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## CM Revanth releases Rs.2,482 crore Rythu Bharosa funds



**From Our Staff Reporter**  
**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy released the Rythu Bharosa funds at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad on Tuesday. A total of Rs.2,482.02 crores will be deposited in the accounts of 41.37 lakh farmers in the first phase. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Agriculture Minister Tummalam Nageswara Rao, Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas. Reddy, Azharuddin, Vakati Srihari, Ponnam Prabhakar and Jupalli Krishna Rao, MPs Vem Narendar Reddy, Anil Kumar Yadav and Balaram Naik, Government Whips, MLAs, MLCs, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, senior officials from the Agriculture department participated in the programme. This first phase targets small and marginal farmers owning up to two acres of land. While the main event happened in Hyderabad, farmers from across all districts participated virtually via local Rythu Vedikas.

## Revanth pushes for mega AI campus, urges Airtel to fast-track data centre

**From Our Staff Reporter**  
**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said the State government has proposed exploring the possibility of establishing a big comprehensive Data centre and AI infrastructure campus in Telangana. Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at the MCRHRD Bodhi Pavilion on Tuesday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised the need to focus on the expansion of Airtel's digital, cloud, cybersecurity, and AI operations in Hyderabad. Revanth Reddy also suggested launching the Chandanvelli data center project soon. The Chief Minister advised Mittal to nominate a senior executive to coordinate and work with the Telangana government on future investment opportunities and resolve the issue expeditiously. Announcing that the Bharti company was considering Hyderabad as the second headquarters for Airtel, Mittal assured that the company will move forward to further increase data center capacity and also expand fiber connectivity.

## Revanth launches HDFC-funded CSR projects, flags off ambulances



**From Our Staff Reporter**  
**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy launched multiple development projects funded by HDFC Bank's CSR initiatives at the MCRHRD Bodhi Pavilion in Hyderabad on Tuesday. During the event, the Chief Minister also flagged off two ambulances and held a virtual inauguration for an MRI machine at the Government General Hospital in Bhupalpally. In his address, Revanth Reddy emphasised the importance of approving loans generously for women's self-help groups. He mentioned that the government is working on establishing logistics parks, warehouses, and rice mills in partnership with these groups. "There is a need for significant loans to support these efforts. Women's groups have shown an impressive record in repaying loans," he remarked. Participants in the event included the newly appointed Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Rajya Sabha member Vem Narendar Reddy, Bhupalpally MLA Gandra Satyanarayana Rao, CMO OSD Vemula Srinivasulu, Telangana State Trade Promotion Corporation (TSTPC) chairman Aita Prakash Reddy, and senior officials from HDFC.

## CM Revanth orders policy for Yadagirigutta land allocation



**From Our Staff Reporter**  
**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has instructed officials to develop a policy regarding the allocation of land to various Mathas in the temple town of Yadagirigutta. On Tuesday, the Chief Minister assessed the progress of the Yadagirigutta temple development at the Bodhi Pavilion in Hyderabad. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy emphasised the need to analyse the land allocation procedures used by the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and stated that land for the Hare Rama Hare Krishna Foundation should be allocated at market rates in Yadagirigutta. He asserted that ownership rights to the land should remain with the temple, and permissions for constructing guest houses should be granted in phases. Revanth Reddy proposed that the construction of guest houses should follow the Tirumala model, and called for immediate funding for land acquisition. He also highlighted the importance of developing a tourism circuit through a public-private partnership approach. MPs Vem Narendar Reddy, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and Kunduru Raghuvir Reddy, Government Whip Birla Ilaiah, MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy; Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan; Principal Secretary (Endowments) Shailaja Ramaiyar, Commissioner M. Hanumantha Rao; Principal Secretary (Finance) Sandeep Kumar Sultania, CMO Secretary Manik Raj, CMO OSD Vemula Srinivasulu and senior officials from Yadadri district and the temple administration were present in the meeting. He also called for a clear policy with well-defined guidelines for the allocation of land to community organizations. The Chief Minister ordered immediate sanction of funds for land acquisition required for various development works planned within the temple premises. Officials concerned were instructed to thoroughly review the report submitted by the engineers' committee regarding the temple construction and submit a final report within a week. He emphasized that quality should be given utmost priority in all development works. To further develop Yadagirigutta as a major spiritual and tourism hub, the Chief Minister suggested developing a tourism circuit under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. He directed officials to prepare comprehensive plans aimed at improving facilities for devotees and attracting more tourists.



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Addressing an audience comprising international aerospace leaders, diplomats, Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), defence companies, global procurement heads, MSMEs and delegates from more than 25 countries, the Minister declared that the future of global aerospace collaboration is taking shape right here in Telangana. Beginning his address on a personal note, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the aerospace sector had remained close to his heart long before entering public life. Recalling his distinguished service as a fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force, Uttam Kumar Reddy said he had flown supersonic aircrafts, including the MiG-21 and MiG-23, besides having opportunities to fly the Mirage-2000.

"In aerospace, there is absolutely no margin for error. A single component or

seal can determine the difference between mission success and mission failure," he remarked.

According to the minister, Tata Sikorsky Aerospace manufactures cabins for the US Presidential helicopter in Telangana. Boeing produces Apache helicopter fuselages in the state, while Lockheed Martin manufactures F-16 fighter aircraft wings. Safran, GE Aerospace and Honeywell also manufacture advanced aero-engine components and MRO systems in Telangana. He said that experience enabled him to assess Telangana's aerospace achievements not merely as a Minister but through the exacting standards of a professional military aviator.

The Minister said Telangana had rapidly progressed over the last two and a half years from being a strong regional player into a globally recognised aerospace manufacturing hub.

He noted that Telangana was consistently attracting investments from major aerospace nations including the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Spain, Italy, Japan, Israel and Canada.

Highlighting the State's growing international footprint, Uttam Kumar Reddy said several globally acclaimed aerospace products were already being manufactured in Telangana. These include cabins for the US Presidential helicopter produced by Tata Sikorsky Aerospace, fuselages for Apache attack helicopters manufactured by Boeing, wings for the F-16 fighter aircraft produced by Lockheed Martin and complex aero-engine components and MRO systems developed by Safran, GE Aerospace and Honeywell. "Products carrying the 'Made in Telangana' label today fly on some of the world's most advanced aircraft," he observed.

**From Our Staff Reporter**  
**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Minister for Labour, Employment, Mines and Geology Dr. Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy strongly condemned the allegations made by former minister Harish Rao regarding the tragic accident at the Sigachi industrial unit in Pashamylaram, Sangareddy district, stating that they were politically motivated and intended to mislead the public. Speaking to the media at the Press Club in Godavarihani, Peddapalli district on Tuesday, the Minister described the loss of 54 workers in the Sigachi accident as an extremely tragic incident and said that the Congress government responded with utmost responsibility immediately after the tragedy. He stated that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy personally visited the hospital to console the injured workers and directed officials to ensure they received the best possible medical treatment. The Minister said the govern-

ment responded swiftly and stood firmly by the victims and their families. "The government has repeatedly summoned the Sigachi management and exerted continuous pressure on the company to provide adequate compensation to the victims. As a result of the government's sustained efforts, the families of the deceased workers have received compensation of

**From Our Staff Reporter**  
**Nizamabad, June 30:** Government Adviser Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Tuesday distributed sewing machines to minority women and Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to beneficiaries in Nizamabad, reiterating the Telangana government's focus on minority welfare and support for poor families. At a programme organised by the Telangana Minorities Finance Corporation, Shabbir Ali said 1,700 sewing machines worth Rs.1.02 crore were being distributed across Nizamabad district, including 500 machines for women from Nizamabad Urban constituency. He said the initiative aimed to promote self-employment and economic empowerment among minority women. Later, at the R&B Guest House, he distributed CMRF cheques worth Rs.28 lakh to 42 beneficiaries from various divisions of Nizamabad town. He said the relief fund was providing crucial financial assistance to families facing medical emergencies, accidents and other hardships. Congress government was implementing welfare schemes transparently and ensuring benefits reached eligible beneficiaries directly without middlemen, he added and urged recipients to make productive use of the assistance and called on officials and public representatives to work together for effective implementation of welfare programmes.

inspections and initiated action against the management in accordance with the law. Vivek Venkatswamy said the state government has made its stand clear before the High Court that complete justice must be ensured for the victims. He asserted that the government's pressure on the Sigachi management would continue until every bereaved family receives compensation, as promised. The Minister reiterated that the Congress government has taken every action required under the law in the Sigachi case and will not compromise in delivering justice to the affected workers and their families. "The government will extend every possible support to the Sigachi workers and their families. Our fight will continue until complete justice is delivered. We will not let the Sigachi company off the hook until each bereaved family receives compensation," Vivek Venkatswamy said.

### *From Our Staff Reporter*

**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Marking two years of the TechForward Research Seminar Series, International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad and HYSEA hosted a special edition, "TechForward 2026: The Future, Powered by AI", bringing together leading academicians, researchers and industry experts to discuss the transformative impact of artificial intelligence and the future of innovation. The event featured thought leaders from industry and academia who deliberated on emerging trends such as agentic AI, software engineering, research-led innovation, and the growing need for deep research capabilities to drive technological advancement. HYSEA President Bipin Pendyala said TechForward has evolved into a unique platform connecting academia and industry, enabling meaningful collaboration in emerging technologies and innovation. Launched in 2024, TechForward has grown into one of Hyderabad's leading industry-academia forums, attracting participation from major technology companies, research institutions, startups, and policymakers. Over the past two years, the series has explored diverse themes including AI, robotics, quantum computing, cybersecurity, healthcare technologies, sustainable mobility, and industrial innovation. Reflecting on the journey, Ramesh Loganathan, Professor and Dean (Research & Outreach), IIIT Hyderabad, noted that the initiative was created to bridge the gap between academic research and industry needs, with future efforts focused on translating dialogue into impactful collaborations and innovation outcomes. As it enters its third year, TechForward aims to deepen industry-academia engagement and strengthen Hyderabad's position as a hub for research-driven innovation.

### *From Our Staff Reporter*

**Hyderabad, June, 30:** Attapur Police arrested two habitual offenders involved in a motorcycle theft racket and recovered five stolen two-wheelers, including a Royal Enfield Himalayan stolen from Shivarampally on June 25.

The arrested accused were identified as Mohammad Shahnawaz alias Shanu (18) and Mohd Moiz Mohiuddin (18), both residents of Hyderabad. Two other accused, identified as Noor and Farhan, are absconding. According to police, the gang targeted unattended motorcycles during late-night hours and stole them for personal use and illegal disposal. In the latest case, the accused allegedly stole a Royal Enfield Himalayan parked near Pillar No. 295, Shivarampally, by towing it away after reaching the spot on a previously stolen Honda Activa. During the investigation, police established the involvement of the accused in multiple vehicle theft cases. Based on

their confession, officers recovered the stolen Royal Enfield along with four other stolen two-wheelers linked to cases registered in Begum Bazar and Mailardevpally police stations. Police said the accused are repeat offenders and were previously involved in property-related crimes. Efforts are underway to trace and arrest the two absconding accused. The operation was carried out by the Attapur Police team under the supervision of senior officers of the Rajendranagar Zone. Police officials commended the investigating team for successfully cracking the case and recovering the stolen vehicles. The above arrests were made under the supervision of V.C. Sajjanar, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad, S. Sreenivas, DCP, Rajendranagar Zone, T. Srinivas, ACP, Rajendranagar Division, K. Nageswara Rao, SHO, Attapur Police Station, and B. Raju Naik, Detective Inspector of Police, Attapur Police Station, along with their team.

### From Our Staff Reporter

**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Distinguished Scientist Dr Jagannath Nayak has been appointed as the Director Currently Director of the Centre for High Energy Systems and Sciences (CHESS). Dr Nayak is known for his pioneering contributions to Fibre Optic Gyroscope technology, Akash missile guidance systems and Directed Energy Weapons. He led the development of India's first Directed Energy Weapon system and has played a key role in advancing indigenous defence technologies over a distinguished career spanning more than 35 years.

He has published more than 125 research papers in reputed journals and conference proceedings and authored

several books. He is widely recognized for his expertise in Directed Energy Weapons, Inertial Navigation Systems, Lasers and Fiber Optics. He has guided more than Ten (10) Ph.D. students.

He is a recipient of several prestigious honours, including the Aryabhata Award from the Astronautical Society of India, National Aeronautical Prize from Aeronautical Society of India (AeSI), DRDO Agni Award for Excellence in Self-Reliance, Nina Saxena Excellence in Technology Award, and the Aeronautical Society of India Swarna Jayanti Award. (NSS)

General (Missiles & Strategic Systems) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) with effect from July 1, 2026.

### *From Our Staff Reporter*

**Hyderabad, June, 30 :** Property registration services across Telangana have come to a standstill for the past two days following a major server failure in the Registration department. Online services, in-

ing slot bookings, an payments and e-verification, have been adopted, causing inconvenience to thousands of buyers and sellers.

People who arrived at Registrar offices with booked appointments

and witnesses were forced to wait for hours at the offices as the registrations of land, houses and other immovable properties could not be processed. Document writers and citizens expressed frustration, noting that similar technical

glitches have affected services four times in the last three months.

Officials said a state-level technical team is working to restore the servers, but no timeline has been announced for the resumption of normal services.

| Government of Telangana<br>REVENUE DEPARTMENT<br>District Collector's Office Adilabad<br>Form-VII<br>(PUBLICATION OF DECLARATION)<br>(Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Right to Reasonable Compensation Act, 2013 (30 Central Act/2013) and State Rule 25(1) of Section 19(1) there of)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
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| RDO File No: B3/13/2018                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |           |                    |             |                                     | Dt: .06.2026                                              |                                                              |                                   |  |
| A notification has been issued for the acquisition of land totaling 128.24 Guntas across the villages of Gollaghat, Tamsi-K, and Pippalkoti in Bhimpur Mandal, Adilabad District for the public purpose of constructing a balancing reservoir project. Pursuant to Government Order No. 58 (I&CAD - LA & R&R Department) dated July 25, 2017, this project has been exempted from the purview of Chapters-II and-III of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
| Therefore, a declaration has been issued for the acquisition of land comprising a total area of 128.24 Guntas across the villages of Gollaghat, Tamsi-K, and Pippalkoti in Bhimpur Mandal, Adilabad District as it is required for the construction of a balancing reservoir project in the public interest.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
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| Village : & Gollaghat, Tamsi-K Pippalkoti                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |           |                    |             | Mandal: Bhimpur                     |                                                           | District: Adilabad                                           |                                   |  |
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| 2-Tamsi-K Village, Bhimpur Mandal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
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| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 96        | 91A       | 2.37               | Patta Metta | 2.37                                | Bhagat Thirumalesh S/o Bhagat Dewdas                      | Kayarakur Bapurao S/o Ramchender                             |                                   |  |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |           | 96/1A/1   | 4.34               |             | 4.34                                | Bhagat thirumalesh S/o Bhagat Devi Das                    | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 97/1      | 97A/1     | 5.19               | Patta       | 5.19                                | GaddamGanganna S/o Ingareddy                              | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 97/1      | 97A/1     | 11.15              | Metta       | 11.15                               | GaddamParamand S/o Narayana                               | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| Total area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |           |                    |             | 76.21                               |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
| 3-Pippal Koti Village, Bhimpur Mandal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
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| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 43        | 43A/1     | 0.05               | Patta/Metta | 0.05                                | Gattu Snehalatha Wo Mallikarjun                           | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 3                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 54        | 54A/1     | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Gattu Harbal Wo Kashinath                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 4                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 54        | 54A/1     | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Gattu Santhosh S/o Kashinath                              | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 55A/1     | 55A/1     | 1.41               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Kandi Pochaka Wo Pochanna                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 6                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 55A/1     |           |                    | Patta/Metta | 0.05                                | Ballari Namada Wo Bhurama                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 7                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 62A       | 62A/1     | 0.21               | Patta/Metta | 0.21                                | Gaddam Nadiji S/o Bakkanne                                | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 8                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 63        | 63        | 0.05               | Patta/Metta | 0.05                                | Balaji S/o Pundalik                                       | GattePari Ni Narsing                                         |                                   |  |
| 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 64        | 64        | 0.20               | Patta/Metta | 0.20                                | (Did not appear before the Pattadar Tahsildar)            | -                                                            | NI                                |  |
| 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 64        | 64/2      | 0.04               | Patta/Metta | 0.04                                | LT Pochanna S/o Gangama                                   | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 11                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 65        | 65A/1     | 0.07               | Patta/Metta | 0.07                                | Ayji Ganganna S/o Narsing                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 12                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 65        | 65A/4     | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | GS Bio-Tech                                               | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 13                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 66        | 66/2      | 0.17               | Patta/Metta | 0.17                                | Soma Chandrababu Rajareddy                                | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 67        | 67A/4/1   | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Ippa Hamandu S/o Ashok                                    | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 67        | 67A/1/1   | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Ippa Ramuluri S/o Ramanna                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 67        | 67A/2/2   | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Ippa Lakshmi S/o Gombar                                   | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 17                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 67        | 67A/2/1   | 0.06               | Patta/Metta | 0.06                                | Ippa Lalaji S/o Wo Gombar                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 18                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 68        | 68        | 5.28               | Patta/Metta | 5.28                                | --                                                        | Nashrinu Ni S/o Jamal                                        |                                   |  |
| 19                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 68        | 68/1      | 0.01               | Patta/Metta | 0.01                                | Nashrinu S/o Jamal                                        | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 68        | 68/2      | 2.20               | Patta/Metta | 2.20                                | Shak Tahera Begum Wo Nassrudin                            | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 21                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 68        | 68/3      | 2.19               | Patta/Metta | 2.19                                | Shak Irfan S/o Wo Nassrudin                               | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 69        | 69        | 13.11              | Patta/Metta | 13.11                               | Vikas Kumar S/o Ramavarat                                 | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 71A/2     | 0.19      | Patta/Metta        | 0.19        |                                     | Anni Mittal S/o Rajni Mittal                              | Self                                                         | NI                                |  |
| Total area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |           |           |                    |             | 28.25                               |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
| Grand Total                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |           |           |                    |             | 128.24                              |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
| This declaration is issued following the examination of objections regarding land acquisition under Section 15 (Central Act 30/2013). A total land area of 128.24 Guntas, situated in Gollaghat, Tamsi-K, and Pippal Koti villages of Bhimpur Mandal, Adilabad District, has been identified for acquisition for public purposes specifically, the construction of a balancing reservoir project. In accordance with Section 16 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, and based on requests submitted by the administrative officials under the supervision of the Project Administrator (Lower Penganga Project, Adilabad), a socio-economic survey of project-affected families whose lands are included in the acquisition was conducted; it has been determined that none of them are eligible for the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package. The plan for the lands proposed for acquisition is available for inspection at the offices of the District Collector, Adilabad, or the Revenue Divisional Officer, Adilabad, during office hours on any working day. |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |
| Sd/- Revenue Divisional Officer, Adilabad                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |           |           |                    |             | Sd/- Additional Collector, Adilabad |                                                           |                                                              | Sd/- District Collector, Adilabad |  |
| DIPR RO.NO: 374/LA/PP/Adv/P/2026-27                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |           |           |                    |             |                                     |                                                           |                                                              |                                   |  |

# Pawan Kalyan and M'rashtia CM Fadnavis, discuss tigresses Transfer

**Vijayawada June 30 (Skyline daily):** Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai today (Tuesday). During the meeting, the two leaders discussed tiger conservation efforts in the Eastern Ghats. Pawan expressed his gratitude to Fadnavis for providing two tigresses to Andhra Pradesh. They also discussed various issues of mutual interest between the two states. The discussions regarding tiger conservation in the Eastern Ghats and the transfer of two tigresses from Maharashtra to AP were successful. They decided to collaborate further on matters of shared interest in the future. Geographic Reference Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Kalyan noted that a significant decline in the number of tigresses in the Eastern Ghats region of AP had led to genetic issues. He stated that they are seeking cooperation from the Maharashtra government to revive the tiger population and confirmed that Maharashtra has agreed to provide two tigresses to Andhra Pradesh. Pawan



Kalyan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to CM Devendra Fadnavis for his support. Pawan Kalyan described this initiative as a significant milestone in the history of tiger conservation in the Eastern Ghats. He explained that the introduction of tigresses would help overcome inbreeding issues, enhance genetic diversity, and contribute to the long-term stability of the tiger population. They explained that this would create a healthy and self-sustaining tiger habitat within the Eastern Ghats. They noted that this joint conservation initiative reflects the commitment of both states to biodiversity conservation based on scientific approaches and sustainable wildlife management.

