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Rayalaseema attracts over Rs 4.5 lakh crore in proposed investments



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, July, 5 : Andhra Pradesh has attracted proposed investments worth over Rs 4.5 lakh crore across 172 SIPB-approved projects in Rayalaseema, while another 103 proposals signed during the CII Partnership Summit have taken the region's investment pipe-

line to more than 275 projects capable of generating over 3.5 lakh employment opportunities, sources said on Sunday. The investment push comes as the Andhra Pradesh government seeks to transform the drought-prone region into a major industrial and manufacturing hub through large-scale investments, infrastructure development and cluster-based industrialisation. "Rayalaseema is emerging as a major industrial growth engine with investment commitments exceeding Rs 4.58 lakh crore across more than 275 projects, reflecting the government's focus on region-balanced development," sources said. The government is creating specialised manufacturing ecosystems across Rayalaseema instead of concentrating industrial development in a few locations, while

strengthening infrastructure and skilling to generate long-term employment. The launch of the Rs 16,350-crore JSW Rayalaseema Integrated Steel Plant in Kadapa on Friday marked the latest milestone in the region's industrial transformation. Rayalaseema, once associated with drought, water scarcity and migration despite its abundant mineral resources, land availability and strategic location between Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad, is now at the centre of the state's investment-led development strategy, sources said. The 172 State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB)-approved projects alone are expected to attract investments worth Rs 4.58 lakh crore and generate nearly 2.76 lakh jobs. Along with the 103 investment proposals signed during the CII Partnership Summit,

these projects are expected to create more than 3.57 lakh employment opportunities across the region. Tirupati is emerging as an electronics and advanced manufacturing hub, led by Sri City, which has attracted investments from companies including LG Electronics, Daikin, Carrier Global and RRP Electronics. Carrier Global's proposed Rs 1,000-crore facility is expected to generate around 3,000 jobs, while Royal Enfield's Rs 2,500-crore manufacturing complex is expected to strengthen the automotive ecosystem. According to sources, the state government also envisions Tirupati emerging as a Space City with future investments in the aerospace sector. Similarly, Sri Sathya Sai district is attracting major renewable energy investments, led by Reliance

Industries' Rs 51,300-crore energy project alongside Greenko, Chinta Green Energy, Adani Hydro Energy and HFCL. Kadapa district is strengthening its position as a steel and mineral-based manufacturing hub with the JSW steel plant, a proposed IT cluster and an electronics manufacturing ecosystem at Kopparthi. Kurnool district is emerging as a semiconductor and Drone City with the proposed Rs 22,976-crore Indichip Semiconductors project, logistics infrastructure and an expanding drone manufacturing ecosystem. Likewise, Anantapur district is witnessing investments in defence, aerospace and advanced manufacturing, strengthening its position in Andhra Pradesh's growing defence manufacturing ecosystem, sources said.

We Will Never Ignore Those Who Worked for the Party: CM

From Our Staff Reporter Kuppam, July 5: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National President and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu asserted that party workers who have contributed to the party will never be overlooked under any circumstances. He also expressed confidence that the ruling alliance would emerge victorious in the upcoming local body elections and urged party cadres to ensure wins in all constituencies. As part of his three-day tour of Kuppam, Chandrababu Naidu held a meeting with party leaders and workers on Sunday. He said TDP leaders and workers enjoy a good reputation in society and advised them not to engage in any activity that could tarnish the party's image. The Chief Minister made it clear that party positions would be allotted

strictly on the basis of performance and that there would be no favoritism in appointments. He stressed that even second-rung leaders should respect sincere grassroots workers and stated that approval from party workers is essential for appointments at every level, from booth committees upward. Expressing confidence about the future, Chandrababu Naidu said the TDP-led alliance would return to power in the 2029 elections and called on party cadres to work toward increasing the majority achieved in previous elections. He noted that the party is striving to strengthen the economic empowerment of its workers and highlighted the implementation of the "One Entrepreneur in Every Household" policy. The Chief Minister also emphasized the importance of conducting the Special Inten-

sive Revision (SIR) process properly and said a coordination committee would be formed in Kuppam with the consent of all stakeholders. He stressed the need for political governance not only at higher levels but also at the grassroots. He urged party leaders to coordinate with police and government officials to resolve public issues effectively. Workers, he said, should help bridge communication between local communities and authorities and monitor the implementation of government welfare schemes. If there are delays or obstacles in delivering benefits, party workers should take responsibility for addressing them. Chandrababu Naidu further stated that charitable activities should be carried out through the NTR Trust, while political activities should be pursued through the party.

116-Year-Old Woman Walks to Tirumala... TTD Chairman BR Naidu Responds

From Our Staff Reporter Tirupati, July, 5 : Lord Venkateswara of Tirumala has devotees across the world. Many devotees feel compelled to visit the shrine at least once every year, regardless of the difficulties they may face. Recently, a video of a 116-year-old devotee went viral on social media, drawing widespread attention.



On Saturday, Navaneethamma (116), a resident of Tamil Nadu, reached Tirumala on foot via the Alipiri footpath route to have darshan of Lord Venkateswara. Fellow devotees recorded videos of her journey and shared them online, where they quickly went viral.

The video caught the attention of TTD Chairman BR Naidu, who responded on X (formerly Twitter). He wrote:

"The unwavering devotion of this elderly devotee, who reached Tirumala on foot at the age of 116 for the darshan of Sri Venkateswara Swamy, is truly inspiring. I have decided to arrange a special darshan for her and her family members. If anyone has details about this devotee, they may directly contact the TTD Chairman's Tirumala Camp Office. I sincerely pray that Sri Venkateswara Swamy's blessings remain with her and her family always."

Following his appeal, TTD officials began gathering details about the elderly devotee. Initially, she was believed to be from Karnataka, but officials later confirmed that she was Navaneethamma from Tamil Nadu. Subsequently, BR Naidu decided to facilitate a VIP darshan for her.

In another post on X, he said: "My heartfelt congratulations to the TTD Vigilance officials who

promptly responded to my request and identified the 116-year-old devotee. They have confirmed that she is Mrs. Navaneethamma from Tamil Nadu and is currently staying with relatives in Jeevakona, Tirupati. It is a matter of great joy that she and her family will receive

the privilege of Sri Venkateswara Swamy's VIP Break Darshan on Monday morning. I pray that the Lord blesses her with complete health and longevity." TTD officials have since made arrangements for Navaneethamma and her family to receive the special darshan.

Sadaram Slot Booking to Resume from July 8: Minister Satya Kumar

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, July 5: Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Y. Satya Kumar Yadav announced key reforms in the Sadaram disability certification services, which are used for issuing disability certificates required for pensions and other welfare benefits.

Speaking in Amaravati on Sunday, the minister said that Sadaram slot booking will resume from July 8, while disability assessment tests will begin from July 13. He explained that the government has introduced a

zonal system for slot bookings and divided the state into six zones.

Under the new system, persons with disabilities can book appointments only in districts within their respective zones, reducing the need to travel to far-off districts. The minister stated that a self-declaration certificate will be mandatory for slot booking, and a doctor's certificate must be submitted if there is any ambiguity regarding the disability category.

To prevent misuse, the government has introduced stricter verification

measures. Disability assessments will be conducted only after attendance is registered, and online attendance registration through the Sadaram portal will be mandatory. The Sadaram ID will be activated only after attendance is recorded.

Satya Kumar said the reforms are aimed at improving transparency in Sadaram services. Citizens can now book appointments directly through the AP Seva Portal, using a citizen login, free of cost. Disability certificates can also be downloaded

online without any charges.

The minister further stated that Sadaram services will also be available through village and ward secretariats. Information regarding slot availability has been integrated into the 'Mana Mitra' WhatsApp service for easier access.

Emphasizing that all Sadaram services are completely free, officials urged beneficiaries not to pay money to middlemen or agents. The minister said the new system is designed to reduce travel burdens for persons with



disabilities while also easing the workload on medical professionals. He directed officials to create widespread awareness about the revised Sadaram process.

We Are Providing Daily Free Meals in 62 Temples: Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy

From Our Staff Reporter Nellore District, July 5: Andhra Pradesh Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy stated that since the coalition government came to power, Nitya Annadanam (daily free meal service) has been introduced in 62 temples across the state. Speaking during his visit to Chejerla in Nellore district on Sunday, the minister said the government is also providing Rs.10,000 per month under the Dhupa, Deepa, Naivedyam scheme to 6,200 temples across Andhra Pradesh. During the visit, he participated in several programs and laid foundation stones for development works at the Nagalingswara Swamy Temple in Perumallapadu and the Chennakesava Swamy Temples in Chejerla and Chittalur villages. Addressing devotees and local residents, Anam said he considers the reconstruction and restoration of an-



cient temples a blessing and a noble responsibility. He asserted that the coalition government has fulfilled the promises it made during the elections.

The minister noted that the number of devotees visiting temples has increased significantly compared to previous years. He revealed that around 2.4 million people are being served free meals every month through temple annadanam programs across the state.

Highlighting upcoming religious events, Anam said

that the Godavari Pushkaralu will commence next year. He added that the government is undertaking temple renovation and restoration works worth 7500 crore along the banks of the Godavari River. He further stated that transforming Andhra Pradesh into a spiritually vibrant state is one of the key objectives of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, and the government is taking several initiatives to strengthen temple infrastructure and promote religious tourism.

Coalition Government Focused on Development and Welfare: Minister Payyavula Keshav

Anantapur, July 5: Andhra Pradesh Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav stated that the coalition government is steadily fulfilling the promises made during the Assembly elections while advancing both development and welfare across the state.

Speaking at the "Two Years of Trust – Development and Welfare" public meeting held near Budigumma in the Uravakonda constituency, the minister said industries are the backbone of economic growth and that attracting investments is essential for creating employment and livelihood opportunities for the youth. He highlighted various initiatives undertaken by the coalition government for Andhra Pradesh and the Uravakonda constituency.

Focus on Infrastructure and Irrigation

Payyavula Keshav said the government has given

special priority to improving basic infrastructure such as roads, drinking water, and electricity in Uravakonda. He noted that repair works on the gates of the Tungbhadra Dam were completed within just three months.

Despite financial challenges, the government has not stepped back from implementing its election promises, he said. The minister added that he has been serving the people of Uravakonda for nearly three decades and would continue to work for the constituency with the dedication of an ordinary worker.

Rs.90 Crore Bridge and Water Projects

The minister announced that construction of the Budigumma Bridge is being undertaken at a cost of Rs.90 crore. Once completed, it is expected to significantly improve connectivity between the Kuderu and Beluguppa mandals.

He said the government's goal is to provide irrigation water to every acre and every farmer in the constituency. According to the minister, the Handri-Neeva Sujala Sravanthi Project and the Peddakottapalli Lift Irrigation Scheme are being implemented to provide a long-term solution to irrigation issues. Projects aimed at supplying water to 12 tanks are also being executed on a priority basis.

Industrial Growth and Power Sector Reforms

Payyavula Keshav stated that the government is moving ahead with a dedicated plan to establish industries and generate employment for local youth. He said efforts are underway to strengthen the power infrastructure in rural areas.

Under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), old electricity poles are being replaced and modern power infra-

structure is being developed. The minister added that innovative reforms are being introduced in the power sector across Anantapur district.

State Moving on a Fast Track of Development

The minister said Andhra Pradesh is progressing rapidly under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. He emphasized that major projects such as Polavaram Project, Amaravati, railway expansion, and national highways will serve as strong foundations for the state's future growth. Criticizing the previous administration, Payyavula Keshav said Andhra Pradesh had fallen behind during the last five years, but the current government is now ensuring that development and welfare progress hand in hand.

