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We Will Transform Andhra Pradesh into a Steel State: CM



**From Our Staff Reporter
Amaravati, July 3:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu stated that his government's goal is to transform the state into a new industrial hub, particularly a "Steel

State." The Chief Minister inaugurated the construction works of the prestigious JSW Rayalaseema Steel Plant at Sunnapurallapalle village in Jammalamadugu Mandal of Kadapa district, being developed with an

investment of Rs.16,350 crore. Speaking on the occasion, he announced that the state would host the country's first plant dedicated to producing green steel. He assured that not only Visakhapatnam, but the entire Rayalaseema region would also be developed into an "Utku Seema" (Steel Region). The Chief Minister alleged that in the past, some individuals had used the name of a steel plant as a cover for iron ore smuggling. He said that the coalition government had brought investments worth more than Rs.4 lakh crore to the Rayalaseema region. He also assured that industries would be established locally to

create employment opportunities for the youth of the region. Naidu recalled that the establishment of the Kia manufacturing plant in Anantapur district had transformed the region's economic landscape. He noted that nearly 1.9 million vehicles had been manufactured there so far. He urged people to remember history and assess who had contributed to Rayalaseema's development and who had caused setbacks to the region. The Chief Minister further said, "We ended the factional culture that once prevailed in Rayalaseema. What should flow in Rayalaseema is not blood, but irrigation

water. Although factionalism has declined, it is unfortunate that people involved in criminal activities are entering politics. What can a person whose agenda is destruction do for the state? In 2014, everyone unanimously agreed on Amaravati as the capital, but after coming to power, some made the state a subject of ridicule by proposing three capitals. They speak irresponsibly, making unpredictable statements. If anyone harms women or girls, it will be their last day. The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) is supporting rowdy elements and ganja gangs in the state. We will deal firmly with such anti-social forces."

Irregularities in Tobacco Procurement Will Not Be Tolerated: Minister Atchannaidu

**From Our Staff Reporter
Amaravati, July 3:** Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Atchannaidu held a teleconference on Friday regarding the procurement of Virginia tobacco. He directed that all auction platforms be opened immediately and instructed that every tobacco company must participate in the auction process. The minister ordered that the tobacco rejection rate be reduced significantly. He warned that the government would not tolerate companies forming a syndicate and artificially suppressing prices by imposing ceilings even on high-quality tobacco bales. He instructed the Tobacco Board to take strict action if any evidence of cartelization or syndicate practices is found. Atchannaidu emphasized that companies must purchase tobacco of all grades



and directed the Tobacco Board to maintain strict oversight of procurement operations. He urged farmers to bring their tobacco to auction platforms as per the Tobacco Board's guidelines, stating that doing so would help them secure better prices and reduce rejection rates. The minister also announced that the government would hold discussions with the Tobacco Board and banks to provide loans to farmers who wish to store their tobacco instead of selling it immediately. He assured that the

government would take all necessary measures to ensure farmers receive fair prices for their produce and made it clear that there would be no compromise when it comes to the welfare of tobacco farmers. He further instructed the Tobacco Board to take action against companies that fail to participate in auctions. Atchannaidu said that fellow ministers and MLAs are personally inspecting tobacco auction platforms and advising Tobacco Board officials to take strict action if any syndicate activity is detected.

Key Decision on Tirupati Assembly In-Charge Appointment; AP TDP Chief Issues Orders

**From Our Staff Reporter
Amaravati, July 2:** The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leadership has appointed Manne Srinivasa Prasad as the party's in-charge for the Tirupati Assembly constituency. Andhra Pradesh TDP President and MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao issued orders to this effect on Friday. He stated that the appointment was made following the directions of TDP National President and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Until now, M. Sugunamma had been serving as the Tirupati constituency in-charge. Recently, the government ap-

pointed her as Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh Greening and Beautification Corporation, resulting in increased responsibilities and a busier schedule. Meanwhile, local leader Manne Srinivasa Prasad became more active in party affairs, raising party issues and organizing various programs in Tirupati. In view of his active role, the party leadership decided to appoint him as the constituency in-charge. The TDP leadership believes that he will not only strengthen the party further in the Tirupati Assembly constituency but will also effectively counter criticism from local



YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leaders. Sources indicate that the appointment has also been made keeping in mind the upcoming local body elections, where strengthening the party organization at the grassroots level is considered important.

Industries and Investments Are Essential for Andhra Pradesh's Development: Home Minister Anita

**From Our Staff Reporter
Vizianagaram, July 3:** A major step has been taken towards the establishment of industrial parks in Andhra Pradesh. On Friday, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu virtually laid the foundation stone for industrial parks in Sringavarapukota Mandal of Vizianagaram district from Jammalamadugu in Kadapa district. The event was attended by In-charge Minister Vangalapudi Anita, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, and Visakhapatnam MP M. Sriharat as chief guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Anita said that industries and investments are crucial for the development of the state. She remarked that the relationship between a farmer and his land is similar to that between a mother and her child. She stated that the NDA government is giving high priority to farmers. The minister announced that an MSME Park would be developed in the first phase across 535 acres. She added that the establishment of various industries in the park is expected to generate employment and livelihood opportunities for

around 45,000 people. Anita said that the S. Kota Assembly constituency would witness significant development in the coming years. Referring to the Bhogapuram International Airport project, she recalled that Opposition leader Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had once questioned how an airport could come up in a place where even a state-run bus service was limited. However, she said that the Bhogapuram Airport is now nearing completion and is ready for inauguration. She further noted that while people from North Andhra had migrated else-



where in the past, the region is now attracting people from different areas due to increasing development opportunities. The event was also at-

tended by MLA Lalitha Kumari, MLAs Raghu Raju and Srinivas Naidu, DCMS Chairman Gompa Krishna, and government officials.

Don't Believe False Propaganda on E-Crop Registration: Minister Atchannaidu

**From Our Staff Reporter
Amaravati, July 3:** Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Atchannaidu has urged people not to believe what he described as false propaganda by Opposition leader Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy regarding e-crop registration in the state. He alleged that Jagan has become an ambassador of falsehoods and that Sakshi has turned into a platform for spreading misinformation. The minister said that people are observing attempts to mislead farmers and that facts cannot be concealed through malicious propaganda.

carried out during the YSRCP government's tenure. He also noted that 99.7 percent of e-crop registra-



tion was completed during the Rabi 2025-26 season, which he described as evidence of the government's efficient performance. The minister further said, "Through the state government's APAIMS 2.0 platform, we have brought about a technological revolution in digital e-crop regis-

tration. Modern technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), geo-referencing, and satellite technology are being used to ensure transparent crop registration. The digital crop survey is being implemented to deliver subsidies, crop insurance, and other government benefits to farmers more quickly. This system is emerging as a model for the entire country. Seeing the successes achieved by the coalition government, Jagan is resorting to misinformation campaigns. Even on the issue of coconut prices, Sakshi is publishing misleading reports. There are suspicions that such reports are intended to damage the coconut market. Attempts to influence the market through false propaganda will not be tolerated," he said.

Sai Krishna Case: SIT Reveals Key Findings Before Court



Vijayawada, July 3: Significant developments have emerged in the Gade Sai Krishna custodial death case, which has created a sensation across the state. In a memo filed before the court seeking the custody of Circle Inspector (CI) Nagaraju, the Special Investigation Team (SIT) disclosed several crucial findings related to the case. According to the SIT, important CCTV footage relevant to the investigation was not found at the police station. The forensic laboratory reportedly indicated that the footage may have been destroyed. The SIT also informed the court that suspicious stains had been identi-

fied within the station premises. The investigation team stated that it had seized a lathi (baton) bearing suspicious stains, bones, burnt ash, and a partially burnt iron handcuff chain from the terrace of the police station. The SIT further said that statements recorded from certain individuals indicate that Sai Krishna died after sustaining severe injuries while in custody. In its memo, the SIT stated that if custody of CI Nagaraju is granted, investigators would take him to identify locations and gather further information regarding what happened to the deceased's body after the alleged incident.

Freedom of Expression Is Not a License for Abuse: Kandula Durgesh

**From Our Staff Reporter
Vijayawada: Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh strongly reacted to obscene posts, personal attacks, and misinformation being spread on social media. He warned that freedom of expression should not be treated as a license to use abusive language. He stated that the law would deal strictly with those who misuse social media. The minister expressed anger over what he described as a deliberate misinformation campaign against Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on social media. He alleged that the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) is attempting to weaken Pawan**

Kalyan politically as part of a strategy to undermine the coalition



government. Durgesh said it is inappropriate to use the Deputy Chief Minister's name merely to gain views or engage in blackmail. He emphasized that while people have the right to question and criticize,

they do not have the right to cross acceptable limits. He also expressed the view that stronger regulation of social media is necessary. Speaking on the Rushikonda Palace issue, the minister said the facility would be utilized for tourism development and public visits. He revealed that an Expression of Interest (EOI) has been invited for this purpose. Durgesh stated that policies of the previous government had caused annual losses of around 77 crore to the Tourism Department and assured that steps would be taken to promote and strengthen the tourism sector in the future.

Excise Magistrate Shilpa Directs Officials of All Departments to Ensure Success of National Lok Adalat on July 11



Srikalahasti - 3 July (Skyline Daily): Chittoor Excise Magistrate Ms. Shilpa instructed senior officials of various departments to work towards the successful conduct of the National Lok Adalat scheduled to be held on July 11. The meeting was conducted in accordance with the directions of Andhra Pradesh High Court and Tirupati Red Sandal Court Judge Sri Narasimha Murthy. Addressing a meeting of senior officials, Magistrate Shilpa informed that the National Lok Adalat will be organized at the court premises in Srikalahasti town on July 11. The meeting was attended by members of the Bar Association, advocates, senior officials from all police stations under the Srikalahasti Division, BSNL officials, bank officials, and representatives of various departments. Speaking on the occasion, Magistrate Shilpa appealed to all concerned to



make the National Lok Adalat a grand success. She stated that resolving disputes through amicable settlements helps save both time and money. She further explained that the awards passed by the Lok Adalat are final and binding, with no provision for appeal. She noted that all types of civil cases can be settled through the Lok Adalat, while criminal cases that are legally compoundable can also be resolved through mutual agreement. In addition, pre-litigation cases, which are disputes not yet pending before courts, can also be settled under this mechanism. The Magistrate urged litigants to make the best use of this opportunity and contribute to the success of the Lok Adalat. She particularly called upon police officials and advocates to take proactive steps to facilitate the settlement of a larger number of cases during the event.

Telugu Poet 'Naganarya': Dr. Chintakunta Sivareddy

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) July 03: Dr. Chinthakunta Sivareddy, Assistant Researcher of CP Brown Language Research Center stated that Naru Naganarya is an Acccha Telugu poet who wrote Acc ha Telugu Kavyas, Puranas, Historical Kavyas, Satakas, Dandakas. CP Brown Linguistic Research Center under Yogi Vemana University organized the 124th birth anniversary of Naru Naganarya on Friday at Brown Shastri Conference Hall. Later Dr. Chintakunta Sivareddy Matla Du Tu said that Naganarya's original name was Naga Iya and he was a disciple of famous poets Janamanchi Seshadri Sharma and Veda Venkatakrishna Sharma. Janamanchi Subrahmanya Sharma said that Naru Nagayya, who wrote in all poetic processes, was given the title of 'Arya' and changed to Naganarya. Junior Assistants R.