# IMD predicts rains in AP and Telangana on Tuesday and Wednesday

**Vijayawada, Jun:30** Despite the spread of the Southwest Monsoon, weather conditions across the Telugu states remain varied. Due to the impact of El Niño, rainfall has been limited; while heat persists, scattered rains are occurring. Against this backdrop, the Meteorological Department has issued a key update regarding rainfall in the Telugu states, noting that the monsoon is likely to bring rain to both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. An alert has been issued forecasting rain accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds. The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre revealed that the movement of the Southwest Monsoon has intensified over Telangana, leading to a forecast of rainfall across the state for the next four days. Consequently, a 'Yellow Alert' has been issued for several districts. Officials stated that light to moderate, and occasionally heavy, rainfall is expected in many parts of the state until July 4. On Tuesday, isolated heavy rains are likely in the Mulugu, Bhadradi Kothagudem, and



Khammam districts, with the intensity of rainfall expected to increase from Wednesday onwards. The Meteorological Department predicted rains accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning in various areas across the Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Mulugu, Mahabubabad, Warangal, and Hanamkonda districts. Meanwhile, the Meteorological Department has also forecast rainfall for Andhra Pradesh. APSDMA MD Prakhar Jain stated that due to the influence of surface circulation, light to moderate rains accompanied by gusty winds are likely on Tuesday in North

S r i k a k u l a m , Vizianagaram, Manyam, Polavaram, Kakinada, Konaseema, East Godavari, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, and NTR districts, while light rains are expected in some parts of the remaining districts. He advised the public not to stand under trees or near large hoardings during rains accompanied by gusty winds and thunder. He urged people to be vigilant and stay as far away as possible from any power lines that might have snapped and fallen due to the wind. He also called upon farmers, laborers, and herders working in fields to remain extra alert and move to safe locations as soon as the sky becomes overcast and thunder is heard.

# Pawan to be out of action for a Few Weeks!



**Vijayawada June 30** Jana Sena Party president and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is expected to be out of action, both in politics and films, for a few weeks, if reports from party sources are to be believed. On Tuesday, Pawan Kalyan travelled to Mumbai for a medical evaluation of persistent shoulder injuries that have been troubling him for several months. He was accompanied by his wife, Anna Lezhneva. Doctors at Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital conducted a detailed examination of both shoulders and reportedly found that the injuries were more serious than previously assessed. According to the medical team, Pawan Kalyan is suffering from a significant rotator cuff injury, along with extensive damage to two shoulder muscles, requiring immediate surgery. Despite doctors recommending urgent surgical intervention, the Deputy Chief Minister has decided to postpone the procedure until he completes a series of pre-scheduled official and administrative engagements. He is

expected to undergo surgery after fulfilling his government commitments. Pawan Kalyan has reportedly been struggling with rotator cuff damage and torn shoulder muscles for some time. Since assuming office as Deputy Chief Minister, he has maintained a hectic schedule, balancing government responsibilities, party affairs, official reviews, district tours and previously committed film projects. The sustained workload is believed to have aggravated his condition. Earlier, he had undergone medical treatment and taken only a brief period of rest before resuming work. However, his physical discomfort has reportedly worsened in recent weeks. During a recent state Cabinet meeting, he is said to have experienced severe pain and was unable to remain seated for long, forcing him to leave the meeting midway. Given the deterioration in his condition, Pawan Kalyan opted for a comprehensive medical assessment in Mumbai, where specialists advised immediate surgical treatment.

# CASAR Organises 'Millet Magic' Workshop



**Gorantla: June 30** The College of Agricultural Science and Applied Research (CASAR) at BEST Innovation University hosted a "Millet Magic" workshop on Monday to champion sustainable agriculture. The event, overseen by Dr Sasi Chandra, featured a "Shark Tank" agribusiness pitch panel and various student academic competitions. security due to their low-input, drought-resistant traits. He called on students to explore agribusiness setups. CASAR Dean Dr Ramgopal Mopuri urged a return to traditional grain systems. The event, overseen by Dr Sasi Chandra, featured a "Shark Tank" agribusiness pitch panel and various student academic competitions.

# AP EAPCET 2026 results to be released at 3pm



**Vijayawada, Jun:30** The results of the AP EAPCET 2026—eagerly awaited by lakhs of students in Andhra Pradesh—are set to be released today at 3 PM. Nara Lokesh, the Minister for Education and IT, will announce the results via the social media platform 'X'. The EAPCET exams were conducted between May 12 and May 20, with over 3.29 lakh students appearing for them. Although the results were originally scheduled for release on June 1, a delay occurred; officials waited for the full declaration of results from the Second-Year Intermediate Advanced Supplementary exams and the revised CBSE results to ensure that no student would be disadvantaged, given the 25% weightage assigned to Intermediate marks.

# Jana sena launches grassroots restructuring drive in Anantapur



**Anantapur: June 30** Janasena Parliamentary Observer and TIDCO Chairman Vemulapati Ajay Kumar on Monday unveiled the "Membership to Leadership" drive to revamp the party's grassroots structure. Flanked by the party's 7-Man Committee, Ajay Kumar stated that applications for organizational roles across village, mandal, and district wings will be accepted sequentially from June 30 to July 4 across Anantapur, Rayadurgam, Guntakal, and Tadipatri. The collected profiles will be forwarded directly to party chief Pawan Kalyan for final selection. He urged Janasainiks and Veera Mahilas to utilize this structural window.

# Varun slams Sailajanath over hypocritical politics



**Anantapur: June 30** Anantapur: Janasena District President and AHUDA Chairman TC Varun on Monday sharply retorted to Sake Sailajanath's comments, branding him the epitome of opportunistic politics. Varun pointed out that Sailajanath is desperately praising YS Jagan Mohan Reddy today despite spending years launching bitter attacks against his family. He questioned how Sailajanath now defends the Rs 75,000 crore welfare distribution figures he once aggressively questioned. Warning YSRCP leaders to halt baseless allegations against CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, Varun stated that Janasena is fully prepared to offer stiff resistance at any level.

# EAGLE transforms AP into nat'l reference model in anti-drug enforcement: Chief Ake Ravi



**Kurnool: June 30** The state has emerged as the premier national model in combating narcotics trafficking and drug abuse through the comprehensive strategies of the Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), according to its Chief, Ake Ravi Krishna. Speaking exclusively to The Hans India over the phone from Mangalagiri, Ravi Krishna stated that the agency's roadmap aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of a Drug-Free Bharat by 2047. Established in November 2024 under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, EAGLE has evolved into a national enforcement benchmark. Ravi Krishna explained that while domestic commercial ganja cultivation in Alluri Sitarama Raju district has been virtually eliminated via Operation Chaitanyam—with tribal farmers successfully transitioned to sustainable alternative crops—the agency's current focus is intercepting contraband trafficked from neighboring states. Highlighting performance indices between January 2025 and June 2026, the EAGLE Chief revealed that AP Police registered 2,436 NDPS cases, arrested 6,319 accused, and seized over 60.3 tonnes of ganja along with 1,041 transport vehicles. Striking at organized networks, the force froze traffickers' assets worth over Rs 10.4 crore. Furthermore, 128 repeat offenders have been jailed under the Preventive Detention clauses of the PIT NDPS Act of 1988, with 150 more proposals in the pipeline. The agency's success has drawn national attention; recently, the Tamil Nadu government approached AP to study the EAGLE framework for domestic replication. Citizens can report drug peddling via the toll-free helpline 1972 or confidential WhatsApp number 8977781972.

# 4-inch stone palm-leaf at Kalipi temple displays exquisite Vijayanagara carving



**Penukonda/Roddam: June 30** In a major archaeological breakthrough, a rare Sanskrit micro-inscription bearing the sacred words "Sri Rama" has been identified at the historic Yogabhi Ramaswamy Temple in Kalipi village of Roddam mandal, Sri Sathya Sai district. Geographic Reference The discovery sheds profound new light on the elite artistic and spiritual traditions of the Vijayanagara Empire. Prominent historian MyNaa Swamy discovered and deciphered the text, which is intricately engraved on a miniature stone palm-leaf manuscript held by an idol of Hanuman seated at the feet of Lord Rama. Remarkably, the words are etched in two precise rows using Nandinagari, the sophisticated script reserved exclusively for the royal court seals of the Vijayanagara kings. Swamy noted that this technical hallmark strongly implies the temple idols were commissioned by royalty and executed by court sculptors. In Vaishnava and Madhva traditions, the name "Rama" is revered as the ultimate Taraka Brahma Mantra. Swamy explained that by depicting Hanuman holding a four-to-six-inch stone manuscript rather than a weapon, the artisans consciously visualized the deity as "Jnana Anjaneya"—the embodiment of absolute wisdom, spiritual initiation, and Vedic knowledge rather than mere physical power. This elegant approach underscores how the empire preserved and celebrated knowledge. The discovery team, which included history lecturer Dr Pratap, was welcomed by temple committee members Radhakrishna and Sanjeevanna during their documentation visit to the site located 25 kilometers from Penukonda.

# Samsung Solve For Tomorrow's Design Thinking Workshop is Inspiring Hyderabad's Youth to Solve Real-World Challenges



**Visakhapatnam: June 30** As Hyderabad continues to evolve as a leading technology hub, the city is also navigating the challenges of rapid urbanisation, including river pollution and growing volumes of urban waste. Addressing these issues requires innovative thinking, local insights and a generation of young changemakers equipped to design solutions with lasting social impact. To nurture this mindset, Samsung India hosted a specialized Design Thinking Workshop for 236 students at the Sreenidhi Institute of Engineering & Technology, Hyderabad, under the fifth edition of its flagship Samsung Solve for Tomorrow initiative. The session introduced participants to human-centric Design Thinking principles, empowering them to deeply understand community needs, identify local challenges, and engineer purpose-driven, technology-led solutions. The workshop is part of Samsung Solve for Tomorrow's nationwide outreach across 100 cities in 2026. The programme encourages young innovators aged 14–22 to transform grassroots observations into scalable ideas across themes including AI, healthcare, education, sustainability and sport-tech. Drawing inspiration from the challenges already existing around them, students in Hyderabad shifted their focus to the city's rivers. "The real danger in our rivers isn't the plastic we can see; it's the microscopic pollutants that stay hidden until the damage is already done," said A. Sharanya Rao, a third-year Electronics and Communication Engineering student at Sreenidhi Institute of Engineering & Technology. Her solution monitors water quality in real time, automatically alerting authorities the moment contamination crosses safe limits. At the same time, in order to target municipal waste management, fourth-year student V. Jyoshna engineered an intelligent dustbin that automatically segregates waste at the point of discard. She pointed that recycling often fails the moment food, plastic, and paper go into a single bin together, and by automating segregation right at the start, her team aims to drastically improve urban recycling rates.

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The controversy surrounding alleged irregularities in donations to the Ram Janmabhoomi temple is no longer merely about missing cash or precious metals. It has become a test of whether India's public institutions can uphold accountability when faith, politics and national symbolism intersect. The resignations of senior office-bearers of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust while an investigation is underway have only heightened the need for a process that is beyond reproach. It is important to distinguish between allegation and proof. An FIR has been registered, arrests have been made, and a Special Investigation Team has reported preliminary findings that warranted further criminal investigation. Yet no court has concluded that embezzlement occurred or that any individual is guilty. That distinction is fundamental to the rule of law and must be preserved irrespective of the emotions surrounding the issue. At the same time, the seriousness of the allegations cannot be minimised. The Ram temple is not an ordinary religious institution. It is the culmination of one of independent India's longest and most consequential legal, political and social movements.

Its construction followed a Supreme Court judgment after decades of litigation and public mobilisation. For millions of devotees, offerings made at the temple are acts of faith. If questions arise about the stewardship of those offerings, the institution itself bears a responsibility to ensure that every doubt is answered through transparent and credible procedures. The resignations of senior functionaries should therefore not be viewed through a partisan lens. They neither establish culpability nor exonerate anyone.

Their significance lies in acknowledging that the credibility of the institution is now inseparable from the credibility of the investigation. Public confidence cannot be restored by assertions alone; it must rest on verifiable facts. The episode also exposes a larger institutional challenge. India's major temples, mosques, churches and gurdwaras today administer enormous financial resources. Many receive donations running into hundreds or even thousands of crore rupees each year.

Yet governance standards vary considerably across religious institutions. As these institutions grow in economic significance, systems for accounting, independent audits, surveillance, digital record-keeping and public disclosure must evolve accordingly. Transparency should be seen not as an intrusion into faith but as its strongest safeguard. The political implications are equally unavoidable. Because the Ram temple has occupied such a central place in India's public life, every development inevitably acquires political overtones.

That is precisely why investigative agencies must be allowed to complete their work free from both political pressure and public prejudice. Attempts either to dismiss the allegations as a conspiracy or to pronounce guilt before due process serves only to weaken institutional credibility. The real issue is larger than any individual or any political party. A temple built as a symbol of civilisational faith must also become a model of institutional integrity. For an institution sustained by the devotion of millions, transparency is not merely an administrative obligation. It is a moral one.

US 'Scott Bessent has a new 'doctrine', and it leaves India with hard choices

On the fifth of December 1791, Alexander Hamilton sent Congress his Report on the Subject of Manufactures. The sentence the United States' Treasury Secretary now quotes back to the world is this one: every nation "ought to endeavour to possess within itself all the essentials of national supply." Read the next sentence, which the present Secretary does not quote. "These comprise the means of subsistence, habitation, clothing, and defence." Hamilton named four essentials, and defence came last.

Scott Bessent in his WSJ opinion piece made that first sentence the opening principle of what he called American economic statecraft. The doctrine deserves to be read structurally. **Tariffs, Reimagined** Begin with the fact that the doctrine has already outlived its instrument. On the 20th of February 2026, in Learning Resources, Inc. v. Trump, decided alongside Trump v. V.O.S. Selections, Inc., the Supreme Court held by six to three that the International Emergency Economic Powers Act of 1977 does not authorise tariffs, and struck down the reciprocal duties of April 2025. Within weeks the same wall was rebuilt out of older stone: Section 122 of the Trade Act of 1974, Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974. Bessent's own forecast was that the combination would leave 2026 tariff revenue "virtually unchanged."

What settles is a particular answer to an old question, the one every trading nation must answer. What to make at home, what to buy abroad, and what never to depend on a rival to supply. For eighty years the

Western answer was institutional. Comparative advantage, as Ricardo set it out in 1817, said buy where it is cheapest. The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 1947 added the discipline, Article I, the most-favoured-nation rule: a concession granted to one is a concession granted to all. The new answer keeps the vocabulary and discards the discipline. From that single move, four consequences follow for the world.

4 Big Consequences For The World

First, non-discrimination is being replaced by reciprocity, which is its opposite. Article I made trade a rule. A bilateral bargain makes it a deal. Once the largest market grants access with conditions, as Bessent puts it, access becomes a lever, and a lever is pulled one counterparty at a time.

Second, the arbiter is gone and is not coming back. The WTO's Appellate Body has had no quorum since December 2019, because the United States blocked appointments under three successive Presidents. Nearly sixty members, accounting for about three-fifths of world trade, now appeal to a stopgap, the Multi-Party Interim Appeal Arbitration Arrangement. The United States is not among them and does not intend to be. A court the strongest party has walked out of is not a court.

Third, finance becomes ordinance. Bessent's fourth principle names the dollar an instrument of statecraft. It is candid, and it is also an invitation. Every nation told that the payment system can be switched off will build, slowly and at cost, a way to route around it. To weaponise interdependence is to teach

everyone to reduce it.

Fourth, mercantilism becomes the norm because imitation is rational. If the largest economy redefines openness as conditional and subsidises its own semi-conductors, shipyards, critical minerals and pharmaceuticals, no second nation can keep its own market innocent. Friedrich List argued exactly this in 1841, that the nation and not the individual is the unit, and that prevailing free trade is the ladder the climber kicks away once at the top. The doctrine is contagious by design.

India Agrees, But At What Cost?

The instructive fact, for Delhi, is that India already agrees with the diagnosis. Atmanirbhar Bharat is Hamilton in another grammar, or more precisely it is Keynes, whose 1933 lecture "National Self-Sufficiency" supplied the case that a nation may rationally pay for the capacity to make what it needs. So the question is not whether the doctrine is sound, but how it cuts. It cuts four ways.

It cuts close, first, because India's dependence is sharper than America's. In 2024-2025, as much as 93 per cent of India's permanent magnet imports came from China. For bulk drugs and intermediates, the Chinese share crossed 70%, and for some antibiotic categories it reached 87%. The nation that, on Bessent's test, cannot be sovereign while it depends on a rival for critical inputs is, on that same test, India before it is the United States.

