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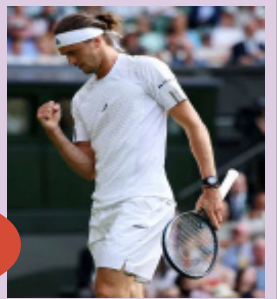


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Special Focus Needed on Resolving PGRS Applications: CM Chandrababu



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, July, 6 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu emphasized the need to give special attention to the resolution of applications received through the Public Grievance Redressal System

(PGRS). He also stated that achieving zero waste in urban local bodies (ULBs) should be a key objective and directed officials to take special measures for establishing Anna Canteens in tribal areas. The Chief Minister reviewed various gover-

nance-related issues from the Real Time Governance Centre on Monday and issued several directions to officials.

Clear Pending Applications

During the meeting, Chandrababu discussed government services being delivered through departments such as Municipal Administration, Panchayati Raj, Home, and Excise. Referring to the recent incident in which fishermen went missing after a boat capsized off the Visakhapatnam coast, he stressed the importance of evaluating how different departments responded to the emergency. He said that both political manage-

ment and bureaucratic action should work in equal measure to drive Andhra Pradesh's development and improve public governance. The Chief Minister instructed officials to expedite the disposal of pending applications in the public grievance system.

Complete Waste Removal in ULBs Within Three Months

Chandrababu directed officials to undertake waste clearance operations in urban local bodies within the next three months. He also instructed that information about the government's efforts to eradicate ganja (cannabis) cultivation and

trafficking should be effectively communicated to the public. The Chief Minister called for the issuance of clear Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on issues such as drinking water supply, deployment of Swachh Rath vehicles for waste collection, and door-to-door garbage collection. He also asked all government departments to analyze the outcomes achieved through Aware 2.0 within a month. Additionally, Chandrababu directed officials to prepare an action plan for improving communication network connectivity across the state by installing mobile towers in remote and underserved areas.

Dalai Lama Continues to Inspire the World: CM

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, July 6:

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu extended birthday greetings to the Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama and wished him good health, happiness, and a long life. In a post on X, the Chief Minister praised the Dalai Lama's contributions to global peace and human rights, describing him as a symbol of peace, compassion, and humanity. "Dalai Lama is a symbol of peace, compassion, and humanity. For decades, he has inspired people across the world. His message of kindness, wisdom, and non-violence continues to guide humanity. His efforts toward global peace and the protection of human rights are truly commendable. I wish him complete health, happiness, and a long life. May he continue his noble service of spreading peace and com-



passion for many more years," Chandrababu said in his post.

CM Pays Tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram

The Chief Minister also paid tributes to Babu Jagjivan Ram on his death anniversary. In another post on X, Chandrababu described Jagjivan Ram as a great leader who dedicated his life to social justice, the empowerment of marginalized communities,

and the creation of an equitable society with equal opportunities for all. He said Jagjivan Ram played a pivotal role in laying the foundation for the Green Revolution in India and made significant contributions to achieving the country's food security goals. Remembering his inspiring service to the nation, the Chief Minister paid rich tributes to the veteran freedom fighter and social reformer.

Record Allocations for BC Welfare: Minister Savitha



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, July 6: Andhra Pradesh Minister Savitha stated that the coalition government has made record allocations for the welfare of Backward Classes (BCs), earmarking Rs.39,000 crore, Rs.47,000 crore, and Rs.51,000 crore respectively in its first three budgets. Speaking to the media on Monday, she said that a record Rs.51,000 crore has been allocated for BC welfare in the third budget. She announced that permanent buildings for MJP Gurukul Schools are being constructed with Rs.500 crore in SASCI funds. In addition to the existing 109 Gurukul institutions, the government plans to establish 10 new BC Gurukul schools across the state. The minister also revealed plans to set up two Centres of Excellence at Tekulodu and Simhachalam to help BC students prepare for NEET and IIT entrance examinations.

viding Gurukul students with quality education, nutritious food, sports equipment, and tracksuits. To promote excellence in chess, the government has signed an MoU with the AP Chess Academy.

According to the minister, improved accommodation facilities are being provided to 85,000 students in 998 BC hostels. Over the past two years, 780 crore has been spent on hostel repairs and infrastructure upgrades. Additionally, RO water plants have been installed in 772 hostels, while inverters have been provided in 642 hostels.

Support for Competitive Exams and Employment

Savitha said that free coaching is being provided to BC candidates preparing for Civil Services, DSC, Group-1, and Group-2 examinations. The government also plans to establish three dedicated BC Study Circles in Visakhapatnam, Anantapur, and Tirupati. She announced that Adarana 3.0 will be implemented with an outlay of Rs.1,000 crore to distribute modern tools and equipment to BC beneficiaries.

BC Protection Law and Reservations

The minister said that the government is planning to introduce the country's first BC Protection Act to safeguard the dignity and rights of Backward Classes. She added that steps are being taken to implement 34% reservations for BCs in local bodies. The government has also decided to construct BC Bhavans in all district headquarters. Through the BC Corporation, financial assistance worth Rs.32,533.68 crore has been

provided to 11.768 million beneficiaries over the past two years, she said.

Focus on Rayalaseema Development

Savitha remarked that "Rising Rayalaseema" is a vision strongly championed by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. She said the Chief Minister is working tirelessly to make Rayalaseema a leading region in the country across multiple sectors. According to her, the region is being developed as a hub for horticulture, information technology, industry, defence, tourism, and drone technology. She further noted that of the investments attracted to Andhra Pradesh over the past two years, more than Rs.85,000 crore—nearly one-third of the total investments—have been directed to Rayalaseema.

Three Additional Judges Sworn In at Andhra Pradesh High Court

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, July, 6 : Three additional judges of the Andhra Pradesh High Court were sworn in on Monday. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Justice Lisa Gill. The newly appointed judges — Justice Sunita Gandham, Justice Alapati Giridhar, and Justice Purushottam Kumar Chintalapudi — assumed charge as Additional Judges of the High Court.

Their appointments were approved by President Droupadi

Murmu, following which the Union Ministry of Law and Justice issued the official notification. With these appointments, the total strength of judges in the Andhra Pradesh High Court has increased from 29 to 32. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the High Court premises and was attended by judges, advocates, and senior officials. Following the ceremony, Chief Justice Justice Lisa Gill congratulated the newly inducted Additional Judges.



Seoul (Korea) / Amaravati, July 6: Andhra Pradesh IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh said the state aims to create 20,000 startups and one lakh jobs over the next five years. He stated that the government is moving forward with the vision of "One Family – One Entrepreneur."

Speaking at a roundtable meeting with Korean startup founders organized by the Seoul Business Agency (SBA) in South

Korea on Monday, Lokesh invited Korean startups to establish a presence at the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub (RTIH) and reiterated the government's ambition to make Andhra Pradesh the AI Capital of India.

Expansion of Innovation Ecosystem

Lokesh said the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub will operate from Amaravati, with regional centers planned in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Tirupati, Rajahmundry, and Anantapur. He noted that



RTIH has already supported more than 2,500 startups and facilitated innovation partnerships for over 5,200 entrepreneurs.

The minister announced that the government will provide seed funding, deep-tech grants, and investment support for startups. He also revealed plans to establish a Deep Tech Angel Fund in partnership with SIDBI.

Proposal for India-Korea Startup Corridor

Lokesh proposed working

together to create an India-Korea Startup Corridor and announced plans to set up a dedicated "Korea Desk" to assist Korean companies looking to invest in Andhra Pradesh. He said Andhra Pradesh startups would gain access to the Korean market, while Korean startups could leverage opportunities in India. The state is inviting investments in sectors such as logistics, fintech, deep-tech, and advanced manufacturing.

Quantum and AI Ecosystem in Amaravati

The minister also announced the establishment of the country's first Quantum-AI University in Amaravati. He said a 133-qubit IBM Quantum System will be installed in the Amaravati Quantum Valley project. Lokesh added that a robust data center ecosystem is being developed to provide startups with large-scale computing infrastructure, further strengthening Andhra Pradesh's innovation and technology landscape.

People Will Not Tolerate Obstruction to AP's Development: Minister Narayana Targets Jagan & Co

From Our Staff Reporter Nellore, July 6: Andhra Pradesh Municipal Administration Minister P. Narayana launched a sharp attack on YSRCP chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, warning that people would not tolerate any attempts to obstruct the state's development. Speaking to the media during his visit to Nellore on Monday, Narayana said that if ongoing development works are hindered and positive initiatives are portrayed negatively, the public will deliver a fitting response.

15 High Schools Being Modernized

The minister inspected the quality of the mid-day meal being served at Mallela

Sanjeevayya High School and Primary School and participated in several official programs. Narayana stated that the coalition government had reopened the VRC (Vikrama Simhapuri Residential Complex), which he alleged was shut down during the previous YSRCP government. He added that the government is modernizing 15 more high schools on par with VRC standards. He said all schools would be fully prepared for the next academic year and criticized YSRCP leaders for targeting even these educational development initiatives.

Focus on Education, Healthcare, Agriculture

The minister alleged



that Jagan and his associates were making accusations for political gain and survival, warning that such actions would damage their credibility among the public. He further stated that the government is giving priority

to cleanliness, education, healthcare, and agriculture, and noted that school development projects in Nellore are being implemented in line with the vision of Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh.

Registration Service Centres to Be Introduced in Andhra Pradesh; Move Aimed at Curbing Middlemen and Ensuring Transparency



Chittoor, July 5 (Skyline Daily)The Andhra Pradesh Government is taking steps to curb the influence of private agents and middlemen operating around Sub-Registrar offices by introducing Registration Service Centres (RSCs) across the state. The initiative aims to ensure transparent, efficient, and corruption-free property registration services for the public. The move comes in response to allegations of large-scale irregularities in the registration of land and other properties. Unauthorised charges collected by middlemen outside registration offices have reportedly caused financial losses to citizens while also affecting government revenue.

Major Source of Government Revenue

The Stamps and Registration Department is one of the key revenue-generating departments of the state government, with thousands of property registrations tak-

ing place every year. The government has observed that the heavy dependence on private document writers and agents, coupled with staff shortages in Sub-Registrar offices, has weakened the verification process. Under existing rules, Sub-Registrars or authorised officials are required to physically inspect disputed properties and verify their details, including government valuation, market value, and ownership records, before approving registrations. However, due to inadequate staff and time constraints, such inspections are reportedly rare. Critics allege that many documents prepared by private agents are being registered without thorough scrutiny.To address these issues, the government has decided to establish Registration Service Centres.

How the New System Will Work

Under the proposed system, all registration documents will be prepared through a Public Document System at the Registration Service Centres. Applicants will be able to make payments through challans and book registration appointments in advance.After completing KYC and other formalities at the Sub-Registrar office, the registration process will be completed more efficiently. The centres will function under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. Officials are currently engaged in selecting private partners and recruiting staff for the new centres.

The new system is expected to become operational soon. A maximum service charge of ₹2,000 per document is likely to be levied for document preparation. Officials believe the initiative will help eliminate corruption, reduce the role of middlemen, improve transparency, and save valuable time for both citizens and government officials.