Venkataramana, M. Maunika, Staff Sumathi, Srinu, Rani, Aruna Readers Suryababu, Subbareddy, Srinath, Varun Nayak, Sudarshan and others participated in this program.

Devotee Donates Rs.10 Lakhs to TTD

Tirumala, 03 July (Skyline Daily) : A devotee, Chundi Ranga Nayakulu from Chilakaluripet, donated Rs.10 lakhs to the Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust of TTD on Friday. The donor handed over the demand draft for the donation to TTD Chairman B.R. Naidu at the Chairman's Camp Office in Tirumala.



KKS Constructions Donates Rs.50.20L

Tirumala, 03 July (Skyline Daily) : A Tamilnadu based KKS Constructions company, donated Rs.50.20 lakh to the TTD-run Sri Venkateswara Anna prasadam Trust on Friday. The representatives of the company handed over the donation DD to TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the latter's Camp Office in Tirumala.



Punjab And Haryana HC Quashes FIR Against Woman Over Pet Dog Dressed As Lord Krishna, Says Act Was Protected Expression Of Devotion

Chandigarh: The Punjab and Haryana High Court has quashed an FIR registered against a woman for allegedly hurting religious sentiments by dressing her pet dog as Lord Krishna and posting its photographs on WhatsApp, holding that her act was an expression of devotion carried out in good faith and did not attract Section 298 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), 2023. Justice Subhas Mehla held that the prosecution could not continue as the essential ingredients of the offence, including mens rea (criminal intent), were absent. The court observed that personal expressions of faith cannot be criminalised merely because they offend the sentiments of others. "Individual expression of the petitioner, shaped by her personal experiences, cannot be criminalised merely because it does not align with the sensitivities of others. In the absence of mens rea, criminal proceedings cannot be initiated to validate subjective



perceptions of hurt. Constitutional tolerance must override hypersensitivity, which leads innocent acts to be construed as desecration," the court said. The petitioner had approached the High Court seeking quashing of the FIR and the final report filed under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023. The case arose from a complaint by a private individual alleging that the woman had hurt the religious sentiments of the Hindu com-

munity by dressing her pet dog in attire associated with Lord Krishna on Janmashtami and uploading the photograph as her WhatsApp status. During the investigation, the petitioner, who is issueless, stated that she treated her pet dog as her child and had dressed it up as part of the festival without any intention of offending anyone's religious sentiments. Her counsel argued that the act was a bona fide expression of personal faith and affection and

lacked any malicious intent. It was also submitted that both the essential ingredients of Section 298 of the BNS, namely actus reus (damage, destruction or defilement of a sacred object or place) and mens rea (intent to insult religion), were missing. The State opposed the plea, arguing that the act had prima facie hurt religious sentiments and pointing out that the petitioner had admitted to dressing the dog as Lord Krishna and posting the image.

Karnataka SIR Goes Haywire On Day 3; Ramanagara DC Issues Notices To Three BLOs Over 'Mass Survey' In Choultry

Bengaluru: The Special Intensive Review (SIR) of voter list in Karnataka has gone haywire on the third day of commencing, with the Booth Level Officers (BLOs), instead of going house to house, conducting the SIR in places like Choultry, Places of Worship, Conference halls of the apartment complexes and other such places. While Union Minister and the JD(S) supremo H D Kumaraswamy levelled the allegations against by releasing the videos of SIR being conducted in a choultry in Ramanagar, the other reports surfaced from various areas of Bengaluru city, Kunigal town in Tumakuru district and Shivamogga district also. Meanwhile, Chief Minister D K Shivakumar said that it was wrong on the part of the BLOs to distribute the



forms in community halls or other public places. "They are expected to go home to home and conduct the SIR." Following the allegations, the Karnataka State Election Commissioner Anbu Kumar issued a notice to the Ramanagara DC Yeshwanth V Gururkar, who, in turn issued show cause notices to three BLOs, who were in charge of Tippu Nagar area in Ramanagara town. Exhibiting the photos and Videos of 'mass SIR' being conducted in a Choultry at

Tippu Nagar in Ramanagar, Kumaraswamy alleged that Bangladeshi illegal immigrants were being facilitated in the Electoral Rolls in the Chief Minister's home district. "The government is systematically compromising the integrity of the SIR process not only in Ramanagara district, but also in several parts of the State. The blatant irregularities taking place in Ramanagara is the proof of how the entire exercise is being subverted. The Ramanagara

Deputy Commissioner must be suspended immediately, and all officials who have failed in their duty must be removed from service," he demanded. Kumaraswamy further alleged, citing video evidence, that thousands of fraudulent voters, including illegal Bangladeshi migrants were being provided with fabricated documentation through the direct influence of the Chief Minister's office. "I urge the Election Commission of India to intervene immediately and put an end to this illegal exercise," he said. Stating that creating documents for illegal Bangladeshi immigrants was nothing short of an act against the Nation's interest, Kumaraswamy said: "I will submit all the video evidence and supporting material to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and the Election Commission of India."

'Strict Punishment Must Be Ensured': RSS Breaks Silence On Ram Temple Donation Embezzlement Case

New Delhi: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) on Friday issued its first detailed response to the alleged embezzlement of donations from the Ram Lalla Temple in Ayodhya, calling the incident "highly condemnable" and demanding strict punishment for those found guilty. In a video statement, RSS General Secretary Dattatreya Hosabale said the grand temple at Shri Ram Janmabhoomi had become a symbol of faith and devotion for the entire Hindu society through the sacrifices and dedication of

generations of Ram devotees. Referring to the alleged theft from the temple's donation boxes, Hosabale said the incident had deeply hurt the sentiments and reverence of devotees across the country.

"The unfortunate incident of theft from the donation boxes placed in the Shri Ram Lalla Temple in Ayodhya has wounded the sentiments and reverence of the entire society and Ram devotees, and we are all hurt by this event," he said. Hosabale noted that, at the request of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth



Kshetra Trust, the Uttar Pradesh government had constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) and initiated legal proceedings based on its recommendations. He stressed that anyone found guilty during

the investigation must face strict punishment. The RSS also urged the temple trust to treat the incident as an exceptional case and take comprehensive measures to strengthen security, financial management and operational transparency. Hosabale said effective systems should be put in place to ensure that the faith of crores of Ram devotees in the Ayodhya temple remains "unbroken and unwavering." He further said the prevailing confusion surrounding the issue should end through decisive action by the temple management and the SIT.

DMK MLA Anitha Radhakrishnan Arrested Over Alleged Defamatory Remarks Against CM Vijay; Stalin Slams TVK Chief - VIDEO



Chennai: Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MLA Anitha R. Radhakrishnan was arrested by Tamil Nadu Police on Friday after the Madras High Court dismissed his anticipatory bail petition in connection with a case over his objectionable remarks against Chief

Minister Vijay. The former minister's arrest triggered protests by party workers in Thoothukudi district, who accused the government of targeting the opposition. The case is related to a speech delivered by Radhakrishnan at a public meeting in Athur near Tiruchendur on June

20 during celebrations marking the birth anniversary of former Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi, according to police. While rejecting the plea for anticipatory bail, the court observed that Tamil Nadu has been governed by leaders from the film industry since 1967 and questioned the nature of the

speech allegedly delivered by Radhakrishnan during the public meeting. "Being MLA, what kind of speech you've spoken. Whoever it maybe, you have to respect the CM," the court said as reported by Live Law. Radhakrishnan mocked Vijay's appearance and his transition from the film industry to politics, according to India Today. The MLA had visited Athoor Town Panchayat, which falls under the Tiruchendur Assembly constituency, to inspect ongoing development works. During the visit, he inspected the Town Panchayat office as well as a newly constructed office building. As he stepped out after completing the inspection, police intercepted him, escorted him from his vehicle, and took him into custody.

Karnataka's 300-Year-Old Stepwell Restored In Belagavi Reveals Stunning Shiva Linga-Shaped Design Hidden Beneath Decades Of Waste

Bengaluru: A forgotten piece of Karnataka's architectural heritage has been given a new lease of life after an extensive restoration uncovered a stunning 300-year-old stepwell in Belagavi district. Once buried beneath layers of garbage, dense vegetation and debris, the historic structure has now re-emerged in all its grandeur, astonishing visitors with its remarkable craftsmanship and unique Shiva Linga-shaped layout. Located in Kanchaveer Nagar under the Mutaga Gram Panchayat limits in Belagavi taluk, the centuries-old stepwell lies close to the Belagavi-Sambra State Highway. Believed to date



back nearly 300 years, the monument is around 80 feet deep and features 53 beautifully carved stone steps leading down into its depths. The restoration has also revealed impressive architectural details, including massive retaining walls, decorative arches and intricately designed niches that show-

case the elegance of traditional Kannada craftsmanship. When viewed from above, the layout of the stepwell strikingly resembles the shape of a Shiva Linga, making it an even more fascinating heritage landmark. Historians and local residents believe the structure was constructed

during the Adil Shahi period, somewhere between the 15th and 17th centuries, although no official records identify the exact ruler responsible for its construction. The stepwell was built using black stone held together with a traditional mixture of lime, jaggery and sand, a centuries-old construction technique that has helped preserve the monument's strength and stability despite the passage of time. The revival project began after former Mutaga Gram Panchayat president Umesh Puri, along with local residents, approached the Belagavi-based Pyaas Foundation seeking help to restore the neglected structure.

EDITORIAL

Rama! Are your treasures not protected?