South Zone Women's Under-19 Inter-District One-Day Tournament Begins

- Anantapur and Kurnool Register Impressive Wins

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Valmikipuram, July 5: The South Zone Women's Under-19 Inter-District One-Day Cricket Tournament, organized by the Andhra Cricket Association, commenced on Sunday at the CDCA-GVSCS Grounds in Vayalpad, Chittoor district. CDCA Vice President G. Sreedhar Kumar attended the inaugural ceremony as the chief guest and officially declared the tournament open. Addressing the players, he encouraged them to uphold the spirit of the game, maintain discipline, and deliver their best performances to excel at the state and national levels. The tournament is being supervised by Chittoor District Head Coach G.Sunil Kumar.



In the opening match played at Ground No. 2, Anantapur registered a commanding 92-run victory over Kadapa. Batting first, Anantapur posted a formidable total of 263/2 in 43 overs. G. Geethika starred with an unbeaten 128 off 125 balls, scoring a magnificent century, while B. Neha contributed 77 off 96 balls. A. Hansi Reddy remained unbeaten on 36 off 31 balls. For Kadapa, P. Srivalli claimed 1/36, and D. Chaitra picked up 1/49.

Chasing a target of 264, Kadapa managed 171/6 in their allotted 43 overs. K. Sahasra scored 63 off 92 balls, while V. Prashamsa remained unbeaten on 52 off 84 balls. For Anantapur, B. Tejaswini was the most successful bowler with 2/25, while B. Nandini (1/27), A. Manvitha (1/25), and A. Hansi Reddy (1/28) chipped in with one wicket each,

helping their team secure a comprehensive 92-run victory. Meanwhile, at Ground No. 1, Kurnool recorded a one-sided win over Nellore. Batting first, Nellore scored 215 runs in their allotted overs. K. Venkata Satvika Reddy top-scored with 51 off 77 balls, T. Vishmashree made 39 off 66 balls, and M. Mahalakshmi provided a quick 36 off 18 balls. For Kurnool, P. Pravalika returned figures of 2/37, Vanshika claimed 2/35, and Y. Sushma Achari took 1/32.

In reply, Kurnool comfortably chased down the target, reaching 217 without loss in just 30.2 overs. M. Sahasra Reddy produced a match-winning unbeaten 118 off 92 balls, registering a brilliant century, while S. Razia Sultana remained unbeaten on 66 off 96 balls, scoring a fine half-century. The pair shared an unbroken 217-run opening partnership, guiding Kurnool to a convincing 10-wicket victory. The details of the tournament were shared by CDCA Vice President G.Sreedhar Kumar.

Pay Special Attention to Caste Discrimination in Dalit Villages

- MRPS and MSP Leaders Meet the Newly Appointed Circle Inspector



(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Piler, July 5: MRPS and MSP leaders met the newly appointed Urban Circle Inspector of Piler, B. Venkateswarlu, and extended their congratulations by presenting him with a ceremonial shawl.

On this occasion, MRPS/MSP Piler Constituency In-charge Gandikota Venkatesh, along with the youth leadership of MRPS and MSP, requested the Circle Inspector to ensure transparent and effective resolution of the issues faced by Scheduled Caste (SC) communities in villages across the mandal. They stated that, even today, people

belonging to the SC community in remote villages continue to face various forms of discrimination at the hands of upper-caste groups. They urged the police department to organize awareness programs in villages to eradicate caste-based discrimination and promote social equality.

Responding positively, Circle Inspector B. Venkateswarlu assured the delegation that the police department would give special attention to major issues affecting SC communities. He said that, under the leadership of Sub-Inspector Lokesh, awareness meetings would be organized in villages at the earliest to educate people about the law and to eliminate discrimination and social inequality. He also assured that the police are always ready to address any issues brought to their notice and will take prompt action to resolve them.

The meeting was attended by MRPS Piler Mandal President Reddy Kumar, Mahajana Socialist Party (MSP) Mandal President Balasubramanyam, senior leaders Bandla Vanka P. V. Ramana, Venkataramana, and Murali. Also present were MRPS Youth Piler Constituency President Rajesh, General Secretary Narasimhulu, youth leaders Ramu, Lakshman, Pawan, Tarun, Naresh, Rupesh, Harish, Sai, Nani, Harsha, Charan, Somesh, and several other party members.

Missing Fishermen's Families Going Through Unimaginable Pain: MLA Lokam Madhavi

Visakhapatnam, July 5: Nellimarla MLA Lokam Madhavi said the disappearance of a fishing boat that ventured into the sea from the Fishing Harbour is a deeply tragic incident. She expressed anguish that the fishermen had informed their families that they would reach the shore within an hour, but the unfortunate incident occurred shortly thereafter. On Sunday, Lokam Madhavi, along with MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas and Visakhapatnam District Collector Abhishek Kishore, visited the Shipping Harbour and consoled the families of the missing fishermen. Speaking on the occasion, Lokam Madhavi said that six of the missing fishermen belong to the Nellimarla constituency. She described the suffering of their families as beyond words and noted that intensive rescue operations are currently underway. She also prayed for the safe return of all the missing fishermen.



News Has Left Us Shocked: MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas

MLA Vamsikrishna Srinivas said the news of the fishermen going missing had come as a severe shock. He stated that immediately after receiving information about the incident, senior district officials, along with the Navy and Coast Guard, began continuous search and rescue operations.

Search Operations Continue: District Collector

District Collector Abhishek Kishore said extensive search efforts are being carried out to trace the missing fishermen. He noted that the operation involves two boats and helicopters, with support from the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. The Collector further informed that one fisherman, Kare Chinna, was rescued alive. He added that if the missing fishermen are not located on Sunday, the search operation will continue on Monday as well. Authorities remain hopeful of finding the missing fishermen and are utilizing all available resources in the ongoing rescue mission.

Youth should tighten their waist for social change: RPI national leader Dr M Venka ta Swamy

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) July 05: Dr. M. Venkataswamy, President of the National Working Committee of the Republican Party of India (RPI Atwale) has attended a meeting held at the party's office in Bengaluru on Saturday under the leadership of the party's Southern States President N. D. Ajay Prasanna to mobilize the youth for social change. Speaking on this occasion, he said that "Republican Party of India (A)" founded by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar should work for strengthening and take steps towards state power. He expressed his regret that even after 76 years of independence, no justice has been done to the poor. Even today, Dalits and people from weaker sections are being oppressed. That is why everyone is unable to know about the Constitution and the beloved child of Bharata Mata Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar, he called upon the youth to come into politics with the spirit of the Constitution and to raise political consciousness among Dalits. In this regard, Republican Party of India (A) State



Spokesperson CH from Kurnool district. Rangiah and many others were given appointment documents. In this meeting, Jyoti George, State Chairman of Party Print and Electronic Media from Kadapa District, Rayala seema Working Committee President Darshi Lakshmi Chenna Kesava Rao, District leaders Ekashi Suresh activists participated.

PhD entrance exam successful at MITS Deemed to be University

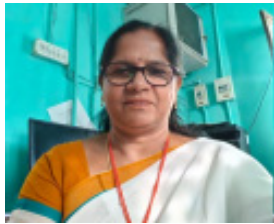
Madanapalle, July 5 (Skyline daily): The Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science (MITS) Deemed to be University near Madanapalle has successfully conducted the PhD entrance exam for various departments for the academic year 2026-27, said the university's Vice Chancellor Dr C Yuvaraj. He said that 133 candidates appeared for this entrance exam and that the exam was conducted in a completely transparent and disciplined manner and all necessary facilities were provided to the candidates. Giving top priority to research, with state-of-the-art laboratories, experienced faculty, partnerships with industries and leading research institutions, and modern research infrastructure, MITS Deemed to be University is providing unique opportunities to researchers at the national and international level, he said. After the entrance



exam, interviews will be conducted as per the university rules and the final selection process will be carried out based on merit and merit, the Vice Chancellor said. The entrance examination was successfully conducted under the supervision of University Registrar Dr D Pradeep Kumar, Associate Dean (PhD Programs) Dr N Nanda Kumar Reddy, and Controller of Examinations Dr Sai Kumar, he said.

Admissions in Palamaneru Gurukula School

(By our Skyline staff reporter)
Palamaneru, July 5: Applications are being accepted for filling up seats in Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Gurukula School, located near the Polytechnic College in Palamaneru town, Principal M. Prashanthi said in a statement. For admissions to 5th class and Junior Inter for the academic year 2026-



2027, there are 6 vacancies in OC_1, ST_1, BC-C-4 fifth class and 27 vacancies in Jr. MEC for SC-18, BC-4 ST-3, BC-1, OC-1, JR. MEC. Students are advised to take advantage of this opportunity. For complete details regarding admissions, it is advised to contact the school office.

Anivara Asthanam marks divine ownership and sacred governance



Tirumala, 05 July (Skyline Daily) : One of the ancient annual rituals in Tirumala temple, Anivara Asthanam will be observed on July 17. The ritual symbolizes the offerings of temple accounts and keys to Sri Venkateswara Swamy, thereby marking divine ownership and sacred governance, while in the evening Pushpa Pallaki is observed wherein Sri Malayappa Swamy along with Sri Devi and Bhudevi takes a celestial ride to bless His devotees along four main streets. TTD has cancelled arjita sevas for the day including Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, arjita Brahmotsavam and Sahasra Deepalankara Seva in connection with this traditional ritual.

Justice should be done to every eligible voter in the SIR process



Madanapalle, July 05 (Skyline daily): A review meeting on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process was held at the office of YCP leader Dr Desai Tippareddy in Madanapalle on Sunday. Former MLA Dr Desai Tippareddy attended the meeting as the chief guest, while Constituency Coordinator S Nisar Ahmed presided over the meeting. The meeting discussed the progress of SIR, distribution of enumeration forms, digitization, voter complaints, field-level problems and solutions. Questioning the issue of 100 percent forms being distributed, Dr Desai Tippareddy suggested that leaders and BLAs should work vigilantly so that not a single eligible voter is removed

from the list. S Nisar Ahmed said that party leaders should cooperate with BLAs, travel village-wise and ward-wise, meet every family, and immediately identify and resolve the problems of voters. He called for effective monitoring of the digitization process. SEC member Shamim Aslam, VS Reddy, Srinivasulu, Prasad Babu Gundlur Rafi, Vinutabai, Saisekhar Reddy, Mastan Reddy, Surendra, Sarada Reddy, Karunakar Reddy, Janne Seshachalapathy, SK Irfan, N Nawaz Ali Khan, Chippili Mallikharjuna Reddy, Sarath Reddy, Nagaraju Reddy, Thatti Nagaraju Reddy, Nandini Taj and many leaders, booth committee presidents, former councilors and sarpanches participated in this program.

The world is crazy



Kalluru, July 4 : Nandyal district TDP president and Panyam MLA Gowru Charitha Reddy has accused Jagana of being delusional and that is why he is talking nonsense about the capital. She spoke at a press conference in Madhavanagar on Saturday. She criticized Jagana for having no capital for AP. She said that while industries fled the state during the YSRCP government, today industries are lining up under CM Chandrababu Naidu. She alleged that Jagana had laid the foundation stone for the Kadapa

Steel Industry several times, but did not spend a single paisa. She lashed out at the Goddali party for spreading misinformation that the coalition government had stopped the Rayalaseema lift irrigation scheme. Gowru Charitha criticized that YSRCP leaders had taken huge commissions in the construction work of the Rayalaseema lift irrigation scheme. Orvakallu TDP Mandal President Brahmanapalle Nagi Reddy and Nannur Single Window Chairman Nageswara Reddy participated.

EDITORIAL

How to deal with El Nino?

