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Revanth proposes integration of traffic signals with advanced technology in Hyderabad



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has proposed the integration of traffic signals across Hyderabad and adopted technology to operate the signals effectively for hassle free traffic management. The Chief Minister emphasised the integration of the system with AI to regulate traffic flow during rains. Analog Founder and CEO Alex Kipman and MEIL MD P. Krishna Reddy met Revanth Reddy at the Bodhi Pavilion in the MCR HRD Institute on Wednesday. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy made several suggestions to the two organisations in the use of physical intelligence in

Hyderabad. The Company heads briefed the Chief Minister about Hyderabad traffic pilot project and how technology could be utilised for immediate solutions to the challenges facing in the urban areas. They also outlined their vision for "Next Generation Intelligent Infrastructure" and solutions based on "Physical Intelligence," which are essential for future generations. Further, Kipman and Krishna Reddy explained how physical intelligence-sensors and robotics-could help develop safe, efficient, and responsive urban transportation systems. The meeting highlighted the potential for creating "Cognitive Cities"-ur-

ban environments capable of tasks such as adjusting traffic signal systems based on real-time congestion, detecting and repairing water leaks in advance, managing power supply according to demand, and clearing paths for ambulances and fire tenders during emergencies. Both organisations highlighted emerging technologies to address the needs of rapidly growing cities by enhancing government operational efficiency, improving citizen services, and facilitating data-driven infrastructure planning.

On the occasion, Analog and MEIL signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in the presence of the Chief Minister. The

joint venture will play an important role in strengthening mutual technical co-operation and fostering innovation-led infrastructure development. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Advisor K Ramakrishna Rao, and B Ajith Reddy (CEO of Invest and Additional MD of Hyderabad Metro Rail) participated in the meeting.

Women's empowerment is strongest foundation for national development: Governor

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that women's empowerment is the strongest foundation for building a developed and inclusive India, and called for collective efforts to ensure that the benefits of economic growth reach every section of society. Addressing the inaugural session of the two-day national conference on community-led pathways for inclusive growth, organised as part of the silver jubilee celebrations of the Andhra Pradesh Mahila Abhivruddhi Society (APMAS) at the Dr. MCR HRD Institute, Hyderabad

on Wednesday, the Governor commended APMAS for its 25-year journey of promoting community institutions and strengthening rural livelihoods. Describing the organisation's Silver Jubilee as more than a milestone in institutional growth, the Governor said it symbolised trust, dedicated service, innovation and social transformation. He lauded APMAS for its sustained efforts in empowering women, farmers and rural communities, and for emerging as a model for community-driven development across the country. Referring to the Self-Help Group

(SHG) movement, Shukla observed that it had evolved into one of the largest social development movements in the world. As of March 31, 2025, over 170 million rural families had been brought under the SHG network across India, while 14.3 million SHGs had been linked to the banking system, collectively accessing credit exceeding ₹3.04 lakh crore. He said the achievement represented not merely financial inclusion but also the emergence of women's leadership, rural entrepreneurship and grassroots social transformation. Highlighting Telangana's achievements,

the Governor said APMAS had played a significant role in strengthening the State's women's Self-Help Groups by supporting more than six lakh SHGs, 23,000 federations and nearly 6.7 million women members. He also acknowledged the organisation's contribution to the establishment of Stree Nidhi, the community-owned financial institution that has become a vital source of affordable credit for rural women. According to the Governor, as of March 31, 2026, Stree Nidhi had extended loans exceeding Rs.25,000 crore to nearly 3.2 million members, signifi-

cantly improving access to institutional finance in rural areas. The Governor further noted that APMAS is presently supporting 86 Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs), benefiting nearly 40,000 small and marginal farmers by strengthening agricultural value chains and enhancing their livelihoods. Referring to Telangana's long-term vision of becoming a US\$3 trillion economy by 2047 under the "Telangana Rising-2047" initiative, Shiv Pratap Shukla stressed the need for coordinated efforts by governments, community institutions and civil society.

Prioritise revenue generation, plug leakages in tax & mining: CM



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has instructed officials to prioritise revenue generation and to make concerted efforts in this area. On Wednesday, the Chief Minister convened a review meeting on revenue mobilisation at the MCRHRD in Hyderabad, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Jupally Krishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Advisors Ramakrishna Rao, along with senior officials. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised the importance of focusing on revenue mobilisation to meet the targets set forth in the state budget. He stressed the

need for HMDA and TGIIC officials to concentrate on this effort. Revanth Reddy noted that it is crucial to minimise revenue losses in departments such as Commercial Taxes, Excise, and Mining, among others. Furthermore, he proposed establishing a dedicated 'chasing cell' to maintain

ongoing oversight of revenue mobilisation efforts. To enhance performance, he indicated that individual departments should improve their operational efficiency. Revanth Reddy also mentioned that the list of beneficiaries needs to be linked with the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system

through AI technology. He called for the budget to be focused on finalising pending projects and current undertakings, with land acquisition given top priority. The Chief Minister added that budget planning should be rooted in actual conditions rather than assumptions.