After it was revealed that the donations to the Ayodhya Ram Temple were looted on a large scale, not only were eight accused arrested, but also Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teertha Trust Secretary Champat Rai and Trustee Anil Mishra resigned. The special anti-corruption court has sent the eight arrested accused to 14 days of judicial custody. The Special Investigation Team (SIT), which conducted searches at the houses of the accused, has already seized Rs 79.85 lakh in cash. It has been found that the assets of one of the accused, Anukalpa Mishra, are beyond his income. Recently, it has been revealed that Mishra bought a house in Ayodhya worth Rs 65 lakh. The fact that Mishra, who joined the temple job three years ago with a salary of just Rs 15,000, has amassed unlimited assets in such a short period of time indicates the height of the loot. The trust came to know about the loss of temple donation money on June 4, and the next day, on the orders of Chief Secretary Champat Rai, the trust representatives along with the police went to the house of accused Avinash Shukla and seized approximately Rs. 58 lakhs. It is reported that the remaining amount was paid back by the accused through bank transfers between June 5 and 8. The fact that this entire recovery took place before the FIR was registered has now become a key factor in the investigation. Looking at all this, it seems that the looting of Ayodhya Ram temple donations went on like water under the carpet in a very organized manner. The fact that all this happened as a witness to Ayodhya Ram is raising many doubts and doubts about the management of the temple and the use of funds, from devotees to public representatives and even the courts. This incident is leading to intense discussions on the management of public money, donation management and transparency of other temples and religious institutions in the country. The SIT (Special Investigation Team) should investigate thoroughly and bring to justice anyone involved in the theft of Ayodhya donations, leaving no one behind. The construction of the Ayodhya temple was not the result of the own ideas or plans of a few devotees. The Babri Masjid, which had existed for centuries, was demolished and the Ram temple was built with the ideology of Hindutva propagandists. This temple was used as the Shri Ram mantra to create division in Indian society and for the BJP to come to power. This venture undertaken by the BJP at that time has borne fruit. This is the time for the BJP to prove how much it cares about protecting the faith of thousands of devotees and the trust of the people in the Ayodhya Ram temple. The efforts being made by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath to portray the demands for an impartial and comprehensive investigation as an attack on the temple and Hindu deities are not going to succeed now. Hindutva organizations often oppose the secular governments in the country controlling the management of Hindu temples and their properties. Hindutva groups cite the fact that the people of the respective religions control the administrative affairs of places of worship of other religions. There are differences of opinion on the use of funds of Hindu organizations for secular purposes. The Supreme Court has also made it clear in the past that temple funds should be limited to temples. Although governments are allocating funds to small temples for offering incense sticks, intellectuals and public representatives are of the opinion that there should be complete control and auditing of the surplus funds in large temples. It is essential in a democracy that the individuals and institutions running these systems are accountable to the people.

It is an urgent task to establish a strict regulatory mechanism to increase transparency to check abuse of power and ensure better services to the people. The Ayodhya incident is now making Hindu communities rethink. It is time to end the politics of using religion and beliefs just for votes and think about new ways to protect the faith of the people. The Ayodhya Ram Temple Trust has assumed importance because of the element of public representation. The society needs to examine the policies that apply to certain institutional or administrative arrangements that are applicable to a religion or community and to other religions in the society. Wherever the management of funds donated to temples by devotees who are part of the people must be a system that is subject to public scrutiny. Due to transparency in the financial transactions of temples, there is no disturbance to the divine power of the gods residing there. This would be an ideal model to be implemented across the country. It will coordinate all religions and their various branches. A petition has been filed in the Supreme Court seeking an inquiry into the misuse of Ayodhya funds. The court has said that the investigation will be conducted slowly and not urgently. On the other hand, it is noteworthy that the Faizabad Bar Association has decided that no one should argue on behalf of the accused.

Pakistan Might Just Be Getting A Bit Too Confident - This Time, With Afghanistan

Last night, Afghanistan struck alleged ISIS strongholds in Balochistan and Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa provinces in Pakistan. The Taliban Ministry of Defense posted on X that the Afghan air force had carried out strikes on a joint ISIS and "mischief and corruption" centre in the Saranan area of Pishin District, Balochistan". The facility, the post said, "had been used to organise sabotage operations and attacks inside Afghanistan" and "also served as a coordination center for the bombardments in which Afghan civilians were targeted". It further said that the air force had also "struck an ISIS centre in the Qamber Khel area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as well as another joint ISIS and "mischief and corruption" centre in the Garm Chashma area of the Shah Salim Valley in Chitral". These sites "were likewise being used to plan sabotage operations and attacks against civilians", the post said, adding, "the Afghan Air Defence Forces will continue to target any location used to threaten Afghanistan's security, Insha'Allah". One can only guess who the words "mischief and corruption centre" alluded to, but on Sunday, Pakistan had carried out strikes in the Afghan provinces of Paktia, Paktika, and Kunar. It confirmed the operation, with Information Minister Attaullah Tarar describing it as an "intelligence-based" and "precise" strike targeting hideouts of Tehrik-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP) militants and its breakaway faction Jamaat-ul-Ahrar. He said 25 militants were killed and large quantities of weapons and ammunition destroyed in response to recent terrorist attacks inside Pakistan,

including a deadly assault in Karachi on Saturday. *A Bloody, Invisible War* Pakistan's attacks were strongly condemned by international organisations. The Taliban said the attacks had, instead, struck civilian homes, killing 36 people and injuring another 163. The UN mission in Afghanistan (UNAMA) confirmed at least 28 civilians were killed and 49 wounded in Pakistan's strikes. UN Special Rapporteur on human rights in Afghanistan Richard Bennett expressed concern over the casualties. "Disturbed by civilian casualties, including women and children, in Pakistan's airstrikes in Paktia, Paktika & Kunar provinces in Afghanistan," he said on X. UNICEF said it was deeply alarmed that children were among those killed and injured. Away from the eyes of the world, currently focused on the Middle East, a war is being waged in India's neighborhood, which is getting vicious with each escalation. The immediate trigger for Pakistan's strikes was the deadly attack in Karachi last week on the paramilitary Pakistani Ranger's headquarters, which killed three Rangers and wounded four others. The militant group Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a breakaway faction of the Pakistani Taliban, had claimed the attack. Pakistan had vowed to avenge the attacks. However, since October last year, Pakistan has been waging a low kinetic war on Afghanistan, repeatedly attacking its border provinces, but also beyond. In February the vicious bombing of a drug rehabilitation centre in Kabul had killed hundreds of inmates. Pakistan's longtime allegations have been that the Taliban were



sheltering the Pakistani Taliban (TTP) leaders and militants, who, it says, use Afghan territory to plan and launch attacks inside Pakistan. The Taliban has repeatedly denied these charges. The border crossings between the two neighbors have remained largely closed since October, disrupting trade, cross-border travel, and humanitarian operations that rely on access through Pakistan. *'Proxy Policies'* Following Sunday's strikes, the Taliban's Foreign Ministry, announced that they were a clear violation of Afghanistan's airspace and a crime against humanity. It released a statement where it warned Islamabad to address its own internal problems instead of pursuing what it called "proxy policies". It added that this was not the first time the Pakistani military regime had blamed Afghanistan for incidents that occurred in heavily secured cities and areas hundreds of kilometres from the Afghan border, without presenting "credible evidence". Taliban sources have

often said that Pakistan attributes bombings and attacks inside its territory to Afghanistan to conceal and divert attention from its security and political failures. Yet, it has shunned the Taliban's offers for joint investigation into these attacks. This is a policy pursued by Pakistan that we in India are all too familiar with. Now, this policy is being directed against Pakistan's western neighbor, where ironically it's enemy now was once its protege. India has strongly condemned Sunday's attacks by Pakistan. Interestingly, however, India alone has criticised the attacks. None of the Taliban's other friends have done so. Pakistan also blames India for these attacks, alleging that New Delhi aids the Taliban. Accusations against India have swung wildly, from arming the Taliban to sending drones packaged as humanitarian aid. Following the attack on the Rangers headquarters, Pakistan's presidential spokesman, Murtaza Solangi, said the "illegitimate Afghan Taliban

regime" is trying to damage Pakistan's image as a supporter of global peace by backing terrorism from its territory to win the favour of India and Israel. *A Confused Nation* This reveals the confusion in Pakistan's thinking. Are the Taliban to blame or India? Perhaps, because Pakistan once used the Taliban against India, it believes that India may be paying back in the same currency. In any case, Pakistan began launching attacks on Afghanistan around the same time as India's ties with the Taliban deepened and a number of Taliban ministers visited Delhi. India has continued to dispatch humanitarian aid to Afghanistan; in fact, it continued to do so even before ties with the Taliban had warmed. As Pakistan weaponised trade and borders with Pakistan, India stepped in filling the gap by sending essential commodities. But nothing had forced Pakistan to cede such space to India.

The Rise Of The 'Outsider': Is Rahul Gandhi Giving Up On His Own Colleagues?

In every phase of Rahul Gandhi's politics, there has been one recurring complaint from within the Congress: he is more comfortable with outsiders than with Congressmen. The word "outsider" here does not always mean a person who joined the party yesterday. Sometimes it means someone outside the traditional state-unit hierarchy. Sometimes it means a technocrat, activist, ex-bureaucrat, professional, NGO-minded political worker, or private aide, who did not rise through the familiar Congress route of district committee, Youth Congress, PCC, AICC, factional loyalty, and electoral apprenticeship. At other times, it simply means someone who has Rahul's trust but not the wider party's respect.

The latest example is Rajendra Pal Gautam. The Congress has appointed the former Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader and Dalit activist as AICC in-charge of poll-bound Uttar Pradesh. He replaces Avinash Pandey. Gautam is also head of the Congress's Scheduled Castes department and is seen in party circles as part of Rahul Gandhi's renewed social justice push. But the choice has left many Congress leaders stunned. Uttar Pradesh is not an ordinary state for the Congress. It is where the party was born as a national force, where the Nehru-Gandhi family's politics acquired mass legitimacy, and where its decline has been most humiliating. In 2019, when Priyanka Gandhi entered formal party office as AICC general secretary, she was placed in charge of eastern Uttar Pradesh while Jyotiraditya Scindia handled the western region. Seven years later, the party's point man for the state is Rajendra Pal Gautam, a recent entrant from AAP, not a full-

fledged AICC general secretary or a Congress Working Committee heavyweight. This is not merely an appointment. It is a message. Rahul is saying that the old Congress structure has no automatic claim over the future. He is also saying that when it comes to ideological signalling, social justice, Dalit outreach, and anti-BJP confrontation, he would rather trust a convert than a tired insider. The question is whether this is courage, confusion, or another form of coterie politics.

Why Rahul Trusts The 'Outsider' Rahul Gandhi's preference for outsiders has a psychological and political history. He entered active politics surrounded by the old Congress: district satraps, faction managers, family retainers, PCC veterans, Delhi fixers, courtly advisers, and electoral brokers who had mastered survival long after they had forgotten renewal. Many of them treated him as an inheritance, not as a leader. They were deferential in public, dismissive in private, and transactional always. It is not difficult to see why Rahul grew suspicious of them. To him, the old Congress represents compromise: with power, caste elites, BJP-lite politics. The outsider, by contrast, appears uncorrupted by Congress decay. This is why men such as Sasikanth Senthil, Sachin Rao, Krishna Allavaru, K Raju, Praveen Chakravarty, Alankar Sawai, K B Byju, and Kanishka Singh have acquired varying degrees of importance in Rahul's world. They are not the same kind of people. Senthil is a former IAS officer who headed the Congress organisational war room for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections and later became an MP from Tamil Nadu. Sachin Rao is the training-and-ideology man, whose influence is visible in the "Jai

Jagat" current inside the party. Krishna Allavaru, a corporate-sector professional before full-time politics, rose through Rahul's Youth Congress universe and is now entrusted with major organisational work. K Raju, also a former bureaucrat, has long been associated with Rahul's social justice project. Praveen Chakravarty brought data analytics and professional-class politics into the party. Alankar Sawai and KB Byju represent Rahul's trusted inner office - the world of access, logistics, intelligence, and last-mile control. Kanishka Singh, an older Rahul aide, embodied the same phenomenon much earlier. Add to this earlier names such as G Mohan Gopal, Mohan Prakash, and Madhusudan Mistry, and a pattern emerges. Rahul repeatedly looks for people who are not dependent on the Congress's old provincial ecosystem for their authority. They owe him more directly. They also tell him what he wants to believe: that the party can be rebuilt by bypassing those who presided over its decline.

