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## CM Focuses on RTGS, Data-Driven Governance; Issues Key Directions to Officials



**From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June, 29 :** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu chaired a review meeting on Data-Driven Decision Making at the RTGS Conference Hall in the State Secretariat on Monday. During the

meeting, he provided key directions to officials on governance based on data analytics and evidence-based decision-making. The Chief Minister reviewed the use of data in administration and discussed measures to im-

prove the efficiency and delivery of government services. He also assessed the performance of the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) system and its role in enhancing governance through data utilization. The meeting was attended by Chief Secretary Sai Prasad, DGP Harish Kumar Gupta, Additional Director General of Intelligence Mahesh Chandra Ladda, IT, RTGS and GSWS Secretary Katamaneni Bhaskar, senior IAS, IPS and IFS officers from various departments, as well as top officials from the power, disaster management, finance and information departments. Minister Kolusu Parthasarathi participated through video conference. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu also issued a circular directing officials to undertake field visits across districts to

monitor implementation and address local issues more effectively. The government is set to organize the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on November 12 and 13. Leading industrialists, CEOs, and business leaders from across the world are expected to participate. The Chief Minister reviewed preparations for the summit and discussed strategies to attract global investments to Andhra Pradesh. The Chief Minister also reviewed the progress of construction activities in Amaravati. He held a meeting with CRDA officials, engineers, and representatives of construction firms involved in the capital city project. During the review, Chandrababu directed officials to accelerate ongoing works and ensure timely completion of projects.

Minister Ponguru Narayana and CRDA Commissioner Vijay Vijayaramaraju attended the meeting along with senior officials from CRDA and ADCL. Representatives from major construction companies, including L&T, NCC, MEIL, KMV, BSCPL, and MVR, were present. Discussions focused on the current status of Amaravati projects, future action plans, adherence to deadlines, and measures to maintain quality standards. The Chief Minister emphasized both the speed and quality of capital development works. He also instructed officials to make government services more accessible and citizen-friendly, and advised them to receive and address public grievances through the Mana Mitra platform.

## Focus Is on Grounding Investments; We Will Strengthen Partnership with Singapore: Nara Lokesh

**From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 29:** Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh said that the state government's primary focus is on the grounding and implementation of investments. He noted that around 750 industrial projects are currently at various stages of development across Andhra Pradesh and that their progress is being reviewed every 15 days. Lokesh made these remarks during a meeting with Singapore Consul-General Edgar Pang Te Chiang on Monday. The discussions focused on strengthening cooperation and partnership between Andhra Pradesh and Singapore.

During the meeting, both sides discussed ways to further enhance bilateral cooperation. Lokesh appreciated Edgar Pang Te Chiang's role in promoting collaboration between India

and Singapore in areas such as technology, trade, investments, and maritime affairs. The minister highlighted Andhra Pradesh's "Speed of Doing Business" initiatives and the investment opportunities available in the state. He said that the government is developing 22 industrial clusters and pointed out that major companies such as Google and ArcelorMittal have chosen to invest in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh also stated that GST collections in the state have increased compared to the previous year, reflecting growing economic activity and investor confidence. The minister said that the government has resolved several issues inherited from the past and is moving forward with a transparent and investor-friendly approach. He emphasized that Andhra Pradesh is keen to build a stronger and long-term partnership with Singapore.



Lokesh also recalled the recent educational study tour undertaken by a delegation of Andhra Pradesh teachers to Singapore and highlighted the reforms being implemented in the state's education sector. He further shared insights from his recent visit to Russia. Singapore Consul-General Edgar Pang Te Chiang praised Andhra Pradesh for its development initiatives and remarked that the state is emerging as a frontrunner in attracting investments.

## Key Development in Sai Krishna Lockup Death Case

### Hearing on CI Nagaraju's Custody Petition Postponed

**From Our Staff Reporter Vijayawada, June, 29 :** In a significant development in the sensational Sai Krishna lockup death case, accused Ashok and Jangam Nani surrendered before the police on Monday. According to reports, the duo arrived in an auto-rickshaw and surrendered at the South Zone ACP Office under the jurisdiction of the Suryaraopet Police Station. Cases had already been registered against Ashok and Jangam Nani in connection with the Sai Krishna lockup death case. Both had been absconding since the incident and have now appeared before the police and surrendered. Authorities are continuing their investigation into other aspects of the case. Meanwhile, it is alleged that constables Ashok and Nani played a crucial role in the disappearance of Sai Krishna's body. In this context, police included them as accused in the case and also filed a memo in the concerned court. Subsequently, the Vijayawada Police Commissioner suspended both constables. It may be recalled that Krishna Lanka Circle Inspector (CI) Nagaraju was earlier arrested by the SIT officials in connection with the same case. The hearing on the custody petition of Circle Inspector (CI) Nagaraju in the Gade Sai Krishna custodial death case has been postponed. The Additional Judicial Magistrate (AJM) Court in Vijayawada heard



two petitions related to the case on Monday. SIT officials filed a petition seeking custody of CI Nagaraju to gather additional information and conduct a more detailed investigation. They informed the court that a comprehensive inquiry could be carried out if Nagaraju was granted to their custody for 12 days.

After hearing the arguments, the court directed Nagaraju's counsel to file a counter-affidavit and adjourned further hearing on the custody

petition to July 1. Meanwhile, Nagaraju, who is currently lodged as a remand prisoner in Rajamahendravaram Central Jail, filed a separate petition seeking permission to receive food from home. In his plea, he stated that he has health-related concerns and is unable to consume outside food. After considering the request, the court granted permission for Nagaraju to receive home-cooked meals from his residence while in judicial custody.

## Ready for an Open Debate on Rayalaseema's Development and Employment?

### - TDP MLC Challenges YSRCP Leaders

**From Our Staff Reporter Amaravati, June 29:** TDP MLC Bhoomireddy Rangopal Reddy stated that the coalition government is committed to fulfilling the long-standing dream of the people of Kadapa by establishing the Kadapa Steel Plant. He said the goal is to complete the project by 2028 and create thousands of employment opportunities for the youth of Rayalaseema. Speaking to the media in Amaravati on Monday, Rangopal Reddy asserted that the YSRCP has no moral right to speak about the development of Rayalaseema. He criticized YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that

he had promised in 2019 not to seek votes if the Kadapa Steel Plant was not established, but later failed to fulfill that commitment. The TDP leader further alleged that Jagan had misled the people twice—once in 2019 and again in 2023—by making promises about the steel plant, while not laying even a single brick for the project during his five-year tenure. He said people have not forgotten what he described as the failure to bring a single major new industry to Pulivendula or create sustainable employment opportunities during that period. Rangopal Reddy claimed that the current government has trans-



formed Rayalaseema into a hub for industrial development. Taking a swipe at the previous administration, he remarked that between 2019 and 2024, people saw "axe factories and fake factories" rather than the promised

Kadapa Steel Plant. He concluded by throwing an open challenge to YSRCP leaders, asking whether they are prepared for a public debate on Rayalaseema's development, industrial growth, and employment generation.

## Jagan Is Confused and Trying to Confuse the People: Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar

**From Our Staff Reporter Prakasam, June 29:** Andhra Pradesh Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar launched a sharp attack on YSRCP president and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of misleading the public on the issue of the state capital. Speaking to the media on Monday, the minister alleged that the previous YSRCP government staged political drama in the name of the three-capitals proposal but failed to spend even a single rupee on developing the proposed capitals. He claimed that while no significant investment was made in the

capital regions, around Rs.450 crore was spent on constructing a residence for Jagan. Ravi Kumar recalled that after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, nearly 29,000 farmers contributed around 33,000 acres of land for the development of Amaravati. He also stated that Jagan himself had earlier supported the idea of building the capital in Amaravati with at least 30,000 acres of land. The minister further alleged that before the 2019 elections, Jagan had spoken about building a house in Amaravati, but after coming to power, he promoted the



three-capitals concept. He criticized what he described as shifting positions on the capital issue and accused Jagan of lacking consistency. Ravi Kumar said Jagan lacks a clear vision for what Andhra Pradesh needs

and accused him of making contradictory statements on different occasions. He alleged that Jagan is creating confusion among the public because he himself is confused about the state's future direction.

## We Will Crack Down Hard on Cyber Crimes: Home Minister Anita

**From Our Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, June 29:** Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita stated that cyber crimes have increased significantly after the COVID-19 pandemic. She said that the NDA government is giving top priority to combating cyber crime and warned that strict action is being taken against cyber offenders. Speaking at the Cyber Crime Recovery Mela held at the Visakhapatnam Police Commissionerate on Monday, the Home Minister said that the government is strengthening cyber crime police stations by providing them with advanced tools and

resources. Police Commissioner Shankhabrata Bagchi and other senior police officials were also present at the event. Anita handed over recovered funds to victims of cyber fraud through cheques. The Home Minister observed that even educated individuals are increasingly falling victim to cyber fraud. She revealed that nearly 76 crore had been recovered and returned to around 310 cyber crime victims. Anita emphasized that technology is being fully utilized in cyber crime investigations and prevention efforts. She also announced that dedicated cyber crime police stations are being established in



every district across the state. She urged citizens to immediately inform the police if they become victims of cyber fraud and advised the public to remain highly vigilant

against cyber crimes. The Home Minister reiterated the government's commitment to taking strong and effective measures to curb cyber offences and protect the public.