There is no need for any more recent examples to show the impact of natural disasters caused by human error on the living. Three weeks have passed since the onset of the rainy season. Seeing this, the farmer who has prepared the land for sowing by ploughing and ploughing, sees no sign of rain in sight. Even though the southwest monsoon arrived on time, it has not spread across the country and brought down heavy rains. The farmers who spend their days in the fields may not know much about the reason for this, but the average person who is knowledgeable about climate change and has some connection with newspapers will undoubtedly understand that El Niño is the cause. El Niño and La Niña, which are caused by changes in the surface of the Pacific Ocean, are causing major changes in the climate. The current crisis is due to their impact on the southwest monsoon. Monsoons may be due to seasonal changes, but it is no exaggeration to say that they indirectly govern the country's economy.

The reason for this is that in agriculture-based India, 45 percent of the population still depends on agriculture and its allied sectors. If the rains do not fall on time or are not sufficient, it will have a major impact on crop yields. The prices of essential commodities will skyrocket, threatening food security. Hydropower generation will be disrupted. Groundwater levels will also decrease, making drinking water scarce. The current situation is showing that the Agriculture Department's predictions that 111 districts in 12 states, including both Telugu states, may record less rainfall during the Kharif season are coming true. While the rains are usually expected to pick up from the second week of June, there has been no sign of heavy rains so far except intermittently. While power generation started in Srisailem in June last year, this time, due to the El Nino phenomenon, the hydropower generation has to face water shortage. The 43 percent less rainfall recorded in the month of June is a cause for concern. It is customary for the Krishna and Godavari rivers to overflow with floods by the month of July. But, this time it is not floods, but the water levels in the reservoirs are as if they are floating, which can be said to be a sign of the coming famine conditions. With the United Nations also declaring that this time the drought conditions will worsen due to the prolonged Super El Nino, the rulers should open their eyes at least now.

Instead of limiting ourselves to the rhetoric of focusing on alternative crops, an action plan should be implemented at the field level to explain the disadvantages of growing rain-fed crops and to direct farmers towards the cultivation of vegetables and small grains. Methods like drip irrigation and sprinkler irrigation should be encouraged. Agricultural extension officers and Krishi Vigyan Kendra staff should work together in this direction at the field level. Digging of drains should be made mandatory in towns and cities so that even the slightest rain falls can be drained. The threat of disasters like El Niño and La Niña due to climate change may not be inevitable in the future, so it is the immediate duty of governments to encourage agricultural scientists to develop varieties that can withstand them and give a yield. It is necessary to give impetus to research in this direction, if not at the international level, at least by joining hands with Asian countries. It may not be possible to curb disasters like El Niño and La Niña right now. But, scientists, intellectuals, and the media should take this as a lesson and raise their heads in the responsibility of making the rulers aware of climate change. Otherwise, there is no doubt that climate change could lead to the destruction of humanity.

India's Free Trade Agreement push

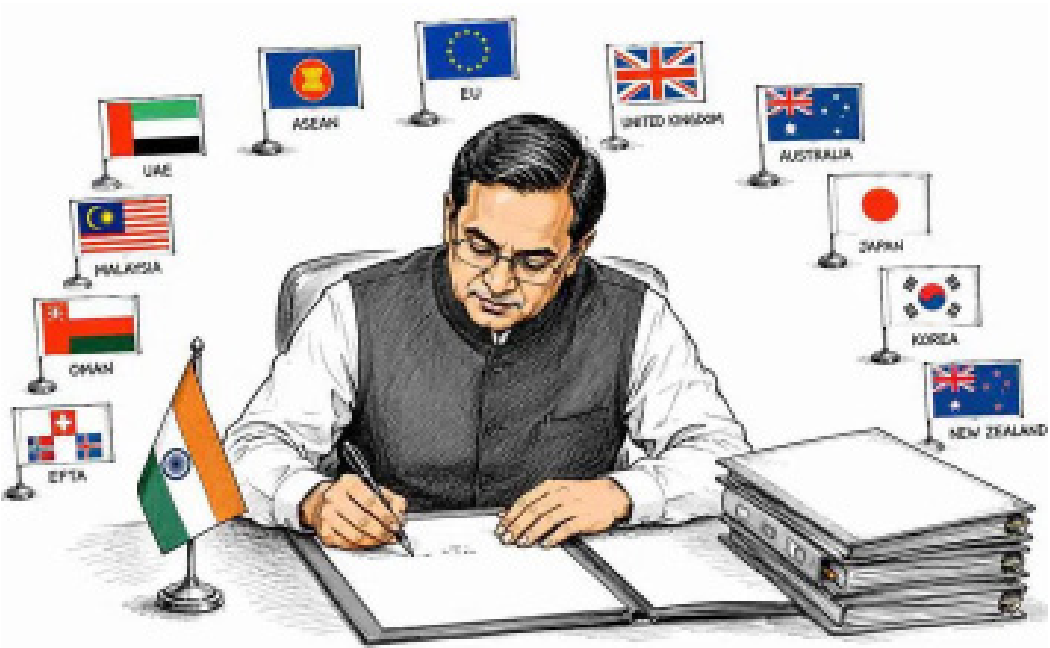
India's trade policy has seen a significant shift over the last five years. The government has signed free trade agreements (FTAs) with the UAE, Australia, the United Kingdom, the four EFTA nations, Oman, New Zealand, and the European Union. The EU agreement is a major milestone signed after about two decades of negotiations. The nine recently signed FTAs will be fully operational within the next ten months, while three to four agreements are under negotiation. India has 15 FTAs in operation covering 27 countries, accounting for more than 75% of its total trade. Since economic liberalisation, the country has never witnessed such extensive trade integration, and now enjoys preferential market access for its goods in major economies. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) came into force in May 2022 and eliminated duties on Indian goods such as textiles, gems and jewellery, engineering goods, and pharmaceuticals. Indian merchandise exports to the UAE grew by more than 20%, from \$28.4 billion in 2021-22 to \$37.36 billion in 2024-25 (Trade Intelligence and Analytics Portal, Ministry of Commerce).

Similarly, the India-Australia Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (ECTA), which came into force in December 2022, granted duty-free access across 100% of tariff lines for Indian exporters. India's exports to Australia increased by more than 80%, from

\$4 billion in 2021-22 to \$7.3 billion in 2025-26 (Trade Intelligence and Analytics Portal, Ministry of Commerce). Sectors such as textiles, leather, machinery, and processed food—where India has a comparative export advantage — are expected to benefit from the agreement. The FTA with EU, once ratified, will be the largest trade agreement India has ever entered. The EU is India's second-largest trading partner. Preferential access to 27 European markets for Indian pharmaceuticals, IT services, textiles, chemicals, and agri-processed goods will strengthen India's export competitiveness over the long term.

Trade Deficits in Context

Critics argue that trade agreements have not delivered as they have contributed to widening trade deficits with partner countries. However, the data require a more careful reading. India has recorded an average annual trade deficit of about \$62 billion with ASEAN, Japan, and South Korea over the past three years. But, a significant proportion of these imports comprises industrial inputs such as semiconductors, electronic components, capital equipment, and speciality chemicals, all of which are essential for domestic manufacturing. India's merchandise exports increased 40.6% from 2021-22 to 2025-26, from \$314 billion to \$441.7 billion, respectively. The total merchandise and service exports together touched \$860 billion in 2025-26 (Department of Commerce). The government is well on track



to meet its Foreign Trade Policy 2023 target of \$ trillion in merchandise exports by 2030 through the signing of these FTAs.

Utilisation and Structural Gaps

FTA utilisation among Indian exporters remains below its potential. To address this, the Trade Connect ePlatform has been established to help exporters identify FTA benefits. Further, MSME outreach programmes should reach smaller exporters to enable them to take advantage of preferential trade arrangements. While challenges such as trade deficits, low utilisation and inverted duty structures remain, effective implementation could help India achieve its long-term export growth and global trade objectives India also faces challenges arising from an inverted

duty structure (when import duties on raw materials are higher than on finished products, making it costlier to manufacture locally) in several sectors. Raw materials such as steel and aluminium attract Most Favoured Nation duties of 7.5–10% when imported. But finished goods manufactured using these inputs — machinery, industrial equipment, engineering products — can enter India at zero or low duty under FTAs with ASEAN, Japan, South Korea, the UAE, and Australia.

The focus should be on sectors where raw material import costs are higher than those on finished products. Addressing these anomalies is essential to ensure that FTAs benefit domestic manufacturers, not just importers. Beyond the economics,

India's FTAs are helping deepen strategic partnerships with the EU, UK, UAE, and Australia in defence, technology, and geopolitics. The India-EU FTA, in particular, marks India's arrival as an equal negotiating partner within the world's most complex and standards-intensive trade framework. The FTA push has transformed India's position in global trade negotiations. Trade deficits with some partners remain significant, utilisation rates need improvement, and structural issues such as inverted duties are yet to be resolved. Nevertheless, the overall direction is positive, and the pace has been unprecedented. How India leverages these agreements will matter as much as the agreements themselves.

India's Free Trade Agreement push

The debate surrounding the United States' decision to revert from "Indo-Pacific Command" to "Pacific Command" has generated considerable speculation. Some view it as signalling a diminished American commitment to the Indo-Pacific, while others dismiss it as little more than a bureaucratic adjustment. Both interpretations miss the larger point. The decision is perhaps best understood within the broader context of the United States' own search for strategic and national identity. President Donald Trump and the Make America Great Again movement have consistently sought to reconnect America with what they regard as the country's post-Second World War golden age—a period when the United States projected unparalleled military strength, economic confidence and global leadership. Other symbolic initiatives, including proposals to revive the title "Department of War" and restore historical military base names, reflect a wider effort to recover an earlier understanding of America's purpose in the world.

Whether one agrees with this project or not is secondary. Great powers periodically revisit their history in order to shape their future. America is doing so today. Rather than becoming absorbed in debating the title of an American military command, India and Japan should draw a different conclusion. If Washington is redefining its strategic narrative, the time has come for the original architects of the Indo-Pacific idea to reaffirm and refresh their own. The modern Indo-Pacific concept did not originate in Washington. It was articulated most powerfully by the late Japanese Prime Minister

Shinzo Abe, whose vision of the "confluence of the two seas" brought together the Indian and Pacific Oceans into a single strategic and civilizational space. Prime Minister Narendra Modi embraced and developed that vision, giving it practical expression through initiatives ranging from maritime cooperation to the Quad. As the Indo-Pacific gained international prominence, however, its meaning gradually narrowed. Increasingly, it came to be understood primarily through the prism of military alliances, strategic competition and the challenge posed by China's rise. These issues remain important, but they were never intended to define the Indo-Pacific in its entirety. The original vision was broader and deeper.

The Indo-Pacific is not simply a geopolitical theatre. It is one of the world's oldest interconnected civilizational spaces. For over two millennia, the seas linking India, Southeast Asia, China and Japan carried not only goods but also ideas, religions, technologies, artistic traditions and systems of knowledge. Buddhism travelled from India across Asia. Hindu cultural influences shaped kingdoms throughout Southeast Asia. Chinese civilisation enriched the region through commerce, scholarship, innovation and maritime exchange. Together, these interactions created an enduring Asian community long before the emergence of modern nation states. This shared heritage remains one of Asia's greatest strategic assets. No meaningful civilizational conception of the Indo-Pacific can overlook China. Contemporary strategic differences are real and, in some cases, profound. They must be managed with clarity and realism. Yet



China has also been an integral participant in the historical exchanges that shaped Asia for centuries. Recognising this heritage does not require overlooking present-day disagreements. Rather, it acknowledges that a durable regional order cannot be built solely around rivalry. Strategic competition may persist, but it need not become the organising principle of the Indo-Pacific.

Today, both America and Europe are engaged in searching debates about their own civilizational identity. Questions of history, culture, national purpose and strategic direction increasingly shape both domestic politics and foreign policy. Such introspection is neither unusual nor undesirable. Great powers periodically redefine themselves.

