given top priority. He also suggested that special steps should be taken to set up Anna Canteens in tribal areas. He

advised the officials to regularly analyze the results achieved through government schemes and programs and to follow the mantra of thrift in governance. He said that action should be taken by talking to telecom operators to set up towers for communication network connectivity in remote areas.

Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy, CS Nirabh Kumar Prasad, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, senior officials of the Municipal, Excise and Police departments participated in this review meeting.

20,000 startups, 1 lakh jobs in five years.. Minister Lokesh's offer

AI and quantum through a new deep-tech angel fund set up in partnership with SIDBI. He proposed to work together to set up a dedicated startup corridor between India and Korea, for which a dedicated Korea desk and soft-landing 'VC Bay' would be set up at RTIH. Lokesh reiterated that his government's goal is to make Andhra Pradesh the AI capital of India. He said that several steps have already been taken in this direction. He explained that the establishment of Google AI Hub, the construction of a 10 gigawatt data-center pipeline by companies like Reliance and Sify are underway, which will make massive computing resources available to startups at a low cost.

He announced that the country's first Quantum & AI University is being set up in Amaravati's Quantum Valley. The minister said that this will make available a 133-qubit IBM quantum system and a quantum hardware park, which will be very useful for research by Korean deep-tech startups.

Meeting with Hyosung Heavy Industries

As part of the visit, Minister Lokesh met Hyosung Heavy Industries Corporation President Yokota Takeshi at the company's headquarters in Seoul. He brought to his attention the growing power needs in AP. He said that the state currently has a transmission network worth Rs. 8 thousand crores and that they are targeting to produce 160 gigawatts of clean energy by 2034. He explained that a 7,248 MW nuclear power project has been approved in Kovvada and that these projects will require equipment such as 765/800 kV transformers and switchgears on a large scale. Keeping this demand in mind, Lokesh asked Hyosung to set up a manufacturing or assembly unit for electrical equipment near Tirupati or Sri City. Yokota Takeshi assured that the government's proposals will be considered positively.

Donation theft row deeply distressing, shouldn't be politicised:

for anyone involved in this sinful act." "This is a matter concerning the faith of crores of Hindus, and I urge that no one should engage in politics over this for personal gain," he added. Meanwhile, the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust is scheduled to hold a crucial meeting later in the day, during which members will consider the resignations submitted by the Trust's General Secretary, Champat Rai, and Trustee Anil Mishra. The meeting will also deliberate on the ongoing Special Investigation Team (SIT) probe into alleged irregularities related to temple donation collections and the management of the Ram Mandir. According to a notice issued by the Trust's Treasurer, Swami Govind Dev Giri, the meeting has been convened with the approval of Trust President Mahant Nritya Gopal Das to discuss several urgent matters requiring immediate decisions. Das is currently hospitalised.

"All members are hereby informed that, with the permission of the Honourable President, a meeting has been convened by the Treasurer on Monday, 6 July 2026. This meeting has been called on short notice to deliberate on urgent matters and to take necessary decisions," the notice issued by the Treasurer stated. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. on July 6 at Mani Ram Das Chhavni in Ayodhya Dham, Uttar Pradesh. The notice further detailed the agenda, which is: "Consideration of the resignations of General Secretary Shri Champat Rai and Trustee Dr Anil Mishra. Information regarding the SIT interim report concerning the counting of funds received in the Trust's donation boxes. Deliberation on arrangements related to future temple management. Information and approval regarding the unaudited income-expenditure statement, balance sheet, and other financial details for the financial year 2025-26. Other urgent matters, with the permission of the Honourable President."

It also appealed to all members to be present in the meeting, stating, "Therefore, all concerned members are requested to attend the meeting at the scheduled time and venue and contribute to its success."

Earlier, on June 27, Treasurer Swami Govind Dev Giri had formally confirmed through a letter that the resignations of Champat Rai and Anil Mishra had been received by the Trust.

Under the provisions of the Trust deed, the resignations can only be accepted if they receive the support of a two-thirds majority of the Trust members.

However, it remains unclear how many members will be present at the July 6 meeting and whether the required quorum will be achieved to take a final decision on the resignations.

Deeply touched: PM Modi thanks Indonesian President Subianto for

personally welcomed me at the airport. In 2018, we elevated the relationship between our two countries to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which has brought many benefits to our peoples," PM Modi posted on X.

"During this visit, President Prabowo Subianto and I will hold discussions aimed at providing greater momentum to this partnership across various sectors. President Prabowo and I will also visit the Prambanan Temple complex in Yogyakarta. This visit will strengthen the cultural ties between our two nations even further. While in Indonesia, I am also very much looking forward to the opportunity to interact with the Indian community," he added.

Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal stated that President Prabowo Subianto and four ministers welcomed PM Modi at the airport. PM Modi witnessed a cultural performance at the airport. Fighter jets from the Indonesian Air Force accompanied the Indian PM's plane from the time it entered the Indonesian airspace.

In his departure statement, PM Modi said that he will be in Indonesia from July 6-8 at the invitation of Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto.

"India and Indonesia elevated bilateral ties to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during my first visit to Indonesia in 2018. This will be my first bilateral visit after the elevation of our bilateral ties and follows the state visit of President Prabowo, who was the chief guest at our Republic Day celebrations on 26 January, 2025," the Prime Minister said.

He mentioned that India and Indonesia share strong civilisational and people-to-people ties, and this visit will "further deepen all aspects of our multifaceted partnership".

"During this visit, I will also interact with the Indian diaspora in Indonesia and visit the Prambanan Temple complex at Yogyakarta with President Prabowo, which is another remarkable testament to our close cultural ties," he added.

Indonesia is the first stop on PM Modi's three-nation visit. It will be followed by visits to Australia and New Zealand, later in the week.

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PM Modi said that after concluding the Indonesia visit, he will travel to Melbourne at the invitation of his Australian counterpart, Anthony Albanese. "My visit will strengthen our Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, and I shall, in my discussions with Prime Minister Albanese, take forward our relations in the areas of defence and security, trade and investments, education and mobility and people-to-people ties," he said.

The Prime Minister said that he will also interact with the Indian diaspora in Melbourne, calling the communi-

ty "an important pillar" of India-Australia Strategic Partnership.

"Further, this visit will also provide an opportunity for India and Australia to deepen our bilateral ties in the areas of emerging and critical technologies, sports and sports science," he added.

From Melbourne, PM Modi will arrive in Auckland at the invitation of his New Zealand counterpart, Christopher Luxon.

"My visit will meaningfully build upon the strong momentum in our bilateral ties pursuant to the visit of Prime Minister Luxon to India in March 2025. During my visit, I shall discuss with Prime Minister Luxon how to further enhance economic, trade and commercial engagements. India and New Zealand have committed themselves to strengthening bilateral trade and commercial ties with the signing of the Free Trade Agreement," he mentioned.

The Prime Minister further stated that the Indian diaspora has made significant contributions to the India-New Zealand ties and he looks forward to addressing a large gathering of the Indian community "who have excelled in all spheres of life".

"My visit to Indonesia and Australia in the Eastern and Southern Indian Ocean, respectively, followed by New Zealand, will further strengthen India's Act East Policy, MAHASAGAR Vision as well as our outlook towards a free and open Indo-Pacific," PM Modi stated.

Netanyahu pushes back against JD Vance's 'US only ally' remark, high

people, and boy, do we have a tremendous support there. This Facebook thing, I am just flooded by the overwhelming support there, and we have many others." Without naming anyone, Benjamin Netanyahu said that it is "fashionable" in many nations to have media and social media "inundated with anti-Israel, anti-semitic material." However, he stated that leaders from these supposed nations call him up to sign deals. He emphasised that Israel has many friends in the world.

"Many leaders call me up and say, 'Hey, look, I have got this problem with public opinion, but I want you to know we respect you', and 'can we some deals, and can you teach us some of the things that your military does, can we have some of your AI and cyber expertise?' Israel is number two country in the world. Our technology is so good. So, the relations are not quite as they appear, and we have many, many friends, and I have to tell you we take care of our friends, especially the Christians in the Middle East," he told Fox News.

The Israeli PM's remarks came after Vance warned members of Netanyahu's cabinet against criticising Trump's deal to end the Iran war. He described Trump as the "only head of the State in the world" who was sympathetic to Israel at the current time.

While addressing a press briefing in the White House on June 18, Vance said, "My message to them would be two-fold, number 1 - Donald J. Trump is the only head of state in the entire world who is sympathetic to the nation of Israel at this moment in time, and he happens to be the head of the State of the world's super power." "If I was in the cabinet of the Israeli government, I might not be attacking the only powerful ally that I have anywhere left in the entire world," he added.

NIA names LeT founder Hafiz Saeed in supplementary chargesheet on

chargesheet, details Pakistan's alleged conspiracy, Hafiz Saeed's role, and the evidence gathered by the agency through scientific investigation and extensive ground verification. In its earlier chargesheet filed on December 15, 2025, the NIA had named Pakistani terror handler Sajid Jatt, three terrorists killed during Operation Mahadev in July 2025, and two arrested accused.

The agency had also chargesheeted the banned LeT/TRF as a legal entity for its alleged role in planning, facilitating and executing the attack.

The April 22, 2025, terror attack in Pahalgam, Jammu and Kashmir, involved religion-based targeted killings by Pakistan-backed terrorists. Twenty-five tourists and a local civilian were killed in the assault.

The case was initially registered as FIR No. 25/2025 at Pahalgam Police Station in Anantnag district. Following a preliminary probe by the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Ministry of Home Affairs transferred the investigation to the NIA.

The agency said investigations in case RC-02/2025/NIA/JMU are continuing to unravel the larger conspiracy and Pakistan's alleged role in sponsoring terrorism on Indian soil.

WhatsApp keeps 'username feature' launch on hold; wins more time to

officials from the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology on Friday to discuss the matter. Earlier this week, WhatsApp reiterated that several safeguards have been built into the username feature to prevent impersonation, scams and unwanted contact as it prepares for a wider rollout later this year.

The messaging platform addressed a series of frequently asked questions on microblogging platform X after concerns were raised over the feature, including by the government, which has asked the company to defer its

rollout in the country pending consultations.

The company said users will not be required to create a username and that existing Instagram and Facebook usernames, along with those of public figures, celebrities, government entities and Meta Verified accounts, have been reserved so they can only be claimed by their legitimate owners.

US in renewed Moon race with China, timeline now measured in

unbelievable display." He added that Artemis III is planned for next year and would be followed by Artemis IV in 2028, when astronauts are expected to land on the lunar surface after testing new landing systems in Earth orbit.

Describing the strategic challenge posed by China, Isaacman said, "They said before 2030... we're saying end of 2028 is when we're targeting the landing. That is months, not years."

Beyond returning astronauts to the Moon, NASA's long-term objective is to establish a permanent lunar presence that would serve as a stepping stone for future missions to Mars.

Isaacman said infrastructure for a lunar base would begin arriving as early as 2027. By 2028, he said, astronauts should find equipment already waiting for them on the Moon, including a lunar terrain vehicle and the beginnings of permanent infrastructure.

"Early 2030s, the moon is going to be like the International Space Station. You're going to have crews that are there on pretty extended periods of time, as we learn in that environment and prepare for Mars," he said. The NASA chief also defended the growing role of private companies in America's space programme, saying commercial launch providers had transformed the economics of space exploration.