ARMY GETS NEW COMMANDER FOR TELANGANA & ANDHRA SUB AREA

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Major General G Srinivas, VSM, assumed charge as the General Officer Commanding (GOC) of Telangana & Andhra Sub Area on Wednesday. He paid homage to fallen soldiers at the War Memorial and laid a wreath in a solemn ceremony. A seasoned artillery officer with over 35 years of service, Maj Gen Srinivas has held several key command and staff appointments, including at the UN mission in Congo and the College of Defence Management. As GOC, he will oversee military administration, veterans' welfare and civil-military coordination across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. He is also M Phil in Defence and Security studies and an M Phil in Management Studies. During the career spanning thirty five years, the General Officer has held important Command, Staff and Instructional assignments to include an exposure with United Nations in Democratic Republic of Congo, Military Secretary Branch, Command of a Brigade in Strike Formation, Brigadier Quartermaster of a Corps, Chief Instructor at School of Artillery.

Ready to resign if debt figures wrong: Jupally

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Minister for Tourism and culture, Excise Jupally Krishna Rao strongly criticised BRS working president KT Rama Rao for making unfounded accusations against the Congress government.

During a press briefing at the CLP media center in the Assembly on Wednesday, Jupally Krishna Rao, accompanied by MLAs Veerapalli

Shankar and Rajesh Reddy, asserted that KT Rama Rao was disseminating misleading information by distorting the truth and alleging that Rs.200 crore was allocated for the Chief Minister's camp office. He urged KT Rama Rao to stop making unfounded assertions and misleading the public.

"Over Rs.8 lakh crore in debt was accumulated under the BRS administration.



If the figures I presented are proven incorrect, I will resign from my position as an

MLA. I am willing to go to the BRS party office; if my calculations are wrong, I will submit my resignation to the Speaker. Are you willing to engage in a debate on this?" challenged Jupally Krishna Rao. The Minister emphasised that the public will not be deceived by such misleading rhetoric. He reaffirmed his confidence that the Congress party will regain power in the upcoming Assembly elections in Telangana.

Congress MLA slams unilateral temple board choices, cites protocol breach

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Internal dissent within the ruling Telangana Congress has broken into the open, with senior leader and Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy publicly criticising Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's unilateral decision-making regarding the newly formed Yadagirigutta Devasthanam Board of Trustees. Speaking to a regional news channel on Wednesday, Rajgopal Reddy expressed strong dissatisfaction over the lack of consultation, warning that such arbitrary moves risk destabilising internal party dynamics. The high-profile Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple at Yadagirigutta is located in the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district, of which the Munugode constituency is a vital part. Rajgopal Reddy noted that as a local legislator, he was completely blindsided by the formation of the board.

"This decision was made unilaterally and is highly inappropriate. If I had been consulted, I would have

ensured the inclusion of at least one representative from my constituency to ensure fair regional representation," Rajgopal Reddy stated. While clarifying that he would not comment directly on the appointment of the Board's Chairman, the MLA emphasised that the selection of other members required collective deliberation. Rajgopal Reddy emphasised his ongoing communication with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his meetings with Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. "I

remain active in all party activities and fully committed to Congress. It would have been fitting to involve us in this situation. This is utterly unacceptable," he remarked. Concerns were raised by Rajgopal Reddy regarding the current dynamics within the Telangana Congress. He noted that newcomers have inundated the party, while original Congress members, who genuinely advocated for the Telangana cause, are gradually being sidelined.

"A fresh influx from various backgrounds is now dominating, and it seems everything is being managed by these newcomers," he expressed his frustration. Rajgopal Reddy has been openly critical of the Chief Minister, particularly regarding issues such as the delay in Rythu Bharosa disbursement. He stated, "I was not inclined to attend the Chief Minister's meeting in Nalgonda as I found their approach unsatisfactory. I don't appreciate it."

TELANGANA LAUNCHES "MISSION K-100" TO STREAMLINE KHARIF PROCUREMENT

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : The Telangana Civil Supplies Department on Wednesday launched "Mission K-100", a 100-day action plan aimed at ensuring smooth procurement operations for the Kharif 2026-27 season by strengthening grain storage, logistics and financial management. Commissioner of Civil Supplies M Stephen Raveendra, chaired a high-level coordination meeting with FCI general manager G.N. Raju here at Civil Supplies Bhavan, urging the Food Corporation of India to allocate additional storage space for quick evacuation of pending grain stocks and release long-pending financial dues. Mission K-100 focuses on five key areas - expediting Custom Milled Rice (CMR) delivery to FCI, phased paddy auctions to improve liquidity, recovery of pending central funds, modernization of Paddy Procurement Centres through mechanisation, and strengthening transportation with expanded vehicle fleets and a real-time Vehicle Location Tracking System (VLTS). The action plan was formally rolled out through a video conference attended by the District Managers (DMs) and District Civil Supplies Officers (DCSOs), with the objective of completing critical preparatory work before the arrival of the new crop.