India and Japan should undertake a similar exercise—but in a characteristically Asian way. Rather than constructing a civilizational narrative based on exclusion, they should build one based on connection. The Indo-Pacific should be understood as a region linked by centuries of interaction and capable of accommodating diversity while respecting national

sovereignty. Such an approach would restore Southeast Asia to its rightful place at the heart of the Indo-Pacific conversation—not as an arena of great-power competition, but as the historic bridge between the Indian and Pacific Oceans. A renewed Indo-Pacific vision should therefore rest on multiple pillars. Security cooperation will remain indispensable. Economic integration must continue. Technological collaboration will become increasingly important. But these should be reinforced by deeper cooperation in education, maritime heritage, cultural exchanges, Buddhist and historical networks, scientific research, digital connectivity and sustainable development. Civilization should not replace strategy; it should enrich it.

The ongoing visit of Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi to New Delhi offers an ideal opportunity to begin this conversation. While defence, technology and economic cooperation have rightly dominated the bilateral agenda, the two leaders should also consider how India and Japan can jointly restore the broader intellectual and

civilizational foundations of the Indo-Pacific concept they did so much to shape. The subsequent G20 Summit in Florida could provide an international platform for advancing this complementary vision. India and Japan need not distance themselves from the United States. On the contrary, they should continue working closely with Washington in promoting regional stability. But they should also ensure that the Indo-Pacific is not defined solely by American strategic vocabulary or by the changing priorities of successive administrations. America will continue to redefine its place in the world according to its own history and political choices. That is both natural and inevitable. India and Japan should do the same. Their task, however, is not to recreate an earlier age but to shape a new one—an Indo-Pacific that is strategically secure, economically dynamic and civilizationally confident. The debate over Pacific Command will eventually fade. The opportunity to renew the Indo-Pacific idea should not. The concept was born in Asia. Its next chapter should also be written in Asia.



EPFO introduces 3-day PF claim settlement: Here's what it means

Mumbai: The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has introduced a new framework to settle eligible provident fund (PF) withdrawal claims within three days, marking one of the biggest changes to its claim settlement process in recent years. The move is aimed at reducing the time subscribers wait to receive their PF money while making withdrawals faster, simpler and more transparent. The reform is part of EPFO's broader digital transformation initiative, commonly known as EPFO 3.0. Alongside the new claim settlement timeline, the organisation has expanded auto-settlement, simplified withdrawal procedures and strengthened accountability to improve service delivery for millions of EPF members. Under the new framework, eligible PF withdrawal claims will be processed and settled within three days, provided they meet the prescribed eligibility conditions and all required documents are in order. The new timeline is expected to benefit claimants that have complete Know Your Customer (KYC) details and do not require additional verification. Claims that involve discrepancies or require further scrutiny may still take longer to process. To ensure timely processing, officials responsible for unjustified delays beyond 20 days

could face a 12 per cent penal interest. The provision is intended to improve accountability and ensure eligible claims are settled within the prescribed timeframe.

Rs 5 lakh auto-settlement limit to speed up PF withdrawals

As part of the reforms, EPFO has expanded its auto-settlement mechanism to reduce manual intervention in claim processing.

Earlier, eligible advance withdrawal claims up to Rs 1 lakh could be processed automatically.

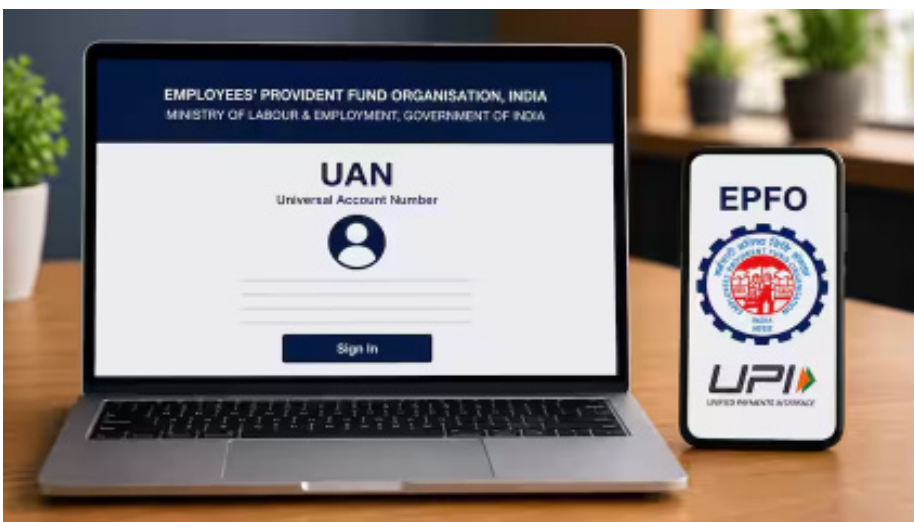
The organisation has now increased the auto-settlement limit to Rs 5 lakh, allowing a larger number of claims to be settled without manual scrutiny.

The move is expected to reduce paperwork, minimise processing delays and improve the overall claim settlement experience for subscribers.

Who can benefit from the new EPFO claim process?

The faster settlement timeline is expected to help subscribers who need quick access to their PF savings for eligible purposes such as medical treatment, higher education, marriage, home purchase or construction, and unemployment.

Members who have an Aadhaar-linked Universal Account Number (UAN), updated bank account details and completed KYC are likely to benefit the most, as their claims can be



processed with fewer manual checks.

The reforms do not change the existing EPF contribution structure. Employees and employers will continue contributing 12 per cent of the employee's basic salary and dearness allowance, wherever applicable. The latest changes are focused on improving claim processing rather than altering contribution rules.

Documents and KYC subscribers should update before filing a PF claim

Subscribers planning to submit a PF withdrawal claim should ensure that all their details are updated before applying. This includes:

- Universal Account Number (UAN) is active
- Aadhaar is linked with the UAN
- PAN details are updated
- Bank account details are correct

KYC formalities are completed

Registered mobile number is active for OTP authentication

Keeping these details updated can help prevent delays and improve the chances of faster claim settlement under the new framework.

How the new rule fits into EPFO 3.0's digital transformation

The three-day settlement timeline is part of EPFO's ongoing efforts to modernise its services through EPFO 3.0. The organisation has been introducing several digital initiatives aimed at reducing paperwork and improving the experience for members.

In addition to expanding auto-settlement, EPFO is working on introducing more digital services, including PF withdrawals through UPI and ATM-linked access. These initia-

tives are expected to make accessing PF savings quicker and more convenient in the future.

What the 3-day PF claim settlement means for subscribers

The introduction of a three-day settlement timeline for eligible PF claims marks a significant step towards faster and more efficient service delivery. Combined with the higher Rs 5 lakh auto-settlement limit, simplified withdrawal procedures and greater accountability for delays, the reforms are expected to improve the claim experience for millions of EPF subscribers. However, the three-day timeline will primarily apply to eligible claims with complete KYC and updated records. Subscribers should ensure their UAN, Aadhaar, PAN, bank account details and other information are accurate before filing a claim to take full advantage of the faster settlement process.

Adani group to invest Rs 2,500 Crore in missile manufacturing hub in MP

Ahmedabad: The Adani Group on Sunday announced that it will invest Rs 2,500 crore over the next three years to establish an integrated missile manufacturing ecosystem in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh. The facility, described as South Asia's largest private-sector missile ecosystem, will bring the entire value chain — from raw materials to mission-ready missile systems — under one roof. Speaking at the foundation stone-laying ceremony, Adani Enterprises Director Jeet Adani said the project marks a historic milestone for India's private defence manufacturing sector and will significantly enhance the country's self-reliance in strategic defence capabilities.

Government raises onion procurement price by 13% to Rs 2,125 per quintal to support farmers



Mumbai: Government raises onion procurement price: The Government has increased the procurement price of onions under the Price Stabilisation Buffer by 13 per cent, raising it from Rs 1,875 per quintal to Rs 2,125 per quintal. The revised rate has come into effect from July 4, 2026.

Revised MSP under Price Stabilisation Buffer effective from July 4

"Procurement of onions through NAFED and NCCF for the Government's Price Stabilisation Buffer is in progress. The revised procurement price will ensure better returns for onion farmers while supporting buffer procurement efforts," the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution said in the release.

Strong production outlook keeps supply stable

According to the Second Advance Estimates of the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare for 2025-26, onion production is estimated at 307.37 lakh metric tonnes (LMT), nearly matching last year's output of 307.67 LMT. The government noted that overall availability of onions remains comfortable at this stage. However, prices may show normal seasonal

movement in the coming months. Current stock levels in major producing states such as Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat remain adequate, with no signs of any shortage in stored onions. "Current stock levels in Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat are adequate. At present, there are no indications of any shortage of stored onions," said the release.

Robust arrivals and stable retail prices

Daily mandi arrivals continue to remain strong at over 50,000 metric tonnes at the national level. In Maharashtra alone, arrivals are above 30,000 metric tonnes, with modal prices averaging around Rs 18 per kg. The all-India average retail price currently stands at Rs 31 per kg. Better-quality stocks are still in storage and are expected to be released during the lean season, helping stabilise supply.

Speculative buying seen amid weather delays

The government also noted that a delay in monsoon onset and lower-than-normal rainfall in some regions has led to some speculative buying by traders. However, officials clarified that there is no signifi-

cant demand pressure at prevailing price levels in major consuming markets. Production centres such as Nashik and parts of Madhya Pradesh are witnessing some speculative activity, largely driven by expectations of future price movements rather than actual demand. "Despite the sentiment in consumer markets, production centres such as Nashik and parts of Madhya Pradesh are witnessing a tendency for speculative trading activity, largely on expectations of a future market recovery rather than on strong underlying demand," it added.

Export trends and sowing progress

Onion exports remain steady, with around 1.50 lakh metric tonnes exported in June 2026. However, traders expect a temporary slowdown in export pace as fresh crops from Pakistan and China enter global markets, especially in destinations such as the Gulf countries, Sri Lanka and the Far East. Meanwhile, sowing activity shows mixed progress. The Nashik region of Maharashtra has reported a delay of about 15 days in Kharif sowing, while in Karnataka's Chitradurga and Challakere belt, sowing has reached nearly 60 per cent of normal levels.

Ganga Expressway: Route, map, latest updates, new Noida Airport link and key benefits

Noida: The 594-km Ganga Expressway has become one of Uttar Pradesh's biggest infrastructure projects, cutting travel time between Meerut and Prayagraj while improving connectivity across 12 districts. The expressway is back in focus after the state government proposed a 74.3-km greenfield link road to Noida International Airport (Jewar). Once completed, the project is expected to provide faster airport access for people in western Uttar Pradesh, including Bulandshahr, Hapur and Meerut.

From its route, map and districts covered to the latest Noida Airport link, travel time, Phase 2 expansion plans and key benefits, here's everything you need to know about the Ganga Expressway.

What is the Ganga Expressway?

The Ganga Expressway

is a 594-km, six-lane access-controlled greenfield expressway developed by the Uttar Pradesh Expressways Industrial Development Authority (UPEIDA) under the Design-Build-Finance-Operate-Transfer (DBFOT) model. The corridor became operational on April 29, 2026, after being inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The expressway starts at Bijauli village in Meerut and ends at Judapur Dandu village near Prayagraj, making it one of Uttar Pradesh's longest expressways. Designed to improve connectivity between western and eastern Uttar Pradesh, the corridor is expected to support faster travel, logistics, trade and regional economic growth.

Ganga Expressway: Key facts at a glance

- Length: 594 km
- Operational since: April 29, 2026

Six lanes, expandable to eight lanes

Maximum speed limit: 120 kmph

Developed by UPEIDA

Estimated project cost: Rs 37,350 crore

Connects western and eastern Uttar Pradesh through a high-speed corridor

Features a 3.5-km emergency airstrip in Shahjahanpur for Indian Air Force operations

New Noida Airport link: How will it improve connectivity?