The Loyalist's Complaint The loyal Congress worker sees this very differently. For them, the party's problem is not that insiders have failed Rahul. It is that Rahul has failed to recognise insiders. The complaint runs across states: those who stayed back through the worst years of Modi dominance, ED-CBI pressure, BJP aggression, ideological attacks, and repeated defeats are often ignored, while late entrants or private loyalists are given key assignments. This complaint is not entirely unfair. Congress loyalists have suffered a peculiar form of neglect. They are summoned for protests, yatras, booth meetings, arrests, press conferences, and last-minute mobilisation. But when appointments are made,



Rajya Sabha tickets distributed, election war rooms created, or state in-charges chosen, they often see unfamiliar faces leapfrog them. The Haryana Rajya Sabha episode showed this discomfort. Rahul's camp backed Karamvir Singh Boudh, a little-known Dalit face, instead of choosing a conventional Haryana heavyweight. Boudh eventually won after a dramatic contest, but the process exposed sabotage, invalid votes, and cross-voting by Congress MLAs. To Rahul's supporters, this proved the sickness of the old system. To the old system, it proved the danger of ignoring local power equations. The same divide appeared in Madhya Pradesh, where Meenakshi Natarajan, a Rahul loyalist, was preferred over a safer old-guard candidate. In Tamil Nadu, Praveen Chakravarty's Rajya Sabha nomination carried the same scent of Rahul-style professional politics. But politics is not only about symbolism. It is about holding rooms together. Outsiders may impress Rahul, but they do not always command MLAs. They can draft strategies, but they cannot al-

ways persuade district presidents. They can speak the language of caste justice, constitutionalism, data and renewal, but they may not know who controls a block committee in Ballia, a faction in Morena, or a booth network in Rohtak. This is the recurring Congress tragedy: Rahul diagnoses correctly that the old machinery is broken, but often replaces it with instruments that are not rooted enough to work.

A Room Of Rahul's Own The Congress today has two Rahul Gandhis. One Rahul speaks of decentralisation, caste representation, youth voice, internal courage, and ideological clarity. The other Rahul runs a system where access to him remains mediated by a small circle, where unelected advisers often appear more consequential than elected leaders, and where loyalists keep guessing which door matters. This contradiction has weakened him. A political party cannot be rebuilt only through professional advisers, ideological converts, or personally loyal aides. Nor can it be rebuilt only through stale old-guard managers.



RBI Opposes Legalising Crypto, Flags Risks To Financial Stability

New Delhi: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reiterated its opposition to the legalisation of virtual digital assets (VDAs), including cryptocurrencies, warning a Parliamentary panel that such instruments pose significant risks to financial and monetary stability, particularly in emerging economies like India. The RBI's views were presented during a meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance, which is examining a "Study on Virtual Digital Assets and the Way Forward." The committee, chaired by BJP MP Bhartruhari Mahtab, is also reviewing the progress of India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), or the digital rupee. According to reports, the RBI highlighted



that while it is advancing its own sovereign digital currency initiatives, privately issued cryptocurrencies present complex regulatory, taxation, and enforcement challenges. It pointed to global examples, noting

that countries like China and Qatar have banned such assets, while regions like Europe allow them under strict regulatory frameworks. The central bank also expressed concerns that digital assets could be

misused for illegal activities such as terror financing and narcotics trafficking. It further warned that monitoring offshore crypto platforms is particularly difficult, creating enforcement gaps for regulators.

Enviro Infra Bags Rs.256.92 Crore UP Orders, Secures Two Sewage Plant Projects Under Namami Gange



Mumbai: Enviro Infra Engineers has secured two major domestic orders worth a combined Rs 256.92 crore (excluding GST) from Uttar Pradesh Jal Nigam (Rural) for sewage treatment projects in Uttar

Pradesh. The projects are part of the government's flagship Namami Gange Programme, aimed at improving wastewater management and reducing pollution in the Ganga river. The first contract, valued

at Rs 126.78 crore, involves the development of a 45 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant and related infrastructure in Pt. Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar (DDU Nagar). The second contract, worth Rs 130.14 crore,

is for a 60 MLD Sewage Treatment Plant at Lohta, Varanasi, along with associated infrastructure. Together, the two projects will add 105 MLD sewage treatment capacity, strengthening urban sanitation infrastructure in the state. Both projects will be executed under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) Public-Private Partnership framework. The DDU Nagar project has a construction timeline of 18 months, followed by three months of trial operations. The Varanasi project will take 21 months to build, with an additional three-month trial period. After commissioning, both plants will be operated and maintained by the company for 15 years, ensuring long-term recurring revenue.

Vedanta Power Sales Surge 38% in Q1 FY27, Generation Rises to 5,225 Million Units

Mumbai: Vedanta Power Limited announced on Thursday that its power sales for the first quarter ended June 30, 2026, surged by 38 percent year-on-year, totalling 5,225 million units. The company's Meenakshi Energy plant significantly contributed to this growth. Meenakshi Energy Ltd reported a 245 percent year-on-year increase in power sales, reaching 1,350 million units. On a sequential basis, sales at Meenakshi Energy grew by 16 percent from the previous quarter. Sales at the Talwandi Sabo Thermal Plant (TSTP) remained stable quarter-on-quarter at 2,723 million units. The Plant Availability Factor (PAF) for TSTP improved to 86 percent for the quarter, up from 77 percent in the previous financial



year. Sales from the Sakti Thermal Plant, formerly known as Athena Power Plant, were 465 million units. This decline was due to reduced plant availability after a boiler blast in unit-I on April 14, 2026, which led to a temporary shutdown. The Jharsuguda Thermal Plant recorded power sales of 687 million units. This represents a 1 percent increase from the prior quarter, but a 23 percent decrease compared to the first quarter of FY26. Vedanta Power Limited was demerged from Vedanta Limited during the first quarter of FY27. The company noted that the reported quarter includes both pre- and post-merger periods, which should be considered when comparing with previous periods.

RRP Defense Bags ?64.31 Crore BEL Order, Wins Contract To Supply Advanced Day Scopes

Mumbai: RRP Defense Ltd announced on Friday, 3 July 2026, that it has secured a purchase order valued at Rs 64.31 crore from Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), Machilipatnam Unit. The order is for the supply of 16,035 units of VARDHANA X6: DAY SCOPE and its associated components. The company will execute the order in three lots. The first lot of 9,275 units is to be supplied

within seven months of the purchase order date. The second lot of 4,500 units is due by 27 June 2027, and the final lot of 2,260 units by 27 December 2027. Deliveries are permitted on a staggered basis, with a minimum lot size of 1,000 units. This order represents the first instance under the 100 percent Indigenous Mandate where RRP Defense has secured a complete Transfer of Technol-



ogy (ToT) licence from Meprolight, Israel. This licence grants RRP Defense

exclusivity for manufacturing and assembly in the Indian region.

Mukesh Ambani, Sunil Mittal Join Global AI Commission To Shape Responsible AI Governance

Mumbai: Reliance Industries chairman and managing director Mukesh Ambani and Bharti Enterprises founder Sunil Bharti Mittal have become part of a newly launched global commission on artificial intelligence that brings together more than 40 global leaders from industry, government, and multilateral organisations. The initiative is designed to guide the responsible development and adoption of AI technologies worldwide. The AI for Good Global Commission was announced on July 3 by Rwanda President Paul Kagame, Salesforce CEO Marc Benioff, and International Telecommunication Union (ITU) secretary-gen-



eral Doreen Bogdan-Martin. The commission aims to create practical frameworks that enhance trust in AI systems, expand access to the technology, and promote its use in solving global challenges.

Alongside Ambani and Mittal, the founding members include top global technology executives such

as Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang, Microsoft vice chair Brad Smith, Amazon CEO Andy Jassy, Google research head James Manyika, Qualcomm CEO Cristiano Amon, Anthropic co-founder Jack Clark, Accenture CEO Julie Sweet, Vodafone CEO Margherita Della Valle, and Cohere CEO Aidan Gomez, among

others. The commission has been formed to bridge gaps between governments, private companies, and international institutions at a time when countries are racing to harness AI while managing concerns related to safety, governance, and equitable access. President Kagame emphasised that technology must serve humanity's broader interests, noting that it should remain a force for good. He will co-chair the commission alongside Marc Benioff.

Benioff added that AI's success will depend not only on its economic potential but also on building trust in its deployment and ensuring responsible usage across sectors.

Kusumgar Ltd Sets IPO Price Band At Rs.398-419 For Rs.650 Crore Issue Opening July 8

New Delhi: Engineered fabric manufacturer Kusumgar Ltd on Friday fixed a price band of Rs 398 to Rs 419 per share for its upcoming Rs 650-crore initial public offering (IPO). In a statement, the company said its maiden public offering will open for subscription on July 8 and conclude on July 10. The IPO is structured entirely as an offer-for-sale (OFS) of 10.5 crore shares by promoters. Since the issue is an OFS, the Mumbai-based firm will not receive any proceeds and the funds will go entirely to the selling shareholders. The company said half the issue is reserved for qualified institutional buyers, 35 per cent for retail investors and the remaining 15 per cent for non-institutional



investors.

Founded in 1990, the company manufactures woven, coated and laminated synthetic fabrics, known as engineered fabrics. It primarily produces aerospace and defence fab-

rics, industrial and automotive fabrics, and outdoor and lifestyle fabrics. The company has six manufacturing facilities in Gujarat and one fabrication unit in Uttar Pradesh. On the financial front, Kusumgar posted

revenue from operations of Rs 692 crore in FY26 and a net profit of Rs 98.2 crore. Axis Capital, IIFL Capital Services and Motilal Oswal Investment Advisors are the book-running lead managers.

Rupee Rises 14 Paise To Close At 95.21 Against US Dollar Amid Weak Dollar Index And Equity Gains

Mumbai: The rupee appreciated 14 paise to close at Rs 95.21 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday as the dollar index retreated from its recent 15-month high levels and mirrored positive domestic equities. Forex traders said despite a weaker dollar index and lower crude oil prices, the rupee is facing pressure from robust dollar demand from importers and corporate hedgers. At the inter-bank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at Rs 95.20 against the American currency and traded in a range of Rs 95.16-95.35 during the session. The rupee finally closed at Rs 95.21 (provisional), registering a rise of 14 paise from its previous close. The rupee had pared initial gains



and settled on a negative note, lower by 19 paise at Rs 95.35 against the US dollar. According to experts, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is actively purchasing dollars to rebuild its foreign exchange reserves, which have dropped to roughly USD 672.6 billion from a February peak of USD 728.49 billion. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's

strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 100.75, lower than its recent 15-month high of 101.6. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 0.22 per cent at USD 71.96 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equity market front, Sensex climbed 261.79 points to settle at 77,763.91, while the Nifty was up 95.15 points to 24,270.85. Foreign

institutional investors sold equities worth Rs 311.82 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data. Foreign investors extended their selling spree in June, withdrawing Rs 49,340 crore (USD 5.16 billion) from Indian equities, triggered by a combination of early-month global risk aversion, a preference for developed markets, soaring US bond yields and stretched valuations in the domestic market. According to data from the Central Depository Services (India) Ltd, total withdrawals by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) from Indian equities have surged to Rs 2.7 lakh crore so far in 2026, surpassing the Rs 1.66 lakh crore pulled out during the entire calendar year 2025.