MIM TRYING TO HIJACK SIR EXERCISE IN HYD, ALLEGES CONG LEADER SAMEER

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 1 : Congress leader Mohammed Waliullah Sameer has alleged that AIMIM is attempting to "hijack" the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Hyderabad by allowing unauthorised political workers to handle voter enumeration forms.

Sameer, the Congress in-charge for the Hyderabad

Lok Sabha constituency, claimed that complaints had emerged from several parts of the old city that SIR forms were being distributed and collected by individuals allegedly linked to AIMIM instead of authorised Booth Level Officers (BLOs). He alleged that, contrary to Election Commission guidelines mandating door-to-door verification by BLOs, voters in some areas were

being asked to collect or submit forms at schools, community halls, function halls and other locations, causing inconvenience to senior citizens, women, persons with disabilities and working people. Warning that political handling of voter data could undermine the integrity of the electoral roll revision, Sameer demanded an Election Commission inquiry into the alleged

irregularities. He urged authorities to ensure that only authorised election staff conduct the SIR exercise, recover any official material held outside government custody and initiate action against officials found violating prescribed procedures. He also sought police protection for BLOs wherever necessary to enable them to carry out the exercise without political interference.

YSRCP to go with Mavigan agenda in next elections, says YS Jagan

Vijayawada July 1 (Skyline daily): Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy made significant political remarks. He clarified that his party would approach the electorate in the upcoming elections with the 'Mavigan' agenda. Noting that the next election would essentially be a contest between 'Mavigan' and 'Amaravati,' he stated that the polls would determine which approach the people support. Speaking to media on Wednesday, YS Jagan stated that they would contest the elections under the 'Mavigan' banner and remain committed to the verdict delivered by the people. He emphasised that their goal is to develop the capital transparently, without any scope for corruption. He explained that the objective of 'Mavigan' is to build the capital in a manner that leaves no room for scams. Jagan alleged that while his visit to the capital region was not an issue in itself, some were attempting to turn it into a political controversy. He announced



plans to send individuals of the rank of retired judges to hold discussions with farmers and assess the situation. He reiterated his commitment to standing by the farmers and speaking on their behalf. Furthermore, Jagan stated that they would address public issues by rising above partisan politics. He assured that party leaders would visit any location where a problem exists and stand in support of the affected people. He also declared that they would join forces with anyone fighting for the public interest and that he would personally participate in such movements if necessary.

Collector advocates pre-monsoon dry sowing to ensure crop yields amid drought fears



Somandepalli: July 1 District Collector A Shyam Prasad has called upon the farming community to adopt natural farming practices and leverage the Pre-Monsoon Dry Sowing (PMDS) method to safeguard crop cultivation against the possibility of below-normal monsoon rainfall. The Collector conducted a comprehensive field visit to inspect natural farming plots developed under the PMDS system at Gudipalli village in Somandepalli mandal on Tuesday. During the inspection, he examined diverse crops being cultivated across a 40-acre land block belonging to

a local farmer, Rangappa. District Project Manager Lakshma Naik briefed the Collector on the technical nuances of the PMDS method, emphasizing how it efficiently utilizes available soil moisture to ensure robust crop establishment before seasonal rains begin. Addressing the gathered cultivators, Collector Shyam Prasad warned that prevailing El Niño conditions could lead to deficient rainfall this year. He urged farmers not to leave their agricultural lands fallow and instead pivot to the PMDS method, which requires significantly

less water, supports long-term soil health, and promises better profit margins. To boost morale and demonstrate the practical application of the system, the Collector stepped directly into the fields, drove an agricultural tractor, and personally sowed seeds in the soil. He instructed agriculture department officials to provide continuous technical guidance to scale up natural farming initiatives across the district. Somandepalli Tahsildar Maruthi Prasad, MPDO Venkata Lakshamma, Mandal Agriculture Officer Vijayabharathi, and local leaders were present.

Foolproof security web formed for CM Naidu's Nellore visit



Nellore: July 1 The district police administration has put in place airtight security arrangements ahead of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's one-day official visit to Nellore district on Wednesday. The Chief Minister is scheduled to visit Punneparipalem village in Chillakur mandal to formally distribute the enhanced NTR Bharosa social security pensions. Reviewing operational readiness on Tuesday, Nellore Superintendent of Police Dr Ajitha Vejjendla briefed the personnel drafted for the high-profile bandobast duties. She allocated specific sector responsibilities and warned that any procedural negligence would invite strict disciplinary action. Dr Vejjendla ordered

meticulous focus on route security from the helipad to the main public venue. To ensure the safe movement of the VVIP convoy, dedicated traffic diversions and specialized parking zones have been established. Furthermore, the SP checked the deployment of Bomb Disposal squads and canine teams, ordering thorough Road Opening Party (ROP) operations and combing exercises in surrounding peripheral areas. Disclosing the scale of the operation, the SP confirmed that 620 police personnel have been mobilized. Later, she personally led a full-scale convoy trial run along the designated route to eliminate any technical gaps. Top district police officials attended the briefing.