## Memorandum Submitted to Officials at Praja Darbar Seeking a Hostel for Students with Disabilities in Nandyal

(By Skyline Staff Reporter)  
**Nandyal, June 29:** A memorandum was submitted to DRDA Project Officer Sridhar Reddy during the Praja Darbar held on Monday under the leadership of Dr. Bathula Sanjeeva Rayudu, National BC Secretary, requesting the establishment of a dedicated government hostel for students with disabilities in Nandyal town. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Bathula Sanjeeva Rayudu stated that nearly 1,000 students with disabilities are currently pursuing their education in government and private schools and colleges in Nandyal. However, due to the absence of a government-run hostel in the town, students coming from rural areas are facing severe hardships. He expressed concern that inadequate accommodation facilities are forcing some students to discontinue their education midway. He pointed out that a government hostel for persons with disabilities has been functioning successfully at C-Camp, Kurnool, and urged the authorities to recommend a similar facility for Nandyal district through the



District Collector to the State Government. He appealed to the government to consider the proposal sympathetically and take an early decision in the interest of the educational future of students with disabilities. The event was attended by Aruna, Manager of Aruna Old Age Home, Sundar, President of Jeevan Society, and several others, who extended their support to the demand.

## The aim should be to provide speedy justice to the victims



**Madanapalle, June 29(Skyline daily):** In Madanapalle town, Annamayya district headquarters, on Monday, District SP Dheeraj Kunubilli personally received complaints from the public. Speaking on this occasion, he instructed the officials not to be lazy in resolving the petitions and to work towards providing speedy justice to the victims. He suggested that complaints from the elderly, women and the disabled should be given top priority and resolved within the stipulated time. He clarified on this occasion that to reduce the distance burden, people can fearlessly file complaints at the local police stations within their jurisdiction. The SP assured that the complaints received locally will also be thoroughly examined and steps will be taken to ensure that justice is done as per the law as soon as possible.

## Attacks on Dalits should be stopped: Republican Party of India

**Kadapa (Skyline Daily) June 27:** Republican Party of India (RPI) Atwale Rayala Sema Working Committee President Darshi Lakshmi Chenna Kesava Rao demanded to stop the attacks on Dalits across the state. He spoke to reporters at the party's office in Kadapa on Saturday. Apart from the recent killing of some youths, Kurnool district's Mmiganoor constituency has also been attacked. He said that his party strongly condemned the attack on Sama to Sanika Dal president Mala Laxman by the upper castes regarding the installation of a statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in Mandal Dommar Dinne village. He said that it is regrettable that no action has been taken against the accused so far. Jyoti George, Chairman, Print and Elec-



tronic Media, District Secretary Ekasi Suresh and others participated

## Special prayers for the idol of Sri Rajyalakshmi Ammavaru



**Palamaneru, June 29:** (By our Skyline staff reporter) Palameru MLA and former minister N. Amarnath Reddy was given a warm welcome upon reaching the house of MLA Gurajala Jagannathan in Chittoor. Chittoor MLA Gurajala Jagannathan along with local leaders presented bouquets of flowers to Amarnath Reddy and welcomed him with a shawl. On this occasion, special prayers were performed at the idol of Sri Rajyalakshmi Ammavaru in his home. Later, they participated in the intimate meeting and discussed the political issues of the district. Punganur TDP in-charge Challa Ramachandra Reddy, Vasantha Kumar from the district, AMC Chairman Rajanna, several senior leaders, activists and others participated in the programme.

## Only Jana Sena Recognizes Grassroots Activists as Leaders: MLA P. Dharma Raju

**Chittoor, June 29 (Skyline Daily):** Eluru district Unguturu MLA and Chittoor district Jana Sena Party observer P. Dharma Raju stated that only the Jana Sena Party (JSP) recognizes activists who actively participate in people's movements and elevates them as party leaders. He was speaking at a meeting of representatives of the JSP Nirmana Saradhulu Information Collection Committee held on Monday evening at the Jana Sena Party office in Lakshminagar Colony, Chittoor. Earlier, he conducted a special meeting with 32 committee representatives and guided them on the process of collecting information from aspirants and receiving applications for party posts. Addressing the media along with Chittoor district Jana Sena Party president Dr. Pasupuleti Hariprasad, Dharma Raju said that a 32-member committee had been constituted in Chittoor district with the objective of strengthening the party organizationally. He emphasized that appointments in the party would be made transparently, without regard to caste, religion, family background, or blood relations. He noted that, following the directions of party president Pawan Kalyan, appointments to party posts would be made in an unprecedented manner. As part of the process, applications from aspirants for various positions in the seven Assembly constituencies under the Chittoor Parliamentary segment would be accepted over the next five days. All applications would be received at the Chittoor constituency party office. Dharma Raju said that party posts would be allotted after considering an individual's service to the party over the past 12 years and other special qualifications. He also announced that he would tour various constituencies to create awareness among party cadres regarding the objectives of the posts, selection guidelines, and the application process. According to the schedule, he visited Puthalapattu and Chittoor constituencies on Monday evening. On Tuesday, he is scheduled



to meet party workers in Chandragiri at 7 a.m., Nagari at 8 a.m., G.D. Nellore at 9:30 a.m., Kuppam at 4:30 p.m., and Palamaner at 6:30 p.m.

He further explained that the application procedures for parliamentary, assembly, mandal, and village-level positions would be clarified during these meetings. Stressing the importance of social justice, he assured that it would be strictly followed in the allocation of party posts. Aspiring leaders and party workers have been asked to submit their biodata along with a detailed report of their service activities for the party during the last 12 years. Responding to questions regarding Railway Koduru MLA Arava Sridhar and Tirupati Jana Sena leader Kiran Royal, Dharma Raju said that the decisions of party chief Pawan Kalyan, who symbolizes discipline, are binding on everyone and that no exceptions would be made. He acknowledged that, as a growing party, certain shortcomings had emerged, but added that the party leadership was actively working to rectify them. Several district leaders, including K. Pushpa, Arani Kavitha, Devineni Yashwanth, Lochan Sriram, Roop Kumar Royal, Poola Prabhakar, former corporator Poornachandra Rao, Sharavana, Reddigunta Kishore, Muniratham, and Penumuru Single Window President Srinivasulu, attended the meeting.

## 1.10 Crore Donation to TTD Trusts



**Tirumala, June 29 (Skyline Daily)** Hyderabad-based Leven Holdings donated Rs.1.10 crore to various TTD religious and charitable trusts. The donation DDs were handed over to TTD Additional EO C.H. Venkaiah Chowdary at Ranganayakula Mandapam in Tirumala by Venkata Ravikumar, CFO of Laurus Pharma. The donation includes Rs.1 crore to the SV Pranadanam Trust and Rs.10 lakh to the SV Annaprasadam Trust. TTD Board Member Nannapaneni Sadasiva Rao and the donor's family members were present.

## Ketan Agarwal Murder Case: Pune Court Extends Police Custody Of Siya Goyal & Chetan Chaudhary Till July 3

**Mumbai:** A court in Pune district on Monday extended the police custody of Siya Goyal and Chetan Chaudhary, accused in the Ketan Agarwal murder case, till July 3. The court called for further investigation into the case and highlighted the need to probe aspects such as the exact spot of the crime. Siya Goyal and Chetan Chaudhary were produced before the court in Vadgaon Maval after their initial police custody ended. According to reports, Advocate Vipul Dushing, representing Goyal, argued before the court that her arrest was illegal and carried out without valid grounds.

Ketan Agarwal, 26, a businessman and director in his family's real estate firm, was a resident of Gahunje near Pune. He was allegedly murdered by his fiancée and her alleged boyfriend, Chetan Chaudhary, on June 18. Initial reports had suggested that Ketan died after falling nearly 350-400 feet into a gorge while taking photographs during a



trek at Lohagad Fort with his fiancée and other friends. However, the police investigation later revealed that the incident was allegedly a pre-planned murder. According to investigators, Ketan had gone trekking at Lohagad Fort in Pune's Maval taluka with his fiancée and other friends when the alleged conspiracy was carried out. Police said Ketan was engaged to Siya Goyal, the prime accused in the case, and the couple was scheduled to marry in November

2026. His family had reportedly made lavish wedding arrangements in Udaipur, including booking a luxury palace and arranging flights for guests. Following a detailed investigation, police arrested Siya Goyal and her alleged boyfriend, Chetan Chaudhary, in connection with Ketan Agarwal's murder. A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway. According to ANI, the Lonavala Rural Police have also seized a two-wheeler alleg-

edly used by Chetan Chaudhary to travel from Pune to Lohagad Fort on the day of the incident. Investigators have also recovered the hoodie and headphones he was allegedly wearing at the time of the crime. Meanwhile, following the incident, the Maharashtra government has ordered the setting up of a fast-track court. The government has also appointed senior advocate and Rajya Sabha MP Ujjwal Nikam as the public prosecutor in the case, reported.

## 'We Never Hired Him': Siya Goyal's Brother Claims Aashutosh Srivastava, 'Not Our Lawyer', Accuses Him Of Issuing Threats

**Pune:** In an unexpected turn of events in Ketan Agarwal's murder case, Siya Goyal's brother, Sahil, on Monday said that Aashutosh Srivastava is not his family's lawyer in the case. "We have never hired him (Advocate Ashutosh Srivastava), and he is not someone that we have hired from our family. I know nothing about what he is claiming," he said, speaking to reporters. Sahil has alleged that he may have obtained Siya's signature "by deceit". Sahil also said the family has filed an affidavit in court over the matter and accused Srivastava of issuing threats, reported India Today. This comes days after Srivastava, claiming to be Siya's lawyer, claimed that the police are

yet to establish any direct evidence against Siya Goyal and that there was no eyewitness or independent witness to prove that Siya Goyal was responsible for the death of Agarwal at Lohagad Fort. Sahil also said the family's planned trip to Bali had been finalised but was cancelled after Ketan's passport went missing. "Yes. But it was cancelled because of the passport," he said. Police allege the missing passport was a key part of the alleged murder conspiracy. According to investigators, Siya had hidden Ketan's passport before the couple's scheduled June 6 trip to Bali for a pre-wedding photoshoot, forcing its cancellation. Investigators believe the passport's disap-



pearance was not an isolated act but part of a larger plot that culminated in Ketan's death at Lohagad Fort on June 18. It has also come to light that Goyal allegedly took Rs 1 crore from him under the pretext of wedding expenses before orchestrating his killing. Investigators claim the amount never went towards the wedding and was instead

diverted to Chetan, who allegedly planned to invest in his career and business. Goyal and her lover, Chetan Chaudhary, had planned to stay apart for nearly three years after the murder. Investigators believe the accused wanted public attention around the case to fade while Chetan would use that period to become financially stable.