Rs.10,000 Crore Jet Fuel Price Stabilisation Scheme Falls Flat As Crude Prices Ease

New Delhi: The Union government's Rs.10,000-crore aviation turbine fuel (ATF) price stabilisation scheme has failed to attract any airline participation, with no carrier opting into the voluntary programme, according to sources. The scheme, designed to protect airlines from fuel price volatility, has not yet been implemented. The Cabinet had approved the initiative last month to cap ATF prices for participating airlines at



around Rs.115 per litre for up to three years. The objective was to shield carriers from sharp fluctuations

in fuel costs triggered by geopolitical tensions in West Asia, while also compensating state-owned oil

marketing companies for selling fuel at controlled rates. Under the scheme, airlines were required to sign agreements with oil marketing companies. They would pay a fixed free-on-board (FOB) benchmark of Rs.86.32 per litre, along with airport charges, taxes, and margins, resulting in an effective price of Rs.115 in Delhi, Rs.114.5 in Mumbai, and Rs.139 in Chennai. Airlines not opting in would continue to pay market-linked prices.

Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya Calls for Stronger Industry–Youth Partnership through MY Bharat Digital Platform

- MY Bharat Platform Can Connect Every Young Indian with Opportunities: MoS Raksha Khadse

- Industry Association Conclave Strengthens Government–Industry Partnership for Youth Development



New Delhi, July, 3 (PIB): In a significant step towards strengthening collaboration between Government and industry for youth development, the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, organised the Industry Association Conclave at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, bringing together 20+ leading industry associations, corporates, public sector enterprises, CSR organisations and senior government officials to build strategic partnerships through the MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) ecosystem. The conclave focused on expanding opportunities for young people through skilling, volunteering, in-

ternships, entrepreneurship, innovation and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), while advancing the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047.

The inaugural session was graced by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, Ms. Deepti Gaur Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Shri Nitesh Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, along with representatives from leading industry associations and CSR

organisations.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that India's demographic dividend can become its greatest strength only when youth are connected with meaningful opportunities through active partnerships between Government and industry. "Nearly 65 percent of India's population is below the age of 35. Our youth are India's greatest strength and soft power. By connecting them with industry through the MY Bharat Platform, we can unlock their potential and accelerate the journey towards Viksit Bharat@2047."

Union Minister highlighted that the MY Bharat Digital Platform, envisioned



by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, is designed as a single window platform that connects young people with opportunities for learning, volunteering, innovation, skill development and leadership. He urged industry associations to actively leverage their CSR initiatives to create structured opportunities for youth, promote entrepreneurship and experiential learning, strengthen youth engagement around industrial clusters, and partner in the development of Vibrant Villages with MY Bharat volunteers. Stressing the need to address substance abuse among youth, he called for collective action by Government, industry and civil society to channel young

people's energy towards constructive nation-building. Addressing the conclave, Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, called upon industry associations and institutions to integrate their youth initiatives with the MY Bharat Digital Platform. "Youth development is not limited to skilling alone; it is about creating responsible citizens who actively participate in building a stronger and more inclusive India. By aligning youth initiatives with the MY Bharat platform, we can ensure that opportunities reach every young citizen, including those in the remotest parts of the country."

She emphasised that MY

Bharat serves as a bridge connecting talented youth with opportunities irrespective of geography and urged organisations to actively promote the Ministry's flagship initiatives through the platform. She noted that stronger collaboration between industry and youth would create new avenues for innovation, employment, entrepreneurship and community development. Dr. Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Department of Youth Affairs, highlighted that MY Bharat is evolving into a comprehensive digital ecosystem that identifies young people's aspirations and connects them with opportunities for learning, volunteering, innovation, entrepreneurship and employment.

TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality Across Gangtok and Pakyong Districts and from Deorali Bazar, Gangtok to Nathu La Pass along NH 310 in the State of Sikkim under West Bengal LSA

New Delhi, July, 3 (PIB): The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released findings of Independent Drive Test (IDT) conducted across Gangtok and Pakyong Districts and from Deorali Bazar, Gangtok to Nathu La Pass along NH 310 in the State of Sikkim under West Bengal LSA, during the month of May- 2026, for information of general telecom consumers. The purpose of this drive test is to assess and verify real time quality of mobile network services (both voice & data) provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). During the IDT, TRAI captures performance of TSPs for key Quality of Service (QoS) parameters like Coverage, Call Drop Rate (CDR), Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), data Download (DL) and Upload (UL) throughput etc., which are then published to inform Consumers and encourage TSPs to improve their services. These IDTs have been designed to capture on ground mobile network performance of all TSPs across diverse usages environment like cities, hotspots, public transport hubs, etc. In this type of drive testing, live data and voice sessions are established using SIM cards from all TSPs over 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G networks. Multiple advanced test handsets are used, and the sessions are monitored and analysed in real-time using advanced Software Systems. TRAI, through its appointed agency, conducted drive tests across City drive – 102.8 KMs, Highway drive- 66.5 KMs, Hotspot locations - 5, in Sikkim State during 8th May' 2026 to 9th May' 2026 in West Bengal LSA. These tests were conducted under the supervision of the TRAI Regional Office Kolkata. The observations presented in drive test reports represent the performance of the TSPs on the area/ route under test on the day/ time of conducting the drive test.

TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality across Bharuch city and nearby areas (in Gujarat LSA)

New Delhi, July, 3 (PIB): The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released findings of Independent Drive Test (IDT) conducted across Bharuch city and nearby areas (in Gujarat LSA), during the month of May 2026, for information of general telecom consumers. The purpose of this drive test is to assess and verify real time quality of mobile network services (both voice & data) provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). During the IDT, TRAI captures performance of TSPs for key Quality of Service (QoS) parameters like Coverage, Call Drop Rate (CDR), Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), data Download (DL) and Upload (UL) throughput etc., which are then published to inform Consumers and encourage TSPs to improve their services. These IDTs have been designed to capture on ground mobile network performance of all TSPs across diverse usages environment like cities, hotspots, public transport hubs, etc. In this type of drive testing, live data and voice sessions are established using SIM cards from all TSPs over 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G networks. Multiple advanced test handsets are used, and the sessions are monitored and analysed in real-time using advanced Software Systems. TRAI, through its appointed agency, conducted drive tests across City drive – 361.2 KMs, Hotspot locations - 11 and Walk Test - 1.5 KMs in Bharuch city and nearby areas during 5th May 2026 to 8th May 2026 in Gujarat LSA. These tests were conducted under the supervision of the TRAI Regional Office Jaipur. The observations presented in drive test reports represent the performance of the TSPs on the area/ route under test on the day/ time of conducting the drive test.

Ministry of Law and Justice to Organise 'Reforms Utsav & Chintan Shivir 2026' at Mount Abu

New Delhi, July, 3 (PIB): The Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India, will jointly organise 'Reforms Utsav & Chintan Shivir 2026' on 4–5 July 2026 at Gyan Sarovar, Brahma Kumaris Headquarters, Mount Abu, Rajasthan. The two-day programme is being organised to review the Ministry's key achievements, highlight important legal and institutional reforms, and discuss the future roadmap for building a modern, efficient and citizen-centric legal system in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047. The programme will be graced by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Hon'ble Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice.

The inaugural session will present the Ministry's vision for an efficient, technology-driven and citizen-centric legal ecosystem. The programme will include thematic presentations and brainstorming sessions on legal governance, Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR), legislative reforms, digital transformation, Artificial Intelligence, technology-enabled governance, institutional reforms, capacity building and administrative excellence. The discussions will focus on sharing ideas, identifying practical reforms and improving governance and service delivery.

The Chintan Shivir is expected to result in a Vision Document, reform proposals, recommendations for institutional improvements, a roadmap for digital transformation, and short- and medium-term action points for implementation across the Ministry. Senior officers and officials of the Department of Legal Affairs and the Legislative Department will participate in the programme, making it an important forum for discussion, collaboration and strategic planning. The event reflects the Ministry's continued commitment to innovation, good governance and institutional excellence. It is expected to support the ongoing efforts to build a transparent, efficient and future-ready legal and legislative ecosystem that contributes to the vision of Viksit Bharat @2047.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

Tooth ache or stomach upset may create some problems for you. Take a physician's advice to get relief immediately. Any of your chronic diseases may bother you today, due to which you may have to go to the hospital and spend a lot of money. Spending time with children will be important. Those who stay away from their lover can miss them deeply today. Because of this, you can talk to your beloved on the phone for hours during the night. Tact will be required while handling colleagues. Someone from your past is likely to contact you and make it a memorable day. Today, you will experience that the love of your partner forgets you about the pains of life.

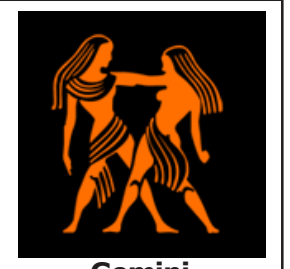
Remedy :- Keep water in a Copper vessel near bedside at night, and next morning, pour this water at the root of a nearest tree, for excellent health benefits.



Taurus

Your energy level will be high. There is a possibility of money loss today, hence you are required to remain alert while making transactions or signing any document. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems- Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. Some difference may crop up with your darling-You will have difficulty trying to make your mate understand your position. Your partner will be hard to deal with. While spending free time with your spouse tonight, you will realize how important it is to give them more time. Work pressure had been hampering your married life since long. But today, all the grievances will be vanished.

Remedy :- For enhanced financial condition, plant a banana tree, tend to it and worship it.



Gemini

A beneficial day and you may be able to find relief from a prolong illness. An old friend can ask you for financial help today. However, your assistance can weaken your financial conditions. Children need to concentrate on studies and plan for the future. You are likely to be dazzled by some natural beauty today. You will make beneficial career changes if you present yourself in a professional manner. You should try to understand the things in the right manner, otherwise you'll waste your free time just thinking about such scenarios continuously. Today, you will realize that all the vows taken on your marriage were true. Your spouse is your soulmate.

Remedy :- Financial life will become better by using green vehicles.



Cancer

Misusing personal relations to fulfil your expectations would annoy your wife. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. You will also make important contacts through friends. The ecstasy of entire universe is held between the two who are in love. Yes, you are the lucky one. You need to focus on your way of working to get good results at the workplace, otherwise your negative image can get created in the eyes of your boss. Today, you will be able to spend time with your lover and put forward your feelings in front of him/her. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations.