Everyone should work to strengthen the party

Rayachoty, July 06(Skyline daily): AICC Secretary and State In-charge Ganesh Yadav said that Congress party leaders from all constituencies under Annamayya district should work to strengthen the party and strengthen the Congress party in the upcoming elections. On Monday, he held a meeting at the Congress party office in Rayachoty, under the chairmanship of DCC President Gajula Bhaskar. Speaking on the occasion, Ganesh Yadav said that the aim of strengthening the party is to select a new district-level committee (DCC) with the aim of strengthening the party. The meeting discussed at length the future course of action of the district-level committee (DCC) and the selection of a new DCC body consisting of committed leaders who can effectively take the party forward across the district. He said that the final list will be announced soon. APCC Working President Mastan Vali said that strengthening the party from the grassroots level, continuously fighting on people's issues and exposing the government's anti-people policies, and directed the ranks. DCC President Gajula Bhaskar said that in the com-



ing days, every activist and leader should coordinate and work for the party's victory with collective decisions. Farmers' Association State Vice President Singam Ramakrishna Reddy, DCC General Secretary Organization Ameer Basha, District Farmers' Association President Surendra Reddy, District Women's President Mallika, key leaders, Piler Constituency In-charge Somasekhara Reddy, Kodur Santayya, Baba Sardar, and party workers participated in this program.

33-acre new tomato market yard should be completed soon Farmers, traders appeal to marketing department officials to provide infrastructure



Palamaneru, July 6: (By our Skyline staff reporter) Farmers have urged the marketing department officials and the market committee management to immediately resolve the problems faced by farmers and traders in the Palamaneru tomato market yard, one of the leading tomato markets in Asia. In a meeting held at the market yard, they made several key demands on issues such as infrastructure, transparent trade policy, construction of a new 33-acre market yard, etc. The farmers expressed their concern that the existing market yard is not adequate for the heavy traffic during the tomato season and that traffic problems are arising every day. As a permanent solution to this, they have demanded that the construction of the proposed 33-acre new tomato

market yard be completed quickly and made available to the farmers. Main demands of the farmers are as, The construction of the 33-acre new market yard should be expedited. They have demanded that a special stand be set up for two-wheelers in the market yard. Specific times should be implemented for issuing bills for traders' licenses. A digital weighing machine should be installed in every mandi for weight checking. Daily prices should be displayed on the notice board to bring transparency. Meetings should be held with farmers every month and problems should be resolved. Steps should be taken to ensure that the vegetable and tomato business runs smoothly without any disruption. Last year, tomatoes were cultivated in 4,980 hectares and an average yield of 50 tons per hectare was recorded. This year, the cultivation was done in 5,145 hectares and an average yield of 55 tons per hectare was recorded, officials said. Farmers felt that the pressure on the Palamaneru market is increasing with the increase in both the cultivation area and yield, and there is a need to expand infrastructure accordingly. In this meeting, marketing department officials and the market committee management assured that the problems of the farmers will be brought to the notice of the government and steps will be taken to resolve them in a phased manner. Farmers, traders, market committee members and marketing department officials participated in the meeting.

TTD Command Control Centre Traces and Returns Lost Bag to Devotees

Tirumala, July 6, 2026 The TTD Command Control Centre promptly traced and safely returned a lost bag containing cash, gold and silver ornaments, a mobile phone, and other valuables to a devotee family from Telangana. Acting on a complaint, vigilance officials reviewed CCTV footage, identified the taxi vehicle in which the bag was left behind, contacted the driver, and recovered the bag.

Amaravati Will Remain Andhra Pradesh's Capital Forever: BJP MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju



Visakhapatnam, July 6: BJP MLA Vishnu Kumar Raju criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of making inconsistent statements on the issue of Andhra Pradesh's capital. Speaking to the media on Monday, the MLA said it was unfortunate that Jagan was now talking about a "Mavigan" model in the election manifesto. He recalled that all

political parties, including Jagan's, had earlier agreed that Amaravati would be the state capital. Vishnu Kumar Raju alleged that after coming to power in 2019, Jagan changed his stand and proposed the concept of three capitals. He claimed that the former Chief Minister was making various remarks because he could not accept the developmental progress taking place under the coal-

ition government.The BJP leader asserted that the Central Government has recognized Amaravati as the capital of Andhra Pradesh and stated that Amaravati would continue to remain the state's capital permanently. He said that if Jagan wishes to discuss the "Mavigan" proposal, he should do so in the Assembly rather than through press conferences outside the legislature.

Blind Murder Solved In 24 Hours: Daughter-In-Law Allegedly Masterminds Elderly Man's Killing In Jashpur

Jashpur (Chhattisgarh):

In a major breakthrough, Chhattisgarh's Jashpur Police have solved a sensational blind murder case within just 24 hours. The police team has arrested four accused, including the victim's daughter-in-law. The case is regarding the murder of 70-year-old Chugru Pradhan in the Duldula police station area.

According to the police, a special investigation team was formed immediately after the incident was reported. The team examined the crime scene with the assistance of the Dog Squad and the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), while CCTV footage, technical evidence, and cyber cell inputs played a crucial role in cracking the case.

The investigation revealed that the victim's daughter-in-law, Suganti



Besra, allegedly conspired with Sahil alias Raja Khan, Anand Yadav, and Rohit Singh to murder Chugru Pradhan due to a family dispute. Police said the accused arrived at the victim's house on a motorcycle during the intervening night of July 3 and 4. After getting the door opened, they allegedly assaulted the elderly man with a wooden plank, tied his hands and feet, and stuffed a cloth into his mouth, leading to his death. The ac-

cused then fled the scene after committing the crime. Acting swiftly, police arrested all four accused within 24 hours of the incident. Investigators also recovered the wooden plank allegedly used in the murder, the motorcycle used in the crime, and four mobile phones from the accused. SSP Dr Lal Umed Singh said Jashpur Police are following a zero-tolerance policy against serious crimes and are using scientific investi-

gation and technical evidence to ensure that offenders are brought to justice without delay. Additional Superintendent of Police Rakesh Kumar Patanwar said the case was solved through technical evidence and cyber analysis, enabling police to uncover the conspiracy and apprehend all the accused promptly. The accused have been booked under relevant sections of the law, produced before the court, and remanded to judicial custody.

West Bengal: Baruipur Sees Violent Protests After 12-Year-Old Girl Allegedly Raped, Murdered; Mob Kills Suspected Accused

Kolkata: Baruipur in south 24 parganas turned into a battlefield on Sunday after a minor girl got allegedly raped and killed and the body was found in a sack. The local people on Sunday morning had blocked the roads, vandalized police vehicles and one person also died due to mob fury. The local people suspecting a person to be the culprit had beaten him to death and after he was taken to a local hospital the doctors claimed that he was brought dead.

Kankarprasad Barui, IG Presidency was seen announcing and urging the local people to

cooperate so that the body of the girl can be taken for autopsy. "If needed I will myself go to the hospital and talk with the magistrate and will do videography of the post-mortem. Noone connected with this crime will be spared. We have spoken with the Chief Minister and he has also assured of strict punishment," said Barui. Notably, according to sources, Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari is likely to meet the affected family on July 7. The victim's father had reportedly spoken with Adhikari and according to him, the Chief Minister has asked him to visit Bhawani



Bhavan on Tuesday. The incident took place in the Suryapur Hat area under Dhapdhapi-II Gram Panchayat in Baruipur. According to the victim's family the 12-year-old girl

had left home on Saturday evening to buy food and didn't return home after that. However, till the time of reporting the police have not officially confirmed any arrests.

Who Could Replace Champat Rai As Ram Temple Trust General Secretary Amid Donation Theft Probe?

Ayodhya: The Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust is set to hold a crucial meeting in Ayodhya on Monday afternoon, with one of the most closely watched decisions expected to be the future of General Secretary Champat Rai and the leadership transition that could follow. The meeting, scheduled at 3 pm at Mani Ramdas Chavni, the ashram of Trust President Mahant Nitya Gopal Das, comes amid mounting scrutiny over the alleged embezzlement of cash and valuables donated at the Ram Temple. Originally planned for July 11, the meeting was advanced to address urgent administrative and governance issues.

Who Are The Front-Runners?

Bajrang Lal Bagra One of the strongest contenders is Bajrang Lal Bagra, the current General Secretary of the Vishva Hindu Parishad (VHP). A chartered accountant by profession, Bagra has previously served as Chairman and Managing Director of the National Aluminium Company (NALCO) and has also led the Ekai Abhiyan. Since becoming VHP General Secretary in 2024, he has played a prominent role in organisational matters related to temples, religious outreach and cultural initia-

Champat Rai's Resignation Under Consideration

Among the five agenda items, the Trust is expected to discuss and likely decide on the resignations submitted by General Secretary Champat Rai and trustee Anil Mishra, both of whom reportedly offered to step down on moral grounds af-

ter the donation controversy came to light. The Trust will also review the preliminary findings of the Special Investigation Team (SIT), which is probing allegations of irregularities in handling temple donations. If Rai's resignation is accepted, the focus will immediately shift to who will take charge of one of the most influential administrative positions in the Trust.

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tives. His administrative experience and close association with the VHP make him a leading internal candidate for the Trust's General Secretary post.

Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati

Another name being discussed is Swami Vasudevanand Saraswati, the Shankaracharya of Jyotishpeeth. A senior religious leader who has been associated with the Ram Janmabhoomi movement for decades, he enjoys considerable respect within religious circles and has been part of the Trust since its inception. Supporters believe his appointment could lend greater spiritual authority and continuity to the Trust at a time when it faces intense public scrutiny.

Nripendra Misra Tipped For CEO Role

While speculation has linked Nripendra Misra, former Principal Secretary to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to a larger role in the Trust, sources indicate he is more likely to be considered for a proposed full-time Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position rather than the General Secretary's post. Misra, who currently chairs the Ram Temple Construction Committee, has consistently advocated appointing a professional CEO to oversee the temple's rapidly expanding operations, improve transpar-

ency and strengthen financial management. The CEO proposal is expected to be one of the key governance reforms discussed during Monday's meeting.

Administrative Reforms On The Agenda

Apart from leadership changes, the Trust is expected to deliberate on Reviewing the preliminary SIT report into the alleged donation irregularities.

Appointing a full-time CEO for professional management.

Introducing stronger transparency and accountability measures.

Improving facilities for devotees.

Considering structural changes, including possible expansion of the Trust.

Meeting Could Shape Trust's Future

With key members, including Treasurer Swami Govind Dev Giri, VHP representatives and senior religious leaders attending the meeting, Monday's deliberations are expected to determine not only the future of Champat Rai but also the Trust's administrative structure. The decisions could mark a significant shift in how the Ram Temple is managed, with greater emphasis on professional governance, financial transparency and public accountability in the wake of the donation controversy.

'No Adverse Orders If Lawyers Miss Court Due To Heavy Rains': Bombay HC

Mumbai: The Bombay High Court assured that no adverse orders would be passed in matters if lawyers are unable to reach the court amid heavy rains battering the city and neighbouring districts. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) on Monday issued a 'red' alert for Mumbai, Thane, and Raigad districts, forecasting heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds, and appealed to people to avoid unnecessary travel. The IMD warned that intense rainfall could inundate low-lying and urban areas and trigger flash floods. Acting Chief Justice Ravindra Ghuge assured lawyers' associations that no adverse or dismissal orders would be passed on account of their absence on Monday due to the rains. All other High Court benches in Mumbai would also follow this assurance, the court said.

