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Joint Family System Should Make a Comeback: CM Chandrababu



From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June, 28 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed his wish for the revival of the joint family system. He said fathers should take equal responsibility in raising children. Noting that times have changed, he remarked that children are no longer a burden but a valuable asset. On Sunday, the Chief Minister participated in the Pulse Polio immunization

program for children. As part of National Immunization Day, he administered polio drops to children and later interacted with their parents and family members. He spent some time playing with the children, inquired about their health conditions and vaccination status, and urged parents to ensure that all government-recommended vaccines are administered on schedule for the protection of children's health. He also

asked parents whether raising children was becoming a burden and sought to understand how working women balance childcare with their jobs and livelihoods. During the interaction, the Chief Minister emphasized that husbands and other male family members should also share responsibility in raising children. He stated that childbirth, child-rearing, and caregiving should not be viewed solely as a mother's responsibility. Recalling the past, he said that members

of joint families actively participated in raising children. Grandparents and other family members played a crucial role in instilling values and shaping children's character, he noted. The Chief Minister described the joint family system as a strong social institution and said he would like to see such a system return. He added that the government is encouraging families to have two or more children and is undertaking awareness programs to educate parents on the issue.



Home Minister Anita Lays Foundation Stones for Two Fish Landing Centres

From Our Staff Reporter Anakapalli District: Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita and Roads & Buildings Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy visited Nakkapalli mandal in Payakaraopeta constituency and laid the foundation stones for two Fish Landing Centres proposed at the Boyapadu and Dondavaka coastal areas. Local fishermen thanked the coalition government and Home Minister Anita for initiating the projects by performing the groundbreaking ceremony for the Fish Landing Centres. Addressing a public meeting at Boyapadu after the foundation-laying ceremony, Anita said that fishermen in the region had been waiting for a jetty for several years. She noted that while three Fish Landing Centres are being estab-

lished in Andhra Pradesh, two of them have been sanctioned for the Payakaraopeta constituency. She said she shares a close bond with the fishermen of the constituency and recalled that she had once worked as a teacher in a fishing village. The Home Minister stated that the coalition government has given top priority to both development and welfare. She revealed that nearly ₹600 crore worth of development works have been undertaken in the constituency over the past two years. She also said that development works worth Rs.100 crore have been carried out through the Roads & Buildings Department. Anita further said that when some residents of Rajayyapeta village had protested against her, police suggested filing cases against them, but she in-



structed officials not to register any cases. She emphasized that political parties matter only until elections, while development and welfare should remain the priority afterward. She announced that a BC Welfare Girls' Hostel has been sanctioned for the constituency and that a multi-specialty hospital will also be established. Pointing out that there are around 9,000 fishermen families in the constituency, she said that development projects worth ₹60 crore benefiting the fish-

ing community were launched on a single day. Anita added that the NDA government is giving special importance to fishermen and their villages and is committed to their overall development. Meanwhile, Minister B.C. Janardhan Reddy praised Anita's efforts for the constituency's development. He alleged that leaders of the opposition "axe party" (YSRCP) did not speak about development during their five years in power and are now unable to tolerate the ongoing progress.



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MITs Deemed to be a University paving the way for the future in Artificial Intelligence & Robotics

Madanapalle, June 28(Skyline daily): The admissions for B Tech Computer Science and Engineering (Artificial Intelligence and Robotics) course for the academic year 2026-27 have begun at MITs Deemed to be a University near Madanapalle, said the university's registrar, Dr D Pradeep Kumar. He said that in the current global demand for cutting-edge technological fields like artificial intelligence, robotics, machine learning and automation, this special course has been designed with the aim of preparing students according to the needs of future industries. The course will provide a modern curriculum in line with the needs of the industry, experienced faculty, state-of-the-art laboratories, internship opportunities linked to industries, special training on research and real-time projects, he said. He explained that students enrolled in this course will get top job opportunities like Artificial Intelligence Engineer, Robotics Engineer, Machine Learning Specialist, Automation Engineer, Data Scientist. Students who have completed Intermediate (10+2) MPC and secured at least 50% marks can apply for this course, he said. Special



scholarships are available based on merit, he said. On this occasion, the poster of B Tech CSE (Artificial Intelligence and Robotics) was unveiled by MITs University Founder and Chancellor Dr N Vijaya Bhaskar Chowdhary, Vice Chancellor Dr C Yuvraj.

Annamayya District Guide Captains excel in the Himalayan Wood Badge Course



Madanapalle, June 28(Skyline daily): Two guide captains from Annamayya district have achieved Himalayan Wood Badge - HWB qualifying certificates, one of the highest training qualifications in Bharat Scouts and

Guides, and it is a matter of pride for the district, said Madithati Narasimha Reddy, District Secretary of Bharat Scouts and Guides Annamayya. Kumud Mehra, Deputy Director (Guides), National Headquarters of Bharat Scouts and Guides, New Delhi, announced the Himalayan Wood Badge qualifying results, he said. Thudimella Sujatha, a physics teacher at G Reddyvaripalli Zilla Parishad High School in Sundupalli Mandal, and S Sivalila, a Telugu teacher at Lakkireddypalli Mandal Model School, have qualified for Himalayan Wood Badge qualifying certificates, he said. They achieved this feat after participating in the Himalayan Wood Badge Course training held from May 15th to 21st in Paschimiri, Madhya Pradesh. On this occasion, District Educational Officer, Bharat Scouts and Guides Annamayya District Chief Commissioner Dr K Subramaniam heartily congratulated the two guide captains. He said that this feat achieved by them will further inspire the Scouting-Guiding movement in the district.

Scouts and Guides Render Services at National Pulse Polio Centres



Srikalahasti - 28 June (Skyline Daily) As part of the National Pulse Polio programme, Bharat Scouts and Guides students rendered voluntary services at various polio centres set up in Srikalahasti. Around 30 Scouts and Guides students from Bhaskarpur Municipal School assisted at polio centres established at Viyyampalli Anganwadi Centre, Hanuman Junction, Salipeta Sri Rama Temple, and



Bhaskarpur Municipal School. The students helped bring children to the centres for administering polio drops and created awareness among parents about the importance of immunization. The service activities were carried out under the leadership of APJ Abdul Kalam Open Troop Scout Master S.K. Azaruddin. Officials appreciated the efforts and dedication of the Scouts and Guides volunteers.

Rottela Panduga Celebrated Grandly at Dargah in Srikalahasti



Srikalahasti- 28 June (Skyline Daily) "Though religions may be different, the hopes and faith of people remain the same. Rottela Panduga stands as a symbol of this unity." Rottela Panduga was celebrated with great devotion and enthusiasm at the Joomlesha Peer Dargah in Panagal, Srikalahasti. A large number of devotees from various places participated in the festival and fulfilled their vows. Devotees exchanged rotis (bread) with one another as a mark of gratitude for the fulfillment of their wishes and offered special prayers. People exchanged rotis seeking blessings for children, good health, education, employment, marriage, and other aspirations. Rottela Panduga



Celebrated Grandly at Dargah in Srikalahasti. Rottela Panduga Celebrated Grandly at Dargah in Srikalahasti. The Dargah management made necessary arrangements for the devotees. The festival, which symbolizes communal harmony, witnessed participation from people of all communities, reflecting the spirit of faith, unity, and brotherhood. An Annadanam (community meal) was organized for the devotees after the celebrations. The event was attended by the Dargah pontiffs and members of the Urs Committee.

People Are Noticing YSRCP's Double Standards on Amaravati: Minister Ramprasad Reddy

Amaravati, June 28: Andhra Pradesh Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy criticized YSRCP leaders, alleging that those who weakened the capital city of Amaravati during their five-year tenure are now trying to provoke the public. He asserted that YSRCP leaders, who never accepted Amaravati as the state capital, have no moral right to visit the region now. Speaking to the

media in Amaravati on Sunday, the minister said that obstructing the people's capital, Amaravati, has become a political agenda for the YSRCP. He accused the party of visiting Amaravati not for development, but to create unrest and controversy. Ramprasad Reddy stated that the confrontational attitude of YSRCP leaders is responsible for tensions in areas where construction activities are

underway. While people are welcoming the development of Amaravati, the YSRCP is attempting to create obstacles, he alleged. He added that the public is closely observing what he described as the party's double standards regarding Amaravati. According to the minister, YSRCP leaders have launched yet another political drama in Amaravati solely for political gain. The Transport Minister re-

iterated that the coalition government remains firmly committed to the development of Amaravati. He warned YSRCP leaders that no conspiracy or political maneuvering would be able to halt the construction and progress of the capital city. He further stated that the people do not support politics that obstruct the state's development and urged YSRCP leaders to recognize this reality.

'India Emerging As Global Power Under PM Modi': Marco Rubio Hails Strong India-US Partnership



Washington: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has said that India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is on its way to becoming a global power and is increasingly participating in the decisions being made on the international stage. Speaking exclusively to IANS at the White House, Rubio said that India is a "close partner and ally" of the United States and added that the relationship between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Donald Trump "couldn't be closer". He also said that the United States wants to play a bigger role in meeting India's growing energy needs, backing New Delhi's strategy of diversifying its energy sources while arguing that closer India-US cooperation can strengthen long-term energy security.

How do you view Prime Minister Narendra Modi's role in India's progress and his global standing?

Marco Rubio: "We're enormous fans of Prime Minister Modi and what he's done. He leads a coun-

try that's making incredible gains economically. And it's really coming into its own as a global power, a country that's increasingly accounted for in decisions being made on the global stage."

How do you think the India-US relationship has progressed in recent times?

Marco Rubio: "I think it's going fantastic. It's very strong. We had a great meeting with the Prime Minister and the President at the G7, and we're hoping to finalise a trade deal. We're in the last inches of getting it done, and it's very positive. We look forward to re-engaging again in another Quad meeting very soon, which India and I look forward to attending before the end of the year, and setting up a Presidential visit in the early part of next year."

What do you think about President Trump's visit to India?

Marco Rubio: "We're hoping, and that's what we're working towards, sometime early next year to have the President come, and I think it's very positive. India is such a close partner and ally of the

United States, and the relationship between the Prime Minister and the President couldn't be closer, which I think is really important in diplomacy."

India's energy requirement has been impacted due to the West Asia conflict. How do you think both countries can work together to address the needs?

Marco Rubio: "I think India has been focused for a very long time on diversifying its sources of energy, and I think that trend will continue, and we certainly would love to be a part of that. We think we have some solutions in that regard. But beyond that, I would say that one of the reasons why the President has given peace a chance in the Middle East is the desire to see more fuel enter the marketplace for our allies. But I think the long-term solution really is to diversify supplies. And I know India has been talking to not just the United States but also Venezuela. We're working with them very closely to increase their production capacity. I think

they could serve India, which is one of the few countries in the world with the ability to refine the heavy crude that Venezuela produces. That's a thing we look to facilitate as well."

What is your vision of the India-US relationship?