Referring to an experimental mission to rescue NASA's ageing Swift space telescope, he said relatively inexpensive commercial launches could extend the lives of scientific missions that previously would have required costly replacements.

Isaacman also addressed concerns over delays involving Blue Origin's New Glenn rocket after its recent launch failure. He said NASA was assisting the company with the investigation while ensuring work on future lunar missions continued.

"They're going to solve that," he said. "NASA's there to help."

The Artemis programme is NASA's flagship effort to return humans to the Moon for the first time since the Apollo era. Unlike the Apollo missions, Artemis aims to establish a sustained human presence on the lunar surface through international partnerships and commercial space companies before eventually sending astronauts to Mars.

Rescue operation continues until missing fishermen are located

search and rescue operation is being continued with all available resources. He clarified that the first phase of the rescue operation will continue for another 24 hours. Gopinath Jetty said that the search operations will continue until the whereabouts of the six missing fishermen are found and that the latest information will be announced as soon as it is received. He stated that the government is in constant contact with the affected families and is taking all necessary relief measures.

We'll bring the little one ashore on Monday night.

Although the Coast Guard and the Navy are trying to bring the Karri Chinna, which is safely aboard the merchant vessel, to the shore, they said that the operation is being carried out cautiously as it is dangerous to transfer to another vessel or to move it by helicopter in the current weather conditions. At the same time, they said that they have discussed with the Visakhapatnam port authorities and taken steps to provide berthing facilities to the commercial vessel in advance. They revealed that the Karri Chinna will be brought safely to the shore between 10 and 12 o'clock on the 6th night, as soon as the weather conditions are favorable.

20 people were rescued safely in another incident

Meanwhile, 20 fishermen from the fishing boat IND-AP-V5-MM-872, which was stranded in the sea due to engine failure due to adverse weather conditions, were rescued by the Coastal Security Police, Indian Coast Guard and Odisha Marine Police. Immediately after receiving the information, the officials established contact with the fishermen and located them and safely shifted the 20 people to another fishing boat IND-AP-V5-MM-378 nearby. Later, the Indian Coast Guard said that the boat is being brought safely to the coastal area of ??Odisha with the help of a ship. It was revealed that arrangements have been made to bring all the fishermen safely to the shore and then to Visakhapatnam.

They were on a boat that had been tossed around for six hours: MLA

"I spoke to Karri Chinna. According to what he said. On the fourth day, at around 3:00 pm, the boat they were traveling in turned back due to technical problems. At that time, Karri Chinna's older brother's boat went down. The rest of them stayed on the boat that turned back until 9:00 pm. The boat gradually sank. They all swam for some distance using paddles. While coming and going, one or two stopped in between. The four of them came to a certain point and stopped. Only the younger one swam and... grabbed a ship with a Panamanian flag anchored nearby. "As she screamed loudly, the staff inside saw her and gave her a life jacket and saved her," explained MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas.

63-ft Ganapathi idol to come up at Manginapudi beach



Machilipatnam: July 6
(Skyline daily):

Aspart of the State government's initiative to develop Manginapudi Beach near Machilipatnam in Krishna district into a premier tourist destination, Minister for Mines & Geology and Excise Kollu Ravindra on Sunday performed Bhumi Puja for the construction of a 63-foot-tall Vijaya Ganapathi idol at the beachfront. The minister was joined by APSRTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana Rao, local leaders, officials and members of the Mahaganapathi Seva Samithi during the ceremonial launch of the ambitious project. Speaking on the occasion, Ravindra said the initiative was conceived with the objective of bringing national-level recognition to Manginapudi Beach on the lines of the famous Khairatabad Ganesh celebrations in Hyderabad. He said the proposed idol would be made entirely of eco-friendly clay and would serve as a major attraction for devotees and tourists alike.

As part of the larger development plan, foundation stones were also laid for replica structures of some of the country's most renowned temples, including Kanipakam Varasiddhi Vinayaka Temple, Tirumala Sri Venkateswara

Swamy Temple, Srisailam Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam (Kanaka Durga Temple) in Vijayawada, and the Ayodhya Ram Mandir. Ravindra said the State government has drawn up a comprehensive plan to develop nearly 250 acres around the beach area with tourism and recreational infrastructure. He recalled the success of previous Beach Festivals at Manginapudi and assured that world-class facilities would be created to enhance the visitor experience. The minister expressed confidence that Machilipatnam would emerge as a major tourism and economic hub with the completion of the Machilipatnam Port next year and the establishment of several industries in the region. "Being the nearest port city to Amaravati, Machilipatnam is being developed as the 'Gateway to Amaravati'. The entire landscape of this region will undergo a remarkable transformation in the coming year," he said. Krishna Zilla Grandhalaya Samstha former chairman Gorrepati Gopichand, TDP district general secretary Gopu Satyanarayana, former municipal chairman Babaprasad, public representatives, party leaders, officials and devotees participated in the programme.

Call to preserve tribal culture



Vijayawada: July 6

A massive gathering of tribal communities attended the Tribal Adivasi Cultural Convention held at T u m m a l a p a l l i Kalakshetram in Vijayawada. Addressing the gathering as the chief guest, Vadithya Shankar Naik, former ST Commission member and founder and national president of Girijana Praja Samakhya (GPS), emphasised that preserving tribal culture, traditions, and customs is the collective responsibility of every individual. He demanded the restora-

tion of GO No 3 in the Agency areas and called for the strict implementation of the 1/70 Land Transfer Regulation to prevent the transfer of tribal lands to non-tribals and ensure that such lands remain with tribal people. The cultural segment of the convention featured vibrant traditional dances performed by Adivasi artists, highlighting the rich heritage of the Banjara community and receiving enthusiastic appreciation from the audience. Among those who participated were GPS State President Raju Naik, State Secretary

Ravi Naik, Hanumanthu Naik, Mallu Swamy, Prakasam District President Saidana Naik, Krishna District President Sameer Naik, National Vice President Vishnu Naik, Guntur District leader Anja Naik, Peram Satyam, Dharma Kumar, Durga Naik, Parvathi Bai, Lakshman Naik, Krishna Naik, Chandra Naik, Pandu Naik, Madhu Kumar from Kakinada, Varahalu, renowned tribal artist Bhikshu Naik and his cultural troupe, along with thousands of tribal community members from different regions.

Heavy rush witnessed at Durga temple



Vijayawada: July 6

A large number of devotees thronged the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam on Sunday to offer prayers to Goddess Sri Kanaka Durga Ammavaru, resulting in heavy rush from the morning hours. With Sunday being a holiday, the number of devotees increased sharply from around 9 am. In view of the heavy footfall, temple authorities made elaborate arrangements to ensure smooth crowd management and hassle-free darshan. IndiaNews Updates To facilitate quicker darshan for general devotees, Antaralaya Darshan was temporarily suspended from 10.30 am, while all categories of VIP dar-

shan were cancelled between 10.30 am and 2.15 pm. The arrangements were supervised by Deputy Executive Officer Kishore Kumar, while Assistant Executive Officers Chandrasekhar and Ramesh Babu monitored the queue lines and coordinated with temple staff. Temple Executive Officer VK Seena Naik continuously monitored the arrangements through wireless communication, while Assistant Commissioner Ranga Rao supervised crowd management. Devotees expressed satisfaction over the well-organised arrangements, stating that despite the heavy rush, they had a smooth and peaceful darshan.

'Tribal boys' school inaugurated



Narasaraopet: July 6

Minister for Tribal Welfare, Women and Child Welfare Gummadi Sandhya Rani assured that she will release Rs 6 crore funds for the construction of Tribal Welfare Boys School compound wall and dormitory. She, along with MLA GV Anjaneyulu, inaugurated the Tribal Welfare Boys School constructed at a cost of Rs 3 crore at Checkkavagu of Vinukonda Assembly constituency in Palnadu district on Sunday. Speaking on this occasion, she said that all the necessary facilities have

been provided in the new building complex for the convenience of the students and explained welfare schemes being introduced by the coalition government for students. She further said that the government is giving top priority to education, women's welfare, women's empowerment, youth welfare and urged the eligible to avail the benefits of welfare schemes. MLA Anjaneyulu thanked the minister for her assurance to sanction another Rs 6 crore for the development of the Tribal Boys Welfare School.

Walkathon to promote cleanliness organised



Kakinada: July 6

ONGC, Kakinada, organised a walkathon on Saturday as part of Swachhata Pakhwada 2026 to raise awareness about cleanliness and encourage greater public participation in the Swachh Bharat Mission. The walkathon was flagged off by Executive Director and Asset Manager Prabal Sengupta, who joined ONGC employees and students of Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University Kakinada in the awareness drive. Principal of JNTU College of Engineering, K Padma Raju, also participated along with students. The event began at Ramanayapeta and proceeded to the Sarpavaram Junction-Boat Club circuit. Employees, students and the public took part in large numbers, carrying the message, "Swachha Aadat se Swachha Bharat." Participants highlighted the importance of cleanliness, hygiene, environmental responsibility and sustainable civic practices. Addressing the gathering, Prabal Sengupta said, "Cleanliness is not merely a campaign but a way of life. Every small effort made by each individual contributes to a healthier environment and a stronger nation."

RTC holds passenger awareness drive



Rajamahendravaram: July 6

State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) on Sunday conducted a special awareness programme at the Rajamahendravaram bus station as part of its campaign titled "Your satisfaction is our goal - Your encouragement to our services." (Mee Samtrupthi Maa L a k s h y a m - M a a Sevalaku Mee Protsaham). Addressing the passengers, Murthy said APSRTC has been providing safe and reliable transport services for the past 58 years and continues to enjoy the trust of the public. He said the number of passengers has increased significantly following the implementation of the 'Stree Shakti' scheme, but the corporation is making constant efforts to provide better services to commuters. He said bus stations are equipped with clean

waiting areas, comfortable seating arrangements, fans, proper lighting, RO drinking water facilities, toilets for men and women, passenger information centres, ticket booking counters, bus arrival and departure display boards, wheelchairs for persons with disabilities and parking facilities. Murthy urged passengers to report any shortcomings in services by recording their complaints in the complaint register available at bus stations or by contacting the APSRTC Central Complaint Cell through phone numbers 0866-2570005 or 149. He also appealed to passengers to scan the QR codes installed at bus stations and participate in the IVRS feedback survey to share their views and suggestions. Depot Manager K Madhav, Assistant Manager (Traffic) M Ajay Babu and others participated in the programme.

Land titles for Krishna bund residents demanded

Vijayawada: July 6

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) State Secretariat member Ch Babu Rao demanded that the state government grant land ownership titles to families residing along the Krishna river bund in Vijayawada. He accused it of neglecting the poor while pursuing the proposed privatisation of Bhavani Island. IndianCurrent Events The demand was made during a padayatra organised by the party in Ranadive Nagar of Krishnalanka to highlight issues such as house site pattas, construction of an outfall drain and other civic problems faced by residents. Addressing the gathering, Babu Rao alleged that while the government was willing to lease the 130-acre Bhavani Island to private firms for tourism development, it had failed to provide ownership rights to families who have been living on the Krishna bund for nearly five decades. He said thousands of res-



idents had built houses with their own earnings without any government assistance and questioned why they were still being denied land titles even after the construction of the retaining wall. He also urged the government to permit residents to replace damaged roofs and provide financial assistance for house repairs. Babu Rao criticised the delay in constructing the outfall drain at Ranadive Nagar, stating that despite the retaining wall being completed more than two years ago, the absence of a proper drainage system had resulted in stagnant sewage, mosquito breed-

ing and health hazards. He alleged that despite election promises to protect Krishna bund residents, the government had failed to address their long-pending demands. The CPM leader warned that the party would intensify its agitation until land titles are issued, the outfall drain is completed, and basic civic amenities are provided to the residents. Government CPM State committee member Donepudi Kashinath, East City secretary P Krishna, city secretariat member Korada Ramana, and other party leaders participated in the padayatra.