Remedy :- Wear Green Coloured clothes



Leo

Your mind will be disturbed with recent events. Meditation and yoga will prove to be beneficial for spiritual as well as physical gains. At the beginning of the day, you may suffer from any financial loss, which can spoil the whole day. Try to be reasonable especially with people who love and care for you. Exciting day of romance- Plan something special for the evening and try to make it as romantic as possible. Great day to implement new projects and plans. You have spare time today for socializing and follow up with things that you love doing the most. Your partner might do something fabulous unintentionally, which will be really unforgettable.

Remedy :- For a good financial life, keep green stones in flower pots, keep plants in green bottles, and also have green tiles in bathroom.



Virgo

If possible try to avoid long journey as you are too weak to travel and this could put further weaken you. Today, you are likely to attain benefits from the help of your brother or sister. Think before sharing your confidential information with your spouse. If possible, try to avoid as she might reveal it to someone else. Be careful your romantic partner may flatter you- don't leave me alone in this lonely world. Bold steps and decisions would bring favourable rewards. The natives of this zodiac sign would like to spend more time alone than meeting people today. Today, your free time can be spent by cleaning the house. Your spouse will be full of energy and love today.

Remedy :- Include use of white clothes in your daily wear for good health.



Libra

Work pressure might bring some stress and tension today. It should be well understood that in the hour of grief, your accumulated wealth will only help you tackle the situation. Hence, start saving from today and avoid excessive spending. A better understanding with your spouse brings in happiness-peace and prosperity at home. Your work will take a backseat- as you find comfort-pleasure and extreme ecstasy in the arms of your beloved. You will be in a strong position to put together a team and work toward a collective goal. Today, you would like to do all the things that you used to love during your childhood. Romantic songs, aromatic candles, good food, and some drinks; the day is all about this with your spouse.

Remedy :- Distribute sweets and savouries made of ground yellow chana dal to needy people for amazing health benefits.



Scorpio

Astrological guidance by a friend will encourage you to improve your health. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Good time to get involved into activities that include youngsters. Erratic behaviour of your darling might make your mood upset. This is an excellent time for developing professional contacts in other countries. Good day for some recreation and entertainment. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today.

Remedy :- Offer seven almonds and seven grains of black grams in Shani temple and build a strong love life.



Sagittarius

Outings-parties and pleasure jaunts will keep you in good mood today. Money can be required anytime, so plan your finances and start saving now as much as possible. Let family tension not divert your attention. Bad times give us much more. You will be in a loving mood- so be sure to make special plans for you and your beloved. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. Travel and educational pursuits will enhance your awareness. Those who say that marriage is all about sex, they lie. Because today, you will know what true love is.

Remedy :- For enhanced career/work life/business, brush your teeth with herbal-based toothpaste such as neem and babool.



Capricorn

Your frank and fearless views could hurt the vanity of your friend. It's another high-energy day and unexpected gains are foreseen. You will upset your spouse if you spend money on things that you don't immediately require. Beloved will be in a romantic mood. Daydreaming will bring your downfall- Do not count on others to do your work. You need to remember that god helps those who help themselves. Today, you will fall in love with your spouse again.

Remedy :- Maintain harmony and balance in the family by switching on a white-light zero watt bulb in the Northwest direction.



Aquarius

Health will be perfect today. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Domestic work keeps you busy most of the time. Love will show positive vibes Good day for businessmen. A sudden trip undertaken for business purpose will yield positive results. Today, you can think of spending your free time carrying out religious work. During this time, do not get into unnecessary conflicts. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse.

Remedy :- For enhancing positive experiences in the family, offer 28 drops of mustard oil near Peepal or banyan tree or in a pot filled with mud at home.



Pisces

Cheer up as good time ahead and you will have additional energy. You may get into a fight with your spouse today over money-related matters. However, you will fix everything with your calm attitude. A wonderful day to enjoy the company of guests. Plan something special with your relatives. They would also appreciate it. A good communication or a message from your beloved or spouse will enhance your morale today. Added knowledge that you acquire today would give you an edge when dealing with peers. Amidst your busy life, you will get enough time for yourself today and be able to do your favorite things. Marriage had never been so wonderful before than today.

Remedy :- Accept rice and silver from your mother and keep it in your home to improve your financial condition.

Rao Bahadur Trailer: ‘Telugu Cinema Like Never Before’



Satya Dev’s psychological drama Rao Bahadur is set to arrive in cinemas in just three days, on July 3. Directed by Venkatesh Maha and presented by Superstar Mahesh Babu, the film has been generating significant buzz, with the team leaving no stone unturned in its promotional campaign. Meanwhile, the makers today unveiled a special video titled

More Than A Teaser, featuring a voiceover by Mahesh Babu himself. The narration opens by challenging a popular belief. While people often say that drama defies logic, Mahesh Babu offers a fresh perspective: when drama meets magic, logic itself takes on a new meaning. This thought-provoking introduction immediately suggests that the film ventures into un-

explored storytelling territory. The promo further reveals how a single doubt can become powerful enough to alter destiny. It can keep alive a man who was supposed to have died a year earlier, before gradually growing into an obsession that consumes his entire world and changes the course of his life. One of the biggest highlights of the promo is Mahesh Babu’s de-

scription of the film’s magic. Calling Rao Bahadur a Drushya Kavyam (visual poem, he emphasizing that the film’s brilliance stems from its extraordinary visual storytelling. He also promises that, Rao Bahadur is a first-of-its-kind in Telugu cinema. Mahesh Babu’s words reflect his immense confidence in the film and further elevate the anticipation surrounding its release.

Lenin Trailer: Akkineni Akhil’s Vishwaroopam!



Akhil Akkineni is finally ready to test his luck with Lenin, which is arriving in theatres on July 10. After keeping the story under wraps throughout the promotional campaign, the makers have now revealed the film’s core conflict with a grand trailer launch in Visakhapatnam. It offers a clear picture of what audiences can expect. The story is set in Srirampuram, a small village in Chittoor district where an eighteen day

Draupadamma festival is celebrated with strict traditions. Not even a drop of blood is allowed to be spilled during the festivities. This peaceful backdrop soon turns into a battlefield after an unexpected incident. Akhil plays a young man who visits the village for his politician friend and falls in love with a local girl. But things take a violent turn as both his friend and his lover land in grave danger. The rest of the film revolves around

how Lenin picks up the sword and fights against all odds. The biggest surprise is Akhil’s makeover. From his body language and dialogue delivery to the rustic dialect and emotional intensity, he looks completely different from his previous films. The trailer also gives glimpses of Bhagya Shri Borse, Shivaji and Sunil in important roles. Thaman’s background score gives the action blocks solid energy and enhances the emotional moments.

The trailer suggests that the film is designed largely around Akhil’s character, giving him enough scope to deliver both mass moments and emotional drama. After waiting for a breakthrough for nearly a decade, Akhil appears to have found a promising script. With no major competition at the box office and a strong rural action backdrop, Lenin has the ingredients to emerge as a solid commercial success if it connects with the audience.

Can Dhurandhar Hero Pull Off The VFX-Heavy World?

Ranveer Singh appears to be entering one of the most exciting phases of his career. After impressing audiences with his intense and rugged avatar in Dhurandhar, the actor is now gearing up for another ambitious project, Pralay, directed by Jai Mehta. Recent reports suggest that the film will go on floors in September, with a significant portion of the shoot planned in Australia. What makes Pralay particularly intriguing is its scale. Unlike Dhurandhar, which showcased Ranveer in a raw, grounded, and action-driven role, Pralay is expected to rely heavily on visual effects and larger-than-life storytelling. The film is reportedly being mounted as a grand cinematic spectacle, requiring extensive VFX work to bring its world to life.

This shift presents a new challenge for Ranveer. Over the

years, he has proven his versatility in films ranging from historical dramas to commercial entertainers. However, carrying a VFX-heavy film demands a different kind of screen presence, where actors often perform against green screens and imaginary environments before the magic is added in post-production. Fans are already excited to see how Ranveer adapts to this format. His performance in Dhurandhar reminded audiences of his ability to completely transform into a character, and many believe the same commitment could elevate Pralay as well. With production set to begin soon and expectations steadily rising, Pralay has all the ingredients of a major event film. The coming months will reveal whether Ranveer can successfully transition from the gritty world of Dhurandhar to a visually spectacular universe driven by cutting-edge technology and grand storytelling.



Allari Naresh’s RUM FL: Fantasy Humor



The makers of Allari Naresh’s 65th film made his birthday even more special by unveiling the film’s title, Ramba Oorvasi Menaka, and releasing a spectacular first-look poster that offers a peek into its fantasy and humorous world. The creatively designed poster showcases Allari Naresh in a peculiar avatar, seemingly caught between the heavens and earth, surrounded by celestial beings and endless scrolls. The poster teases an imaginative storyline where fantasy meets comedy, setting the stage for an out-and-out entertainer. Directed by Chandra Mohan Chintada, the film is being bankrolled by Razesh Danda and Nimmakayala Prasad under the banners of Annapurna Studios and Hasya Movies. The technical department features Raam Reddy as cinematographer, and Chaitan Bharadwaj as music director. Ramba Oorvasi Menaka has made an impressive first impression with the first look poster. The film is slated for a theatrical release worldwide on September 4th.

NTR As Muruga, But Who Will Play Lord Shiva?



The official announcement of NTR and Trivikram Srinivas’ much-awaited pan-India epic has sent fans into a frenzy. The film, inspired by Lord Muruga, marks the reunion of the blockbuster duo after Aravinda Sametha Veera Raghava. The concept poster and tagline have already hinted at a grand mythological spectacle rooted in divinity and warfare.

While fans are thrilled to see NTR step into the role of Muruga, a new discussion has now taken over social media. The biggest question being asked is: who will portray Lord Shiva in the film? Since Muruga is the son of Shiva and Parvathi, many believe the character of Shiva will play a crucial role in the narrative. Fans feel that casting a powerful senior star in the role would elevate the film’s scale and create unforgettable on-screen moments alongside NTR. Names of several veteran stars are already being floated online, with movie lovers suggesting that only an actor with immense screen presence can match NTR in a mythological setting. Social media discussions are filled with casting suggestions, making the topic one of the hottest talking points. However, the makers have not revealed any casting details beyond the core team. With Trivikram known for carefully selecting his performers, fans are eagerly waiting to see who lands the prestigious role.

For now, the excitement is only growing. NTR as Muruga has already captured attention, but the actor chosen to play Lord Shiva could become one of the film’s biggest surprises.

Former selector Sarandeep Singh backs Vaibhav Sooryavanshi for India T20I debut against England

New Delhi: Former India selector Sarandeep Singh wants to see Vaibhav Sooryavanshi in the Indian playing eleven for the T20 series opener against England in Durham.

Sooryavanshi did not get to play in the series against Ire-land that world champions In-dia lost 0-2. If he plays against England on Wednesday, he would become the youngest cricketer to play for India.

“He should have played (against Ireland). The team management has to see how it should place him in the play-ing eleven. Sometimes tough calls have to be made. Give some senior players rest and he might get his opportunity.