EDITORIAL

Trishanku is heaven for 'Tribhasha' students

The National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 is facing strong protests from parents of students over the introduction of a third language of instruction from class six. On the one hand, it admits that English is a must in the modern world for the study of fields like science and technology, on the other hand, it is imposing the trilingual principle by forcibly ignoring English and learning two Indian languages. The controversy arises because these two opposing ideas of recognizing English as an international language and forcibly studying two Indian languages ??as part of the trilingual principle are present in the same policy. There are conflicting feelings that implementing these two policies simultaneously will turn the future of students into a paradise for three. According to the current education system, if a student wants to study a foreign language like French or German along with English, they will have to give it up. The National Education Policy states that students should definitely learn another Indian language (even if it is completely new to them). As a result, the educational burden on children is increasing. Many students prefer to learn their favorite subjects (such as computer coding). But this three-language principle creates a situation where they are forced to learn languages ?????like Hindi or Sanskrit. Some students and parents are of the opinion that it is better to allocate the time and energy of learning an additional language to important subjects like mathematics or science. In implementing the three-language principle from class 6, the National Education Policy states that students in classes 7, 8, and 9 should also learn three languages, two of which should be Indian languages. Therefore, if a student takes French as a second language along with English, he will have to give up French and choose an Indian language. Even if the language is completely new, it has to be learned. This will have an adverse effect on the ability of students to pass the Class 10 board exams. As a result, schools will not need teachers and resources that were previously allocated for certain languages. In this context, following strong opposition from parents and student groups, the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) has taken a new decision. According to this, students in classes 7, 8 and 9 can continue with the two foreign languages ???they are already studying (e.g. French, German), and will have to take only one Indian language as an additional subject. This means that students can continue with the combination of old languages ???of their choice until the completion of Class 10. There will be no board exams for the newly added third language. Internal marks will be given at the school level itself. In these temporary arrangements, CBSE is moving forward with the three-language principle, that is, with the teaching of two Indian languages ??from class 6 onwards. While taking decisions in line with the goals of the National Education Policy, the central government should ensure that language learning is done in a way that is beneficial to the future of the students. It should be made possible to get good jobs in accordance with the current most modern technological fields. If it is necessary to learn English or any other language, education should be done in a way that they can easily understand that language. According to this policy, science and mathematics textbooks should be prepared in such a way that both Telugu and English languages ???are in the same book (English on one page and Telugu on the other page). Not only books, digital videos and pictures should be created to make learning easy. In 1968, the three-language principle was formulated in the country with the aim of ensuring that students learn different languages ??at the school level. To this end, a meeting was held with the Chief Ministers of all the states and their opinions were collected and it was implemented through the National Policy Resolution 1968. According to this, all the states of the country should implement the three-language policy. It was decided that Hindi, English, and a modern Indian language (mainly a South Indian language) should be the language of choice in Hindi-speaking states, and Hindi, English, and any regional language in non-Hindi-speaking states. As a result of protests by the people of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, and especially Tamil Nadu, the three-language principle was revised in its current form. However, this principle is not currently being implemented in Tamil Nadu. After the three-language principle was introduced in the first National Education Policy in 1968, it was also mentioned in the National Education Policy 1986. The central government has made it clear that this framework is not binding on the law and will serve as a guideline for the states. It has been stated that no language will be forced on anyone. It has been revealed that its aim is to promote multilingualism while balancing national integration.

Latest UN Report On Israel Occupied Territories Exposes The Ruthlessness Of Atrocities

Every war leaves behind shattered cities, broken societies and grieving families. But some wars destroy something less visible yet infinitely more consequential: faith in the institutions created to prevent humanity from repeating history's darkest chapters. The latest report of the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories is therefore more than another meticulous chronicle of atrocities. It is a stark reminder that the international system is steadily losing either the ability—or the political will—to enforce the principles upon which it claims to rest. For nearly eight decades, the post-1945 order has been built on a simple premise: no state, military or armed group stands above international law. The Geneva Conventions, the UN Charter, the International Court of Justice and the International Criminal Court were designed not merely to codify legal norms but to ensure that power remained constrained by law. Yet Gaza and the occupied West Bank increasingly suggest that these institutions have become repositories of evidence rather than instruments of accountability. The Commission documents an occupation that has become more entrenched, settlements more aggressive and civilian suffering more routine. It accuses Israel of creating conditions in which settler violence increasingly advances political objectives, while simultaneously exposing Hamas' systematic campaign of executions, torture and intimidation against Palestinians. Civilians find themselves trapped between state power and militant authoritarianism, with neither side exempt from legal scrutiny. The temptation is to reduce the conflict to competing moral

absolutes. Israel invokes security and the trauma of October 7; Palestinians point to decades of occupation, displacement and overwhelming military force. Both narratives contain undeniable truths. Yet neither can justify deliberate attacks on civilians, hostage-taking, collective punishment, torture or demographic engineering. International humanitarian law was never designed to validate political narratives; it exists precisely to restrain them. The Commission's most unsettling conclusion, however, lies beyond its catalogue of abuses. It exposes the widening gulf between documentation and accountability. The United Nations has become exceptionally proficient at recording violations through satellite imagery, digital forensics and witness testimony. Rarely has the world possessed such sophisticated investigative capacity. Yet political enforcement remains conspicuously absent. This is the defining paradox of contemporary international governance. Never before has humanity known so much about atrocities while doing so little to stop them. Reports accumulate, emergency sessions convene, and resolutions proliferate, yet settlements continue expanding, rockets continue flying, hostages remain captive, and civilians continue paying the price. Every investigation strengthens the historical record while simultaneously exposing the institutional paralysis of those responsible for enforcing international law. The West Bank illustrates this failure vividly. For years, settler violence was often portrayed as the work of isolated extremists beyond effective government control. The Commission challenges that narrative, suggesting instead that repeated failures to investigate attacks, prosecute offenders



and protect Palestinian communities have created an environment where impunity increasingly serves broader political objectives. When intimidation systematically displaces communities, alters demographics and reshapes territory, violence becomes more than a law-and-order problem; it becomes an instrument of policy. Equally significant is the Commission's assessment of Hamas. While international attention has understandably focused on Israel's military operations in Gaza, the report documents Hamas' own use of executions, torture and public intimidation to consolidate control. These findings complicate the simplistic binary narratives that increasingly dominate global debate. Human rights cannot become conditional upon political allegiance. A legal system that excuses violations committed by one side while condemning identical conduct by another ceases to be universal. That principle now faces its greatest test. The erosion of international credibility is not solely the con-

sequence of events in Gaza. It also reflects a geopolitical order in which law increasingly bends before strategic interests. Nowhere is this clearer than within the United Nations Security Council. The veto, originally intended to preserve great-power consensus, has evolved into a mechanism that frequently prevents collective action precisely when humanitarian intervention is most urgently required. Whether the conflict is in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan or Myanmar, the outcome has become painfully familiar: competing resolutions, diplomatic deadlock and continued civilian suffering. The Gaza conflict has exposed these contradictions with unusual clarity. The United States continues to balance unwavering support for Israel's security with concern over humanitarian conditions. European governments remain divided between historical responsibility and domestic political pressure. Russia and China present themselves as defenders of international legality even as they face allegations of violating similar

principles elsewhere. Across much of the Global South, these inconsistencies have reinforced a growing belief that the rules-based order operates differently depending on whose interests are involved. Whether entirely justified or not, this perception carries enormous geopolitical consequences. For decades, Western democracies derived moral authority from the claim that international law applied equally to allies and adversaries. As that consistency comes under question, so too does the legitimacy of the institutions they helped build. In international relations, perception often shapes reality. If accountability appears selective, states begin calculating geopolitical protection rather than legal responsibility. The implications extend well beyond the Middle East. Military planners across the world are studying Gaza not only as a battlefield but as a precedent. They are observing how urban warfare, prolonged sieges, humanitarian access and allegations of war crimes influence international diplomacy.

In Twelve Years Of His Rule, PM Narendra Modi Has Undertaken 102 International Trips

There is a photograph that has, by now, become a genre unto itself: Narendra Modi, garlanded or embracing, disembarking from an Air India One flight onto a red carpet somewhere between Washington and Abu Dhabi, Tokyo and Rio. Multiply that image by 102 and you have the defining visual record of India's most travelled prime minister—a leader who, as of June 2026, has undertaken 102 international trips to 81 countries since 2014, eclipsing even Indira Gandhi's well-worn passport. The question Indian taxpayers are increasingly entitled to ask is not whether Mr Modi has travelled a great deal. That is beyond dispute. It is whether the republic has received value commensurate with the spectacle—or whether twelve years of summit diplomacy amount, in large part, to an expensively produced foreign-policy travelogue. The bill, finally itemised: For years, the government resisted a consolidated accounting of what all this cost. That changed in February 2026, when the Ministry of External Affairs, responding to a written question in the Lok Sabha, disclosed that the Prime Minister's foreign trips between 2015 and 2025 had cost the exchequer ₹762 crore. The trajectory is instructive: annual spending crossed Rs.100 crore in 2024 and then Rs.175 crore in 2025, a year of marathon touring across Europe, the Americas, Africa and East Asia. Delegation sizes have swelled too, ranging from 27 to 72 officials per trip, with one five-nation tour in 2025 requiring 95 accompanying personnel. The MEA's defence—that host nations absorb most hospitality costs, leaving India to fund security, delegation logis-

tics and the media contingent—is technically accurate and beside the point. Rs.762 crore is not a rounding error in a country where state governments routinely plead poverty over midday-meal budgets and drought relief. The real question was never the accounting line. It is the return on it. Has the diplomacy actually paid off? Any honest audit must concede that some of this travel produced hard outcomes. The India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement, signed in 2022, has demonstrably deepened trade and drawn the UAE into the top rank of India's strategic investors—arguably the single cleanest success of the Modi diplomatic era. Washington has delivered the GE-HAL jet engine collaboration, expanding semiconductor cooperation and deeper intelligence-sharing arrangements, even if several of these remain mid-implementation rather than complete. The Quad, dismissed by sceptics a decade ago as a talking shop, has hardened into a genuine strategic platform binding India to the United States, Japan and Australia. France has moved past Rafale jets into space and civil nuclear cooperation. These are not nothing. But set against this ledger is a longer list of ambitions still gathering dust. The Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train, promised as a flagship of the Japan relationship, remains years behind its original schedule. The India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor, unveiled with considerable fanfare at the 2023 G20 summit as a rival to China's Belt and Road, has been becalmed by the very regional instability—the Gaza war, and now the aftermath of the 2026 Iran-US conflict—that a corri-



dor through West Asia was supposed to insure against. Infrastructure MoUs signed with African and Latin American governments have, by the government's own admissions in various parliamentary replies, progressed at a crawl. This is the structural chink in India's diplomatic model: an MoU is a statement of intent, not a contract. Signing one generates a headline and a handshake photograph; delivering on it requires financing to be arranged, environmental clearances to be secured, land to be acquired, and—most often the fatal step—private capital to actually show up. Indian and foreign officials involved in past summit preparations have long acknowledged privately that investment figures announced at events such as Vibrant Gujarat or the Voice

of the Global South summits are aspirational ceilings, not realised totals, and that the gap between the number announced on stage and the capital actually deployed years later is rarely reconciled in public. Mr Modi did not invent the diaspora rally or the leader-to-leader hug. But he industrialised them. Howdy Modi in Houston, the toffee-sharing moment with Italy's Giorgia Meloni, the carefully choreographed embraces with leader after leader—these are not accidents of scheduling. They are the product of a deliberate communications strategy that treats foreign policy as a permanent campaign, engineered for the diaspora WhatsApp forward and the primetime split-screen as much as for any cable traffic between

foreign ministries. There is a legitimate argument that this branding has value: it projects confidence, signals that India is a nation worth courting, and generates diaspora goodwill that translates, eventually, into remittances and investment. There is an equally legitimate counter-argument that it has become a substitute for negotiating leverage—that the hug has, on occasion, been mistaken for the outcome. Whatever the balance sheet on individual partnerships, some structural Indian weaknesses have proven immune to prime ministerial mileage. Trade with China continues to expand even as the two armies remain locked in an unresolved Himalayan standoff. India's bid for a permanent UN Security Council seat is exactly where it was in 2014—a perennial talking point, never a vote.