Second, India is negotiating for a thing at war with itself. The commerce minister has said the trade deal with Washington turns on a guaranteed comparative advantage, a tariff margin over competitors, built around a



rate near 18%. A guaranteed margin over others is a preference, not a rule. At the Thirteenth Ministerial Conference in Abu Dhabi in 2024, India asked for the reverse: a transparent, inclusive, rule-bound reform and the restoration of the Appellate Body. One cannot defend non-discrimination in Geneva on Monday and bid for discrimination in Washington on Tuesday.

The Paradox Of Rules

Third, India loses its cheapest insurance. A middle power without a superpower's coercive reach was protected most by rules, because rules bind the strong more than the weak. In a world of deals, India bargains from weakness against the United States and China at once, and it sits outside the interim appeal arrangement that nearly 60 others have joined.

Fourth, the opening is real, the record sobering. The Union Budget of 2026-27 announced rare earth corridors in Odisha, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. The REPM scheme commits ₹7,280 crore. The bulk drug PLI scheme had drawn ₹4,709 crore of investment by 2025, creating capacity for 26 active ingredients. The overall import share did not move, because China cut prices to hold

the market. Hamilton and List both knew that an infant industry carries a cost, paid by the consumer and the taxpayer, justified only if the infant grows. The gap between the announcement and the outcome is where this will be decided, as it usually is.

What, then, is the new order. It is neither free trade nor autarky. It is managed interdependence: economics subordinated to security, openness made conditional, the multilateral institution surviving as a forum but not as an arbiter, and each nation tending a portfolio of dependencies it is trying, expensively, to de-risk. The rules-based order is becoming a strength-based order. That is description, not complaint. The rules were always a bargain the strong accepted because predictability was worth more to them than the occasional adverse ruling. When the strongest decides the bargain no longer pays, the rules do not collapse. They merely stop applying to the strong, which, for the weak, is the same thing.

A rule that binds only the weak was never quite a rule. It was a courtesy. And courtesies, unlike rules, are withdrawn without notice.

China's new AI surveillance system has a chillig new mission

China's sweeping new law on "ethnic unity", which takes effect on Wednesday, has raised fears among the country's minority groups that it will further erode their culture and rights. The law also allows Beijing to target people overseas, prompting concern in Taiwan and many other parts of the world, including India, which hosts the largest Tibetan community outside China. The move is seen as the latest tool in Beijing's arsenal to suppress its minorities and dissidents. This comes amid growing evidence that China is using advanced AI not only to target its current critics but also to predict who could become one in the future.

The Ethnic Unity and Progress Promotion legislation was approved by China's National People's Congress in Beijing in March, with the stated aim of creating a "shared" national identity among the country's officially recognised 56 ethnic groups. However, the main focus appears to be assimilating minorities into the culture of the majority Han Chinese. The law mandates that Mandarin be the language of instruction in schools and official communication. It also provides a legal basis for prosecuting parents or guardians who may instil what it describes as "detrimental" views in children.

Fulfilling Xi's Vision

The new law cements President Xi Jinping's vision of a powerful China united by a single national identity. Under his rule, Beijing has already taken a harder line on dissent and protests, especially in Tibet, Xinjiang and Inner Mongolia, home to minority groups. In 2020, ethnic Mongolians in northern China staged rare protests against measures to reduce Mongolian-language instruction in favour of Mandarin. In Xinjiang, human rights groups have documented the detention of a million Uyghur Muslims in what Beijing calls "re-education" camps. In 2022, a UN report accused China of crimes against humanity in Xinjiang, including torture and forced sterilisation of Uyghurs. Beijing dismissed the report as "pure farce" and a tool to smear and slander China.

In Tibet, Buddhists are not permitted to worship their spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama, who will

turn 91 this week. Their monasteries are now controlled by the Chinese authorities, and children are reported to have been sent to state-run boarding schools to be educated predominantly in Mandarin and to inculcate Chinese culture. Speaking in New Delhi, the head of the Tibetan government-in-exile, Penpa Tsering, condemned China's new law as "an instrument of forced assimilation, whose ultimate objective is the gradual erosion of Tibetan language, religion, culture and identity".

Beijing has defended the new legislation, which puts even foreign citizens' lives at risk. Under Article 63 of the law, people outside China can be held legally accountable for undermining "ethnic unity and progress or inciting ethnic separatism". Beijing's Vice Justice Minister, Hu Weilie, said the law was "legitimate", "lawful" and "necessary". He said the overseas provision had been misinterpreted. However, Taiwan, the UN and the European Union remain unconvinced and have expressed deep concern. In Taipei, an official feared the new law could be used to prosecute the Taiwanese as well as Hong Kongers living in Taiwan who oppose unification. Australia, which has a large Chinese community, has also registered its concern with Beijing.

The Case Of Secret "Police Stations"

Even without the new law, Beijing had been accused of targeting its dissidents in foreign countries through a network of shadow police stations. In May, a Chinese-origin American citizen, Lu Jianwang, was convicted in New York of helping run the first known secret police station in the US. The court found he operated the station in Manhattan's Chinatown in early 2022 for China's Ministry of Public Security (MPS). He was accused of targeting Chinese dissidents, including Xi Jie, a pro-Democracy activist who fled his country in 2013.

In recent months, France has dismantled nine clandestine police stations operated by Chinese nationals on behalf of their government, according to the French interior ministry. These stations were used to monitor the

Chinese diaspora, track down government critics, and forcibly send them back to China. Early in June, two Chinese men were jailed in London for running "shadow police operations" on British soil. The court heard that they assisted in efforts to track down and forcibly return Hong Kong nationals living in Britain.

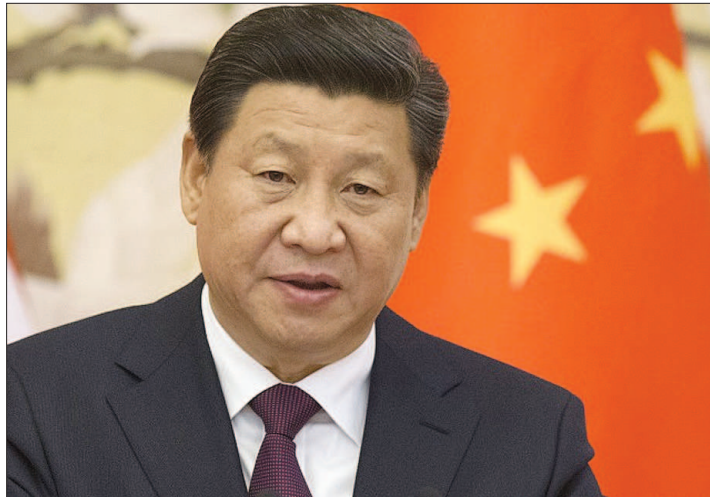
At least 100 such stations have been reported in more than 50 countries, with rights groups accusing China of using the outposts to threaten and monitor Chinese nationals abroad as well as helping Beijing identify pro-democracy activists living in the US. China has denied that the outposts are police stations, saying they are "service stations" providing administrative services to nationals overseas.

Finding Future Dissenters

In the 2022 Tom Cruise-starring Hollywood film Minority Report, police identify "criminals" for arrest before they have actually committed a murder. Little did the producers know that it would come close to reality, thanks to China's sustained efforts to achieve mastery in Artificial Intelligence. Leaked documents from a Chinese state-linked company have revealed that Beijing is now trying to develop technology to predict who might become a dissident.

Researchers at the US university Vanderbilt have recently found that the Chinese firm Geedge Networks is analysing vast amounts of data on individuals' daily habits, relationships, and browsing histories to predict who might say or do something critical of the government. The company already sells a commercial version of the Great Firewall, the surveillance and censorship software that China uses to control online activity. Geedge is a private company that operates in coordination with the Chinese government. It has already sold its surveillance software to Pakistan, Myanmar, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia. This "reflects longstanding concerns about covert access to personal data from Chinese telecommunications and digital infrastructure abroad", say Vanderbilt researchers.

There is no evidence that Geedge has mastered and deployed the predictive technology. One reason is export controls imposed



by the US under President Biden. But Trump has relaxed those controls and recent developments suggest Beijing is working overtime to acquire the latest AI technology. Last week, another Chinese cybersecurity firm, Qihoo360, claimed it had built an AI system matching the capabilities of Anthropic's Mythos, the most powerful American AI technology. Mythos can uncover thousands of previously unknown bugs in software and exploit them. The White House has restricted its distribution amid fears of misuse by rivals and hackers.

No Hiding From AI Surveillance There is no doubt that China is keen to deploy predictive behaviour surveillance against its citizens and will also export the technology to its friends, such as Pakistan. It is also true that the US and other powers are harvesting data to be used against their citizens, and one can't rule out their attempts at predictive surveillance. But Beijing is doing so on a different scale and with greater vigour. Early in June, Beijing hosted an international police and anti-terrorism technology expo to showcase its law-enforcement equipment. According to the South China Morning Post, a company at the expo, Lianxin Technology, said its AI-enabled cameras and psychological analysis use facial features to generate personality profiles. The company claims that if a person looks at the camera for 8 to 12 seconds, the system will generate a personality profile that includes emotional stability, health vulnerability, core motivations and the risk of commit-

ting a crime. It's not quite predictive technology yet, but some progress is evident.

Although China's security forces have been deploying facial recognition and other modern technologies for years, their use of AI-enabled technology serves as a warning to critics of the Chinese regime. The ethnic unity law will be enforced using these technologies. China's dissidents or critics have no hiding place from the state's surveillance net. The new law will certainly make the lives of Chinese dissidents or minorities more difficult. It will at least serve as a deterrent by exerting psychological pressure on them, even if Beijing is unable to secure their extradition.

The new law also requires parents from the country's ethnic minorities to educate and guide their children to love the Chinese Communist Party. For Xi, the party is supreme and loyalty is non-negotiable. Two weeks ago, the country's top military decision-makers completed a course for senior officers, aimed at their ideological transformation and political rectification. Speaking at the launch of the two-month course in April, Xi said that joining the military required a firm embrace of Marxism and loyalty to the party's beliefs, organisation and cause. In an apparent attempt to clarify, a commentary in the country's official China Defence News warned that keeping the Chinese army "pure" is fundamental to its core mission. To maintain purity, the journal stressed, loyalty to the party must be "exclusive, absolute and unconditional."

# ‘Last 1-2% left’: India-US trade deal nears finish line; US envoy says Trump considers PM Modi a ‘friend’

The proposed India-US trade agreement is nearing completion, with negotiators working through the final outstanding issues, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said on Monday. He also said President Donald Trump remains personally invested in strengthening ties with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, describing the leaders’ relationship as an advantage for the broader strategic partnership. Speaking at the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum (USISPF) Leadership Summit, Gor said cooperation between Washington and New Delhi continued to deepen across trade, defence, technology and investment. He dismissed suggestions that bilateral relations had weakened and said both governments remained focused on delivering concrete outcomes.

“We are hopefully in the final steps of this deal. Most of this deal is complete. There’s a few items that remain from both sides, but it’s in the last one or two per cent of that deal,” Gor said. He noted that officials from both countries had stepped up negotiations in recent weeks. US Trade Representative Jamieson Greer visited New Delhi recently, while Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal also travelled to the United States as discussions continued.

Gor acknowledged that negotiations had taken around 18 months but said trade agreements of this scale often require considerably longer.

“People ask you, why has this taken so long? We’ve been at the trade deal for a year and a half. To put it into perspective, the European trade deal took 20 years. And so, no matter what, as long as we beat the European deal, I think we’re in good shape,” he said. Calling the proposed agreement beneficial for both countries, Gor said it would provide greater certainty for businesses engaged in bilateral commerce.

“This is a deal that is beneficial to both sides. This is not one side or the other. This is a win-win situation where both sides can do incredible things and take this relationship to the next level,” he said. India-US ties remain on strong footing

Gor rejected claims that the strategic



partnership had weakened despite commentary suggesting otherwise.

“So to all those pundits that sit online and tweet and say, this relationship is in trouble, when you look at the facts of where this relationship stands, whether it’s trade, whether it’s defense, whether it’s the people-to-people ties, the relationship is on a strong footing,” he said. He said cooperation continued to expand across sectors, including artificial intelligence, advanced technology and defence.

“In the six months that I’ve been in India, I’ve seen the incredible potential. There’s not a day that goes by that a new item pops up for our two countries to work together.”

According to Gor, India conducts more military exercises with the United States than with any other country. “Every single month there’s something happening, whether it’s Indian troops coming here, whether it’s US troops going into the region,” he said.

Trump ‘considers PM Modi a friend’

Gor said President Trump continued to speak warmly about India and retained strong personal ties with Prime Minister Modi. “The United States wants to work hand in hand with India. We care about this relationship. We have a president who deeply cares about this relationship,” he said.

Recalling a conversation with Trump before the weekend, Gor said the President continued to speak fondly about his previous visit to India.

“He has very fond memories of India. His visit last time, it was one of his most remarkable visits that he contin-

ues to talk about. He holds India a very fond place.”

The ambassador also recounted an incident from a recent Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) event in Miami, where Trump suggested calling Prime Minister Modi immediately.

“I said, ‘Sir, it’s 6:00 AM in the morning there.’”

He said, ‘He’ll be up. He’s like me.’”

Although the call was eventually scheduled for the following day, Gor said the exchange reflected the personal bond between the two leaders.

“The president truly considers the Prime Minister a friend,” he said.

Trade target of \$500 billion

Highlighting the growth in economic ties, Gor said bilateral trade had increased from around \$20 billion two decades ago to approximately \$220 billion today.

He referred to the goal announced by President Trump and Prime Minister Modi to raise bilateral trade to \$500 billion over the coming years.

“What President Trump and Prime Minister Modi announced as a bilateral trade goal of \$500 billion over the next few years, that’s an astounding number that is unmatched,” he said.

Gor said the next two years would play an important role in shaping the future of the India-US partnership.

“These next two years will set the relationship on a path for several decades ahead. So, for everyone here who participates in this, think of this as a long-term project. This is not a one-year or two-year, but what we sow now will continue to sustain us decades ahead.”

# Tech tax: Donald Trump warns France ‘not to charge American companies’ or face 100% wine tariffs

Donald Trump on Monday, June 15, warned that France could be at risk of a trade war with the United States. The US President said America will be left with “no choice” but to put 100% tariffs on French wine unless Paris decides to eliminate its digital tax on American tech giants.

In an interview with the New York Post, Trump claimed that he has delivered the warning directly to French President Emmanuel Macron. He has demanded Macron to remove the 3 per cent tax on US tech giants or stay ready to face duties in the American market.

“I asked him ?not to charge American companies, and if they ?do, I have no choice but to charge a 100 per cent tariff on all champagnes and



all wines coming out of France,” Trump said. “All (Macron) has to do is get rid of the sales ?tax, ?and he wouldn’t have that kind of pressure.”

Notably the American market accounts for a fifth of the French wine industry’s global sales and is said to be worth over \$2 billion annually. As per reports, Trump’s demand sets the stage for a

bitter showdown at Monday’s G7 Summit in Evian-les-Bains. Last week, Macron’s office, the Elysée Palace, stated that the two sides have settled their long-running spat over taxing Silicon Valley.

What’s at stake?

Popularly known as the GAFAM tax, France’s digital services tax has remained on the books since

2019. Under this, the European nation imposes a 3 per cent levy on the local revenue generated by the likes of Google parent Alphabet, Amazon, Meta, and Apple. Since it targets gross revenue rather than profits, the policy reportedly hits US tech titans the hardest. As per the French finance ministry, it raked in \$700 million last year.

Alcohol is considered among the top ?exports to the ?United States from the European Union and was worth nearly \$10.46 billion in 2024, as per Eurostat data.

In October last year, France’s National Assembly had voted 296-58 to double the tax to 6 per cent and narrow the threshold to target the global players. However, the move was later vetoed by ministers.

# Sundar Pichai’s Stanford homecoming met with boos, walkout and pro-Palestine protest

A section of graduating students walked out of Stanford University’s commencement ceremony during a speech by Google CEO Sundar Pichai, turning one of the institution’s biggest annual celebrations into a platform for pro-Palestine protest. The demonstration was organised by Stanford’s Students for Justice in Palestine chapter and allied groups, which had publicly called for a walk-out ahead of the event. Protest organisers said the action was aimed at challenging Google’s ties to Israel.

Videos circulating online showed students leaving the ceremony carrying Palestinian flags and chanting “Free Palestine” as Pichai delivered his commencement address.

Ahead of the event, Stanford SJP urged students to participate in the protest and criticised Google’s role in what it described as the surveil-

lance and killing of Palestinians.

“We don’t need another tech billionaire to tell us how to get rich off of the killing and surveillance of Palestinians,” the group said. “Take a stance against war profiteering. Tell the Google CEO that he is not welcome.”

Pichai, who earned a master’s degree from Stanford in 1995 and now leads Google and its parent company Alphabet, addressed the university’s graduating class during the institution’s 135th commencement ceremony on Sunday.

Speaking to students, he reflected on pivotal moments that shape people’s lives and careers.

“If you are able to filter the signal through the noise, you can nudge your life in these moments into having the impact you want,” he said.

Pichai also encouraged graduates to remain hopeful despite global uncer-



ainty. “Choose optimism. This might not true to you at this moment. The world is going through a lot—global conflicts, economic anxiety, a rewiring of technology, information overload, all at a fast pace... We don’t get to choose the world we graduate into, but we do get to choose how we frame our circumstances,” he told the gathering.

He further urged students to pursue difficult challenges and focus on work that genuinely excites them.

According to Stanford University, more

than 20,000 people attended the ceremony at Stanford Stadium, including about 3,600 graduating students, making it one of the university’s largest commencement events.

The protest comes amid a series of demonstrations at university campuses across the United States linked to the Israel-Gaza conflict. Student activists have repeatedly used graduation ceremonies and other high-profile campus events to voice opposition to Israel’s military actions in Gaza.

# US-Iran diplomacy or deadlock? Steve Witkoff heads to Doha as Tehran rejects Trump’s talks claim

Fresh diplomatic activity between Washington and Tehran gathered momentum on Monday after reports that US Special Envoy Steve Witkoff was travelling to Doha, even as Iran maintained that no formal negotiations with the United States had been scheduled.

The latest developments come a day after US President Donald Trump announced that talks involving the two countries would take place in Qatar on Tuesday. While Washington has projected the meeting as an important diplomatic opportunity, Iranian officials continue to dispute that any formal engagement with American representatives is planned.

According to CNN, citing two US officials, Witkoff is en route to the Qatari capital. The report said it remained unclear whether Senior Adviser Jared Kushner was travelling alongside him.