## Saif Ali Khan's New Explanation For Son Taimur's Name Contradicts His & Kareena Kapoor's Earlier Statements

**Mumbai:** Actor Saif Ali Khan has once again found himself in the spotlight over the name of his elder son, Taimur Ali Khan. During a recent appearance at We The Women, the actor shared a fresh explanation behind choosing the name, but his latest remarks have drawn attention after fans noticed they contradicted both his earlier statement and Kareena Kapoor's old interview on the same topic. Speaking at the event, Saif revealed that the name "Taimur" was inspired

by a child who lived next door. He said, "We had a kid with this name as our next-door neighbour. The meaning of it was 'iron'. It's a lovely name which we liked the sound of and Kareena and I discussed it. We had no idea that it's got such strong kind of... people saying that there was an Asian Turkish invader of India with similar sounding name that has very negative connotations." However, soon after the clip went viral, an older video of Kareena Kapoor resurfaced on social

media, offering a different account of how the name was chosen. In the old interview, Kareena had credited Saif with selecting the name because of his interest in history. She had said, "He loves history. He's very articulate on the warriors he likes. He reads about them and I think he was a fan of Mongol Taimur. And also the fact that, as a child, he read a lot about it. Interestingly, Saif's latest statement also differs from what he had told Mumbai Mirror years ago

when the controversy first erupted after Taimur's birth. Addressing the criticism at the time, Saif had said, "My wife and I love the sound of it and we love its meaning. I am aware of the heritage of the Turkish ruler - he was Timur. My son is Taimur, an ancient Persian name that means iron." His latest claim that he and Kareena were unaware of the historical association has therefore raised eyebrows, as his previous interview acknowledged the ruler's legacy.

# EDITORIAL

## A ruthless angle in the education system

The country will progress only if the youth develops. But the education system is not making policies that are in line with the aspirations of the youth of the country, rather, strict rules are being followed without any mercy or compassion. The incidents that happened on Sunday are an example of this. It is known that the NEET UG exams were re-conducted across the country on Sunday (June 21). Lakhs of candidates appeared for the exam with great pressure. But the strict rule of not being allowed to enter even for a minute late prevented many from taking the exam. So many lakhs of people had to write this exam again because of the NEET question paper being leaked and the failure to maintain confidentiality and prevent irregularities. Students are having to pay the price for the mistakes of the administration. The scene of her father beating the administrators of the Vidisha NEET exam center in Madhya Pradesh after his daughter was not allowed to enter because she was late was heartbreaking. Not only this, similar incidents were witnessed in many parts of the country on Sunday. Despite the rain and the difficulties students faced in identifying their centers, they ignored all of this and stopped late students outside the gate.

In some places, candidates were not allowed despite biometric problems. The harsh and ruthless nature of the education system is causing concern to parents. Many students have come to exam centers far from their hometowns to write the NEET exam again. Strict admission rules are essential to maintain the credibility of the exams. However, the education system should not ignore the extraordinary pressure this is putting on the youth and their families. Especially for candidates coming from rural areas, when the exam centers are in remote areas, families with limited income may not be able to afford the cost of staying overnight near the exam centers, as well as the lack of proper transportation facilities, traffic problems and other difficulties. All these need to be considered. Moreover, if strict rules are implemented, many students will lose out if they are not allowed to enter the exam hall even for a minute.

About 17 hundred students were absent from Sunday's exam. Why were they unable to appear? Financial difficulties? Any pressure, or dissatisfaction with the chaotic system of these exams? Why is neither the NTA nor the Union Education Ministry focusing on these issues? Many other exams in the country and around the world are allocating a few minutes of extra time to enter the respective exam centers. And why is no such extra time being allocated for the NEET UG exam. If such an allocation is made, will the question papers be leaked immediately? If there is such a fear, then there must be some flaws in the system. Based on this, we can say how weak our education system is. The failure to conduct the NEET exam is also having a serious impact on the mental health of students. The cancellation of the exam for the first time has had a huge impact on the mental health of many people. Due to this, at least 12 students have lost their lives in the country so far because they could not bear the pressure. Doesn't that mean that the hope of the respective families has collapsed and drowned in an ocean of tragedy? When the incompetence of the administrative system is costing the lives of students, who is to blame? Who should be punished? Moreover, is it fair to push their future into a void in the name of regulations by not allowing them to write the exam? It is from such chaotic situations that youth agitations like Cockroach Janata are rising.

The protests are continuing with the main demand for the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. However, the Center does not seem to be swayed. Moreover, when we see Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan attacking Lok Sabha Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi for indulging in dirty politics in this matter without speaking out about NEET irregularities, we are reminded of the proverb that a fool cannot play and is too lazy to play. In an interview given to NDTV on Tuesday, he made serious allegations that Rahul Gandhi organized a program in Kota three days before the exam to scare students and damage their preparation, and tried to create anarchy. The Central Government should know that students are not in a position to respond to just what an opposition leader says. There is a need to examine the failures and take appropriate action against those responsible. Honesty and transparency should be used to prevent such injustice in the conduct of exams.

# Pune Fort Murder, And The One Word That Could've Stopped It All

Another arranged marriage. Another dead spouse. Another nation pretending to be shocked. The names change. The genders change. The headlines don't. Last month, it was Twisha Sharma who succumbed to her marriage. This month, it's Ketan Agarwal. Before that, another husband. Another wife. Another fiancée. Another family insisting that "everything seemed normal".

**None Of This Is Normal**  
No. Nothing is normal about a country where educated adults find it easier to lie, disappear - or even kill - than utter one simple sentence: "I don't want this marriage". All Siya Goyal had to do was say 'no' to the wedding. That sentence should have been enough. Instead, she resorted to cold-blooded murder.

**But why?**  
'No' is a rather unwelcome word in India. For us, the institution of marriage is more than just sacred. We take pride in it as our tradition, our culture, even our strength. Families spend months comparing biodatas, matching horoscopes, discussing salaries, buying jewellery, booking banquet halls and, nowadays, posting those gawky sanitised reels. Every logistical detail is meticulously planned. Everything except the one question that actually determines whether a marriage should happen: Do these two people genuinely want to marry each other? Not "Are they willing?" Not "Have they agreed?" But, do they truly want this life together? Those are very different questions. Now none of this is to say that arranged marriages are inherently bad, or that cold-blooded killers must

be absolved of their crime simply because they couldn't handle family pressure.

But the incidents raise questions about consent and why it's treated as secondary in Indian marriages. Consent is not the absence of protest. Consent is not silence. Consent is not saying 'yes' simply because disappointing your parents feels impossible. But this is precisely the kind of grey area countless marriages in India operate in. Parents call it guidance. Children experience it as an obligation. The emotional pressure is rarely explicit. It is accumulated over years: "We've already told the relatives". "The invitations are printed". "Think about your father's reputation". "Your mother has sacrificed everything for you". "People will laugh at us".

By the time the wedding date nears, saying "no" is no longer a choice. Instead, it feels like detonating a bomb. No wonder we've gone from a nation priding itself on "chhat mangni, pat byah" to "chhat mangni, pat FIR". It's a shame. So, people don't say no. They postpone difficult conversations. They continue secret relationships. They convince themselves they'll "adjust". They hope love will appear after marriage. They try to satisfy everyone except themselves. Sometimes, they resort to cold-blooded murder, too.

**Violence Is The Headline, Not The Story**

The institution of marriage then loses its sanctity, dignity and joy. It's no wonder then that a lot of these stories end in unhappy marriages. Abusive marriages. Adulterous marriages. Loveless marriages. Some end in divorce. A tiny, horrifying mi-



nority end in violence - like Ketan's. The violence is the headline. The absence of consent is the story. That is why every shocking murder inside a marriage should force us to ask an uncomfortable question - not merely about one individual, but about the culture surrounding marriage itself in India. Because coercion doesn't always look like force. Sometimes it looks like emotional blackmail. Sometimes it looks like guilt. Sometimes it looks like love wrapped inside obligation. Somewhere between kundalis and caterers, we've forgotten that marriage is not a family project. It is the most intimate legal, emotional and financial partnership two adults will ever enter. Yet, in many Indian households, parents function like CEOs overseeing a corporate merger. They shortlist candidates, negotiate expectations, fix timelines and manage reputations. Remember, Giribala Singh? Ya, I know - we rather not, right?

**The Real Decision-Makers**  
In the arranged marriage sys-

tem, the bride and groom become stakeholders, not decision-makers. The same families who claim credit when marriages succeed simply cannot accept scrutiny or censure when the culture they create makes rejecting a proposal, or declaring a partner of choice, feel impossible. Every parent planning a wedding should ask their child one question in complete privacy - with no relatives, no pressure and no emotional consequences attached: If you say no today, will you still feel loved tomorrow? If the answer is uncertain, that isn't consent. That is compliance. And compliance is a dangerous foundation for marriage. We also need to stop treating background verification as optional. Families spend lakhs on d&#233;cor but hesitate to spend a fraction of that understanding who their future son- or daughter-in-law really is. Professional background checks should become as routine as matching horoscopes. More importantly, we should normalise couples

spending meaningful time together before marriage. Dating for a few years. Even living in, if possible. Compatibility cannot be discovered over six supervised coffee meetings while anxious parents wait outside. Marriage isn't a wedding. It's a Tuesday - with its unpaid bills, sick parents, crying children, burnt rotis, broken fridges ... and extraordinary exhaustion. Those realities cannot be assessed through biodatas.