The latest development related to the Ganga Expressway is the proposed Jewar-Ganga Link Expressway, which aims to connect the corridor directly with Noida International Airport through the Yamuna Expressway.

The proposed 74.3-km greenfield link road, estimated to cost around Rs 4,000 crore, will initially



be developed as a six-lane access-controlled expressway, with provision to expand it to eight lanes in the future.

The project will require the acquisition of nearly 997 hectares of land and pass through five tehsils of Bulandshahr district before connecting to the Yamuna Expressway and Noida International Airport.

Once operational, the new link is expected to significantly improve airport connectivity for

western Uttar Pradesh. Travellers from Bulandshahr could reach Noida International Airport in around 20 minutes, while residents of Meerut, Hapur and Amroha are also expected to benefit from faster access. Apart from reducing travel time, the project is expected to strengthen logistics, support industrial investment and improve connectivity between western Uttar Pradesh, Delhi-NCR and the upcoming airport.

Is E20 fuel damaging vehicles? Toyota, Maruti Suzuki, Hero MotoCorp clear the air

Mumbai: Is E20 fuel damaging vehicles? A viral social media video claiming that E20 fuel damages vehicles has been dismissed by leading automobile manufacturers and industry experts, who say the problem highlighted in the video was caused by fuel adulteration and not ethanol-blended petrol. Toyota Kirloskar Motor issued an official statement clarifying that the Toyota Innova Hycross featured in the viral video is fully E20-compliant and has been designed, tested and certified to run on petrol containing up to 20 per cent ethanol.

Iran Is Preparing Thousands Of Graves As Millions Gather For Khamenei Funeral

According to the company, a detailed technical inspection found that the issue was caused by impurities in the fuel. It said there was no damage to any component of the vehicle or its fuel system. Toyota's service team cleaned the vehicle's fuel tank and fuel lines before refilling it with standard E20 petrol. After the inspection and servicing, the vehicle was found to be functioning normally and was returned to the customer. The company advised customers to refuel only at authorised and reliable petrol pumps to avoid fuel adulteration. It also urged vehicle owners to rely only on official and scientifically verified information regarding fuel compatibil-

ity and vehicle performance.

Experts say ethanol blending is scientifically backed

Industry experts stressed that ethanol blending has been introduced gradually over the years and is backed by scientific research. Vartika Shukla, former CMD of Engineers India Limited (EIL), said ethanol blending was not implemented overnight. The ethanol content in petrol has increased steadily from 1.5 per cent in 2014-15 to the current 20 per cent. She said E20 fuel complies with Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) norms and has been used for years in countries such as the United States, Canada and Brazil.

SANGH TO EMBARK ON MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO RECRUIT BENGALI YOUTH

Notwithstanding its best efforts in projecting its Baudhik Pramukhs (intellectual chiefs), Vicharaks and Prajna Pravah (overarching "intellectual wing") of the RSS that acts as a think-tank for scholars, academics, and intellectuals), the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh is unhappy with the number of Hindus in its formal membership umbrella. The RSS has decided to focus on the youths to secure long-term ideological continuity, and build a dedicated volunteer base, to counteract per-

ceived cultural disconnects in an increasingly digital era.

The Hindutva organization views engaging students and the "Gen-Z" as essential for nation-building and cultivating future leaders. Launching its connect with the youths of Bengal, it's starting a month-long drive to reach at least 2.5 lakh youth members across urban and rural West Bengal. This outreach campaign focuses on promoting RSS's Hindu nationalist ideology to exploit the electoral gains in Bengal to

its maximum. The Sangh believes that instilling "nationalist" and cultural values in young minds ensures the eternal vibrancy and endurance of its core philosophy.

Facing a shifting political landscape and ideological apathy among Gen-Z and millennials, the RSS is seriously striving to ensure its core ideology remains relevant and supported by the next generation. It intends to provide physical fitness, discipline, and Hindutva-compatible moral education to children and young

adults through the saakhaas. The RSS would encourage youths to acquire global education and professional skills, however with the rider that they apply their expertise to the development of India along Hindu nationalist lines. It also plans to expand its footprint among students (including professional college students) and young demographics through grassroots initiatives, educational projects, and disaster relief.

So far, the main focus of the RSS in Bengal has been

the non-Bengali youths, primarily the migrants from Bihar and eastern UP. Sangh has cleverly targeted the non-Bengali populations and youth in Bengal as part of a strategic shift to expand its influence across diverse demographics in the state. Non-Bengalis (primarily Marwaris, Biharis, and people of UP origin) make up roughly 15% of Bengal's population and are heavily concentrated in urban and industrial hubs like Kolkata, Howrah, and the North Bengal corridor. The RSS

has successfully utilized this established base of support in these areas to drive up its grassroots mobilization.

Expectedly, the RSS has launched massive youth outreach campaigns for its centenary celebrations, aiming to recruit students from engineering and medical colleges, as well as urban youth in main cities, using traditional culture and Hindu nationalist ideology as primary draws. So far, the Sangh has been widely perceived in the state as an organization driven by a non-

Bengali leadership, drawing its core support from non-Bengali trading communities and the Hindi-speaking belt. To counter this limitation, the organization has now adapted its strategy, focusing on ideological training, social work, and grassroots programs to integrate native Bengali youth alongside non-Bengali migrants. RSS basically relies on communal polarization in the cosmopolitan belts to counter the Trinamool Congress-organised regional 'Son of the Soil' (a la Bangla Pokkho)

and Bengali-centric ethnolinguistic identity campaigns. However, RSS is keenly aware that the modern-day youth, irrespective of the fact whether they are from urban or rural areas, are drawn to luxury over traditional nationalism, largely due to globalization, the rise of digital culture, and a shift toward individualism. Platforms like Instagram, Facebook expose youth to global celebrity culture. Displaying luxury is often used for social validation, upward mobility, and curating a successful personal identity.

Faith Assets Need Secular Oversight As Temple Fraud Exposes Governance Vacuum



The alleged theft of donations from the Ayodhya Ram Temple has pushed a long-simmering question into the national foreground: who should guard the wealth of religious institutions when faith, money and power converge without adequate public accountability? The issue is not confined to Ayodhya, nor to Hindu institutions. Across denominations, religious endowments, shrines, trusts, churches, mosques, waqf properties, mutts, gurudwaras and pilgrimage centres command vast public confidence and substantial material assets. They receive cash donations, jewellery, land, securities,

foreign contributions and digital payments. Many also run schools, hospitals, charities, hostels and welfare networks. Yet the systems meant to protect these assets are often uneven, opaque and vulnerable to manipulation by insiders, contractors, political patrons and intermediaries. The Ayodhya episode is especially disturbing because of the symbolic weight of the institution. The Ram Temple is not an ordinary shrine. It was built after decades of mass mobilisation, litigation, political conflict and emotional investment by millions of devotees. Donations came not merely as money, but as acts of be-

lief. When allegations of organised pilferage, cash diversion, foreign-currency recovery and weak internal controls arise in such a setting, the damage goes beyond financial loss. It strikes at the moral authority of those entrusted with managing a sacred public trust. The decision to re-audit several years of temple accounts, the formation of a special investigation process, resignations linked to the controversy and political protests around the issue suggest that the matter has moved beyond routine administrative failure. Even if the final criminal liability is determined only after investigation and trial, the

governance failure is already evident. A system that allows donation theft to become organised, or even credibly alleged at scale, cannot be defended as merely the work of a few rogue individuals. It points to inadequate safeguards, excessive concentration of control and poor external scrutiny. Religious institutions occupy a difficult constitutional and moral space. They are not commercial companies, yet they handle wealth on a scale that would require strict compliance if held by a corporation. They are not arms of the state, yet they often enjoy public concessions, police protection, tax privileges, land grants and political patronage. They are not private family properties in the ordinary sense, yet their management is frequently dominated by closed groups, hereditary interests or networks answerable only to themselves. This ambiguity has created the perfect terrain for mismanagement. The instinctive response in India has often been state control, especially in the case of Hindu temples. Several states have long exercised control over temples through endow-

ment departments and statutory boards. That model was justified historically as a way to prevent hereditary abuse, protect temple assets and ensure public access. Yet experience has shown that government control is no guarantee of integrity. It can replace one form of capture with another. Bureaucrats may lack religious sensitivity, politicians may use temple revenues for patronage, and administrators may treat sacred institutions as revenue-generating departments rather than community trusts. At the other end lies the argument that religious communities should be left entirely to manage their own institutions. That view has emotional appeal, particularly where state intervention appears selective or discriminatory. But it ignores the record of internal capture. Many religious institutions have seen allegations of land alienation, donation siphoning, inflated contracts, gold and silver misappropriation, manipulation of appointment powers, under-reporting of income, unauthorised leases and factional control by clerical or lay elites. Faith alone is not an audit mechanism.

Devotion cannot substitute for governance. The answer, therefore, cannot be either blanket government control or unregulated autonomy. What India needs is a secular, arms-length accountability framework that treats religious wealth as public-trust wealth without interfering in religious practice. The distinction is crucial. The state has no business deciding rituals, doctrine, liturgy, worship methods, clerical legitimacy or theological questions. But it has a legitimate interest in ensuring that assets donated by the public are not stolen, diverted, encroached upon or used for purposes contrary to the trust under which they were given. A statutory national commission for religious institutional governance deserves serious consideration. Its remit should not be denominational. It should cover major public religious institutions across faiths, subject to reasonable thresholds of income, assets, public donations, landholdings or charitable operations. Such a body should not manage temples, mosques, churches or gurudwaras directly.

Indians Have Been Contributing To U.S. Economy And Education Since 1965

In 1965, a new law scrapped America’s whites-only immigration quota system, and the trickle of Indians into the United States began the slow climb toward becoming a flood. Nobody in 1965 could have foreseen that the sons and daughters of that first wave of engineers, doctors, and PhD students would one day run Google, Microsoft, IBM, Adobe, Chanel, FedEx, and the World Bank — or that a country which once ruled that “no construction of the law can natives of British India be regarded as white persons” would, two-and-a-half centuries after its own founding, find itself dependent on Indian minds to keep its technology, medicine, and academia running. As the United States marks 250 years of independence this July 4, it is worth asking an uncomfortable, delicious question: how much of the American century’s back half has actually been built by Indians? The record, verified against Census Bureau, Pew Research and Ministry of External Affairs data, is not sentimental immigrant-uplift mythology. It is a hard economic and scientific fact pattern that America’s political class prefers to muddy with visa politics even as it depends on the diaspora it periodically threatens to restrict. A Fifteenth-Century Mistake, A Twentieth-Century Correction; The joke writes itself: Christopher Columbus, hunting for a sea route to India in 1492, stumbled onto a continent he insisted on calling the Indies, and saddled America’s indigenous peoples with the label “Indians” for five centuries. It took until 1965 — the Immigration and Nationality Act, which killed the national-origin quota system — for actual Indians to begin arriving in numbers worth counting. Indian immigrants began arriving in the United States in notable numbers as early as the nineteenth century, when Punjabi workers settled in California for agriculture, lumber and railroad construction, but their numbers stayed modest against European arrivals amid growing political hostility that culminated in the near-total ban under the Immigration Act of 1917. The 1965 Act reversed course entirely, and the Indian immigrant population roughly doubled every decade between 1960 and 1990 — the slow ignition of what is now the most spectacularly overachieving immigrant community in American history. The Numbers Nobody in Washington Wants to Say Out Loud; Indian Americans today number more than 5.4 million, approximately 1.6% of the US population, making them the largest Asian-alone group and the second-largest Asian American group overall after Chinese Americans — and they carry the highest median household income and the second-highest per-capita income of any ethnic group in the country. Among Indian immigrants, 60% have lived in the US more than ten years and 51% are naturalized citizens; 84% of Indians aged five and above are proficient in English, a fact that quietly demolishes every nativist caricature of the un-assimilated migrant. Geographically the community clusters are hard: one in five Indian immigrants live in California, followed by Texas at 12%, New Jersey at 10%, Illinois at 6% and New York at 5%, with these states together housing 53% of all Indian immigrants. This is not an accident of climate. It is the footprint of Silicon Valley, the New Jersey pharma corridor, and the Texas energy-and-tech sprawl — places where the H-1B visa, for all the political abuse heaped on it, has functioned as America’s most effective (if reluctant) talent-import mechanism. On taxes — the question every finance ministry official in Delhi and every immigration hawk in Washington actually wants answered — the picture is blunt. Every Indian on American payroll pays into the system regardless of visa status. An H-1B holder who meets the IRS Substantial Presence Test is taxed as a resident alien on worldwide income, exactly like a citizen, and most H-1B holders surrender 20 to 35% of gross income to federal and state tax brackets, with Social Security and Medicare deductions layered on top. With roughly 3 million Indian-born residents in the workforce, plus the US-born second generation now entering peak earning years, the community’s aggregate federal tax contribution runs comfortably into tens of billions of dollars annually — a fiscal fact American immigration debates conveniently omit when weaponizing the visa system for domestic politics.