Marco Rubio: "It's very amazing, between the largest democracy in the world and the oldest democracy in the world. We have so much aligned and in common that we can build and work on together—our interests in economics, supply chains, critical minerals, energy, security and the freedom of navigation. These are all issues that bind us together. We're aligned on so many things, obviously. We have a very strong Indian-American community as well, which is an additional link between our countries."

You are quite popular among the Indian-American community. What do you have to say about that?

Marco Rubio: "I'm glad to hear that. I appreciate that very much. It's a community that's enriched our country in many ways."

India Launches Operation Amistad for Quake-Hit Venezuela



Mumbai/New Delhi: India has launched Operation Amistad, a major humanitarian mission to provide emergency medical and relief assistance to northern Venezuela following two powerful earthquakes that have claimed more than 235 lives and left over 4,300 people injured. In a press statement released in Mumbai, the Ministry of External Affairs said that two Indian Air Force C-17 Globemaster aircraft departed on Friday carrying a 41-member medical team from the Indian Army's renowned 60 Para Field Hospital, a fully equipped field hospital unit, medicines, two indigenously developed BHISHM Cubes, and nearly 35 tonnes of relief supplies. Announcing the mission, External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar said India stood with the people and Government of Venezuela

during the crisis. In a post on X, he said the relief package included medical equipment, medicines and BHISHM Cubes, reaffirming India's commitment to supporting disaster-hit nations. The specialist medical contingent comprises nine military doctors and is equipped to provide emergency treatment, trauma care and complex surgical procedures in the earthquake-affected region. A key feature of the mission is the deployment of two BHISHM Cubes, developed under India's Aarogya Maitri Project. These rapidly deployable modular field hospitals can be made operational within minutes and are equipped with portable ventilators, surgical instruments and oxygen support systems. Each unit is capable of providing critical medical care to around 200 patients at a time.



The operation underscores India's growing role as a global first responder in humanitarian crises.

Guided by the principle of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam—"the world is one family"—India has previously mounted relief operations following the 2023 earthquakes in Türkiye and Syria, Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar, the 2015 Nepal earthquake, and the

COVID-19 pandemic, during which it supplied vaccines to more than 100 countries. The relief mission, covering a distance of nearly 14,300 kilometres, reflects the strong bilateral ties between India and Venezuela while reinforcing India's reputation as a responsible and compassionate global power committed to humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

Delhi Road Rage: Woman Assaults Cab Driver

New Delhi: A heated road rage exchange between a woman driving a Skoda Rapid car bearing a Haryana number plate and a cab driver erupted in the middle of Palam Road near Dwarka Sector-1, Delhi, with the high-volume drama captured on camera. According to the taxi driver, the altercation started when the Skoda car allegedly collided with his vehicle. This led to a chaotic scene as the woman and another occupant from the car reportedly created a major ruckus on the busy road. The cab driver has alleged that he was verbally abused and physically assaulted during the confrontation.

EDITORIAL

Sustainable Governance Still a Distant Goal

It would be difficult to dismiss as insincere the remarks made by British Prime Minister Keir Starmer while resigning from office, claiming that he had remained committed to his principles throughout his tenure. However, the harsh reality is that he too has joined the list of prime ministers who failed to fulfill the hopes of the British people, who have long been waiting for stable governance and a strong economy. With Starmer's resignation, the number of British prime ministers who have stepped down in the past decade has risen to six. Few would have imagined that Starmer, who played a crucial role in ending 14 years of Conservative Party rule and securing a landslide victory for the Labour Party, would leave office after just two years. As the saying goes, there can be countless reasons behind a downfall, and Starmer's resignation is no exception. Unexpected controversies and unforeseen developments severely destabilized his government. Some of the decisions he took soon after assuming office backfired. In an effort to revive the struggling economy, his government cut winter fuel allowances, depriving nearly ten million people of the benefit. Reforms in welfare schemes also generated public dissatisfaction. Adding to these challenges, Deputy Prime Minister Angela Rayner resigned less than a year after the government was formed amid allegations of tax evasion. For Starmer, who had promised a government based on ethical values, this development proved deeply embarrassing. The appointment of Peter Mandelson as the United Kingdom's ambassador to the United States also became an unexpected headache. Starmer likely did not foresee that appointing a close friend to the prestigious post would eventually threaten his own position. When Mandelson's alleged association with Jeffrey Epstein—who was accused of sexually abusing young girls and trafficking them to influential figures—became public, questions arose about Starmer's judgment and moral standards. Eventually, he was compelled to apologize to Epstein's victims. These controversies contributed to the Labour Party's heavy losses in local elections, which ultimately reflected poorly on Starmer. As a result, his popularity steadily declined. Despite domestic setbacks, Starmer did achieve some notable successes in international affairs. Securing a trade agreement with U.S. President Donald Trump, known for being a difficult negotiating partner, was considered a significant accomplishment. He also consistently reaffirmed Britain's support for Ukraine despite mounting pressures. However, during the U.S.–Iran conflict, Britain, along with other European nations, found itself facing Trump's displeasure. Meanwhile, speculation is growing that Andy Burnham, who has emerged as Starmer's chief rival within the Labour Party, could soon take over as prime minister. Reports suggest that the party leadership is preparing the ground for Burnham to assume the role immediately after entering the House of Commons through a by-election, indicating that Labour's primary objective is victory in the next general election, expected in three years. Yet the key question remains whether any new leader will be able to provide the stable governance Britain so desperately needs. With six prime ministers having come and gone in just ten years, many are asking whether governing Britain has become exceptionally difficult. The incoming prime minister will need to answer that question through action. Challenges such as immigration, welfare reform, and restoring economic stability will be high on the agenda. Above all, rebuilding public trust will be essential. Whatever the outcome, one uncomfortable truth remains: the frequent change of prime ministers has brought little meaningful change to the lives of ordinary citizens.

India In The Age Of AI: Producer, Consumer, Or Bystander?

When Jio Platforms file for what promises to be one of the largest IPOs in Indian market history, the natural instinct is to celebrate. A company that rewired how 1.4 billion people connect with the internet is now inviting public capital into its story. That is, by any measure, a significant moment. But, capital markets have a way of forcing clarity. When institutional investors price an offering, they are valuing the next decade, weighing where value will be created and by whom. In that light, the Jio IPO arrives at a moment when a far more uncomfortable question about India's position in the global technology order deserves examination without sentiment. The question is quite straightforward. In the age of artificial intelligence, is India becoming a net consumer rather than a producer of the infrastructure that will govern economic life for the next half century? The honest answer is that we are trending in that direction. Understanding why, and whether that trajectory is reversible, matters more than the celebration or the alarm.

The Platform Shift Problem
Every generation of technology infrastructure produces a distinct class of winners. The winners are rarely those who were strongest in the previous era. They are those who recognised, early enough, that a platform shift had occurred and committed capital and conviction to the new foundational layer before the window narrowed. India understood this once. When mobile internet arrived, the government built Aadhaar and UPI. When 4G threatened to remain a premium product serving urban elites, Jio made the counter intuitive decision to subsidise access until scale made the economics work. From that infrastructure base, an entire generation of Indian digital businesses became possible. Zomato, Meesho, PhonePe, Nykaa, Zepto. None of them built the pipes. All of them needed the pipes to exist. Artificial intelligence is the next foundational layer. It is infrastructure itself, as much as fiber or spectrum. The distinction matters enormously, and India has yet to internalise it with the urgency the moment requires.

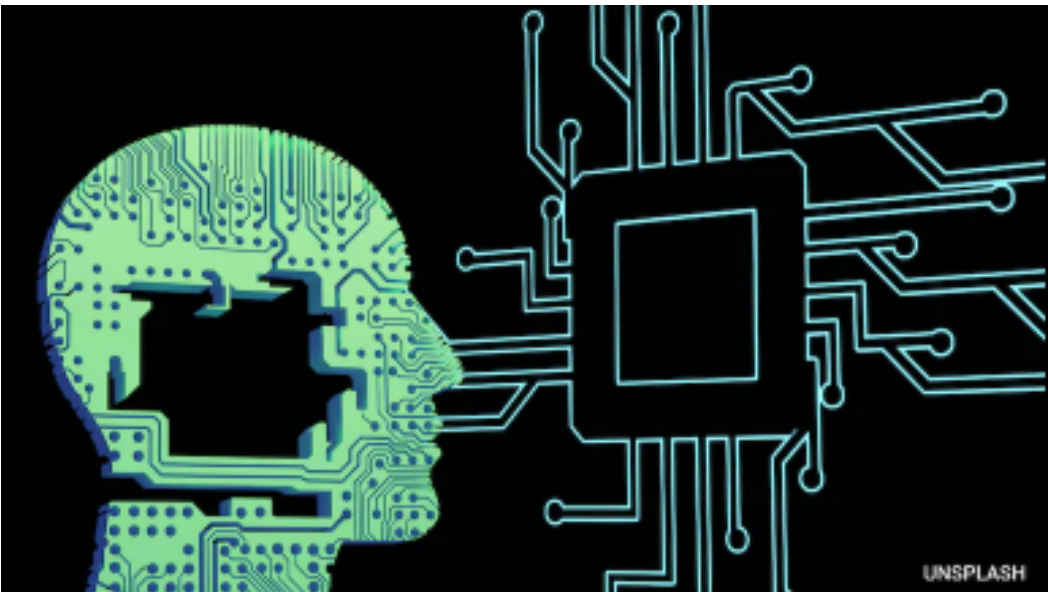
The Seduction Of The Application Layer
The consensus view that took hold among Indian technology leaders roughly two years ago had the surface logic of pragmatism. The United States and China were burning hundreds of billions on foundational model development. India's competitive advantage, the argument ran, lay in its deep software services capability, its cost efficiency and its ability to build applications serving specific markets and verticals. Why enter an arms race from a position of disadvantage? It was a reasonable, plausible argument. It deserves to be taken seriously. There is even a version of the future where it proves correct. If AI models follow the trajectory of cloud computing or bandwidth, moving from scarce and expensive to abundant and cheap, then the greatest value may ultimately accrue to those who build indispensable products and workflows on top of commodity intelligence. India's strengths in enterprise software, services delivery, and market-specific execution could, in that scenario, prove more durable than ownership of any underlying model. The concern is that India appears to be making this bet by default rather than by design. That distinction matters because the ultimate economics of AI remain unsettled. It is entirely possible that foundation models evolve much like cloud infrastructure which is increasingly abundant, increasingly interchange-

able with value migrating toward products, workflows and distribution. If that proves to be the case, India's instinct to build at the application layer may ultimately look prescient rather than defensive. The problem is arriving there without having first made a conscious strategic choice. There is a meaningful difference between choosing the application layer because you have made a considered judgment about where value will compound rather than drifting toward it because building foundational models requires a scale of conviction and capital that no institution has yet organised. That is the distinction between strategy and drift. The evidence, at this point, points toward drift.