Iran says commitments depend on US reciprocity

Amid the diplomatic activity, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian said Tehran remained willing to honour its commitments if the United States did the same.

In a post on X, Pezeshkian wrote, “Mutual understanding is a two-way street. If the American party adheres to the agreement, we will also fulfil our commitments.”



Without referring to Trump by name, the Iranian President also warned against threats.

“Our approach towards unreasonable grumbles and baseless threats relies on rationality and human dignity in decision-making, and decisive and unhesitant defence when it comes to action,” he said.

Trump pushes Doha meeting

Speaking at the White House during the signing of an executive order, Trump said the Doha meeting could prove significant and reiterated that preventing Iran from acquiring a nuclear weapon remained Washington’s primary objective.

“There’ll be a meeting on that tomorrow in Doha... we’ll see how that goes. But we’re doing very well on that front. The meeting in Doha is going to be perhaps important, perhaps not; we’re going to find

out,” Trump said.

He added, “It’s really very simple, it’s the denuclearisation of Iran. We don’t want them to have a nuclear weapon, and they’re not going to have a nuclear weapon, and they’ve agreed to that, in all fairness.”

Earlier, Trump had claimed on Truth Social that Iran had requested the meeting. White House Press Secretary Karoline Leavitt later said the talks had been arranged at Tehran’s request.

Tehran rejects claims of scheduled negotiations

Iran, however, has continued to reject Washington’s version of events.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei said an Iranian delegation would travel to Qatar, but insisted its visit was unrelated to the arrival of American officials.

“The fact that US repre-

sentatives are travelling to Qatar has no connection with the trip of the Iranian delegation,” Baghaei said.

He added that the visit was intended to implement provisions under Article 11 of an existing Memorandum of Understanding.

Baghaei also said negotiations on a final agreement had not yet begun.

“We have not yet entered the negotiation phase for the final agreement. According to Article 13 of the MoU, the start of negotiations for the final agreement is contingent upon the initiation of the implementation of Articles 1, 4, 5, 10, and 11, and the continuation of their implementation,” he said.

Qatar remains key intermediary

The diplomatic activity follows recent military tensions between the United States and Iran linked to incidents in the Strait of Hormuz.

While Washington has projected the Doha engagement as part of efforts to resolve concerns over Iran’s nuclear programme, Tehran has publicly distanced itself from claims of direct negotiations.

Despite the conflicting public statements, communication channels remain active, with Qatar continuing to facilitate contacts between the two sides.

# Crude oil relief powers India outlook: Goldman Sachs projects 6.8% GDP growth in CY26, cuts inflation and CAD estimates

India’s economic outlook for the calendar year 2026 has received an upgrade from Goldman Sachs, with the global investment bank raising its growth forecast while lowering inflation and current account deficit estimates after easing crude oil prices following the recent US-Iran peace deal.

In its latest report titled India: Improved macro outlook after the US-Iran deal, Goldman Sachs said the decline in oil prices has reduced risks for the Indian economy and improved the overall macroeconomic outlook.

Goldman Sachs has raised India’s real GDP growth forecast for CY26 by 0.3 percentage points to 6.8 per cent year-on-year, while cutting its headline inflation forecast by 0.2 percentage points to 4.4 per cent and reducing its current account deficit estimate by 0.2 percentage points to 1.1 per cent of GDP.

“On balance, with the recent downward revision in the oil price forecast by our commodities team (\$82/bbl average in Q3-Q4 CY26, vs. \$92/bbl earlier and \$75/bbl average in CY27, vs. \$80/bbl earlier), we raise our real GDP growth forecast for CY26 by 0.3pp to 6.8% yoy, lower our headline inflation forecast by 0.2pp to 4.4% yoy and lower our current account deficit forecast by

0.2pp to 1.1% of GDP,” the report said.

The investment bank noted that India remained resilient despite the impact of Middle East tensions, with government measures helping reduce the impact of higher energy costs.

“The Indian economy remained resilient through the Middle-East shock, as fiscal and quasi-fiscal measures absorbed much of the increase in energy costs and limited pass-through to consumers,” the report noted.

Oil prices ease economic pressure

Goldman Sachs said stronger-than-expected economic activity in the first quarter of CY26 and softer crude prices supported the upward revision.

India’s real GDP growth in the first quarter stood at 7.8 per cent year-on-year, backed by investment and services activity.

The brokerage expects consumption growth to moderate in the second and third quarters due to earlier fuel price increases, but said lower oil prices have reduced the possibility of further retail fuel price hikes.

It also said softer global commodity prices could ease fiscal pressure.

“The sharp correction in global urea prices should reduce upside risk to the fertilizer subsidy bill versus our earlier



expectations... together with lower oil prices, should help ease near-term fiscal pressures,” it said.

External sector outlook improves

Goldman Sachs said lower oil prices and stronger remittance inflows have strengthened India’s external position.

“Overall, we lower our current account deficit forecast for CY26 further by 0.2pp to 1.1% of GDP,” Goldman Sachs said, adding that it expects a balance of payments surplus of 0.7 per cent of GDP for the year.

However, the brokerage cautioned that weather-related uncertainties and the impact of earlier fuel price increases could remain short-term challenges before growth gains further momentum later in the year.

# Sensex jumps over 1,100 points as Trump’s Iran deal reshapes West Asia outlook and drags crude lower

Indian equity benchmarks posted strong gains at the opening bell on Monday after global investors welcomed reports of a breakthrough between the United States and Iran that could ease disruptions to global energy supplies.

The rally came alongside a sharp decline in crude oil prices, offering relief to import-dependent economies such as India and improving sentiment across Asian markets.

The BSE Sensex surged more than 1,100 points in early trade to touch 76,656.61, while the NSE Nifty 50 climbed 350.40 points to 23,973.30.

Earlier in the session, the Sensex had opened above the 76,700 mark, and Nifty approached 24,000.

Real estate, cement and automobile stocks led the gains. Nifty Realty rose 2.59 per cent, while Nifty Cement advanced 2.46 per cent. Nifty Auto gained nearly 2 per cent.

Consumer durables, oil and gas, and PSU banking shares also traded firmly



in the green. The broader rally was largely supported by optimism surrounding lower energy costs and improving global risk appetite.

Healthcare stocks, however, lagged behind the broader market trend. Nifty Pharma slipped 0.17 per cent, while the healthcare index was marginally lower.

Crude oil declines after Iran-US breakthrough

Investor sentiment received a boost after US President Donald Trump announced that a deal with Iran had been finalised.

Trump said on Truth Social that the agreement

would bring “peace and security” to the region.

He also announced the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz and the removal of the US naval blockade, developments that markets viewed as positive for global oil supplies.

International benchmark Brent crude fell nearly 5 per cent to around \$83 a barrel. US benchmark West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped more than 5 per cent to around \$80 per barrel.

Market participants said lower oil prices could ease inflationary pressures and improve growth prospects for economies heavily

dependent on energy imports.

Experts see relief for Indian economy

Market experts said the combination of easing geopolitical tensions and softer crude prices could improve India’s macroeconomic outlook.

“With the dawn of peace in West Asia, hopefully, and the consequent sharp correction in Brent crude to below \$84 in early trade, the prospects for the Indian economy and stock market have turned for the better.

The GDP growth rate and CPI inflation projections for FY27 can be revised in this changed scenario to 6.9 per cent and 4.6 per cent, respectively.

This will have positive implications for the stock market,” market experts said.

Banking and market expert Ajay Bagga said the developments had removed a major uncertainty that had been weighing on the global economy.

# Telugu web series Ready for a big Battle on OTT



After the COVID-19 pandemic, web series became very popular across India. Shows like The Family Man, Mirzapur, and Scam 1992 attracted millions of viewers. Many people stayed awake late at night to watch new episodes as soon as they were released. The demand for web series was very high. However, after some time, the excitement slowly reduced because many shows had similar stories and genres. Now, the trend seems to be changing once again. Telugu web series are becoming more popular, and OTT platforms are bringing fresh content for viewers. July 3 is going to be a special day because four new Telugu web series are releasing on different streaming platforms. One of the most talked-about series is Super Subbu, starring Sandeep Kishan. The trailer shows that it deals with a sensitive issue in a fun and entertaining way. It is also the first Telugu web series from Netflix to feature a well-known hero in the lead role. Sandeep Kishan is actively promoting the series through interviews and social media. Amazon Prime Video Another interesting release is Isukapatnam, starring Samuthirakani

and Aishwarya Rajesh. It will stream on Amazon Prime Video. The series is said to be a serious political drama with elements of crime, mafia, and coastal life. The makers believe it will keep viewers engaged with its intense storyline. ZEE5 is bringing Veerabhadruni Rahasyalu, a mystery thriller inspired by the classic television serial Marmadesam. The series features many experienced supporting actors and promises suspense, mystery, and unexpected twists. ETV Win ETV Win will release Gurtukostunnayi, starring Viraj Ashwin, who became popular after Baby. The series is expected to focus on memories, emotions, and nostalgia. It aims to offer a fresh and heart-touching experience for the audience. At the same time, new movies are also arriving in theatres, giving audiences plenty of entertainment choices. OTT platforms are promoting these web series with trailers, interviews, and special events to attract viewers. It will be interesting to see which series wins the audience's hearts. The viewership numbers and public response over the coming week will reveal which Telugu web series becomes the biggest success.

# New-Gen Tollywood Heroes Ready for big Test



The month of July is expected to be an exciting one for Telugu cinema. Instead of big star heroes, several young actors are ready to entertain audiences with their new films. These movies include different genres such as action, romance, fantasy, and emotional dramas. Many filmmakers are hoping to attract movie lovers with fresh stories and unique concepts. Two films will arrive in theatres on July 3. One of them is Rao Bahadur, starring Satyadev. The promotional content has already created a positive impression. The movie is said to introduce audiences to a completely new world with an interesting storyline. The second release is Nagabandham, a high-budget fantasy film featuring newcomer Virat Karna. Made with a reported budget of around Rs.80 crore, the movie has become a

major talking point. The film also promises grand visuals and impressive visual effects. On July 10, Lenin, starring Akhil Akkineni, is set for release. Akhil has been waiting for a strong commercial success for a long time, making this film one of the most important projects of his career. Fans are expecting the movie to help him make a solid comeback. Director Ajay Bhupathi, known for successful films like RX 100 and Mangalavaaram, is bringing Srinivasa Mungapuram to theatres this month. The film will also introduce a new hero from the Ghattamaneni family, creating extra curiosity among audiences. There is also speculation that Mahesh Babu may participate in the film's promotions, which could increase its reach. On July 24, Chennai Love Story, starring Kiran

Abbavaram and Gouri Priya, will hit theatres. Its songs have already become popular, helping the film build strong buzz. The makers promise surprising twists during the interval and climax. At the end of the month, on July 31, Sigma, starring Sundeeep Kishan, will be released. Interestingly, his web series Super Subbu will also premiere earlier in July, making it an important month for the actor. Overall, July could become a turning point for several young Tollywood actors. With fresh stories, new talent, and different styles of filmmaking, these releases may bring fresh energy to the box office. The performances of Akhil Akkineni, Sundeeep Kishan, Kiran Abbavaram, Virat Karna and other young actors will be closely watched as they aim for major career breakthroughs.

# Sankranthi 2027: the most Entertaining duo Joins the race!

Sankranthi 2027 box office race is going to turn exciting with multiple stars fighting it out with their films. An interesting addition to this slate is Ravi Teja and Sree Vishnu. For the first time, both the actors are joining hands for a multistarrer, and the crazy combination will be directed by Hasith Goli. Hasith Goli has already proved his mettle with the films Raja Raja Chora and Swag. This would be his third film with Sree Vishnu, and we hear that the film will leave everyone in splits, and it also has a nice story.



The addition of Ravi Teja is also an interesting aspect as he brings the right energy to the film. Both the actors can perform comedy very well, and their coming on board is a fun ride.

# Hrithik Out, Suriya In for big Production House



Actor Suriya has officially joined hands with Hombale Films for a brand-new big-budget movie. The announcement has created huge excitement among fans across India. The film will be directed by T. J. Gnanavel, who is well known for making the award-winning movie Jai Bhim. With this powerful combination, expectations for the project are already very high. The production house shared the news on social media with a special message praising Suriya's remarkable career. They described him as an actor who always chooses meaningful roles and gives honest performances. Hombale Films welcomed him by calling this one of the biggest collaborations in recent times. Before the official announcement, producer Vijay Kiragandur had hinted that a major update would arrive in the afternoon. His message increased curiosity among fans, and many started guessing what the surprise would be. When the announcement finally came, it confirmed that Suriya would lead the production house's next major film. Reports suggest that actress Kayadu Lohar is likely to play the female lead. She recently impressed

audiences with her performances and is expected to bring fresh energy to the film. Young music composer Sai Abhyankkar is expected to compose the soundtrack, while cinematographer S. R. Kathir will handle the visuals. Editor Philomin Raj is also likely to be part of the technical team. The film is expected to be made on a grand scale with high production values. Although the title and story have not been revealed yet, fans are already looking forward to more updates. At the same time, social media is buzzing with reports that the previously discussed project between Hrithik Roshan and Hombale Films has been put on hold or may no longer move forward. However, there has been no official confirmation from either Hrithik Roshan or Hombale Films regarding these reports. With Suriya now officially joining Hombale Films and T. J. Gnanavel directing the project, movie lovers are expecting a powerful entertainer with strong performances, quality storytelling, and impressive visuals. More details about the cast, story, and release date are expected to be announced in the coming months.

# NTR As Muruga, but who Will play Lord Shiva?

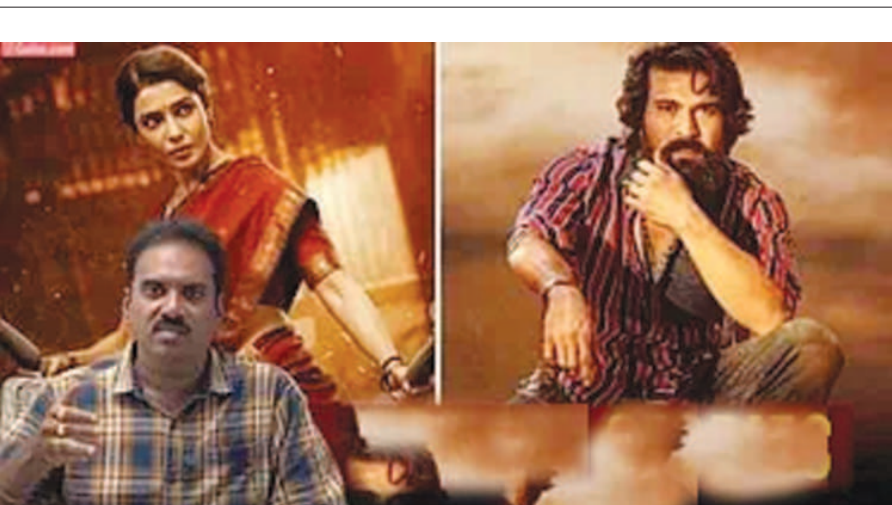


The official announcement of NTR and Trivikram Srinivas' much-awaited pan-India epic has sent fans into a frenzy. The film, inspired by Lord Muruga, marks the reunion of the blockbuster duo after Aravinda Sametha Veera Raghava. The concept poster and tagline have already hinted at a grand mythological spectacle rooted in divinity and warfare. While fans are thrilled to see NTR step into the role of Muruga, a new discussion has now taken over social media. The biggest question being asked is: who will portray Lord Shiva in the film? Since Muruga is the son of Shiva and Parvathi, many believe the character of Shiva will play a crucial role in the narrative. Fans feel that casting a power-

ful senior star in the role would elevate the film's scale and create unforgettable on-screen moments alongside NTR. Names of several veteran stars are already being floated online, with movie lovers suggesting that only an actor with immense screen presence can match NTR in a mythological setting. Social media discussions are filled with casting suggestions, making the topic one of the hottest talking points. However, the makers have not revealed any casting details beyond the core team. With Trivikram known for carefully selecting his performers, fans are eagerly waiting to see who lands the prestigious role. For now, the excitement is only growing.



# MIB Crosses 75 Cr, Peddi's Run Almost Done!



In this edition of Monday Stories, we look at the Performance of Samantha's Maa Inti Bangaaram after 10 days run and Peddi after its 25 days run. Maa Inti Bangaaram had a fantastic second weekend with Saturday and Sunday numbers being better than the opening day numbers. The movie has collected 77.45 Crore Gross Worldwide and is likely to touch the magical 100 Crore Gross. It is the biggest hit this year in terms of Return on Investment. Coming to Peddi, the movie's run is almost complete. The movie has collected around 179.42 Crore Share WW.

Uttarandhra is the only area in Telugu States which will be breakeven without the Producer having to give the GST. Some areas will breakeven and some will miss by a whisker after the GST by the Producer. The movie has disappointed outside the Telugu States. Peddi has performed very well when compared to its Talk but then, the costs involved are very high and at the end, they proved to be costly. Rao Bahadur and Nagabandham are releasing this weekend. We will have to see if MIB will slow down due to their impact.

# Ramba Oorvasi Menaka: Allari Naresh back with Humorous Bang

Allari Naresh has been diversified his acting choices from comedy entertainers to prove his versatility. He is back with a humorous subject, Ramba Oorvasi Menaka. The movie is directed by Chandra Mohan Chintada and produced by Razesh Danda and Prasad Nimmakayala. The movie first look has been unveiled and it presents Allari Naresh writing and thinking about Ramba Oorvasi Menaka all the time. Without revealing the actresses who are playing the roles, using just idols, makers have



created intrigue. With base in mythology and Allari Naresh in a hilarious entertainer, the makers have already created

huge excitement for the film. Movie is scheduled for a 4th September release with Annapurna Studios presenting it.

# Lady director takes movie Team to Court Over Rs.8.39 Cr Dues



Director Sudha Kongara has taken legal action against the makers of Parasakthi, creating fresh uncertainty around one of Tamil cinema's most talked about projects. According to reports, the acclaimed filmmaker has approached the Madras High Court alleging that a remuneration amount of Rs.8.39 crore remains unpaid. The matter has now reached the legal stage, with Sudha Kongara seeking directions regarding the pending payment. The development has caught the attention of the film industry, especially since Parasakthi had some big names like Sivakarthikeyan and Sreeleela playing leads. During the hearing, the court reportedly indicated that the satellite release of the film should not proceed until July 8,

when the matter is expected to be reviewed further. This observation has added another layer of complexity. In addition, the plea is said to have sought restraint on the release of Idhayam Murali, which is currently scheduled to hit theaters on July 10. The legal dispute has therefore expanded beyond remuneration concerns and could potentially impact release strategies connected to the production house. The case has quickly become a major talking point in Kollywood, with fans and trade circles closely monitoring developments. While the producers are expected to present their side before the court, the outcome of the upcoming hearing could play a crucial role in determining the immediate future of the film.