And the earnings data should embarrass anyone still peddling the “H-1Bs undercut American wages” line. Indian nationals in the United States post a median annual income of roughly \$146,000 — more than two-thirds higher than the median for US-born college graduates. This is not a community squeezed into subsistence tech-support roles. It is a community that has out-earned the native-born graduate class it was once accused of endangering. Beyond the IT Ghetto: Where Indians Actually Work; The lazy caricature — IT, telecom, hospitality motels, healthcare — undersells a community that has colonized nearly every serious American profession. Indian Americans run investment banks and hedge funds (Vikram Pandit at Citigroup, Vivek Ramaswamy in biotech-turned-politics), sit on the federal bench and in state legislatures, chair university departments from MIT to Stanford, direct NASA missions, and populate the partner ranks of McKinsey, Goldman Sachs and every white-shoe law firm on the Eastern Seaboard. They are astronauts — the late Kalpana Chawla flew two shuttle missions before dying aboard Columbia in 2003, and Sunita Williams has logged more cumulative spacewalk time than any woman in NASA history. They are Pulitzer-winning writers (Jhumpa Lahiri), Oscar-nominated actors, and — improbably, given the community’s reputation for STEM tunnel vision — stand-up comedians who now headline Madison Square Garden. The Corner Office Conquest; If there is one statistic that should terrify America’s business schools into rewriting their leadership curricula, it is this: eleven Fortune 500 companies are currently run by CEOs of Indian heritage, over-seeing a combined market capitalization exceeding \$6.5 trillion. The roll call reads like a corporate hall of fame: Satya Nadella at Microsoft, Sundar Pichai at Google, Leena Nair at Chanel, and Raj Subramaniam at FedEx, with Shantanu Narayen at Adobe and Arvind Krishna at IBM rounding out the technology bloc. Ramani Ayer became the first Indian-born Fortune 500 CEO at The Hartford in 1997, and Indra Nooyi’s 2006 appointment at PepsiCo made her the first Indian woman to lead a Fortune 100 company, opening a floodgate that produced Ajay Banga’s 2010 ascent at Mastercard — Banga later traded the corner office for the presidency of the World Bank itself, an institution now literally run by a man born in Pune.

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.

Kids Stay Away From Toxic Ladies



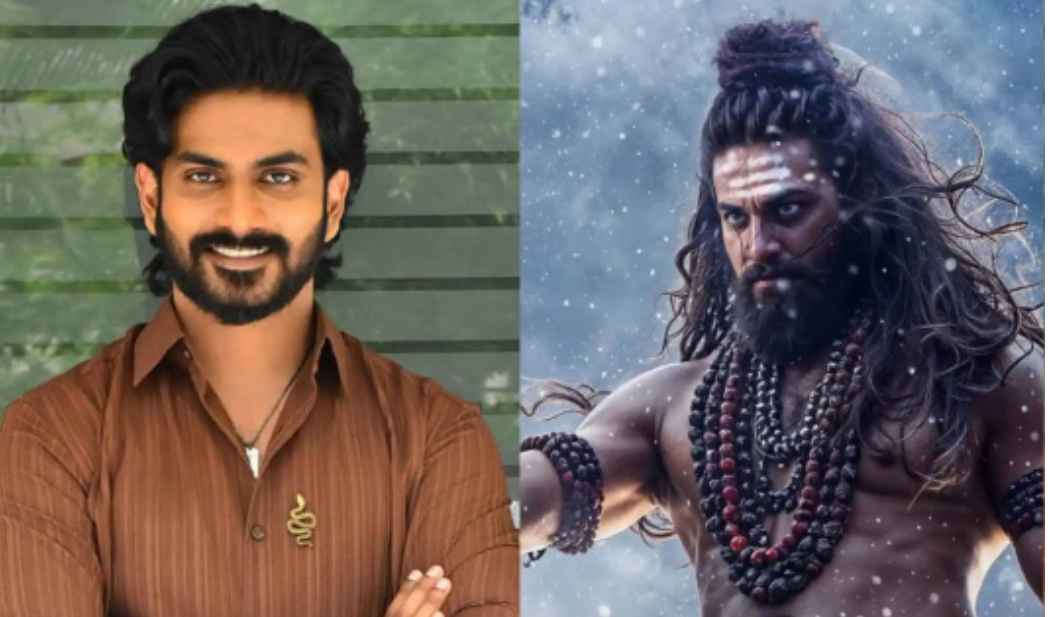
After months of anticipation and multiple release delays, the teaser of Yash’s Toxic has finally arrived, confirming an August 26 release date and setting social media abuzz. Directed by Geetu Mohandas, the film presents Yash in a strikingly stylish avatar, promising a dark and intense cinematic experience. From its very first frame, the teaser makes its intentions clear with a cheeky disclaimer: “Kids, stay away. Parents, keep your kids away. Grandparents, keep your grandkids away. Great-grandparents, proceed at your own

risk.” Bold, irreverent, and unabologetically wild, the warning perfectly sets the tone for a film that seems determined to break conventions and embrace its rebellious edge. The teaser revolves around a powerful theme that love and heartbreak can be strong enough to change or even destroy worlds. While the visuals hint at deep emotions, the emotional core of the story remains largely hidden, making the teaser more of a mood piece than a narrative reveal. One of the biggest highlights is the film’s scale. Every frame reflects rich production

values, stylish cinematography, and a unique world crafted by Geetu Mohandas. The leading ladies, Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Rukmini Vasanth, Huma Qureshi, and Tara Sutaria are showcased in glamorous and intriguing avatars, though their characters remain under wraps. Yash dominates the teaser with his screen presence, while Ravi Basrur’s powerful background score adds intensity and elevates the visuals. The teaser also features bold imagery, stylized action, and a gritty tone that suggests the film will push boundaries.

That said, while the grandeur and style are evident, the emotional connect is not fully established yet. The makers seem intent on preserving the film’s core conflict for future promotional material. The boldness also feels a bit over the top and does it have much of an impact in the film needs to be seen. Having been postponed twice, Toxic carries enormous expectations. The new teaser succeeds in building curiosity, but the real test will be whether the film can balance its visual spectacle with a compelling emotional journey.

Naga Bandham Hero’s Daily Makeup Took Six Hours



Ahead of the release, hero Virat Karna says his next outing Nagabandham represents the most challenging journey of his life. Directed by Abhishek Nama and produced by Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagireddy under NIK Studios, the epic fantasy adventure has made exceptional pre-release business, thanks to the strong buzz the movie is carrying. Although his debut Peddha Kapu was also mounted on a grand

scale, the actor believes Nagabandham pushed him to entirely new limits. “I worked twice as hard for this film. Every ounce of my energy went into these characters,” he said. To transform himself, he gained 20 kilograms for one phase before losing five kilograms for another. He also mastered horse riding, improved his dance skills, and committed himself to rigorous physical conditioning. The elaborate

Naga Sadhu makeup itself required six hours every day. The actor disclosed that he never relied on stunt doubles. “Not a single action sequence in the film was performed by a duplicate. I executed every stunt myself.” During an action sequence in severe winter conditions, Virat’s body froze due to the freezing temperatures while filming with minimal costume. He was immediately shifted to Apollo Hospital’s

emergency department before resuming shooting the very next day after receiving medical clearance. He admitted feeling nervous during the early days of filming because of the gigantic sets and hundreds of junior artists working daily. However, director Abhishek Nama constantly encouraged him, reminding him to focus solely on his performance. Confident that audiences will be impressed, he said those who watched the movie already have responded extremely positive. “The film has come out brilliantly. Every scene directed by Abhishek Nama gave me goosebumps. Viewers are going to witness a spectacular theatrical experience.” The actor acknowledged Megastar Chiranjeevi as the biggest inspiration behind his cinematic dreams and said he hopes to continue acting in commercial entertainers packed with family emotions and action. Virat confirmed that Nagabandham is planned as a two-part saga and revealed that he intends to maintain a steady pace by releasing two films every year.

Lenin Trailer Triggers Decoding Conversations

The much awaited trailer of Akhil’s Lenin was released the other day. While trailer got decent response, many started decoding many frames on social media. Surprisingly, team had cut the trailer in a way which teases multiple doubts and this is good strategy. Instead of simply reacting to the visuals, many viewers have started decoding individual frames, searching for hidden clues, symbolic references, and possible story twists. Interestingly, the makers appear to have intentionally edited the trailer to spark curiosity rather than reveal too much. Several shots seem designed to raise questions instead of providing answers, encouraging audiences to come up with their own theories. This approach has resulted in fans dissecting every scene, debating character motivations, and predicting how the narrative could unfold. Such a strategy often works well for mystery-driven or content-oriented films, as it keeps conversations alive long after the trailer release. Rather than giving away the core plot, the team has chosen to build anticipation through carefully placed hints and ambiguous moments. The growing online chatter suggests that the promotional campaign is doing its job effectively. Every new interpretation adds to the film’s visibility, keeping Lenin in the spotlight without the makers having to reveal additional footage. If the intention was to create curiosity and sustain audience interest until release, the trailer seems to have accomplished exactly that, generating momentum through speculation and discussion.