What the Foundational Layer Confers
If AI models remain strategic assets rather than commodities and serious analysts sit on both sides of that question, then the foundational layer confers three things that the application layer is structurally unable to replicate. The first is pricing power. The second is data sovereignty. India has what may be the most valuable and least systematically captured training dataset on earth. Twenty-two scheduled languages. Over sixteen hundred dialects. A healthcare system whose patterns are distinct from any Western baseline. An agricultural economy whose granular data has no equivalent elsewhere. A legal and administrative repository that reflects governance at a scale no other democracy matches. Very little of this is being converted into model intelligence at national scale. Nor is conversion straightforward. Much of India's data remains fragmented, inconsistently labelled, or protected by legitimate privacy considerations. Possessing data is not the same as possessing usable training corpora. Turning national data assets into model intelligence requires governance, standards and institutional coordination as much as raw scale. The third is compounding. There is, however, another plausible future. Open-weight models are improving rapidly, inference costs continue to decline and enterprises are increasingly fine-tuning existing models rather than training entirely new ones. If these trends accelerate, the barriers to building competitive AI applications could fall dramatically. India's software ecosystem would then enjoy a much larger opportunity than many currently assume. That possibility deserves to be taken seriously. It simply remains one possible future rather than an established outcome.

One Company, Many Languages
India's response to this challenge, at present, is largely embodied in a single organisation. Sarvam AI is building foundational large language models for Indian languages. It is doing serious work. It deserves both acknowledgment and support. To be fair, the broader ecosystem is more active than a single company might suggest. IITs, research laboratories, startups, global capability centres and several enterprise AI teams are all contributing meaningful work. The concern is not the absence of activity but the absence of coordination at the scale that frontier AI increasingly demands.

What the Markets Are Saying
India's weight in the MSCI Emerging Markets Index has compressed. The movement in equity indices should not be interpreted as a direct proxy for national AI capability. Market weight reflects a range of factors including sector composition, valuations and capital flows. It is best understood as



one signal among many suggesting where investors currently expect disproportionate AI-era value to accrue. By 2027, India's AI sector is projected to require approximately 2.3 million skilled professionals.

The Jio Mirror
Jio's infrastructure play is instructive. The analogy is not perfect. Building a nationwide telecom network, while enormously capital intensive, differs fundamentally from competing against frontier AI laboratories whose annual research budgets now run into tens of billions of dollars. Replicating Jio's playbook in AI will therefore require a different institutional architecture rather than simply greater financial ambition.

Deployment Is Also Power
There is another source of strategic advantage that should not be overlooked. Even if India does not emerge as a dominant producer of frontier models, it could become the world's largest laboratory for AI deployment. Few countries combine India's scale, diversity

of use cases, software talent and rapidly digitising economy. Widespread adoption across healthcare, education, agriculture, financial services and public administration could itself generate proprietary datasets, operational expertise and globally exportable products. Deployment alone does not substitute for ownership of foundational infrastructure. But nor is it economically insignificant. The countries that shape AI may not all do so in exactly the same way.

The Clock Problem
The window for consequential foundational investment in AI is finite. Frontier AI depends simultaneously on capital, world-class researchers, proprietary data, engineering talent, energy infrastructure and patient institutional leadership. GPUs can be purchased. The ecosystem required to use them at the frontier takes considerably longer to build. History also suggests that technological leadership rarely belongs permanently to one ge-

ography. The internet era elevated companies that barely existed thirty years ago. Mobile computing reordered the hierarchy again. AI may well do the same. The opportunity before India is therefore to identify the layer of the AI stack where it can build enduring comparative advantage before today's assumptions harden into tomorrow's structure.

Producer or Consumer
The trillion-dollar AI company question is ultimately a question about economic identity. The honest assessment today is that India's trajectory points toward consumption. That is a condition, not destiny. The Jio IPO will generate considerable capital market attention in the months ahead. Some of that attention will focus, appropriately, on Jio's own AI ambitions. The larger question, whether India as a country is organising itself to produce or consume AI infrastructure, deserves at least as much serious examination. The clock is running. The question is whether anyone is watching it.

Britain Seems To Have A New National Hobby: Firing Its Prime Ministers

The tale of Britain's revolving-door prime ministers has become an embarrassment, if not the outright butt of social media jokes and memes. The churning at alarming regularity in Downing Street looks less like democratic renewal and more like political musical chairs. The country once prided itself on political stability. Not long ago, Margaret Thatcher spent more than a decade in Downing Street. Tony Blair lasted 10 years. Even David Cameron survived six. Today, however, the world's one of the oldest democracies suffers from an unbelievable inability to keep a prime minister in office. If Andy Burnham eventually succeeds Keir Starmer, Britain will have had seven prime ministers in roughly a decade: David Cameron, Theresa May, Boris Johnson, Liz Truss, Rishi Sunak, Keir Starmer and now Burnham or someone else. For a country that likes to lecture others on stable democratic governance, it is an astonishing but quite worrying record. The most obvious question is why. Why has British democracy become so politically restless? Why do prime ministers now seem to have shorter shelf lives and are found easily disposable? Some here believe that the easy answer is Brexit. The referendum simply divided Britain. It also shattered the political consensus that had ruled the country for decades. It exposed deep tensions between London and the rest of the country, between younger and older voters, between those who felt globalisation had benefited them and those who felt abandoned by it.

No British prime minister since Brexit has truly escaped those divisions. Theresa May was consumed by trying to implement Brexit. Boris Johnson won power by promising to "Get Brexit Done" but discovered that slogans are easier than governing. Liz



Truss destroyed her own premiership in a matter of weeks. One saw Rishi Sunak coming as a breath of fresh air. He inherited a broken Conservative Party but carried on bravely until he was undone by the weight of his own promises. Keir Starmer, who also inherited a broken country, must be credited for getting a handsome win at the election in 2024, temporarily uniting the people in opposite camps. But in many ways, Starmer's fall is the most fascinating of them all. Future historians will struggle to identify his great political crime. He did not crash the economy. He felt the pressure of Trump who pushed him hard to join him in the war against Iran, But he did not lead Britain into war. He was not involved in any corruption or scandal Yet he still fell. His mistake appears to have been more subtle. He offered just about enough competence at a time when voters were demanding transformation. Britain today is a country where economic growth has stagnated, public services are struggling, housing is increasingly unaffordable and living standards have barely improved for many households in years. Voters did not merely want a more efficient prime minister. They wanted someone who could persuade them that

the future would be better than the present. Starmer never managed to tell that story. He could never win the war of narratives against the Reform Party or other opponents. Ironically, it's quite shocking to see that the former chief prosecutor struggled to make his case. He was seen as a ruler who believed that seriousness alone would eventually be rewarded. But he should have known that voters often forgive mistakes. What they rarely forgive is a sense that nothing is changing. Stagnation is a politician's biggest adversary The other thing that slowly crept against his premiership was the rise of Reform UK and the wider populist right. Nigel Farage has achieved something remarkable. He has convinced millions of voters that he is an anti-establishment outsider despite spending decades in politics. The more mainstream politicians attacked him, the stronger he appeared to have become. Labour responded by shifting to the right on migration and border controls, hoping to win back voters tempted by Reform. The strategy failed. And it failed miserably. The public wanted the original, they did not want the imitation. The result was predictable. Labour lost support both to Reform on one side and to the Greens on the other. To be fair Starmer came to power at a time when the move to the right had become a force globally. Across Europe, centre-left parties faced the same dilemma. Do they move closer to the populist right or offer a clear alternative? Starmer chose convergence. His critics now argue that Burnham is being chosen because he represents contrast. Whether that proves true remains to be seen. But Burnham's appeal is easy to understand. He comes from northern England. He talks about jobs, transport, housing and public services.



Good news for Uttar Pradesh:
**Delhi-Lucknow bullet train journey
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Javar to get Rs 6,750 crore electronics projects



Lucknow: Uttar Pradesh is set for a major electronics manufacturing boost after Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw laid the foundation stone for two electronics projects worth Rs 6,750 crore in Javar, Gautam Buddh Nagar. The projects are expected to create jobs, attract fresh investment and help make Javar a major electronics

and semiconductor manufacturing hub. The Centre is also developing a 206-acre Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) in Javar to strengthen the region's manufacturing ecosystem and support the Make in India initiative. **Bullet train to cut Delhi-Lucknow travel time** Highlighting future connectivity, Ashwini Vaishnaw said the Delhi-

Lucknow bullet train project will significantly reduce travel time in Uttar Pradesh. According to the minister, the Delhi-Lucknow journey will take around two hours and 10 minutes, while passengers will be able to travel from Javar to Lucknow in just one hour and 40 minutes once the project becomes operational. He said the proposed Delhi-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna-Siliguri Bullet Train corridor would redefine connectivity across Uttar Pradesh, accelerate industrial growth, attract investment and generate employment across the state. **Rs 6,750 crore electronics projects launched in Javar** The two projects were launched in Yamuna City, Javar, with support from the

Centre and the Uttar Pradesh government. Speaking at the event, Vaishnaw said Javar is set to emerge as one of India's leading electronics and semiconductor manufacturing hubs in the coming years. A 206-acre Electronics Manufacturing Cluster is being developed in Sector 10 of the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) to attract electronics manufacturers and strengthen domestic production. The cluster is being developed at a cost of around Rs 417 crore, including Central government assistance of Rs 144 crore. According to the government, the project will play a key role in positioning Uttar Pradesh as one of India's leading electronics manufacturing destinations.

Javar to begin manufacturing PCBs largely imported by India Vaishnaw said India currently imports printed circuit boards (PCBs) worth around Rs 40,000 crore every year. With the new project, advanced PCB manufacturing will begin in Javar, reducing dependence on imports. He said printed circuit boards are the backbone of modern electronics, and domestic production will strengthen the Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives. According to the government, domestic PCB manufacturing is expected to reduce India's dependence on imports, save foreign exchange, support ancillary industries, create skilled jobs and strengthen the country's electronics supply chain.