Merit students receive Rs 2L worth scholarships



Vijayawada: July 6

Manavatha Vijayawada Branch on Sunday organised its annual Prathibha Puraskaram (Talent Awards) programme, honouring meritorious students and promoting academic excellence. Scholarships and merit awards worth Rs 2 lakh were distributed to deserving students at the event. The programme was held at Swatantra Samara Yodhulu Bhavanam (Freedom Fighters' Bhavan) near Bandar Locks in Vijayawada. Around 150 students and nearly 100 parents attended the event, reflecting the organisation's continued commitment to encouraging education and recognising academic achievement. Founder-President of Sri Balaji Orphans and Destitute Service Organisation, Dr

Chunduri Krishna Mohan Das, attended the programme as the chief guest. Commending Manavatha's efforts, he said such initiatives play a vital role in motivating students to excel in their studies and build successful careers. Manavatha general secretary Davuluri Sambasiva Rao, chairman Pagidipalli Ramu, assistant secretary Rangu Venkata Durga Prasad, and executive committee members Sunkara Subhash Chandra Bose, Atluri Tripura Sundara Rao, Medical Raju, Nadella Sumathi, Ch Vijay Kumar, R Koteswara Rao, P Masudhana Rao, Medishetti Venkateswara Rao, Nemani Kameswari, Muvva Sailaja, Ravindra, and Javvaji Srinivasa Rao participated in the programme.

BESCOM suspends July meter reading amid Gruha Jyothi verification drive

Bengaluru: July 6

The Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) has announced that regular electricity meter readings will not be carried out during July as meter readers have been deployed for the state government's Gruha Jyothi beneficiary verification drive, which officially began on July 1. The house-to-house verification exercise requires significant manpower, prompting BESCOM to assign its meter readers to assist in identifying and verifying beneficiaries under the Gruha Jyothi scheme. As a result, the routine monthly meter reading process has been temporarily suspended for July. In a post on its official X account, BESCOM clarified that domestic consumers will not receive a meter reading visit this month. Instead, electricity bills for July will be generated based on the average power consumption recorded over the previous three months. However, BESCOM stated that this temporary arrangement will not apply to High Tension (HT) consumers, Low



Tension (LT) consumers with connected loads of 40 BHP or above, rooftop solar consumers under the net-metering system, and temporary electricity connection holders. These categories of consumers will continue to receive regular meter readings as per the existing schedule. HT consumers typically include large industrial units, commercial establishments, IT parks, and residential complexes that receive electricity at higher voltage levels such as 11 kV, 22 kV, or 33 kV. Since their billing is based on different tariff structures and consumption patterns, meter readings for these consumers will continue without interruption. Similarly, rooftop solar consumers connected under BESCOM's net-metering system require

periodic meter readings to calculate the difference between electricity imported from and exported to the grid, which determines their final electricity bill. As part of the Gruha Jyothi verification exercise, ESCOM personnel have begun visiting households across the state to verify eligible beneficiaries. During verification, consumers are required to produce documents such as their Voter ID, Aadhaar card, and, where applicable, rental agreement. BESCOM has also advised consumers to verify the identity of officials conducting the verification. The utility said all personnel visiting households must carry and display their official identity cards while carrying out the verification process.

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Electoral Limits

The Supreme Court may have upheld the Election Commission’s Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, but it did so while drawing an equally important constitutional boundary. The Commission may determine whether a person is entitled to vote; it cannot determine whether that person is an Indian citizen. That distinction is now under strain. The controversy surrounding former Telegraph editor R. Rajagopal’s passport renewal has shifted the debate from electoral administration to constitutional governance. South Asians & Diaspora

If his account is correct, the obstacle he encountered was not a judicial finding that he was ineligible for citizenship, but the administrative consequence of his name having been deleted from the electoral roll. Whether intentional or not, this risked converting an electoral exercise into a gateway for restricting unrelated civil rights. The Supreme Court anticipated precisely such a possibility. While recognising the Election Commission’s constitutional authority under Article 324 to undertake an intensive revision of electoral rolls, it also made clear that any inquiry into citizenship is confined to deciding electoral eligibility. Deletion from the voters’ list affects only the right to vote.

It neither extinguishes citizenship nor authorises other departments of government to presume that citizenship itself is in doubt. That legal distinction matters because the Indian state functions through numerous interconnected databases and verification mechanisms. If one agency begins treating exclusion from the electoral roll as sufficient reason to delay passport renewal, another may use it to question welfare entitlements, ration benefits, property records or other statutory rights. Administrative convenience could gradually blur constitutional limits.

This is not merely a question of one passport or one journalist. Rajagopal’s prominence has ensured public attention, but the larger concern lies elsewhere. Millions of names have been removed during the SIR across multiple states, while many affected citizens are pursuing appeals before judicial tribunals. Until those appeals are decided, their status remains contested. To attach wider legal disabilities before due process is complete would undermine the very procedural safeguards that the Supreme Court insisted upon. The issue is therefore institutional rather than political.

Electoral integrity is a legitimate constitutional objective, and inaccurate rolls damage democratic credibility. Equally, the legitimacy of any verification exercise depends upon strict adherence to the limits imposed by law. A voter list is designed to identify electors, not to function as a universal certificate of citizenship or civil status. The Rajagopal episode should prompt governments, police authorities and passport officials to revisit their administrative practices.

The judiciary has already defined the legal consequences of exclusion from the electoral roll. The executive must ensure that its procedures reflect that judgment faithfully. Otherwise, an electoral verification mechanism risks evolving into something the Supreme Court expressly said it was not: a proxy determination of citizenship with consequences extending far beyond the polling booth.

Uniform Civil Code and the primacy of Constitutional rights over Personal Laws

Democracies sometimes confront a difficult question: when religious customs, practices, or scriptures conflict with the principles of equality, liberty, and particularly gender justice, which should prevail? A secular state cannot evade this dilemma by retreating behind claims of religious neutrality, non-interference, or the guise of endless consensus-building. Unlike a theocratic state, its foremost obligation is not to preserve religious tradition but to safeguard the constitutional rights of its citizens.

This principle is particularly relevant to the contemporary debate on the future of Muslim personal law in India and the move towards a Uniform Civil Code (UCC). At its core, the debate concerns the relationship between constitutional citizenship and religion-based personal law regimes. The central question is whether individual rights should remain subordinate to religious norms or whether the Constitution should guarantee justice irrespective of faith.

The framers of the Indian Constitution had anticipated this conflict. During the Constituent Assembly debates on what became Article 44, a Directive Principle of State Policy that directs the State to endeavour to secure a Uniform Civil Code for all citizens, several members recognised that a modern democratic republic could not indefinitely sustain separate personal laws. Dr. B.R. Ambedkar argued that personal laws were not beyond legislative reform and that the State had historically intervened in matters previously regarded as religious whenever justice and constitutional principles required it.

The inclusion of Article 44 in the Constitution was therefore deliberate. It reflected the constitutional aspiration to establish

a Uniform Civil Code based on equal citizenship rather than differential religious identities. Although its implementation was deferred at that time, the constitutional direction remained clear.

Critics often argue that reforming religious personal laws or introducing a UCC infringes religious freedom under Articles 25 and 26. This argument overlooks the constitutional design: religious freedom is a fundamental right but is expressly subject to public order, morality, health, and other provisions of Part 3 of the Constitution. Religious freedom cannot override the Constitution's guarantees of equality, dignity, and non-discrimination.

Indeed, India's legal-constitutional history shows that when religious customs have violated basic principles of justice, the State has intervened. The abolition of sati is a powerful example. Despite claims that it was religiously sanctioned and voluntary, its prohibition affirmed a fundamental principle: practices that undermine life, dignity, and equality cannot be protected in the name of religion. Today, no serious argument exists for its restoration.

Similarly, the Hindu Code Bills of the 1950s reformed marriage, inheritance, guardianship, and adoption laws within Hindu personal law. These reforms faced resistance but were enacted because constitutional justice required it. The Hindu Marriage Act introduced monogamy and legal divorce, while the Hindu Succession Act significantly improved women's inheritance rights, later strengthened further in 2005. These were not merely legal adjustments but deliberate constitutional interventions prioritising equality over tradition. Today, these reforms are widely accepted as milestones in gender

justice. Few would now argue for a return to pre-reform Hindu personal law simply because it reflected religious custom. The same constitutional logic must apply across all communities.

If Hindu personal law could be reformed despite religious objections, there is no constitutional reason for Muslim personal law to remain immune from scrutiny. Equality before law cannot be selective.

The Shariat Application Act of 1937, which made Muslim personal law applicable to matters such as marriage, divorce, inheritance, and family relations, is a colonial-era statute enacted by the legislature. It is not sacred law and has been amended over time, confirming that it remains subject to legislative authority. Parliament therefore retains the constitutional power to amend or repeal it.

The Supreme Court has also reinforced this constitutional trajectory. In Shah Bano, it held that maintenance under secular law cannot be denied on the basis of personal law. More recently, in the Triple Talaq judgment, the Court struck down instant divorce not to interfere with religion but because arbitrariness violates constitutional guarantees of equality and dignity. These rulings affirm that citizenship rights precede community-based norms.

The Doctrine of Essential Religious Practices further limits its constitutional protection under Articles 25 and 26 to practices deemed essential to a religion. Since courts determine what is "essential," non-essential practices remain open to state regulation and reform, preventing absolute claims of religious immunity.

Whenever a secular constitutional state must choose between religious custom and



fundamental rights, the Constitution itself provides the answer. It exists to protect individuals when tradition fails to do so. Indian secularism is therefore not strict separation but principled intervention in the service of equality and dignity.

The debate over the Shariat Act and the Uniform Civil Code should not be framed as a conflict between religions. It is about ensuring that justice, liberty, equality, and dignity apply equally to all citizens, irrespective of faith or gender.

Although untouchability was once justified by some as a religious practice, the Constitution rejects it outright. Article 17 abolishes untouchability and forbids its practice, while the Protection of Civil Rights Act enforces this prohibition through legal penalties. Together, they establish that constitutional values of equality and dignity prevail over any religious or customary practice. The exclusion of Scheduled Tribes from the Uniform Civil Code is constitutionally defensible because tribal customary laws occupy a distinct position within India's constitutional framework. Unlike religious personal laws, tribal customs are protected under the Fifth and Sixth Schedules and other special provisions aimed at preserving indigenous identity, cultural

autonomy, and self-governance. These customs are not merely religious practices but integral to collective social organisation. Moreover, many tribal customary laws have evolved through community consensus and are often more flexible and, in several cases, more gender-egalitarian than codified personal laws. Exempting tribal communities, therefore, is not an exception to equality but an affirmation of India's commitment to protecting vulnerable indigenous cultures while pursuing reform in other personal law regimes.