Satyadev on ‘Rao Bahadur’: Mahesh Babu’s reaction, makeup challenges and more



Director Venkatesh Maha’s “Rao Bahadur” stars Satyadev in the title role. The film has already generated significant buzz ahead of its July 3 release. In a conversation with the media, Satyadev opens up about the film, the challenges he faced while portraying the character, and the appreciation he received from Mahesh Babu. **Mahesh Babu says “Rao Bahadur” is a Telugu film like never before. That’s a huge statement. What gave him that confidence?** That confidence came only after watching the film. Even before we began shooting, we had decided on the tagline, “A Telugu film like never before.” After watching the completed film, Mahesh Babu used the exact same words. Several filmmakers who have seen it have echoed the same opinion. It’s not a promotional line; it’s a belief that comes after experiencing the film. **What genre does “Rao Bahadur” belong to?** At its core, it’s a psychological drama with elements of magical realism and dark comedy. Magical realism is about presenting metaphors visually. Some moments may even feel like horror. For instance, you may have noticed the roots chasing someone in the teaser. When audiences watch the film, the meaning behind such visuals will become very clear. **Did you know from the beginning that your role would require such an extensive makeover?** Absolutely. I knew this film would demand at least 300 per-

cent more effort than my usual projects. I also knew it involved heavy prosthetic makeup. I’ve always admired actors like Kamal Haasan, Suriya and Vikram for taking on such physically demanding roles, and it had been my dream to do something similar. When “Rao Bahadur” came my way, I embraced it wholeheartedly. More than the physical makeover, what mattered was the mental preparation. Every day, I was ready to spend nearly 16 hours on set. It took almost five hours to apply my makeup and another one-and-a-half hours to remove it, but I genuinely enjoyed the process. **Would you call this the most challenging role of your career?** Without a doubt. Until now, I used to look at my career as before and after “Jyothi Lakshmi.” I believe people will now talk about my journey as before and after “Rao Bahadur.” The character Ramappa has no reference point in Indian cinema. He’s a completely unpredictable and eccentric personality. In fact, after this film, I think Ramappa himself will become the reference for similar characters. I became so immersed in the role that it felt like the character had taken over me. **What is the film’s time period?** The story unfolds between the 1960s and the 1990s. My character is a wanderer who returns to his ancestral palace, Bhuvanalayam, after years of travelling. What happens after his return forms the heart of the story. The film also features a

beautiful love story. Deepa Thomas has an equally powerful role and performance. There are two dance numbers as well. In fact, this is the first film in my career where I’ve danced so extensively. I even learned salsa for it. **What was Mahesh Babu’s feedback after watching the film?** Mahesh Babu and Namrata watched the film together and spent nearly 40 minutes discussing it with us. He also agreed to lend his voice for the trailer, which meant a lot to me. Sukumar watched the film too and shared very encouraging feedback. I had worked with Mahesh Babu earlier in “Seethamma Vakitlo Sirimalle Chettu”, but my scene was eventually removed. So hearing him introduce the teaser with the words, “Satyadev in...” was a truly emotional moment for me. His voice-over is priceless. I must also thank producers Sharath, Anurag and Chinta Gopal garu. They first believed in the film and then brought Mahesh Babu on board. In my previous films, I often faced challenges when it came to market reach and releases. This time, they have taken complete responsibility and are giving “Rao Bahadur” a truly grand release. **What are your upcoming films?** I’m working on “Samavarthi”, which is unlike anything I’ve done before. It’s set against the backdrop of a forest-based action drama. I’m also shooting for a comedy film and playing a mass character in “Full Bottle”.

Alpha Buzz: Weakest Film in the YRF Spy Universe Yet?

As the release of Alpha draws closer, concerns are growing over its relatively weak pre-release buzz. With only three days left before it hits theaters, the film has yet to generate the kind of excitement typically associated with the YRF Spy Universe. Previous installments built strong anticipation through impactful trailers, hit songs, memorable promotional campaigns, and widespread audience discussions. In comparison, Alpha has struggled to create the same level of momentum. Lead actors Alia Bhatt and Sharvari have been actively promoting the film through interviews, events, and media appearances. Despite these efforts, online conversations and audience enthusiasm appear more subdued than expected for a major franchise release. This has led some fans and industry observers to question whether the marketing campaign has been effective enough. Ultimately, the film’s fate will depend on its content. If Alpha receives positive reviews and strong word of



mouth after release, it can still overcome the muted pre-release response and perform well at the box office. However, if the film fails to impress audiences, it could raise questions about the future direction and consistency of the YRF Spy Universe. For a cinematic universe that has established high expectations with previous successes, Alpha represents an important test. Its performance may influence both audience confidence and the franchise’s long-term momentum. Let’s see what happens.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Frequently asked objective questions in different competitive examinations

1. The chairman of a bank is appointed by the -----

Ans: Government

2. Loan repayment includes principal and -----

Ans: Interest

3. Bank reconciliation compares cash book with -----statement.

Ans: Bank

4. The value of money decreases during ---

Ans: Inflation

5. Budget allocation is made for various ---

Ans: Sectors

6. The government collects -----from citizens.

Ans: Taxes

7. RBI supervises commercial -----

Ans: Banks

8. Deposit insurance is provided by _____.
Ans: DICGC

9. DICGC stands for Deposit Insurance and Credit ----- Corporation.

Ans: Guarantee

10. Inflation hurts fixed ----- earners.

Ans: Income

Budget and Banking Terms

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



11. Fiscal policy aims at economic -----

Ans: Stability

12. Public sector banks are owned by the ---

Ans: Government

13. Budget documents contain revenue and ----- accounts.

Ans: Capital

14. Capital expenditure creates -----

Ans: Assets

15. Budgetary control helps in financial ----

Ans: Management

16. Treasury bills are issued at a -----

Ans: Discount

17. Bank locker facility ensures -----

Ans: Safety

18. A fiscal year consists of ----- months.

Ans: Twelve

19. RBI monitors banking -----

Ans: Operations

20. Budget proposals are discussed in -----

Ans: Parliament

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

22. PMJDY stands for Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan -----

Ans: Yojana

23. Zero balance accounts are common under -----

Ans: PMJDY

24. ATM withdrawals require a -----

Ans: PIN

25. PIN stands for Personal Identification --

Ans: Number

26. Online banking requires internet -----

Ans: Access

27. Inflation reduces real -----

Ans: Income

28. Government securities are traded in the ----- market.

Ans: Money

29. Commercial papers are short-term debt -----

Ans: Instruments

30. RBI controls credit through monetary -----

Ans: Policy

31. Public finance studies government -----

Ans: Finance

32. Endorsement transfers the ownership of a -----

Ans: Cheque

33. Core banking uses computer -----

Ans: Networks

34. Mobile banking is done through -----

Ans: Smartphones

35. Debit cards deduct money from -----

Ans: Account

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

Ans: Credit

37. Inflation affects cost of -----

Ans: Living

38. Banking sector is part of the financial --

Ans: System

39. The RBI governor heads the ----- bank.

Ans: Central

40. Tax revenue forms part of government -

Ans: Income

41. Public borrowing increases public ----

Ans: Debt

42. Budget estimates are reviewed through -

Ans: Audits

43. Audit ensures financial -----

Ans: Accuracy

44. RBI regulates money -----

Ans: Supply

45. Bank merger improves operational ----

Ans: Efficiency

46. Foreign exchange deals with foreign ---

Ans: Currency

47. FEMA stands for Foreign Exchange Management -----

Ans: Act

48. Foreign exchange reserves are maintained by -----

Ans: RBI

49. Budget surplus occurs when revenue exceeds -----

Ans: Expenditure

50. A cheque is a negotiable -----

Ans: Instrument

51. The RBI governor is appointed by the --

Ans: Government.

Ans: Central

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

Ans: Counter

53. MICR code helps cheque -----

Ans: Processing

54. Budget speech is delivered in -----

Ans: Parliament

55. Revenue deficit relates to revenue receipts and -----

Ans: Expenditure

56. The highest banking authority in India is -----

Ans: RBI

57. Savings promote capital -----

Ans: Formation

58. Fiscal deficit is financed through -----

Ans: Borrowing

59. Open market operations involve buying and selling of -----

Ans: Securities

60. Foreign currency exchange is handled by -----dealers.

Ans: Authorized

61. A bank statement shows account -----

Ans: Transactions

62. Tax evasion is -----

Ans: Illegal

63. Tax avoidance is generally -----

Ans: Legal

64. Budget helps control public -----

Ans: Expenditure

65. Government grants are a type of -----receipt.

Ans: Revenue

66. Treasury bills mature within ----- year.

Ans: One

67. Inflation increases commodity -----

Ans: Prices

68. Bank deposits help in credit -----

Ans: Creation

69. A demand deposit can be withdrawn on -----

Ans: Demand

70. Interest rate is expressed as a -----

Ans: Percentage

71. Inflation is an economic -----

Ans: Problem

72. Budget planning helps resource -----

Ans: Allocation

73. Government expenditure supports economic -----

Ans: Growth

74. Bank deposits provide financial -----

Ans: Security

75. Credit rating indicates repayment -----

Ans: Capacity

76. A secured loan requires -----

Ans: Collateral

77. An unsecured loan requires no -----

Ans: Collateral

78. Banking promotes economic -----

Ans: Development

79. Government taxation affects consumer -

Ans: Spending

80. Budget transparency improves -----

Ans: Accountability

81. RBI maintains financial -----

Ans: Stability

82. Monetary policy influences interest ----

Ans: Rates

83. Budget is an instrument of economic ---

Ans: Policy

84. Public sector banks contribute to financial -----

Ans: Inclusion

85. Digital banking improves customer ----

Ans: Convenience

86. The banking sector mobilizes -----

Ans: Savings

87. Currency circulation is managed by ----

Ans: RBI

88. Capital market deals in long-term -----

Ans: Funds

89. Money market deals in short-term -----

Ans: Funds

90. Public debt may be internal or -----

Ans: External

91. Budget estimates may be revised during the -----

Ans: Year

92. Sound banking strengthens the -----

Ans: Economy

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

Ans: RBI

94. RBI conducts open market -----

Ans: Operations

95. Public accounts are audited by -----

Ans: CAG

96. CAG stands for Comptroller and Auditor -----

Ans: General

97. Government bonds are long-term -----

Ans: Securities

98. ATM is an example of electronic -----

Ans: Banking

99. Budget reflects government -----

Ans: Priorities

100. Inflation may be caused by excess ----

Ans: Demand

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

Introduction

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

Importance of Generosity:

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

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

Importance of Generous:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Usefulness in Daily Life:

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

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

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

Usefulness in Professional Career:

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

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

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

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

achieve greater success when generosity guides their interactions with others.

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

Conclusion:

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

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Cheteshwar Pujara backs Sanju Samson to retain T20I spot, praises skipper Shreyas Iyer's maturity against England

New Delhi: Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara addressed the discussion surrounding India's top order ahead of the second T20I against England, making it clear that he does not believe Sanju Samson should lose his place to accommodate Vaibhav Sooryavanshi despite growing calls for the teenage batter to be included in the playing XI. The veteran batter added that constant speculation over Samson's place in the side was unnecessary, insisting the wicketkeeper-batter deserves a longer run. "I think India should persist with Sanju Samson. I don't think he should be feeling any pressure. He has proved himself in the T20 World Cup and, with the kind of talent he possesses, he should be there in the playing XI," Pujara said on JioStar. "There shouldn't be a lot of noise about dropping Sanju Samson. He is a quality player and should get a longer run. Sanju just needs to bat naturally and not think too much," he added. While Pujara acknowledged that Sooryavanshi has earned an opportunity, he argued that the youngster's inclusion should not come at the cost of disrupting India's established top order. "If Vaibhav needs to play, he should play, but not at the expense of dropping someone, rather by resting someone. If you want to give him an opportunity, that is fine. But you shouldn't be dropping any of India's top three players, whether it's Sanju, Abhishek or Ishan Kishan. Having said that, Vaibhav does deserve an opportunity, and his opportunity will come," he mentioned.



Pujara also praised captain Shreyas Iyer's composed innings after India recovered from an early setback to post a competitive total in the rain-hit opening T20I against England in Durham. With India losing early wickets after electing to bat first, Pujara said Iyer's ability to steady the innings before accelerating played a decisive role in putting the visitors in a strong position.

Pujara felt Iyer delivered exactly what was expected of a captain after India found themselves under pressure in the powerplay, balancing caution with aggression as the innings progressed. "It was an important knock from Shreyas Iyer and, when you are leading the team, you always look to lead from the front. He showed a lot of maturity because India were

in trouble after losing a couple of early wickets," Pujara told JioStar. He also credited Iyer for pacing his innings according to the match situation before shifting gears once he was well established at the crease. "Abhishek played a good knock, but it was important for Shreyas to hold one end up and take his time. Once he was set, he played some quality shots," he added. According to Pujara, the India captain's innings reflected both responsibility and leadership, leaving the side in an excellent position by the end of its 20 overs. "If you look at his innings at the end of the 20 overs, you know that, as a captain, you have done your job. You have put your team in a very commanding position. This was a perfect knock from Shreyas, both as a leader and as a batter," he said.