Indian Railways completes Delhi-Jind hydrogen train trial

New Delhi: Indian Railways has successfully completed a trial run of its hydrogen-powered train between Delhi and Jind, bringing India's first hydrogen-powered passenger train a step closer to commercial launch. The trial evaluated key safety parameters, including emergency braking distance and train stability (oscillation), ahead of passenger operations. The development comes nearly a month after the Ministry of Railways approved the introduction of a 10-coach hydrogen fuel cell-based trainset on the Jind-Sonipat section of Northern Railway. According to the ministry, the train is "all set to start soon" and will initially operate on the Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana as a pilot project. **Key safety tests conducted during the trial** The trial conducted between Delhi and Jind focused on critical operational and safety aspects of the hydrogen-powered train. Engineers assessed emergency braking performance and train stability to ensure the train is ready for safe passenger operations. **India's first hydrogen-**

powered passenger train to run at 75 kmph The Ministry of Railways said the hydrogen-powered train will operate at a maximum speed of 75 kmph using a 1,200 kW hydrogen fuel cell propulsion system. Hydrogen fuel cell technology generates electricity through a chemical reaction using hydrogen, with water vapour as the only emission, making it a cleaner alternative to conventional fossil fuel-based rail transport. With this initiative, India joins countries such as Germany, Japan, China and the United States that are exploring hydrogen-powered rail transportation. The project is part of Indian Railways' broader push to adopt cleaner and more sustainable transport technologies while reducing dependence on fossil fuels. **Jind-Sonipat chosen as pilot route for hydrogen train** The Jind-Sonipat section in Haryana has been selected as the pilot route for the hydrogen train project. To support operations, Indian Railways has established an indigenous hydrogen storage and refuelling facility at Jind. The Pe-



troleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO) has granted the required licence for storing and dispensing compressed hydrogen gas at the site. The ministry said a hydrogen compression system has been installed for refuelling operations, along with technical support and critical spare parts to ensure reliable and fail-safe functioning. A standby compressor unit is also being arranged. **Safety systems and monitoring in place** Hydrogen leak detectors and flame detectors installed at the hydrogen production, storage and dispensing facility will be

regularly inspected and cleaned to ensure safe operations, the ministry said. Indian Railways has also prepared operation and maintenance manuals for the hydrogen trainset and hydrogen plant, approved by the Research Designs and Standards Organisation (RDSO). The safety framework includes standard operating procedures, regular safety audits, scheduled maintenance and 24x7 monitoring of the hydrogen refuelling system. During the initial phase of operations, trained and certified technical staff will accompany the train to ensure smooth

functioning. **What does this mean for travellers?** India's first hydrogen-powered passenger train is now a step closer to commercial launch. The train will initially operate on the Jind-Sonipat route in Haryana as a pilot project. Passengers will get a cleaner travel option, with water vapour as the only direct emission. The pilot will help Indian Railways evaluate the technology before expanding it to more routes. If successful, hydrogen-powered trains could be introduced on more routes across the country.

FSSAI issues notice to SAJ Food Products over misleading claims on 'Eat Fit Digestive' biscuits

New Delhi: The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has issued a notice to SAJ Food Products Pvt Ltd following a consumer complaint alleging misleading claims on its "Eat Fit Digestive Biscuits" packaging. As mentioned in the notice by FSSAI, it was stated by the complainant that there was a false declaration of "100 per cent Atta" in the front of the label of the product. This was found to be misleading since the content of the product revealed that the percentage of atta in the biscuit was only 72.33 per cent. **Several violations of**

food advertisements and labelling laws flagged In the course of inspection, there were instances observed where food advertisements and labelling rules were not adhered to, according to FSSAI. The issue is with the "No Added Sugar" label found on the packaging of the biscuit which contained maltodextrin and glucose syrup solids. According to FSSAI, there is reason to be concerned regarding the accuracy of the claim on the package due to the presence of such ingredients. **'100% Atta' claim questioned** FSSAI also found the

"100 per cent Atta" claim to be non-compliant, pointing out that the product contains other ingredients and additives. The regulator further noted that the claim does not align with its advisory discouraging the use of "100 per cent" claims on food products. In addition, the authority questioned the scientific basis for the product name "Eat Fit Digestive." Under the Food Safety and Standards (Advertising and Claims) Regulations, 2018, any health-related or functional claims must be supported by adequate scientific evidence. The food regulator has directed



SAJ Food Products to submit an explanation within seven days, stating why action should not be initiated against the company under the provisions of the FSS Act, 2026. FSSAI said that failure to provide a satisfactory response could result in further regulatory action as per

applicable provisions of the law. Earlier, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) had stepped up its scrutiny of misleading labelling and health-related claims by issuing notices to 14 Food Business Operators (FBOs), including major brands such as Marico and Param Dairy.

Union Minister Bhagirath Choudhary Defends ₹99.60 Lakh NHB Subsidy; Congress Demands Probe Over Conflict Of Interest Claims

Jaipur: Following media reports of an alleged conflict of interest in receiving a subsidy, Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Bhagirath Choudhary has come under attack from the opposition, with the Congress alleging misuse of power and corruption in the matter. While Minister Bhagirath Choudhary has denied all the allegations and said that he applied as a farmer in accordance with the prescribed rules and government guidelines. He clarified that he did not conceal any facts and that the entire process was transparent. The minister is facing charges of receiving a subsidy of approximately Rs 99.60 lakh for cucumber cultivation under his ministry's scheme. The issue came to the fore following media reports stating that Bhagirath Choudhary's cucumber cultivation project, developed on an area of 16,592 square metres, was among the 467 projects approved by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) in 2025.

**8th Pay Commission latest updates:
7 key developments on fitment factor,
salary hike, stakeholder consultations**



Mumbai: The 8th Pay Commission continues consultations on the fitment factor, salary revision, pensions and allowances as it gathers feedback from employee unions and other stakeholders across the country. Although the Commission has not announced its recommendations yet, several important developments have emerged in recent weeks that central government employees and pensioners should know. Constituted on November 3, 2025, the 8th Pay Commission is expected to submit its recommendations within 18 months of its formation. The panel's recommendations will affect more than 1.19 crore beneficiaries, including around 50 lakh central government employees and nearly 69 lakh pensioners.

What is the 8th Pay Commission? The 8th Pay Commission is a government-appointed panel responsible for reviewing the salary structure, pensions, allowances and service conditions of central government employees and pensioners. The Commission is chaired by former Supreme Court judge Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai, with Prof. Pulak Ghosh as a member and former IAS officer Pankaj Jain serving as Member Secretary. The Commission is currently in the consultation and data collection phase before preparing its final report.

7 key developments in the 8th Pay Commission 1. Stakeholder consultations gather pace The Commission has completed consultation meetings in Delhi and Lucknow and has scheduled its next rounds of discussions in Bhubaneswar on July 6-7 and Kolkata on July 9-10. These meetings are aimed at collecting suggestions from employee unions, pensioner associations and departmental representatives before finalising its recommendations.

2. Memorandum submission deadline extended To encourage wider participation, the Commission extended the deadline for submitting memorandums from May 31 to June 15, 2026. The additional time enabled more employee organisations and stakeholders to submit recommendations on salaries, pensions, allowances and service conditions.

3. Online data submission continues till June 30 Although the memorandum submission window has closed, the Commission is accepting online data submissions from stakeholders until June 30, 2026. The information collected will support the Commission while drafting its recommendations.

4. Salary hike demands intensify Several employee organisations have sought a significant increase in the minimum basic salary. The National Council-Joint Consultative Machinery (NC-JCM) and the All India Defence Employees Federation (AIDEF) have reportedly demanded a minimum basic pay of Rs.69,000, while the Maharashtra Old Pension Organisation has proposed Rs.65,000.

5. Fitment factor remains under discussion The fitment factor continues to be one of the most closely watched issues. Various employee bodies have submitted proposals for higher fitment factors based on inflation and pay levels. However, the Commission has not announced any recommendation on the fitment factor so far. Under the 7th Pay Commission, the fitment factor was fixed at 2.57.

6. DA, pension and allowance reforms in focus Apart from salary revision, employee unions have sought reforms in Dearness Allowance (DA), pension parity, House Rent Allowance (HRA), Travel Allowance (TA), annual increments and inflation-linked wage structures. These issues are expected to feature prominently in the Commission's final recommendations.

7. Consultant recruitment underway The Commission has invited applications for around 20 consultant positions on a contractual basis to support its ongoing work. The appointments will be for one year or until the Commission completes its tenure, whichever is earlier.

What is the fitment factor and why is it important? The fitment factor is a

multiplier used to calculate the revised basic pay of central government employees under a Pay Commission. A higher fitment factor results in a higher basic salary, which also affects allowances, pensions and retirement benefits. Under the 7th Pay Commission, the fitment factor was fixed at 2.57, increasing the minimum basic pay from Rs.7,000 to Rs.18,000. Several employee organisations have proposed a higher fitment factor under the 8th Pay Commission. However, the Commission has not recommended any fitment factor so far.

Which employee organisations have submitted demands?

Several major employee organisations have already submitted memorandums to the Commission, including: National Council-Joint Consultative Machinery (NC-JCM) All India Defence Employees Federation (AIDEF) Maharashtra Old Pension Organisation Indian Railways Technical Supervisors Association (IRTSA) Railways Senior Citizens Welfare Society (RSCWS)

These organisations have submitted proposals related to minimum basic pay, the fitment factor, Dearness Allowance, pensions, promotions and service conditions.

Has the 8th Pay Commission announced the fitment factor?

No. The 8th Pay Commission has not announced any fitment factor, salary hike or pension revision. The panel is still consulting stakeholders, reviewing memorandums and collecting data before preparing its recommendations.

IPOs Next Week: 2 new mainboard issues, 1 ongoing offer, key listings ahead

Mumbai: IPOs Next Week: The primary market is expected to remain active in the coming week, with two mainboard initial public offerings (IPOs)—Knack Packaging Ltd and Aastha Spintex Ltd—scheduled to open for public subscription. Meanwhile, investors are also tracking the ongoing IPO of CSM Technologies and the upcoming allotments and listings of Waterways Leisure Tourism and Advit Jewels.

Knack Packaging IPO to open on July 1 Knack Packaging Ltd will launch its Rs 439.50-crore IPO on July 1, 2026, with the issue closing on July 3. The public offering comprises a fresh issue of 2.24 crore shares worth Rs 380 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) of 0.35 crore shares aggregating to Rs 59.50 crore. The company has fixed a price band of Rs 161-170 per share, with a lot size of 88 shares. At the upper end of the price band, retail investors will need to invest a minimum of Rs 14,960. The allotment is expected on July 6, while listing on the NSE and BSE is tentatively scheduled for July 8.aging solutions provider manufacturing printed and laminated woven polypropylene bags used across industries including food, agriculture, fertilisers, cement and chemicals.

Digital India Accelerates AI and Semiconductor Push



New Delhi (PIB): On 1 July 2015, Digital India was launched with the vision of transforming India into a digitally empowered society and knowledge economy. Eleven years on, that transformation is visible at every level of Indian life, in the village panchayat connected through high-speed broadband, in the farmer receiving direct benefit transfers within seconds, and in the student accessing quality education on a smartphone. Internet connections have grown approx four times than earlier, and the cost of mobile data has fallen from Rs.269 per GB to Rs.8-10, making digital access among the most affordable in the world.

As Digital India completes eleven years, it stands at a decisive inflection point. Having built the foundational layer of digital infrastructure, financial inclusion and citizen ser-

vice delivery over its first decade, the programme is now anchoring itself in the frontier domains of Artificial Intelligence and semiconductor manufacturing, the two pillars that will define India's technological future and underpin the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

IndiaAI Mission: Building India's Indigenous AI Ecosystem

The IndiaAI Mission, approved with an outlay of over Rs.10,372 crore, has made significant strides over the past year. At its foundation is the establishment of a shared compute facility with over 45,000 GPUs, creating the computational backbone for AI research and deployment at national scale.

