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‘Say No to Drugs, Bro’

- CM Chandrababu Appeals to Youth

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June, 26 :

Chief Minister said that strict action is continuing

forward with a zero-tolerance policy against

against drug trafficking in Andhra Pradesh and that those involved in the illegal drug trade will be brought before the law.

He further stated that individuals affected by the drug menace would be provided with all possible assistance and guided back into normal life. The government's objective, he emphasized, is to ensure dignified rehabilitation for those struggling with drug addiction.

The Chief Minister made it clear that there is no place for drugs in Andhra Pradesh. He said the government is moving

drug trafficking. Chandrababu stated that the government is committed to ensuring a safe and secure future for every family in the state. Calling upon the public to support the #DrugsOdhuBro campaign, the Chief Minister tagged his post with the hashtag #DrugsOdhuBro, urging people, especially the youth, to stay away from drugs.



shared a message through the social media platform X. He stated that the fight against drugs is essentially a fight to protect the future of the youth. The

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar Reviews Series of Road Accidents in Palnadu

From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June, 26 :

Minister-in-Charge Gottipati Ravikumar conducted a review with senior officials regarding the series of road accidents in Palnadu district. On Friday, the minister spoke with the District Collector and Superintendent of Police. He directed officials to identify accident-prone spots and take preventive measures. He also instructed them to install warning signs and undertake loss-prevention measures. The minister advised the SP to ensure immediate action is taken whenever a heavy vehicle breaks down or stops on the road for any reason, so that vehicles approaching from behind are alerted in time.

Shock Over Macherla Accident...

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar expressed shock over the road accident near Nagaravanam in Macherla town of Palnadu district, in which four people lost their lives. He conveyed his deep condolences to the families of the deceased. After inquiring about the medical treatment being provided to the injured, he directed officials to ensure

that they receive the best possible medical care. It is known that four people lost their lives when a lorry and a Tufan vehicle collided near Nagaravanam, close to Macherla in Palnadu district. The accident occurred when a speeding car rammed into a stationary lorry. Four persons died on the spot, while several others sustained serious injuries.

According to the police, the victims involved in the accident were residents of Hyderabad. The accident took place while they were traveling from Hyderabad to Pamuru. The injured were shifted to the Macherla Government Hospital for treatment. Police have registered a case and launched an investigation into the incident.



Kethireddy Peddareddy's Protest in Tadipatri; YSRCP Workers Create Tension

Anantapur, June 26: A tense atmosphere prevailed once again in Tadipatri of Anantapur district. YSRCP leaders had planned to hold a mass protest sit-in in front of the Gandhi statue in the town, but the police denied permission for the event. Former MLA Kethireddy Peddareddy was placed under house arrest. In response, the former legislator launched a protest. Opposing the police decision to deny permission for the mass sit-in at the Gandhi statue, Kethireddy, along with his supporters, staged a dharna in front of his residence in Bhagat Singh Nagar. The protesters raised slogans against the police, demanding that democracy

be protected in Tadipatri. During the protest, YSRCP activists allegedly overreacted at Peddareddy's residence. They behaved aggressively toward police personnel who had arrived to provide security. A heated argument between the police and YSRCP workers escalated into a scuffle, leading to heightened tensions in the area.



Rottela Panduga Celebrated Grandly; Minister Narayana Reviews Arrangements



From Our Staff Reporter Nellore, June 26:

The Rottela Panduga festival commenced on a grand note at the Bara Shaheed Dargah in the district. On this occasion, Minister Narayana inspected the festival arrangements and the Police Command Control Room. He participated in the traditional ritual by releasing a roti into Swarnala Cheruvu and then catching one. Later,

the minister offered special prayers at the dargah. Speaking to the media afterward, he said that the number of devotees visiting the 412-year-old Bara Shaheed Dargah has been increasing every year. He noted that before 2014, around four lakh devotees used to visit the shrine, but adequate facilities were lacking. He said that the infrastructure and amenities have now been significantly improved and expanded. The minister criticized the previous government for neglecting the development of the dargah. He stated that efforts are underway to develop the Nellore Bara Shaheed Dargah into a tourism hub. He said devotees from across the country and abroad visit the shrine with great faith. Special attention has been given to maintaining the cleanliness of the waters in Swarnala Cheruvu, he added. According to the minister, 6,315 Municipal Department personnel and 1,870 police personnel have been deployed for duty. As a precautionary measure, expert swimmers have been kept on standby, and eight types of boats have been arranged for boating activities.

Narayana said he caught a roti praying for the development of the state and the well-being of all people. MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy said that he has been participating in the Rottela Panduga celebrations for the past 50 years. He praised the arrangements made this year as outstanding. He stated that after 2014, following the directions of Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Narayana initiated the development of the dargah. He expressed happiness that the Bara Shaheed Dargah is being developed into a major tourist destination. MP Magunta Srinivasulu Reddy also said that he hopes the lake will be developed on the lines of a Tank Bund.

Radha Gayatri Death Case: Sricharan's Mother Finally Responds to the Media

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 26:

In the death case of software engineer Radha Gayatri, her husband Sricharan, who has been named as an accused, has been missing for the past five days.

Speaking to the media about Sricharan's disappearance, his mother Seetha Mahalakshmi said that her son had not committed any wrongdoing. She asserted that if her son were found guilty, they themselves would end their lives. She stated that Sricharan was acting according to the advice of his lawyer and that they did not know his

whereabouts. Sricharan's parents also made it clear that they would not leave Visakhapatnam and would

Sricharan did not attend the 12th-day funeral ritual of Radha Gayatri. The ceremony was conducted personally by Sricharan's father, Durga prasad. Radha Gayatri's family members asked Sricharan's parents to reveal his whereabouts. However, they replied that they did not know where he was. Radha Gayatri's parents, Sudhakar and Satyavati, have expressed suspicion about Sricharan's parents. They allege that Sricharan is hiding some-

where in Visakhapatnam. **Murder Case Registered Against Sricharan**

Radha Gayatri had gone on a trip to Mussoorie in Uttarakhand along with her husband, Sricharan Somayajulu. She died under suspicious circumstances on the 14th of this month. Her parents have alleged that their son-in-law, Sricharan, was responsible for their daughter's death. Based on a complaint lodged by Radha Gayatri's father, Parupudi Sudhakar, Mussoorie Police registered a murder case against Sricharan. An FIR was filed last Saturday under Section 103(1) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS).



continue to stay there. **Sricharan Did Not Attend the 12th-Day Ritual**

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Justice should be done to every voter in the Special Intensive Revision



Madanapalle, June 26(Skyline daily): As per the instructions of the high command, Kalpalatha Reddy, a member of the Legislative Council, visited the war room set up at the Madanapalle YSRCP office for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) program under the auspices of the YSR Congress Party and held a review meeting. She was welcomed by the party leaders under the leadership of Madanapalle Constituency Coordinator S Nisar Ahmed. Later, she inspected the information system set up in the war room, the coordina-

tion process taking place in polling stations, the performance of BLAs, and the management of daily reports. She praised the way the constituency leaders and activists are working in coordination.

On this occasion, VS Reddy, State Secretary of the Intellectuals Forum, explained the progress of the Special Intensive Revision, the performance of BLAs, and the actions being taken at the field level in Madanapalle constituency, through a PowerPoint presentation. Constituency Coordinator S Nisar Ahmed

said that the party machinery is working very responsibly to ensure that every voter in Madanapalle constituency remains on the voter list, BLAs are going door to door, educating the people and providing necessary assistance, and the party is acting vigilantly at all levels to ensure that the rights of the voters are not violated. State Joint Secretary Ravula Narasimha Reddy said that continuous monitoring is going on at every polling station during the special intensive revision process, the BLAs and cluster in-charges ap-

pointed by the party are working in coordination and are examining every issue thoroughly, and since the voter list is very crucial in protecting democracy, if any errors are found anywhere, we will immediately bring it to the attention of the election authorities. Later, MLC Kalpalatha Reddy said that the special intensive revision process should be monitored very carefully so that justice is done to every voter, and advised the party leaders and BLAs. He called on everyone to protect the rights of voters and the party ranks to stand by the people.

Nawaz, Madanapalle Rural Booth Committee President Chippili Mallikarjuna Reddy, Nimmanapalle Booth Committee President Ramamohan Reddy, Eshwar Nayak, Granite Mahesh, Bayya Reddy, Vadigala Srikanth, Guditi Charan, Shankar Nayak, Bhanu, Pawan Nasir, Zaheer and others along with BLAs participated in this program.

Arya Vysya Sangham Calls for Drug-Free Sullurpeta Constituency; Lauds Police Crackdown on Ganja

Naidupet, June 26: skyline Daily Staff Repoter Nayudupeta Marking International Day Against Drug Abuse, a special programme was held on Friday at the Naidupet Town Police Station. Representatives of the Arya Vysya Sangham, led by its Tirupati District Rural founding president Guduru Kishore Kumar, met Town CI Venkateswarlu and held discussions on measures being taken by the police to curb anti-social activities and the menace of narcotics. Speaking on the occasion, Guduru Kishore Kumar thanked Naidupet DSP Chenchubabu and CI Venkateswarlu for taking

strong measures to prevent drug abuse in the Naidupet division. He said the police under DSP Chenchubabu's leadership have been cracking down firmly on gangs involved in illegal transport and sale of ganja, and praised the protective steps being taken to prevent youth from falling prey to intoxicants. He expressed hope that, with the participation of the police machinery and the public, Sullurpeta constituency would be developed into a complete "drug-free constituency" under the DSP's leadership, and assured full support from the Arya Vysya Sangham. He also urged



parents and voluntary organisations to cooperate with the police to keep youth away from harmful paths. Arya Vysya Sangham Tirupati District Rural general secretary Gadamshetti Nagaraju, vice president Konjeti

Venkateswararao Babu, Gangishetti Srinivasulu, Guduru Kiran Kumar, Balushetti, Seetha, Sridhar, Tata Charan, Muniraja, other sangham members, and police personnel participated in the programme.

Young India's Future, Exploited Education System: ND Vijaya Jyoti



"Kadapa (Skyline Daily) June 26: President of the District Congress Committee (DCC) N.D. said that the future of the country is in the hands of the youth and every student has immense talent and uniqueness. Vijaya Jyoti said in a press

conference held at the Congress party office on Friday. Rahul Gandhi said that it is inevitable that the "Chatron Ki Goonj" organized by Rahul Gandhi on the 17th of this month in Kota, Rajasthan, has raised many criticisms on the education

system of the country. Kadapa and Kamalapuram Assembly Coordinators Bandi Zakaria, Meegada Ashok Kumar Reddy, District Congress Committee Vice President Sirajuddin, Ministry State General Secretary Rafiq

Khan, Youth Congress RTI Section State President Kotapati Lakshmaiah, KKC District Chairman Dasari Srinivasulu, KKC City Chairman, Shamir Hussain, NSUI District were present in this meeting. President Mamilla Babu, Jawahar Balamanchu district president Kshulu Pulluru bhasha, Youth Congress district president Nandi Venkatasubba Iya alias Akhil, Youth Congress state general secretary Palagiri Shiva, Youth Congress Kadapa city president Manchala Avinash, Atlur mandal Congress president Seelam Gangaiah, Jabir Ali, Veeriah, Amir Bhasha, Palem Hariprasad participated.