**Coercion vs Consent**  
Ultimately, the problem really isn't the marriage itself. The problem is coercion. The moment "yes" becomes the only acceptable answer, an arranged marriage stops being arranged. It becomes a forced marriage. This distinction matters because forced marriage is not defined by physical force alone. It is defined by the absence of free and informed consent. Until we recognise that emotional coercion can be just as powerful as physical coercion, we'll continue mistaking compliance for choice.

# Iran Peace Process Needs A New Architect, And India Shouldn't Waste Its Chance

*This is a bewildering 'peace process', as was the war that continues to dribble on. The main combatants are not at the table, and the basic requirements for ending the war are not even being mentioned. Critical issues include a dependable guarantee of no attack on Iran, tied, in turn, to ending all attacks on and by Israel, and a verifiable end to terrorist activity against Tel Aviv. Meanwhile, the process is being constantly eroded with US President Donald Trump threatening more attacks even as Israel turns its back on the tenuous deal that has been reached. As the world's oil reserves reach a precipitous edge, it is vital for everyone that the war ends, and for good, and not continues in fits and starts. That needs a wider engagement.*

*First, Iran has suffered attacks for a year now, with these going on alongside negotiations. The latest threats from Trump included not just to take over the Strait of Hormuz but also, seemingly, kidnapping or assassination of the delegation that came to the meeting called in Switzerland. The Iranians then walked out of the meeting, returning later to hammer out a temporary way forward with the Pakistanis and the Qataris. While the "Memorandum of Understanding" does declare an "immediate and permanent termination of military operations on all front", this now has little meaning given the daily threats and counter-threats. A complete ceasefire, therefore, has to first guarantee a period of absolute safety to Iran,*

*extending this to an absolute end once a final agreement is signed.*

*A credible guarantee has to be multinational, backed with troops on the ground, primarily from countries who matter to US trade and security. That means Europe and a few others. Notwithstanding the sidelining of the United Nations, it is still the only body that can provide a mandate. The problem is that the world body will be expected to monitor a Security Council member. That's not as impossible as it sounds. It has been done before, not far from Hormuz, and, oddly, in an almost identical situation. The Suez Crisis occurred during Egypt's nationalisation of the canal, which led to attacks by the UK, France and Israel. That, in turn, led to the first peacekeeping mission ever, with President Eisenhower using all levers to end the war and press European countries. This time, the 'levers' have to be the other way around, primarily with UN troops on the ground as a guarantee of safety. That requires European unity and a rare determination to stand up to the US. Both things are possible as the Eurozone limps toward stagflation fears.*

*Then is the second vital aspect. Israel has conveniently distanced itself entirely from the MoU and continued its bombings on Lebanon, leading to US Vice President JD Vance making a rare open criticism of Tel Aviv, pointing out, "You can't just kill your way out of solving every single national security problem that you*



*have." The irony is that a large list of US companies are intermeshed in the Israeli defence industry. Raytheon, now called RTX, is involved in the famed Iron Dome and David's Sling, and Israel recently announced plans to double its fleet of Lockheed Martin's F-35s. It is entirely possible for the US to limit giving, for instance, spare parts to Israel to bring it to halt its attacks, at least over a short haul. In addition, Israel depends heavily on refined oil from Russia, while crude is sourced via the Caspian Sea. Any or all of these countries could choose to restrict oil passage if Israel tries to fire its way out of a peace deal.*

*Finally, an MoU that doesn't ensure Israel's right to live peacefully is pointless. That means that myriad groups like Hezbollah and Hamas have to be effectively dealt with. An international counter-terrorism alliance made up of those who have been lived with terrorism for years, to include Australia, India, France, Russia, and*

*perhaps even China, as a 'minder' for its client state Pakistan, could launch a 'Five eyes' of their own. This would give heft to a Stabilisation Force made up primarily of West Asian countries and form the basis of an expanded Abraham Accord, to ensure that each works on the ground with the other. That might even get to the point where these countries actually get what was till now a chimera of sorts, where connectivity and integration comes into play. In fact a Board of Peace++, but without President Trump as Chairman.*

*All of this is possible. The trouble is the huge profits from war. Trump plans an unprecedented \$1.5 trillion increase in military expenditure, even as much of Europe follows suit. Wars always require replenishment of expended stocks and bolster arguments for more technology. Unsurprisingly, defence companies' stocks have gone through the roof. Then are European gas and oil companies, which have*

*doubled their profits, as also US and European banks, which reported \$47.7 billion in profits in just the first three months of the year. In short, business circles that power politics have no great interest in ending wars. But push will come to shove only when these leaders see their political fortunes plummet - as Trump did in a recent poll and as the UK sees its seventh Prime Minister in ten years. European leaders, barring Italy's Meloni, have all experienced a sharp drop in popularity, primarily due to economic and geopolitical anxiety. For Delhi, this might be the time to cash in on its multi-alignment framework, emerging as a trusted partner to all sides, and chalk out a deal that effectively delivers a sustainable peace, given that the need to end the war is only getting more urgent. An add-on not to be brushed aside is that doing this will bring the focus back to terrorism and give India a place at the high table.*



# Amit Shah Oversees Landmark Yamuna Water Agreement

## - Haryana-Rajasthan Ink Key Yamuna Water Deal



**New Delhi, June, 29 (PIB):** In the presence of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, the governments of Rajasthan and Haryana today signed an important agreement in New Delhi for the construction and implementation of the Yamuna Water Project. On this occasion,

Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma, Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C. R. Patil, and senior officials from the Central Government and the State Governments were preent. On this occasion, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

Shri Amit Shah said in his address that this agreement has today resolved the nearly three-decade-old water-related problem faced by the people of Haryana and Rajasthan. He stated that this agreement is an excellent example of the mantra ‘Solution through Dialogue’, given by Prime Minister Shri

Narendra Modi. This agreement demonstrates that if states move forward with the spirit of cooperative federalism, even a problem persisting for three decades can be resolved easily. Amit Shah said that under today’s agreement, approximately 580 Million Cubic Meters (MCM) of

water will be supplied from the Yamuna Canal to Rajasthan through three underground pipelines from July to October. These three pipelines have a diameter of more than 3.6 metres and will provide drinking water to the people of both Rajasthan and Haryana. Shri Shah said that this agreement is an excellent example of a Win-Win Situation for both states. The agreement has carefully addressed financial responsibilities, cost-sharing, water allocation, water release protocols, and maintenance arrangements. This scientifically comprehensive agreement also beautifully incorporates the operation and maintenance of infrastructure, monitoring systems, transparency measures, and a robust dispute resolution mechanism. Union Home Minister said that the framework of this agreement, prepared by Haryana, Rajasthan, and especially the Central

Water Commission (CWC), will stand as a dispute-free agreement for many decades to come. He said that under the chairmanship of Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C. R. Patil, a resolution was achieved in just a few days. Following this agreement, drinking water will be supplied to the districts of Sikar, Churu, and Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan, as well as the Bhiwani and Fatehabad areas in Haryana. Amit Shah said that this agreement will greatly help in resolving the drinking water problem in Rajasthan and Haryana, particularly in Rajasthan. The water that was earlier going to waste will now quench the thirst of the people and will be stored in large ponds to recharge the groundwater level. Shri Shah said that Haryana, Rajasthan, and the Ministry of Jal Shakti have truly translated into reality the message of cooperative federalism given by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

### Rajya Sabha Chairman C.P. Radhakrishnan administers oath/affirmation to newly elected/re-elected Members in Rajya Sabha Chamber

**New Delhi, June, 29 (PIB):** Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha, C.P. Radhakrishnan administered oath/affirmation today in Rajya Sabha Chamber to seven newly elected/ re-elected Members namely Mansingh Meraman Parmar, Shri Tarun Chugh, Dr. Alka Singh, Shri Jitendra Meghijibhai Kanzariya, Rajendra Hiralal Jain, M. Nagaraja and Smt. Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi. Four Members took oath/affirmation in Hindi, one in Kannada, one in Punjabi and one in Manipuri. Two Members are from the state of Gujarat and rest, one each from Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur and Rajasthan. Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda, Leader of the House, Rajya Sabha and Minister of Health and Family Welfare, and Chemicals and Fertilizers; Shri Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs; Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law and Justice; Shri Jairam Ramesh, Shri Praful Patel, Members, Rajya Sabha; Shri P. C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha and other senior officers of the secretariat were also present on the occasion.

### Project BRAHMANK of BRO Marks its 16th Raising Day



**New Delhi, June, 29 (PIB):** Project BRAHMANK of Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 16th Raising Day on Jun 29, 2026 at Ranaghat, Arunachal Pradesh, marking fifteen years of dedicated service towards the development of strategic infrastructure and connectivity in the region. The Project is responsible for development and maintenance of strategic road infrastructure across the Siang, East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang and Shi-Yomi districts of Arunachal Pradesh, as well as parts of Dhemaji district in Assam. The Project is entrusted with the maintenance and development of 811 km of roads and approximately 86 bridges, ranging from culverts to major steel and arch bridges. Some of its major engineering achievements include the 100-metre steel arch bridge over Siyom Nallah and the 165 metre PSC bridge over Simang Nallah on the Along–Yingkiong Road.

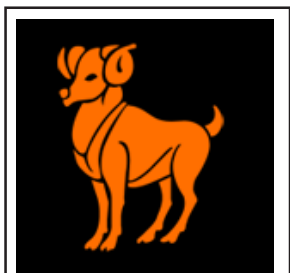
During FY 2025–26, Project BRAHMANK achieved significant milestones with the inauguration of 13 bridges having a cumulative span of 390 metres across the Siang and Siyom Valleys and the blacktopping of 61 km of roads to NHDL specifications. The Project has also developed helipads to improve connectivity and strengthen strategic infrastructure in the region. As part of the 16th Raising Day celebrations, various social outreach and welfare activities were organised at Headquarters and Task Force locations. Sainik Sammelans, troop interactions and Bada Khana/Mess functions were also organised to mark the occasion and foster camaraderie among personnel. Raised on 29 June 2011 at Ranaghat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, the Project became fully functional on 03 December 2011. Despite difficult conditions characterized by rugged terrain, frequent rainfall, poor connectivity and limited infrastructure, the Project has been instrumental in providing strategic and operational connectivity to the Armed Forces while bringing remote villages into the national mainstream.