NPS equity flows hit record high in H1 2026: Active choice vs auto choice explained



New Delhi :Insurance and NPS made record equity purchases worth Rs 88,852 crore in the first half of the financial year 2026. Insurance invested Rs 45,929 crore, and NPS invested Rs 42,922 crore, according to the data.

2025 vs 2026

Total investments in H1 2025 were Rs 69,900 crore and Rs 74,413 crore in H2 2025. Investment rose to Rs 88,852 crore in H1 2026.

Why are investments in insurance and NPS rising?

The investments in insurance and NPS have been rising. This is due to the following reasons:

Insurance premiums are received consistently. NPS receives regular monthly contributions. This represents long-term, contractual capital. It does not depend on market timing. Investments increase at better valuations during market corrections. Household savings are shifting from bank deposits and gold toward market-linked products. The share of ULIPs and market-linked pension plans is growing.

Changes made to the NPS recently

Now, an equity allocation of up to 75 per cent is permitted under the Active Choice and Multiple

Scheme Framework (MSF), which became effective as of October 2025. Option for up to 100 per cent equity exposure for eligible non-government subscribers.

NPS active choice vs NPS auto choice

In active choice, subscribers get full control over how their NPS corpus is invested. They can decide allocations across equity, corporate bonds, government securities, and alternative investment funds, where applicable. On the other hand, in auto choice, pension funds adjust the mix of equity and debt funds by their own. It is done on the basis of various parameters like age and risk appetite, among others. For example, if a 28-year-old individual wants to invest in NPS active choice and believes equities will outperform over the long term, he may choose 75 per cent equity, 15 per cent corporate debt, and 10 per cent government securities. In this, a long time is required to see the growth in the

portfolio. It will also show market fluctuations, but for a short period.

Who should choose what

If you are a first-time investor, then an auto choice is better for you. This is good for the investors who want to reduce the risk of investment over a period of time, want to forget investments, and don't have time to review them for a long time. Active choice is better for investors who understand market risk and want to invest for a long time.

What is NPS?

It is a government-backed scheme started to provide retirement income to all Indian citizens. The scheme is managed by the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA). In NPS, you can invest in a pension account throughout your employment.

Types of NPS accounts

Pension account (Tier-I): There are some restrictions on withdrawal. Voluntary savings account (Tier-II): Under this, you can withdraw money easily.

USD vs INR: Why rupee is under pressure again? Check key levels and outlook for this week



New Delhi USD vs INR: The rupee started the week on a weaker note, falling 10 paise against the US dollar on Monday. The domestic currency came under pressure due to a stronger US dollar overseas and continued uncertainty over global developments, even after the posting gains in the previous session. The rupee opened at 95.25 against the US dollar in the interbank foreign exchange market and slipped to 95.28, compared with Friday's closing level of 95.18. The decline erased part of the 17-paise gain recorded in the previous trading session. At around 1:00 pm, the USD/INR pair was trading at 95.4388, up 0.23 per cent for the day, according to Morningstar data. Year-to-date, the USD vs INR pair has gained 6.10 per cent, reflecting the rupee's broader weakness against the greenback in 2026. The rupee closed 20 paise lower at 95.38 against the US dollar on Monday.

Why is the rupee under pressure?

According to Manoj Kumar Jain, Director and Head of Commodity and Currency Research at Prithvi Finmart Private Lim-

ited, the US dollar index remains highly volatile after softer-than-expected US employment data. The US economy added only 57,000 non-farm jobs in June, well below market expectations of 114,000 and lower than May's reading of 172,000 jobs. The weak labour market data pushed the dollar index below the 101 mark. Jain said profit booking in crude oil prices has eased inflation concerns, while intervention by the Bank of Japan to support the Japanese yen also weighed on the US dollar. However, uncertainty surrounding a final peace agreement between the US and Iran continues to provide support to the dollar at lower levels. He expects the dollar index to remain volatile this week amid fluctuations in global financial markets, crude oil prices and ahead of the US Federal Reserve Chair's testimony. The dollar index is expected to trade in the 99.45-101.80 range during the week.

Rupee may remain volatile this week

Jain noted that the rupee recovered from recent lows due to weakness in the dollar index and lower

crude oil prices. Strong domestic equity markets also provided support to the local currency. However, higher import demand and a decline in India's foreign exchange reserves may limit any sharp appreciation in the rupee. He expects the rupee to remain volatile this week due to movements in the dollar index, domestic equity markets and geopolitical developments. The USD/INR pair is likely to trade in the 94.45-96.80 range.

Technical outlook On the technical front, the USD vs INR July 29 futures contract is witnessing profit booking after recent gains. Jain said the pair continues to trade above its key moving average support at 94.78. Momentum indicators remain positive, with the Relative Strength Index (RSI) holding above the 50 level and the MACD indicating a bullish crossover. He sees immediate support at 95.08 and 94.78, while resistance is placed at 95.74 and 96.05. He expects the USD vs INR pair to remain within the 94.45-96.80 range this week. Jain recommends waiting for corrective dips before initiating fresh long positions.

Vedanta Group stocks under pressure, fall up to 8% after Q1 production updates



New Delhi Vedanta Group stocks remained under pressure on Monday, July 6, as investors assessed the companies' first-quarter (Q1FY27) production updates ahead of the earnings season. While some businesses reported healthy operational growth, weakness in the oil and gas business and mixed production trends across other verticals kept sentiment cautious. At around 11:20 am, Vedanta Ltd was trading 0.23 per cent higher at Rs 281.05 on the NSE. However, most of its recently demerged entities remained in the red. Vedanta Oil & Gas fell 7.76 per cent to Rs 39.47, Vedanta Power declined 4.64 per cent to Rs 43.59, Vedanta Iron & Steel was locked in the 5 per cent lower circuit at Rs 38.50, while Vedanta Aluminium slipped 1.04 per cent to Rs 466.60. The production updates come less than a month after the listing of Vedanta's demerged businesses. The restructuring was aimed at unlocking value across individual businesses while reducing debt at the parent company.

Vedanta Ltd reports mixed operational performance

Vedanta Ltd, trading at Rs 281.05, reported mixed production trends across its retained businesses. At Hindustan Zinc, mined metal production increased 1 per cent year-on-year to 268 kilotonnes (kt), while saleable metal production rose 4 per cent to 260 kt. The growth was driven by higher zinc output, although refined lead production declined 2 per cent. The company's Zinc International business reported a weaker quarter, with mined metal production falling 14 per cent to 48 kt. Meanwhile, ferro alloys ore production jumped 41 per cent, copper sales increased 3 per cent, global copper rod sales fell 51 per cent, while cargo handling volumes at the Vizag General Cargo Berth remained strong.

Vedanta Aluminium output rises

Despite trading 1.04 per cent lower at Rs 466.60, Vedanta Aluminium reported a healthy operational performance. Aluminium production increased 5 per cent year-on-year to 632 kt from 605 kt in the year-ago period. The company also said the mining lease for the Kuraloi (A) North Coal Block has been executed and mine-opening permission was received during June 2026, strengthening its long-term raw material security.

Iron & Steel posts modest growth

Vedanta Iron & Steel, which was locked in the 5 per cent lower circuit at Rs 38.50, reported steady growth in its core operations. Saleable iron ore production increased 4 per cent to 2.6 million dry metric tonnes (DMT), supported by higher output from Goa and Odisha.

Gas supply curbs lifted: What the Centre's move means for CNG, PNG and LPG consumers

New Delhi The Centre has withdrawn most of the emergency restrictions imposed on natural gas supplies after liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments through the Strait of Hormuz resumed following a ceasefire in the West Asia conflict. The move signals an improvement in India's energy supply situation after months of disruption caused by geopolitical tensions.

Emergency provisions rolled back

In a notification issued on Saturday, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas amended the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026. The amendment removes key emergency provisions that had allowed the government to prioritise the allocation of domestically produced natural gas and imported LNG during the supply crisis. The emergency order had been issued on March 9 under the Essential Commodities Act after disruptions to LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz led several suppliers to invoke force majeure and divert cargoes. The disruptions had raised concerns over India's energy security, given the country's heavy dependence on energy imports. According to the ministry, the situation has now stabilised. It cited the ceasefire in the West Asia conflict, ongoing diplomatic negotiations and the resumption of maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz as the reasons for withdrawing the emergency measures.

Why the order was introduced

The rollback marks the end of one of three emergency measures introduced after energy supplies from the Gulf came under pressure following US and Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28 and Tehran's retaliatory attacks. The government had earlier withdrawn directives asking refiners to maximise LPG production by diverting petrochemical feedstock. It had also removed restrictions on die-

sel sales to bulk consumers after fuel supply conditions improved. India imports nearly 88 per cent of its crude oil requirement and about half of its natural gas demand. Around 40-45 per cent of the country's crude oil imports and nearly 65 per cent of LNG imports come from West Asia, making the Strait of Hormuz one of India's most critical energy routes. Although India diversified its crude oil sourcing during the disruption, LNG imports remained particularly exposed because most cargoes from Qatar pass through the Strait of Hormuz.

What the emergency framework allowed

The March emergency order gave the government powers to reallocate domestic natural gas, LNG and regasified LNG across sectors to ensure uninterrupted supplies to priority consumers. Under the framework, households using piped natural gas (PNG), compressed natural gas (CNG) for transport, LPG production facilities and gas pipeline operations were guaranteed 100 per cent of their average gas consumption over the previous six months. Fertiliser plants were assured 70 per cent of their average requirement. Industrial consumers connected to the national gas grid and city gas distribution networks were eligible to receive up to 80 per cent of their average consumption, subject to operational availability. To maintain these supplies, the government had authorised cuts in gas allocation to petrochemical plants and power stations. Oil refiners were also directed to reduce gas consumption to around 65 per cent of their average usage wherever operationally feasible.

Supply situation normalises

The emergency order had also assigned state-run GAIL, in coordination with the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), the responsibility of pooling and redistributing gas sup-



plies, notifying pooled prices for diverted gas and overseeing revised allocation schedules. Gas producers, LNG importers, marketers, pipeline operators and city gas distributors were required to comply with the revised supply mechanism, which temporarily overrode existing commercial agreements. Announcing the rollback, the ministry said the exceptional measures were no longer required as supply conditions had normalised. "The ongoing conflict in the Middle East that had resulted in the dis-

ruption of liquefied natural gas shipments through the Strait of Hormuz has been subject to a ceasefire, and negotiations are ongoing, as part of which, sea traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has been permitted to be resumed," the ministry said in its notification. Following the improvement in the situation, the government has removed the provisions of the March 9 order that prioritised the allocation of available natural gas supplies.

Old Mutual Funds vs NFOs: Are investors making a mistake chasing NFOs in 2026?

New Delhi Old Mutual Funds vs NFOs: As New Fund Offers (NFOs) continue to flood the Indian mutual fund industry in 2026, investors are increasingly faced with a familiar dilemma—should they invest in a newly launched scheme or stick with old mutual funds that already have proven track records? Financial experts suggest that this decision is often driven more by psychology than performance logic, and in many cases, investors may be making costly mistakes by chasing new fund launches.

Why old mutual funds still matter in 2026?