Cooperate in Making Andhra Pradesh a Drug-Free State: Home Minister Anitha

From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, June 26: Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha appealed to everyone to extend their support in transforming Andhra Pradesh into a drug-free state. On Friday, she attended a workshop as the chief guest at Tummalapalli Kalakshetram, organized under the theme "Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan - Viksit Bharat Ki Pehchaan" against drug trafficking. Speaking on the occasion, Anitha said that any parent would be willing to care for a sick child throughout their life. However, she remarked that no parent

would willingly come forward to secure the release of a child who had landed in jail due to ganja addiction. She said that shortly after assuming office as Home Minister, a phone call she received left her shocked. The caller informed her that a fourth-grade student had become addicted to ganja, a revelation that deeply alarmed her. The Home Minister stated that inspections are being conducted across the state under the supervision of EAGLE and that drones are continuously monitoring remote and deserted areas. She said that even if some-



one consumes ganja while sitting under a tree in an isolated location, drones are capable of detecting it. Surveillance systems are functioning with that level

of strictness, she added. Anitha also noted that CCTV cameras are operational in virtually every corner of the Vijayawada Commissionerate.

CM Relief Fund Cheque Distributed to Amir Basha; Government Extends Support to Accident Victim

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)

Valmikipuram, June 26: A cheque sanctioned under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) was distributed on Friday to Shaik Amir Basha (32), a resident of Gandaboyanapalli village in Valmikipuram mandal. Amir Basha had sustained severe leg injuries in a two-wheeler road accident four months ago. After undergoing treatment at a hospital, he has been recuperating at home. In view of the financial hardships faced by the victim and his family, an application was submitted to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund on the recommendation of Piler MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy, following which financial assistance was sanctioned by the government. The cheque was handed over to



Amir Basha during a programme organized in Gandaboyanapalli village in the presence of local leaders Puli Satyanarayana Reddy, Amarnath Reddy, and Seshadri Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy said that the state government is extending support to poor and middle-class families through the Chief Minister's Relief

Fund during times of distress. He stated that the government is committed to helping people overcome financial difficulties arising from medical emergencies and accidents. He urged eligible beneficiaries to make use of the welfare schemes introduced by the government. Local leaders Puli Satyanarayana Reddy, Seshadri Reddy, and dealer Satyanarayana Reddy ap-

preciated the efforts of MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy in securing financial assistance for the victim. They said that the MLA has always been at the forefront in addressing public issues and extending support to those in need. Among those present at the programme were Laddu, Mohammed, Mubarak, and youth members from Gandaboyanapalli village.

Students' Voice, Chatron Ki Goonj' Victory Today: Syed Ghaus Peer

"Kadapa (Skyline Daily) June 26: According to the call of All India Congress Comm ittee (AICC), the President of Kadapa City Congress Committee Syed Gous Peer said that in accordance with the ideas of the opposition leaders Rahul Gandhi, the program "Chatron Ki Goonj - Students' Voice" will be organized tomorrow (Saturday) at 9:30 am at Raj Function

Hall, Ravindra Nagar in Kadapa city. He said that Rahul Gandhi's presentation will be given in Telugu on the major issues faced by students and unemployed youth such as paper leaks, irregularities in the conduct of examinations, rising unemployment, delay in filling government jobs, privatisation, defects in the education system. He asked parents, public rep-

resentatives and media friends to participate in large numbers and make it successful. He said that the problems of students are beyond politics and the Congress party will always fight for their rights. He said that an attempt will be made to make the voice of the youth heard by the government through this program. Today 27th June 2026 (Saturday) at 9:30 am Raj Func-



tion Hall Ravindra Nagar, They said it will be in Kadapa

Land Allotted to Poor in Kuragonda Allegedly Encroached; Beneficiaries Seek Justice

Naidupet-Ozili: June 26 Skyline Daily Staff Repoter.

Nayudupeta. A land dispute has surfaced in Kuragonda village of Ozili mandal in Tirupati district, where 48 poor beneficiaries who were allotted house sites by the government in 1998 are unable to occupy their plots. The plots were sanctioned in Survey Number 277 and pattas were officially handed over to the beneficiaries. However, victims allege that some individuals from the same village have illegally occupied

the land despite having no revenue records. They said unauthorised constructions have come up overnight and complained that they are being attacked when they ask for their rights, stating "we have pattas but no shelter." Led by Kuragonda Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society chairman Dr Ankayya, the aggrieved beneficiaries staged a protest and met Mandal Tahsildar Mittapalli Ashok Reddy seeking justice. The incident has created tense conditions in the village. Responding imme-



diately, the Tahsildar ordered an inquiry and said survey officers and revenue staff would be sent to conduct a full-scale investigation. He assured the victims that justice would be done, bringing some re-

lief to them. Telugu Desam Party women's president Padmamma, TDP senior leaders Palleli Ankayya and Baddelu Ravi, Ragimani villagers, and others participated in the programme.

Huge Response to 'Dial Your MLA' Program with Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy

Srikalahasti - 26 June (Skyline Daily) The "Dial Your MLA" programme organized by Way 2 News with Srikalahasti MLA Bojjala Sudheer Reddy received an overwhelming response from the public. Nearly 300 phone calls were received from various parts of the Srikalahasti constituency. Out of these, the MLA personally interacted with 41 callers, listened to their grievances, and directed the



concerned officials to take immediate steps to resolve the issues after discussing them with them. MLA Sudheer Reddy appreciated the initiative taken by Way 2 News to directly connect with people and understand their problems. He also lauded the Way 2 News team for acting as a bridge between the public and their elected representative by bringing people's concerns to his attention.

Attempt to Encroach Raghurama Krishnam Raju's Land Using Forged Documents: Case Registered

From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 26: A sensational case has come to light in which a gang allegedly attempted to encroach on a land parcel worth over 72 crore belonging to Andhra Pradesh Assembly Deputy Speaker K. Raghurama Krishnam Raju using forged documents. The disputed property is located in the Madhurawada area of Visakhapatnam, a prime locality, where it has been alleged that fake registrations were carried out using forged signatures. Raghurama Krishnam Raju reportedly purchased a 333.33 square yard plot in

the Madhurawada area of Visakhapatnam in 1989. The current market value of the land is estimated to be over 72 crore. However, some individuals allegedly targeted this valuable property and created forged documents by faking the Deputy Speaker's signature. It is further alleged that, using these fake documents, the property was illegally transferred multiple times from one person to another through fraudulent registrations.

How the Incident Came to Light

On May 25 and 26 this year, some individuals allegedly entered the land site

and attempted to construct a compound wall around it. A friend of Raghurama Krishnam Raju, who noticed the activity locally, immediately informed him. Acting on the alert, Raghurama Krishnam Raju examined his original documents and compared them with the papers presented by the accused, which revealed the forgery. He identified that his signature had been carefully falsified and that attempts were made to grab the land through fraudulent registrations.

Police Register Case and Begin Investigation Representatives of Raghurama Krishnam Raju



lodged a written complaint with PM Palem Police, urging strict action against those involved in the attempted encroachment and forgery.

EDITORIAL

Who Does the 1/70 Regulation Protect?

Even after 79 years of India’s independence and despite tribal rights being recognized since 1950, numerous tribal land struggles continue to rage across the country. The slogan “Jal, Jungle, Zameen” (Water, Forest, Land) continues to ignite resistance in tribal regions. Historical evidence shows that tribal communities fought rebellions for their survival during the rule of the British, the Nizams, the Kakatiyas, and even the Mauryan emperors, when their very existence was under threat. From Sammakka and Saralamma, who fought the Kakatiya rulers for self-governance, to Ramji Gond and Komaram Bheem, who battled the Nizam’s forces, tribal resistance has a long and powerful history. Similarly, in regions such as Maharashtra, Chanda, Bastar, and Jharkhand, legendary figures like Sidkaki Baburao, Veer Narayan Singh, Birsra Munda, Manik Fard, and Ballarsha fought until their last breath for the survival of their people and for India’s freedom. Many were hanged or shot dead. In Andhra Pradesh, the struggle led by Alluri Sitarama Raju, stretching from Bhadrachalam to Rampachodavaram and Eluru, took the British more than two years to suppress. In Adilabad district, the Nizam sought assistance from the Mysore Maharaja’s military forces to crush Komaram Bheem’s movement. These incidents reflect the long-standing oppression and control exerted by feudal rulers over tribal communities. Even today, non-tribal settlers in Scheduled Areas continue to illegally acquire tribal lands through benami transactions, violating tribal rights.

Tribal communities express concern that neither governments, rulers, nor tribal public representatives are paying sufficient attention to the atrocities committed by non-tribals in Agency areas. In 1993, the State High Court ruled that if a non-tribal purchases land from another non-tribal in violation of the 1/70 Regulation, both the buyer and seller lose their rights over that land. During the 1960s, tribal welfare received little attention until movements such as the Srikakulam Tribal Uprising, led by Naxalite groups, highlighted the plight of oppressed communities. Subsequently, discussions on tribal welfare gained momentum, and several new laws and institutions were introduced. One such law was Regulation 1 of 1970, which amended the 1959 legislation and introduced two significant changes: (1) Not only transfers of land from tribals to non-tribals, but also transfers between non-tribals within Scheduled Areas were declared invalid. (2) Non-tribals holding land in Scheduled Areas were required to prove that they had not acquired the land illegally. Until such proof was provided, the land would be presumed to belong to tribals.

This clearly places the burden of proof on non-tribals. As a result, government authorities can issue notices to all non-tribals possessing land in Scheduled Areas even without a complaint from tribals, asking them to prove the legality of their ownership. If their explanation is found unsatisfactory, the land can be confiscated and redistributed to landless tribals. The 1993 State High Court judgment reaffirmed that when a non-tribal purchases land from another non-tribal in violation of the 1/70 Regulation, both parties lose their rights over the land. Furthermore, in the landmark Samatha case against a mining company in 1997, the Supreme Court ruled that government land in Scheduled Areas cannot be transferred to non-tribals and that even the State Government should be treated as a non-tribal entity under the provisions of the 1/70 Regulation.