### National Study Report on “Low Participation in Gram Sabha Across States and Union Territories” to be Released on 30th June 2026

#### Report Highlights Challenges & Pathways to Strengthen Gram Sabha Participation

**New Delhi (PIB):** The National Study Report on "Low Participation in Gram Sabha across States and Union Territories" will be released on 30th June 2026 in New Delhi by Dr. R. Balasubramanian, Member, NITI Aayog in the presence of Shri Vivek Bharadwaj, Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj, along with other senior officials from the Government, NIRD&PR, academicians, researchers, and stakeholders associated with Panchayati Raj. The Report has been prepared by NIRD&PR for the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and is based on extensive field research covering approximately 7,790 respondents across around 400 Gram Panchayats in 26 States and Union Territories, including PESA and Women-led Gram Panchayats. It examines dimensions influencing Gram Sabha participation, including awareness levels, communication systems, inclusiveness, institutional responsiveness, governance practices, infrastructure availability, and citizen perceptions, with the aim of identifying practical measures for strengthening participatory democracy and grassroots governance, and providing evidence-based actionable inputs for policy formulation, institutional strengthening, and enhanced citizen participation in Gram Sabhas. The Gram Sabha, envisaged under Article 243A of the Constitution, is the cornerstone of participatory local governance. This National Study Report, seeks to identify the factors affecting citizen participation and recommend measures to strengthen Gram Sabhas, fostering more vibrant, inclusive, and accountable Panchayati Raj Institutions across rural India.

## Today’s Horoscope



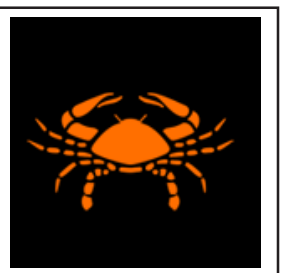
**Aries**  
Today, your health is expected to be healthy. Due to your good health, you can plan to play with your friends today. The money you had saved up from a long time can come to use today. However, the expenditure can lower your spirit. Try not to say the wrong things at the wrong time-Be careful not to hurt the ones you love. Erratic behaviour of your darling ruin romance today. Today, you will know the truth that why your boss is so rude with you always. It will feel really good. Today, you can spend most of your time on things that are not necessary or important. If you want the day to go well, just don't utter a single word if the mood of your spouse is off. Remedy :- Gift your lover, items made of steel or iron and make your love bond strong.



**Taurus**  
For a contented life improve your mental toughness. You may get into a fight with your spouse today over money-related matters. However, you will fix everything with your calm attitude. Good day to communicate with people whom you rarely meet. You will be popular and easily attract members of the opposite sex. You need to put your intelligence and influence to sort matters at work. Students of this zodiac sign can get engrossed in their mobile phones for the whole day. Things look really fabulous in terms of your married life today. Remedy :- Accept donation of rice from your mother or elderly women, bundle this in a white cloth and keep in your home for great benefits in your professional life.



**Gemini**  
You need to control your emotions and get rid of your fear as early as possible, as chances of instantaneously affecting your health and a stumbling block in your way of enjoying good health are high on the card. It's another high-energy day and unexpected gains are foreseen. Your knowledge and good humour would impress people around you. You need to be in your best behaviour-because it won't take much to upset your lover today. Venture into partnership with enterprising people. Remedy :- Keep good relations with your boyfriend/girlfriend by distributing chocolates to poor and need young girls.



**Cancer**  
Health of spouse needs proper care and attention. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. A day for renewal of bonds and ties with family. Your sweetheart is going to miss you badly all day. Plan a surprise and make it the most beautiful day of your life. Work at office will gain momentum as colleagues and seniors extend full cooperation. Busy natives will finally be able to spend some time alone after a long while, but a household task can consume most of it. Touches, kisses, hugs have a very special significance in married life. You are going to experience it today. Remedy :- Chant This Mantra : Aum Surya Narayanaya Namoh Namah



**Leo**  
Astrological guidance by a friend will encourage you to improve your health. Invest wisely. Purchase of essential items for the kitchen keeps you busy in the evening. People who are still single are likely to meet someone special today. But before moving forward, just be clear about that person's relationship status. Interacting with eminent people will bring you good ideas and plans. You may suddenly have to go on an unwanted journey today, due to which your plan to spend time with family may get spoiled. Your spouse will give you ample of time to listen your heart out. Remedy :- Maintain happiness in family life by having food without wearing any footwear and on small wooden stool/chowki.



**Virgo**  
Only you know what is best for you- so be strong and bold and take quick decisions and be prepared to live with the results. Today you can invest your money in religious activities, and most likely to incur mental peace and stability. Daughter illness would upset your mood. Give her your love to lift her spirit as she overcomes her ailment. The power of love does have remarkable healing potentialities. One-sided infatuation will prove disastrous today. All the hard work that you had been putting at work will pay you today. Busy natives will finally be able to spend some time alone after a long while, but a household task can consume most of it. Remedy :- Donate Barley, equivalent to your weight, to a goshala or cowshed for bliss and peace in family life.



**Libra**  
A very good day from health point of view. Your cheerful state of mind will give you the desired tonic and keep you confident. Money position will improve later in the day. Over indulgence in outdoor activities at the cost of studies could invite the wrath of your parents. Planning career is as important as games. Better to balance both to please your parents. Chances of someone proposing on the cards. You might get the kind of work today in office, which you always wanted to do. Today, you won't feel like getting up from your bed and will act lazily. However, later on you'll realize the worth of time and how you've wasted it by doing nothing. Today you will know the true ecstasy of being married. Remedy :- Worshipping Goddess Saraswati by offering blue flowers will be beneficial for family life.



**Scorpio**  
Playing with kids would give you a wonderful healing experience. You will possess a considerable amount of money today, and with it there will be peace of mind. People you live with will not be very happy with you- regardless of what you do to please them. Today you will miss true love in your life. Don't worry everything changes with time so will your romantic life. Your consistent hard work will pay really well today. Today, you can get involved in an argument with someone without any reason. Doing so will spoil your mood as well as waste your precious time. If you and your spouse had a really good food or drinks today, health might suffer. Remedy :- Use Bamboo, cane, fruit basket, or tray to keep fruits and rotis/bread. This remedy will help you in removing barriers from family life.



**Sagittarius**  
Health can bloom by sharing happiness with others. Real estate investment would be lucrative. Work in close coordination to bring harmony in your home. Past happy memories will keep you busy. Auspicious day when progress should be made to finalize important business deals. Today you can spend some quality time with your spouse by taking a break from your work. The love of your life, your spouse might give you a wonderful surprise today. Remedy :- To keep your partner happy, gift your father and teacher red and maroon-coloured clothing.



**Capricorn**  
Keep your patience as your continuous effort coupled with common sense and understanding will guarantee your success. You could find yourself in an exciting new situation-which will also bring you financial gains. You will make new friends if you get involved in group activities. Don't wear those clothes which your lover doesn't like as it may offend him. Great day to implement new projects and plans. Tension filled day when several differences might crop up with close associates. The low health of your spouse might become an hindrance in your work, but you will be able to manage everything somehow. Remedy :- To keep your love life vibrant and strong, visit Laxmi Narayan temple and offer prasad.



**Aquarius**  
You need to exhibit extreme courage and strength as you face some traumas. You could easily overcome these by your optimistic attitude. You should value time and money or else the upcoming time will be full of troubles and challenges. In a happy-energetic-loving mood-your jovial nature brings joy and happiness to those around you. Show your love by placing flower at your window. You might get compliments at work. Students of this zodiac sign may find it difficult to concentrate on their studies today. Also, you can waste your precious time on friends. Your life-partner will put a lot many efforts today for you to make you the happiest. Remedy :- To become financially strong, respect and honor your wife.



**Pisces**  
Keep your patience as your continuous effort coupled with common sense and understanding will guarantee your success. The court will make decisions in your favour today if you were involved in a case regarding money-related matters. It will benefit you financially. Grandchildren would be a source of immense pleasure. Romance would be pleasurable and highly exciting. Respond positively and quickly to new ideas in business. They will go in your favour. You need to convert them in reality by hardwork-which is the key to sustain your business interest. Keep your cool to restore your interest in the work. Today, you won't feel like getting up from your bed and will act lazily. Remedy :- Donate red clothing to needy people for growth in business and work life.

## How Personal Rao Bahadur Is For Mahesh Babu!

The excitement around Satya Dev and Venkatesh Maha’s unique psychological drama Rao Bahadur has reached a new high after superstar Mahesh Babu shared his thoughts on the film.

Having watched the final cut, Mahesh Babu expressed immense admiration for the team’s effort and the film’s artistic vision. His appreciation carries added significance, given his close association with the project as its presenter. He described Rao Bahadur as a film that is not just watched, but felt, saying it is “strange, beautiful and intensely dramatic.” The superstar appreciated director Venkatesh Maha and lead actor Satya Dev. “@mahaisnotanoun builds a stunning world... @ActorSatyaDev takes over that world like only he can!!! @DeepaThomasss shines with a beautifully nuanced performance...” Mahesh Babu further applauded the supporting cast and technical crew,



crediting them for elevating the film with their exceptional contributions. Expressing immense pride in the entire team, he conveyed confidence that

audiences would embrace the film and its unique madness when it arrives in theatres on July 3. This shows how personal this film is for Mahesh

Babu, and the strong belief he has in the film’s potential, and his words are expected to further elevate the anticipation surrounding Rao Bahadur.

## OG2: Pawan Is More Excited Than Fans

Pawan Kalyan fans are flying over the moon. The reason is simple. The much anticipated sequel/prequel to his gangster drama OG is likely to go on floors much earlier than expected as per the recent developments.