# ‘Vaibhav may have to wait for the first three games’: Pujara urges patience over teenager’s selection

New Delhi, June 30 : Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara believes teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi should not allow the growing attention around him to become a distraction as he awaits a possible opportunity in India's upcoming T20I series against England. Speaking ahead of the tour, Pujara said the youngster is unlikely to feature immediately given the stability of India's current top order, while stressing that preparation and patience will be crucial to his long-term success. Pujara first advised Sooryavanshi to stay grounded despite the widespread excitement surrounding his emergence. “There is a lot of hype around Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. As a young player, he shouldn't pay attention to what is being said about him. He needs

to block out the outside noise and focus on his game,” Pujara told JioStar. While backing the youngster's mindset, Pujara explained that earning a place in the playing XI depends on more than just talent, especially with India's batting lineup already settled. “But even if he is mentally ready, selection is a different matter. I don't think he will get a chance straight away in the England series because India wouldn't want to change their top three. Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, and Ishan Kishan are quality batters who have helped India win the T20 World Cup. So, Vaibhav may have to wait for the first three games,” he added. Pujara also outlined the approach he believes Sooryavanshi should adopt whenever his



opportunity eventually arrives. “If the opportunity arrives, the key for him will be to stay relaxed and calm. He shouldn't put pressure on himself to score big runs. He should just go out and express himself,” he said. The veteran batter cautioned that conditions in England will pose a fresh challenge, making thorough preparation essential before expecting the same level of success he enjoyed in franchise cricket.

“What he did in the IPL won't be easy to replicate in English conditions. So, he needs to prepare well and get used to the conditions. Once he has done that, it will be about watching the ball and playing it on its merit. Everything else will fall into place,” Pujara stated. India begin their T20I series in England with a settled batting unit, meaning Sooryavanshi may have to bide his time before receiving his first opportunity at the international level.

# ICC rankings: Charani retains top spot, Bell-Ecclestone close in after latest update

Dubai, June 30 : India left-arm spinner Sree Charani retained her position as the world's No.1 T20I bowler in the latest rankings released on Tuesday, although England duo Sophie Ecclestone and Lauren Bell have moved closer to the summit following their impressive performances at the ongoing Women's T20 World Cup. Charani, who finished India's campaign with 14 wickets to emerge as one of the tournament's standout bowlers, continues to lead the rankings despite the team's group-stage exit. However, with several players still featuring in the knockout stages, her lead remains under threat. Ecclestone climbed one place to third after taking eight wickets in the tournament so far, while fellow England pacer Bell made an even bigger jump, rising three places to fourth. South Africa spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba also gained one place to move into

fifth, while Pakistan left-arm spinner Nashra Sandhu improved one spot to ninth. Among the other notable movers in the bowling rankings, South Africa all-rounder Marizanne Kapp jumped seven places to 14th, Scotland captain Kathryn Bryce surged 17 spots to 26th, and New Zealand seamer Bree Inling climbed six places to 31st. Australia opener Georgia Voll retained her place as the world's No.1 T20I batter despite a poor performance in the last group stage match against India. South Africa captain Laura Wolvaardt moved up one place to joint third, while Sri Lanka skipper Chamari Athapaththu climbed two positions to seventh after her unbeaten century against Ireland during the group stage. England opener Danni Wyatt-Hodge, currently the tournament's leading run-scorer, gained five places to 11th. Australia veteran Ellyse Perry also rose



five spots to 17th, South Africa's Annerie Dercksen advanced four places to 24th, and Scotland's Darcey Carter jumped 13 positions to 42nd. There was no change at the top of the T20I all-rounders' rankings, with West Indies captain Hayley Matthews retaining the No.1 position ahead of New Zealand's Melie Kerr. Ireland's Orla Prendergast was the biggest mover among the leading all-rounders, climbing two places to joint third. Kapp improved to eighth, Bryce rose to 11th, while Australia's Annabel Sutherland advanced two spots to 17th.

# You can only make diamonds in pressure: Root pays emotional farewell to Stokes

New Delhi, June 30 : Former England captain Joe Root paid a candid tribute to Ben Stokes, lauding the all-rounder's ability to thrive under immense pressure, describing him as a player who consistently produced match-winning moments when the game hung in the balance. Stokes, one of England's modern-day cricketing icons, has retired from international cricket after the third Test against New Zealand at Trent Bridge, bringing the curtain down on a glittering 15-year international career that began in 2011 and included four years as England's Test captain. Few players have shaped England's fortunes across formats quite like Ben Stokes. A genuine match-winner with bat and ball, Stokes delivered some of the most unforgettable moments, none bigger than his unbeaten 84 in the 2019 ODI World Cup final that helped England lift their first-ever world title. “We've been through a huge amount as two players, but one thing I've always admired about you



is, whatever's happened, you've always owned your own... But also that old saying of you can only make diamonds in pressure. Whenever the game's been in the balance, the amount of times, there are only so many players that can create moments like you have. And to say that you can count on two hands more, that your career will be remembered for that,” Root said in a video shared by England and Wales Cricket Board. Brook further recalled Stookes' legendary 135 not out at Headingley that inspired one of the greatest Ashes victories in history. m" There's so many different moments that you have done for this team across all formats but especially

in Test cricket and there'll be generations of people out there that have been inspired by what you've achieved throughout.” And we are all very lucky to have been a part of that journey and to have spent time in the same dressing room as you and everything that you've done. Whether it be winning World Cups, Ashes series, individual moments like that, ridiculous innings at Headingley in 2019,” he added. In 2022, following Joe Root's resignation as Test captain, Stokes took charge of the red-ball side and, alongside head coach Brendon McCullum, ushered in the fearless attacking philosophy that became known as “Bazball”, leading the team to 11 wins in his

first 13 matches in charge. Under their leadership, England rediscovered its identity, recording memorable series victories over New Zealand, South Africa, Pakistan and others while bringing fresh excitement to Test cricket. Root concluded his speech by looking ahead to life after their playing days. “You inspired most of the lads in this room because you're so old now and they were little teenagers growing up and learning the game. It's been a hell of a ride mate, I've loved every minute playing alongside you. “I'm so grateful that I've been able to spend the journey with you, and I really look forward to just at some point, when we're dusty old veterans like the coaching staff, sitting down having a beer,” he said. He finished his Test career with 7273 runs at 34.46, including 14 centuries, and 252 wickets at 30.98, including six five-wicket hauls in 122 Tests, including 44 as England captain. In 114 ODIs, he has 3463 runs and has 585 runs in 43 T20Is.

# Harmanpreet to lead India in 2026 Asian Games as BCCI names 15-strong squad

Mumbai, June 30 : The BCCI on Tuesday announced a Harmanpreet Kaur-led 15-member squad for the upcoming 2026 Asian Games. The selection committee has shown faith in the same contingent that featured in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, with left-hand batter and wicketkeeper G Kamalini's inclusion in place of Yastika Bhatia remaining the only change. India will head into the 2026 Asian Games, scheduled to be played in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 19 to October 4, as the defending champions, having clinched the historic gold medal in the women's cricket competition at the previous edition of the Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China. Shafali Verma and Jemimah Rodrigues will spearhead the batting department alongside vice-captain and Smriti Mandhana. Star all-rounder Deepti Sharma anchors a middle order, while the Richa Ghosh leads the wicketkeeping

duties alongside backup glove-woman Kamalini. The pace attack will be spearheaded by swing specialist Renuka Singh Thakur and the experienced Arundhati Reddy. Meanwhile, the spin department boasts the expertise of left-arm orthodox Radha Yadav and off-spinner Shreyanka Patil. However, the BCCI said Shreyanka's inclusion in the final squad remains subject to fitness clearance following a recent injury layoff. The all-rounder was ruled out of the T20 World Cup due to a twisted ankle. Cricket has been retained for the Asian Games 2026 following its successful inclusion in the 2022 edition after being dropped from the programme at Jakarta 2018. Overall, this will be the fourth time that cricket will be making an appearance in the Asian Games programme. It made a debut as a medal event in the Asian Games at Guangzhou 2010 and returned at



Incheon 2014, although the matches were not accorded international status. India's squad for the 2026 Asian Games: Harmanpreet Kaur (Captain), Smriti Mandhana (Vice-Captain), Shafali Verma, Jemimah Rodrigues, Deepti Sharma, Richa Ghosh (WK), G. Kamalini (WK), Bharti Fulmali, Sree Charani, Renuka Thakur, Kranti Gaud, Arundhati Reddy, Shreyanka Patil (subject to fitness), Radha Yadav, Nandini Sharma.

# FIFA WC: Germany knocked out as Paraguay prevail 4-3 on penalties to reach last-16

Foxborough, June 30 : Paraguay knocked out four-time champions Germany with a wild penalty shootout (4-3) win after the two teams were tied at 1-1 in regulation time in the Round of 32 match of the FIFA World Cup 2026 here at Boston Stadium on Tuesday. Germany had never lost on penalties at the FIFA World Cup. After being down and out seemingly, Manuel Neuer got them back on level terms, only for Paraguay to finally seize their third spot-kick shot at reaching the last 16. Julio Enciso put La Albirroja ahead in the 42nd minute. The Germans used their own aerial prowess to equalise with Kai Havertz diverting Florian Wirtz's cross into the bottom corner. After another header, from Jonathan Tah, was ruled out, the tie went to a shootout. Gill repelled two penalties in it to leave the Paraguayans all but through, only for Manuel Neuer to inspire a remarkable fightback. Finally, with what was the third spot-kick the Paraguayans had to progress, Jose Canale kept his cool to send Gustavo Alfaro's charges through. Germany started the penalty shootout but immediately found



themselves on the back foot when Kai Havertz hit his spot-kick straight at the Paraguay goalkeeper. Mauricio capitalised on the error by burying his shot into the corner, though Joshua Kimmich quickly responded for the Germans, hesitating before confidently converting his effort. Gustavo Gomez then struck well to put Paraguay ahead 2-1, only for Jamal Musiala to level the score at 2-2 with an effortless finish. The drama intensified as Matias Galarza successfully converted to put Paraguay on the brink of victory after Nick Woltemade's subsequent

effort for Germany was saved. However, the four-time champions clung on as Antonio Sanabria saw his potential match-winning strike repelled, allowing Nadiem Amiri to step up and coolly make it 3-3. With a second chance at glory dangling before Paraguay, veteran goalkeeper Manuel Neuer delivered another clutch moment to keep Germany alive by denying Fabian Balbuena. Yet, the South Americans would not be denied a third time, as Jose Canale stepped up and buried his decisive effort to spectacularly knock Germany out of the tournament.

# There’s a little bit of disbelief: Ten Doeschate after India’s maiden series loss to Ireland

India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate admitted the team's 0-2 T20I series defeat to Ireland was difficult to digest but said it exposed an important lesson: the need to adapt much quicker to unfamiliar conditions. The defeat ended India's 16-series unbeaten run in T20Is and came after the team had recently celebrated title wins in the T20 World Cup and Champions Trophy. Ten Doeschate said the players were disappointed but credited Ireland for executing their plans better. “There’s a little bit of disbelief. It’s also very hard to be critical of guys who have just won a World Cup. We’ve been outdone or outsmarted by a team who just did the basics very well,” ten Doeschate said. “So firstly, credit to Ireland, and secondly the learnings for us in terms of being able to adapt to different conditions. That’s probably the biggest takeaway from this. The guys really know how to play in India. This is a good lesson in the fact that we’re going to have to adapt and play slightly differently when we go to different countries and play against different teams.” He felt the conditions in Belfast, particularly the wind and large square boundaries, played a major role in India's struggles. “That was essentially our undoing. It's things we spoke about before, but we just didn't address it well enough out in the middle. I think the big thing was the wind,” he said. “Again, absolutely no excuses, but when presented with a different challenge we have to find solutions of playing in a different manner, in a better manner. I thought Ireland did that very



well with the ball. They never let us hit straight. In two matches, I think we hit two straight sixes. They were both off the spinner. They just did the basics really well and we couldn't combat that. “We’re probably too used to a sort of a tempo and style where you can hit sixes more freely. I think this will be the case when you go to England as well... we’re going to have to adapt and be a lot smarter about how we’d like to play if we’re going to get wins there,” he added. Ten Doeschate said India had specifically discussed avoiding hitting towards the larger square boundaries before the second game and felt the bowlers responded well, but the batters failed to adjust. “That was the central focus of our discussion, particularly for the second game,” he said. “I thought we adjusted really well as a bowling unit today... We need to learn from that. We need to adapt quicker. It is something we spoke about but, again, without being overcritical, we want the boys to make those adjustments a lot quicker.” At the same time, he stressed that the team would not move away from its aggressive approach. “It’s been a strong part of the team's identity over the last

two years... that we really try to dominate the powerplay,” he said. “It’s easy to say sit around, but if you never swing, you’re never going to hit a six. We just want to take better options and give ourselves a better chance of dominating the powerplay.” Having represented the Netherlands during his playing career, ten Doeschate understands the challenges faced by smaller cricketing nations. Although Ireland are now a Full Member they are yet to get enough opportunities at the highest level. Doeschate believes such victories could play a significant role in their growth and confidence. “I thought the Irish were fantastic over both days... I’m pretty chuffed for them. It’s obviously super disappointing to lose, but to see them make progress like that and just win by making the most of what they have is very impressive, and we take our hats off to them,” he said. Vaibhav must wait despite being ready: ten Doeschate Ten Doeschate believes teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is ready for international cricket but insisted the 15-year-old will have to earn his place like everyone else and wait for his opportunity. Sooryavanshi earned his

maiden India call-up after a sensational IPL 2026 campaign, where he finished as Player of the Tournament with 776 runs in 16 innings at a staggering strike rate of 237.30. While selectors felt his performances demanded immediate recognition, the team management has resisted making changes despite India's shock T20I series defeat to Ireland. The former Dutch international said India remain committed to backing the players already in the side, even though opener Sanju Samson has registered golden ducks in both matches of the series. “He’s absolutely ready to play international cricket, there’s no doubt about that,” ten Doeschate said when asked how close Sooryavanshi was to making his debut. “But also, I think it’s not a question to say you can leave Sanju Samson out. A guy who went a long way to winning India the World Cup three months ago. A guy who’s had a fairly good IPL [Samson scored two hundreds for Chennai Super Kings]. “It’s important in terms of giving players confidence, and the message we’re sending to players. We want to give guys a long run in the team. So, you know, as excited as Vaibhav is and as excited as we are and you are to see him play, he’s going to have to go through the same process as everyone else and, you know, bide his time and wait. But certainly no questions about how good he is and how ready he is.” Sooryavanshi has also been picked for the upcoming five-match series in England beginning on Wednesday, followed by the Asian Games.

# Can’t take anything for granted: Iyer after Ireland shock India in first T20I

India captain Shreyas Iyer admitted his side paid the price for taking crucial moments lightly after Ireland scripted a historic 34-run victory in the opening T20I in Belfast, handing the hosts their first-ever win over India in eight attempts. Leading India for the first time in T20Is, Iyer said the defeat served as an important reminder that no opponent can be underestimated. “You can’t take anything for granted,” Iyer said after the match. “You can’t just turn up and win matches. You have to work hard and see to it that you’re in that moment. Like I mentioned earlier, you’ve got to stay in the present and see to it that if you’ve got that opportunity to squeeze the opponent, we’ve got to do that. And yeah, never take any moment or situation lightly.” India had reduced Ireland to 51/4 after an excellent opening spell from their seamers, but the hosts recovered through a 64-run partnership between captain Lorcan Tucker and Gareth Delany. Three dropped catches, including reprieves for both Tucker and Delany, proved costly as

Ireland recovered to post 182/9. Reflecting on the turning point, Iyer felt India lost control in the middle overs after making the ideal start. “I think initially, the bowlers were bowling well. They got lateral movement, and they got a couple of wickets as well. So we got a tremendous start, but in between, we lost execution. We made them hit straight down the ground, where we know that the dimensions are pretty small. But then, yeah, the bowlers, when we had to shut down the overs, they were brilliant as well. So I thought 140 would have been an amazing score considering the start that we got,” Iyer said. Irish skipper Lorcan Tucker praised India's new-ball bowlers, saying they made batting extremely difficult during the Powerplay before his side managed to shift gears. “I think India bowled really well at the start. I think they bowled really good lengths. They didn't really waver from them. They stuck at them, found it challenging to hit good shots. It nearly felt like a Test match at one stage. But I think we



tried to stay in the game, build a partnership, and then took our opportunities when they came a bit later,” Tucker said. Tucker, who led a largely inexperienced side into the game after several of the senior members of the team were injured, said it was a “pretty special thing” to beat India for the first time in internationals. “It’s pretty special thing to beat the world champions at home,” Tucker said after the game. “[It is the] first game of the season, T20 cricket, but credit is due to the lads. I think we had two debutantes there who put in absolutely outstanding performances.

# Ai+ Smartphone announces next sale of Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro following complete sell-out during first sale



Visakhapatnam June 2026: Ai+ Smartphone has announced the next sale of its recently launched Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro after both smartphones witnessed a complete sell-out during their first sale on Flipkart on June 26. The devices were unveiled on June 22 at India's Got Nova, the brand's flagship launch event hosted by renowned Gadget Guru Rajiv Makhni featuring comedian & Youtuber Samay Raina alongside Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone. The event also brought together leading technology creators, reviewers, members of the media and consumers as part of Ai+ Smartphone's Open Review Program, reinforcing the brand's commitment to transparency and community-led product development. The strong consumer response marks another milestone for the growing Nova Series. The next sale of the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro will commence on June 30 at 12pm on Flipkart. The Nova 2 Neo and Nova

2 Pro have been developed to cater to a broad spectrum of consumers from first-time 5G smartphone users to those seeking a more performance-oriented everyday smartphone. Combining dependable hardware with Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS, the devices deliver a clean software experience, reliable performance and long-lasting battery life across their respective price segments. Commenting on the response, Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, said: "The response to the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro has been extremely encouraging. Seeing both devices sell out during their very first sale reinforces our belief that consumers are looking for smartphones that deliver dependable performance, thoughtful design and a clean software experience at accessible price points. Earlier this year, the Nova 2 and Nova 2 Ultra also received an exceptional response, and we're pleased

to see the Nova Series continue building strong momentum. With the next sale beginning on June 30, we look forward to bringing the Nova experience to many more consumers across the country." The Nova 2 Neo is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6300 5G processor and features a 120Hz HD+ display, a 6000mAh battery and Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS. The Nova 2 Pro, powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7100 processor, offers a 144Hz FHD+ display. Both the devices have 48MP SonyIMX582 Camera with fast charging and a premium design for users. The successful debut of the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro further strengthens the momentum of the Nova Series as Ai+ Smartphone continues to expand its portfolio with products focused on delivering dependable performance, thoughtful design and a clean software experience for a wider range of consumers.