The amended law of 2015 further clarified that evicting tribals from forest lands they cultivate, interfering with their forest rights, or deceiving them into surrendering their agricultural lands and livelihoods amounts to an atrocity. Although strong legal protections exist for tribal communities, severe injustices continue in Agency areas. Following decades of tribal struggles led by activists and intellectuals in the 1960s, governments enacted laws such as the Land Transfer Regulation (LTR), the 1/70 Act, the PESA Gram Sabha provisions, the Money Lending Prohibition Act, and the Forest Rights Act to protect tribal communities. However, non-tribal migrants who settled illegally in Agency areas have accumulated economic, political, and social power. Ignoring tribal rights and legal protections, they continue to occupy tribal lands through benami arrangements and effectively rule as the actual beneficiaries. Claiming that tribal protections obstruct their interests, migrant non-tribals challenged Government Order (GO) No. 275 in the Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal in 1998 and succeeded in getting it cancelled. Based on recommendations from the Single Line Administration and the Tribal Welfare Department, GO No. 3 was issued in January 2000 as a replacement. When migrant groups challenged GO No. 3 in the Supreme Court, the Court struck it down on April 22, 2020. As a result, many educated tribal youths in the Telugu-speaking states were left unemployed. Across the state, nearly 300,000 tribals applied for title deeds for podu cultivation lands. However, after the formation of Telangana, only about 12,000 beneficiaries received land titles. The struggle over podu cultivation rights continues to burn intensely across Telangana. Today, the condition of tribal communities has deteriorated to the point where they are neither accepted in villages nor allowed to live peacefully in forests. Regardless of the number of laws enacted for tribal development, unless those laws are effectively implemented, tribal people will continue to fall victim to injustice, illegal practices, and the conspiracies of migrant non-tribal groups.

Why Indian Parties Are Beginning To Look Like Political 'Spare Parts'

In the old imagination of Indian democracy, a seat was won after a campaign. The candidate filed nomination papers, voters listened to speeches, caste elders made their calculations, party workers fought over polling booths, and the Election Commission announced the result. Today, in several corners of the Republic, the more advanced practitioners of politics are trying something more efficient: win before the voter gets a chance to vote. Maharashtra's recent Legislative Council elections offer a telling example. Of the 17 seats from local authorities' constituencies, Mahayuti candidates secured six unopposed victories after withdrawals by Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) candidates in Thane, Raigad-Ratnagiri-Sindhudurg, Pune, Ahilyanagar, Yavatmal and Wardha-Chandrapur-Gadchiroli. On paper, this is a legitimate democratic outcome. No contest, no polling, no uncertainty. In practice, it is more revealing. A great deal of politics has already happened before the official election. There were the usual signs of modern electoral management: withdrawals, rebels, independents, triangular contests and last-minute recalibration. In Ahilyanagar, controversy reportedly arose after an Independent candidate later claimed he had not voluntarily withdrawn. In Pune, multiple withdrawals paved the way for an unopposed victory. In Yavatmal, Congress and potential MVA-backed names withdrew. What voters eventually see is the result. What they do not always see is the pressure, persuasion, arithmetic, and inducement that may shape the field itself.

This is not new. But it has become more systematic. Surat

in the 2024 Lok Sabha election remains the boldest recent template. The BJP's Mukesh Dalal was elected unopposed after the Congress candidate's nomination was rejected and other candidates withdrew. The Congress called it "match-fixing"; the BJP called it victory. Both descriptions, in their own way, captured the moment. In a first-past-the-post system, defeating rivals is one route. Ensuring that rivals do not remain in the fray is another.

The Party As A Vehicle
If Maharashtra shows the politics of withdrawal, Bengal offers the politics of transfer. The recent Trinamool Congress (TMC) rebellion, with rebel MPs moving towards the little-known Nationalist Citizens Party of India (NCPI), is the kind of episode that would have sounded comic had it not been so consequential. An obscure registered party suddenly becomes a national instrument. Legislators who might have faced political and legal hazards find, through a direct jump in a small party, a possible route of repositioning. The voter who chose one party now watches that mandate being transported through another political vehicle. This is ingenious, and deeply questionable. Ingenious because it understands the letter of the law, the limits of anti-defection provisions, the procedural role of the Speaker, and the political value of ambiguity. Questionable, because it reduces parties to containers. A party is no longer an ideological home, organisational family, or social coalition. It can become a shell, a route, a temporary address. India has thousands of political parties on paper, many of them registered but unrecognised. Some are genu-



ine vehicles of local aspiration. Some represent caste, community or regional interests. Some are ideological experiments. But others are beginning to look like political spare parts: useful when the main engine needs reassembly. Maharashtra has already shown another version of this through the splits in Shiv Sena and the NCP. In both cases, the battle was not merely about who had the numbers, but who owned the name, the symbol, the memory, and the inheritance. The present anxiety in Uddhav Thackeray's camp shows how this tactic has acquired a second life: six of the Sena (UBT)'s nine MPs have been at the centre of revolt speculation, and several of them were the very faces who had helped Uddhav hold ground in the 2024 Lok Sabha election after the 2022 split. If they do leave, the blow will not be merely numerical; it will suggest that even post-split loyalists and constituency anchors can be turned into movable as-

sets in the continuing battle over the Sena's inheritance. Indian politics has always had family disputes. What is new is the sophistication with which these disputes are converted into institutional advantage.

The Welfare Model
If one route to victory is to manage the field, another is to manage memory. Here, welfare has become the most powerful new election technology. In Maharashtra, the Mahayuti's Ladki Bahin scheme became a crucial electoral talking point, with direct cash support to women becoming not merely welfare but a political relationship. Similar "guarantee" politics helped the Congress in Karnataka and Telangana. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) built much of its urban appeal in Delhi around free electricity, water, schools, and mohalla clinics. The BJP has, at the national level, built an enormous welfare-and-beneficiary architecture around housing, toilets, cooking gas, foodgrain, and direct transfers. But the newer

improvisation is sharper: women are no longer treated as a soft vote bank. They are being treated as a decisive political constituency. In Madhya Pradesh, the BJP's Ladli Behna scheme became a template for converting direct support to women into electoral reassurance. In Odisha, the BJP's Subhadra promise was designed not only as welfare, but as a direct challenge to the BJD's long-cultivated relationship with women's self-help groups. In Bihar, Nitish Kumar's pre-poll cash transfer to women under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rojgar Yojana showed how ruling parties can compress welfare, timing, and electoral messaging into a single act. In Andhra Pradesh, the TDP-Jana Sena-BJP alliance packaged welfare as "Super Six", while the YSR Congress countered with its own welfare-first idiom. Different states, different parties, same insight: the household is now a battlefield, and the woman voter is often the central gatekeeper.

The Iran Paradox: 2 Things That Can Derail The Peace Process

The US-Iran peace process is well and truly on. In accordance with the provisions of the 14-Point MoU that was signed on June 16, the first round of talks were held in Burgenstock, Switzerland, on June 22. It resulted in the agreement for a roadmap of 60 days, which involves many confidence-building measures before the really tricky issues are discussed and agreed upon. Coming in the backdrop of many doubts and apprehensions if and when the talks will take place, mainly due to the continuing ceasefire violations in Southern Lebanon and the occasional threat from President Trump of restarting the war and bombing Iran, this roadmap is indeed a welcome step. However, the bigger question is not the the roadmap itself but whether it can finally lead to an acceptable deal that can ensure lasting peace in the region, battered by war and instability for almost three years since the outbreak of Gaza war in October 2023.

The Roadmap
The roadmap is a follow-up of the 14-Point MoU, which was digitally signed by President Trump and President Pezeshkian on June 16. It calls for the formation of a high-level committee for political oversight, technical working groups on nuclear and sanctions issues, and a dispute resolution mechanism. It provides for a communication line to be established between parties, especially Iran and the US, to ensure safe passage for commercial vessels through the Strait of Hormuz - a key provision of the 14-Point MoU. Some of the other key provisions of the roadmap are:

A de-escalation and monitoring unit will also be created to ensure compliance of the

ceasefire and the cessation of military operations in Lebanon.

Iran to receive sanctions waiver from the US Treasury Department to sell crude oil, gas, and petrochemical products freely for a period of 60 days, up to August 21, 2026.

An agreement with Qatar regarding the release of Iran's frozen assets.

A working group on nuclear file, which will commence talks on the future of Iran's nuclear programme. It also involves Iran permitting IAEA inspectors to return to the country provided that other critical conditions as per clauses 1 (Lebanon ceasefire), 4 and 5 (Strait of Hormuz), 10 (removal of sanctions on oil sales) and 11 (unfreezing of Iranian funds and assets) of the MoU have been implemented.

Why A Deal Is Still Elusive
The MoU and the roadmap are already facing severe criticism both in the US as well as Israel. Many are terming it as America's abject surrender to Iran, while most are questioning the whole purpose of the war if at the end of it, Iran had to be awarded with revocations of sanctions and unfreezing of funds and assets. More importantly, the MoU terms clearly indicate that none of the two primary objectives of the war in Iran, i.e., complete destruction of its nuclear programme or its ballistic missiles programme, has been achieved. On the third implied (or desired) objective of regime change in Iran, the outcome of the war has been contrary to the intentions. Not only has the regime survived but the war has cemented the hold of the regime in Iran, with an added factor of the Revolutionary Guards having tighter control over critical issues, as well as an elusive Supreme Leader who may well



turn out to be more headline than the previous one.

Precedents of previous deals and MoU do not inspire confidence either. Most recent is the 'Board of Peace' in Gaza. Established under the chairmanship of President Trump himself, it may have ended the war in Gaza formally. But little has moved beyond it. Despite the '20-Point Plan' that laid out the charter for peace and was formally endorsed by the UN Security Council on November 17, 2025 (UNSC Resolution 2803 of 2025), not much has moved.

Even though Phase-1 of the Gaza ceasefire was largely successful in returning all hostages back to Israel and pulling back Israeli forces to the 'Yellow Line', it is the Phase-2 that was more critical to the future of Gaza. That had three vital components. The first is the establishment and positioning of the International Stabilisation Force (ISF), second is the disarming of Hamas and demilitarisation of Gaza, and third is the governance of Gaza by a technocratic, apolitical Palestinian committee, with

oversight and supervision by the "Board of Peace". However, all that remains on paper.

Israel continues its operations in the Gaza strip with impunity, Netanyahu has called for expansion of territory in Gaza under Israeli control from the current 53% to 70%, and the officially reported toll of people killed in Gaza since October 10, 2025 (the day ceasefire came into effect) has crossed 1,000. Also, there is neither any clarity nor consensus on the provision of troops by partner countries for the International Stabilisation Force (ISF) in Gaza, which is to be led by Major General Jasper Jeffers from the US. Plus, of the estimated USD 20 billion required for reconstruction of Gaza, there is hardly any money in the kitty yet. The war in Gaza thus remains an unending saga of despair, frustration and human tragedy.