In the context of Muslim personal law, state intervention is neither arbitrary nor majoritarian but is triggered when certain rules produce systemic rights-violations, particularly gender-based discrimination. The constitutional threshold for such intervention is failure to meet the guarantees of equality, and dignity under Articles 14, 15, and 21. Where aspects of personal law deny women equal rights in matters such as marriage, divorce, or inheritance, they cannot remain insulated as purely religious norms and become subject to constitutional correction. The purpose of reform, therefore, is not to target a faith, but to ensure that all legal regimes within the republic conform to the basic standards of justice and equality.

What cities owe their Anganwadis

Meeta, a 29-year-old anganwadi worker in Mumbai's M-East ward, had already spent 45 minutes waiting for a bus in the humid heat when her phone rang. Her landlord was calling to say the ten-by-ten room she rents for her Anganwadi Centre (AWC) in Natwar Parekh Compound wouldn't be available that day — the residents' association needed it back for their own work. In most professions, losing your workplace at the last minute means an unexpected day off. For Meeta, it meant logging into her reporting app as usual, then going door-to-door distributing food packets to every registered child. It took her months to find a space for the AWC; co-renting was the most stable option she found.

"For a few months, I even ran it from a 225-square-foot home with six people living in it. There were new challenges every day." Around 900 kilometres away in Bhuj, Rashmi, a 37-year-old anganwadi worker with more than a decade of experience, stared at yet another notice to vacate — one month to find a new space. "People don't like renting their rooms for an anganwadi," she explained. "The rent the government gives is much lower than market rates." In ten years, Rashmi has moved six times; each relocation disrupts early childhood care and pushes vulnerable children to drop out entirely.

Anganwadis are not crumbling welfare bastions for the poor — they are the foundation of neighbourhood economies, women's mobility, and children's development. Workers like Meeta and Rashmi perform this care for millions across India. AWCs have grown into outposts of community life in both rural and urban areas: crisis centres during the pandemic, immunisation points for children, venues for menstrual health training for adolescent girls. Seeing them as infrastructures of care, not welfare points tucked into borrowed

rooms, is the first step to reimagining Indian cities around care. Anganwadis, loosely translated as "courtyard shelters," were set up in 1975 as part of the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme to combat child hunger and malnutrition. Today, about 1.3 million AWCs provide services to over 100 million beneficiaries, including children under six, pregnant women and lactating mothers. At this scale, anganwadis form one of the densest, most intimate networks of public infrastructure in the country, woven into the everyday life of low-income communities.

Over the decades, anganwadis have expanded far beyond their initial nutrition mandate. Each AWC is meant to be staffed by an anganwadi worker who provides nutritional support and early childhood services, assisted by an anganwadi helper, an auxiliary nurse midwife who attends to pregnant and breast-feeding women and delivers babies, and an Accredited Social Health Activist (ASHA) who offers first aid, referrals for special needs, and reproductive health counselling. In practice, these roles often collapse onto the anganwadi worker herself. In Mumbai's Natwar Parekh Compound, none of the five AWCs has an ASHA deployed, so workers routinely counsel women on reproductive health themselves; in Bhuj too, workers report stepping into ASHA roles whenever needed.

For low-income mothers, the anganwadi is often the only childcare and nutrition support that makes paid and unpaid work possible. Pallavi, a young mother in Bhuj, was able to take up a receptionist job in a local doctor's clinic only after enrolling her daughter in the neighbourhood anganwadi.

"I drop her off on my way to work and pick her up on my way back," she says. "On days I get delayed, the anganwadi worker waits with her."

Despite this critical role, the

spaces where the work happens are systematically neglected. Recent research visits to AWCs in Mumbai and Bhuj found centres squeezed into 8-by-10-foot rooms serving 40 to 50 children, some without toilets or drinking water, others without ventilation or natural light — all on borrowed or rented premises.

Even crammed into rented spaces, the anganwadi remains a multi-dimensional space, shape-shifting to meet the community's needs. Yet our planning paradigm rarely acknowledges care as infrastructure — master plans stay oblivious to the embodied work that supports, nurtures, and repairs communities so they can perform every other socio-economic function.

The derelict state of AWCs is not a result of absolute scarcity but of lack of intent. Cities like Mumbai and Bhuj have no shortage of ambition or funds for mega-projects: coastal roads and harbour links in Mumbai, or the redevelopment of bus and railway stations in Bhuj.

This refusal is rooted in a deeper devaluation of care and of the women who perform it. The ICDS programme is structured on a premise of "volunteerism" that takes women's labour for granted. Anganwadi workers have long been demanding recognition as workers entitled to minimum wages, not the honorarium they currently receive. When their labour is discounted, the spaces in which they work are also treated as informal, flexible, and ultimately expendable. Ignoring anganwadi workers' infrastructural needs doesn't just fail the children, adolescents, and mothers who depend on them — it compromises the future of cities that are begging to be reimagined. Listening to the city's careworkers is the first step.

Anganwadis As Neighbourhood Care Commons

Feminist political theorist Joan Tronto defines care as everything we do to maintain, contin-



ue, and repair our world so we can live in it as well as possible. Reimagining Indian cities with care means dismantling the current idea of anganwadis as rooms allotted in housing schemes. We can start by asking: Is there a permanent, accessible, adequately sized building for every AWC, just as there are sites reserved for schools, parks or bus depots?

Can every household reach a well designed and built anganwadi within a safe 5–10 minute walk, without having to cross highways or navigate hostile streets?

Are anganwadi workers paid, trained and protected as public professionals, with stable tenures and a say in how their spaces are designed and used?

If cities adopted "universal access to dignified anganwadi infrastructure" as a non-negotiable standard — alongside water supply or road connectivity — care would slowly claim its physical and social space in cities. Well-designed anganwadis aren't just a demand from workers; they're an opportunity to build neighbourhood commons on a network of caregivers, parents and children that already exists. All it takes is converting rented, contested rooms into vibrant spaces that hold learning, play, health, and collective life together.

Rebuilding Cities From Rooms Of Care

Some states have already begun this transformation. In Tamil Nadu and Kerala, anganwadi workers are recognised as state

employees with pensions and maternity leave — measures that have made the job more secure, respected, and sought after.

Kerala has also invested in the built form of anganwadis. Under its "Smart Anganwadi" scheme, the state has renovated dozens of centres and, in 2022, completed its first purpose-built smart anganwadi

in Thiruvananthapuram, for around forty lakh rupees. The two-storey structure includes a study room, lounge, dining area, kitchen, storeroom, and indoor and outdoor play spaces. Kerala plans dedicated buildings for all 33,000-plus AWCs in the state, including the thousands still running from rented premises.

These aren't extravagant populist experiments. If Indian cities invested in care this way, anganwadis would stop being welfare collection points and become a visible, protected, celebrated grid of neighbourhood commons — each node a place where children learn, grow and play, women find support, and communities gather and organise.

Cars and concrete have become the defining features of Indian cities. Changing that begins with transforming the crowded rooms where early childhood is nurtured and cared for. Our cities would look very different if we made care an organising principle of urban life. All we have to do is rebuild one anganwadi at a time.

Trump’s new ride: Qatar-donated Boeing 747 becomes his interim presidential aircraft

US President Donald Trump has begun travelling aboard a Boeing 747-8 donated by Qatar while the next generation of Air Force One aircraft remains delayed, according to a report by The Wall Street Journal. The aircraft is currently serving as a temporary presidential jet until Boeing delivers two new VC-25B aircraft that were commissioned during Trump’s first term. The project has faced repeated delays, leaving the existing Air Force One fleet in service longer than originally planned. Why Trump is using a Qatar-donated Boeing 747 According to the report, Trump has sought to modernise the ageing presidential aircraft fleet since 2017, when he ordered two customised Boeing 747-8 jets to replace the existing planes. However, the first of those aircraft is now expected to



be delivered only by mid-2028, just months before the end of Trump’s current term. To address the gap, the US Air Force searched for a suitable aircraft capable of transporting the president. The search led to a VIP-configured Boeing 747-8 that had belonged to Qatar’s royal family. Trump later inspected the aircraft in Palm Beach. The report said he had initially asked whether Qatar’s emir would allow the United States to use the aircraft temporarily.

Instead, the emir offered it as a gift to the US government. Ownership was formally transferred to the US Air Force in the spring of 2025. Gift drew criticism over ethics and taxpayer spending. The report said the aircraft was valued at around USD 400 million when it was donated. The move triggered criticism from both Republicans and Democrats over the ethics of accepting such an expensive gift from a foreign government. According to The Wall

Street Journal, the aircraft has since undergone about USD 400 million worth of military upgrades funded by US taxpayers. These include secure communications systems and defensive capabilities required for presidential travel. The outlet reported that the former Qatari aircraft is expected to remain Trump’s primary presidential transport until Boeing completes the delayed Air Force One programme. Trump plans aircraft display at presidential library The report said Trump eventually wants the Boeing 747 to become the centrepiece of his planned presidential library in downtown Miami. According to The Wall Street Journal, the proposal is intended to mirror the retired Air Force One display at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California.

‘Have some other friends, like India’: Israeli PM Netanyahu firmly rebuts JD Vance’s ‘only powerful ally’ remark

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has described India as one of Israel’s strongest international supporters while rejecting US Vice President JD Vance’s suggestion that the United States is Israel’s only powerful ally. Speaking in an interview with Fox News, Netanyahu said Israel continued to receive significant backing from countries beyond Washington. He singled out India for what he described as overwhelming public support, even as he reiterated that US President Donald Trump remained Israel’s closest friend in the White House. “I respect JD Vance, and we have a very good relationship, but it doesn’t mean that I agree with everything that he says. Donald Trump is the greatest friend we ever had in the White House, and I stand by that completely,” Netanyahu said. He then referred to India’s support for Israel. “We have some other friends, like a small country called India. You know it has 1.4 billion people, and boy, do we have tremendous support there. You know, I have this Facebook thing, and I’m just flooded by the overwhelming support there,” he said. Netanyahu says Israel has support beyond the US. The Israeli Prime Minister said international backing for Israel extended beyond what was often

reflected in public discourse or media coverage. “Many leaders call me up and say, ‘Hey look, I’ve got this problem with public opinion, but I want you to know we respect you, and can we make some deals, and can you teach us some of the things that your military does, and can we have some of your AI and cyber expertise?’” he said. Netanyahu also described Israel as a global technology leader. “You know Israel is the number two country in cyber in the world, and our technology is so good. So the relations are not quite as they appear, and we have many, many friends,” he said. Remarks follow JD Vance’s comments on US-Israel ties. Netanyahu’s response came after Vance last month urged Israel to avoid publicly criticising Washington while the United States pursued diplomatic engagement with Iran. “If I was in the Cabinet of the Israeli government, I might not be attacking the only powerful ally that I have anywhere left in the entire world,” Vance had said during a



White House briefing while responding to reports that Israeli leaders were unhappy with the US-Iran agreement and had criticised President Trump. Separately, Axios reported that Trump said Netanyahu had requested a meeting at the White House. The US President said the two leaders would meet after speaking over the phone, although Israeli officials indicated the visit could take place the following week because of Trump’s travel schedule. According to the report, the proposed meeting comes amid reported differences between the two leaders over Iran, Lebanon and broader regional security issues. Despite those differences, they have agreed to meet in Washington as Israel prepares for its October elections.