“If you are building the team for the future, then a rotation policy must come into play. Then you have to sit some play-ers out and give them an op-portunity,” Sarandeep told PTI



on the sidelines of the DPL auction here.

The 15-year-old was in stel-lar form in the IPL before scor-ing a match winning 94 off 29 balls for India A in Sri Lanka. Sarandeep backed Sooryavanshi to carry that form at the highest level. “This is the time to test him; don’t leave him out. If there is an opportunity, just play him in the XI. The form which he is in right now, this is

the right time to start playing with him as soon as possible. The way he is batting, he can win matches on your own,” the former India spinner observed. Sarandeep feels Sooryavanshi can go on to rep-resent India in all formats. “He is very young, he can also learn red-ball skills. He is also play-ing for Bihar in the Ranji Tro-phy. He has the talent to play all 3 formats,” he noted.

Sooryavanshi debate intensifies as India face England in T20 series opener



Chester-Le-Street (UK): Vaibhav Sooryavanshi’s e-agerly awaited debut and India’s exposed batting frailties on challenging wickets dominate the discourse as India take on England in a five-match T20 International series. India as-sistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate said Sooryavanshi will have to “go through the process and bide his time” like any other cricketer to earn a place in the XI. At the same time, he had no hesitation in stating that the 15-year-old swashbuckler seems ready for the grind. However, it remains

to be seen whether the manage-ment will hold firm on its re-solve that Sooryavanshi must follow the process amid the growing clamour to blood the explosive hitter. Ten Doeschate was candid enough to admit that there is disbelief in the camp after being whitewashed 0-2 by Ireland last week, and it could well become the trigger for drastic action. The twin fail-ure of Sanju Samson against Ireland offers them a perfect excuse to bench the opener and pair Sooryavanshi with Abhishek Sharma, who could be retained after his 20-ball 49

in the first T20I at Belfast. It could end up being the move that gives the visitors a strong start against England in the five-match series. Ishan Kishan also did not cover himself in glory during the two-match se-ries against Ireland and was dismissed for 1 and 12. So, the management can bench either of the two to accommodate Sooryavanshi, but they will also consider the possible ef-fect such a move may have on the morale of the omitted bat-ter. If one takes the case of Samson, he had a strong run in the back-end of the T20 World Cup earlier this year and also scored two centuries for Chennai Super Kings in the IPL. However, the think tank led by chairman of selectors Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir is not averse to taking harsh calls, and those in doubt can revisit the Suryakumar Yadav story. They also handed debuts to Suryansh Shedge and Prince Yadav against Ireland, leaving Sooryavanshi waiting for his national cap.

Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships 2026: Abhinandh and Divyanshi Bhowmick beat China to guarantee medal in Bangkok

Bangkok: India’s top-seeded under-19 mixed doubles pair of P.B. Abhinandh and Divyanshi Bhowmick moved within one step of the final af-ter producing a sensational victory over the second Chi-nese combination to storm into the semifinals of the Asian Youth Table Tennis Champion-ships in Bangkok. With the em-phatic 11-9, 11-6, 11-7 quarterfinal triumph, the Indian pair has not only secured a place in the last four but also assured the country of at least a bronze medal in the presti-gious continental champion-ships. Abhinandh and Divyanshi displayed remark-able composure and tactical discipline to outplay Yiren Tang and Yiyi Jiang of China. The victory underlined the growing stature of the Indian pair, who entered the championships as the top seeds and have so far lived up to that billing with a string of commanding perfor-mances. Earlier in the competi-tion, the Indian duo had com-fortably negotiated their Round of 16 encounter, booking their place in the quarterfinals. Against the Hong Kong pair of Alvin Wong and Su Tsz Tung, they raised their game further,



combining aggressive attack with consistent placement and excellent coordination to deny their opponents any oppor-tunity to settle into rhythm. The Indians won 11-6, 11-8, 11-9.

The victory has set up an in-triguing semifinal clash tomorrow against Thailand’s Thitaphat Preechayan and Kulapassr Vjitiviriyagul, who will enjoy home

support but face the daunting task of stopping the tournament’s top-seeded pair. A win on Thurs-day would take the Indians into the championship final and keep alive their hopes of winning the coveted Asian title. India’s sec-ond mixed pair of Priyanuj Bhattacharyya and Syndrela Das also impressed before bowing out in the quarterfinals.

Women’s T20 World Cup: Beth Mooney hails Australia’s squad depth after thrashing West Indies to reach final

London: Australia wicketkeeper-batter Beth Mooney has attributed her side’s run to the ICC Women’s T20 World Cup final to consis-tent contributions from across the squad after the six-time champions defeated the West Indies by eight wickets in the semi-final at The Oval. Speak-ing after the victory, Mooney singled out the impact of Ashleigh Gardner, Georgia Wareham and Georgia Voll, ex-plain-ing how Australia’s depth, versatility and ability to pro-duce match-winners at crucial moments have put the team within one victory of another world title, with either England or South Africa awaiting in Sunday’s final at Lord’s. Mooney pointed to Gardner’s growing confidence, particu-larly after her recent perfor-mances with the bat, and said it translated into another influ-ential outing with the ball and said that the all-rounder has repeatedly proven her value to the side over the years. “She’s been a critical player for us for a long period of time. She obvi-ously batted beautifully against India at Lord’s the other day. She gets a lot of confidence from that. And I think we saw that today with the ball. She bowled beautifully and took wickets at critical times. So we know the threat that she poses



to other teams, and we’re very lucky to have her at our dispo-sal in our team,” Mooney said post match. With Aus-tra-lia now one step away from another global title, Mooney stressed the importance of ev-ery member of the squad find-ing form at the business end of the tournament. “Certainly go-ing into the pointy end of the competition, it’s always good to have all your players in good form,” she said. Mooney also highlighted Wareham’s impact, saying the all-rounder has de-veloped into one of Australia’s most complete cricketers after adapting to different roles within the team, and the quali-

ties that make her such an in-fluential player. “Wolf (Wareham) has been unreal. Not too many cricketers float around the world stage having the skill set that she does and the nous of the game ... the calmness. So it’s probably been a little bit of time in the making for Wolf. I think she’s been given different roles along the way but really come into her own in that num-ber six role with the bat espe-cially, and also just nailing it with the ball,” she added. Mooney believes Wareham’s all-round abilities make her one of the standout players in the international game. “She’s the all-round package—Wolf—

bat, ball, field, great tempera-ment, great human. So another player that is probably the envy of world cricket, and she’s in our team. So I’m very lucky that I get to have the best seat in the house, both behind the stumps when I’m keeping and obviously seeing her do her thing with the bat. So hopefully she’s got one more very good game in her and can help us get on the right side of the result on Sunday,” the wicketkeeper-bat-ter expressed. At the top of the order, Mooney also credited Georgia Voll for giving Australia fast starts during the powerplay, allowing the batting unit to dic-tate the pace of the innings.

Cheteshwar Pujara reveals why England felt like home ahead of Australia



New Delhi: Standout perfor-mances of Cheteshwar Pujara’s exemplary Test career came in Australia but the former India number three, who was recently honoured with the MCC life membership, says he only got the home away from home feel-ing in England. Having toured with the Indian team thrice and played for multiple teams in county cricket, Pujara has spent the most amount of time outside Rajkot driving across the length and breadth of Eng-land. Now bestowed with the

honorary life membership of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the owner of the fabled Lord’s stadium, Pujara has an-other reason to visit the “Home of Cricket”. “I’ve played a lot of county cricket in the UK. So when you end up playing a lot of cricket over there, you feel like you’re at home. And for me, it’s a great pleasure and priv-ilege to be part of the MCC. “And getting this honorary membership, it means a lot. As a cricketer, when you have worked hard throughout your

career and when that effort is recognised, you feel proud about your achievements as a cricketer,” the 38-year-old told PTI in an interview. In the three Test matches he was part of at Lord’s, India won two. He could not get a hundred at the iconic venue for his national team but he looks back fondly at his double hundred for Sussex at a ground steeped in history. Pujara, a veteran of 103 Tests, has played at all famous grounds around the world but there is something different

about turning up at Lord’s “So I’ve got some fond memories of being at Lord’s, playing cricket, also watching cricket there. When I had my second ACL reconstruction, that was in 2011, when I was playing for RCB and I got injured. And then my knee surgery was ac-tually in London. “So when I was there consulting a doctor, I went to the Lord’s cricket ground just to have a feel of it. Because before that, I’d never played at Lord’s. “So when you walk into that ground, it has a different aura, different vibe. And now when you become a lifetime member at MCC, so you have this privilege of going there and watching cricket. But as a child, I always dreamt of playing cricket there,” he said. Lord’s has a vibe like no other venue but as a batter, being out in the middle has its fair share of challenges. “The best part about it is the historical bal-cony, which we have seen for many, many years, which hasn’t changed even now. When you walk into the field from the long room, everyone appreciates your effort, whether you’re walking in or coming out dur-ing the lunch break or a tea time break or end of day’s play.

Ishan Kishan becomes world number one T20I batter as Travis Head tops Test rankings

Hyderabad: Australia batter Travis Head has moved to the top of the ICC Men’s Test Bat-ting Rankings after the England pair of Joe Root and Harry Brook had disappointing outings in the third Test against New Zealand while Ishan Kishan has replaced team-mate Abhishek Sharma at the top of the ICC Men’s T20I Batting Rankings after their two-match series in Ireland. Root and Brook lost 31 and 14 points, respectively, as Head became the first Aus-tralian to top the Test Batting Rankings since Marnus Labuschagne conceded the top spot to Root in June 2023. Head is now on 853 rating points, just one point more than Brook, while Root has slipped to third place just one week after start-

ing his 12th stint at the top of the rankings. Nottingham cen-turions Daryl Mitchell (up five places to 11th), Devon Conway (up 14 places to 15th) and Tom Latham (up 12 places to 31st) have all gained handsomely af-ter their team won the ICC World Test Championship se-ries 2-1. England opener Ben Duckett’s first innings ton has helped him move from 17th to 14th place. Matt Henry lost one per cent of his points tally after missing the match through in-jury and conceded the top spot in the ICC Men’s Test Bowling Rankings back to Jasprit Bumrah only one week after grabbing it. Nathan Smith ended the series as the lead-ing wicket-taker and is up eight places to 38th while Wil-



liam O’Rourke has moved up five places to 27th. England captain Ben Stokes finished his Test career as the 34th-

ranked bowler after advancing three slots in the list and as the third-ranked all-rounder after moving up two slots.

Everyone Should Undergo HH Chest X- ray for a TB-Free Tomorrow

- Piler TB Control Unit Supervisors



(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Piler, July 4: As part of the Government's 100-Day Special Tuberculosis (TB) Elimination Campaign, a Mobile HH Chest X-ray screening camp was organized at Sairam Street in Piler town on Saturday, receiving an encouraging response from the public. A total of 108 individuals underwent free chest X-ray screening for the early detection of tuberculosis, informed Piler TB Control Unit Supervisors Mohan and Pawan Kumar. Speaking on the occasion, the supervisors stated that tuberculosis is a completely curable disease if detected at an early stage and treated promptly. They cautioned that neglecting TB could lead

to life-threatening complications and that, in some cases, the disease may progress without obvious warning signs. Therefore, they appealed to the public to make use of the free HH Chest X-ray facility being provided by the Government without any fear or misconceptions. They urged all individuals aged 18 years and above to undergo the HH Chest X-ray, especially those experiencing symptoms such as persistent cough, fever, unexplained weight loss, or night sweats. Early diagnosis and timely treatment not only help in curing the disease but also prevent its spread to family members and the community.