There is, therefore, the fear that the Iran peace process may face a similar fate. While it is clear that neither Iran or the US have any appetite for more war, the possibility of

talks extending for months and years on two crucial issues - the nuclear and the ballistic missile programmes - may turn this roadmap into an unending saga. The fear of the US and/or Israel reneging on a deal in the future also poses questions about the prospects of lasting peace. The previous two instances, of June 2025 - when Israel launched strikes into Iran just when US-Iran nuclear talks were progressing well - or February 2026, when Oman announced an agreement on key issues of nuclear programme between the US and Iran, do not inspire confidence. Also, the previous nuclear deal with Iran, signed in July 2015 and ratified by the UN Security Council, was unilaterally revoked by the US in May 2018 under President Trump's first term. All these precedents put into question not only the success of the roadmap but also the guarantees that a deal, if agreed upon, will actually endure. The implementation of the roadmap has started in earnest, from both ends.



Rs 197.5 Dividend Alert! 4 Bajaj group stocks to trade ex-dividend next week - Check record date



New Delhi :Several Bajaj group companies, including Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Bajaj Holdings & Investment and Maharashtra Scooters, are scheduled to trade ex-dividend next week. All four companies will trade ex-dividend on June 30, 2026. The companies have announced final and special dividends for the financial year 2025-26. The combined payout from the four companies stands at Rs 197.5 per share across five dividend announcements.

Bajaj Holdings & Investment Dividend 2026

Bajaj Holdings & Investment Ltd has announced a final dividend of Rs 80 per

share and a special dividend of Rs 50 per share. The total dividend payout stands at Rs 130 per share, the highest among the Bajaj group companies scheduled to trade ex-dividend next week. The company has maintained a strong dividend payment record over the years. In September 2025, it had declared an interim dividend of Rs 65 per share, while shareholders had received a final dividend of Rs 28 per share in June 2025. The company had also announced interim dividends of Rs 65 per share in 2024, Rs 110 per share in both 2023 and 2022, and Rs 90 per share in 2021. Bajaj Holdings & Invest-

ment has been paying dividends consistently since 2005, with payouts ranging from Rs 10 per share to as high as Rs 130 per share.

Maharashtra Scooters Dividend 2026

Maharashtra Scooters Ltd has declared a final dividend of Rs 60 per share for the financial year 2025-26. The stock will trade ex-dividend on June 30. The company has maintained a consistent dividend payout record. In September 2025, it announced an interim dividend of Rs 160 per share. Shareholders had also received a final dividend of Rs 30 per share and a special dividend of Rs 30 per share in June 2025. In

2024 and 2023, the company had declared interim dividends of Rs 110 per share each, along with final dividends of Rs 60 per share in both years. In 2022, Maharashtra Scooters announced an interim dividend of Rs 100 per share and a final dividend of Rs 80 per share. The company has regularly rewarded shareholders through dividends over the past two decades, with dividend payouts increasing in recent years.

Bajaj Finance Dividend 2026

Bajaj Finance Ltd has announced a final dividend of Rs 6 per share for the financial year 2025-26. The stock is also scheduled to trade ex-dividend on June 30. The company undertook a stock split from Rs 2 face value to Re 1 and issued bonus shares in the ratio of 4:1 in June 2025. Earlier this year, Bajaj Finance had announced a final dividend of Rs 44 per share and a special dividend of Rs 12 per share on the pre-split face value basis. The company had paid dividends of Rs 36 per share in 2024, Rs 30 per share in 2023 and Rs 20 per share in 2022. Apart from dividends, Bajaj Finance

has also carried out several corporate actions over the years, including bonus issues, stock splits and rights issues.

Bajaj Finserv Dividend 2026

Bajaj Finserv Ltd has declared a final dividend of Rs 1.50 per share for the financial year 2025-26. The stock will trade ex-dividend on June 30. The dividend is higher than the Re 1 per share dividend announced in both 2024-25 and 2023-24. The company had paid a dividend of Rs 0.80 per share in 2022-23. In 2022, Bajaj Finserv had announced a dividend of Rs 4 per share before implementing a stock split from Rs 5 face value to Re 1 and issuing bonus shares in the ratio of 1:1. The company has maintained a regular dividend payout track record since its listing and has also undertaken corporate actions such as bonus issues, stock splits and rights issues. All four Bajaj group companies are scheduled to trade ex-dividend on June 30, 2026, making it an important date for investors tracking dividend-paying stocks within the group.

Rs 60 dividend by investment firm, record date next week

New Delhi :600% Dividend Per Share By Bajaj Group Company: Maharashtra Scooters' shares will be in focus as the record date for its final dividend is scheduled for next week. The subsidiary of Bajaj Holdings and Investment Limited has fixed Tuesday, June 30, 2026, as the ex-date to determine the eligibility of shareholders for its proposed final dividend.

Maharashtra Scooters: Dividend and face value

In a regulatory filing, the Pune-based Indian investment and manufacturing company has recommended a final dividend of Rs 60 per equity share with a face value of Rs 10 each for the financial year ended 31 March 2026. The dividend is subject to shareholders' approval at the company's upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Maharashtra Scooters Dividend: Who will be eligible?

Shareholders whose names appear in the company's records till the record date will be eligible to receive the dividend, subject to approval at the upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM).

Maharashtra Scooters dividend payment date

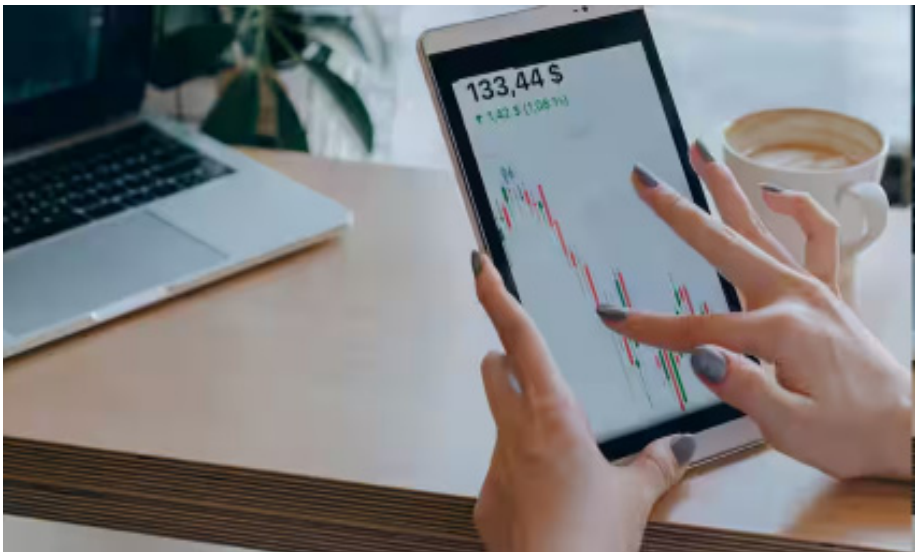
The AGM is scheduled to be held on July 29, 2026. If approved by shareholders, the dividend will be credited on or before August 4, 2026, the company informed in an exchange filing. Also Read: Rs 578 Dividend + 3 Special Dividend + Buybacks: 40 stocks to trade ex-date next week - Bajaj Finance, M&M in list

Dividend history

The company's recent dividend history includes an interim dividend of Rs 160 per share with an ex-date of September 22, 2025. It had also announced a final dividend of Rs 30 per share and a special dividend of Rs 30 per share with an ex-date of June 27, 2025. Earlier, it had declared an interim dividend of Rs 110 per share with an ex-date of September 25, 2024.

EX Date Purpose

30/06/2026	Final Dividend	60.00
22/09/2025	Interim Dividend	160.00



27/06/2025 Final Dividend 30.00
27/06/2025 Special Dividend 30.00
25/09/2024 Interim Dividend 110.00

Maharashtra Scooters Q4 FY26 results highlights

For the fourth quarter of FY26, Maharashtra Scooters reported a 92.23 per cent year-on-year decline in standalone net profit to Rs 4.01 crore, compared with Rs 51.63 crore in the same period last year. Total income fell 3.55 per cent year-

on-year to Rs 6.51 crore, while profit before tax declined 91.20 per cent to Rs 5.46 crore. Total expenses dropped 55.88 per cent to Rs 1.05 crore during the quarter. Employee benefit expenses jumped 339.99 per cent to Rs 0.22 crore, while other expenses fell 41.13 per cent to Rs 0.83 crore. Net sales declined 9.32 per cent to Rs 6.03 crore in the March 2026 quarter from Rs 6.65 crore a year ago. EBITDA rose 12.58 per cent to Rs 5.46 crore from Rs 4.85 crore. Earnings per share

(EPS) fell to Rs 3.50 from Rs 45.20 in the year-ago quarter.

Maharashtra Scooters stock performance

On Thursday, June 25, Maharashtra Scooters' shares closed at Rs 12,500 on the NSE. The stock opened at Rs 12,550, touched an intraday high of Rs 12,628 and a low of Rs 12,500. The company had a market capitalisation of Rs 14,290 crore. Its 52-week high and low stood at Rs 18,538 and Rs 10,901, respectively.

Are you being mis-sold a mutual fund Rs 7 red flags every investor should know

New Delhi :Mutual Fund Mis-Selling: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is set to introduce new rules against financial mis-selling from January 1, 2027, aiming to strengthen consumer protection and make banks and financial institutions more accountable.

Mis-selling has been a long-standing problem in the domain of insurance plans, mutual funds, fixed

deposits, loans, and investments. The common practice among financial advisors is to sell products that are not suited for the investor due to misleading statements and high-pressure sales tactics or lack of disclosure of risks involved.

Speaking on Zee Business, financial planners Mrin Agarwal, Founder and CEO of Finsafe, and

Prathiba Girish, Founder of Finwise, held light on the process of identifying mis-selling and implications of the latest RBI framework, and the precautions consumers should take before investing.

What is Financial Mis-Selling?

According to Agarwal, mis-selling occurs when a financial product is sold to a customer even though it

is not suitable for their financial goals, risk profile, or requirements.

She explained that common examples include:

- Promising "guaranteed" returns without adequately disclosing risks
- Selling insurance policies to customers seeking fixed deposits
- Bundling products such as insurance with home loans or bank lockers

Creating artificial urgency by claiming an offer is available only for a limited period

Highlighting only positive features while hiding risks, charges, or limitations

"The biggest mis-selling is when the product being sold is not in the customer's interest and is not suited for them," Agarwal said.

Sensex drops 700 points from day's high to close flat, Nifty 50 ends near 24,050; mid, small-caps underperform

The Indian stock market witnessed some profit booking in the afternoon session on Thursday, 25 June, which made the benchmarks, the Sensex and the Nifty 50, end the day almost flat. The 30-share pack Sensex dropped 703 points from its intraday high of 77,803.18 to end at 77,100.47, still up 109 points, or 0.14%, from the previous close of 76,991.22. The Nifty 50 hit an intraday high of 24,261.60 during the session but closed at 24,056, up 34 points, or 0.14%. While benchmarks extended gains for a second consecutive session, the mid- and small-cap segments faltered. The Nifty Midcap 100 index fell 0.55%, and the Smallcap 100 index declined 0.47%.