# Union Minister showered praise on Bhogapuram PM Sri School

Vizianagaram , June 30 (Skyline): Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has showered praise on the Bhogapuram PM Sri School in the district, which was introduced on an experimental basis by the Prime Minister, said State Minister for Micro , Small and Medium Enterprises , Rural Poverty Alleviation and Empowerment of Diaspora Affairs Kondapalli Srinivas. On Tuesday, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, led by State Education, IT and Human Resource Development Minister Nara Lokesh, inspected the Bhogapuram PM Sri School. Speaking at a media briefing on this occasion, the Union Minister expressed his appreciation for the excellent services provided by the state government under the lead-



ership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh. He said that the education department and teachers are making special efforts to bring light to the lives of underprivileged students. All the departments of the school

were thoroughly inspected. On this occasion, the Union Minister asked the students several questions and congratulated them for their quick answers. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said that Minister Nara Lokesh had advised the faculty to move for-

ward with the same spirit and achieve good results under the leadership of the missionary leader Chandrababu Naidu, who is moving forward in Vision 2047. Minister Nara Lokesh did not visit the Bhogapuram Airport due to his busy schedule and did not speak. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas advised the students to understand the difficulties of their parents and to study well with the facilities provided by the government and work hard to bring good name to their parents , their villages and the district. Along with Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, MLA Aditi Vijayalakshmi , DCCB Chairman Kimidi Nagarjuna , Mark Ped Chairman Karrothu Bangaru Raju and others participated.

# This Andhra Pradesh Engineer Upskilled at Scaler and Landed a 300% Hike in Just 7 Months

Visakhapatnam, 30th June, 2026: For many engineering graduates, not securing a campus placement can feel like being left behind while everyone else moves ahead. For Andhra Pradesh-based Bendu Manohar Naidu, that feeling stayed with him long after graduation. After completing his degree in Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Manohar spent nearly a year trying to secure a role in the core electronics sector. Despite repeated efforts, opportunities remained scarce. As friends began settling into jobs and higher studies, he found himself grappling with uncertainty about what came

next. Determined to create a new path, Manohar began exploring opportunities in technology, he decided to transition into the field despite having no formal computer science background. To build the skills required, he enrolled in the Software Engineering programme at Scaler. The shift was far from easy. Coding concepts were unfamiliar, and competition was intense. Yet Manohar remained consistent. Even on difficult days, he made it a point to solve at least one coding problem, treating progress as a daily habit rather than a distant goal. His family supported him relentlessly throughout his



journey. Months of hard work eventually paid off when he secured his first opportunity in the technology sector. Today, he works with Swiggy as Software Development Engineer 1 (SDE 1). His compensation has grown by over 300% within a span of merely 7 months of joining. For Manohar, the achievement was about more than career progression. After spending nearly two and a half years feeling left behind while many of his peers moved ahead, it reaffirmed that persistence, patience, and the support of loved ones can help turn even the most difficult setbacks into new beginnings.

# Dr Botsa Anusha felicitates retired PACS CEO Bellana Ramu Naidu

Vizianagaram (Gurla), June 30 (Skyline): A grand retirement felicitation ceremony was organised at BVA Convention Hall in Gurla to honour Bellana Ramu Naidu, who retired after serving as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Tettangi Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS). YSRCP young leader Dr. Botsa Anusha attended the programme as the chief guest and paid rich tributes to the retired officer for his sincere and dedicated service to the cooperative sector. She said Bellana Ramu Naidu had earned the respect and trust of farmers and society members through his integrity, commitment and



people-centric approach during his tenure. Extending her heartfelt wishes, Dr. Anusha expressed hope that he would enjoy a healthy, peaceful and fulfilling retired life. She felicitated him with a shawl and presented mementoes in recognition of his valuable contribution to the cooperative movement. Several leaders and coop-

erative representatives participated in the event, including Potnuru Sanyasi Naidu, Seera Appala Naidu, Thota Tirupati Rao, Varada Eswara Rao, Madhusudhan, Reddy Murali, members of the cooperative society, family members, well-wishers and local supporters, making the farewell function a memorable occasion.

# Cheepurupalli Police raise awareness on Women's safety, cybercrime and drug abuse

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), June 30 (Skyline): Following the directions of the Superintendent of Police, Vizianagaram, Cheepurupalli Sub-Inspector P. Uma Venkateswara Rao conducted a comprehensive awareness programme at Mettapalli High School. Addressing the students, he emphasised the importance of women's safety and encouraged girls to remain vigilant and report any incidents of harassment or suspicious behaviour to their parents, teachers or the police without hesitation. He urged students to be confident in protecting themselves and seeking timely assistance whenever required. The officer also educated students on



road safety and responsible behaviour while travelling. Highlighting the increasing threat of cybercrime, he advised them not to share personal information, passwords or OTPs with anyone and to stay alert against fake calls, fraudulent links and online scams. Students were also sensitised about the

harmful effects of ganja and other narcotic substances and were encouraged to stay away from drug abuse. The programme aimed to create awareness about personal safety, legal responsibilities and the importance of becoming responsible, informed and law-abiding citizens.

# GITAM PhD Scholar Wins Prestigious Global Research Grant from ATBC to Study Impact of Pharmaceutical Pollution on Frog Breeding

By Skyline Staff Reporter  
Visakhapatnam, June 30  
Dhwani Dave, a PhD scholar at the School of Life Sciences, GITAM Deemed to be University, has been awarded a prestigious and highly competitive student research grant by the Association for Tropical Biology and Conservation (ATBC). The ATBC is a renowned, 60 year-old global society dedicated to promoting international research, education, and the conservation of tropical ecosystems. Securing this funding is a monumental milestone, underscoring the world-class quality of scientific research being fostered at GITAM. Dhwani's doctoral research delves into the fascinating and delicate world of amphibian com-

munication. Frogs rely heavily on unique acoustic signals (mating songs) to attract partners and compete for reproductive success, sometimes even utilizing their natural surroundings as amplifiers to enhance their calls. These behavioral traits have evolved over millions of years. However, her study addresses a critical and growing ecological threat pharmaceutical pollution. The research investigates how chemical residues from leftover medicines enter waterways, infiltrate frogs' bodies, and disrupt their endocrine (hormonal) systems. This hormonal imbalance severely alters both the frogs' ability to produce their distinct mating songs and their capacity to respond to them, directly threat-



ening their survival and reproduction. With the ATBC grant being intensely contested by researchers worldwide, this recognition positions GITAM at the forefront of impactful ecological research.

The findings from Dhwani's study are expected to provide vital data for environmental policymakers and conservationists working to protect freshwater ecosystems from the invisible threats of chemical and pharmaceutical waste. "The proposed work addresses a crucial, long-standing gap in tropical ecology regarding how sensitive taxa like amphibians are impacted by emerging pollutants," said Dr. Viraj R. Toraskar, who is guiding Dhwani's research at GITAM. "Amphibians are ecological indicators, and understanding how modern chemical waste disrupts their ancient evolutionary behaviors is vital for biodiversity conservation."

# Godrej Pet Care Enters Andhra Pradesh & Telangana with Godrej Ninja' Pet Food Brand

Visakhapatnam, June 30, 2026: Godrej Pet Care (GPC), a subsidiary of Godrej Consumer Products Ltd. (GCPL), has entered Andhra Pradesh and Telangana with Godrej Ninja - a pet care brand offering scientifically formulated pet food for dogs, designed to enhance gut health and immunity. The launch follows its successful debut in Tamil Nadu and marks a significant step in the company's ambition to build a pan-India presence in the rapidly growing pet care segment.



Pet care is an emerging sunrise category for Godrej Consumer Products. The market is estimated at Rs.6,000 crore, of which Rs.5000 crore is estimated to be pet food. The pet care category has the potential of strong double-digit growth over the next few decades. Despite rising pet ownership in India, penetration of packaged pet food remains low. Currently, ~10% of Indians own a pet, and among them, just ~10% feed packaged food, that too only 40% of the time. Calorie conversion in India is just 5%. China, which was remarkably like India 15 years ago, has close to 20% pet ownership with a calorie conversion of 25%. South India represents an estimated Rs.1,800-2,000 crore of India's pet food market. Within the region, Karnataka is the largest pet food market, followed by Andhra Pradesh & Telangana, Tamil Nadu, and Kerala.

In terms of contribution to national pet food sales, Karnataka accounts for the highest share (15%), followed by Andhra Pradesh & Telangana (8%), Tamil Nadu (8%), and Kerala (5%). Formed in 2024, Godrej Pet Care combines the animal nutrition expertise of Godrej Agrovet with the brand-building and distribution strengths of Godrej Consumer Products. Backed by a dedicated R&D centre and the Nadir Godrej Centre for Animal Research & Development, the company is focused on building a science-led, trusted pet care portfolio for Indian consumers. Speaking on the launch, Nitin Jain, Chief Operating Officer, Godrej Pet Care, said, "South India is a key growth market for India's pet care industry and presents a significant opportunity for long-term category development. Godrej Pet Care is

democratising the pet food category by offering great quality product at an affordable price-point than those available in the market. The encouraging response to Godrej Ninja in Tamil Nadu has validated the growing demand for science-led nutrition among pet parents. With a Rs.500 crore investment in pet care over the next few years, we are aiming for rapid expansion in Southern India by making high-quality pet food nutrition accessible to a larger community of pet parents." Nitin Jain, further added, "Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam have emerged as a significant hub for India's pet care economy. The presence of global manufacturers, a rapidly growing base of young pet parents, and strong uptake of packaged nutrition make Andhra Pradesh and Telangana a natural priority market for Godrej Ninja. With the national pet food market growing at over 14% annually, we expect the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to outpace that trajectory, driven by the rising aspirations of urban pet parents in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Visakhapatnam." Made and tested in India, Ninja has been developed at the Nadir Godrej Centre for Animal Research & Development and is specifically designed to meet the nutritional needs of pet dogs. Dr. Ashok Pattanaik, Head, Research

& Development, Godrej Pet Care (GPC) and former Principal Scientist at Indian Veterinary Research Institute, emphasized, "As humans, we instinctively balance our diets for immunity — curd for probiotics, cereals for energy, and chicken or fish for protein. Pet dogs need something equally complete. Many pet parents express love through home-cooked meals, but these often lack essential nutrients, leading to deficiencies and imbalances, and many a times, poor health or even illnesses. With nearly 70% of a dog's immune system residing in the gut, poor nutrition directly weakens immunity. Gastrointestinal issues account for nearly 30% of vet visits — a clear signal that scientifically formulated food with the right immuno-nutrients is not a luxury, but a necessity. Ninja, therefore, is designed to improve digestive health and immunity of dogs through a scientifically formulated 3P blend of Probiotics, Prebiotics and Polyphenols, along with 37 balanced nutrients targeted to optimize the health and overall well-being." Godrej Ninja is available for puppies and adult dogs. Adult variants are priced at Rs.20 (100g), Rs.199 (1kg), and Rs.499 (3kg), while puppy variants are priced at Rs.20 (100g), Rs.219 (1kg), and Rs.549 (3kg).

# Regional industries must become partners in Viksit Bharat journey: Raksha Mantri at Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference

- “Need to transform regional strengths into national capabilities, local innovations into global competitiveness & industrial growth into strategic strength”  
- “Self-reliance does not mean isolation, it signifies a nation standing firmly on its own feet & engaging with the world as an equal partner”



**New Delhi, June, 30 (PIB):** “Viksit Bharat is not merely a goal of economic development, but a resolve to build an economically prosperous, technologically capable, and socially empowered country,” said Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh as he called upon regional industries to become partners in this journey by transforming regional strengths into national capabilities, local innovations into global competitiveness, and industrial growth into strategic strength. He was addressing industrial-

ists, entrepreneurs, young innovators and academicians during the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference in Vadodara on June 30, 2026. Gujarat Chief Minister Shri Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel and Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Minister for Women and Child Development, Government of Gujarat Dr Manisha Vakil were also present. Raksha Mantri emphasised that, in view of the rapidly changing geo-

political landscape, India’s self-reliance, technological capability, and collective resolve will determine the role it plays on the global stage in the coming decades. “History teaches us that great nations stand on three essential pillars: economic strength, technological prowess, and national security. Economic prosperity and technological advancement reinforce national security, while a secure nation provides the stability that allows industry and innovation to flourish,” he said, while under-

scoring the need for enhanced collaborations to build a country with secure borders and a robust economy. Shri Rajnath Singh underlined that the development of the defence sector is not only limited to the manufacturing of weapons and technologies; it catalyses a vast economic ecosystem. He stated that defence corridors generate new opportunities in infrastructure, logistics, industry, and employment, while emphasis on research & development, technology, and innovation strength-

ens the industrial base. He stressed the need to harness this momentum to further bolster industrial and defence capabilities. Highlighting the transformation being witnessed in the defence sector over the last decade under Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi’s leadership, Raksha Mantri asserted that there was a time when India relied heavily on imports for its security needs, and now it is rapidly emerging as a key player in manufacturing & exports. He added that the success of indigenous plat-

forms, growing participation of the private sector, and the zeal of innovators & start-ups have collectively contributed to the creation of a robust defence ecosystem in the country. “Under ‘Aatmanirbhar Bharat’, we are fostering indigenous capabilities in strategic sectors such as aerospace and defence. Initiatives such as Make-in-India, review of Defence Acquisition Procedure, and Technology Development Fund are playing a pivotal role in this direction. The budgetary provisions for



modernisation and capital procurement aim to encourage domestic industries and integrate them into the global supply chain. To boost investment, we have simplified the licensing process, and liberalised FDI policy. Srijan Portal, iDEX, Defence Testing Infrastructure, Green Channel Certification, and

Self-Certification have instilled confidence in small industries and start-ups. Through transparent policies, ease of doing business, mechanisms for technology transfer, testing infrastructure, and collaborative R&D frameworks, we are supporting our industrialists across every sector.

## DRI busts trans-border gold smuggling syndicate; seizes 15 kg smuggled gold; four arrested



**New Delhi, June, 30 (PIB):** In a major operation the officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) successfully dismantled a trans-border gold smuggling syndicate and seized 15 kg foreign-origin smuggled gold, valued at approximately Rs. 21.40 crore, operating from Delhi. DRI officers intercepted an international courier consignment originating from Thailand at Courier Terminal, Delhi. The consignment was in the name of a firm linked to a foreign national. A meticulous examination of the consignment declared as “worn gear”, led to the recovery of eight disc-shaped pieces of foreign-origin gold, each weighing 1.5 kg, ingeniously concealed inside gear parts.

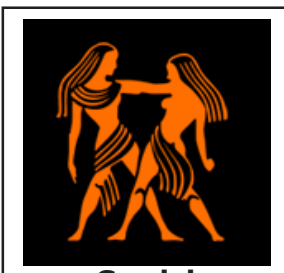
# Today’s Horoscope



**Aries**  
Today you will have ample of the time to do things to improve your health and looks Although your financial conditions will remain strong today, but you'll have to keep in mind not to overspend or spend on unnecessary things. Good advice from family members will decrease your mental pressure. Love life will be vibrant. Professional achievement and benefits for those at work. Rituals/hawans/auspicious ceremonies will be performed at home. Bad health of a child or any elder citizen at your place might give you tensions which will directly affect your married life.  
Remedy :- Reciting Sankat Mochan Hanuman Ashtak (a hymn requesting Hanuman to grant relief from suffering) for improving love life.



**Taurus**  
Throw away the gloom-which is enveloping you and disrupting your progress. You will like to overspend on others. Domestic work keeps you busy most of the time. Your courage would win the love. Business and education benefits for some. While spending free time with your spouse to-night, you will realize how important it is to give them more time. Today, you will get to spend the best evening of your life with your spouse.  
Remedy :- For more auspiciousness in your family life, recite Hanuman Chalisa, Sankat Mochan Ashtak, and Lord Ram Stuti.



**Gemini**  
For a contented life improve your mental toughness. Certain important plans will be executed bringing you fresh financial gains. Your problems will be serious- but people around you will not notice the pain you are going through-Probably they feel it is none of their business. Look forward to new relationship for happiness It is going to be your day at work! You'll remain very busy today, but you'll find ample time in the evening to do something you like and enjoy. Today, you will forget all the sad memories about your married life and cherish the wonderful present.  
Remedy :- Add a mixture of turmeric with milk to your bathing water and help gain bliss and peace in the family.



**Cancer**  
Today you are under magic spell of hope. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Auspicious day for giving and receiving gifts from those you love. Romance and socializing will rule your mind despite pending jobs. Plan out things nicely to get satisfactory results-Tension clouds your mind as you attempt to sort office problems. You will be able to make time for yourself today despite a busy routine. You can do something creative today in your spare time. Life will be really exciting when your spouse will come to you forgetting all the tiffs, embracing you with love.  
Remedy :- For continued growth on the professional front, ensure that you do not change your place of worship/family altar/pooja ghar.



**Leo**  
Best day to restart to improve your health. You may witness tremendous profit in business today. You can give new heights to your business today. Someone you live with will be annoyed if you have been ignoring your household duties. Relive your precious moments by going on a picnic with your beloved. Today, you will not feel like working in the office. You will face a dilemma, which won't allow you to concentrate on your work. Favourable planets will bring you plenty of reasons to feel pleased today. Your life-partner had never been so wonderful than today.  
Remedy :- Feed Barley to Cows to achieve happy moments in the family life.



**Virgo**  
Your generous attitude would be a blessing in disguise as you are likely to be liberated from many vices like doubt, disloyalty, depression, lack of faith, greed, attachment, egoism, and jealousy. A friend of yours can ask you to lend a big amount today. You helping him out can financially cripple you. Your family members are likely to create a mountain out of a molehill. Your partner thinks well of you, which is why s/he gets angry at you at times. Instead of responding back, it would be better to understand their words and where they are coming from. Don't take your seniors for granted. Natives of this zodiac sign should read some spiritual books in their free time today.  
Remedy :- Donate white coloured clothes/fabrics to women and enhance your monetary condition.