Financial planners emphasise that several equity mutual funds in India have delivered consistent performance over 20-30 years, often generating mid-to-high double-digit CAGR returns over long cycles. According to

Kalpesh Ashar, Founder of Full Circle Financial Planners, longevity in mutual funds is often misunderstood. "Old is gold... but not in everything," Ashar said, adding that in mutual funds, the core principles like diversification and long-term investing have remained unchanged for decades. He pointed out that many long-standing funds have historically delivered 12 per cent to 17 per cent CAGR, which becomes significantly powerful when compounded over 20-30 years. "Rs 100 NAV was also Rs 10 once," he noted, highlighting that higher NAVs simply reflect maturity and performance—not expensiveness or disadvantage. Experts argue that investors often ignore these funds due to behavioural biases and short-term thinking, even though fund performance is not defined by age but by

consistency and discipline.

Why NFOs feel attractive to the investors?

Despite the availability of established funds, NFOs continue to attract strong inflows. One major reason, experts say, is behavioural psychology.

Nitesh Buddhadev, Founder of Nimit Consultancy, explained that investors are naturally drawn to novelty. "The biggest myth is the Rs 10 NAV attraction," Buddhadev said. "People feel a Rs 10 NAV is cheaper or better, which is completely incorrect." He explained this with a simple example: whether an investor enters at Rs 10 NAV or Rs 100 NAV, returns remain identical if the percentage growth is the same. The only difference is the number of units allotted—not the wealth created. He added, "Some newness bias drives investors—like trying new things in shopping



or food. In investing too, people think a new fund might perform better." This behaviour, he warned, often leads to frequent switching and portfolio instability.

Old funds vs NFOs: The real difference investors miss

Experts say the real comparison is not between old and new funds—but between track record vs no track record.

While old mutual funds offer:

Proven performance

across market cycles

Transparent long-term history

Experienced fund management

Established investment strategy

NFOs come with:

No performance history

Unproven strategy execution

Marketing-driven demand spikes

Higher uncertainty in outcomes This makes evaluation significantly harder for retail investors.

CLC (Central) Boosts Labour Welfare Through Awareness & Grievance Redressal



New Delhi, July, 6 (PIB): The Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) Organisation under the Ministry of Labour & Employment continues to strengthen labour welfare and industrial harmony across the country through sustained awareness programmes, effective grievance redressal mechanisms and timely concilia-

tion efforts. Recent interventions undertaken by the CLC(C) machinery in Jabalpur, Bhubaneswar, Raipur and Kanpur, among other parts of the country, demonstrate the Organisation's commitment to safeguarding workers' rights while facilitating voluntary compliance with labour laws. The initiatives reflect the Ministry's con-

tinued focus on translating the objectives of the Labour Codes into effective implementation on the ground by promoting awareness, ensuring statutory compliance and providing timely relief to workers through collaborative engagement with employers and other stakeholders.

Jabalpur: Awareness on Code on Social Security, 2020

The Office of the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Jabalpur organised an awareness programme on the Code on Social Security, 2020, focusing on the expanded ambit of Central Sphere establishments. The programme sensitised management representatives, HR profes-

sionals and employees on their rights and obligations under the Code on Social Security, with special emphasis on the widened jurisdiction of the Central Government over multi-state establishments. During the session, emphasis was laid on highlighting women's rights in the workplace. Attendees were briefed on statutory maternity benefits, enhanced workplace safety, and the mandatory provision or allowance for crèche facilities as unified under the Central Rules. The programme concluded with an interactive session addressing participants' queries and promoting greater awareness of labour law compliance.

Bhubaneswar: Concilia-

tion Secures Rs.51.27 Lakh for Contract Workers

Demonstrating the effectiveness of statutory conciliation, the Office of the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Bhubaneswar successfully resolved a long-pending grievance involving contractual workers engaged by Gas Authority of India Limited (GAIL). Following sustained mediation and conciliation proceedings, dues amounting to Rs.51.27 lakh covering unpaid wages, leave with wages and bonus-related claims were released to 81 workers. The intervention ensured protection of workers' statutory entitlements while facilitating an amicable resolution with the manage-

ment.

Raipur: Timely Intervention Ensures Payment of Gratuity

The Office of the Deputy Chief Labour Commissioner (Central), Raipur successfully resolved a grievance relating to non-payment of gratuity to former contract workers engaged at Baikunth Cement Works. Through timely intervention and follow-up action, gratuity amounting to ₹3.31 lakh was disbursed to seven eligible workers after facilitating discussions between the contractors and the principal employer. The case highlights the Organisation's commitment to ensuring workers receive their statutory benefits under the law.

NHRC Takes Suo Motu Cognizance of Newborn's Death in Haryana

New Delhi, July, 6 (PIB): The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India has taken suo motu cognizance of a media report that a newborn died as he could not secure ventilator support for nearly 24 hours in the hospitals of Hisar and Rohtak in Haryana. Reportedly, the father of the newborn struggled to obtain ventilator support for his child, moving from one hospital to another in Hisar and Rohtak districts, but couldn't succeed, resulting in the infant's death. The Commission has observed that the contents of the news reports, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights. Therefore, it has issued notices to the Chief Secretary, Government of Haryana, calling for a detailed report on the matter within two weeks. According to the media report carried on 3rd July 2026, the infant was born through a caesarean section at the Civil Hospital in Hisar on 1st July 2026 and required immediate ventilator support. While his mother remained admitted at the Civil Hospital, the doctors initially referred the newborn to the Medical College at Agroha in Hisar district. However, after the Civil Hospital reportedly confirmed that no ventilator was available even at Agroha, the baby was referred to the PGIMS in Rohtak. Unable to get the ventilator at PGIMS also, the child was brought back to Hisar and taken to a private hospital, where he was declared dead.

Gadkari Reviews NHLML Projects, Urges Faster Completion



New Delhi, July, 6 (PIB): Union Minister of Road Transport & Highways Nitin Gadkari chaired a review meeting of the National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) and assessed the project-level progress of Multi Modal Logistics Parks (MMLPs), Ropeways, Intermodal Stations, and Way Side Amenities being developed across the country, in New Delhi. During the meeting, the Minister emphasized the strategic importance of these transformative initiatives in building a future-ready, integrated transport ecosystem. He noted that these projects will strengthen multimodal connectivity, unlock new economic opportunities, promote balanced regional development, and enhance India's overall logistics competitiveness. Shri Gadkari also evaluated the key challenges affecting project implementation and directed all concerned stakeholders to resolve bottlenecks on priority and expedite project execution. He stated that the timely completion of these projects will improve logistics efficiency, reduce transportation costs, and provide world-class infrastructure and amenities for commuters, further advancing the vision of a Viksit Bharat and an Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

High-resolution radio study reveals widespread faint black hole activity in nearby galaxies



New Delhi, July, 6 (PIB): High-resolution radio investigations of nearby galaxies have revealed a hidden population of weakly active black holes in the local Universe that was so far difficult to detect. Hunting these hidden monsters is essential as they can inject energy into their surroundings through jets and outflows, influencing star formation rates and the long-term evolution of galaxies. Astronomers believe that almost every galaxy harbours a massive black hole at its centre. However, many of these black holes remain extremely faint and spotting them was a challenge. An international team of astronomers, including Dr. Aru Beri from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), an autonomous institution under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), used the e-MERLIN radio array, to observed 280 nearby galaxies selected from the Palomar sample and probe their central regions on parsec scales. The researchers detected compact radio emission from the centres of nearly one-quarter of the galaxies, revealing the presence of weakly accreting supermassive black holes that are often missed in conventional observations. Most detected sources appear extremely compact, while a smaller fraction shows jet-like radio structures extending over several parsecs. The study represents one of the first statistically complete high-resolution radio surveys capable of isolating faint black hole activity in nearby galaxies. Earlier studies either lacked the sensitivity and angular resolution needed to separate weak nuclear emission from surrounding stellar activity or focused on smaller and potentially biased galaxy samples. By targeting a large and well-defined sample at very high radio resolution, the researchers were able to systematically uncover low-level black hole activity in ordinary nearby galaxies.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

Take complete rest to regain your energy as a feeble body weakens the mind. You must realize your true potentials as you are not lacking strength but will. The economic side is likely to strengthen. If you had lent money to a person, you are expected to get that money back today. Your thirst for knowledge will help you make new friends. Love is in the air for you. Just look around, everything is pink. Despite overburdened with work, you can remain energetic at your workplace. Today, you can complete all your tasks before the given scheduled time. Make changes that could enhance your appearance and attract potential partners. Today, your partner might take you in the realm of a different world of love and sensations. Remedy :- For excellent health benefits, feed rotis to white cow.



Taurus

Start meditation and yoga for physical gain especially mental toughness. Today, one of your siblings can borrow money from you. Although you will fulfil their wish, but it can worsen your financial hardships. You would be the center of attraction at a social gathering that you attend today. Romantic evening filled with beautiful gifts and flowers for some. Businessmen under this zodiac sign may have to go on an unwanted work-related trip. This can mentally stress you out. Working natives must avoid gossiping at the office. You will receive important invitation from unexpected sources. Today, you and your spouse will have a really deep soulfully romantic talk. Remedy :- Donating bronze helps in increasing the positive influence of Mercury and thereby increasing your economic growth.



Gemini

Sheer pleasure and enjoyment for those venturing out to have fun. You could find yourself in an exciting new situation which will also bring you financial gains. Control your temper to avoid hurting the feelings of your family members. Personal relationships are sensitive and vulnerable. It looks as if you're on your own for a while-colleagues/associates may come to your aid-but will not be able to provide much assistance. Today, you can sit with your family members and talk about many important issues of life. Your words may be bothersome for your family, but you will be able to derive a solution. Remedy :- Donate black-white flag at Lord Ganesha temple, will help you to achieve success in love.



Cancer

Support of highly influential people will give a big boost to your moral. Investment should be avoided today. Be generous in your approach to sort personal matters, but guard your tongue to prevent hurting those who love and care for you. Marriage proposal as your love life may turn into life long bond. Your senior might get impressed of the quality of your work today. Good news most likely from a distant place expected by late evening. You will spend the best day of your life with your spouse today. Remedy :- Help and serve patients in hospital, and enjoy sound financial health.



Leo

Your energy level will be high. Avoid overspending and dubious financial schemes. Relatives would try to take undue advantage of your extra generous behaviour. Control yourself otherwise you might be deceived. You must remember generosity to some extent is good but if it crosses a limit it might create some problems. Your energy levels will be high-as your beloved seems to bring you immense happiness. Good day to send your resume or appear for an interview. Travelling will not bring immediate results but will lay down good foundation for future benefits. Your married life is all about fun, pleasure, and bliss today. Remedy :- Avoid drinking and smoking for a great financial condition.



Virgo

Friends supportive and will keep you happy. You are most likely to attain financial profits today at night because as any money lent before will come back instantly. Do not neglect your social life. Take some time from your busy schedule and go out to attend the party with your family. It will not only relieve your pressure but also remove your hesitation. Sudden romantic encounter will lift your spirits. Today is a day for high performance and high profile. Students of this zodiac sign will waste their time majorly on TV or mobile phone more than required. This will lead to wastage of time. Today, you will know that how does it feel to have a wonderful life-partner. Remedy :- Lighting Loban incense (dhoup) at home will be good for domestic life.



Libra

You are likely to enjoy the success of other people by praising them. Today, seek the blessings of your elders before going out of the house, as it will benefit you. Children will make you feel proud with their achievements. Exciting day of romance-Plan something special for the evening and try to make it as romantic as possible. Whatever you do-you will be in a commanding position. This is one of those days when you'll try to take out time for yourself from your busy schedule but fail miserably. Today, you will fall in love with your spouse again. 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.