Hindustan Copper may acquire 4 copper mines in Chile, deal possible in 6 months, say sources



New Delhi :The assessment is understood to be part of HCL's evaluation process before taking a final decision.

Hindustan Copper may acquire 4 copper mines in Chile

According to sources, Hindustan Copper may acquire four of the five copper mines offered by CODELCO. Discussions between the two sides are learned to be progressing but the final contours of the transaction are yet to be formalised, said people familiar with the matter. They also said that HCL and CODELCO are expected to sign a deal within the next six months. The agreement is subject to completion of the ongoing evaluation process and prerequisite approvals. The proposed deal is seen as providing Hindustan Copper with access to overseas copper resources at a time when demand for Dr Copper is expected to remain strong globally, driven by areas like electric vehicles (EVs), renewable energy and power infrastructure. Copper is sometimes called Dr Copper because its price is

seen as a key indicator of economic health. Typically, copper prices strengthen with rising industrial demand, just like silver, and vice versa. Copper is widely used in construction, manufacturing, and wiring and power systems. Markets track copper prices closely for early signals on the global economy.

HCL, CODELCO signed a pact in June last year

Hindustan Copper and CODELCO had signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) last year. That agreement spanned technology exchange and knowledge transfer, and was aimed at strengthening cooperation in the mining sector. The proposed acquisition discussions are seen as the next step in expanding that partnership, said sources. At the time of publishing this report, Hindustan Copper was yet to respond to Zee Business's email requesting comment on the development.

Hindustan Copper (HINDCOPPER) shares

The stock will take centre stage in Monday's trading session after a long week-

end. Dalal Street remained shut on Friday for Muharram. On Thursday, Hindustan Copper (HINDCOPPER) shares ended weaker by Rs 9.4 -- or 1.9 per cent -- at Rs 491.4 apiece on BSE. At this level, the largecap PSU stock is down 6.3 per cent so far this year, while the Nifty50 is down 8.0 per cent. The HINDCOPPER stock has rallied 80 per cent in a year, sharply outperforming the 50-scrip index's 5.8 per cent decline.

HINDCOPPER Q4 FY26 and full-year results

In mid-May, the PSU reported a 2.4 times year-on-year jump in its March-quarter consolidated net profit to Rs 444.27 crore. Its top line grew 58 per cent to Rs 1,156.1 crore, according to a regulatory filing. The Miniratna PSU's quarterly EBITDA jumped 2.5 times to Rs 660.3 crore. Its margin -- a key measure of profitability -- expanded by 16.9 percentage points to 57.1 per cent. For the full financial year, Hindustan Copper's consolidated profit rose 97.5 per cent to Rs 918.54 crore, while its revenue grew 48.6 per cent to Rs 3,077.9 crore.

Kospi Crash: South Korea market triggers second trading halt as AI, chip stocks tumble



New Delhi :

South Korea's benchmark Kospi index came under intense selling pressure on Friday, triggering its second trading halt of the week as investors continued to dump technology and semiconductor stocks amid growing concerns over the artificial intelligence (AI) trade. The Korea Exchange imposed a 20-minute trading halt after the benchmark index plunged sharply during the session. The Kospi later fell as much as 9 per cent before recovering some of its losses. It was last trading about 5.8 per cent lower, after touching an intraday low of 8,126.84. The latest decline follows another steep fall earlier this week. On June 23, the benchmark had slumped 10 per cent in one of its worst single-day performances on record. Over the course of the week, the index has shed nearly 19 per cent, reflecting a sharp deterioration in investor sentiment.

AI-linked chip stocks lead the decline

The sell-off was led by South Korea's heavyweight semiconductor companies, Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix, which at one point dropped more than 10 per cent each. The two companies account for nearly 60 per cent of the Kospi's total weight, meaning sharp declines in their shares have an outsized impact on the benchmark. Foreign investors accelerated selling during the session, offloading shares worth around 5 trillion won, equivalent to roughly Rs 3.1 lakh crore. Given the dominant role Samsung and SK Hynix play in the global semiconductor supply chain, weakness in these stocks also weighed on broader investor sentiment across Asian markets.

Apple's price hikes add to concerns

Market sentiment deteriorated further after investors reacted to Apple's de-

cision to increase prices of several products, including iPads and MacBooks, following higher memory chip costs. The move fuelled concerns that rising semiconductor prices could eventually hurt consumer demand for electronic devices. Apple shares fell 6.1 per cent overnight, erasing nearly \$250 billion in market value. As Samsung Electronics and SK Hynix are key suppliers to leading technology companies worldwide, sharp moves in their share prices often influence broader market sentiment across Asia, including India.

Impact on Indian stock market

The sharp sell-off in South Korea's KOSPI could create short-term volatility in Indian equities by weakening global investor sentiment and triggering foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows.

AI, Nuclear, Space, Quantum technologies to determine contours of future growth and global competitiveness: Dr Jitendra Singh

- National Quantum Mission Achieves More Than Half of Its Targets Within Three Years; India Advancing Alongside Global Leaders: Dr Jitendra Singh

- AI becoming an essential tool across sectors; NEP 2020, a game-changer, laying the foundation for a new generation of innovators and domain experts: Dr Jitendra Singh



New Delhi, June, 26 (PIB): Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences and Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office, Personnel, Public Grievances, Pensions, Atomic Energy and Space, Dr. Jitendra Singh today said that AI, Nuclear, Space and Quantum tech-

nologies will determine contours of future growth and global competitiveness India is rapidly emerging as a major force in frontier technologies, with the National Quantum Mission (NQM) already achieving more than half of its targeted outcomes within three years of its launch in 2023, added the Minister.

Speaking in a Fireside conversation during a Media Conclave organised by a leading News Channel here, Dr Jitendra Singh said that India today stands at a stage where it is progressing alongside leading nations in several critical technology domains and is steadily building capabilities that will define the next

era of economic growth, national security and global competitiveness. The Minister said that Space, Nuclear and Quantum Technologies will play a decisive role in shaping the future world order, influencing not only economic advancement but also strategic strength and geopolitical positioning. "Countries that fall behind in these technologies risk falling behind in both development and security," he said.

Referring to the National Quantum Mission, Dr. Jitendra Singh said several key milestones have been achieved ahead of schedule. He said substantial progress has already been made in quantum-secure communication, an area with significant applications in defence, strategic communications, cyber security and protection of sensitive information. The Minister said the pace of progress achieved under the Mission demonstrates India's growing scientific capabilities and its commitment to becoming a global leader in emerging technologies. He added that India is

making rapid advances across the quantum ecosystem, including quantum communication, quantum computing and related research areas. On Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Jitendra Singh said AI is becoming an essential tool across every sector and will increasingly influence governance, industry, education, healthcare, research and public service delivery. He said India is simultaneously strengthening the supporting ecosystem through investments in digital infrastructure, computing capacity, data resources and reliable energy systems. The Minister said technological progress has become the principal driver of growth in the modern world and no nation can sustain long-term development without embracing innovation and frontier technologies. He added that India is pursuing this transformation while remaining committed to inclusive growth, democratic values and social welfare. Dr. Jitendra Singh said a series of policy reforms undertaken under the leadership of

Prime Minister Narendra Modi have expanded opportunities for innovation, entrepreneurship and scientific advancement. He said the opening up of the Space sector has already unleashed a vibrant startup ecosystem, while recent policy initiatives in the nuclear sector are expected to accelerate investments, technological collaboration and capacity creation in a strategically important domain.

The Minister said the growing demand for advanced computing, data centres and digital services will require robust and dependable energy sources. In this context, he said Nuclear Energy will play an increasingly important role in supporting India's technology-driven growth while contributing to the country's clean energy transition. Speaking on education reforms, Dr. Jitendra Singh described the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 as a transformational step that has fundamentally changed the way students approach learning, higher education and research.

India Reaffirms Commitment to Women-Led Development at SCO Women's Forum 2026, Bishkek

New Delhi, June, 26 (PIB): The Union Minister for Women and Child Development, Smt. Annpurna Devi addressed the SCO Women's Forum 2026 in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic today, through a video message, reaffirming India's commitment to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and its principles of mutual respect, equality, and consensus, and to strengthening the partnership and advancing the Organisation's shared development goals. Delivering India's opening statement and remarks to the panel session on the Role of Women in Economic Development, the Minister emphasised that women are not merely beneficiaries of growth but among its most powerful drivers — the essence of India's vision of Women-Led Development and its goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047. The Minister highlighted that nearly 100 million women are organised into over 9 million Self-Help Groups, of whom more than 30 million have become Lakhpati Didis. Mission Shakti and Mission Poshan 2.0 were cited as pillars advancing women's safety, care, and economic participation. India reaffirmed its readiness to share experiences and deepen cooperation with SCO partners in advancing women's economic leadership and well-being across the region.

Government Simplifies Procedure for Import of Drugs for Examination, Test or Analysis under Drugs Rules, 1945

- Draft amendment to Drugs Rules, 1945 to introduce acknowledgement-based system for import of drugs for analytical and non-clinical testing

New Delhi, June, 26 (PIB): In a significant step towards promoting research and innovation and enhancing ease of doing business in the pharmaceutical sector, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed amendments to the Drugs Rules, 1945 to simplify the procedure for obtaining permission for import of drugs for examination, test or analysis. This is commonly known as Form 11. The amendment introduces an acknowledgement-based system for import of all drugs in small quantities for analytical and non-clinical testing purposes. Under the revised provisions, applicants intending to import such drugs will be required to submit a prior intimation form and may import the drug based on the acknowledgement generated upon submission of such intimation. The simplified procedure shall be applicable for import of drugs for analytical and non-clinical testing, except for certain drugs belonging to the categories of sex hormones, cytotoxic drugs, beta lactam drugs, biologics containing live microorganisms, and narcotic and psychotropic substances, which shall continue to require prior licensing. It may be recalled that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had already carried out amendments to the New Drugs and Clinical Trials Rules, 2019 in January 2026 introducing a similar notification system for domestic test licences. The present proposed amendment expands it to imports also. The amendment is expected to significantly reduce the compliance burden on applicants by eliminating licensing requirements for importing small quantities of drugs for testing or R&D purposes. This will play a substantial role in deregulating the R&D sector in pharmaceuticals and enable start-ups and industries to quickly initiate testing or analysis. The online intimation system will offer a seamless and instant gateway for the stakeholders. The initiative is expected to provide a major boost to research and innovation in the country while facilitating more efficient and streamlined regulatory process. It also aligns with the Government's continued efforts to improve the regulatory ecosystem, promote ease of doing business and foster innovation in the pharmaceutical sector. The draft notification has been placed in the public domain for stakeholder consultation. Objections and suggestions, if any, may be submitted to the Under Secretary (Drugs), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India, U-6, Work Hall-C Wing, First Floor, Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi – 110001, or may be emailed to [drugsdiv-mohfw\[at\]gov\[dot\]in](mailto:drugsdiv-mohfw[at]gov[dot]in).