Food processing units to boost farmers' income: MLA



Anantapur: July 1 Anantapur Urban MLA Daggupati Venkateswara Prasad and CSL Products Executive Officer Challa Rajendra Prasad addressed a farmers' conference at RK Function Hall on horticulture and food processing opportunities. Interacting directly with cultivators, the leaders gathered insights on marketing, post-harvest losses, and

water resources. The MLA stated that the government is committed to transforming Rayalaseema into a horticulture hub and doubling farmers' income by providing access to modern technology, cold chains, and export channels. Government He assured that coordination with Central and State governments would ensure fair remunerative prices.

JSP kicks off drive to reward loyal cadre; massive turnout in Anantapur



Anantapur: July 1 Translating arty chief Pawan Kalyan's vision into action, the Janasena Party has initiated a drive to strengthen its grassroots organizational structure. On Tuesday, a special application collection desk was set up at the 'Anantha Sri 7' venue under the supervision of Anantapur Parliamentary Observer Vemulapati

Ajay Kumar. Enthusiastic party aspirants, including 'Jana Sainiks' and 'Veera Mahilas' from Anantapur Urban and Singanamala constituencies, turned up in large numbers to apply for village, mandal, and district-level committee positions. Ajay Kumar assured cadres that hard work and sacrifices would be duly rewarded with fitting party posts.

Two lorries collided, three burnt alive at Boyapalem



Guntur: July 1 Three persons were burnt alive when two lorries collided on the National Highway no:16, at Boyapalem of Guntur district at 5.45 AM on Wednesday. According to police, the ill fated lorry was coming from Ongole to Guntur. When it reached Boyapalem, the driver of the vehicle lost control over it due to brake failure. The lorry rammed into another lorry coming in the opposite direction

from Guntur to Chilakaluripet. Due to its impact, a fire broke out. The drivers of the both lorries and another person traveling in one lorry were burnt alive. Fire engines rushed to the spot to put out flames. Guntur district SP Vakul Jindal rushed to the spot and enquired about circumstances leading to the fire accident. Police officials are trying to trace the details of the deceased. Investigation is underway.

AP EAPCET 2026 results announced, check here



Anantapur: July 1 The AP EAPCET 2026 results have been released. Nara Lokesh, the Minister for Education and IT, announced the results—eagerly awaited by lakhs of students—via the platform 'X'. Across the state, 2,76,572 candidates applied for the engi-

neering stream, with 2,58,545 appearing for the exam; Minister Lokesh revealed that 1,82,317 (70.52%) of them qualified. Similarly, in the agriculture and pharmacy stream, 79,231 candidates applied and 70,929 appeared, with 63,546 (89.59%) qualifying.

Security blanket in place ahead of President's visit to CUAP



Anantapur: July 1 The district police have intensified security arrangements ahead of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the Central University of Andhra Pradesh (CUAP) on Wednesday, where she will attend the institution's first convocation as the chief guest. Reviewing the bandobast arrangements at the university campus near Jantaluru in Bukkarayasamudram mandal, Anantapur Superintendent of Police P Jagadish conducted a rigorous sector-wise briefing for the police officers deployed on duty on Tuesday. The SP issued

detailed protocol instructions, assigned responsibilities to sector in-charges, and directed all personnel to maintain close coordination to prevent any security lapses for the nation's First Citizen. As a critical precautionary measure, the district police have declared the area within a five-kilometre radius of the CUAP campus a 'Red Zone' (No-Flying Zone). This restriction strictly prohibits the operation of civilian drones, remote-controlled cameras, paragliders, and all other flying objects. These airspace restrictions will remain in force from

Tuesday evening until 6:00 PM on Wednesday, with police warning of stringent legal and criminal action against violators. Surveillance and vehicle checks have been intensified across the notified zone, and the public has been urged to report any suspicious activities. SP P Jagadish appealed to local residents, university staff, and students to extend full cooperation for a smooth visit. Tadipatri ASP Rohit Kumar Choudary, Additional SPs M Nagabhushanam and Ilyas Basha, along with local DSPs and Inspectors, were present at the meeting.

Vijayawada MP distributes elderly pension, says, record amount distributed in the State



Vijayawada: July 1 Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) participated in the door-to-door pension distribution program in the Vijayawada West constituency and personally handed over pensions to the beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, the MP stated that immediately after the alliance government assumed power, and following Chief Minister Chandrababu's directives, leaders and activists from the TDP, Janasena, and BJP have been working together to deliver pensions directly to people's homes. He noted that Andhra Pradesh has set a

record for providing the highest pension amounts in the country. He added that the Chief Minister increased the pension amount with the aim of seeing happiness in the eyes of the poor. The MP revealed that Rs 32,000 crore is being distributed as pensions annually in Andhra Pradesh. He stated that despite any challenges or financial constraints, the pension distribution process begins at 6:00 AM on the first of every month and is completed between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM. MP Kesineni Sivanath remarked that the public has warmly welcomed and appreciated this initiative.