After the disappointment of Ustaad Bhagat Singh, it appeared like Pawan Kalyan will take a brief sabbatical from movies because of his political commitments in the NDA government of Andhra Pradesh and as the head of Janasena party. Even fans also believed that the wait is going to be so long as Pawan is not much keen to take up new projects.

Though this sequel was promised at the time when OG hit the screens, many expected that it is not going to happen any time sooner because of Pawan Kalyan’s busy involvement in politics and also due to Sujeeth’s obligations with other actors. However, this speculation turned out to be wrong.

All of a sudden, much to the excitement of fans, dropped an unexpected update from Pawan Kalyan’s production house last week about his potential reunion with director Sujeeth for none other than the second installment of OG. It was announced that the discussions between the actor and director will take place very soon

In no time, both Pawan



Kalyan and Sujeeth met earlier this week and had a brief discussion about the highly awaited collaboration. The story sittings triggered a massive buzz because Pawan Kalyan seemed so elated with Sujeeth’s narration and also deeply involved in the character arc during this meeting.

Taking the excitement to a whole new level, Pawan Kalyan has now posted about this earth-shattering combination through his official X handle just a while ago. He quoted the video of his production house and wrote ” You

asked, We heard... Welcome to OG Universe.”

This post has sent fans into an unprecedented range of enthusiasm because Pawan Kalyan hardly talks about his movies except for the promotional events. He never posted anything about his films on his social media account despite having millions of followers. So, his intense involvement in OG sequel has come as a big shock to his fans as well.

Pawan Kalyan’s mood and mannerisms during the promotions of OG were of a dif-

ferent level. He displayed great energy levels and involved thoroughly in the making of OG because of the vintage character penned by Sujeeth. Undoubtedly, OG has given him utmost satisfaction as an actor in recent times.

Now, he seems to be once again very eager to get into the shoes of Ojas Gambheera and give a wholesome treat to fans and audiences. For now, his involvement and eagerness have given a big reason for fans to cheer before the sequel starts rolling.

## Hrithik Wraps Up Jailer 2 Cameo?

Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan has reportedly completed shooting for his special appearance in Jailer 2. Reports suggest director Nelson Dilipkumar has crafted a major sequence featuring both Hrithik and Rajinikanth, raising excitement around the sequel. The much-awaited film is expected to deliver another big-screen spectacle for fans.



## Thella Kaagitham first song Chilaka is instantly addictive

Promising young actor Harsh Roshan is ready to entertain audiences with a new-age romantic drama titled Thella Kaagitham. Nakshatra is playing the female lead in the film. The film is bankrolled by Krishna Kommalapati under the banner of Arunachala Creations. Thella Kaagitham officially grabbed attention with the release of its first-look poster. The makers have kick-started the film’s musical promotions with the release of the first single, “Chilaka.” Composed by Vijai Bulganin, the song is a delightful melody filled with vibrant energy, soothing rhythms, and heartwarming emotions that instantly strike a chord with listeners. Bringing the track to life, Anurag Kulkarni delivers a soulful rendition that beautifully conveys the essence of love, while Purna Chary’s poetic yet catchy lyrics add to its appeal, making it an instant earworm. The lyrical video captures the innocence and sweetness of young

romance, showcasing memorable moments between Harsh Roshan and Nakshatra during their school days. Adding further charm, Harsh Roshan’s catchy hook step is expected to become a social media sensation through reels and shorts. Billed as a youthful musical love story packed with romance and emotional depth, the film has already raised expectations with its first impressive single, hinting at another memorable and melodious album from Vijai Bulganin. The makers describe the film as a soulful musical love story that will resonate with younger audiences. Acclaimed writer Nandu Savirigana has provided the script and dialogues, while newcomer Ramesh Bandreddi is making his debut as director. The music department is headed by Vijai Bulganin, with cinematography by K. V. Guhan and editing by Karthika Srinivas. More details will be announced soon.

## Krithi Shetty’s Glam Game Never Misses



Krithi Shetty’s 2026 hasn’t gone exactly as planned at the box office. Both LIK and Vaa Vaathiyar failed to create the impact many expected, leaving the young actress searching for a strong comeback. However, that hasn’t stopped her from staying in the spotlight, as her latest pictures have once again grabbed the attention of fans on social media. Dressed in a stylish blue corset top paired with a chic designer mini skirt, Krithi looked effortlessly glamorous. The actress complemented her look with luxury accessories and confident poses, proving that her fashion game remains as strong as ever. On the work front, Krithi is pinning high hopes on Genie, which is expected to be a crucial film in her career. With audiences eager to see her bounce back, the actress will be hoping the fantasy entertainer delivers the success she is looking for.

## Finance Problem & VFX Bill – Vishwambhara’s Never-Ending Woes!



Megastar Chiranjeevi’s Vishwambhara was completed a long ago but the movie is not releasing yet. Megastar’s other film, Mana Shankara Vara Prasad Garu started after Vishwambhara had released already. He also started his other film with Bobby and the movie is shooting with Sankranthi 2027 target. On the other hand, there is no official announcement about Vishwambhara release plan. The movie was ambitiously made with a budget of 200 Crore but then, a couple of teasers killed the hype completely. Initially, there was a mismatch between the expected amount and offering amount from the OTT Platforms. While the negotiations are on, the gap widened so much that the offer is now shockingly low. Buzz is that UV Creations has around 200 Crore Finance to be cleared and about 150 Crore is on this film. Sources say the movie may need the help of Chiranjeevi and Ram Charan to bailout. That aside, there are pending due reportedly worth 23 Crores to be cleared for the VFX Companies. They allegedly held the content until the payment is cleared. The negotiations are on with the companies to find a way out. Once the VFX issue is cleared, the Finance part comes next. It is confirmed that Megastar will graciously let go of his majority of paycheck, but it is too much of an ask for Chiranjeevi or Charan to sign for Finance Clearance. We will have to see what is in store for Vishwambhara!

## FIFA WC 2026 becomes highest-scoring World Cup in history, breaks attendance record



**California:** The FIFA World Cup 2026 etched its name into the record books on Friday after becoming the highest-scoring edition in the tournament's history, with the landmark being reached during the United States' thrilling Group D clash against Turkey. United States defender Auston Trusty scored the historic 173rd goal of the tournament with an early opener. This surpassed the previous World Cup record of 172 goals set during all 64 matches at Qatar 2022. This milestone occurred in just the 59th match

of the expanded tournament. The goal count kept increasing as Turkiye fought back to secure a dramatic 3-2 win over co-hosts USA, bringing the tournament total to 177 goals. FIFA president Gianni Infantino praised this achievement as another sign of the tournament's success. "Surpassing the previous highest of 172 goals from Qatar shows the excitement and attacking talent that have already made the 2026 World Cup so unforgettable," Infantino wrote on Instagram. This scoring record

has been reached with five matches still left before the knockout stages finish. Unlike past editions, the 2026 World Cup includes 104 matches due to FIFA's expansion from 32 to 48 teams, allowing for more chances for goals and excitement. The previous record of 172 goals had stood since the 2022 World Cup in Qatar, where the total was reached over the tournament's full schedule of 64 matches. Moreover, the FIFA World Cup 2026 has also broken the all-time attendance record. A total of 3,605,357 fans have attended the tournament so far, the highest attendance in the history of the competition. The tournament's previous all-time cumulative attendance record was 3.5 million, established at the 1994 edition, by the end of the group stage. "This is a true reflection of our fans' love for the beautiful game and football's ability to bring people together to celebrate, feel joy, and share emotions that unite. The scenes inside

the stadiums and across our 16 fantastic host cities have been incredible and I thank you for coming from all corners of the globe to light up this @fifaworldcup," Infantino said. "The best is still to come and we will set more records, but what is most important is that people continue to have fun and create memories for life," he added. The 2026 edition of FIFA World Cup got off to an epic start and just six days after the thrilling curtain-raiser at Mexico City Stadium, the tournament's all-time daily attendance record has been broken on June 17 (IST). In total, 281,223 fans took their places in the stands across four group-stage encounters – France v. Senegal, Iraq v. Norway, Argentina v. Algeria and Austria v. Jordan – with the combined attendance figure surpassing the previous daily record of 277,070, set on 28 June 1994, which also featured four matches.

## Turkey beat United States 3-2 with last-gasp winner at FIFA World Cup

**Inglewood, (California):** Kaan Ayhan scored with the final kick of the match as Turkey beat the United States 3-2 on Thursday night for its only win of the World Cup. Auston Trusty scored in the third minute and Sebastian Berhalter equalised early in the second half for the Americans, who had already won Group D with victories over Paraguay and Australia. Coach Mauricio Pochettino's team will meet Bosnia-Herzegovina in the Round of 32 on Wednesday. Pochettino fielded nine new starters for this low-stakes game, but Christian Pulisic entered in the 58th minute. He had not played since the first half of the Americans' opener due to a calf injury. Arda Guler and Orkun Kokcu scored in the first half of a resilient performance by Turkey, which had already been eliminated after losing its first two matches despite largely dominating both statistically. Turkey sealed an improbable win in the eighth minute of stoppage time when Can Uzun got the ball in space at the back post and pushed it past sprawling goalkeeper Matt Turner to Ayhan, who slid in to knock it home. The game's lack of significance did not matter to the raucous sell-out crowd that packed SoFi Stadium. The American team's fan base has been energised by its strong



start to this home World Cup, and the Los Angeles-area crowd was still chanting and standing when Berhalter floated a long corner to Trusty, who made the stadium shake when he banged it home inside the back post. Trusty's goal was the Americans' seventh of the tournament, tying their scoring record for any World Cup before knockout play had even begun. It was also the 173rd goal of this tournament, breaking the record for the most combined goals scored at a World Cup set in Qatar four years ago, and doing so in four fewer matches. Turkey equalised in the 10th minute

with an excellent move involving Baris Alper Yilmaz and Guler, the 21-year-old Real Madrid rising star. Guler then set up another goal in the 31st minute with a pass that eventually led to Kokcu's close-range strike. Turkey scored with both of its shots on target in the first half. Berhalter equalised in the 49th minute by running on to a loose ball about 20 yards from goal and unleashing a powerful strike. Pulisic replaced Tim Weah in the 58th minute for his first game action since the first half of the Americans' 4-1 victory over Paraguay nearly two weeks earlier. Pulisic said

this week that he was ready to play again after coming off at half-time with a calf injury in the Americans' home World Cup opener. The AC Milan midfielder entered the match to an enormous roar and created a scoring opportunity just a couple of minutes later with a dynamic run down the left flank. Pulisic nearly scored in the 63rd minute, but his quick shot from a fine pass by Berhalter was tipped onto the goalpost by Turkey goalkeeper Ugurcan Cakir, and Brenden Aaronson missed the resulting sitter.