Government Operationalises Jan Vishwas Act Reforms in Health Sector; Rationalises Minor Offences under Drugs, Cosmetics and Food Safety Laws

New Delhi, June, 26 (PIB): The Government of India has operationalised key reforms under the Jan Vishwas Act, 2026 relating to the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 and the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, with the objective of enhancing trust-based governance, reducing compliance burden for businesses, and ensuring proportionate regulatory enforcement without compromising public health safeguards. The amendments seek to decriminalise certain minor and technical violations and replace criminal proceedings with administrative penalties, thereby promoting ease of doing business and improving regulatory efficiency. At the same time, stringent provisions against offences that pose risks to public health and consumer safety continue to remain in force. As part of the reforms, Section 29 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, which prescribed a penalty of up to ₹1 lakh for the use of a Government Analyst's report for advertising any drug or cosmetic, has been omitted. Further, violations relating to the manufacture or sale of low-risk cosmetics have been brought under an administrative penalty framework. These include cases where a cosmetic product fails to comply with minor quality parameters or contains labelling deficiencies and errors. However, offences involving spurious or adulterated cosmetics, which have a direct bearing on consumer safety, continue to attract strict penal provisions under the Act. The amendments have also converted violations under Section 28A, which primarily relate to procedural and compliance requirements such as maintenance of records and submission of information, into administrative penalties. To facilitate effective implementation of the new framework, provisions relating to the appointment of Adjudicating Authorities and an Appeal Mechanism have been introduced, enabling timely and transparent disposal of cases involving such contraventions.

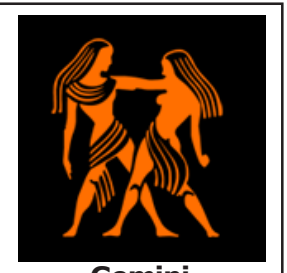
Today's Horoscope



Aries
Do not waste your energy in unnecessary thinking impossible rather use it in a right direction. Improvement in finances will make it convenient for you to pay your long-standing dues and bills. Guests visit your house making it a pleasant and wonderful day. Romantic encounter highly exciting but will not last long. Those who live away from their home would prefer to spend their free time in a park or quiet place it the evening after completing their chores. You might get upset today due to a lie of your spouse, though it will be a small matter. Sitting beneath a tree's shade will mentally and physically relax you and make you realize the lessons of life.
Remedy :- Feed food to black-white cows and enervate and energise your love life.



Taurus
Cataract patients should avoid visiting a polluted environment as smoking could cause further damage to your eyes. If possible avoid overexposure to sunlight. Any issues related to money can get solved today and you can attain financial benefits. Unexpected good news from distant relatives will bring happy moments for the entire family. It is not the right time to share your personal feelings/secrets with your beloved. Stay away from gossip and rumours. Your spouse might feel unimportant today due to your hectic schedule, and he/she might show the displeasure in the evening. You might visit different malls or shopping complexes with your family. However, it may significantly increase your expenditure too.
Remedy :- To keep your love life vibrant and strong, visit Laxmi Narayan temple and offer prasad.



Gemini
Your swift action will motivate you. To achieve success-change your ideas with time. This would broaden your vision-widen your horizon-improve your personality and enrich your mind. You need to accumulate your money and know when and where to spend wisely, otherwise you will have to repent in the coming time. A day full of happiness when spouse makes efforts to give joy. Sudden romantic encounter are foreseen today. You will use your hidden qualities to make the best of the day. Your better half will caress your weaknesses.
Remedy :- For a stable financial life, have strong faith, connect with good people, avoid thinking bad about people, and also desist from mental violence.



Cancer
Pleasure trip with your friends or family members makes you relaxed You will be presented with many new financial schemes today-Weigh the pros and cons carefully before making any commitment. You need to be patient with children or those who are less experienced than you are. Instant romance could come your way if you go out with friends in the evening. While walking in a park today, you can come across someone from your past with whom you had differences. Today, you and your spouse will have a really deep soulfully romantic talk. Sleeping a bit too much today may make you feel beraft of energy.
Remedy :- Keep pieces of green stone or green marble in the plant pots or in the bathroom to stay satisfied with yourself.



Leo
Don't drink alcohol as it may upset your sleep and prevent you from deep rest. Although your financial position improves but the outflow of money will still create hindrance in executing your projects. If you are planning to have a party then invite your best friends- There will be lot of people who will be cheering you up. Love life may be controversial today. Your ability to act swiftly to problems will bring your recognition. You might have a serious argument with your spouse today. Cooking something special with your love might spice up your relationship too.
Remedy :- Love life will run smooth by helping and serving visually impaired persons.



Virgo
Outdoor activities will be tiring and stressful today. You may get into a fight with your spouse today over money-related matters. However, you will fix everything with your calm attitude. People will give you new hopes and dreams-but lots will depend on your own efforts. Give tiny bits of kindness and love to make it a special day. Understand the value of your time. It is useless to remain among people who are difficult to understand. Doing so will just give birth to more troubles. Your spouse will appreciate you today praising all nice about you and falling for you again. What a day – movies, partying and hanging out with friends on the cards.
Remedy :- Worship your family and personal deity by offering red vermilion, for great health benefits.



Libra
Today you are under magic spell of hope. Investment should be avoided today. Friends will come to your aid if needed. Relations with your darling night get strained even over very small issues. Some of you will undertake a distant journey-which will be hectic-but highly rewarding. Neighbors might expose the personal side of your married life today among your family and friends in a wrong way. Today, you will love looking at the open, clear sky while laying on the roof of your house. This is how you will enjoy your free time.
Remedy :- For increase in prosperity, salute and admire the rising Sun while reciting 'Om' 11 times.



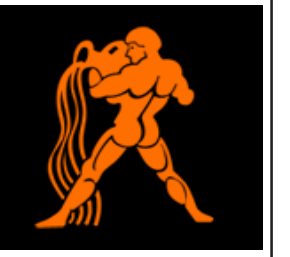
Scorpio
Your lack of will power may make you a victim of emotional and mental attitude. Simply ignore those who approach you for business credit. Take the suggestion of your elders before making any changes in the house otherwise it may invite their anger and unhappiness. Today you will miss true love in your life. Don't worry everything changes with time so will your romantic life. Your ability to help those in need will bring you respect. If your plan of meeting someone got ruined today because of your spouse's health, you will get to spend even a better time together. If you organize your day better, you may take advantage of your free time and accomplish a lot.
Remedy :- Enrich your financial life by donating pure cotton clothes and namkens to economically backward section of the society.



Sagittarius
Avoid conflict as it may worsen your illness. Try to control your spending- and buy only the essential items today. Great day when you would receive all the attention you want- you would have many things lined up and you would have problems in deciding which ones to follow. Romantic evening filled with beautiful gifts and flowers for some. If you have been waiting for a long time for interesting things to happen in your life- then you are sure to find some relief. The day will show the extremity of your partner's romantic side today. You will stay at home today, although familial conflicts can make you worried.
Remedy :- Offering water to Peepal tree and circumambulating it, especially on Saturdays, will be highly beneficial for health.



Capricorn
Creative hobbies will keep you relaxed. Today, you can come across a person in a party who can give you some important advice to strengthen your economic side. Social activity with your family would keep everybody in a relaxed and pleasant mood. Don't give up to emotional demands of your lover. Understand the value of your time. It is useless to remain among people who are difficult to understand. Doing so will just give birth to more troubles. Relatives might become a reason of argument with your spouse today. Candlelight dinner with someone special may help you eliminate all exhaustion you accumulated during the week.
Remedy :- Feed fish to make love life interesting.



Aquarius
Today you need to relax and try to find happiness amongst close friends and family members. Don't even try to lend money to anyone today, and if necessary, then take it in writing about the time duration in which s/he will repay the amount. Children will make you feel proud with their achievements. Only by clearly understanding you can give emotional support to your wife. Travel undertaken for business purpose will prove to be beneficial in the long run. It's a good day to romance with your better half. Cooking something special with your love might spice up your relationship too.
Remedy :- Feed cows with Chane ki Dal (split bengal grams) and better your finances.



Pisces
A day when smile will perpetually be on your face and strangers will seem familiar. Keep your anger under control and treat everyone in the office nicely. Deviating from this path can cost you your job, thereby directly deteriorating your financial situation. Unexpected good news later in the day brings happiness and cheers for the entire family. Likely to go on a pleasure trip that will rejuvenate your energy and passion. Today people will pass compliments-which you have always wanted to hear. The day might become one of the best days of your married life. You should have complete information about the work you are assigning to someone.
Remedy :- Make your financial life strong by honouring sister, daughter and aunt (both maternal and paternal)

Co Actress Dominating Alia Bhatt In Alpha Promotions

The promotional campaign for Alpha has taken an unexpected turn. While Alia Bhatt remains one of Bollywood’s biggest stars and the film’s primary attraction, it is Sharvari who has been stealing the spotlight ever since the trailer dropped and promotional activities began. Fans across social media have been praising Sharvari’s confidence, natural screen presence, and infectious energy during interviews and public appearances. Every promotional event seems to generate fresh discussion around her, with many viewers calling her the surprise package of the film. One of the most talked-about moments came during her appearance on Samay Raina’s show. Sharvari’s quick wit, playful banter, and effortless charm made her stand out, with many fans feeling she dominated the conversation and became the highlight of the episode. Clips from the show quickly gained traction online, further boosting her popularity. Beyond individual appearances, Sharvari has consistently impressed during media interactions, often bringing a lively and refreshing vibe that resonates with younger audiences. Her growing confidence and ability to connect with fans have made her one of the most discussed



aspects of the film’s marketing campaign. While Alia Bhatt continues to command immense star power, the early promotional phase of Alpha has unexpectedly become a showcase for Sharvari, who is making the most of every opportunity and winning attention wherever she goes.

Eetha Teaser: Shraddha Kapoor Stuns In A Powerful New Avatar

The teaser of Eetha has arrived, and it leaves a strong impact within its brief runtime. Directed by Cchaava fame Laxman Utkar, the film is based on the life of legendary Lavani and Tamasha artist Vithabai Narayangaonkar, with Shraddha Kapoor stepping into one of the most challenging roles of her career. The biggest highlight of the teaser is undoubtedly Shraddha Kapoor’s transformation. From her appearance to her body language, she looks completely immersed in the character. One particular sequence showing Vithabai enduring labor pains backstage before returning to perform on stage is both powerful and emotionally charged, instantly grabbing attention. Visually, Eetha looks grand and authentic. Laxman Utkar appears to have recreated the era with impressive detail, while the cinematography and production design add richness to every frame. The teaser carries a rustic flavor



and successfully transports viewers into the world of Maharashtra’s folk theatre traditions. The background score also stands out, elevating the emotions and lending a larger-than-life feel to the visuals. More importantly, the teaser hints at a story filled with struggle, sacrifice, passion, and resilience rather than just a conventional biopic. Overall, Eetha delivers exactly what a teaser should, curiosity, intrigue, and excitement. If the film manages to match the intensity promised in these first glimpses, it could emerge as one of the most talked-about female-led films of 2026.