Missiles rain on Kyiv as Russia steps up pressure before NATO summit in Ankara



Russia launched a fresh missile and drone assault on Kyiv early Monday, triggering explosions across the Ukrainian capital just a day before a NATO summit in Ankara where the war in Ukraine is expected to dominate discussions. Ukraine’s air force said the overnight attack involved ballistic missiles, cruise missiles and drones. The strike came after President Volodymyr Zelensky warned that intelligence suggested Moscow was preparing another large-scale offensive. Kyiv reports damage after overnight attack. Explosions echoed

through central Kyiv in the early hours as air raid sirens sounded across the city. News Kyiv Mayor Vitaliy Klitschko said falling debris caused fires or damage in at least two districts of the capital. Authorities did not immediately provide details on casualties. On Sunday, Zelensky said Ukrainian intelligence had detected signs of another major Russian attack. “Intelligence once again indicates that the Russians are preparing a new massive strike. This is typical of Putin: right after America’s Independence Day and

before the NATO Summit in Ankara. Russia wants to bring more evil and kill people,” Zelensky wrote on X. Ukraine war expected to dominate NATO discussions The latest bombardment follows a large Russian strike on Kyiv last Thursday that killed at least 30 people. According to CNN, it was the third-deadliest attack on the Ukrainian capital since the war began. Executive Branch The conflict is expected to be a key focus at the NATO summit, which opens in Ankara on Tuesday. According to CNN, Russian forces have

stepped up operations in eastern Ukraine’s Donetsk region as Moscow presses to seize more territory. Ukraine, meanwhile, has intensified missile and drone attacks targeting Russian infrastructure, including oil refineries, ports and military manufacturing facilities. The latest escalation also comes days after Russian President Vladimir Putin and US President Donald Trump spoke by phone on July 4. Russia’s foreign ministry said the conversation lasted nearly 90 minutes, during which Trump again offered to help end the war.

Centre raises onion procurement price

The Central government has increased the procurement price of onions for the Price Stabilisation Buffer by 13%, from Rs 1,875 per quintal to Rs 2,125 per quintal. The revised procurement price is effective from 4 July 2026. Procurement of onions through NAFED and NCCF for the government’s Price Stabilisation Buffer is in progress. The revised procurement price will ensure better returns for onion farmers while supporting buffer procurement efforts. As per the Second Advance Estimates of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers’ Welfare for 2025-26, onion production is estimated at 307.37 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), which is comparable to the production of 307.67 LMT in 2024-25. An official release said that going by the production estimates, the overall availability of onions is not a concern at this stage, though prices may be expected to inch up



in line with the normal price seasonality. Current stock levels in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat are adequate. At present, there are no indications of any shortage of stored onions. Daily mandi arrivals at the all-India level remain robust at over 50,000 metric tonnes (MT), while arrivals in Maharashtra are over 30,000 MT, with average modal prices of about Rs 18 per kg. Better-quality stocks continue to remain in storage and are expected to be released during

the lean period. The all-India average retail price is Rs 31 per kg. The delay in monsoon arrival and lower-than-normal rainfall in some regions has led to speculative buying by a section of traders, though there is no significant demand at the prevailing price levels in major consuming centres. Despite the sentiment in consumer markets, production centres such as Nashik and parts of Madhya Pradesh are witnessing a tendency for speculative trading activity, largely on expectations of a future market recovery rather than on strong underlying demand. Onion exports are normal, with about 1.50 LMT exported during June 2026. However, traders expect that the pace of onion exports may slow down for a short duration, primarily because fresh crops from Pakistan and China are available at competitive rates in key export destinations such as the Gulf countries, Sri Lanka and the Far East.

India emerges as one of the lowest-cost major solar power markets globally

India emerged as one of the world’s lowest-cost major solar power markets in 2025 and ranked third globally in installed solar power capacity, fourth in wind power capacity, and fourth in total renewable energy capacity, according to a report released by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). According to the report, the levelised cost of electricity (LCOE) from solar PV in India stood at \$35 per megawatt-hour (MWh) in 2025, compared with \$36 per MWh in China and \$37 in Brazil, and the global weighted average was significantly higher at \$44 per MWh. Notably, since 2010, the cost of solar PV has declined by 89 per cent, while onshore and off-

shore wind costs have fallen by 71 per cent and 63 per cent, respectively. More than 90 per cent of newly commissioned utility-scale renewable projects in 2025 generated electricity at a lower cost than the cheapest new fossil-fuel alternative. The IRENA report comes as global renewable power costs begin to stabilise after more than a decade of steep declines. The global average cost of solar power remained unchanged at \$44 per MWh in 2025, while onshore wind costs fell to \$33 per MWh and offshore wind costs declined to \$78 per MWh. The installed cost of four-hour utility-scale batteries declined by nearly 30 per cent in 2025 to around \$140 per kilowatt hour, about 95 per cent below



2010 levels. Costs in China fell below \$70 per kWh. Falling battery prices are enabling the installation of hybrid renewable energy systems. The cost of solar-plus-battery systems offering 95 per cent reliability fell below \$85 per MWh at high-quality sites in 2025, from more than \$100 per MWh in 2020, the report estimated. Global renewable power

additions crossed 690 GW in 2025, about one-fifth higher than the previous year. Solar accounted for more than 500 GW of the new capacity additions, while wind contributed around 160 GW. “The use of renewables avoided 8.4 gigatonnes of carbon dioxide emissions and saved \$480 billion in fossil fuel costs in 2025,” the IRENA report claimed.

Tata Renewable commissions 100.8 MW Jewali Wind Project in Maharashtra

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL), a subsidiary of The Tata Power Company Limited, officially announced here on Friday that it has successfully commissioned its 100.8 MW Jewali Wind Project in Dharashiv district of Maharashtra.



The electricity generated from the project will be supplied to Tata Power Mumbai Distribution and will help contribute towards its Renewable Purchase Obligation targets, supporting its transition to a more sustainable and environmentally responsible Utility, according to the statement. The project comprises 28 SG 3.6-145 Wind Turbine Generators, based on advanced horizontal-axis wind turbine technology. The facility is expected to generate approximately 299 million units (kWh) of clean electricity annually, the statement mentioned. Weather The project is expected to offset nearly 245 million kg of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions every year, based on an estimated emissions reduction of 0.82 kg of CO2 per unit of electricity generated, making a

significant contribution towards decarbonisation and enhancing Tata Power’s clean energy portfolio, according to the statement. According to the statement, after the commissioning of the Jewali Wind Project, TPREL’s wind energy portfolio now exceeds 3.9 GW, including more than 1.3 GW of operational capacity, with the balance under various stages of development across Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu. The project also advances Tata Power’s long-term vision of achieving 100% clean energy generation

by 2045 and complements its expanding renewable energy portfolio. State & Local Government With the addition of the Jewali Wind Project, TPREL’s total renewable utility capacity has reached 11.6 GW. Of this, 6.7 GW is operational, including 5.4 GW of solar and 1.3 GW of wind capacity, while 4.9 GW is under various stages of implementation. The under-construction portfolio comprises approximately 2.1 GW of solar, 2.6 GW of wind projects and 0.2 GW of BESS, which are expected to be commissioned in phases over the next 6-24 months, the statement mentioned. The project underscores TPREL’s strong execution capabilities and commitment to delivering large-scale renewable energy projects. The milestone further strengthens the TPREL’s growing renewable energy portfolio and reinforces its leadership in India’s clean energy transition, according to the statement.

Stock markets continue winning streak, led by buying in IT, pharma

Indian stock markets ended the week on a positive note on Friday, extending their winning streak to a third consecutive session, with the Nifty closing above the 24,250 mark, supported by buying in IT, pharma, metal and realty stocks. At the close, the Sensex was up 261.79 points, or 0.34 per cent, at 77,763.91, while the Nifty gained 95.15 points, or 0.39 per cent, to settle at 24,270.85. For the week, the BSE Sensex and the Nifty added nearly 1 per cent each. Among the sectors, buying was witnessed in select heavyweights from the IT, pharma and banking sectors amid largely positive global cues. Investor sentiment remained positive

on expectations of less aggressive rate hikes by the US Federal Reserve. South Asians & Diaspora Nifty Realty emerged as the top gainer, rising 2 per cent, followed by Nifty IT (up 1.7 per cent), Nifty Pharma (up 1.7 per cent) and Nifty Metal (up 0.7 per cent). On the losing side, Nifty PSU Bank declined 1.5 per cent, followed by Nifty Energy (down 1.3 per cent), Nifty Auto (down 0.4 per cent), Nifty Media (down 0.4 per cent), Nifty Consumer Durables (down 0.3 per cent) and Nifty Bank (down 0.16 per cent). The top gainers on the Nifty were HCL Technologies, Max Healthcare, Bajaj Finserv, Apollo Hospitals and Dr.

Reddy’s Laboratories, while the major losers included Axis Bank, M&M, SBI, L&T and Tech Mahindra. Stocks & Bonds Nearly 160 stocks touched their 52-week highs on the BSE. These included Manappuram Finance, Aditya Birla Capital, Aurobindo Pharma, Nuvama Wealth Management, CreditAccess Grameen, Oberoi Realty, Krishna Institute of Medical Sciences (KIMS), Torrent Pharmaceuticals, Inventurus Knowledge Solutions, Bosch, Apollo Hospitals, Cement India Projects, Grasim Industries, Aadhar Housing Finance, JB Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals, The



Phoenix Mills, Nippon Life India Asset Management, Federal Bank, Granules India and Pidilite Industries, among others. Discover more News History Politics (Right) Among technology stocks, HCL Technologies, Oracle Financial Services Software, Mphasis and Persistent Systems attracted fresh buying, advancing more than 2 per cent each. Geographic Reference

Nagabandham is being appreciated by audiences everywhere - Virat Karrna



Abhishek Nama envisioned an epic visual spectacle based on Indian history and mythology, Nagabandham. The movie stars Virat Karrna, Nabha Natesh in leading roles and it is produced on a gigantic budget. Post release, the movie received mixed response from critics but audiences have been going to theatres to watch it. It has been trending even on a Monday and hence, makers NIK Studios have conducted a Gratitude Meet. At the event, Virat Karrna looked effected by negative comments. He said,

"I am thankful for audiences who watched our film in theatres. We are shocked to see such negativity about our film and people asking not to watch. My request to everyone to kindly, not make such statements. Let people decide what they want to watch and it is heartening to see people ignoring such reviews." Nama explained that he is shocked by the paid negativity as people started posting about their film on 2nd July itself when the movie released on 3rd July. He commented that in our Indian history

there are many instances of invaders looting temples and he showed on the screen. He said, "I did not create anything that is untrue. I did take liberties in writing a story around many facts. Many invaded India and hurt Indian culture. I am disappointed when people say, I tried to create that. Anyways, I am a one film old director and I might have made mistakes, we rectified some issues by trimming the film. Please watch the movie in theatres and encourage us." The movie is holding well in theatres with good occupancies.