Under the AI Foundation Model pillar, 15 Large Language Models and Small Language Models are being supported across speech, text and vision modalities. The AI Kosh platform now

hosts over 12,519 datasets, 307 AI models and 20 toolkits, making AI development resources openly accessible to researchers, startups and institutions across the country. Twenty AI solutions have been deployed across 12 sectors through challenges, hackathons and in-house development.

To ensure AI capability reaches beyond metropolitan centres, 27 Data and AI Labs have been established across Tier II and Tier III cities, 684 Fellowships awarded to students, and 8.4 million learners supported through the YUVA AI course. Eighteen Centres of Excellence have been set up across the country, and 20 Indian AI startups have been supported for capacity building. AI Governance Guidelines, released in November 2025, affirm India's commitment to developing AI that is safe, inclusive and trustworthy.

The India AI Impact Summit 2026, held in February, marked a defining moment in India's global AI leadership. The summit brought together delegations from over 100 countries and 20 international organisations, attracting nearly 15 lakh participants through physical and virtual engagement. The India AI Impact Summit Declaration was adopted by 92 countries and organisations, reflect-

ing broad international support for India's vision of trustworthy and development-oriented AI. The event catalysed over USD 200 billion in AI-related investment commitments and reinforced India's position as a trusted global convener for AI research, infrastructure and digital public goods.

Semiconductor Mission: From Policy to Production

India's semiconductor ecosystem has moved decisively from policy to production. Under the India Semiconductor Mission, 12 semiconductor manufacturing projects have been approved with an investment pipeline of approximately ₹1.64 lakh crore, comprising one semiconductor fabrication unit, two compound semiconductor fabrication units and nine packaging units. India Semiconductor Mission 2.0, announced in the Union Budget 2026-27, signals a deepening of the national commitment to chip manufacturing, with focus on semiconductor equipment, materials, indigenous intellectual property and resilient supply chains.

On the design side, 24 projects are being supported under the Design Linked Incentive Scheme, 105 companies have been assisted with advanced chip design tools, and 23 design tapeouts have been completed at various foundries, including at ad-

vanced nodes, reflecting India's growing depth in semiconductor design.

India's emergence as a global semiconductor destination received strong international validation at SEMICON India 2025, which brought together over 350 exhibiting companies from 48 countries and regions. The signing of 13 MoUs and the participation of leading global semiconductor CEOs highlighted growing international confidence in India's policy framework and long-term semiconductor vision.

Electronics Manufacturing: Achieving Global Scale

The convergence of AI and semiconductor investments is already reshaping India's electronics manufacturing landscape. The sector has grown into an industry valued at ₹13 lakh crore, and electronics has emerged as India's third-largest export category, a milestone that was unimaginable just a decade ago. India is today the world's second-largest mobile phone manufacturer. The advanced manufacturing ecosystem now taking shape, spanning AI-enabled data centre components, 5G equipment and high-end networking gear, is integrating India into global technology supply chains while creating large-scale employment domesti-

cally.

UPI Completes a Decade: India's Global Payments Leadership

In April 2026, UPI completed ten years of transforming India's financial landscape. In FY 2025-26, the platform recorded 24,162 crore transactions. UPI now powers 81% of India's digital payments and accounts for nearly 49% of all global real-time digital transactions, cementing India's position as the undisputed global leader in real-time payments. UPI is operational in multiple countries, and India's Digital Public Infrastructure has been formally engaged by 23 nations through cooperation agreements.

Expanding Digital Infrastructure

India's digital backbone has continued to strengthen over the past year. Broadband subscribers have reached 106.58 crore as of March 2026. BharatNet has connected 2.18 lakh Gram Panchayats with high-speed broadband, taking digital access to the last mile of rural India. India's 5G network now covers 99.9% of districts, with 4.74 lakh towers established. In February 2026, the National Data Centre for the North East Region was launched at Guwahati, strengthening digital infrastructure and data sovereignty for the region.

INS IKSHAK ARRIVES AT PORT VICTORIA, SEYCHELLES



PORT VICTORIA (PIB): INS Ikshak, Indian Navy's indigenously built Survey Vessel Large (SVL), arrived at Port Victoria, Seychelles, on 26 Jun 2026, as part of her operational deployment to the South West Indian Ocean Region. This visit coincides with the 50th National Day celebrations of Seychelles, underscoring the enduring maritime partnership and long-standing friendship between India and Seychelles. During the port call, INS Ikshak will participate in the National Day celebrations and engage in a series of professional interactions with the Seychelles Defence Forces aimed at enhancing maritime cooperation and interoperability. The ship will also undertake community outreach initiatives, including medical camps and the distribution of essential supplies, further strengthening goodwill and people-to-people ties between the two nations. As part of the visit, INS Ikshak will be open to visitors, offering an opportunity to experience the Indian Navy's capabilities and commitment to promoting regional maritime security, safety, and cooperation. The deployment of INS Ikshak reaffirms India's commitment to strengthening maritime partnerships with friendly nations and advancing peace, security, and stability in the Indian Ocean Region, in line with the vision of MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions).

INDIAN NAVY'S TALL SHIP INS SUDARSHINI ARRIVES IN BALTIMORE, USA



BALTIMORE, USA (PIB): Indian Navy's Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini arrived at the Port of Baltimore, Maryland, USA, on 26 Jun 2026, as part of the landmark transoceanic expedition, Lokayan 26. The passage from Norfolk involved transit through the historic Chesapeake & Delaware (C&D) Canal beneath major mid-Atlantic bridges. INS Sudarshini's visit to Baltimore highlights India's rich maritime heritage and the enduring bonds of friendship and cooperation between the Indian Navy and the United States Navy. During her stay, the ship will undertake maritime engagement, and community outreach activities ahead of Sail250 Maryland celebrations commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States. Prior to arriving in Baltimore, Sudarshini participated in Sail250 Virginia celebrations at Norfolk from 19-23 June 2026, joining tall ships from across the world and representing India in the Parade of Sail and the City Crew Parade. Having sailed over 13,000 nautical miles in five months from Kochi to Norfolk, the transoceanic voyage stands as a testament to India's seafaring traditions and the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, fostering friendship, cooperation, and mutual trust across the oceans.

INDIAN NAVY'S EASTERN FLEET SHIPS UDAYGIRI, KAVARATTI, AND SHAKTI ARRIVE AT SATTAHIP, THAILAND



New Delhi (PIB): Indian Naval Ships Udaygiri, Kavaratti, and Shakti of the Eastern Fleet arrived at Sattahip, Thailand, as part of their operational deployment to the South East Asia Region. The ships, led by RAdm Alok Ananda, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, were received by the Royal Thai Navy. The port call is part of India's continued maritime engagement with South East Asian nations and reflects the close and long-standing maritime partnership between India and Thailand. The visit will include professional exchanges, cross-deck visits, operational interactions, sporting engagements, and community outreach aimed at strengthening navy-to-navy cooperation and interoperability. The port call aims to further strengthen camaraderie, mutual cooperation, and bilateral maritime ties between India and Thailand. It also showcases the indigenous design, modular construction, and state-of-the-art technology of Indian Naval ships, highlighting India's growing capabilities, and credentials as a reliable partner, in defence technology.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

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

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



Taurus

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

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



Gemini

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

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



Cancer

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

Remedy :- Wear Green Coloured clothes



Leo

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

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



Virgo

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

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



Libra

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

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



Scorpio

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

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



Sagittarius

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

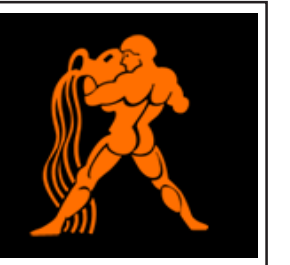
Remedy :- For enhanced career/work life/business, brush your teeth with herbal-based toothpaste such as neem and babool.



Capricorn

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

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



Aquarius

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

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



Pisces

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

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

NTR, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun and Prabhas: The ever-changing world of star titles



The title “Megastar” has been synonymous with Chiranjeevi for decades. For many fans, especially those who grew up watching his films, he is almost always referred to as Megastar Chiranjeevi rather than simply Chiranjeevi. However, before “Megastar” became permanently attached to his name, he was popularly known as “Supreme Hero.”

In fact, the tradition of Telugu film stars adopting and changing monikers goes back several decades, dating to the era of the late N.T. Rama Rao.

Even today, leading stars such as NTR, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun, Prabhas and Mahesh Babu continue to update their screen titles as their careers evolve. NTR was once widely known as “Young Tiger.” In recent years, however, he has embraced the title “Man of Masses,” which now accompanies most of his film promotions. Similarly, Allu Arjun carried the “Stylish Star” tag for many years before transitioning to “Icon Star,” a title that has now become firmly associated with him. Prabhas, who rose to fame as “Young Rebel Star,” is increasingly being projected as the India’s Biggest Superstar following the success of the “Baahubali” franchise and other pan-Indian films.

Mahesh Babu, meanwhile, was initially promoted as “Prince.” As his stardom reached new heights after “Pokiri,” the industry and fans gradually began referring to him as “Superstar Mahesh Babu.”

The latest addition to this trend is Ram Charan. Over the years, he has been known as “Mega Power Star” and, following the global success of “RRR,” briefly adopted the title “Global Star.” Recently, however, Chiranjeevi declared that Ram Charan would be known as “New Age Megastar,” stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had used the phrase while referring to him.

Whether these titles endure or evolve further, one thing remains constant: in Telugu cinema, monikers continue to be an important part of a star’s identity and brand.

‘We Must Win At Any Cost’: Rajini To Young Director!

Superstar Rajinikanth is collaborating with Kamal Haasan for two interesting films. In one of them, the duo will share the screen together, while in the other one, Kamal will be a producer while Rajini headlines the project. Initially, KS Ravikumar was considered later Sundar C was roped in to do the film and then, he was replaced with Cibi Chakravarthy. But finally, Ashwath Marimuthu is helming the film. The film’s title was announced today and Rajini will play the titular role in Dhaman.

After multiple directors entering and exiting, the team finally settled on Ashwath, who has two hits to his credit. Especially after the success of Dragon, there is a lot of positivity around Ashwath’s collaborations. It is, in fact, a dream come true moment for the young director who has been waiting to work with Rajinikanth. The film is going to be made on a big budget, and the scale will be massive. If Ashwath delivers a success, he will immediately enter the star league of directors.

Director has raised curiosity around Dharman by describing it as a unique blend of Rajinikanth’s Padayappa and Kamal Haasan’s VettaiyAADU

Vilayaadu. He also hinted that Rajinikanth will be seen in a completely different avatar, one that is expected to surprise audiences in a big way.