**Libra**  
Neglecting your parents could mar your future prospects. Good times never last too long. Man's deeds are like the waves of sound. These rebound to produce a melody or a jarring noise. They are the seeds-we reap only what we sow. You know the importance of money very well, which is why the money you save today will be useful in the future and get out of any major difficulty. Enjoy a peaceful and quiet day with family members-If people approach you with problems-Ignore them and don't let this bother your mind. You can experience the pain of love. Do not come under pressure of others when making important business decisions. A member of your family may insist on spending some time with you today.  
Remedy :- Health will be wonderful by regularly watering a tamarind tree.



**Scorpio**  
Self medication could cause drug dependency. Take a physician advice before taking any drug-otherwise chances of drug dependency are high. Investment concerning your residence will be profitable. An unexpected message from a distant relative brings excitement for the entire family. Romance suffers and even your precious gifts/presents do not do the magic today. New assignments undertaken would fall short of expectations. Today, you can make good use of your free time by chatting with the younger members of the household. You might fight with your spouse today out of your own stress and actually of no reason.  
Remedy :- Having show-piece items/idols/curios made with the use of POP (plaster of paris) will result in excellent health.



**Sagittarius**  
Your energy level will be high. The money you had saved up from a long time can come to use today. However, the expenditure can lower your spirit. Harsh treatment from father could annoy you. But you need to keep your cool to put things under control. You would be benefited by this. Problems could arise at home- but avoid criticizing your mate over small issues. Good day to send your resume or appear for an interview. As you like to carry out your favourite activity in free time, you'll think of doing something similar even today. However, you won't be able to fulfil your plan due to an uninvited guest. Rude behavior of your spouse might take a toll on you today.  
Remedy :- Chant Om 28 times with a calm and peaceful mind to gain family happiness.



**Capricorn**  
Friends supportive and will keep you happy. Financial position will improve through speculation or unexpected gains. You will also make important contacts through friends. Exciting day of romance- Plan something special for the evening and try to make it as romantic as possible. Think twice before you take on any new project. Travel will be beneficial but expensive. Women are from Venus and Men are from Mars, but it's the day when Venus and Mars will melt into each other.  
Remedy :- Distribute cashew-based sweets among children successful work life.



**Aquarius**  
Few tensions and difference of opinion could leave you irritated and uneasy. The beginning of the day may be good, but you may spend your money due to some reason in the evening, which will bother you. Your charming nature and pleasant personality would help you make new friends and improve contacts. Your day could be little upset because of interruptions of family members of your spouse. Tact will be required while handling colleagues. While fulfilling the needs of the family, you often forget to give yourself a break. But today, you will be able to take out some time for yourself and look for a new hobby. You might take your spouse wrong today, which might keep you upset all day.  
Remedy :- Keep a portion of your food separate and share with cows for a healthy life.



**Pisces**  
Your family expects a lot from you which could irritate you. You are very likely to attain monetary benefits from your mother's side today. It is possible for your maternal uncle or maternal grandfather to help you financially. You will be in the limelight at the social get-together that you attend today. Chances of meeting the loveliest bass in the lake are high on your cards. This is one of those great days when you will feel good at the workplace. Today, your colleagues will appreciate your work and your boss will also seem to be happy with your progress. Businessmen can also earn profits in business today. Today, you can make good use of your free time by chatting with the younger members of the household. Your efforts to make the marital life better will show you the colors better than expectations today.  
Remedy :- Keep a green coloured glass bottle in Sun. Mix this water with your bathing water for a disease-free life.

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XIX JUNIOR CIVIL JUDGE, CITY CIVIL COURT AT: HYDERABAD O.S. No. 1674 OF 2026

BETWEEN: KUTHURU YAMINI AND OTHERS ...PLAINTIFFS

AND

THE TAHSILDAR, AMBERPET MANDAL, HYDERABAD AND ANOTHER ...DEFENDANTS

To, All Concerned / D-2

Please take notice that the above named Plaintiffs have filed the above O.S to declare them as Legal Heirs of deceased Sri. Late. Kuthuru Naveen Chandra before the Hon'ble XIX Junior Civil Judge, City Civil Court, Hyderabad. The said suit stands posted to 20-07-2026. If anyone is having any objections or claims is here by directed to appear before the above said Hon'ble Court on 20-07-2026 at 10.30 AM either in person or through advocate failing' which the matter will be decided as per law on merits.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

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## 'Operation Devendra Fadnavis': Aaditya Thackeray After MLC Sachin Ahir Joins Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena



**Mumbai:** Shiv Sena UBT leader Aaditya Thackeray on Tuesday broke his silence on the reports of MLC Sachin Ahir joining Shiv Sena. Slamming Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, he stated that this is not 'Operation Tiger' but rather 'Operation Devendra Fadnavis'. Speaking to reporters, he said, "This is not 'Operation Tiger' but 'Operation Devendra Fadnavis'." Further speaking to reporters, he took a dig at the BJP over the alleged Ram Mandir donation embezzlement issue. He said the BJP would face a major challenge in the 2029 elections, as the very voters who brought the party to power

would not spare those allegedly involved in corruption related to Ram Mandir donations.

"The 2029 election poses a massive challenge for the BJP. The very BJP that undertook a 'Rath Yatra' over the Ram Mandir issue is today engaging in land theft and scams in Ayodhya. There will be a change in 2029, and the people of the country will not spare those who have committed corruption in Ayodhya and Ujjain," he said.

**Ahir joins Shinde camp**  
The remarks came after Shiv Sena UBT MLC Sachin Ahir switched camps to join the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena faction. Ahir's move

dealt another major blow to the Shiv Sena UBT camp. Soon after leaving the Shiv Sena UBT, he filed his nomination for the post of Deputy Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council as the Shiv Sena's official candidate. During the nomination filing, he was accompanied by Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Deputy Chief Ministers Eknath Shinde and Sunetra Pawar. Ahir's switch comes at a time when six Shiv Sena UBT MPs were recently inducted into the Shinde-led Shiv Sena under the reported 'Operation Tiger'.

**Political significance**  
Sachin Ahir's political ca-

reer traces back to the 1990s, when he worked as a mill workers' union leader. He later entered politics and was elected as the MLA from Worli for the first time in 1999. He was re-elected twice before subsequently vacating the seat for Shiv Sena UBT leader Aaditya Thackeray, who won the constituency in 2019. According to reports, Ahir's defection sent shockwaves through the Shiv Sena UBT faction, as he had played a key organisational role and was considered politically significant in strengthening the party's position in the state. However, several opposition leaders have condemned the move and criticised Ahir for betraying the party's trust and loyalty.

**Abu Azmi reacts**  
Samajwadi Party MLA Abu Azmi, reacting to Ahir's move to the Shiv Sena, said that loyalty has almost disappeared from politics. He said, "Nowadays, in politics, there's no telling who will go where. Loyalty has almost completely disappeared. People only look at where they have better opportunities—whether they can become a minister or where they stand to gain more."

## 'NO DIGNITY EVEN IN DEATH'

### Dead Cow Dragged For 1 Km By Garbage Vehicle In Madhya Pradesh Village; Sparks Outrage



**Betul District (Bhopal):** A video from Jhallar Gram Panchayat in Madhya Pradesh's Betul district has sparked widespread outrage after showing the carcass of a dead cow being dragged by a municipal garbage collection vehicle. The footage quickly spread across social media, drawing criticism from local residents, cow protection groups, and members of the Rashtriya Hindu Sena. The

incident has prompted demands for a fair investigation and strict action against those found responsible.

**Cow was reportedly killed in road accident**

According to local authorities, the cow had died after being struck by an unidentified vehicle on the Paratwada Road. As the animal appeared to be stray, no owner came forward to claim the body, leaving it lying near the roadside for

nearly two days. Officials said that as the carcass remained unattended, it began decomposing and creating a foul smell, raising concerns about sanitation and public health. With no tractor or trolley immediately available to transport the carcass, sanitation workers allegedly tied the dead cow with a rope and used the village garbage collection vehicle to remove it from near a showroom to the waste disposal site. During the removal process, a passerby recorded the incident on video. Once the footage surfaced online on Monday, it quickly went viral and triggered strong reactions from the public.

**Cow protection groups demand accountability**

The incident has been condemned by several local organizations, including the Rashtriya Hindu Sena. State President Deepak Malviya described the handling of the animal as "in-

human" and called for accountability. "Even a deceased cow deserves to be treated with dignity and given a respectful final rite," He urged the district administration to conduct an impartial inquiry and take strict action against any officials or employees found negligent.

**Panchayat issues notice to driver**

Jhallar Gram Panchayat Sarpanch Manish Narware acknowledged the incident and explained that the cow had died in a road accident two days earlier. He said the administration was unable to arrange a tractor in time, prompting sanitation workers to use the garbage vehicle to clear the road. According to the Sarpanch, the garbage vehicle driver, Nikhil Baraskar, has been issued a notice over the incident. He also stated that after the carcass was removed, the cow was given a proper final disposal in accordance with local procedures.

## India Defends FATF At UN, Urges Nations To Stop Sheltering Terror Networks And Strengthen Anti-Financing Compliance

**New Delhi:** India has strongly defended the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), saying attempts to question the global watchdog's credibility are often driven by a fear of scrutiny rather than genuine concerns over its functioning. In a pointed message widely seen as aimed at Pakistan, India also called on countries to stop allowing their territory and financial systems to be misused for terrorism. India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Parvathaneni Harish, made the remarks while speaking at a side event during the 2026 Counter-Terrorism Week on Monday. The event, titled Joining Forces to Counter Terrorism Financing in the Context of Evolving Threats and Emerging Technologies, was jointly organised by the Permanent Missions

of India and France to the UN, the Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT), and



the Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism (GIFCT). **A strong message on accountability**

Calling the FATF an indispensable pillar of the global anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing framework, Harish said its work is technical, evidence-based and based on internationally

accepted standards. He said countries unhappy with FATF assessments should address the shortcomings identified instead of attempting to politicise the issue in international forums. Harish said nations receiving adverse assessments should strengthen domestic enforcement, improve financial transparency and take irreversible action against terror-financing networks. He added that the appropriate response to FATF scrutiny is credible compliance and not attempts to undermine the institution. He also said countries that allow their territory, institutions or financial channels to be used for terrorism must stop exporting instability and fulfil their responsibilities towards international peace and security. Although Harish did not name Pakistan, the re-

marks came against the backdrop of Islamabad's previous inclusion on the FATF grey list between 2018 and 2022. Harish said India was speaking from long experience rather than theory, pointing out that the country has faced cross-border terrorism for decades. He warned that new digital technologies have made terror financing more complex by creating new sources, methods and channels for moving funds. He said crowdfunding platforms, prepaid financial instruments and digital reward systems such as tokens, stars and points on social media platforms are increasingly becoming part of the financial ecosystem exploited by terrorist organisations. Terrorists, he said, adopt technologies that are inexpensive, fast and lightly regulated, making it essential for governments to build a risk-based regulatory system anchored in FATF standards.

## 'I Am Done': Rahul Ravindran Leaves X

**Pune:** Director Rahul Ravindran recently announced that he is deleting X (formerly Twitter) from his phone after receiving abusive messages and death threats targeting his children amid the controversy surrounding his film The Girlfriend. The backlash escalated after several social media users linked the film to the Pune murder case, in which 26-year-old Ketan Agarwal was allegedly pushed off a cliff at Lohagad Fort by his fiancée, Siya Goyal, and her alleged boyfriend, Chetan Chaudhary.

As the online debate intensified, Rahul and his family became targets of personal attacks on social media. On June 30, the director wrote, "I was sitting and watching the Brazil v Japan game. I wanted to check a football-related Twitter account about something, and I opened this app. Unfortunately, I made the mistake of checking my notifications too. And I came across this



tweet. I wish I hadn't."

Describing his emotional reaction, he added, "I kept staring at it for a long time. I kept filling up with rage. I wanted to track this guy down and do unspeakable things to him. The urge was very real. I was, involuntarily, vividly imagining scenarios in my head." Rahul further admitted that he struggled to calm himself after reading the post. He explained that his usual response to anger is to tell

himself to calm down, but this time he did not want to. He recalled that his "head was very hot," and he remained seated for a long time, staring at the game on the television without actually watching it. Gradually, his heart rate began to slow, eventually returning to some semblance of normalcy.

**'I Am Done'**  
Rahul reflected, "Maybe I am overreacting. Maybe it's somehow my fault.

Maybe my kids and I deserve this hate." But he quickly rejected those thoughts and concluded that he was done with the app. He explained that he had wanted to leave it for a long time but had stayed because it was his best source of sports news, particularly coverage of Indian sports beyond cricket. What ultimately convinced him to leave, however, was how the post had affected him.

## Supreme Court: Mere Presence During Bribe Not Enough To Prove Criminal Conspiracy

**New Delhi:** The Supreme Court has ruled that merely being present when a superior officer allegedly accepts a bribe is not enough to hold a public servant guilty of criminal conspiracy. Reiterating the settled legal position, the court said the prosecution must produce clear and convincing evidence to prove that the accused shared a prior agreement or "meeting of minds" to commit the illegal act. A Bench of Justice Pankaj Mishra and Justice Prasanna B. Varale dismissed appeals filed by the State of Uttar Pradesh against an Allahabad High Court judgment that acquitted three Central Excise inspectors accused of being part of a bribery conspiracy. The ruling reinforces that suspicion or association alone cannot replace proof in criminal cases, particularly in conspiracy charges, Live Law reports.

**Proof, not presence, is the key**

The case stems from a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) trap conducted in 1995. According to the prosecution, Superintendent of Central Excise R.K.

Srivastava had demanded Rs.80,000 as illegal gratification for returning documents seized from a factory. Inspectors A.K. Gaba, Alok Gupta and Dushyant Kumar were accused of conspiring with Srivastava, largely because they were allegedly present when the demand for or acceptance of the bribe took place. While the trial court convicted all the officers for criminal conspiracy and offences under the Prevention of Corruption Act, the Allahabad High Court later acquitted them after holding that the prosecution had failed to prove the essential ingredients of demand, acceptance and conspiracy. Upholding the acquittal, the Supreme Court observed that the prosecution had failed to produce any substantive evidence showing that the three inspectors had entered into a prior agreement with Srivastava to commit the offence. "The conspiracy cannot be inferred merely on the basis of suspicion or association and there must be cogent material indicat-



ing meeting of minds between the accused persons," the court observed. It added that knowledge of an illegal act, or a legal act carried out through illegal means, is necessary to establish conspiracy and that the offence is complete only when there is a meeting of minds. The Bench noted that, apart from alleging the presence of the respondents at certain places during the relevant period, the prosecution had not produced any material to show any concerted plan or prior understanding between them and the principal accused.

**Missing evidence weakens prosecution's case**  
The court also found that

the prosecution had failed to establish the essential requirement of a prior meeting of minds to hold the respondents liable for criminal conspiracy under Section 120B of the Indian Penal Code. It reiterated that the mere presence of subordinate officers during the alleged acceptance of a bribe by a superior officer was not sufficient to establish criminal liability. Referring to the precedent in State (NCT of Delhi) v. Navjot Sandhu (2005) 11 SCC 600, the court observed that satisfactory evidence showing that the accused had agreed to hatch a conspiracy and acted upon it is a prerequisite for securing a conviction under the conspiracy provision. It held that the prosecution had failed to meet that standard.

Another factor that weighed in favour of the respondents was the prosecution's inability to prove that they had demanded a bribe. The court noted that even according to the prosecution's own case, the allegation of demand was only against R.K. Srivastava. No independent material was placed on record to show that the three inspectors actively participated in the alleged demand or shared the criminal intent necessary to constitute conspiracy. The Bench also drew an adverse inference against the prosecution for failing to produce a tape recording that the complainant claimed had captured the alleged demand for the bribe. Calling it crucial electronic evidence, the court relied on the judgment in Tomaso Bruno v. State of Uttar Pradesh to hold that withholding such material weakened the prosecution's case. In view of these findings, the Supreme Court dismissed the State of Uttar Pradesh's appeals, affirming the Allahabad High Court's decision to acquit the three Central Excise inspectors. The judgment underscores that criminal conspiracy cannot rest on suspicion or proximity alone and that courts

## NCB Report: 747 Foreign Nationals Arrested In India In Drug Cases In 2025, Most From Nepal

**New Delhi:** A total of 747 foreign nationals were arrested in narcotics-related cases in India in 2025, with citizens from Nepal accounting for the highest number, according to the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) Annual Report 2025. The report said 203 Nepali nationals were arrested during the year, followed by 143 Nigerians and 97 Myanmar nationals. Bangladesh accounted for 17 arrests, while Kenya recorded 10. Ghana saw nine arrests and Uganda six. Russia, Brazil, Israel, Senegal and Tanzania accounted for four arrests each. Smaller numbers were reported from several other countries, including Afghanistan, Cameroon, Germany, Japan, Sudan and Sweden. However, the country-wise details of about 203 foreign nationals were not specified in the report.

**Foreign arrests continue upward trend**

The data showed that arrests of foreign nationals in narcotics cases increased to 747 in 2025 from 660 in 2024. The figure stood at 735 in 2023, 777 in 2022 and 593 in 2021, indicating that the number has remained consistently high over the past five years, Indian Express reports. The figures



suggest that foreign nationals continue to feature prominently in India's anti-narcotics enforcement efforts, with neighbouring countries and a few African nations accounting for a significant share of the arrests reported during the year. The report also highlighted a sharp increase in overall narcotics enforcement across the country. A total of 1,83,675 people were arrested in anti-drug operations in 2025, compared with 1,22,224 in 2024, making it the highest number recorded during the 2021-2025 period. Preventive action also increased during the year. The report said 810 detention orders were issued in 2025, up from 531 in 2024. Enforcement agencies also stepped up action against illegal cultivation. The area under poppy cultivation destroyed nearly doubled to 42,282 acres in 2025 from 22,512 acres in the previous year. Cannabis

cultivation destroyed also increased to 38,193 acres from 34,018 acres in 2024. The numbers indicate an intensified focus on disrupting both drug trafficking and illicit cultivation.

**Global drug market remains a challenge**

The NCB report said amphetamine-type stimulants accounted for nearly half of all synthetic drug seizures worldwide in 2023, with methamphetamine and amphetamine continuing to dominate the market. It said methamphetamine production remained concentrated in Mexico, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Czechia and the Netherlands, while trafficking networks expanded across Europe, Africa and the Near and Middle East. The report also flagged uncertainty over the future of the Captagon trade following political changes in Syria, warning that production could shift to other regions rather than disappear.

## No Urea Shortage in Rajanna Sircilla District; Farmers Need Not Worry: Collector Garima Agrawal

**Skyline Correspondent Rajanna Sircilla June 30:** District Collector Garima Agrawal has assured farmers that there is no shortage of urea in the district and urged them not to panic. On Tuesday, the Collector chaired a review meeting at the Integrated District Offices Complex along with Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh, Additional SP Chandrayya, officials from the Agriculture Department, and other concerned departments to review the functioning of the Fertilizer App and the supply of fertilizers.