Nidhhi Agerwal Proves Glamour Never Goes Out Of Style

Nidhhi Agerwal may not have a packed film lineup at the moment, and the underwhelming response to The Raja Saab has only added to the uncertainty surrounding her next big-screen move. However, if there’s one place where the actress continues to dominate, it’s social media. Her latest photoshoot is a perfect example. Draped in a vibrant coral saree paired with a heavily embroidered blouse, Nidhhi effortlessly blends traditional elegance with modern glamour. The striking red backdrop further enhances her look, making every frame visually captivating and hard to ignore. While film offers may currently be limited, Nidhhi’s fashion game remains stronger than ever.



Vedhika Stuns in Brown Bikini Beach Look

Vedhika is proving that screen time doesn’t define presence. The actress, currently working in Telugu and Kannada films in, recently made waves with her performance in the psychological thriller Fear. She played Sindhu, a cheerful yet composed woman whose life takes a chilling turn after her boyfriend, Sampath, moves away. What follows is a haunting mix of suspicion, fear, and unsettling questions about her past — keeping audiences guessing till the end. But it’s not just the thrill on screen that has fans talking. Vedhika’s recent beach photoshoot has taken over social media. Dressed in a brown bikini, she strikes sensuous poses by the shoreline, showing off her toned frame with confidence and ease. The mood is calm, but her presence is striking — all eyes on her, no filters needed. She may be picking smaller roles right now, but Vedhika knows how to stay unforgettable. Whether it’s through an intense character or a bold photoshoot, she continues to hold her own — quietly, confidently, and always with grace.

Save The Tigers 3 emerges as major Telugu OTT hit, reinforces Mahi V Raghav’s streaming success



The recently released web series Save The Tigers has emerged as a major success on JioHotstar, with the third season reportedly clocking impressive viewership numbers within days of its premiere on June 19. According to the makers, the latest season has become one of the best-performing Telugu titles on the streaming platform, further strengthening the franchise’s popularity among digital audiences. The success of Save The Tigers 3 also adds to the growing OTT track record of filmmaker and showrunner Mahi V Raghav, who has been associated with the franchise since its inception. His previous streaming ventures, including the first two seasons of Save The Tigers and the crime thriller Shaitan, have also received positive responses from viewers. Known for directing films such as Anando Brahma and Yatra, Mahi V Raghav has increasingly focused on long-form storytelling through digital platforms. Industry observers note that his projects have successfully blended commercial appeal with engaging narratives, helping him establish a strong presence in the Telugu OTT space. Speaking recently about the evolution of streaming content in India, Mahi V Raghav re-

Why Charan’s Dhurandhar Tweet Triggers Big Discussion?

Mega Powerstar Ram Charan found himself in Soup thanks to his own fumble. The other day, he attended a conclave and was talking about the Indian Cinema being at Cross Roads. During the conversation, Ram Charan mentioned about the Dhurandhar sensation in recent times but added he saw the film just last week. Social Media Junta, however, grabbed it with both hands and pointed out how Charan posted a Good Review Tweet about how he already watched the film and how good the movie was days after the release. They are questioning how Ram Charan reviewed the film without actually watching it. Some anti-fans are mocking Charan that he is actually trying to appease the Di-



rector Aditya Dhar or is trying to be part of the Dhurandhar storm. On the other hand, Mega fans are defending Charan, saying he merely meant that he had recently rewatched the film on OTT. But then, they seem to be reading too much into this. It is quite common to Tweet something positive on obligations. Such Tweets, Bytes, Speeches are also part of promotions of a film. Jio Studios has produced Dhurandhar. Ram Charan is closely associated with them and so naturally, he may have posted for them. The Trolls naturally are reading too much into this.

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Former India cricketer Sandeep Patil named Mumbai team mentor for 2026/27 season

Mumbai: Former India cricketer Sandeep Patil has been appointed as the mentor for Mumbai's men's teams across all levels for the upcoming 2026/27 domestic season, the Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA) announced. Patil, who played 29 Tests and 45 ODIs for India from 1980 to 1986 and was a member of the 1983 ODI World Cup winning team, will provide strategic guidance, technical expertise, leadership development, and motivational support to both players and coaching staff across all men's teams. His extensive scope of work will include player development, tactical education, leadership mentoring, match reviews, talent identification, and active involvement during preparatory camps and tournaments.

'He will get full freedom from my side': Patel on Pant's Delhi Capitals return

New Delhi: Captain Axar Patel has expressed joy at the announcement of senior wicketkeeper batter and his friend Rishabh Pant returning to the Delhi Capitals franchise ahead of IPL 2027 and also assured that the Indian star will get full freedom from his side to perform without pressure. In a historic trade between Delhi Capitals and Lucknow Super Giants, Pant, who was bought by LSG at the mega auction ahead of IPL 2025 for a record fee of Rs 27 crore, will return to DC for Rs 15 crore. Kuldeep, meanwhile, will move to LSG for his existing fee of Rs 13.5 crore. Delhi Capitals team shared a video of Axar Patel welcoming Pant back to the team while also acknowledging the mutual understanding between the two stalwarts of the franchise. "When he was here before, he was my captain, and he was leading me. At that time, we didn't have anything like 'I am the captain, I will tell you this



and that'. We used to work in mutual understanding. He knows that he is a senior player, and I know that I am a senior player. We had a mutual understanding of what he can do best in a particular situation and what he can't," Patil said in the

video.

"As a friend and as a captain, I will tell him that he knows that he doesn't have any extra pressure from me or from the franchise. This is his own house; he has played here for many years. Delhi is his home,

so I don't have to say much to him. I just know that he will get full freedom as a captain from my side," he added. Concluding his message, Patil said, "Just enjoy yourself. Enjoy your character. Form is temporary, class is permanent.

National record holder Gulveer fails to breach Asian Games qualifying time in 5000m

Bhubaneswar: Reigning Asian champion and national record holder Gulveer Singh failed to breach the Asian Games qualifying mark set by the national federation in the men's 5000m race, clocking a mediocre time in the opening event of the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championships. The 26-year-old Uttar Pradesh athlete, who had clinched a 10,000m bronze medal at the 2022 Asian Games, clocked 13:52.92 to win the race. But his time was well outside the Asian Games qualifying time of 13 minutes and



39.18 seconds set by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI). Singh's timing was also far below his outdoor national record of 13:03.93 set last month in Los Angeles, USA. In February 2025, he had become the first Indian to run a 5000m race in sub 13 minutes when he clocked 12 minutes 59.77 seconds to set both a national and Asian Indoor record. Singh is currently training at the high-altitude centre in Colorado Springs, USA, under foreign coach Scott Simmons, with full support from the government's Mission Olympic Cell (MOC).

FIFA WC: When and where to watch Morocco vs Haiti, know all details



Atlanta: Morocco enter their final Group C assignment on Thursday with more than just qualification on their mind, as the North African side con-

tinue their pursuit of top spot in the standings when they face an already-eliminated Haiti.

Having collected four points from their first two matches,

Morocco is in a strong position to advance to the knockout rounds. However, the battle for first place remains unresolved. Brazil currently occupies the summit of the group and will be in action against Scotland at the same time, leaving Morocco needing both a victory and favourable circumstances elsewhere if it hopes to leapfrog the South Americans.

While calculations surrounding goal difference and other results may come into play, Mohamed Ouahbi's team will know their primary responsibility is to secure three points and apply as much pressure as possible on the group leaders.

For Haiti, the equation is far simpler. Elimination has already been confirmed after defeats in their opening two fixtures, but the Caribbean nation still has pride and history to play for.

Gill Rises to No. 2; Henry Shares Test Top Spot with Bumrah



Dubai: India opener Shubman Gill climbed to second place in the latest ICC ODI Batter rankings, while New Zealand pacer Matt Henry joined India's Jasprit Bumrah at the summit of the Test Bowling rankings following stellar performances across formats. There was also a change at the top of the Test batting rankings, with England veteran Joe Root reclaiming the No.1

position. Root's scores of 46 and 77 against New Zealand helped him move up two places and overtake teammate Harry Brook and Australia's Travis Head to return to the summit for the 12th time in his career. Gill gained three places after his recent performances and now sits second among ODI batters, just 24 rating points behind top-ranked Daryl Mitchell. Fellow India batter Ishan Kishan also

made significant progress, jumping 21 places to move to joint 43rd in the ODI batting rankings. India's bowlers enjoyed notable gains as well following the completion of the ODI series against Afghanistan. Left-arm seamer Arshdeep Singh rose 16 places to 22nd among ODI bowlers, while Prasidh Krishna surged 34 spots to joint 58th. All-rounder Washington Sundar climbed 17

places to joint 71st in the same list. In Test cricket, New Zealand fast bowler Matt Henry became only the third New Zealander to reach the No.1 ranking for Test bowlers, drawing level with India's Bumrah at the top following his match-winning 11-wicket haul in the second Test against England at The Oval. Bumrah had held sole possession of the top ranking since overtaking South Africa's Kagiso Rabada in November 2024, but Henry's heroics helped New Zealand level the three-match ICC World Test Championship series against England at 1-1 and earn him a share of the top spot.

Henry joins Jack Cowie, who first achieved the feat in 1947, and New Zealand great Richard Hadlee, who held the position between 1984 and 1990. His current rating of 870 points has only been surpassed by two New Zealand players in ICC rankings history: Hadlee, who reached 909 in 1985, and former captain Kane Williamson, who attained a batting rating of 919 in 2021. Several New Zealand batters were rewarded for their performances in the same Test.

Harman should stop thinking about fallen wickets, says Shikha Pandey

New Delhi: India captain Harmanpreet Kaur needs to stop worrying about rebuilding innings after wickets fall and instead focus on playing her natural attacking game, according to former India pacer Shikha Pandey, as the Women in Blue prepare for a crucial ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 clash against Bangladesh. India are facing pressure after a loss to South Africa in Manchester tightened the race for the semifinals. Match has become a must-win. Pandey discussed India's middle-order issues, highlighting Harmanpreet's strike rate. He suggested that changing the batting order might help her regain her best form.