The director also shared an interesting conversation with the Superstar. “When I met Rajinikanth sir, he told me, ‘We should win at any cost. We are doing this with RKFI

and Kamal Haasan. Consider me your assistant. I’ll share my suggestions for Dharman, and you can either take them or ignore them,’” revealed Ashwath, highlighting Rajini’s humility despite his legendary stature.

While Kamal appears ready to support the film on a grand scale, the real challenge lies

with Ashwath Marimuthu, who now has the responsibility of delivering a solid, compelling film that lives up to the faith placed in him by two of Tamil cinema’s biggest icons. Simran and Raashi Khanna are also a part of the film. Anirudh Ravichander is the film’s music director. More details of the film are awaited.

‘Mirzapur: The Movie’ character posters promise a high-voltage fight for the throne



The makers of the upcoming film ‘Mirzapur’ unveiled character posters of its iconic characters of Munna Bhaiya, Guddu Bhaiya and Kaleen Bhaiya on Wednesday. Carrying the message, “Gaddi Hai Toh Hum Hain”, the posters revisit the power, legacy and rivalries that have defined the Mirzapur universe, instantly sparking excitement among fans. Taking to their social media, the makers revealed Kaleen Bhaiya’s (played by Pankaj Tripathi) first-Look character Poster and wrote, “Jo aaya hai, woh jaayega bhi, bas marzi Kaleen Bhaiya ki hogi. Aapka swagat karte hain bade parde par. #MirzapurTheMovie, teaser out tomorrow at 12PM. Set a reminder and be the first ones to watch the teaser”. Sharing Guddu Bhaiya’s (played by Ali Fazal) character poster, the makers wrote, “Shuru majboori mein kiye the, ab maja aa raha hai. Guddu Bhaiya aa rahe hain bade parde par, taiyaar hain na? #MirzapurTheMovie, teaser out tomorrow at 12PM. Set a reminder and be the first ones to watch the teaser. Watch #MirzapurTheMovie only in cinemas in Hindi & Telugu”. Presented by Amazon MGM Studios and Excel Entertainment, ‘Mirzapur: The Movie’ is directed by Gurmeet Singh, written by Puneet Krishna, and produced by Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar under the banner of Excel Entertainment. The film is co-produced by Kassim Jaggamag and Vishal Ramchandani. The film is all set to release in Hindi and Telugu language and is slated for a worldwide theatrical release on September 4, 2026.

Pooja Hegde reveals short hair look

Actress Pooja Hegde flaunted her new hairstyle through her latest social media post. She took to her official Instagram handle and posted a video of herself where she was seen running her hair through her freshly chopped short hair.

The ‘Beast’ actress captioned the post, “I’m a short hair girlie now (sic)”, followed by a smiling face emoticon.

Reacting to her new look, users dropped comments such as “Short Hair or Long... You’re the best girlie”, “Love this one you”, “You looking gorgeous”, and “Beautiful hair, stunning look, Pooja u are so beautiful”, along with others. Pooja’s feed is full of such lovely updates from both her personal and professional life. Recently, the ‘Deva’ actress treated her Instagram family with a glimpse of her latest workout session.

She uploaded a fun video of herself walking backwards on a treadmill in style while recording herself from her phone. Pooja opted for an orange crop top, along with matching shorts as her athleisure. On the professional front, Pooja was recently seen as the leading lady in David Dhawan’s romantic comedy ‘Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai’, co-starring Varun Dhawan and Mrunal Thakur.

Joining them were Mouni Roy, Chunky Panday, Manish Paul, Jimmy Shergill, Rakesh Bedi, and Ali Asgar, who were seen as the ancillary cast. ‘Hai Jawani Toh

Ishq Hona Hai’ marks the fourth collaboration between Varun and his father, David Dhawan, after ‘Main Tera Hero’, ‘Judwaa 2’, and ‘Coolie No. 1’. Backed by Ramesh Taurani under the banner of TIPS, ‘Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai’ was out in the cinema

halls on 5th June this year. The camera work for the drama was handled by Ayananka Bose with Ritesh Soni as the head of the editing department. ‘Hai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai’ is expected to be David Dhawan’s final directorial film.



Alia Bhatt on ‘Alpha’: Probably one of the most enjoyable experiences I’ve had on a film set

Bollywood star Alia Bhatt, who currently awaits the release of her high-octane actioner “Alpha”, has spoken about shooting for the film and said it is probably one of the most enjoyable experiences she’s had on a set. Alia said: “I had such a good time making Alpha. It’s probably one of the most enjoyable experiences I’ve had on a film set.” The actress added: “There was something really exciting about stepping into this world of action, scale, and adventure. It pushed me in ways I hadn’t experienced before, and I loved every bit of it.” What she loved the most was that at the heart of it “were two women leading all the action.” “We don’t get to see that very often and I had a lot of fun being part of that. Alpha is a celebration of attitude and a celebration at the movies,” Alia added. Alia says she was always excited to be on the sets of this action entertainer.

She said: “What made it even more special was getting to do it with such a fantastic group of people. Whether it was our director, cast, the action team, or the crew behind the scenes, there was a real sense of excitement around what we were making and I think some of that energy found its way onto the screen.”

Alis now looks forward to the release of the film. “I genuinely looked forward to going to set every morning, and I loved every minute of it.” Produced by Aditya Chopra and directed by

Shiv Rawail of The Railway Men fame, Alpha is set to release on July 3. It is the seventh installment in the YRF Spy Universe. The film also stars Sharvati, Anil Kapoor, and Bobby Deol in the lead roles, with Hrithik Roshan appearing in an extended cameo appearance.



Salman Khan as Karna? Not Easy to Beat Prabhas!

A surprising development from Bollywood has caught the attention of movie lovers. Acclaimed filmmaker Rakeysh Omprakash Mehra has reportedly approached Salman Khan to headline his long-delayed mythological epic Karna.

The ambitious project is expected to be produced by Excel Entertainment and is being planned as a two-part cinematic saga. According to industry reports, Salman Khan has responded positively to the proposal, and discussions between the actor and the makers are said to be moving forward. However, the project is still in the negotiation stage, with no formal agreement signed yet. As with any large-scale production, there remains a possibility that the collaboration

may or may not materialize. If everything falls into place, the makers are targeting a mid-2027 production start, making it one of the most anticipated projects in development. That said, portraying Karna on screen may come with its own set of challenges for Salman. The character has already generated immense excitement through Prabhas’ appearance in Kalki 2898 AD, where his brief but impactful portrayal of Karna received widespread appreciation from audiences. The bigger challenge could emerge with Kalki 2. If the sequel fully explores Karna’s journey and showcases Prabhas in an expanded role, comparisons will be inevitable.



Basics of Accounting for Competitive Exams



Ans: Real Account
17. Bad debt and Bad debt recovered are---
Ans: Nominal Account
18. Sale book is used to record all -----
Credit sales of goods
19. B/R book is a -----
Ans: Part of Journal
20. Purchase book, sale book is a -----
Ans: Part of Journal
21. Goods taken by proprietor for personal use will be recorded in -----
Ans: Journal proper
22. Total of sales book is posted to -----
Ans: Sales Account
23. When a customer returns the goods a --
-----is sent to him.
Ans: Credit note
24. When the goods are sent to supplier a -
-----is sent to him.
Ans: Debit note
25. Credit purchase of stationary by a stationery dealer is to be recorded in ---

Ans: Purchase book
26. BRS is prepared by a -----
Ans: Customer of Bank
27. BRS is statement showing the causes of differences -----
Ans: Between the cash book and pass book
28. Installation charges of machinery purchased is -----
Ans: Capital expense
29. Expense incurred on trial run of machine is -----
Ans: Capital expense
30. Repair of second hand machinery before put to use is-----
Ans: Capital expense
31. Annual maintenance fee of machine is -

Ans: Revenue expense
32. Cost of ring & pistons of an engine changed to get better fuel efficiency is -----
Ans: Capital expense
33. Interest on term loan for purchase of machinery where the commercial production has not begun till the last day of Accounting year is -----
. Ans: Capital expense

34. Premium received on issue of shares is -----
Ans: Capital receipts
35. Scrap value of machinery is -----
Ans: Capital receipt
36. Insurance claim for machinery damaged by fire is -----
Ans: Capital receipt
37. Cash received from debtors is -----
Ans: Revenue receipt
38. Fine imposed is -----
Ans: Revenue expenses
39. Purchase of goodwill is -----
Capital expense
40. Import duty on purchase of material is -

Ans: Revenue expense
41. Loss on sale of machinery is -----
Ans: Revenue loss
42. Festival advance to employee is -----
Ans: Prepaid expense
43. Cost incurred on dismantling a machine worn out part is -----
Ans: Revenue expense
44. Amount spent on repainting an old building for first time on purchase is -----
Ans: Capital expense
45. Amount spent on annual repainting of building is -----
Ans: Revenue expense
46. ----- Usually arises from unplanned or unexpected event that give rise to the possibility of an inflow of economic benefits to the business entity.
Ans: Contingent assets
47. In the financial statement contingent assets and liabilities are -----
Ans: Not recognized
48. In the financial statement provisions are -----
Ans: Recognized and adjusted
49. The trial balance checks the -----of the books of Account.
Ans: Arithmetical accuracy
50. Under inflationary condition, FIFO method will show -----
Ans: Lowest value of cost of goods sold
51. Under inflationary condition, LIFO method will show -----
Ans: Highest value of cost of goods sold
52. Deprecation is related to -----
Ans: All tangible fixed assets Except Land)
53. Deprecation Accounting is -----
Ans: A process of allocation of the cost of fixed assets
54. Deprecation is a -----
Ans: Non cash operating expense
55. The object of opining suspense Account is -----
Ans: To avoid the delay in preparation of financial statement
56. The inventory of finished goods is valued at cost or NRV-----
Ans:Which is lower
57. Damaged inventory is valued at -----
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Ans:Net realizable value

58. Under inflationary condition, FIFO method will show -----
Ans: Highest value of closing stock
59. Under inflationary condition, LIFO method will show -----
Ans: Lower value of closing stock
60. For depreciating good will the suitable method is -----
Ans: SLM
61. For depreciating mine the suitable method is -----
Ans: Depletion
62. ----- is same like deprecation.
Ans: Amortization
63. For depreciating leases the suitable method is -----
Ans: Annuity method
64. Trading Account is prepared to ascertain -----
Ans: Gross Profit
65. P/L Account is closed by transferring its balance to-----
Ans: Capital Account
66. Provision is a-----
Ans: Charge against the profit
67. P/L Account shows the ----- for an Accounting period.
Ans: Financial performance
68. Balance sheet shows the ----- at a particular date.
Ans: Financial position
69. Wages and salaries appearing in trail balance are shown on the-----
Ans:Debit side of treading Account
70. Outstanding wages appearing in trail balance is shown on the -----
Ans: Liabilities side of balance sheet
71. Prepaid insurance appearing in trail balance is shown on the -----
Ans: Assets side of Balance Sheet
72. Closing stock appearing in trail balance is shown on the -----
Ans: Assets side of Balance Sheet
73. Capital work in progress is -----
Ans: Tangible asset
74. Drawings are-----
Ans: Deducted from capital
75. The debit balance in the P/L Account is a-----
Ans: Loss
76. The value of human resources is generally not shown in balance sheet as per -----
Ans: Money measurement concept
77. Accrued income is shown as a -----
Ans: Current asset
78. Unaccrued income is shown as a -----
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Ans: Current liability
79. A promissory note is an ----- to pay.
Ans: Unconditional promise
80. In case of Promissory note, there are ---