Pradeep Ranganathan's PR Show With Mamitha: Creatively Promising



Not every film announcement introduces a completely new filmmaking model, and that's exactly what makes Pradeep Ranganathan's maiden production venture under PR Show so intriguing. Instead of a single director, the project is being helmed by The Alpha Unit, a six-member team that joins forces to bring the story to life. Penned by Pradeep Ranganathan himself, the film stars Mamitha Baiju opposite filmmaker Ashwath

Marimuthu, who steps in front of the camera for the lead role. Supporting them are Sivaji Sontineni, Swasika, Anamika Mahi, and Lizzie Antony. The Alpha Unit consists of Vishal TR, Yash V, Naren Saoda, Chanakkiyan R, Dhanush Kumar, and Ilamparithi, making this one of the rare projects to embrace collaborative direction on such a scale. The makers chose to unveil the project with a creatively designed

announcement video. The promo gradually introduces the entire team, and ends with Pradeep revealing his production house. Complementing the visuals is an energetic score by Sai Abhyankkar, whose music adds style and intensity to the presentation. Dinesh Purushothaman is the cinematographer. With its innovative approach and promising talent, the film has made a great impression with its announcement video alone.

Tabu Surprising role in King100 Revealed

Veteran actors Nagarjuna Akkineni and Tabu are coming together once again after almost 28 years for Nagarjuna's milestone 100th movie, currently titled King100. However, this time, fans will see a completely different side of their on-screen relationship. Instead of playing a romantic pair, Tabu is expected to appear as the main villain in the film. According to recent reports, Tabu has been chosen to play a strong negative role opposite Nagarjuna. This exciting casting choice has already created a lot of buzz among movie lovers. Fans are eager to watch these two talented actors share the screen again in a fresh and unexpected way. Nagarjuna and Tabu first worked together in the 1996 Telugu romantic hit Ninne Pelladata, which became a huge success and won several awards.



Their chemistry was loved by audiences, and they later appeared together in Aavida Maa Aavide and Sisindri. After that, they did not work together again until now. The first shooting schedule of King100 has already been completed. The film is directed by Ra Karthik and is being produced by Annapurna Studios. Since this is Nagarjuna's 100th film, expectations are very high. Tabu is well known for playing powerful and complex characters. She impressed audiences with

memorable performances in films like Maqbool, Haider, Andhadhun, and Fitoor. Her experience in playing challenging roles makes her a perfect choice for the antagonist in King100. Recently, Tabu was seen in Bhooth Bangla alongside Akshay Kumar. She also appeared in the TV series Dune: Prophecy, expanding her presence in international entertainment. Meanwhile, Nagarjuna was last seen in Kuberaa, directed by Sekhar Kammula, with Dhanush and Rashmika Mandanna in important roles.

This Jr NTR movie is Never going to Happen?



Some movie combinations create huge excitement among fans even before they are officially announced. People keep waiting for years to see their favorite hero and director work together. But because of busy schedules and changing plans, some dream projects remain only as discussions. One such combination is Jr NTR and director Nelson Dilipkumar. After the blockbuster success of Jailer, Nelson became one of the most wanted directors in South Indian cinema. Many reports said that he had planned a pan-India film with Jr NTR under producer Naga Vamsi's banner. Fans were very excited because both of them are known for delivering powerful commercial entertainers. However, the project now looks difficult to happen anytime soon. Nelson is currently busy with Jailer 2, which is expected to release later this year. After that, reports suggest he may direct a massive film starring Rajinikanth and Kamal Haasan together. Such a big project will need a lot of time for writing, planning, and shooting. At the same time, Jr NTR also has a packed schedule. After finishing Dragon, he is expected to begin his mythological film with Trivikram Srinivas, which is tentatively titled God of War. Since the movie is expected to have a grand scale and heavy visual effects, it could take several years to complete. Because both Nelson and Jr NTR already have long commitments, their film together may not start soon. Even if the project is still alive, it may take at least another two or three years before fans get any official update. Producer Naga Vamsi is reportedly still interested in bringing this exciting combination to the big screen. However, everything depends on when both the actor and director become free from their current projects. Many such dream combinations have created excitement in the past but never became reality. Sometimes schedules, script changes, or other commitments stop them from happening. Fans can only hope that this combination will finally become true one day. Until then, the Jr NTR-Nelson project remains one of the most-awaited but uncertain films in Indian cinema.

Big Update on Prabhas' next with Aditya Dhar



One of the country's biggest stars is none other than Prabhas, whose fame spans from Haryana to Kerala, Rajasthan to Assam, and everything in between. Despite coming up with some mediocre films in recent times, he's making huge money from the opening weekend, thanks to his star power. The latest buzz is that he's teaming up with the country's most celebrated director right now, and he's none other than Aditya Dhar. Here's a big update about this. Apparently, whenever a director pops up on the grid, movie lovers and fans often think that the filmmaker is teaming up with Prabhas. However, the big update is that neither has Prabhas met Aditya Dhar in the first place, nor is his diary so empty that he will be offering dates to the star

director. Currently, Prabhas is busy with Fauzi, Spirit and Kalki 2, while Aditya Dhar is scripting a sports drama that would feature Ranveer Singh in the lead. So, technically, there's no question of them teaming up anytime soon. On the other hand, this revelation might upset Prabhas fans because they are expecting that Aditya Dhar's next will feature him. However, that also should be the reason to rejoice because a film with Aditya Dhar at the moment might push Prabhas into another realistic zone, while most of his films are fantasy and elevation-centric, which are in the offing. That said, many Telugu stars are said to have met Aditya Dhar and hosted him at parties, but none have been able to get the director's attention so far.

OG2: The Missing Part Is Worked Out Fully

Like it was discussed in these columns already, even though Pawan Kalyan's last year's outing #OG made Rs.300 crores from the box office, but there is one big disappointment from the film. While the visuals, elevations for Ojas Gambheera and the music are top notch, director Sujeeth has failed to come up with an interesting story that would stun the audience. That's the biggest drawback for the film which otherwise could have easily grossed more than Rs.700 crores. Coming to #OG2, a prequel film that was announced recently by Pawan Kalyan himself, based on



the comic book that was created by Sujeeth long back, here's what they are doing. As the talk of the not-so-impactful story has spread everywhere,

director Sujeeth and his team are currently working on the story part. Even Pawan Kalyan is said to have advised the director to carve out a more powerful story



Can Lenin Continue Star Heroes Tollywood's Seventh Film Trend?

Many Telugu film fans believe that the seventh movie is very important in a hero's career. Over the years, several top Tollywood stars have delivered successful films as their seventh project. Now, Akhil Akkineni is hoping to continue the same trend with his upcoming film Lenin. Mahesh Babu's seventh film was Okkadu, which became a blockbuster and changed his career. Pawan Kalyan's seventh movie Kushi also became a huge hit and is still loved by fans. Jr. NTR's seventh film Simhadri was another blockbuster that made him one of the biggest stars in Telugu cinema. Allu Arjun's seventh film Arya 2 received a good response and later became a fan favourite. Ram Charan's seventh movie Yevadu was also a commercial success. Ram Pothineni impressed audiences with Kandireega, while Nani's Pilla Zamindar became one of the most memorable films in his career. Naga Chaitanya's seventh film Manam was a big emo-



tional hit and remains a classic family entertainer. Vijay Deverakonda's seventh movie Geetha Govindam became a blockbuster and took his popularity to a new level. Looking at this list, many fans have started discussing Akhil Akkineni's seventh film, Lenin. The movie has already created good buzz with its teaser, trailer, songs, and pre-release event. Akhil has also said that Lenin is a very special film for him and that he wants the audience to accept him with this movie. Directed by Murali Kishor Abburi, Lenin is a rural action drama featuring Bhagyashri Borse as the

female lead. The film is produced by Nagarjuna Akkineni and Naga Vamsi and will release in theatres on July 10. Interestingly, fans have noticed that, except for Prabhas, the seventh films of many leading Telugu heroes turned out to be hits, blockbusters, or above-average successes. Because of this, expectations for Lenin have become even higher. Now, all eyes are on Akhil's seventh film. Will Lenin continue this lucky trend and become the biggest success of his career? The answer will be known when the film reaches theatres on July 10.

New Era for Indian Animation with Hanumat Sundarakanda

Indian animation is preparing for a big milestone with the announcement of Hanumat Sundarakanda, a new animated mythological film based on one of the most loved chapters from the Ramayana. The makers recently released the first teaser and posters, creating excitement among movie lovers and devotees alike. The film promises a fresh cinematic experience by combining Indian storytelling with modern animation technology. The movie is presented by Aindri Creations and is written and directed by Arun Kumar Rapolu. According to the makers, the film uses world-class motion capture, next-generation animation, and advanced visual effects to bring the story of Lord Hanuman to life on the big screen. The newly released posters show Hanuman in a powerful and majestic look, while the teaser highlights the grand visual quality of the project. Hanumat Sundarakanda tells the famous story of Hanuman's journey to Lanka in search of Goddess Sita. This chapter from the Ramayana is known for its courage, devotion, wisdom, and faith. The makers aim to present this timeless story in a way that connects



with today's audience while respecting its spiritual importance. The teaser launch event was held at Vijaya Bharathi English Medium School in Madanapalle. The film is being produced by Nischitha Sethu, who is also the principal of the school. Along with her team, she has stepped into film production with the goal of creating a high-quality animated feature based on Indian culture and mythology. Many guests attended the event and appreciated the teaser for its impressive visuals and emotional presentation. The makers have announced that Hanumat Sundarakanda is planned for release during Vinayaka Chavithi next year. The film is expected to be released in six languages, allowing audiences across India to enjoy the epic story.

now. There are some surprising cameos in the movie that are also being planned at the moment, as per the updates. On the other hand, with Pawan Kalyan Creative Works producing the film and another top Telugu producer likely to join as an investment partner, many are wondering how Powerstar will craft and market the film now. Because taking the pressure of a producer is something like taking much more on the shoulders than needed. Already he's busy as a Deputy Chief Minister, and many are wondering if he could look into all these aspects properly.

A budget is a personalized financial roadmap that tracks your expected income and expenses over a specific period, helping you control spending and reach your savings goals. Banking involves the financial services that securely manage your money, offering tools like checking accounts for daily transactions and savings accounts to grow wealth.

Fundamentals of Budgeting
A budget bridges the gap between where your money goes and where you want it to go.

Income: All money received, including salaries, wages, or investments.

Expenses: Money going out. These are categorized as Fixed (e.g., rent, loan payments) and Variable (e.g., groceries, entertainment).

The 50/30/20 Rule: A popular budgeting framework where 50% of your income goes to needs, 30% to wants, and 20% to savings and debt repayment.

Benefits: Prevents overspending, reduces financial stress, and ensures funds are available for emergencies.

Banking Basics: Banks provide the infrastructure to keep your money safe while actively supporting your budget.

Checking Accounts: Best for everyday use. They allow for easy deposits, debit card purchases, and bill payments, though they often yield little to no interest.

Savings Accounts: Best for storing emergency funds or saving for future goals. These accounts earn interest over time.

Key Features: Features like mobile check deposits, online bill pay, and automated transfers help you manage your funds seamlessly.

Benefits: Banks offer safety (protecting your money from theft or loss) and convenience through online and mobile banking platforms that often have built-in expense tracking tools.