Treesa-Gayatri advance at US Open; Rounak Chouhan enters main draw

Fullerton (US): Indian women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand advanced to the second round of the US Open Super 300 badminton tournament after overcoming Spain's Paula Lopez and Lucia Rodriguez in a three-game battle here. Making her return after an ankle injury layoff, Treesa, partnering Gayatri, defeated the Spanish combination 21-12 14-21 21-13 in a 51-minute opening-round contest. The Indian duo will next take on Japan's Sumire Nakade and Miyu Takahashi in the men's singles qualifiers, Rounak Chouhan secured his place in the main draw with two victories. He first beat France's Enogat Roy 21-19 21-16 before rallying past Chinese Taipei's Kuo Kuan Lin 13-21 21-14 21-10. Chouhan will now face fellow Indian S Sankar Muthusamy Subramanian in the opening round.



Grew up watching Irfan Pathan; I look up to Bhuvneshwar and Bumrah: Nandni Sharma

New Delhi: India fast bowler Nandni Sharma has identified Bhuvneshwar Kumar and Jasprit Bumrah as the biggest influences on her bowling, saying she closely follows their control, variations and approach to the game as she continues her development. Speaking about the role models who have guided her career, Nandni also explained why she remained committed to pace bowling despite briefly considering a switch to spin and how competing alongside boys accelerated her growth. Sharing the names she draws inspiration from, Nandni said she has admired Indian fast bowlers since childhood and has also taken lessons from one of the world's leading women's seamers.



YSRCP leaders should avoid the politics of degradation



Madanapalle, June 26(Skyline daily): Show evidence or lose respect, says Junaid Akbari, a strong warning to opposition party leaders. On Friday, a press conference was organized at the TDP office at the Bangalore Bus Stand in the Madanapalle town under the leadership of MLA's son and TDP youth leader Junaid Akbari. Speaking on this occasion, Junaid Akbari severely criticized those

who spoke at the press conference organized by YSRCP leaders two days ago for having no moral values ??and responsibility. He said that before they became public leaders, one was a doctor and the other was an engineer, and that those who have such education have a social responsibility, and it is not appropriate to ignore that and make allegations. Are you really real public servants,

he asked. He mocked them as a doctor and engineer who are socially irresponsible, saying that making false allegations is a habit of you and your party. He said that it is not making false allegations, but proving it. He said that if you talk as you wish, you will be left alone, and that a complaint has been given to the district SP on this matter. Junaid Akbari, who has fired at the YSRCP leaders

in Madanapalle, has asked them to admit their mistakes within 24 hours, or else be prepared for the consequences. He said that he does not know how to do petty politics, and that MLA Shahjahan Basha is constantly working for the development of the constituency and the welfare of the people, and that the leaders and activists are moving forward under his leadership. He said that Andhra Pradesh was destroyed due to corruption and irregularities in the previous YSRCP government. He said that the leaders of that party looted natural resources. He expressed his anger when he saw such leaders talking about development, it was as if the demons were reciting the Vedas. Coalition party leaders and activists participated in the event.

Teacher Potham Ramesh's Birthday: Food Donation to the Poor at Anna Canteen

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Piler, June 26: On the occasion of teacher Potham Ramesh's birthday, a food donation program was organized on Monday at the Anna Canteen located in the market premises of Piler town. With the intention of celebrating his birthday through service, Potham Ramesh arranged breakfast in the morning and lunch in the afternoon at his own expense.

Hundreds of poor people, beggars, and daily wage workers came to the Anna Canteen and had meals. Speaking on the occasion, teacher Potham Ramesh said, "Along with education, society also needs service. A birthday is not just about cutting a



cake; it is about satisfying the hunger of a few poor people. I am happy to have had the opportunity to provide food to the needy through the Anna Canteen. I appeal to fellow teachers and everyone else to cel-

ebate their birthdays through such service activities." The people of the town, fellow teachers, and coalition leaders appreciated the service activities being undertaken by Ramesh and conveyed

their birthday wishes to him. Teachers T. Rahath Basha, Shetty Subrahmanyam, Vangimalla Ramachandra, Sudhakar Babu, and others participated in the program.

MITS students excel in the prestigious national level Cyber ?Defender Course-I



Madanapalle, June 26(Skyline daily): N Sai Hardik Kumar, a second year Computer Science and Technology student from MITS Deemed to be University (Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science) near Madanapalle, has excelled in the prestigious national level Cyber ??Defender Course-I, said Vice Chancellor Dr C Yuvaraj. He said that in the first 10 days of the 12-day national level training camp held at VIT, Chennai, experts provided training on modern techni-



cal topics such as cyber security, cyber defense, digital security, network security and others. Later, 268 NCC cadets from various states across the country participated in this camp for the Cyber ??Security Certification Examination under the auspices of the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT). It is a matter of pride that out of the 8 cadets participating from the Tirupati Group on behalf of the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana NCC Director-

ate, N Sai Hardik Kumar was the only cadet selected from 35(A) Battalion NCC, Chittoor District. The camp was supervised by NCC Director General Lieutenant General Virendra Vatsa and Deputy Director General of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Andaman and Nicobar Directorate Commodore Nambiat Sudeep and handed over the certificate, he said. The NCC student, who successfully completed the training, was congratulated by University Founder and Chancellor Dr

N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary, Pro Chancellor N Dwarakanath, Executive Director Kirti Nadella, NCC Officer Captain N Naveen Kumar and 35 Andhra Battalion Chittoor Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Monish NV, Administrative Officer Lt. Col. P. Lokanathan. NCC Officer Captain N Naveen Kumar thanked Commanding Officer Lt. Col. Monish NV, Administrative Officer Lt. Col. P. Lokanathan for their help and support on behalf of 35 Andhra Battalion Chittoor.

Rs.45 Lakh Donation to TTD



Tirumala, 26 June 2026(skyline daily) : Sai Balaji Developers, Hyderabad, donated Rs.45 lakh to the Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust of TTD. The firm's partner, Akula Ravi Kumar, handed over the demand drafts to TTD Additional Executive Officer Ch. Venkaiah Chowdary at the Additional EO's Camp Office in Tirumala.

Awareness on Drug Abuse Essential to Safeguard Youth: Dr. Bathula Rayudu

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Nandyal, June 25: An awareness programme was organized grandly at the Government General Hospital in Nandyal on the occasion of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The programme was jointly conducted by Suffered Society, AP VHA, and local voluntary organizations. Dr. Bathula Rayudu, National Secretary of the BC Welfare Association, attended the event as the chief guest. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Sanjeeva Rayudu said that the primary objective of observing the International Day Against Drug Abuse

and Illicit Trafficking every year on June 26 is to create awareness among the public about the harmful effects of drug abuse. He expressed concern that the increasing use of narcotic substances is destroying the future of the youth. He stated that the consumption of intoxicating substances such as cannabis, cocaine, and heroin has severe adverse effects on both physical and mental health. He further noted that addiction not only damages family relationships but also contributes to an increase in criminal activities. According to him, many youngsters are becoming addicted to drugs due to bad company, stress,



and anxiety. Dr. Bathula Sanjeeva Rayudu advised parents and teachers to remain vigilant to prevent youth from falling into the trap of drug addiction. He emphasized the need for educational institutions, voluntary organizations, and government departments to work in

coordination and conduct extensive awareness programmes on a large scale. Representatives of various voluntary organizations, including Aruna, Lakshmi Devi, Shivarami Reddy, Barnabas, and Subbaiah, among others, participated in the programme.

Take advantage of ECINET app services for voter details

Madanapalle, June 26(Skyline daily): Madanapalle Special Intensive Revision List (SIR) process has started from June 15th, and people should not believe the false propaganda being spread on social media that "votes will be deleted", Madanapalle Sub-Collector Challa

Kalyani has advised. The voter list revision process is being carried out as per the Election Commission rules, she said. Speaking at the Sub-Collector's office, she said that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) will personally visit each house and provide the necessary forms. BLOs will also pro-

vide full assistance to those who are not familiar with filling the forms, she said. People can easily register and edit their voter details through the ECINET app or 'Voters.eci.gov.in', she explained. In case of any doubts, they are advised to contact the nearby BLOs or the Sub-Collector's office.



Akhand Jyoti Arrives in Srikalahasti with the Divine Blessings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba

Srikalahasti - 26 June (Skyline Daily)With the divine blessings of Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Akhand Jyoti, which commenced its journey from Prasanthi Nilayam and has been touring various states across the country, arrived in Srikalahasti on Friday evening. The ceremonial procession began from the Bahadurpeta Bhajan Mandir and passed through Uppu Veedhi, Naidu Buildings Main Road, Muthyalamma Temple Street, Nagari Veedhi, Bazaar Street, Thuru Veedhi, and Nehru Street before proceeding



to the Sri Sathya Sai Mandir. The Akhand Jyoti will be kept at the Sri Sathya Sai Mandir in Srikalahasti on Friday

night for devotees to have darshan. Organizers appealed to devotees to participate in large numbers and seek the blessings of

Bhagawan Sri Sathya Sai Baba. The programme was organized under the auspices of the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi.

The future is dark If you are involved in drug cases



Madanapalle, June 26(Skyline daily): On the occasion of International Anti-Drug Day, a huge awareness seminar was organized with students and the public under the auspices of SP Dheeraj

Kunubilli at the premises of the district police headquarters in Madanapalle on Friday. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that cases will be registered under strict sections whether they are consumed or sold.

If you are involved in drug cases, you will not be able to get a passport in the future, along with losing government job opportunities. Strict action will be taken if things like 'Cool Lips' are sold in the vicinity of schools and colleges, and teachers should also be vigilant and check the bags of students. 'Drug testing kits' have already been supplied to all police stations in the district, and if the suspects are found to have taken drugs, strict action will be taken, he warned. Later, Additional

SP M Venkatadri said that people should fearlessly provide information to 1972 on the sale of narcotics. He said that the details of those who provided information would be kept completely confidential and that everyone should cooperate with the police for a drug-free society. Later, the officers, teachers and students who attended the program took a pledge against drugs. In this spirit, anti-drug rallies were successfully organized in all police stations across the district.

Actress Keerthy Suresh Offers Prayers at Sri Kalahasteeswara Temple with Family

Srikalahasti - 26 June (Skyline Daily) Renowned actress Keerthy Suresh, accompanied by her family members, visited the Sri Kalahasteeswara Swamy Temple on Friday and offered prayers to Lord Kalahasteeswara and Goddess Gnana Prasunambika, seeking their divine blessings. As per the directions of Temple Trust Board Member Sri Gurrappa Shetty,



Sri Dilli Babu coordinated the arrangements for the actress's darshan. On the occasion, Executive Officer Sri B.K. Venkatesulu, Protocol AEO Sri Lokesh

Babu, and Temple AEO Sri Vidyasagar Reddy extended a traditional temple welcome and supervised the darshan arrangements. The programme was also

attended by Temple Supervisor Sri C. Nagabhushanam Yadav, Temple Inspector Sri M. Hari Yadav, APRO Sri Ravi, and other temple officials.