Chaitanya Organization founder President Anandan's services are invaluable and priceless

Madanapalle, July 05(Skyline daily): Chaitanya Service Society Founder President MP Anandan's birthday celebrations were held with great enthusiasm among orphaned children and the elderly. Every year on July 4th, on the occasion of MP Anandan's birthday, it has become a tradition to hand over bags, school textbooks and uniforms to the children of Chaitanya organization. For his birthday celebrations held on Saturday, Telugu Yuvatha State President Sriram Chinnababu, PORD organization Founder President Jalla Lalithamma, VELUGU Organization Convener Bhagya Lakshmi, visited Chaitanya Service Society and handed over textbooks, school bags and uniforms to the children. Later the founder president of Chaitanya organization, MP Anandan, cut a cake and distributed it to the children on the occasion of their birthday. On this occasion, the founder president of Chaitanya organization, MP Anandan, congratulated them on their experiences and the service programs they are doing. Speaking on the occasion, the chief guests said that Anandan and the team of the organization, who have established the Muthu English Medium School, the Ananda Old Age Home and the Rehabilitation Center, and are continuously serving about a hundred children, are exemplary and invaluable to everyone. They praised that they have been watching all the programs being carried out by the organization since its inception and that they have been bringing light to many destitute children and laying the foundation for a bright future, by bringing light into their lives. They assured that they will provide all kinds of help and support for the progress of the organization in the future. Speaking, the General Secretary of the organiza-



tion, Kavita Rani, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to Sriram Chinababu, PORD organization Jalla Lalithamma, and VELUGU organization convener Bhagya Lakshmi for their constant support and cooperation to the organization, and presented the organization's mementos to all of them on behalf of the organization. BJP youth leader Srikanth, Chaitanya Service Society Founder President MP Anandan, Admin Director Dr GVS Subramaniam Babu, organization General Secretary A Kavita Rani, Executive Director A Krishna Charan, Muthu English Medium School teachers Janardhana Reddy, Prasanna, Netravati, Bharathi, Bhargavi, and elderly people from Ananda Old Age Home participated in this program.

'Hanumat Sundarakanda' aims to bring Indian spirituality and cultural splendor to a global audience



Madanapalle, July 05(Skyline daily): Not only in the field of education, but also with sports and self-defense education, the new principal of Vijaya Bharathi educational institution, Nischitha Sethu, who is keeping his school at the forefront in Madanapalle town, has entered the film industry as a producer. Along with a team of friends, she decided to produce an animation film called 'Hanumath Sundarakanda'. To this end, a teaser release ceremony was held at Vijaya Bharathi English Medium School. The chief guests of the event were Dr N Sethu, Chairman of Vijaya Bharathi educational institution, renowned doctors Anil Kumar Reddy, Pawan Kumar Reddy, senior BJP leader Challapalli Narasimha Reddy, BJP district president Puli Narendra Reddy, Bandi Anand, Chandrasekhar Reddy, Mahesh Narayana, Kishore and the film team. The teaser they presented on this occasion impressed everyone. The

director who shot the Hanuman scenes in a way that made the hair stand on end was congratulated, as well as the team of Nischitha Sethu who decided to make such a great film and turned producer. It was clarified that the film will be released in six languages(??Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam and Bengali) next year for Vinayaka Chavithi festival. The guests wished that the film would achieve great success.

'Hanumath Sundarakanda' is being produced by Nishcitha Sethu and Harinath Deora under the banner of 'Aindri Creations' with great ambition. Arun Kumar Rapolu is writing the story, narration and directing the film. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers said that this film is being made with the aim of bringing the glory of Indian epics to the audience with cutting-edge technology. Along with world-renowned motion capture technology, this film is being produced using cutting-edge visual effects and animation techniques.

Motion capture is a technique used in many prestigious films in Hollywood, especially in films like Avatar, they said.nIn this method, the body movements, gestures, and facial expressions of actors wearing special sensor-equipped costumes are recorded through motion capture cameras installed in 360 degrees. Later, those movements are transferred to the desired characters in digital form, creating the most natural performance. Later, Dr Sethu said that the film is being produced with Hollywood-level technical standards and with the aim of presenting Indian spirituality and cultural splendor to the global audience. Speaking further, the film unit said that "Hanumath Sundarakanda" will stand as a special film in the field of Indian animation with its high production values, stunning visuals, and emotional story.

Ravuri Bharadwaja is the third Telugu writer to win the 'Jnanpeetha' award: Acharya Moola Mallikarjuna Reddy

Kadapa (Skyline Daily) July 05: YSR District Writer's Association President Acharya Mool Mallikarjuna Reddy said that Ravuri Bhara Dwaja Sahitya who started as a laborer and farm worker overcame many hardships and created innovative literature and received the highest Jnanpeeth Puraska is a literary meritorious person. Ravuri Bharadwaj centenary was celebrated in local Kadapa Rajiv Cultural Club under the auspices of YSR Kadapa District Writers Association on Sunday. First they paid tributes to his portrait by placing flowers. Mallikarjuna Reddy said that despite many ups and downs in his life, he is a great literary tree that has grown by self-cultivation, about 37 story collections, 17 novels, 10 dramas, 5 children's story



books, and memoirs have been published from Bharadwaj's pen. Teachers Subbarayadu, Nitya Prabhakar, artists Dasari Sudhakar, Kumalleti Sudhakar, Prakasam, Bala Obayya, Sridi Vasaraju, Venkatasubba Iyya and others participated in this program.

Youth should be at the forefront of service activities



Kadapa (Skyline Daily) July 05:JB Foundation Chairman Jahangir Bhasha said that youth should be at the forefront of social service activities. They honored youth organization Pakulu Lion Patan Khada Rabasha for giving relief to the poor people at the time of calamity. JK was felicitated with a shawl and given a memo on the foundation day of JB Foundation on Sunday.JB Foundation Chairman Dr. Jahangir Bha sha said that doing youth service programs is very gratifyingDr U Bedullah Dr Parameswara Rao Jana Vikas Seva Samiti System Pakulu SM Tahir Stop and others participated in the program and said that the service provided by JK Youth is very useful for the poor.

AIMSR Hosts South India Inter-Collegiate Pharmacology Quiz

- Rx Race–2026 promotes scientific learning and clinical reasoning among future doctors

Chittoor, July 5 (Skyline Daily): Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences & Research (AIMSR), Chittoor, successfully hosted Rx Race–2026, the South India Inter-Collegiate Medical Pharmacology Quiz, bringing together undergraduate medical students from across South India to strengthen their knowledge of pharmacology and promote scientific and clinical reasoning.

A total of 54 teams registered, with 51 teams from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Karnataka, and Pondicherry participating in the competition. Following multiple rounds of assessment, a team from PES Medical College, Bangalore secured the First Prize, while MVJ Medical College, Bangalore won the Second Prize, and another team from PES Medical College claimed the Third Prize.

The prizes were presented by Prof. Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Vice Chancellor, The Apollo University, who was the Chief Guest at the valedictory ceremony. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Nagarkar said that pharmacology forms the foundation of clinical medicine and plays a vital role in developing competent healthcare professionals. He noted that academic competitions such as Rx Race encourage scientific thinking, clinical reasoning, analytical skills, and informed decision-making among medical students. He also emphasized the importance of understanding the safe use of medicines and their adverse drug reactions in clinical practice. Dr. Sachidananda Adiga M.N., Professor and Head, Department of Pharmacology, said that the compe-



tion was organized for second-year MBBS students from South Indian medical colleges with the objective of encouraging learning beyond textbooks while strengthening conceptual understanding and clinical application of pharmacology. Six teams qualified for the final round based on their performance in the preliminary MCQ test covering the entire pharmacology curriculum. The event was attended by Dr. Ramya Ramakrishnan, Dean, AIMSR; Dr. Usha S. Adiga, Associate Dean (Research); Dr. S. Shivachandra Raju, Professor, Department of Pharmacology; organizing committee members Dr. Mohammed Abrar, Dr. Gandham Ravi, Dr. Bhavya Lekhya, along with faculty members and students.

AP JAC Urges Resolution of Long-Pending Demands of Government Employees

Pileru, July 5: A delegation of the AP JAC, led by M. Venugopal Reddy, Chairman of AP JAC, Annamayya District, submitted a memorandum to Sri Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy, MLA, Pileru, requesting his support in resolving the long-pending issues of government employees. The delegation appealed to the coalition government to take favourable decisions on several important demands concerning employees, teachers, workers and pensioners. These include the immediate payment of pending dues, reinstatement of employees removed from the Medical and Health Department, enhancement of the retirement age from 60 to 62 years for employees of Public Sector Undertakings and Gurukul Societies, and implementation of the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) for around 11,000 employees covered under the Contributory Pension Scheme (CPS) as per Memo No. 57. As directed by AP JAC State Chairman Alaparthi Vidyasagar, State Secretary General Prasad, and State General Secretary D.V. Ramana, the delegation urged the MLA to recommend to the State Government the immediate constitution of the Pay Revision Commission (PRC), an-



nouncement of Interim Relief (IR), and release of pending Dearness Allowance (DA) arrears and Surrender Leave encashment dues. The AP JAC further requested the State Government to respond positively to the employees' demands on or before July 26. Among those who participated in the programme were JAC leaders Srinivasan, Reddeppa Naidu, C. Babu Reddy, Venkata Ramana Reddy, Eswar Prasad, Nageshwar, Venkata Ramana, Murali, Manohar, Shivaprasad, Ramesh Babu, Balakrishna, Reddy Varaprasad, Manjunath, Venkata Ramana, and several others.

Special Intensive Revision Program Should Be Completed Strictly



Madanapalle, July 5(Skyline daily): District Collector Nishanth Kumar has instructed the concerned officials to conduct the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) program in the district with complete transparency and impartiality and prepare a list of voters without errors. On Sunday, the District Collector inspected the Special Intensive Revision Program being conducted in the Madanapalle mandal, Chippili village and Kurabalakota mandal center at the field level. On this occasion, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) went door to door, inspected the survey being conducted, distribution of SIR enumeration forms, registration of voter details and digitalization processes and made several suggestions to the officials. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that special care should be taken to ensure that the name of every eligible voter in the district is in the voter list. He suggested that in addition to visiting every house and registering the details of eligible voters in full,

the details of newly qualified voters, those who have moved to other areas and those who have died should be registered as per the rules. The collected information should be digitized online without delay, each application should be thoroughly examined and steps should be taken to ensure that no mistakes are made. He said that the accuracy of the voter list is very crucial for the election process, therefore every officer should

perform his duties responsibly. He clarified that the duties assigned to the BLOs should be carried out personally and under no circumstances should responsibilities be delegated to unauthorized persons. He suggested that voters, booth level agents and representatives of political parties should be treated with equality and impartiality. He ordered that objections and complaints received from the public should be examined immediately and resolved as per the rules of the Election Commission. He said that necessary assistance should be provided to the people coming to the polling stations and that no inconvenience should be faced. The District Collector appealed to the people to also utilize this special opportunity and check their voter details and make necessary changes or additions. Sub-Collector Challa Kalyani, concerned Tahsildars, Election Department officials, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and others participated in this program.

Anivara Asthanam at Srivari Temple on July 17

- Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam on July 14 No VIP Break Darshans on July 14 and 17

Tirumala, 05 July: Anivara Asthanam, the annual traditional accounting fete will be held in a grand manner at Srivari Temple on July 17. In connection with this fete, the traditional temple cleaning ritual, the Alwar Tirumanjanam will be held on July 14. Following these two religious events, the TTD has cancelled VIP Break Darshans on these two days except for protocol dignitaries. Therefore recommendation letters for VIP Break Darshans will not be accepted on July 13 and 16. The devotees are requested to make note of these changes and cooperate with TTD. On the other hand, Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjita Brahmotsavam and Sahasra Deepalankara Seva also remains cancelled on July 17.