Scorpio

Creative hobbies will keep you relaxed. Today, with the help of a close friend, some businessmen are likely to gain monetary benefits. This money can overcome many of your troubles. Your ability to impress others will bring rewards. Chances of meeting an interesting person on card. Keep away from signing any new joint ventures and partnerships. Even though you will have ample free time, you won't be able to do anything that can satisfy you. Your spouse will remind you the time of your teenage today along with some notorious stuff. Remedy :- Strictly avoid the usage of tobacco and the consumption of eggs, meat, fish and other tamasic food, and reap rich benefits in your business/work life.



Sagittarius

Take care while driving. You will like to overspend on others. Unexpected good news later in the day brings happiness and cheers for the entire family. Love is synonymous to worshipping God; it is very spiritual as well as religious. You will know this today. Backlog of correspondence will need top priority. Natives of this zodiac sign need to understand themselves a bit better today. If you feel lost somewhere in the crowd, then take time for yourself and evaluate your personality. Marriages are made in heaven, your spouse will prove this to you today. Remedy :- Wear Silver in any form to achieve healthy lifestyle.



Capricorn

Health remains perfect. You will like to overspend on others. Try not to offend others and adapt to your family needs. Interference of others will cause frictions. You will be honored for some of your good deeds today at work. If you are married and have children, then they can complain to you regarding you not being able to give them ample time. Interference of people might harm your relationship with your spouse today. Remedy :- Water stored and kept in Sun in a green colored glass bottle will bring plenty of happiness to family members.



Aquarius

You are going to enjoy the pleasure of leisure. Avoid overspending and dubious financial schemes. Youngsters may seek some advice on school projects. Today, you and your love partner will delve into the ocean of love, and will experience the high of love. It is a favorable day, utilize the best of it at work. Your free time will be wasted today because of any unnecessary work. You will get to know today that why marriages are made in heaven. Remedy :- Donate white dhotis with black borders to saints for enhanced economic situation.

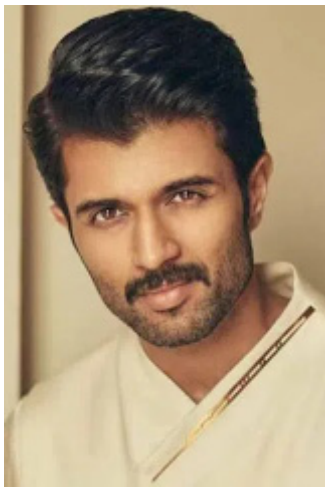


Pisces

Tooth ache or stomach upset may create some problems for you. Take a physician's advice to get relief immediately. Those who are managing their business with their close ones or relatives need to remain very careful today, otherwise financial losses can occur. Auspicious day for giving and receiving gifts from those you love. Romantic memories will occupy your day. You will get good chance to display your talents. Good day for some recreation and entertainment. Your spouse had never been so awesome. You might get a nice surprise from the love of your life. Remedy :- Health will benefit from the usage of scented items/articles.

Vijay Deverakonda calls for making sports lucrative to secure athletes’ future

Stating that it was time that we gave a push to sports and got our youngsters in the country to play more, actor Vijay Deverakonda, who has been backing young and upcoming talents in the sport of volleyball, has now opined that it was also our responsibility to make sports lucrative for all players in order to secure them a future. While speaking about his association with volleyball, Vijay Deverakonda recently said, “This is my big reason for being a part of Volleyball and it is time and our responsibility to push sports and get our youngsters in the country to play more and make it lucrative for all players in order to get them a future and recognition because they are extremely talented.” The actor’s observa-



tion is significant as it comes at a time when the Indian men’s volleyball team created history by winning a bronze medal at the Asian Volleyball Confederation (AVC) Men’s Cup. Significantly, this was the

country’s first-ever medal at the tournament. The landmark achievement has sparked conversations around the steady rise of volleyball in India, with many acknowledging the importance of stronger professional ecosystems in helping athletes compete at the highest level. Over the years, Vijay Deverakonda has been known to support several meaningful initiatives, including Annadanam drives, scholarships for deserving students, and financial assistance to families through the Middle-Class Fund. Extending the same philosophy beyond philanthropy, Vijay Deverakonda has also been actively supporting the growth of Indian sports. As the co-owner of a volleyball franchise, Vijay

Deverakonda has quietly contributed to that journey by backing the sport and encouraging volleyball talent over the years. Beyond merely supporting a team, Vijay Deverakonda’s involvement has always been rooted in his belief that Indian players have the potential to achieve global success when provided with the right platform and ecosystem. Apart from supporting volleyball, Vijay is also the brand ambassador of the TG20 League, where he continues to encourage emerging cricketing talent. On the work front, Vijay has an exciting lineup ahead and will next be seen in Ranabaali, VDXShoryuv, and Rowdy Janardhana, further building anticipation for his upcoming releases.

Rajinikanth’s Biggest Fan Anirudh Is On Duty Again

One of the biggest reasons why Superstar Rajinikanth’s 2023 blockbuster Jailer exceeded all trade expectations and created a box office havoc is numero uno composer Anirudh Ravichander’s trademark background score that has elevated slow-burn action sequences into whistle-worthy goosebump moments in theatres.

Three years later, the formidable combination of Rajinikanth and Anirudh is back again to deliver a double dose of mass euphoria with the sequel which is getting ready to hit the screens on October 15. The makers have unveiled a brief teaser earlier today and Anirudh once again proves to be a backbone for the sequel. He seems to have done heavy lifting with his signature style score in the sequel.

The teaser opens with a chilling throwback to the villain Varman (Vinayakan), who laughs off his demise by warning of a massive, unstoppable global syndicate coming for the Jailer. The teaser then shows a brief, stylized glimpses of a massive ensemble cast before framing a shadow of Superstar Rajinikanth walking out



of a luxury car onto a runway. The moment the teaser shifts toward Rajinikanth’s arrival, Anirudh drops an explosive, updated rendition of his iconic background score. Though it is a brief glimpse, Anirudh delivers bigtime to augment the hype on the sequel.

As soon as the teaser was out, social media platforms are abuzz with Anirudh’s electrifying work. Despite getting postponed several times and facing repeated rumours about cameo roles, Jailer 2 commands huge hype because of the hit com-

bination. The teaser has completely set social media ablaze, promising a massive box office showdown for Tiger Muthuvel Pandian. Backed by Sun Pictures and produced by Kalanithi Maran, Jailer 2 is directed by Nelson Dilip Kumar.

Nagabandham Inspired By Mystery Surrounding Vault B

With just a day left for the worldwide release of Nagabandham, director Abhishek Nama expressed immense confidence in the film, calling it a grand visual fantasy adventure that promises a memorable theatrical experience. Starring Virat Karrna in the lead, the ambitious film is produced by NIK Studios banner, with Nabha Natesh, and Aishwarya Menon playing pivotal roles. Abhishek Nama says he was extremely satisfied with the final output. “Nagabandham is a great visual fantasy adventure that the entire family can enjoy together. We are very happy with how the film has shaped up. It is designed to offer audiences a spectacular theatrical experience,” he said. The director revealed that the idea for Nagabandham was inspired by the mystery surrounding the unopened Vault B of the Padmanabhaswamy Temple. Fascinated by the countless theories surrounding the chamber, he imagined a fictional treasure hidden within such a mysterious setting. That curiosity eventually evolved into an epic fantasy treasure-hunt story. While the mystery served as the inspiration, he clarified



that the film is entirely fictional and does not depict the real temple. Abhishek said the story was always his priority, not the casting. He never envisioned a particular actor while writing the script and instead focused on developing an engaging narrative. Once the

screenplay was complete, Virat Karrna was chosen because he perfectly suited the character. According to the director, a fresh face worked better since the story itself is the true hero of the film. He was full of praise for the producers, who trusted his vision without hesitation. Extensive

pre-production work allowed them to visualize the project before filming began, giving them complete confidence in the film. With over 700 screens in Hindi, more than 200 in Tamil, and nearly 2,500 screens worldwide, Nagabandham is set for a massive global release.

Sadie Sink calls ‘Stranger Things’ ending ‘bittersweet’, says ‘all good things must end’



Hollywood actress Sadie Sink has shared that she has “bittersweet” feelings about the end of her hit streaming show ‘Stranger Things’. The 24-year-old actress had her big career breakthrough portraying Max Mayfield in Stranger Things, the hit Netflix show, between 2017 and 2025, and Sadie has now admitted to having mixed feelings while watching the finale, reports ‘Female First UK’. She told Nylon magazine, “I was watching it with my brother and he started crying and then I started crying. He was looking at us like, ‘Are you guys crying?’. It was just completely bittersweet”. She further mentioned, “It’s been 10 years. It’s seen us through so many different

phases of our lives. All good things must end”. As per ‘Female First UK’, Sadie, starred alongside Winona Ryder, David Harbour, Finn Wolfhard, Millie Bobby Brown, Natalia Dyer, and Noah Schnapp on the TV show. Since leaving the show, Sadie has starred in a West End production of Romeo and Juliet. The actress admits that she’s loved her time in London, but she’ll return to New York once the production wraps. Sadie said, “It’s felt like such a chapter, being in London and really feeling like I’ve made a home for myself here. So to leave it and go back to my actual home, I’m like, ‘Wait, I don’t know’. But it’ll be good. I miss my home. The cats are ready to go back. They’re telling me all the time”. Meanwhile,

Sadie previously claimed she felt protected from the pressures of fame and success during her teenage years. The actress told Glamour, “Looking back on my teenage years, growing up on the show, I was really protected by the people around me. And by myself too. I think I was super protective of who I was”. Sadie shared that she struggled to reconcile her frustrations with recognising that she’s in a fortunate position in life. “When things were hard, when there would be certain pressures, or I’d be overwhelmed, I felt like I couldn’t talk about it because it was such an amazing thing that was happening. Sometimes you don’t feel like you can have any complaints or struggles”, she added.

Mira Kapoor shares glimpse of home ‘Health Bar’, says kids enjoy superfood drinks



Entrepreneur and Shahid Kapoor’s wife Mira Kapoor gave her followers a glimpse into her wellness-focused lifestyle by sharing a sneak peek at her home pantry, which she fondly called her ‘Health Bar’. Mira, posting a picture of shelves lined with jars of nuts, seeds, superfoods and healthy snacks, Mira revealed that her children were already developing interest in nutritious and healthy eating habits. Sharing the picture of the same on her social media account, she wrote, “The best part is that my kids are mixing spirulina & moringa in their nariyal pani because it’s fun.” Mira always is seen sharing glimpses from her spice of life. From her businesses to her life with her kids and husband, Mira always gives a sneak peek into it all. The young lady also takes to her social media account to speak upon topics that she feels need to be addressed. A few weeks ago, she had opened up about how women often need to be ‘unburdened’ from the constant need for decision-making, to

truly unwind and reconnect with themselves. Mira had shared a heartfelt video on her social media account, where she reflected on the joy and comfort of spending time at her parents’ home. “It’s been a while since I have done a ‘Mira Mira on the wall’. I just got back from my mom’s house and I shared with you guys how I was feeling while I was there. Nothing really feels quite like it,” Mira said in the video. Talking further about the emotional release she experienced, she added, “I think sometimes women just need to be unburdened from making decisions. No one’s asking you what’s on the menu, which car is going where, what are you doing, what time is the meeting, or can you can approve this? I think sometimes you just need to be relieved of making decisions. That is such an unclogging of the mind.” She added, “We have to make so many decisions every single day. More than decisions, we need to make choices. And when you’re freed from making a choice,

that is when you feel a sense of release and ease. That is why somewhere you feel so rejuvenated, relaxed and strangely powered to take on whatever else is coming your way.” Mira had further urged women to at times disconnect from constant responsibilities and simply live in the moment. “If you need to take that break, switch off your phone, don’t check emails and don’t pander to that desire to see what is going on and what you need to do. You will see that there is a sense of letting go and actually experiencing everything,” she shared. “Just experiencing your kids playing in the park, lying down beside your parents doing nothing at all, going for a walk with your parents or laughing about something ridiculous, it helps you feel every moment so viscerally and deeply. So this is your reminder to find a place, a situation or a person who relieves you of making decisions and choices. Check in with yourself. And don’t ask yourself any questions. Just be,” Mira concluded.