The Collector said that, as per the State Government's instructions, fertilizer stocks are available at 20 Rythu Vedikas, all Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies



(PACS), and authorized private fertilizer dealers. Staff members have been deployed at these centers to assist farmers. The Collector appealed to farmers not to believe false information or rumors circulating on social and other media platforms. She assured that adequate fertilizer supplies will

be maintained throughout the cropping season. She directed MARKFED officials to ensure sufficient fertilizer stocks are available in the district and instructed the Police and Agriculture Department to prevent the diversion or illegal transportation of fertilizers. Officials were also directed to

ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience. The meeting was attended by DRDO Lakshmi narayana, District Agriculture Officer Afzal Begum, District Cooperative Officer Ramakrishna, District Transport Officer Srinivas, MARKFED Officer Habib, and other officials.

## Government Supporting Women's Economic Empowerment: Minister Gaddam Vivekanand

**Skyline Correspondent Mancherla June 30:** State Minister for Labour, Employment Training, Factories, Mines & Geology Gaddam Vivekanand stated that the Telangana Government is committed to empowering women economically across the state.

On Tuesday, the Minister inaugurated the Village Organization Building and an Indiramma House at Gangipalli village in Jaipur Mandal along with District Collector Kumar Deepak, Mandal Tahsildar Vanaja Reddy, MPDO Satyanarayana, Market Committee Vice Chairman, and other officials. The Minister said that Self-Help Group (SHG) women are being provided interest-free bank linkage loans, adding that nearly Rs.21,000 crore



has been extended to SHGs across the state. He advised SHGs to repay loans on time to become eligible for higher credit limits.

He further stated that SHG women have been entrusted with stitching

school uniforms for students studying in government schools. Women's groups are also being encouraged by offering opportunities to establish and manage petrol pumps. In Chennur Assembly Con-

stituency, around 3,500 Indiramma houses have been sanctioned, of which nearly 1,000 houses are expected to be completed by the end of next month, while the remaining are under construction.

## MLA Madan Mohan Inaugurates Two New Gram Panchayat Buildings Built at a Cost of Rs.40 Lakh

**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy June 30:** As part of the development of the Ellareddy constituency, MLA Madan Mohan inaugurated two newly constructed Gram Panchayat buildings in Pothangal Khurd and Neral Thanda villages of Gandhari Mandal. The buildings were constructed at a total cost of ₹40 lakh, with ₹20 lakh allocated for each village. The inauguration ceremony was attended by villagers, public representatives, and local leaders.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Madan Mohan said that since the formation of the Congress government, development activities have gained significant momentum across the Ellareddy constituency, particularly in Gandhari Mandal. He stated that the government's objective is to ensure comprehensive development in every village. The MLA said the



new Gram Panchayat buildings would make administrative services more accessible and efficient for villagers. He added that the buildings would play an important role in village administration, addressing public grievances, and implementing welfare

schemes effectively. Villagers stated that since Madan Mohan assumed office as MLA, several development and welfare initiatives have been implemented in Pothangal Khurd and Neral Thanda. They appreciated his special focus on improving ba-

sic infrastructure and providing essential amenities in the villages.

The people of Pothangal Khurd and Neral Thanda expressed their gratitude to MLA Madan Mohan for his continuous efforts toward the development and welfare of their villages.

## Sunitha Appointed as In-Charge Assistant Food Safety Controller in Adilabad

**Skyline Correspondent Adilabad June 30:** On Tuesday, Mr. Nayak, who had been serving as the Assistant Food Safety Controller, was transferred. Following his transfer, Ms. Sunitha was appointed as the In-Charge Assistant Food Safety Controller. After assuming charge, she held a meeting with Mr. Dinesh Matholia, President of the Chamber of Commerce and Traders Association, along with its members. During the meeting, Ms. Sunitha assured traders of her full cooperation and support. She also emphasized that strict action would be taken against anyone found violating food safety rules and regulations.



## Farmers welfare is the Govt's Priority : NJR

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

**Sangareddy, June.30 :** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy released the first installment of funds for the 'Rythu Bharosa' scheme (Vanakalam 2026 season) in Hyderabad today. Sangareddy TGIIC Chairperson Nirmala Jaggareddy and District Collector Prateek Jain attended a special event organized at the 'Rythu Vedita' in Pothireddypally, Sangareddy district, as chief guests. Under this phase, the government sanctioned financial assistance amounting to Rs.125.83 crore to 242,753 eligible small and marginal farmers in Sangareddy district who own up to two acres of agricultural land. These funds will be deposited directly into the farm-



ers' bank accounts. Speaking on the occasion, Nirmala Jaggareddy welcomed the provision of investment support to farmers just as the Vanakalam (monsoon) cultivation season begins. She noted that the state government, under

the Chief Minister's leadership, is prioritizing farmer welfare and that these funds would provide significant support to the district's farmers. The Program was attended by District Collector Prateek Jain, CDC Chairman Ram Reddy,

ATMA Committee Chairman Prabhu, Sangareddy Municipal Chairperson Koona Vanitha Santhosh, district-level officials, Agriculture Department representatives, local public representatives, and a large number of farmers.

## GITAM Student Selected for Gandhi Fellowship

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Patancheru, June.30 :** R.Niveditha, an M.A. Economics student from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at GITAM Deemed University, has been selected for the prestigious Gandhi Fellowship program. GITAM University officials announced this in a statement released on Tuesday. The Gandhi Fellowship, organized by the Piramal Foundation in New Delhi, is a national-level leadership development program spanning 23 months. It offers an opportunity to foster leadership qualities among the youth and work towards social change at the grassroots level. The leadership of GITAM University expressed happiness over Niveditha's selection and congratulated her. They expressed the hope that she would reach greater heights while rendering distinguished service to society through this fellowship.



## NABARD Cluster Established in Mancherla to Boost Rural and Agricultural Development

**Skyline Correspondent Mancherla June 30:** As

part of promoting rural development, agricultural growth, and farmer welfare, a NABARD Cluster Office has been established in Mancherla, said Lead District Manager Tirupati.

On Tuesday, the NABARD Cluster Office was inaugurated in Mancherla by NABARD General Manager Ganapathi, Reserve Bank of India General Manager Chetan, District Agriculture Officer Surekha, District Animal Husbandry Officer Yakub Reddy, ADCC CEO Ravi, Telangana Grameena Bank Regional Manager Upender, and DICGM Srinivas, along with other officials. He stated that



NABARD serves as a guiding institution for rural development, farmer welfare, and agricultural progress. Through initiatives such as rural infrastructure development, watershed projects, women empowerment, Self-Help Groups (SHGs), Farmer

Producer Organizations (FPOs), and livelihood programmes, NABARD has brought significant improvements to the lives of lakhs of rural families. He further emphasized that NABARD is committed to the vision that "Rural Development is

the Foundation of National Development." The programme was attended by KVK Officer Sadhi Reddy, Fisheries Department Officer Bhavyashree, representatives of the Vasani Ekalavya Dhan Foundation, and farmers.

## Multi Zone-I IGP Chandrasekhar Reddy Inspects Yellareddy Police Station, Stresses Citizen-Friendly Policing and Quality Investigation

**Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy June 30:** Multi Zone-I Inspector

General of Police (IGP) Chandrasekhar Reddy stated that the police department plays a vital role in delivering justice to the public and emphasized that every police officer has the responsibility to instill confidence in complainants visiting police stations that the police stand by them. He said that patiently listening to people's grievances, resolving them promptly, and treating complainants with courtesy and compassion would further strengthen police-public relations. As part of the annual inspections, Multi Zone-I IGP Chandrasekhar Reddy, IPS, visited the Yellareddy Police Station in Kamareddy district today. Accompanied by District Superintendent of Police (SP) Rajesh Chandra, he planted saplings in the police station premises. Later, he thoroughly inspected the cleanliness of the station premises, staff barracks, malkhana (property room), weapon storage, station records, reception area, and the functioning of the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems (CCTNS). The IGP urged police personnel



to keep pace with changing technology by gaining complete knowledge of digital platforms such as CCTNS 2.0, the Petition Management System (PMS), TS-COP, and HRMS, and to effectively utilize technology in crime prevention and investigation. The annual inspection was attended by Yellareddy DSP Srinivasa Rao, Circle Inspector Raja Reddy, Station House Officer (SHO) Raju, and other police personnel.

## Strengthening the Party is the Primary Goal : MLA Payal Shankar at BJP State Executive Meeting

**Skyline Correspondent Adilabad June 30:** Adilabad MLA and BJP Legislature Party

Deputy Floor Leader Payal Shankar participated in the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) State Executive Committee meeting held on Tuesday at Ghatkesar on the outskirts of Hyderabad. The meeting was attended by BJP National President Nitin Nabin as the chief guest. He provided guidance to party leaders on the party's future course of action, organizational strengthening, and strategies to be adopted for the upcoming elections. He called upon party workers to work tirelessly to further strengthen the BJP in Telangana and ensure victory in the forthcoming elections. The meeting was attended by MLAs, MPs, State Executive Committee members, district presidents, and senior leaders from across Telangana.



## Collector Ankith Stresses Food Quality, Infrastructure in Government Schools



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem June 30:** District Collector Ankith conducted a surprise inspection of the Kasturba Gandhi Girls School and College and the Zilla Parishad Primary School at Julurupadu mandal on Tuesday, directing officials to ensure quality education, nutritious food, and improved infrastructure in government schools. During his visit to the Kasturba Gandhi Girls

School and College, the Collector inspected the computer laboratory and classrooms. He interacted with students of Classes VII and VIII to understand the quality of education, hostel facilities, and food being provided. He also reviewed the details of newly admitting students with the teaching staff. Inspecting the students' outing register, the Collector instructed teachers to allow girls to leave the campus only with

their parents or officially authorized guardians. He later visited the kitchen and examined the quality of food prepared for students, besides inspecting food stocks stored in the store-room. The Collector also reviewed the functioning of the school's RO drinking water plant and sought reasons for the delay in its repairs. He directed officials to complete the repairs immediately to ensure the availability of safe drinking

water. He further inspected the CCTV surveillance system and verified the teachers' attendance register.

Later, the Collector made a surprise visit to the Zilla Parishad Primary School, where he reviewed student enrolment and attendance records. While inspecting the mid-day meal, he expressed dissatisfaction over the poor quality of the dal, observing that it was too watery and did not meet the required standards. He instructed school authorities to serve hygienic, nutritious, and quality meals to students. Warning that he would conduct further surprise inspections, the Collector said strict action would be taken against those responsible if food quality deficiencies were repeated. He also enquired whether students had received uniforms and textbooks on time. Tahsildar Srinivas, MPDO Talluri Ravi, MEO Junki Lal, headmasters, teachers, and officials from various departments accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

## Pothole Repair Works Intensified on Godhumavagu Bridge:Kothagudem Mayor Mood Ganesh



**Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem June 30:** Repair works on potholes that had developed on the Godhumavagu Bridge at Ramavaram in Kothagudem town are being carried out on a war footing, said Kothagudem Municipal Corporation Mayor Mood Ganesh. The bridge

had become hazardous due to large potholes, causing severe inconvenience to commuters and frequent road accidents. Responding to public complaints, the Municipal Corporation initiated repair works, and the Mayor personally inspected the ongoing works on Tuesday. Speaking on

the occasion, Mayor Ganesh alleged that despite the deteriorating condition of the bridge, the National Highways authorities had shown gross negligence and failed to discharge their responsibilities. He said the Municipal Corporation was compelled to intervene after years of official inaction.

He stated that the civic body had responded promptly to the public's concerns by taking up the repairs on a priority basis. The Mayor instructed the engineering staff to ensure that the works are completed quickly while maintaining high quality standards so that motorists can travel safely without further inconvenience. Corporators Boyina Vijay Kumar, Kurapati Sudhakar, G. Venkateswarlu, and leaders M.D. Yusuf, Dharmaraju, P. Satyanarayana Chary, along with other public representatives, were present during the inspection.

## Karimnagar Mayor Kolagani Srinivas Meets BJP National President Nitin Nabin; Receives Appreciation for Civic Leadership

**Skyline Correspondent Karimnagar June 30:** Karimnagar Municipal Corporation Mayor Kolagani Srinivas, Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao, and BJP District President Gangadi Krishna Reddy met BJP National President Nitin Nabin in Hyderabad on Tuesday during the BJP State Executive Committee meeting. The meeting was held under the leadership of Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar. Nitin Nabin congratulated Mayor Kolagani Srinivas and Deputy Mayor Sunil Rao for the BJP's historic victory in securing control of the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation and winning the Mayor's post in Telangana. He felicitated both leaders with traditional shawls in recognition of their



achievement. The BJP National President advised the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to work towards bringing greater recognition to the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation and to focus on delivering better civic services to the

people. The Mayor further said that every effort would be made to develop the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation into one of the best municipal bodies in Telangana. He added that several development works

are progressing rapidly under the Smart City and Urban Development projects and affirmed that the administration's primary goal is to address the issues of every division while fulfilling the aspirations of the people.

## Collector Directs Officials to Expedite Medaram Development Works and Ensure Cleanliness & Van Mahotsav Success

**Skyline Correspondent Mulugu June 30:** District Collector Borkhade Hemanth Sahadeorao directed officials to expedite the development works related to the Medaram Sammakka Saralamma Jatara and ensure the successful implementation of sanitation management and Van Mahotsav programmes through effective coordination. On Tuesday, the Collector chaired a review meeting at Haritha Hotel in Medaram with district-level officials from various departments to assess the

progress of Medaram Jatara development works, sanitation management, and Van Mahotsav activities.

The Collector emphasized the need to pay special attention to sanitation in and around Medaram to provide devotees with a clean and hygienic environment. The meeting was attended by Additional Collectors C.H. Mahender and M. Sampath Rao, the District Panchayat Officer, Panchayat Raj Executive Engineer, Medaram temple priests, and officials from various departments.



## District Collector Khushboo Gupta Inspects Free Lumpy Skin Disease Vaccination Drive in Midjil Mandal

**Skyline Correspondent Mahabubnagar June 30:** District Collector Khushboo Gupta on Tuesday inspected the Free Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) Vaccination Drive being conducted in Midjil Mandal. During the visit, she interacted with officials of the Animal Husbandry Department and veterinary staff to review the progress of the vaccination campaign. Considering that a large number of farmers in Midjil Mandal depend on dairy farming and that milk production is significant in the region, the Collector reviewed the need for establishing new veterinary sub-centres. She enquired about the status of the proposals with the concerned officials.

The Collector also interacted with the Mandal Veterinary Officer, Dr. Shivaraj, and sought details regard-



ing veterinary services, the condition of the livestock sector in the mandal, and the measures being taken to enhance milk production. She discussed with officials

the steps required for the further development of the animal husbandry sector.

The programme was attended by Assistant Collector (Under Training) Sai Shivani,

Mandal Veterinary Officer Dr. Anoop Shivaraj, veterinary staff Narasimha, Srinivas, Pandu, Gopal Mitras Narasimha, Venugopal, Ramakrishna, and several farmers.

## Undergo immediate testing if TB symptoms appear

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

**Narayankhed, June.30 :** Dr.Patlolla Sanjeev Reddy, the Narayanakhed legislator has called upon everyone to participate in the effort to completely eradicate tuberculosis (TB) from society and build a TB-free community. He spoke as the chief guest at a TB awareness program organized by the Medical and Health Department in Panchagam village, Narayankhed Mandal, on Tuesday. Addressing the gathering, the MLA said that symptoms such as a persistent cough lasting more than two weeks, night fevers, weight loss, and a loss of appetite are indicators of TB. He advised people not to neglect such symptoms but to immediately undergo free testing



at the nearest government hospital. He noted that government hospitals provide TB diagnostic tests, treatment, and medicines entirely free of cost. He also urged patients to make good use of the nutritional support schemes and financial assistance provided by the Central and State governments. Speaking as a doc-

tor, he reassured patients that there is no need to lose heart; the disease can be completely cured if the course of medication is strictly followed under medical supervision. He urged everyone to act responsibly by supporting TB patients without showing any discrimination and ensuring they receive timely medical

care. He called upon public representatives, the youth, and medical staff to work collectively to transform every village into a TB-free village. The Program was attended by Senior Congress leaders Patlolla Vittal Reddy, Venkat Reddy, village Sarpanch, local public representatives, medical officials, and others.

## Full compensation should be paid to Sigachi victims

(District Correspondent / Skyline)

**Sangareddy, June.30 :** Athimela Manik, the CITU State Working Committee member said that industrial owners do not care about the lives of workers except for profit, and that safety measures should be taken strictly in the industry. On the occasion of the one-year of the tragic accident in which 54 workers died in the Sigachi accident, a candlelight rally was organized under the aegis of CITU at BPL intersection in Pashamilaram industrial area of Patancheru mandal and tributes were paid. Speaking on the occasion, Athimela Manik said that 54 workers lost their lives due to the negligence of the management of the Sigachi industry accident, and an-



other 28 workers are seriously injured and are in critical condition. He said that the lack of movement in the management despite all this is wicked. He said that in the letter given to SEBI, it was said that a compensation of Rs.1 crore would be given to the families of the deceased workers. State Chief Minister Revanth Reddy

announced that he would provide a compensation of Rs.1 crore. He said that though it has been a year since the incident, not everyone has received the full compensation. He said that the victims have received up to Rs.42 lakh and the injured workers have received Rs 3 to 5 lakh. He also said that each worker should receive

compensation of at least Rs.50 million and demanded that the government intervene and provide full compensation to the victims. The Program was attended by CITU leaders Nageswara Rao, Raju, Suresh, Srinivas, Sekhar Reddy, Praveen, Yadagiri, Annaji, Durgayya, Anand and workers of various unions.

## Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi Distributes Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) Cheques to Beneficiaries

**Skyline Correspondent**

**Asifabad June 30:** Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi distributed cheques sanctioned under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to beneficiaries at the MLA Camp Office in the district headquarters of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad District on Tuesday. She further mentioned that thousands of beneficiaries in the constituency have already received financial assistance through the CMRF. She urged all eligible people to make use of the scheme and explained that applications submitted within 15 days of discharge from the hospital have a better chance of being processed quickly. The MLA also advised the public not to fall victim to middlemen or brokers while



applying for the scheme. The programme was attended by Municipal Chairman Mengre Akash, Vice Chairman Ahmed, councillors Chihaveri Venkanna, Balakrishna, Salam, Jabore Ravinder, Lakshman, party leaders, beneficiaries, and others.