Frequently asked objective questions in different competitive examinations

- The chairman of a bank is appointed by the -----
Ans: Government
- Loan repayment includes principal and -----
Ans: Interest
- Bank reconciliation compares cash book with -----statement.
Ans: Bank
- The value of money decreases during -----
Ans: Inflation
- Budget allocation is made for various -----
Ans: Sectors
- The government collects -----from citizens.
Ans: Taxes
- RBI supervises commercial -----
Ans: Banks
- Deposit insurance is provided by -----.
Ans: DICGC
- DICGC stands for Deposit Insurance and Credit ----- Corporation.
Ans: Guarantee
- Inflation hurts fixed ----- earners.
Ans: Income

Budget and Banking Terms

(Useful for Banking, Insurance, UGC NET, APPSC, TSPSC, SSC, RRB, RBI and other Competitive Exams)



11.Fiscal policy aims at economic -----
Ans: Stability

12.Public sector banks are owned by the -----
Ans: Government

13.Budget documents contain revenue and ----- accounts.
Ans: Capital

14.Capital expenditure creates -----
Ans: Assets

15.Budgetary control helps in financial -----
Ans: Management

16. Treasury bills are issued at a -----
Ans: Discount

17. Bank locker facility ensures -----
Ans: Safety

18. A fiscal year consists of ----- months.
Ans: Twelve

19.RBI monitors banking -----
Ans: Operations

20.Budget proposals are discussed in -----
Ans: Parliament

21.Financial inclusion aims to provide banking to -----.
Ans: All

22.PMJDY stands for Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan -----
Ans: Yojana

23.Zero balance accounts are common under -----
Ans: PMJDY

24.ATM withdrawals require a -----
Ans: PIN

25.PIN stands for Personal Identification -- -----
Ans: Number

26.Online banking requires internet -----
Ans: Access

27.Inflation reduces real -----
Ans: Income

28.Government securities are traded in the ----- market.
Ans: Money

29.Commercial papers are short-term debt -----
Ans: Instruments

30.RBI controls credit through monetary -----
Ans: Policy

31.Public finance studies government -----
Ans: Finance

32.Endorsement transfers the ownership of a -----
Ans: Cheque

33.Core banking uses computer -----
Ans: Networks

34.Mobile banking is done through -----
Ans: Smartphones

35.Debit cards deduct money from -----
Ans: Account

36.Credit cards provide short-term -----
Ans: Credit

37.Inflation affects cost of -----
Ans: Living

38.Banking sector is part of the financial -- -----
Ans: System

39.The RBI governor heads the ----- bank.
Ans: Central

40.Tax revenue forms part of government - -----
Ans: Income

41.Public borrowing increases public -----
Ans: Debt

42.Budget estimates are reviewed through - -----
Ans: Audits

43.Audit ensures financial -----
Ans: Accuracy

44.RBI regulates money -----
Ans: Supply

45.Bank merger improves operational -----
Ans: Efficiency

46.Foreign exchange deals with foreign --- -----
Ans: Currency

47.FEMA stands for Foreign Exchange Management -----
Ans: Act

48.Foreign exchange reserves are maintained by -----
Ans: RBI

49.Budget surplus occurs when revenue exceeds -----
Ans: Expenditure

50.A cheque is a negotiable -----
Ans: Instrument

51.The RBI governor is appointed by the -- -----Government.
Ans: Central

52.A crossed cheque cannot be paid over the -----

Ans: Counter

53.MICR code helps cheque -----
Ans: Processing

54.Budget speech is delivered in -----
Ans: Parliament

55.Revenue deficit relates to revenue receipts and -----
Ans: Expenditure

56.The highest banking authority in India is -----
Ans: RBI

57.Savings promote capital -----
Ans: Formation

58.Fiscal deficit is financed through -----
Ans: Borrowing

59.Open market operations involve buying and selling of -----
Ans: Securities

60.Foreign currency exchange is handled by -----dealers.
Ans: Authorized

61.A bank statement shows account -----
Ans: Transactions

62.Tax evasion is -----
Ans: Illegal

63.Tax avoidance is generally -----
Ans: Legal

64.Budget helps control public -----
Ans: Expenditure

65.Government grants are a type of -----receipt.
Ans: Revenue

66.Treasury bills mature within ----- year.
Ans: One

67.Inflation increases commodity -----
Ans: Prices

68.Bank deposits help in credit -----
Ans: Creation

69.A demand deposit can be withdrawn on -----
Ans: Demand

70.Interest rate is expressed as a -----
Ans: Percentage

71.Inflation is an economic -----
Ans: Problem

72.Budget planning helps resource -----
Ans: Allocation

73.Government expenditure supports economic -----
Ans: Growth

74.Bank deposits provide financial -----
Ans: Security

75.Credit rating indicates repayment -----
Ans: Capacity

76.A secured loan requires -----
Ans: Collateral

77.An unsecured loan requires no -----
Ans: Collateral

78.Banking promotes economic -----
Ans: Development

79.Government taxation affects consumer - -----
Ans: Spending

80.Budget transparency improves -----
Ans: Accountability

81.RBI maintains financial -----
Ans: Stability

82.Monetary policy influences interest ----
Ans: Rates

83.Budget is an instrument of economic --- -----
Ans: Policy

84.Public sector banks contribute to financial -----
Ans: Inclusion

85.Digital banking improves customer ----
Ans: Convenience

86.The banking sector mobilizes -----
Ans: Savings

87.Currency circulation is managed by ----
Ans: RBI

88.Capital market deals in long-term -----
Ans: Funds

89.Money market deals in short-term -----
Ans: Funds

90.Public debt may be internal or -----
Ans: External

91.Budget estimates may be revised during the -----
Ans: Year

92.Sound banking strengthens the -----
Ans: Economy

93.The backbone of the financial system in India is -----
Ans: RBI

94.RBI conducts open market -----
Ans: Operations

95.Public accounts are audited by -----
Ans: CAG

96.CAG stands for Comptroller and Auditor -----
Ans: General

97.Government bonds are long-term -----
Ans: Securities

98.ATM is an example of electronic -----
Ans: Banking

99.Budget reflects government -----
Ans: Priorities

100.Inflation may be caused by excess ----
Ans: Demand

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Generosity as a Soft Skill: Importance, Development, and Benefits in Daily Life and Professional Career

Introduction
Generosity is one of the most admirable soft skills that reflects kindness, compassion, and a willingness to help others without expecting anything in return. It goes beyond donating money or material possessions; it includes sharing knowledge, offering encouragement, giving time, appreciating others, and supporting people in need. In today's competitive world, generosity is considered an essential interpersonal quality because it strengthens relationships, promotes teamwork, and creates a positive environment. A generous person inspires trust, respect, and cooperation, making this trait valuable in both personal and professional life.

Importance of Generosity:
Generosity plays a significant role in shaping an individual's personality and character. It encourages empathy, understanding, and emotional intelligence, enabling people to connect with others on a deeper level. Generous individuals contribute to a culture of kindness where people feel valued and respected. In educational institutions and workplaces, generosity fosters collaboration rather than unhealthy competition. Employees who willingly share ideas, mentor colleagues, and celebrate the success of others contribute to organizational growth. Similarly, students who assist classmates create an atmosphere of mutual learning and academic excellence.

Generosity also enhances mental well-being. Helping others often brings a sense of satisfaction, purpose, and inner happiness. It reduces stress, strengthens self-esteem, and promotes emotional resilience. As a result, generous individuals often enjoy healthier relationships and greater life satisfaction.

Importance of Generous:
Generosity is a habit that can be cultivated through conscious effort and consistent practice. Developing this quality requires both self-awareness and compassion.

Begin by practicing empathy. Try to understand the feelings, challenges, and perspectives of others before making judgments. Active listening helps people feel respected and appreciated.

Share your knowledge and skills whenever possible. Teaching someone a new concept, guiding a colleague, or helping a friend solve a problem demonstrates intellectual generosity.

Express gratitude and appreciation regularly. Complimenting others sincerely and acknowledging their efforts encourages positivity and strengthens relationships.

Volunteer for community service or participate in social welfare activities. Such experiences develop compassion and broaden one's understanding of different life situations.

Practice small acts of kindness every day, such as offering assistance, encouraging someone who is struggling, or simply being patient and respectful. These simple actions gradually build a generous mindset.

Finally, avoid expecting recognition or rewards for every good deed. True generosity comes from genuine concern for others rather than the desire for praise.

Usefulness in Daily Life:
Generosity enriches everyday life by improving personal relationships and creating a supportive social environment. Family members who generously share responsibilities and offer emotional support build stronger bonds. Friends who help each other during difficult times establish trust and lifelong companionship.

Generosity also promotes effective communication by encouraging patience, understanding, and forgiveness. Instead of focusing solely on personal interests, generous individuals consider the needs of others, leading to fewer conflicts and stronger cooperation.

Furthermore, generosity inspires others to perform kind acts, creating a positive ripple effect throughout society. Communities where people willingly help one another become safer, happier, and more resilient during challenging circumstances.

Usefulness in Professional Career:
In the workplace, generosity is a highly respected professional quality. Employees who willingly share information, mentor junior colleagues, and contribute to team success become valuable organizational assets. Such individuals are often viewed as dependable, approachable, and trustworthy.

Generous leaders create inclusive work environments by recognizing employees' contributions, encouraging innovation, and supporting professional development. Their leadership style increases employee motivation, job satisfaction, and organizational commitment.

Generosity also enhances networking opportunities. Professionals who help others without immediate personal gain often develop meaningful professional relationships that lead to future collaborations, career advancement, and business opportunities.

Customer service professionals benefit greatly from generosity because kindness, patience, and genuine concern improve customer satisfaction and strengthen brand reputation. Likewise, teachers, healthcare professionals, managers, and entrepreneurs

achieve greater success when generosity guides their interactions with others.

Employers increasingly value soft skills alongside technical expertise. Therefore, generosity improves employability by demonstrating teamwork, emotional intelligence, leadership potential, and ethical responsibility.

Conclusion:
Generosity is far more than an act of giving; it is a powerful soft skill that reflects empathy, integrity, humility, and compassion. It strengthens relationships, enhances emotional well-being, promotes teamwork, and contributes to both personal fulfillment and professional success. By practicing kindness, sharing knowledge, appreciating others, and helping without expecting rewards, anyone can develop this valuable quality. In a world that thrives on collaboration and mutual respect, generosity not only transforms individuals but also creates stronger families, workplaces, and communities. Cultivating generosity is therefore an investment in lifelong success, meaningful relationships, and responsible citizenship.

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Under-fire India look to revamp bowling attack, add extra pacer for third T20I against England



A struggling India will desperately hunt for its first win on the tour when they face an aggressive England in the third T20I at the Trent Bridge Cricket Ground on Tuesday. The visitors have endured a forgettable start under new captain Shreyas Iyer, losing the game in Manchester and suffering a shocking 2-0 series defeat to Ireland. What will be India's chief focus will be revamping the bowling attack and adding an extra

patched by England's hard-hitting batter. The Indian batters, meanwhile, have also found it difficult to adapt to the extra bounce and movement offered by pitches in England after playing predominantly on flat subcontinent pitches. Apart from opener Abhishek Sharma, who has looked fluent with scores of 59 and 43, the rest of the lineup has lacked fluency. India News Updates While skipper Iyer and Ishan Kishan have scraped together some runs, they have failed to dominate. Meanwhile, young batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi will look to make a significant impact after making a historic international debut. Correcting these tactical errors and balancing the bowling department will be crucial if the visitors intend to keep the series alive. When: Tuesday, July 7, 100:00

PM IST Where: Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, Nottingham Where to watch: The title clash will be shown live on Sony Sports Network TV channels and will be live-streamed on SonyLIV website and app. Squads India: Shreyas Iyer (captain), Tilak Varma (vice-captain), Ravi Bishnoi, Abhishek Sharma, Suryansh Shedge, Prasidh Krishna, Sanju Samson (wk), Axar Patel, Harshit Rana, Ishan Kishan (wk), Washington Sundar, Arshdeep Singh, Shivam Dube, Prince Yadav, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, and Varun Chakaravathy England: Harry Brook (captain), Rehan Ahmed, Jofra Archer, Sonny Baker, Tom Banton (wk), Jacob Bethell, Jos Buttler (wk), James Coles, Jordan Cox, Sam Curran, Liam Dawson, Will Jacks, Saqib Mahmood, Adil Rashid, Phil Salt, Josh Tongue, and Luke Wood.