FIFA WC 2026: Colombia face Ghana in Round of 32 clash for place in last 16



Kansas City: Unbeaten Colombia will take on Ghana for the first time on the world stage as the rivals contest the last of the Round of 32 ties at Kansas City Stadium on Saturday, with an aim of reaching the Round of 16. As winners of Group K, Colombia are unbeaten so far at the FIFA World Cup 2026, having defeated Uzbekistan

and Congo DR and drawn with Portugal and their aim now is to reach the Round of 16 for the fourth time. As for Ghana, they will arrive in Kansas City on the back of a third-placed finish in Group L following a win over Panama, a draw with England and defeat against Croatia. They are targeting a third appearance in the Round

of 16 and hoping for third-time lucky given their two previous encounters with South American opposition in the World Cup knockout stage both ended in defeat, against Brazil in the 2006 Round of 16 and Uruguay in the 2010 quarter-finals. Colombia's only previous World Cup knockout tie against CAF opposition brought a 2-1 defeat by Cameroon in 1990.

How to watch Colombia vs Ghana live in India

Live streaming and live telecast of the FIFA World Cup 2026 football matches will be available on the Zee5 platform and app in India. A subscription will be needed. Live telecast of the FIFA World Cup 2026 will be available on the Unite8 Sports 1, Unite8 Sports 1 HD, Unite8 Sports 2, and Unite8 Sports 2 HD TV channels in India.

Hyderabad's 13-year-old martial artist Navjyot Singh Thakur enters Asian Book of World Records

Hyderabad: Hyderabad's 13-year-old martial artist Navjyot Singh Thakur has earned the rare official recognition from the Asian Book of World Records for performing 105 backfist punches in 10 seconds in the Teenage Female category. This remarkable achievement highlights her exceptional speed, precision, discipline, and dedication to martial arts. Navjyot Singh Thakur is a student of famous Indian Karate Grandmaster Hanshi Shaswat Kumar and is currently undergoing Senkoukai Karate training under his expert guidance. She prepared for this world record through disciplined practice and specialized coaching at Senkoukai Karate. Navjyot was inspired by her mentor, Hanshi Shaswat Kumar, whose own extraordinary achievement of 150 backfist punches in 10 seconds motivated her to pursue excel-



lence. Inspired by his dedication, discipline, and commitment to martial arts, she trained tirelessly and successfully created her own place in the world of records. A significant share of Navjyot's success also belongs to her parents, whose unwavering support, encouragement, sacrifices, and belief in her abilities played a vital role

throughout her journey. Their constant motivation, combined with the expert guidance of Hanshi Shaswat Kumar, helped her achieve this prestigious milestone at such a young age. Hanshi Shaswat Kumar said: "Navjyot's achievement is the result of discipline, hard work, determination, and the continuous support of her parents." "I am extremely proud of her dedication and perseverance. This World Record is not only her personal success but also a proud moment for her family, our academy, and the entire martial arts community," he said. He added, "I hope her achievement inspires many more young athletes." The Asian Book of World Records has officially recognized and recorded her outstanding achievement, making Navjyot Singh Thakur one of the youngest martial artists from Hyderabad to receive this prestigious

Goncalo Ramos scores late as Portugal beat Croatia 2-1



Toronto: Goncalo Ramos headed home a cross from Rafael Leao in stoppage time as Cristiano Ronaldo, who had earlier converted a penalty, watched from the bench while

Portugal defeated Croatia 2-1 on Thursday, ending Luka Modric's fifth bid for a World Cup title. Ronaldo had equalised in the 68th minute with a penalty, scoring his first

knockout-stage goal at a World Cup, before Ramos sealed Portugal's victory. The match ended in controversy as Croatia thought it had equalised at 2-2 in the closing moments, but Mario Pasalic was ruled offside following a VAR review and the goal was disallowed. Croatia fans threw bottles onto the field and whistled in protest. Croatia took the lead in the 53rd minute when Ivan Perisic scored from a cross by Josip Stanisic. Portugal will now face Spain on Monday in the Round of 16. Modric led Croatia to second- and third-place finishes in 2018 and 2022 but could not guide his team any further this time.

Argentina vs Cape Verde: Paul Masefield backs Lionel Messi to cruise past World Cup underdogs

Mumbai: As the reigning champions Argentina face tournament debutants Cape Verde in the Round of 32 of FIFA World Cup 2026, former England international Paul Masefield believes Lionel Messi and Co. have the quality and experience to comfortably progress but insists Cape Verde deserve immense credit for their historic run to the knockout stages. Reigning champions Argentina entered the knockout clash as favourites; Cape Verde's disciplined defensive displays and spirited run have made them one of



the tournament's biggest success stories. "Argentina are the favourites, no question about that. They will stick

to their shape, they will do what they need to do, and they will go about the game in a positive way.

Zverev, Berrettini storm into Wimbledon third round as Arthur Fery delights home fans

London: Alexander Zverev, the newly crowned French Open champion and the No.2 seed, and Matteo Berrettini breezed into the third round at Wimbledon, securing impressive wins at the All-England Club in London. Zverev, who seems to have taken a lot of confidence from his success at Roland Garros, produced a dominant 6-1, 6-3, 7-6(3) win over Valentin Royer, the world No.75 from France, in two hours and four minutes. "Fortwo and a half sets, I played an almost perfect match," Zverev said after the match. "And then I lost a bit of focus, lost a bit of concentration, and he used it very well. And he made it very interesting in the end, but I was definitely happy to be through in straight sets. "I'm not old yet, but I'm getting to an age where I think you need to save energy, and I think it also builds confidence when you win easily, when you win in straight sets. "I think it helps with your confidence, especially for me at Wimbledon. I

love this tournament, but I'm still waiting for a big result. And if I continue playing like this, I definitely think it can happen this year." Berrettini, the 2021 Wimbledon runner-up, got the better of Arthur Fils at Centre Court, producing multiple aces and a superb performance that left the fans celebrating with him. The Italian, now ranked No.51, rebounded from the loss of a set to see off the No.20 seed Fils 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3 and is into the third round for the first time since 2023.

Local star Fery in the third round

Meanwhile, local star Arthur Fery booked his passage into the third round of the men's singles at Wimbledon with the biggest win of his nascent career. The 23-year-old, a former schoolboy educated just down the road from the All England Club, defeated Otto Virtanen 5-7, 7-6(3), 6-3, 6-3 to become only the fourth British wild card to reach the third round of the men's singles at Wimbledon since 2000.



Indian junior women's hockey team heads to United Kingdom for crucial exposure tour



Bengaluru: The Indian Women's Hockey team has departed from Kempegowda International Airport on Thursday night for its exposure tour of the United Kingdom,

scheduled from 5 to 14 July 2026. Led by new chief coach Tim White, the team will play seven matches across Scotland and England as part of its preparations for key up-

coming international tournaments, including the Junior Asia Cup. The young squad will be led by captain Khaidem Shileima Chanu, with Nidhi and Engil Harsha

Rani Minz as the two goalkeepers. The defensive unit comprises Pooja Sahoo, Supriya, Madhu, F. Lalbi Aksiami, Lalneihpuii and Parwati Topno. The midfield features captain Chanu, Tanuja Toppo, Supriya Kujur, Pooja Malik, Binima Dhan, Geeta Yadav, Roshni Aind and Tanushree Dinesh Kadu. The forward line includes Sukhveer Kaur, Shashi Khasa, Lalrinpuii, Nisha Minj, Purnima Yadav, Kajal, Sanika Chandrakant Mane and Krishna Sharma. Through this competitive experience, coach White will look to fine-tune combinations and strategies to prepare for the tournaments ahead.

Deepti Sharma compares MS Dhoni's composure to Novak Djokovic's mental strength at Wimbledon

London: Indian women's cricket team all-rounder Deepti Sharma has drawn an interesting comparison between former India captain MS Dhoni and 24-time Grand Slam champion Novak Djokovic, saying both sporting icons possess the rare ability to remain calm and composed in the most challenging situations. Deepti, who is attending Wimbledon for the first time, shared her thoughts on how Dhoni, like Djokovic, handles pressure with calmness. "When you talk about Djokovic, everyone speaks about his mental strength. He is someone who never gives up, no matter how tough the situation is. In cricket, I think MS Dhoni sir is very similar. He is known for being very cool and calm. Whenever pressure situations come, he handles them really well. It never looks like he is in a difficult situation. He handles pressure so easily," Deepti told Jio Hotstar.



"Both Djokovic and Dhoni have that rare quality of staying calm and strong when it matters the most. Watching them, we learn how to stay calm and find a way out of tough situations," she added. The Indian all-rounder also revealed that watching a Wimbledon match in person had been a bucket-list wish for years. "My dream was that one day I would come to watch a Wimbledon match, and it feels really good to finally be here. When you go to watch a match at an iconic venue like this, and when you have always seen it on TV but today you are seeing it live for the first time, it feels amazing. The atmosphere, the crowd, the energy – everything is different. I am really enjoying watching tennis at Wimbledon. It just feels great," she said. Deepti also named Djokovic as the player she admires the most, praising the Serbian's resilience and competitive spirit.

Rafael Jodar rallies past Pablo Carreno Busta to reach Wimbledon third round

London: Rafael Jodar, the NextGenATP star from Spain, came up trumps once again, rallying from a set down, conjuring a piece of Grand Slam magic to win in five sets, which kept his debut campaign at Wimbledon alive. The Spaniard rallied to a 3-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 win against his countryman Pablo Carreno Busta in a match that was suspended due

to darkness. The two players returned to No. 2 Court with Carreno Busta leading by two sets to one and Jodar 2-1 ahead on serve in the fourth set. Jodar went on to rally for a three-hour, 43-minute victory. After levelling the match at two sets all, Jodar immediately carved out three break points at 0/40 in the opening game of the fifth.