Alur MLA blames TDP activists for Anganwadi teacher's suicide attempt



Kurnool: July 1 Alur MLA Virupakshi on Tuesday accused local TDP workers of driving an Anganwadi teacher to attempt suicide after months of harassment in Peddathothur village of Alur mandal. After visiting the victim, Lepakshi, who is undergoing treatment at the Government Hospital, the MLA said she consumed poison tablets following nearly four months of mental harassment. He demanded immediate action against those responsible and sought protection for government employees. Addressing the media, on Tuesday, Virupakshi said the harassment was carried out by close associates of the

TDP constituency leadership, who frequently visited the Anganwadi centre and subjected the teacher to verbal abuse and intimidation. He said the repeated humiliation left the victim unable to cope, pushing her to take the extreme step. The MLA described the incident as a reflection of an atmosphere of fear among government employees, particularly women, in the constituency. The MLA said the incident was not an isolated case and cited previous instances to support his claim. He referred to the reported intimidation of a Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya principal in Halaharvi mandal and another incident in Devanakonda mandal,

where TDP activists were accused of assaulting MGNREGS staff, forcing them out of their office and locking the premises, disrupting official work. Virupakshi further claimed that when the victim's family sought an explanation from local TDP leaders, they distanced themselves from the accused. He accused the ruling party leadership in the Alur constituency of fostering a culture of intimidation while ignoring illegal activities such as land encroachments and sand mining. The MLA urged the State government to order a fair inquiry into the incident, ensure justice for the Anganwadi teacher and provide adequate security to government employees.

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The New Family

For decades, India's social contract rested on an assumption that required little intervention from the state: families would care for their elderly. Public policy focused on pensions, healthcare and poverty because emotional support, companionship and day-to-day caregiving were presumed to come from within the household. That assumption is now under strain, and nowhere is the change more visible than in Kerala.

The state's demographic profile places it at the forefront of a transition that the rest of India will eventually experience. Longer life expectancy, declining fertility and sustained migration have produced a society where parents increasingly outlive the traditional family structure that once sustained them. Their children have not necessarily abandoned them. Many have moved elsewhere in pursuit of education, employment or better incomes. Yet the result is the same: ageing parents find themselves alone even when they remain financially secure. This distinction is significant because it changes the nature of the policy challenge.

Financial assistance can pay bills, but it cannot accompany an elderly person to a hospital at midnight, repair a leaking roof, collect medicines or simply provide conversation after days of isolation. Loneliness has emerged as a public issue rather than merely a private sorrow. It carries consequences for mental health, physical well-being and healthcare costs that governments can no longer afford to ignore. Kerala's decision to create a dedicated institutional framework for elderly welfare reflects an important recognition that ageing is not solely a health or welfare issue.

It intersects with urban planning, housing, transport, technology, labour markets and community development. The emphasis on enabling older citizens to remain in their own homes for as long as possible mirrors a growing international consensus that institutional care should be the last option, not the default one. Yet policy announcements alone cannot compensate for weakening social bonds. A successful ageing strategy requires trained caregivers, regulated senior-care providers, accessible neighbourhood health services, emergency response systems and vibrant community networks. It also demands local governments that treat elderly welfare as an everyday administrative responsibility rather than an occasional welfare programme.

Without sustained investment and clear regulatory standards, ambitious plans risk becoming symbolic exercises. The implications extend far beyond Kerala. States such as Tamil Nadu, Himachal Pradesh, Punjab and even parts of urban Maharashtra are moving along similar demographic trajectories. Migration continues to reshape Indian families, while falling birth rates mean fewer adult children will be available to share caregiving responsibilities in the decades ahead. India's demographic dividend, celebrated for years, is gradually giving way to the realities of demographic ageing.

The real test of a society is not how it treats its young and productive citizens, but how it supports those who have already contributed a lifetime of work. As India's population grows older, the country's social contract must evolve from one that assumes families will always cope to one that ensures no citizen is left to navigate old age alone. Kerala's experiment is therefore an early glimpse of India's future.

Saving Ayodhya's Ram Temple needs turning to Koutilya

When a devotee folds a note and drops it into the hundi at the Ram Mandir, she is not completing a transaction. She is performing something older than any temple's ledger - the surrender of a thing that is hers to a presence that is not. Dana, in the Indian grammar of giving, is not charity. It is closer to yajna: an offering whose entire merit lies in the release, in the giver's hands coming away empty and clean. The gift is consecrated at the very moment it stops belonging to anyone.

When it lands in a counting room, the sacred becomes countable, and the countable becomes vulnerable. That narrow seam, between the offering that is given to God and the institution that must physically hold it, is where every great devotional civilisation has, sooner or later, been tested. Ayodhya has just been tested there, and failed.

The facts are still settling, but the shape is clear enough. A Special Investigation Team has reported serious shortcomings in how donations at the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi temple were counted and monitored - weak oversight, poor accountability, gaps wide enough for cash to slip through. Eight people have been arrested, several of them entrusted with the counting itself; CCTV footage is said to show notes being diverted during the tally.

The story is both peculiarly Indian - corruption in uniquely opaque systems - and entirely

universal. What happened in that counting room is one of the most eternal stories in the history of organised devotion. The error is not in believing this could only happen here. The error is in not recognising how very old, and how very global, the problem is.