The officials explained that the Government has introduced a prestigious Mobile Digital Chest X-ray service to ensure that TB screening is easily accessible in villages and towns. They called upon every eligible citizen to utilize this free facility and contribute towards achieving the goal of a TB-free society. They emphasized that public participation and awareness are crucial for the successful elimination of tuberculosis.

The programme was attended by Piler TB Unit Supervisors Mohan and Pawan Kumar, PHN Kusuma, ANMs Bhargavi and Lakshmi, CHOs Chandrakala, Nagamutyam and Soujanya, X-ray Technician Rehana, ASHA workers, healthcare staff, and members of the public.

The Madanapalle Taluka Circle Inspector should be suspended

Madanapalle, July 03(Skyline daily): In Madanapalle Mandal, Annamayya District, Kala Venkata Ramana, who is on duty as Circle Inspector at Madanapalle Taluka Police Station, has been acting in a discriminatory manner, inappropriately and with a sense of contempt towards SC/STs or Dalit tribal women victims who come to the station to report their problems, and has also shown jealousy and discrimination towards Dalit and tribal people, the Madanapalle Political Public Associations' United Forum has informed. On Friday, a group under the auspices of the United Forum met Annamayya District Additional SP Venkatadri and filed a complaint. On this occasion, the members of the United Forum said, Recently, a Dalit named Ramaiah from Madanapalle Gandhipuram was summoned to the police station and attacked without any investigation and indiscriminately, and counter-cases were registered against the Dalits and terrorized them. They also said that the SP was also requested about the whereabouts of the tribal women, Mude Lakshmi Kanthamma and Siva Naik. When the SP handed over the matter to CI Kala Venkataramana, they complained that when they visits the police station, CI said that this was a civil matter, and that even though the Atrocity Act was applicable and an injunction order was brought from the court, CI violated the law and terrorized and chased them away. Recently, the entire society has noticed that the people themselves were attacked in the case of the Vempalli people's uprising, he said. There are many such incidents against him, they said. Before the incident of CI Kala Venkataramana being sent away by threatening him, the case of the death of Chinna Buddha Naik in Madanapalle Mandal, Kotavaripalle Panchayat, Naramakula Thanda is forgotten. In this incident, it was not an accident case, it was definitely a pre-planned murder, and even though the tribal victims came to the station and told the matter, he ignored it and registered



it as a normal accident case, misleading the tribals. They said that he did not respect their opinions at all, did not conduct a minimum investigation, and acted negligently. The tribals all protested against CI Kala Venkatrao and came to the Collector's office and SP's office in a large number and informed the SP. Later, the SP asked the CI of the 1 town police station to investigate the matter, but it was determined that it was a pre-planned murder and not an accident, and the accused were sent to remand. Although CI Kala Venkat Rao's negligence in the performance of his duties is clearly visible, no departmental action has been taken against him. They said that there are allegations that the department has not taken any action against him due to the support of his superiors or the support of the state-level ruling party leaders. They demanded that a case be registered against him under Section 4 of the SC and ST Atrocities Prevention Act and legal action be taken. The members of the United Front have given a deadline of 15th of this month for the investigation and will announce the next course of action, they announced in the media. Bahujan Sena state leaders Sri Chandu, MRPS district president Ravi, CPI Krishnappa, BAS state spokesperson Muthyala Mohan, CPM Prabhakar, Balija Sangam JAC Prasad, Ekalavya Tribal Sangam Mallikharjuna, Valmiki Sangam Hari Krishna, Pulli Seena and Bhanu Prakash, Manohar Reddy, leaders of Bahujan Sena, BAS, CPI, CPM, MRPS, and tribal public organizations participated in this program

Golden opportunity for EAPCET rankers at MITS Deemed to be University



Madanapalle, July 03 (Skyline daily): Admissions to BTech courses through EAPCET for the academic year 2026-27 are ongoing at MITS Deemed to be University near Madanapalle, said the university's founder and chancellor Dr N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary. He said that special fee concessions are being provided to students who have secured the best ranks in the EAPCET conducted by the Andhra Pradesh government, and MITS is providing a golden opportunity to pursue quality technical education at a low fee, according to their rank. On this occasion, he called on students to take advantage of this rare opportunity and lay a strong foundation for their future. Admissions to B Tech courses at the university are available for this academic year, he said. The courses offered are Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Bioinformatics, Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Robot-

ics), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Data Science), Computer Science Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning), Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber ??Security?), he said. With a modern curriculum designed to meet the needs of world-class industries, state-of-the-art laboratories, experienced faculty, partnerships with industries, internship opportunities, emphasis on research and excellent placement facilities, MITS Deemed to be University is providing quality technical education to students, said Dr N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary. He urged the students who have qualified EAPCET and their parents to visit the university directly, know the details of courses, fee concessions and admissions and get admissions immediately. Pro Chancellor Nadella Dwarkanath, Vice Chancellor (in-charge) Dr C Yuvaraj, Registrar (in-charge) Dr D Pradeep Kumar were present at this press conference.

A Strong Foundation for Apollo's Journey... Grand Farewell to Prof. H. Vinod Bhat

- Management, Faculty and Students Pay Tribute to His Remarkable Leadership

Chittoor, July 3 (Skyline Daily) : The Apollo University accorded a grand farewell to its founding Vice Chancellor, Prof. H. Vinod Bhat, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to laying a strong foundation for the University's growth and development. The farewell ceremony, held at the Dr. Prathap C. Reddy Knowledge Centre Auditorium, was attended by the University management, faculty members, administrative staff, students, and corporate representatives, who fondly recalled and appreciated his invaluable services. During his four-year tenure, Prof. Bhat played a pivotal role in shaping the University's academic and institutional excellence. The event was graced by Dr. Preetha Reddy, Chancellor of The Apollo University; Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Vice Chancellor; Mr. Shivaramakrishnan Venkateswaran, CEO, Apollo Knowledge; Mr. Anil Kumar S., Registrar; Dr. Alfred J. Augustine, Pro Vice Chancellor (Academics); corporate officials, Deans, Heads of Departments, faculty members, and students. Speakers at the event highlighted Prof. Bhat's visionary leadership in establishing a strong academic culture built on quality education, research, discipline, and values during the formative years of the University. They noted that under his leadership, The Apollo University earned national recognition for its academic standards and institutional excellence. Dr. Preetha Reddy, Chancellor, stated that Prof. Bhat had demonstrated exceptional vision, commitment, and academic leadership, laying down enduring academic standards and a strong institutional culture that would continue to guide the University's future. Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Vice Chancellor, said he would build upon the strong foundation laid by Prof. Bhat and strive to take the University to greater heights of academic excellence. Mr. Shivaramakrishnan Venkateswaran, CEO, Apollo Knowledge, remarked that great universities are built not merely through infrastructure but through values, vision, and effective leadership, qualities that Prof.



Bhat had successfully instilled in the institution. Special video messages appreciating Prof. Bhat's contributions were shared by Dr. Prathap C. Reddy, Founder Chairman, Chancellor Emeritus, Apollo Institutions; Dr. Suneeta Reddy, Joint Managing Director, Apollo Hospitals; and Dr. Ravi Raju, Pro Chancellor, The Apollo University. In his farewell address, Prof. H. Vinod Bhat described his tenure at The Apollo University as one of the most memorable chapters of his professional life. He expressed gratitude to the management, faculty, staff, and students for their unwavering support and stated that the University's achievements were the result of their collective efforts. He wished the University continued success under its new leadership. Later, Prof. H. Vinod Bhat and his wife, Dr. Parvathi Bhat, were felicitated with mementoes in recognition of their association with the University. Faculty members and students fondly recalled his inspiring leadership, simplicity, and affectionate relationship with the student community. A large number of faculty members, officers, staff, and students participated in the program.

Thomas was the first Christian to come to India

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) July, 3: Bishop of Jesus Christ Cathedral Church Dr K Sa muel Babu said that the first Christian who brought the gospel of Christ to India was Thomas the Apostle. In celebration of India's Christian Day, Samuel Babu along with his family members performed a special pooja in Haida Rabad on Friday. On this occasion, he spoke to the media through Chara Vani. Exactly today in the 52nd century, Thomas reached Malabar in Kerala state of the country and preached the Gospel of Christ fearlessly and built many temples and brought many Brahmins to Christianity. He said that he will get it. He reminded that he is one of the disciples of Jesus Christ. He said that every year on July 3rd, India's Christian Day is being celebrated grandly. It is said that the area is now known as Mount Saint Thomas



Assurance Given for Resolving Problems of Nai Brahmins



Srikalahasti - 3 July (Skyline Daily): Kota Chandrasekhara, Social Media Convener of the Tirupati Parliamentary Nai Brahmin Empowerment Committee, paid a courtesy visit to TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh. On the occasion, he submitted a memorandum highlighting the key issues faced by the Nai Brahmin community, including allocation of federation funds, subsidies for establishing modern salon shops, pensions for those above 50 years of age, and loans through the corporation. Responding positively, Nara Lokesh stated that the welfare of the Nai Brahmin community is one of the priorities of the TDP government. He assured that the issues would be brought to the notice of the Chief Minister and that necessary steps would be taken for their early resolution. Lokesh also appreciated the efforts and services of Kota Chandrasekhara towards the welfare and empowerment of the community.

Record Sale of 1,26,81,805 Srivari Laddus in June

Tirumala, 03 July (Skyline Daily) : The sale of the sacred Srivari Laddu Prasadam, which devotees reverently receive after having darshan of Sri Venkateswara, the presiding deity of the Kali Yuga, reached a record high in June 2026. In view of the increasing influx of pilgrims, TTD significantly enhanced laddu production and ensured uninterrupted distribution without any shortage. During April 2026, a total of 1,11,96,170 laddus were sold, followed by 1,21,35,528 in May 2026, and 1,26,81,805 in June 2026. Compared to the previous three months, laddu sales witnessed a remarkable increase in June. For comparison, 1,02,64,364 laddus were sold in June 2024, while 1,19,21,353 were sold in June 2025. The sale of 1,26,81,805 laddus in June 2026 marks a significant milestone. Compared to June 2025, an additional 7,59,452 laddus were sold, registering a 6.37% growth. Likewise, compared to June 2024, sales increased by 24,17,441



laddus, reflecting a 23.55% growth. With the steady rise in the number of devotees visiting Tirumala for the darshan of Venkateswara, TTD has been efficiently planning the production and distribution of Srivari Laddu Prasadam, ensuring that devotees receive the sacred offering without any inconvenience.