Ans: 2 parties
81. A bill of exchange is an ----- to pay.
Ans: Unconditional order
82. In case of bill of exchange there are ---

Ans: 3 parties

83. The term of bill after sight commences from the date of -----
Ans: Acceptance of the bill
84. The term of bill after date commences from the date of -----
Ans: Drawing a bill
85. When the bill is honoured at the maturity date, the drawee debits -----
Ans: B/P Account
86. The promissory note should be -----
Ans: Signed by promisor
87. As per section 69(3) of the Co. Act 1956, the amount payable on application on each share must be at least -

Ans: 5% of the nominal amount of share
88. As per SEBI Guidelines, the amount payable on application on each share must be at least -----
Ans: 25% of the issue amount of shares
89. As per Table A (SEBI Guidelines), the amount of call on a share must not exceed -----
Ans: 25% of the nominal amount of share
90. A company can issue share at premium-----
Ans: Even in the absense of any express authority in its articles
91. The maximum rate of interest which can be charged on calls in arrears is -----
Ans: 5% p.a.
92. The maximum rate of interest which can be paid on calls in advance is -----
Ans: 6% p.a.
93. If shares are forfeited, share capital Account is debited with the amount of -----
Ans: Called up value of shares
94. On the approval from Central Government the rate of discount on issue of share can be -----
Ans: 10% of the nominal value of shares
95. A fee paid in cash to notary public is charged by -----
Ans: Holder of bill of exchange
96. A ----- has a separate legal entity from its member.
Ans: Company
97. An authorized capital refers to that amount which is stated in the ----- as share capital.
Ans: Capital clause of the memorandum of association
98. ----- is not disclosed in the balance sheet of the company.
Ans: Reserve capital
99. Equity shares can be issued with the differential rights as to -----
Ans: Dividend and voting
100. -----of a company is an invitation to make an offer to subscribe the share or debenture of the company.
Ans: Prospectus

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FORTITUDE: Importance, Development, and Role in Daily Life and Professional Career

Introduction:
Fortitude is one of the most valuable soft skills that enables individuals to face challenges, difficulties, and hardships with courage, patience, and determination. It is the mental and emotional strength that helps a person remain strong during adversity, stress, or uncertainty. In today's competitive world, fortitude is essential for personal growth, professional success, and overall well-being. People with fortitude do not give up easily; instead, they learn from setbacks and continue moving toward their goals.

Importance of fortitude:
Fortitude plays a significant role in shaping an individual's character and personality. Life is full of unexpected situations, failures, and obstacles. Without fortitude, people may become discouraged and lose confidence. However, those who possess this quality can maintain a positive attitude and overcome difficulties effectively.

Some major benefits of fortitude include:

1. Builds Resilience : Fortitude helps individuals recover quickly from failures and disappointments. Instead of dwelling on mistakes, they focus on finding solutions and improving themselves.
2. Enhances Emotional Stability: People with fortitude can control their emotions during stressful situations. They remain calm, composed, and rational even when facing pressure.
3. Encourages Goal Achievement: Success often requires persistence and determination. Fortitude motivates individuals to keep working toward their objectives despite obstacles.
4. Strengthens Self-Confidence: Overcoming challenges develops self-belief. Every difficulty conquered through fortitude increases confidence and personal satisfaction.
5. Promotes Positive Thinking: Fortitude encourages optimism and

hope. Individuals learn to view problems as opportunities for growth rather than barriers to success.

How to Develop Fortitude:
Fortitude is not an inborn trait; it can be cultivated through conscious effort and practice. The following strategies can help develop this valuable soft skill:

1. Adopt a Growth Mindset: Believe that abilities and intelligence can improve through effort and learning. View failures as lessons rather than permanent setbacks.
2. Set Realistic Goals: Break large goals into smaller, achievable tasks. Completing these tasks builds confidence and strengthens perseverance.
3. Practice Self-Discipline: Develop habits that require consistency and commitment. Following routines and fulfilling responsibilities improve mental strength.
4. Embrace Challenges: Avoiding difficulties limits personal growth. Taking on challenges helps build courage, adaptability, and confidence.
5. Learn Stress Management Techniques: Practices such as meditation, deep breathing, physical exercise, and mindfulness help individuals remain calm during difficult situations.
6. Develop Positive Relationships: Supportive friends, family members, mentors, and colleagues provide encouragement and guidance during challenging times.
7. Reflect on Past Successes: Remembering previous achievements and obstacles overcome can boost motivation and reinforce resilience.

How Fortitude Works in Daily Life:
Fortitude is essential in everyday situations. It enables individuals to handle personal, social, and emotional challenges effectively.

Academic Success:

Students often face examinations, project deadlines, and academic pressure. Fortitude helps them stay focused, manage stress, and continue working despite setbacks.

Family Responsibilities:
Family life may involve financial difficulties, conflicts, or health-related concerns. Fortitude allows individuals to remain patient and supportive during such situations.

Health and Wellness:
Maintaining a healthy lifestyle requires discipline and determination. Fortitude motivates people to continue exercising, eating well, and following medical advice even when progress seems slow.

Personal Growth:
Learning new skills, overcoming fears, and changing habits often involve discomfort and persistence. Fortitude provides the courage needed to continue self-improvement efforts.

Fortitude in Professional Career:
In the workplace, fortitude is highly valued because it contributes to productivity, leadership, and career advancement.

Handling Workplace Pressure:
Employees frequently encounter tight deadlines, demanding clients, and challenging projects. Fortitude helps them remain focused and productive under pressure.

Effective Decision-Making:
Strong professionals can make rational decisions during crises or uncertain situations. Fortitude prevents emotional reactions from affecting judgment.

Leadership Development:
Successful leaders demonstrate courage and confidence when facing organizational challenges. Their fortitude inspires team members and promotes trust.

Career Growth:
Professional success often involves failures, rejections, and competition. Fortitude encourages employees to persist and continuously improve their skills.

Adaptability to Change:
Modern workplaces experience constant technological and organizational changes. Fortitude helps professionals adapt positively and remain relevant.

Conclusion:
Fortitude is a powerful soft skill that empowers individuals to face life's challenges with courage, determination, and resilience. It enhances emotional stability, strengthens confidence, and supports continuous growth. In daily life, fortitude helps people manage stress, overcome obstacles, and maintain positive relationships. In professional careers, it improves leadership, productivity, adaptability, and long-term success. By developing a growth mindset, practicing self-discipline, embracing challenges, and maintaining optimism, anyone can cultivate fortitude and achieve both personal and professional excellence. Fortitude is not merely the ability to endure difficulties—it is the strength to transform challenges into opportunities for success.

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Ryan Cook steps down as Netherlands head coach

Amsterdam: Ryan Cook has stepped down as head coach of the Netherlands men's cricket team with immediate effect, the Royal Dutch Cricket Association (KNCB) announced on Thursday, bringing an end to a four-year tenure that oversaw some of the most significant achievements in Dutch cricket in recent years. Cook leaves at a time when the Netherlands remain firmly in contention in the Cricket World Cup League 2 competition, sitting third in the standings with 32 points from 28 matches. The decision comes following the birth of Cook's second child, with the former South African cricketer citing the demands of the role and the need for greater personal presence as reasons behind his departure. Batting coach Heino Kuhn will take charge on an interim basis for the Netherlands' upcoming Cricket World Cup League 2 fixtures, according to Cricinfo.

In a statement released by the board, Cook reflected on his journey with the national side and the progress made during his tenure. "Coaching the Dutch men's team has without a shadow of a doubt been one of the highlights of my coaching career so far. It's been an absolute pleasure to lead the journey towards professionalism and creating a competitive cricket team with strong values," Cook said.

The 41-year-old took charge in May 2022 and guided the Netherlands through a period of notable growth on and off the field. Under his leadership,



the team secured qualification for major ICC events and produced several memorable performances against Full Member nations. Explaining his decision to move on, Cook said the position now required a level of commitment he could no longer provide.

"I thank all at the KNCB and the Dutch cricket community for all their continued support throughout the years. The KNCB and the team deserve someone who can give the job the full, sustained focus and presence it now requires. I know that the foundations are strong and the future is bright," he added. Among the highlights of Cook's tenure was the Netherlands' qualification for the 2022 ICC Men's T20 World Cup in Australia, where they registered impressive victories over Zimbabwe and South Africa. A year later, the Dutch side earned a place at the 2023 ODI World Cup in India, marking their first appearance at the tournament since 2011.

High-Quality Research is the Foundation for Societal Development: Dr. H. Vinod Bhat

Apollo University Conducts Workshop on Quality Research and International Publications Expert Guidance for Ph.D. Scholars on Research Excellence and Publishing



Chittoor, June 28(skyline daily) : High-quality research aligned with societal needs and its publication in internationally reputed journals can enable researchers to earn global recognition while contributing meaningfully to society, said Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, Vice Chancellor of The Apollo University. He was inaugurating a workshop titled "The Doctoral Journey: Essential Skills from Research to Publication", organized by the Directorate of Research at The Apollo University. The workshop focused on promoting quality research practices and international research publications among Ph.D. scholars and faculty members. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Vinod Bhat emphasized that a Ph.D. is not merely a degree but a responsibility to generate new knowledge that benefits society. He encouraged researchers to uphold scientific rigor, research integrity, and ethical values throughout their academic journey. He further highlighted that publishing in internationally recognized journals enhances both the visibility and impact of research on a global platform. The keynote speaker, Prof. R. Nagaraju from the Institute of Pharmaceutical Technology, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, stressed



the importance of conducting socially relevant and impactful research. He provided comprehensive insights into research problem identification, research design, scientific manuscript preparation, selecting appropriate international journals, and the publication process. Another speaker, Dr. Ramaiah Itumalla, Dean, School of Management, The Apollo University, delivered an informative session on research ethics, plagiarism prevention, responsible use of Artificial Intelligence in research, and best practices for successful scholarly publications. The programme was attended by Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Designated Vice Chancellor; Mr. Anil Kumar S., Registrar; Dr. D. Jagadeesan, Dean, School of Technology; Prof. K. Bhaskar Reddy, Dean, School of Health Sciences and Workshop Convener; Dr. G. B. Hima Bindu, Deputy Director, Directorate of Research; faculty members, Ph.D. supervisors, and research scholars from various departments. The workshop offered practical guidance to researchers on every stage of the research journey—from conceptualizing research ideas to publishing in reputed international journals—equipping participants with essential skills for academic excellence.