Consider the institution most often held up as the gold standard of sacred administration. The Vatican has spent four decades cycling through financial scandal: the collapse of Banco Ambrosiano in 1982, with the Vatican Bank as its largest shareholder and its chairman, 'God's Banker' found hanged under a London bridge; the catastrophic London property venture of the last decade, into which the Secretariat of State poured some 350 million euros before selling the building at a 140-million-euro loss; the corruption trial that followed and convicted a cardinal once spoken of as a future pope; a parallel billion-dollar fraud traced through a suppressed Catholic society in Peru. All of this inside a sovereign whose own theology could not be clearer that the wealth it holds is held in trust - that, as the tradition insists, the Church's money is not hers but the Lord's. The conviction did not prevent the theft. Only institutions did: the Vatican's belated financial watchdog, its submission to external money-laundering review, the slow, humbling acceptance that even a holy treasury must be audited by peo-

ple who assume it might be robbed.

That is the lesson Ayodhya should take, and it is being taken - quietly, and from an unexpected quarter. In direct response to the Ram Mandir affair, the trust that runs Tirupati, the richest temple in the country, has gone to the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and asked it to tear out a decades-old accounting system and replace it with a modern, audited, enterprise platform inside a hundred days. The accountants describe the project, rightly, as a potential template for religious institutions across India. Tirupati's response is the mature one: not to insist that a sacred space is above suspicion, but to build the controls that make suspicion unnecessary.

Here is where the comparison with the Vatican should give Indians not anxiety but a strange confidence. Because the discipline now being imported in the language of ERP systems and internal controls is usually framed as a modern Western correction applied to the, sometimes, symbolic world of temple administration. It is no such thing. It is a recovery of something India theorised earlier and more ruthlessly than almost any civilisation on earth.

The Arthashastra, at least two thousand years ago, sets down a catalogue of 40 distinct ways in which officials embezzle from the treasury - recording what was paid as unpaid and the unpaid as paid, entering a large



gift as small and a small as large, naming one recipient in the books while another pockets the money. Read today, the list is almost completely current. And Kautilya offers it without illusion about human nature: just as it is impossible, he writes, not to taste the honey or the poison that finds itself at the tip of the tongue, so it is impossible for one handling the king's revenue not to consume at least a little of it. From that bleak realism he builds a system - rewards for whistle-blowers, a larger share for the outsider and a smaller one for the colleague who informs; punishment running up the whole chain of custody, not merely the lowest clerk; the rotation of officials before they learn the loopholes of an office. This is fiduciary accountability worked out in granular detail, in a civilisation that also wrote the Bhagavad Gita.

That is the deeper point a returning civilisation should be willing to make about itself. The figure of the trustee - the one who

holds what is not his, the nimita-matra, the mere instrument through whom the offering passes - sits closer to the heart of Indian thought than the figure of the owner ever has. To demand that such a trustee be watched, counted, and held to account is not a foreign imposition on devotion. It is shraddha in its most practical form. Auditing the hundi is not an act of suspicion against the divine; it is an act of fidelity to the devotee who gave with her hands clean. A civilisation does not prove its maturity by placing its holiest institutions beyond scrutiny. It proves it by remembering that it once knew, better than anyone, that scrutiny is the price of trust. Ayodhya's scandal is not evidence that India lacks a standard of sacred stewardship. It is evidence of a lapse from one India already possessed - and, if Tirupati's instinct prevails over Ayodhya's politics, evidence that the standard can still be recovered. That, in the end, is what returning means.

How technology became India's social equaliser

When Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Digital India Mission on 1 July 2015, many saw it as an ambitious technology programme aimed at expanding internet access and digitising government services. Eleven years later, it is evident that Digital India was never merely about broadband connectivity, smartphones or mobile applications. It was a transformative governance reform designed to democratise opportunity, restore dignity to welfare delivery and ensure that technology became an instrument of empowerment for every Indian, particularly those who had remained on the margins of development.

Perhaps no government initiative in independent India has altered the relationship between the citizen and the State as profoundly as Digital India. It has redefined governance by making it more transparent, accountable and citizen-centric. More importantly, it has shifted the focus from entitlement to empowerment, ensuring that the benefits of development reach the last citizen without discrimination or delay. For decades, India's welfare architecture was plagued by leakages, inefficiencies and layers of intermediaries. Subsidies often disappeared before reaching intended beneficiaries, while the poor had to navigate cumbersome bureaucratic processes to access basic entitlements. PM Modi recognised that genuine empowerment could not be achieved merely by increasing welfare expenditure. The delivery mechanism itself had to be transformed.

This is where the Jan Dhan-AadhaarMobile (JAM) trinity emerged as one of the most consequential governance innovations in modern India. By linking bank accounts, biometric identity and mobile connectivity, Digital India created the world's largest digital welfare ecosystem. Today, through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), over Rs 49 lakh crore is transferred directly into bank accounts of beneficiaries under hundreds of welfare schemes. Every transfer represents a citizen receiving government assistance without paying commissions, depending on middlemen or waiting endlessly for files to move. Few reforms have done more to restore the dignity of the poor than ensuring that every rupee sanctioned by the government reaches its rightful beneficiary.