Awareness Drive on Drug Abuse, Road Safety, and Anti-Ragging Held at Sri Sai Engineering College



(By Skyline Staff Reporter)

Rayachoti, July 6: An awareness program on the prevention of drug abuse, road safety, and the eradication of ragging was organized on Monday at Sri Sai Engineering College, Rayachoti, under the auspices of the National Service Scheme (NSS). The Chief Guest for the event was P. V. Sudhakar Reddy, Circle Inspector (CI) of the Rayachoti Traffic Police, who addressed the students. He advised senior and junior students to maintain a friendly and respectful relationship and to completely refrain from ragging. He warned that those involved in ragging would face legal action and that such behavior could severely affect not only their education but also their future employment opportunities. Speaking on substance abuse, he urged the youth to stay away from drugs and addictive substances such as ganja (marijuana), cocaine, heroin, gutka, tobacco, and alcohol. He explained that these substances cause serious physical, mental, and financial harm and increase the risk of life-threatening diseases such as cancer. He further stated that sub-

stance abuse is a major cause of road accidents, criminal activities, and family disputes. Referring to the Anti-Ragging Act, he said that if found guilty, offenders could face imprisonment ranging from six months to ten years, along with a fine of ₹5,000 to ₹50,000. He also suggested displaying visual awareness materials on the harmful consequences of ragging and substance abuse across the college campus. College Principal Dr. K. Srinivasa Murthy called upon students to reject the toxic culture of ragging and excel in their studies through discipline and good conduct. He encouraged them to remain free from substance abuse and strive to achieve higher goals in life. Traffic Sub-Inspector N. Sekhar emphasized that every student has a responsibility to contribute toward building a drug-free society. He advised students to possess a valid driving license, strictly follow traffic rules, and always wear a helmet while riding two-wheelers and a seat belt while driving four-wheelers. At the conclusion of the program, students took a pledge against ragging and substance abuse. The program was attended by Vice Principal Dr. V. Venkataramana; Head of the Computer Science and Engineering Department Dr. A. Naresh; Head of the Management & Placements Department Dr. K. Imtiaz; Head of the AI & Data Science Department P. Subahan; Head of the Electrical and Electronics Engineering Department V. Pratap Rao; Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department P. Sravan Kumar; Head of the Civil Engineering Department B. Soujanya; Head of the Electronics and Communication Engineering Department A. Karunakar; Head of the Basic Sciences & Humanities Department Dr. N. Nagendra; NSS Programme Officer A. Rajesh; police personnel, faculty members, and students.

PGRS applications should be resolved in a timely and quality manner

Madanapalle, July 06(Skyline daily): District Collector Nishant Kumar has ordered the officials to resolve PGRS applications in a timely and quality manner. On Monday, as part of the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) program at the Collectorate, District Collector Nishant Kumar received applications from applicants with various types of problems from the respective mandals of the district. Along with the District Collector, Joint Collector Shiv Narayana Sharma, Sub Collector Challa Kalyani, DRO Chandrasekhar Reddy, SDC Madhava Krishna Reddy, DLDO Lakshmiopathi received the applications. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector ordered that special attention be paid to the resolution of applications at the Public Grievance Redressal System and Revenue Clinics. The applications should be resolved expeditiously and qualitatively. He said that petitions should be resolved without any pending issues, grievances should be monitored from time to time, and there should be no laxity in this. He instructed the officers of the respective departments to take steps to resolve the problems promptly. He instructed the officers to resolve the petitions within the deadline with the highest quality. He said that positive performance in the IVRS calls conducted by the government should lead to progress in the opinions collected



from the public. He said that the officers of all departments should focus on the performance of their respective departments and work to keep the district in a better position in the state. Later, petitions were received from the people who came with various problems. A total of 275 petitions were received in this program, and appropriate action was taken on them and the Joint Collector and Sub-Collector endorsed them to the officers of the relevant departments for resolution. District officers and staff of various departments participated in this program.

YSR Congress Party pays tribute to Babu Jagjivan Ram on his death anniversary



Madanapalle, July 06(Skyline daily): At the YSR Congress Party office in Madanapalle, the stalwarts paid tribute to former Deputy Prime Minister and freedom fighter Babu Jagjivan Ram on his death anniversary on Monday. In this program organized under the auspices of Madanapalle Constituency Party Coordinator S Nisar Ahmed, floral garlands were placed at the portrait of Jagjivan Ram and tributes were paid. Speaking on the occasion, S Nisar Ahmed praised Jagjivan Ram as a great leader who worked for social justice, equality and empowerment of Dalits throughout his life. He said that his aspirations, which he rendered distinguished service to the country as a freedom fighter, Union Minister and Deputy Prime Minister,

are inspiring to today's generation. He said that his efforts for the upliftment of the downtrodden sections of the society are memorable. On this occasion, Nisar Ahmed unveiled the portrait of Jagjivan Ram gifted by Nagamani. In this program, party leaders, former Municipal Vice Chairman Jinka Chalapathi, YSR Congress Party Intellectuals Forum State Secretary VS Reddy, VELUGU Chandra, former councilor Prasad Babu, Chukka Anjanappa, Sarath Reddy, Ankisetipalli Ramana, Shankar Naik, Yunus, Fayaz Khan, Bommisetty Madhu, T Venkata Mohan, Nagamani, Shaik Jabi, Sadhik, Abdullah, Avula Vishwanath, SC Cell representatives and activists participated and paid tribute to Jagjivan Ram.

SC/ST atrocity case should be registered against CI and Section 4 should be implemented

Madanapalle, July 05(Skyline daily): A case should be registered against CI Kala Venkataramana of Madanapalle Mandal Rural Police Station under Section 4 of the SC/ST Atrocities Prevention Act and an investigation should be ordered, the members of the United Forum of Political Public Associations of Madanapalle have requested the Chairman of the SC/ST Vigilance and Monitoring Committee and Annamayya District Collector Nishant Kumar. They have requested that action be taken against the Madanapalle Taluka CI who tried to close the case by registering the murder case of Chinna Buddha Naik of Naramakulathanda in Madanapalle Mandal as a simple accident case, avoiding the accused, giving a false report to the authorities and closing the case. Leaders of political parties and public organizations have united and announced that action should be taken against him by the 15th of this month, otherwise they will definitely besiege the collector's office and call for a large-scale movement. Bahujan Sena state president Sree Chandu, CPI leader



Murali, Ekalavya Tribal association state president Mallikharjuna, BC leaders Jayashankar and Bhanu Prakash, auto union leaders Raghavendra Yadav, Mavilla Venkatesh, and others participated in this program.

Chittoor Storm to a Historic 10-Wicket Triumph Twin centuries and a record opening stand headline a breathtaking chase

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)

Valmikipuram, July 6: Chittoor district produced a sensational all-round performance to register a commanding 10-wicket victory over Kurnool in the South Zone Women's Under-19 One-Day Inter-District Tournament, organised by the Andhra Cricket Association. The match was played at Ground No. 2 of the CDCA-GVSCS Grounds in Vayalpad on Sunday.

After winning the toss, Kurnool elected to bat first and posted a competitive 230/5 in their allotted 50 overs. M. Sahasra Reddy scored 45 off 60 deliveries, while S. Razia Sultana anchored the innings with 51 off 76 balls. S. Vanshika contributed 43 off 64 balls, and A. Rakshitha added a valuable 38 off 66 deliveries. For Chittoor, E. Geeya Keerthi was the standout performer with the ball, claiming an impressive 4 wickets for 38 runs, while A. Vishnu Priya chipped in with one wicket.

In reply, Chittoor's opening pair delivered a breathtaking batting display. M. Greeshma and K. Subha Sri remained unbeaten throughout the chase, stitching together a remarkable 231-run opening partnership to overhaul the target without losing a wicket. Greeshma blasted an unbeaten 101 off just 50 balls, while Subha Sri compiled a composed 103 not out off 81 deliveries. Their dominant partnership powered Chittoor to 231/0 in only 21.4 overs,



sealing an emphatic 10-wicket victory and one of the most memorable wins of the tournament.

CDCA Vice-President G. Sreedhar Kumar, Secretary Satish Yadav, President Srinivasa Murthy, and other association members congratulated the team on its outstanding performance. The Chittoor district team is coached by Head Coach G.Sunil Kumar. The match was attended by selectors Nagalakshmi and Sai Prabhakar, along with coaches Anitha, Dhanalakshmi, Madhuri, Madhavi, Shekhar, and Mounika from the Chittoor, Anantapur, Nellore, Kurnool, and Kadapa districts. Trainer Reddy Raghavendra was also present on the occasion.

MITS NCC cadet excels in a prestigious Air Force Attachment Camp organized by the Indian Air Force



Madanapalle, July 06(Skyline daily): Cadet G Rudra Teja of MITS Deemed to be University NCC Air Wing near Madanapalle (Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science) has successfully completed the prestigious Air Force Attachment Camp (AFAC) organized by Indian Air Force and has shown outstanding talent, Vice Chancellor Dr C Yuvaraj said. He said that this national level training was organized at Dundigal Air

Force Academy in Hyderabad. On this occasion, Cadet Rudra Teja received comprehensive training on topics like Indian Air Force operations, introduction to combat and training aircraft, aviation technical aspects, military discipline, leadership development, team spirit, and personality development. He also said that he got the opportunity to interact directly with the Indian Air Force officers and learn about their experiences. He said that it is a matter of pride that the MITS University cadet had shown his talent in this training, which was attended by more than 100 people from all over the country. He said that this national level training camp was organized under the supervision of Wing Commander Aryan, Commandant, Air Force Attachment Camp. Cadet G Rudra Teja, who showed his talent in the national level training program, was congratulated by MITS Founder and Chancellor Dr N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary, Pro Chancellor N Dwarkanath, Executive Director Keerthi Nadella, Vice-Chancellor Dr C Yuvaraj, NCC Air Wing Caretaker Officer Charan Koochie and the faculty.

District Collector Nishant Kumar unveils promotional posters for 'Amaravati Championship-2026

Madanapalle, July 6(Skyline daily): District Collector Nishant Kumar unveiled the promotional posters for the 'Amaravati Championship-2026' to be organized across the state under the auspices of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAAP) at the PGRS conference hall in Madanapalle Collectorate on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, the District Collector said that the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh is organizing this prestigious championship to unearth and promote the hidden sports talent in the state. He advised the officials to work in coordination with each other and complete all the arrangements for the successful organization of constituency and district level competitions in the district. As part of this program, competitions will be held in 12 sports such as athletics, archery, badminton, basketball, boxing, chess, hockey, kabaddi, kho-kho, volleyball, weightlifting, yoga, etc. He said that competitions will be held at the constituency, district and state levels from July 15th to August 26th. He said that these competitions will be held for boys



and girls in the under-17 and under-23 categories. He asked the eligible sportsmen of the district to take advantage of this opportunity and participate in large numbers. Joint Collector Shiv Narayana Sharma, Sub Collector Challa Kalyani, DRO Chandrasekhar Reddy, SDC Madhava Krishna Reddy, DLDO Lakshmiopathi, District Sports Development Officer G Chandra Sekhar, and district level officials participated in this program.

Sri Kalahasteeswara Temple Conducts Swarnamukhi River Cleanliness Drive Under 'Swachh Swarnamukhi' Initiative

Srikalahasti - 6 July (Skyline Daily)As part of the 'Swachh Swarnamukhi' initiative, the Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Temple organized a large-scale Swarnamukhi River cleaning drive on Monday in the river's surrounding areas.

During the programme, volunteers and temple staff removed overgrown weeds, thorny bushes, plastic waste, garbage, and other debris from the riverbanks, making the surroundings clean and hygienic. Awareness activities were also conducted to educate the public on environmental protection and the importance of maintaining the cleanliness of rivers.



Speaking on the occasion, Temple Executive Officer B.K. Venkatesulu said that protecting and preserving the Swarnamukhi River is the collective social responsibility of every citizen. He urged the public to actively participate in environmental conservation efforts and support initiatives aimed at keeping water bodies clean.

The programme was attended by Temple Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad, BJP State Vice President Kola Anand, Temple Board Member Smt. Kola Visalakshi, Temple Board Member Gurrappa Shetty, Special Invitee Smt. Shailaja, temple officials, staff, and local residents, who enthusiastically participated in making the river cleaning drive a success.