## More than 100 women players sign up for ICC's protection programme against online trolling



**London:** More than 100 women cricketers have signed up for the ICC Player Protection Programme to "silence trolls on social media platforms" in partnership with AI-

powered moderator Freedom2hear, which has weeded out almost 60,000 "harmful pieces of content" during the ongoing T20 World Cup. Over 50 new sign-ups

were recorded at the start of the tournament here, the ICC said in a release. "...while the service provides additional protection across official ICC social media accounts. Seven of the

12 teams competing at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 are protected, with umpires and broadcasters also registered," the statement read. After the first week of the T20 World Cup, the tool reviewed nearly 250,000 comments and removed almost 60,000 harmful pieces of content. "More than 2,000 repeat offenders had temporary restrictions put on their interactions, and 370 users were blocked." Indian left-arm spinner Radha Yadav highlighted the growing "toxicity" of social media as a reason for joining the programme.

"Social media can be such an amazing resource for me to interact with friends, family and fans all over the world, but it's also become an increasingly toxic space, especially for female athletes," said Yadav.

## ISSF Junior World Championship 2026: India top medal standings with 24 medals in Suhl



**Hyderabad:** The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) celebrated a huge milestone as the Indian contingent finished at the top of the medal standings at the ISSF Junior World Championship 2026 in Suhl, Germany. India concluded its dominant campaign with an extraordinary haul of 24 medals, comprising seven gold, eight silver and nine bronze. The country's campaign got off to a flying start with Sejal Kamble winning the individual gold medal in the 10m Air Pistol Women Junior event, while Himanshi secured the bronze. The trio of Sejal Kamble, Vanshika Choudhary, and Navya Bishnoi then claimed gold in the corresponding Team event to give India an early lead in the championship. The momentum stayed firmly with India as Sameer won gold in the 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior event and Rohit Kanyan emerged victorious in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior competition. Prachi Gaikwad added a silver medal in the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Women Junior event, while India secured bronze medals in both the 50m Rifle 3 Positions Men Junior Team and 25m Rapid Fire Pistol Men Junior Team events through highly consistent team performances. Celebrating the incredible depth of the squad, Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo, President, NRAI, said, "Topping the medal tally at a World Championship for two successive editions is a phenomenal achievement. What makes me happiest is that these 24 med-

als didn't just come from one or two individual stars, they were spread across rifle and pistol, individual, mixed, and team events. It proves that our structural grassroots programmes are working effectively and the depth of talent we have in India right now is immense. Every single one of these young athletes has made the nation proud." India continued to pile on the medals through Anvii Rathod, who claimed bronze in the 10m Air Rifle Women Junior event, followed by a masterful performance from Pritam Kendre, who clinched gold in the 10m Air Rifle Men Junior event. India also won bronze medals in the 25m Pistol Women Junior Team and 25m Pistol Men Junior Team events to fortify its position at the apex of the standings. In the 10m Air Pistol Men Junior category, Shiva Narwal won silver and Yug Pratap Singh Rathore secured bronze in a spectacular double-podium finish. Narwal then teamed up with Sandeep Bishnoi and Chirag Sharma to earn silver in the Team event, before partnering with Vanshika Chaudhary to secure another silver in the 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team discipline. Reflecting on the grit shown by the contingent, Pawankumar Singh, Secretary General, NRAI, said, "Suhl always tests young athletes because the conditions and the competition are incredibly in-

tense. Seeing our junior team handle that pressure so calmly and consistently hit the podium is highly encouraging for the future of Indian shooting. This success belongs just as much to the coaches, support staff, and families working relentlessly behind the scenes as it does to the shooters themselves. Our focus now is to ensure we sustain this momentum as they eventually transition into the senior ranks."

One of India's strongest performances came in the closing stages of the championship. Abhinav Deshwal won gold in the 25m Standard Pistol Men Junior event, while Shambhavi Shravan Kshirsagar and Abhinav Shaw captured gold in the 10m Air Rifle Mixed Team Junior competition. India also secured silver in the 25m Standard Pistol Men Junior Team event through Abhinav Deshwal, Jatin, and Abhinav Choudhary. In the 25m Standard Pistol Women Junior event, Shaurya Dilip Bharné claimed silver and Riya Duggal added a bronze medal. On the final day of competition, Raj Chandra won bronze in the 50m Pistol Men Junior event, while Yogesh Kumar, Prateek, and Abhinav Choudhary combined for a silver in the Team event. Aishwarya Ravichandra Balehosur rounded off the stellar campaign with a hard-fought individual silver medal in the 50m Pistol Women Junior event to mathematically seal India's position at the top of the world.

## Jemimah Rodrigues urges aggressive intent ahead of high-stakes World Cup clash



**Hyderabad:** India's star batter Jemimah Rodrigues says that her team cannot be defensive against Australia and must dominate, take the game to them and that her team enjoys the challenge too. Speaking on JioStar's special programme ahead of the big clash against Australia in the ICC Women's World Cup in the UK, Jemimah said: "We know there is no other way. You must match their intensity and stay ahead. That kind of mindset works well for us. Shafali Verma has played a lot against them. Renuka has also bowled well against Australia in the past. Most of our players have good experience against them. We have faced them many times. But on the day, it all comes down to execution. We just need to go out there, back ourselves, and play with that aggressive intent. If we do that, I think ev-

erything will fall into place." For her part, captain Harmanpreet Kaur pointed that Australia remained a strong side even without Alyssa Healy. "We recently played a T20I series against Australia on their home soil, and we performed well. That series gave us confidence. It's not that after Alyssa Healy's retirement, Australia have become weaker. They are still a very strong side," she said. "They have a deep pool of players and a system that keeps producing quality cricketers. One player leaving doesn't change that. Sophie Molineux is a great captain too. She leads from the front and knows how to get the best out of her players. She is calm under pressure and

reads the game well. She has been part of this Australian setup for a long time, so she understands the dynamics of the team. Under her leadership, they will be well prepared," Harmanpreet said. "But we have always played good cricket against them. We have always given them tough competition in big tournaments. The mindset remains the same, we will give our best, work hard, and try to dominate them in every department. We know they are a strong team, but we also know we have the ability to match them," the Indian captain said. On the team's focus on themselves rather than thinking about Australia's strengths, Harmanpreet said: "We know Australia have great cricketers. They have world-class players in every department.

## Jana Sena Party Committee Formation: In-Charge Bejawada Dinesh Invites Interested Leaders and Cadres



**Piler, June 29:** Jana Sena Party Piler Assembly Constituency In-Charge Bezawada Dinesh announced that the party will constitute new committees from the Rajampet Parliamentary level down to the village level as part of its efforts to further strengthen the party at the grassroots. In a statement released on Monday, he said that the committee formation process is being undertaken under the guidance of Kalyanam Siva Srinivasulu, Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Police Housing Board, in accordance with the directions of Jana Sena Party President and Andhra

Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Speaking on the occasion, Bezawada Dinesh said, "Strengthening the party organization is our foremost priority. Committees are being formed across all Assembly constituencies, mandals, and villages under the Rajampet Parliamentary Constituency. Jana Sena leaders, party workers, and Veera Mahilas who are committed and dedicated to serving the party should make the best use of this opportunity." He further stated, "Those interested in serving on the committees should immediately submit their consent letters along with their complete details at the Rajampet Parliamentary Central Office. Individuals who are committed to realizing the vision of Pawan Kalyan and taking the achievements of the coalition government to the people will be given due priority in the committee appointments."

He appealed to all Jana Sena activists to seize this opportunity and actively contribute to strengthening the party. Application forms are available with Jana Sena Party Piler Assembly Constituency In-Charge Bezawada Dinesh, as well as members of the Parliamentary Information Collection Committee Kalapa Ravi, Deepani Prabhakar, and Polimera Reddappa. The programme was attended by Kalapa Ravi, Deepani Prabhakar, Polimera Reddappa, and other party leaders and activists.

## MITS conducts six-day faculty development program on 'Cyber ??Security, Digital Forensics and Prevention of Cyber ??Crime



**Madanapalle, June 29(Skyline daily):** The Department of Computer Science and Engineering (Cyber ??Security) at the MITS Deemed to be University (Madanapalle Institute of Technology and Science) near Madanapalle, inaugurated a six-day faculty development program on "Cyber ??Security, Digital Forensics and Prevention of Cyber ??Crime". Dr Sivaraman Eswaran, Associate Professor, Curtin University, Malaysia, participated as the chief guest of the program and inaugurated the program with the lighting of the lamp. Speaking at the program, he said that in today's digital era, cyber security has become everyone's responsibility and the patterns of cyber crimes are changing in the context of rapid development of technology. The main objective of the program is to provide faculty, researchers and students with the latest technological knowledge from time to time to combat them effectively, and to provide them with the latest knowledge and re-

search skills in the field of cyber security. He said that the awareness should be raised on cutting-edge topics like information security, digital forensics, cyber crime investigation, privacy protection, malware analysis, artificial intelligence (AI) based cyber security, and secure computing systems. He said that through this program, in addition to understanding the latest technology in cyber security, they will get an opportunity to improve their skills in areas like digital forensics, network security, cryptography, malware analysis, blockchain security, and artificial intelligence based security systems. He said that this training will be very useful for M Tech and PhD students in selecting research topics and designing final year projects. Principal Dr P Ramanathan, Dean-School of Computing Dr Chandra Prakash Gupta, Head of the Department Dr B Persis Urbana, a total of 46 faculty members and students participated in the program.