Jos Alukkas Unveils 'Signature Jewellery Show - Exhibition and Sale of World Class Gold Jewellery' in Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, 6th July 2026: Jos Alukkas, a trusted name in quality, innovation, and trendy jewellery in India, is hosting an exclusive exhibition of world class gold jewellery - 'Signature Jewellery Show' from 4th to 26th July 2026, at their Visakhapatnam showroom.

At the show, customers can explore and purchase Jos Alukkas' latest gold jewellery, including a wide range of everyday, formal and party wear designs. Each piece is meticulously crafted with precision and features unique and contemporary designs comprising intricately crafted necklaces, statement earrings and bespoke bridal sets. At the expo, customers



can avail special offers - up to 30% discount on making charges for gold jewellery and 30% discount on diamonds. Additionally, customers can exchange their old gold with new BIS HUID Hallmarked gold jewellery and avail benefits. A range of unique artistic pieces will be on display

and made available for purchase, making this a delight for jewellery connoisseurs and collectors. The showcase also offers customization services, allowing each piece to be crafted to match individual style and preferences. On the Signature Jewellery Show, Mr. Paul Alukkas, Managing



Director, Jos Alukkas, said, "We are delighted to bring Jos Alukkas' exclusive gold collection to the Signature Show in Visakhapatnam, a city that has always appreciated our commitment to quality, craftsmanship, and timeless elegance. The gold collection at Jos Alukkas has been thoughtfully curated to offer jew-

ellery that seamlessly complements every occasion while striking the perfect balance between contemporary aesthetics and the enduring charm of traditional gold. Through this showcase, we are reimagining the beauty of gold with designs that resonate with today's wearer without compromising on its timeless appeal."

Hold a special cabinet meeting to implement the election promises of SCs

Restore cancelled welfare schemes -- Dr. Boosi demanded

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, July 6

AP Vidasam United State Convener Dr. Boosi Venkata Rao has demanded that the issue of implementing the election promises of SCs be discussed as a single agenda at the state cabinet meeting to be held on July 10th and that special action be taken to revive the cancelled welfare schemes.

Amidst the ongoing protests in all districts today demanding the implementation of the promises made to Dalits in the TDP manifesto, the Vidasam Srenus staged a protest in front of the Visakhapatnam Collectorate. Speaking at the event, Venkata Rao said that the TDP election manifesto had declared in bold letters that the welfare schemes of the SCs that were cancelled by the previous government would be restored, that old age pensions would be given to SCs and STs at the age of 50, and that SC corporation loans would be sanctioned. Venkata Rao criticized the



alliance for recently celebrating its victory after completing two years in power, but for ignoring the promises made to the SCs. SC Corporation chairmen and directors even after two years of appointment, not a single rupee. He also reminded that the loan has not been released. He demanded that the minister answer what happened to the GO given last year for the loans. He

said that in the last seven years, not even 50 percent of the sub-plan funds released to 15 departments such as Housing, Rural Water Supply, Panchayat Raj, Social Welfare Department have been spent, and advised the government to issue a white paper on this and prepare an action plan for the expenditure of the surplus funds. He also demanded that the tenders for the works undertaken

with the sub-plan funds be allocated to SCs only. He demanded in the petition that the compensation for the families of SCs who died in Turaka Palem be increased and that the acquisition orders of the assigned lands of the panchadars be withdrawn. He demanded that the Chief Minister explain the comments of Deputy Speaker Raghurama Krishnam Raju that Dalit votes are not ours. Organizing president Jaji Omkar said that pressure should be brought to bear on the Center to amend the 1950 Constitutional Order on SC status for Dalit Christians.

Assistant convener Sodadasi Sudhakar demanded that the compensation for the families of the steel plant victims be increased to one crore rupees. Bula Bhaskara Rao, D. Nirmala, Gudivada Bhaskara Rao, B. Uma Maheshwari, D. Uma Maheshwari, Nirikshan Rao and others participated in this program.

Collector directs time-bound resolutin of public and land grievances

-141 petitions received at PGRS Revenue Clinic; Revenue Department tops with 63 complaints

Vizianagaram, July 6 (Skyline): District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy on Monday reaffirmed that the government's priority is to resolve public grievances in a speedy, transparent, and rule-based manner. Speaking at the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) and Revenue Clinic held at the District Collectorate, he instructed officials to ensure that every petition is examined carefully and resolved within the stipulated time.

The Collector personally received grievances from people across the district and directed department officials to dispose of pending petitions without delay. He stressed that reports on complaints should be submitted only after officials speak directly with the petitioners and record the date and time of the interaction. A total of 141 petitions were received during the programme, with the Revenue Department



accounting for the highest number (63). Other petitions included Panchayat Raj (20), Education (13), DRDA (12), Municipal Administration (7), Village Secretariat (6), Electricity (4), District Medical and Health (2), and Other Departments (14). Priority for Farmers' Land Issues. The Collector instructed revenue

officials to give top priority to resolving farmers' grievances related to re-surveys, boundary disputes, land record errors, and extent discrepancies in villages where re-surveys have been completed. He warned that negligence in addressing land-related issues would not be tolerated and directed officials to provide transparent

services at Tahsildar offices without forcing farmers to make repeated visits.

1100 Toll-Free Complaints
Ramsunder Reddy also reviewed complaints received through the State Government's 1100 toll-free grievance service. He directed officials to handle every complaint responsibly, verify issues by speaking directly with applicants, and submit factual reports. He also called for greater public awareness about the grievance helpline.

District Joint Collector Sethu Madhavan, DRO CH. Saththibabu, PGRS District Nodal Officer E. Murali, CPO Balaji, DRDA PD Srinivasapani, Housing PD Muralimahan, Special Deputy Collectors Venkateswara Rao and Kalavathi, Assistant Director of Survey and Land Records R. Vijayakumar, RDOs, Tahsildars, revenue officials, and district officers of various departments attended the programme.

AU law student Satyala Anjanapriya secures seat at Forensic University

For the first time in the history of AU, admission to the NFSU Gandhinagar Main Campus under the auspices of the Union Home Ministry

By Skyline Staff
Reporter

Visakhapatnam, July 6
Andhra University (AU) has once again showcased its talent at the national level. Satyala Anjanapriya, a fifth year B.A. LL.B. student at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Law College, has created a rare history by achieving the prestigious LL.M. (Criminal Law) at the National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), Gandhinagar, Gujarat Main Campus, which is recognized as the world's first and only forensic sciences university, and has become a source of pride for Andhra University. Anjanapriya created history by becoming the first female student in the history of Andhra University to be admitted to the NFSU Gandhinagar Main Campus. With this, Andhra University Law College has once again proven its uniqueness at the national level. Established as an 'Institution of National



Importance' by a special Act of the Parliament of India, NFSU is currently the first and only university in the world dedicated entirely to forensic and allied sciences, operating under the auspices of the Union Ministry of Home Affairs. The prestigious Gandhinagar Main LL.M. (Criminal Law) has only 20 seats, and Anjanapriya's standing as the only candidate from South India among those 20 students has further raised the bar for

Andhra University. Her success has not only made her a source of pride for herself but also for Andhra Pradesh. While Andhra University Law College students have been achieving consecutive successes in national-level competitive examinations, this rare achievement by Anjanapriya has once again brought nationwide recognition to the standards of legal education at the university.

Collector Sets July 14 Deadline for 100% Digitization of Voter Enumeration Forms

-SIR drive achieves 99.97% form distribution and 57.77% digitization across Vizianagaram district

Vizianagaram, July 6 (Skyline):

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme of the electoral rolls has entered its final phase in Vizianagaram district, with voter enumeration form distribution almost complete and digitization progressing steadily. District Collector and District Election Officer S. Rama Sundar Reddy announced that 15,78,439 enumeration forms have been distributed to 15,78,949 registered voters, achieving 99.97% coverage. So far, 9,12,232 forms have been digitized, taking the overall digitization rate to 57.77%. Among all Assembly constituencies, Shringavarapukotta recorded the highest digitization rate at 61.96%, followed by Gajapathinagaram (61.19%), Rajam (61.03%), Cheepurupalli (59.47%), Bobbili (58.09%), Nellimarla (54.18%) and Vizianagaram constituency (49.92%).

Reviewing the progress, the Collector



directed Election Registration Officers (EROs), Assistant EROs, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and other election staff to complete the collection of pending forms and achieve 100% digitization by July 14. He stressed that coordinated efforts by all officials are essential for the timely completion of the Special Intensive Revision programme.

Garividi SI Conducts Student Awareness Programme at ZP High School, K.L. Puram

Vizianagaram (Garividi), July 6 (Skyline):

An awareness programme on social responsibility and public safety was conducted at ZP High School, K.L. Puram, in Garividi Mandal on Monday. The programme was led by Garividi SI B. Lokeswara Rao, who interacted with students and educated them on several important issues affecting society. The SI explained the harmful effects of ganja consumption and warned students about its legal, physical and psychological consequences. He urged students to stay away from drugs and report any illegal activities to the police. He also created awareness about the Sakthi App, encouraging girls



and women to install and use the app for their safety during emergencies. The session covered crime against women, road safety, cyber security, and the provisions of the POCSO Act, highlighting the importance of protecting children from sexual offences. Students were advised to follow traffic

rules, use the internet responsibly, and immediately report cyber fraud or suspicious online activities. Teachers and students actively participated in the programme and appreciated the police department's initiative to create awareness among young people.

District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy unveils Amaravati Championship -2026 poster

Vizianagaram, July 6 (Skyline): On the occasion of National Sports Day, which is celebrated every year on August 29 to commemorate the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand, District Collector Shri S. Rama Sundar Reddy unveiled the poster of the "Amaravati Championship -2026" to be organized under the auspices of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) at the Collectorate Auditorium on Monday. He called upon the youth and sportspersons of the district to utilize this rare opportunity and showcase their talent at the state level. He said that the Amaravati Championship will be a good platform to identify and



encourage talented sportspersons from rural and urban areas. He instructed the officials to make this championship, which is being organized with great prestige by the state government to unearth and encourage the talent of the sportspersons, a success in the district. He suggested that a wide

campaign should be undertaken through schools, colleges and sports associations so that eligible sportspersons participate in large numbers. Amaravati Championship -2026 competitions will be held in three phases from July 15 to August 26. Competitions will be held in 12

sports such as archery, athletics, badminton, boxing, basketball, chess, hockey, kabaddi, kho kho, weightlifting, volleyball, yoga etc. at the constituency, district and state levels. Boys and girls from under-17 and under-23 categories can participate in these competitions. A total of Rs. 91.90 lakh cash prizes will be awarded across the state, he said. Joint Collector Sedu Madhavan, District Revenue Officer CH. Saththibabu, DRDA PD Srinivas Pani, District Education Officer U. Manikyam Naidu, District Sports Development Officer S. Venkateswara Rao, district officials and others participated in this program.