This transformation is not merely about efficiency; it is about social justice. For millions of poor households, particularly women, the ability to receive welfare directly into bank accounts has translated into greater financial independence and decision-making within families. Farmers receive PM-KISAN assistance without intermediaries. LPG subsidies, pensions, scholarships, MGNREGA wages and numerous other benefits now reach beneficiaries seamlessly. Technology has quietly dismantled barriers that persisted for decades. The scale of this transformation is unprecedented.

More than 57 crore Jan Dhan accounts, nearly universal Aadhaar coverage and over 109 crore internet users together form the backbone of India's digital revolution. Smartphones have become ubiquitous across both rural and urban India, while BharatNet has extended broadband connectivity to over two lakh Gram Panchayats, bridging the digital divide. Digital access is no longer an urban privilege; it has become a public utility. Yet, the true success of Digital India lies not in connectivity alone but in the opportunities that connectivity has created. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has fundamentally changed the way India transacts.

Today, the neighbourhood grocery shop, the vegetable vendor, the auto-rickshaw driver and the small entrepreneur accept digital payments with the ease of large corporations. India has emerged as the global leader in real-time digital payments, demonstrating that innovation need not remain confined to advanced economies. UPI has brought millions of individuals and small businesses into the formal economy, creating transparency while reducing dependence on cash. Likewise, platforms such as DigiLocker, UMANG, eSanjeevani, the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) and the Digital Agriculture Mission have transformed delivery of public services.

Students can access academic certificates digitally, patients can consult doctors remotely, small businesses can compete for government procurement, and farmers increasingly receive timely

information through digital platforms. Governance has become faster, simpler and more accessible. One of the defining characteristics of the government's digital approach has been the creation of Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI). Unlike many countries where digital ecosystems are built around private monopolies, India consciously developed interoperable public digital platforms that remain accessible to all. Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, Account Aggregator and other components of the India Stack have together created open digital architecture that encourages innovation while ensuring inclusion. Today, India's Digital Public Infrastructure is recognised globally as one of the country's most significant contributions to governance innovation.

Countries across Asia, Africa and Latin America are studying or adopting elements of India's digital model. International institutions increasingly view India's experience as evidence that digital transformation can be inclusive, affordable and scalable even in large, diverse democracies. What was conceived as a domestic governance reform has evolved into an important pillar of India's global leadership and development diplomacy. Digital India has also become a catalyst for economic transformation. India's electronics manufacturing sector has expanded dramatically over the past decade, with the country emerging as one of the world's largest mobile phone manufacturing hubs.

Policies encouraging domestic manufacturing, combined with a rapidly expanding digital economy, have generated employment, strengthened supply chains and reduced dependence on imports. Digital infrastructure has thus become both a governance asset and an engine of economic growth. Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of Digital India is that it has empowered those who were traditionally excluded from formal systems. Women, self-help groups, artisans, tribal communities, street vendors and first-generation entrepreneurs have all gained access to financial services, digital marketplaces and government programmes.

A woman in a remote village today can open a bank account, receive welfare benefits, make



digital payments, access telemedicine and store official documents electronically - all through her mobile phone. That is social transformation. The impact extends well beyond welfare. Digital governance has strengthened transparency by reducing opportunities for discretion and corruption. Every DBT payment creates an auditable trail. Every digital transaction enhances accountability. Every online service reduces physical interfaces that once enabled rent-seeking.

In doing so, Digital India has quietly emerged as one of the most effective anti-corruption reforms undertaken in independent India. As India enters the next phase of its development journey, Digital India is also laying the foundation for the age of Artificial Intelligence. AI-powered governance, predictive healthcare, precision agriculture, personalised education, multilingual digital assistants and intelligent public service delivery are no longer distant possibilities - they are rapidly becoming integral to India's development strategy.

The robust digital architecture created over the past eleven years provides the trusted data infrastructure and secure public platforms necessary for AI to deliver meaningful public outcomes rather than merely commercial applications. Prime Minister Modi has emphasised that India must lead the AI revolution while ensuring that technology remains ethical, inclusive and human-centric. This vision naturally extends the philosophy that shaped Digital India itself. Just as the first decade focused on connecting citizens and digitising governance, the next decade must focus on using Artificial Intelligence to improve learning outcomes, enhance healthcare delivery, empower farmers, strengthen disaster management, optimise urban

planning and create new opportunities for young innovators. If the first phase of Digital India connected India, the next phase can help India think, innovate and compete at the frontiers of global technology.

This evolution also places India in a unique position globally. Few countries possess the combination of population scale, digital identity, real-time payments, interoperable public platforms and democratic governance that India has successfully integrated. These strengths will increasingly define India's competitiveness in the emerging digital economy. The world is beginning to recognise that India's greatest export may not simply be software or skilled professionals, but an entirely new model of digital governance that combines innovation with inclusion. Eleven years after its launch, Digital India has become the operating system of New India, quietly powering almost every major governance reform undertaken over the past decade.