## PGRS issues should be resolved with quality as the standard and the people should be assured

**Madanapalle, June 29(Skyline daily):** Annamayya district Joint Collector Shiv Narayana Sarma has instructed the officials to resolve PGRS issues with quality as the standard and the people should be assured. On Monday, a Public Grievance Redressal sys (PGRS) program was held at the PGRS hall in the Collectorate. In this program, the JC, along with Sub-Collector Challa Kalyani, DRO Chandrasekhar Reddy, and SDC Madhava Krishna Reddy, received complaints from the public. Speaking on the occasion, the JC said that the concerned officials should thoroughly examine the complaints of the complainants at the field level and conduct a transparent investigation. The petitions should be resolved within the stipulated time to the satisfaction of the petitioner. The petitions should be resolved to the satisfaction of the petitioner without pending applications, beyond SLA, and reopening. Later, they received the petitions from the petitioners. A total of 332 petitions were received in this program,



and appropriate action was taken on them and the Joint Collector and Sub-Collector endorsed them to the officers of the relevant departments for resolution. District officers of various departments participated in this program.

## Essay Writing and Elocution Competitions on Drug Eradication Held at Sri Ishwar Reddy Law College

**Yerpedu -29 June (Skyline Daily)** An essay writing and elocution competition was organized on Monday at Sri Ishwar

needed to eradicate this menace from society. The college management stated that the primary objective of the program was to promote comprehensive awareness about drug abuse among students and instill a sense of social responsibility.



Reddy Law College, Anjmedu, yerpedu Mandal, Srikalahasti constiency to create awareness among students about drug eradication. The competitions, conducted under the guidance of Vice-Principal Dr. Nithya Devi, focused on the theme "Narcotic Drugs and the Menace of Ganja" and witnessed enthusiastic participation from students. During the event, students expressed their views on the harmful effects of drug abuse, its impact on youth, and the legal and social measures

The management appreciated the participants and presented prizes to students who excelled in the competitions. On the occasion, faculty members encouraged students to actively participate in such awareness initiatives alongside their academic pursuits and to serve as role models in society. The program concluded with the active participation of Principal Dr. Venkateswarlu, Vice-Principal Dr. Nithya Devi, faculty members, and a large number of students.

## We will not tolerate the YSRCP's misconceptions on Mallaiah Konda mining

**Thamballapalle, June 29(Skyline daily):** Thamballapalle YSRCP MLA Peddireddy Dwarakanath Reddy and other YSRCP leaders are creating misconceptions among the people and trying to provoke them, saying that mining is being done for iron ore in Mallaiah Konda, Sadukonda and Iron Mountain, and that the government is doing something. Piler MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy has strongly condemned it. On Monday, MLA Nallari Kishore Kumar Reddy, along with Rajampet Parliament TDP President Suguvasi Prasad Babu and Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha, visited Sri Bhramarambika Mallikharjuna Swamy, which is located on Mallaiah Konda in Thamballapalle mandal, Annamayya district. Later, MLA Kishore Kumar Reddy spoke to the media and said that Mallaiah Konda is a sacred place for the people of our region. He said that the YSRCP leaders are spreading false propaganda that mining is going on here, and their job is to play with the sentiments of the people. He clarified that nothing like this is happening on Mallaiah Konda and will not be allowed to happen in the future also. He reminded that in the past, in 2011, when the Congress party was in power, the current Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had launched a large-scale movement after the campaign for mining was launched. He warned that you have no right to criticize our leader Chandrababu Naidu like that. He warned that on January 22nd, 2024, it was the YSRCP government that called tenders for Erra Konda, and that they are again trying to



smear the government, and that such attempts should be desisted from. Later, Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha said that the main objective of the coalition government is to ensure that the sentiments of the devotees and the people are not hurt, and that is our duty. He said that this hill, this temple is the faith of our people, and it is our responsibility to protect that faith. He warned the people not to fall prey to any misconceptions or provocative words of the YSRCP. The MLA assured that the government will always be on the side of the people. It is a well-known fact that the YSRCP looted the hills and hills during its five-year rule, and when such leaders talk now, all the people realize that a thief is a thief, he said. He concluded that the coalition government will protect the people's property and the relics of the gods like a blind eye.

## MLA Jaha is continuing the Praja Darbar along with 'Mee wardulo mee MLA' Program also

**Madanapalle, June 29(Skyline daily):** On Monday morning, the Praja Darbar held at the MLA's residence as usual received a great response from the people, and MLA Shahjahan Basha immediately asked the relevant authorities to resolve them. Later, in the 32nd and 34th wards of Madanapalle Municipality, along with local coalition leaders and municipal officials, Madanapalle MLA Shahjahan Basha not only toured the field level, but also went door to door, talked to the people directly, found out their problems, and instructed the relevant authorities to resolve the problems of the people immediately. During this tour, he directly examined the problems faced by the people, especially the problems of basic facilities such as drinking water, street lights, sanitation, roads, canals and other issues, and learned the public opinion. Apart from this, the views of the people were sought on sanitation, drinking water supply and proper maintenance of street lights. Along with proper maintenance of roads and sewerage canals, priority will be given to construction works where necessary, he said. Later, he assured the people that since there is a lot of drinking water problems in the town, a plan is being prepared to bring water from the surrounding ponds into the town, and then boreholes will be drilled



and the drinking water problem will be solved. Municipal Commissioner Pramila, Market Yard Vice Chairman Anjaneyulu, TDP leaders Neelkanta, Kamalamarri, Bommisetti Purushotham, Srinivasulu Naidu, municipal and secretariat staff and local people participated in this program.

## Central government cheats in sir : Congress



**RLy Kodur (Skyline Daily) June 29:** National Congress party in-charge Goshala Devi and SC Cell State Convener Nalla Kadiiri Galla Shan tayya have called for National Congress Party workers to work like soldiers. The chief guest of the program was Shantayya, who participated as

Railway Kodur Constituency Congress Party, BLA, State PCC Presi dent Dr. YS, Sharmila Reddy, Rajampet Parliament Presi dent Gajula Bhaskar, thank ed for trusting me and appointing me as BLO It was given, sir, in a special survey, in the constituency, in 5 mandals, they called to protect every vote together with BLAs and work like soldiers. He said that the role of BLOs is crucial. He asked BLOs to work in 250 booths in the neo constitute ncy. He suggested that the commitment should be made to ensure that the eligib le votes are in the list. The voter list should be carefully checked in each booth and the eligible votes should not be deleted. He said that the election commission relea sed the week, 6, 7 and other items in the list should be known in detail. He called on them to be ready for the elections. Sir, in the states, 2.89 crores were held in Uttar Pradesh, 34 lakhs in Madhya Pradesh, 68 lakhs in Gujarat, 74 lakhs in Tamil Nadu and 91 lakhs in West Bengal. The participants in this program were Youth Congress Constituency Incharge Kasula Balamura likrishna, Pullam Peta Youth Congress leader Sigmal Ravi and others participated

## TDP Leader Alleges YSRCP Converts Appointed as BLAs in Naidupet; Demands Removal of Constituency In-charge

**Nayudupeta june29 Skyline Daily Staff Repoter.Naidupet:** Telugu Desam Party Legal Cell advocate and Naidupet 5th Ward in-charge Panabaka Gangaraju alleged that YSRCP 'coverts' were being appointed to key posts in the party while senior TDP leaders and workers were being sidelined in Sullurpeta constituency.

Addressing a media conference in Naidupet, Gangaraju said that in the recent appointment of Booth Level Agent (BLA) teams for Naidupet town, YSRCP-affiliated Meejuru Balasubramanyam was named BLA for the 5th ward without any intimation to him, though he is the ward in-charge. He alleged that Balasubramanyam did not work with TDP during the 2024 Assembly elections. Gangaraju said his family has been with TDP since 2014 when his sister-in-law Panabaka Bhulakshmi won as Juvvalapalem MP on the party ticket and worked for the party through 2019. He recalled that during the 2019 elections, despite pressure and threats in Biradavada 94th booth, he, his brother Panabaka Gangadharayya, Bhulakshmi's brother Kudiri Ravi, and Tupakula Srinivasulu of Battividatha ST Colony sat as agents and protected the party's presence. He alleged that after YSRCP came to power in 2019, his family and properties faced multiple attacks and cases till the 2024 elections. He further alleged that in Juvvalapalem 95th booth, Nagireddy Chandrasekhar Reddy, who he claimed worked for YSRCP, organised meetings and 'Siddham' sabhas, bet on TDP's defeat, and sat as YSRCP general and counting agent in 2024, has now been appointed BLA. He said senior TDP elders in Juvvalapalem are confined to their homes while YSRCP converts are

being given posts. Gangaraju accused Sullurpeta constituency TDP in-charge Nelavala Subramanyam and Naidupet town president 786 Rafi of giving BLA posts to YSRCP coverts for their "selfish politics" ahead of local body polls and the 2029 Assembly elections. He said that when Kandala Krishna Reddy was town president, there were no differences and everyone was taken along, but since 786 Rafi became president, TDP workers and leaders were being ignored.



He urged the Tirupati district TDP leadership and party seniors to remove Nelavala Subramanyam and 786 Rafi from their posts and appoint leaders who can unite workers at the village, panchayat, mandal and constituency levels to strengthen the party. He said they would bring the issue to the notice of the TDP high command and demanded that YSRCP coverts appointed as BLAs be removed and senior TDP workers be appointed instead to prevent damage to the party. TDP women's president Padmamma, senior leaders Palleli Ankayya and Baddelu Ravi, and Ragamani villagers were present at the event.