Jana Sena to Receive Biodata from Party Workers Starting Monday: Kalapa Ravi

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Pileru, June 28: The Jana Sena Party leadership has invited party workers and leaders who are interested in working for the party across the seven Assembly constituencies under the Rajampet Parliamentary constituency to submit their detailed biodata at the Jana Sena Party Central Office in Rajampet starting from Monday. The leadership stated that this initiative is being undertaken with the objective of strengthening the party, expanding its organizational structure, and planning future activities. Party workers and leaders from every Assembly constituency within the Rajampet Parliamentary

segment who are committed to contributing to the party's growth have been encouraged to make use of this opportunity. This was announced in a press release issued by Kalapa Ravi, the Joint Chittoor District Jana Sena Party Secretary, Director of the Pileru Agricultural Market Committee, and Observer for the Rajampet Parliamentary Constituency Kalapa Ravi. He appealed to all individuals who are dedicated to the party's development to submit their biodata without fail.



Excellent Response to Sainik and Navodaya Entrance Coaching at S.V. Vidya Mandir High School



(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Rayachoti, June 28: The Scholarship Test conducted for Sainik School and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance coaching under the auspices of S.V. Vidya Mandir High School, located in Kothapeta, Rayachoti, was held successfully. Nearly 120 students appeared for the examination, reflecting the overwhelming response from students and parents. Speaking on the occasion, the school's Director, Dr. M. Sudhakar Reddy, and Secretary, Dr. N. Nagendra, stated that with the objective of preparing students to excel in national-level competitive examinations in today's highly competitive world, the institution would commence special coaching for Sainik School and Jawahar

Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance examinations from the academic year 2026–2027. To encourage students, the management announced attractive scholarship benefits based on the test results. Students securing the top three ranks will be provided with 100% free coaching, while those securing ranks 4 to 10 will receive a 50% fee concession, and students ranking from 11 to 20 will be offered a 25% fee concession. Quality coaching at an affordable fee will also be provided to the remaining students. The management further stated that, as part of its social responsibility, completely free coaching would be offered to students who have lost their parents. The coaching programme will include comprehensive training under the guidance of experienced faculty members, covering weekly tests, personal counselling, English communication skills, public speaking, seminars, essay writing, personality development, Bhagavad Gita sloka teaching, discipline, moral values, and sports activities. The management emphasized that their motto, "Education with Values – The Path to Success," aims to shape students into responsible and accomplished citizens. Students preparing for Sainik School and Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya entrance examinations are advised to make use of this opportunity and contact the Principal of S.V. Vidya Mandir High School, Kothapeta, Rayachoti, for immediate registration.

Let's make a huge turnout for the 'Chalo Vijayawada' program on July 7 and make it a grand success



Madanapalle, June 28(Skyline daily): AP Municipal Workers Union State Vice President Varri Suresh Kumar released pamphlets at Madanapalle Municipality urging people to make a huge turnout for the 'Chalo Vijayawada' program on July 7th and make it a grand success. Speaking on the occasion, he said that it has been two years since the coalition government was formed in the state, but not a single problem of municipal workers has been resolved in the past two years. He expressed his concern that the workload on the workers has increased, and due to this, a situation has arisen across the state where workers are falling ill. He said that petitions to the authorities and the government to resolve labor issues are being received in large numbers. At this stage, the AP Municipal Workers Union (AITUC) will take up phased programs from June 20 in front of all the corporations, municipalities and city panchayats in the state and will take up "Chalo

Vijayawada" on July 7. Therefore, protesting against the anti-labor policies, they said that they will take up phased protests from June 20 and organize the Chalo Vijayawada program with thousands of municipal workers on July 7. They said that if the state government does not solve the problems of our municipal workers by then, they will not back down from the strike and are warning the state government. Therefore, the municipal workers have taken up the phased protest programs and have called for thousands to gather for 'Chalo Vijayawada' on July 7th. AP Municipal Workers Union Annamayya District General Secretary Devendra, senior leaders Mastan, city presidents Tirumalappa, Indrani, Allahbakshu, Radha, Janakamma, Kadirappa, Mallikharjuna, committee members and others participated in this program.

Vestige Products Offer a Path to Better Health and Additional Income: Puli Satyanarayana Reddy

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)
Madanapalle, June 28: Prominent Vestige Member Puli Satyanarayana Reddy stated that people can achieve both a healthy lifestyle and financial self-reliance by using Vestige products and taking advantage of the company's business opportunities. As part of a Vestige product awareness campaign, an awareness meeting was held on Sunday at the residence of Mounika in Reddys Colony, Madanapalle. Speaking on the occasion, Puli Satyanarayana Reddy said that Vestige offers a wide range of high-quality health, personal care, and household products to consumers. He explained that, in addition to enjoying the health benefits of these products, individuals can also earn extra income through the company's direct selling business model. He encouraged youth, women, employees, farmers, and people from various sections of society to make use of Vestige's business opportunities to improve their families' financial well-being. During the meeting, participants were briefed on the unique features



of Vestige products, their proper usage, and the business opportunities available through the company. The event was attended by Kishore Babu, Bhuvaneshwar Reddy, Mallika, farmer Venkataramana Reddy, Manjula, and several others. The program was conducted in a cordial atmosphere, and many participants expressed interest in Vestige products

Vaccination is the Strongest Shield for Public Health: Dr. H. Vinod Bhat

Apollo University Organises CME on Strengthening Immunization Practices

Chittoor, June 28(skyline daily) : Vaccination is the strongest shield for public health, said Dr. H. Vinod Bhat, Vice Chancellor of The Apollo University, while inaugurating a Continuing Medical Education (CME) program on "Strengthening Immunization Practices: From Cold Chain to Clinic", organized by the Department of Community Medicine, Apollo Institute of Medical Sciences and Research (AIMSR), at the Dr. Prathap C. Reddy Knowledge Centre Auditorium. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Vinod Bhat emphasized that immunization remains one of the most effective public health interventions against infectious diseases and has played a transformative role in protecting communities worldwide. He stressed the need for healthcare professionals to continuously update their knowledge in line with the latest scientific advances, evolving vaccination guidelines, emerging vaccines, and ongoing research to deliver high-quality preventive healthcare.

Recalling the vital role of vaccines during the COVID-19 pandemic, he noted that immunization saved millions of lives across the globe and has been instrumental in controlling polio and several other infectious diseases. He urged parents to ensure that their children receive all recommended vaccines according to the national immunization schedule and underscored the importance of creating greater awareness about immunization among healthcare professionals, frontline workers, and the public to build a healthier society.

The inaugural session was attended by Dr. Nitin M. Nagarkar, Vice Chancellor Designate, The Apollo University; Dr. Alfred J. Augustine, Dean, AIMSR; Dr. N. Narayana Reddy, APMC Observer; Dr. Ramya Ramakrishnan, Associate Dean (Academics), AIMSR; Dr. K. Ashok Kumar Reddy, Organizing Chairman and Professor & Head, Department of Community Medicine; Dr. C. Sravana Deepthi, Organizing Secretary and Additional Professor, Department of Community Medicine, along with faculty members, postgraduate students, public health experts, and medical professionals from government and private healthcare institutions across the state. During the scientific sessions, Dr. K. Ashok Kumar Reddy highlighted the critical role of vaccines in disease prevention and eradication and underscored the impor-



tance of comprehensive immunization programs. Dr. A. Kishore, Professor and Head, Department of Microbiology, delivered an expert lecture on the immune system, vaccine composition, and mechanisms of vaccine-induced protection. The scientific program featured expert sessions by Dr. K. Ashok Kumar Reddy, Dr. A. Kishore, Dr. B. Thirumala Rao, Dr. P. J. Srinivas, Dr. B. G. Ranganath, Dr. V. Chandra Sekhar, Dr. Ravi Sankar, Dr. K. Nagaraj, Dr. C. Hanumantha Rao, and Dr. K. R. John, covering contemporary topics including disease prevention, immunization principles, newer vaccines, adult immunization, HPV vaccination, vaccine hesitancy, safe injection practices, cold chain management, field implementation, and evidence-based immunization policy. The program provided an important platform for knowledge sharing and professional development, reinforcing the commitment of The Apollo University and AIMSR to advancing evidence-based medical education and strengthening public health through effective immunization practices.

Every eligible voter should complete the enumeration form

Madanapalle, June 28(Skyline daily): As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) program under the auspices of the YSR Congress Party, Madanapalle Constituency Coordinator S Nisar Ahmed inspected the ward-wise relief camps set up at the Madanapalle YSRCP office today. On this occasion, he spoke to the voters under the jurisdiction of polling stations 191, 192, 193 of the 14th ward and made them aware of the Special Intensive Revision process. He advised that every eligible voter must complete the enumeration form and submit it to the concerned authorities or BLAs if their name is to remain in the voter list. The enumeration forms brought by the people who came to the camp were examined with the help of party leaders and BLAs and the necessary details were filled in correctly and they were helped. Answering the doubts of the voters, he advised them to contact the help centers set up by the party in case of any difficulties. Speaking on the occasion, S Nisar Ahmed said that the right to vote is a constitutional right of every citizen and the YSR Congress Party is taking special steps to ensure that not a single eligible voter is left out of the list. He said that necessary guidance and assistance are being provided to the people through the help camps set



up in every ward. He also asked the people to complete their enumeration forms immediately without waiting until the last minute. The program was attended by Intellectuals Forum State Secretary VS Reddy, State Minority Department Secretary SA Kareemulla, former councilors Asmat Jan, Shabana, Town Booth Committee President N Nawaz, Bayya Reddy, Mandal Booth Committee President Chippili Mallikharjuna Reddy, Sankar Naik, Citizen Bhasha, other party leaders, BLAs, ward in-charges, activists and local people.

39 Annamayya students excel in state-level Inspire competitions

Madanapalle, June 28(Skyline daily): 39 students from Annamayya district have been selected for the state-level Inspire Manak competitions, said District Education Officer Dr K Subramaniam in a press release. Speaking on the occasion, he said that to develop creative and innovative thinking among school students, the National Innovation Foundation will organize Inspire Manak project competitions. He said that 294 students from Annamayya district participated in the Inspire Manak district-level project competitions for the year 2023-24 and 238 students for the year 2024-25. The National Innovation Foundation organized district-level project competitions for them online. He said that out of 294 students who competed in the district level Inspire Manak competitions for the year 2023-24 from Annamayya district, 20 students and out of 238 students who competed for the academic year 2024-25, a total of 39 students, have been selected for the state level Inspire Manak competitions. They will participate in the state level competitions to be held soon and present their projects, he said. He congratulated the winning students, their guide teachers and District Science Officer Marla Obul Reddy for their efforts in ensuring that such a large number of students were selected for the state level competitions.