The digital rails built since 2015 now underpin welfare delivery, financial inclusion, healthcare, education, commerce, agriculture and public administration. As India prepares for the next decade of technological transformation, the challenge is no longer to prove that digital governance works. The challenge now is to harness emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence with the same commitment to inclusion that defined the Digital India Mission. The years ahead can demonstrate how innovation, guided by democratic values and human dignity, can help India emerge not only as a digital power but also as a compassionate and equitable global leader. That would be the most fitting tribute to the vision that set Digital India in motion eleven years ago.

Donald Trump’s latest financial disclosure reveals colossal \$1.2 billion cryptocurrency income

Cryptocurrency accounted for a major share of Donald Trump’s reported earnings last year, according to a newly released financial disclosure that details about USD 1.2 billion in income from digital asset ventures. The disclosure, released by the US Office of Government Ethics, details Trump’s income, investments and financial interests. Filed under federal ethics rules, the more than 900-page document shows earnings from cryptocurrency businesses alongside revenue from legal resorts, licensing agreements, legal settlements and investments. World Liberty Financial among biggest income sources

The filing shows Trump earned nearly USD 550 million through his association with World Liberty Financial (WLF), a cryptocurrency platform launched in September 2024 with the backing of Trump and members of his family. The filing says the platform raised USD 550 million through the sale of its WLF token. It also states that Trump and his three sons, through an intermediary firm called DT Marks Defi, acquired 22.5 billion WLF tokens, now valued at about USD 1.3 billion.

World Liberty Financial expanded its operations in April 2025 with the launch of a US dollar-pegged stablecoin. Crypto royalties add hundreds of millions

The ethics filing also attributes USD 635 million in royalty income to a



licensing agreement linked to the USD TRUMP cryptocurrency, which was launched shortly before Trump’s presidential inauguration in January 2025. Apart from cryptocurrency, Trump reported earning more than USD 290 million from his portfolio of golf clubs and luxury resorts. The properties listed include Mar-a-Lago in Florida, Trump National Doral, Trump National Bedminster, Trump National Jupiter, and Trump National Washington, D.C. The documents also show Trump earned several million dollars through investments in publicly traded cryptocurrency companies, including Coinbase.

Filing details investments, settlements and licensing income

According to the disclosure, Trump’s assets remain held in a trust managed by his eldest son, Donald Trump Jr. The filing says the trust can be dissolved, allowing Trump to regain direct control of the assets after his second presidential term.

The paperwork also outlines stock purchases made during 2025.

On August 18, Trump reported buying shares of Apple, Microsoft and Nvidia, with each investment valued between USD 5 million and USD 25 million. Ethics rules require assets to be disclosed within valuation ranges instead of exact amounts.

The filing also records the purchase of Amazon shares worth between USD 500,000 and USD 1 million on September 23.

Trump further disclosed receiving more than USD 86 million from legal settlements involving ABC, CBS, Meta, YouTube and X.

His reported assets also include gold bullion valued between USD 500,000 and USD 1 million.

The disclosure says Trump received gifts worth more than USD 370,000, most of them consisting of tickets to sporting events.

Additional income came from branding and publishing deals.

The filing also lists USD 4.7 million from Trump Watches, USD 208,486 from The Greenwood Bible, USD 67,634 from Trump Sneakers & Fragrances and USD 35,920 from the ‘45’ Guitar. Book sales added another USD 590,730 from Letters to Trump, USD 1.89 million from Save America and USD 552,685 from A MAGA Journey. Trump also reported a USD 200,000 speaking fee from a charity event in Naples, Florida, in December 2022.

Afghanistan carries out airstrikes on ISIS-linked targets in Pakistan

The Ministry of Defence of Afghanistan on Wednesday, July 1, claimed that its security forces carried out airstrikes against alleged ISIS-linked targets in Pakistan.

The attacks were carried out on Tuesday night, read a statement from the Afghan ministry. It added that they targeted “ISIS facilities” in the Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa provinces, IANS reported.

“The air forces of the Afghan Ministry of Defence tonight conducted airstrikes on an ISIS joint centre and elements of evil and corruption in the Saranan area of the Pishin district, Balochistan province. This centre was used for

carrying out sabotage activities and planning attacks in Afghanistan, and it served as a coordination hub for bombings in which Afghan civilians were targeted,” read the statement.

“In the Qambar Khel area of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, successful airstrikes were carried out by the Afghan Air Force on a Daesh centre, and in the Garam Chashma area of the Shah Salim Valley in Chitral, on another joint Daesh centre and elements of evil and corruption. Destructive activities and attacks against civilians were also being planned from these centres,” it added.

As per preliminary information, the strikes inflicted heavy casualties and



significant financial losses on ISIS and its supporters. Further, the Afghan ministry claimed that the attacks were carried out with high precision against designated targets and caused no civilian casualties.

“Afghan air defence forces will target any location used to disrupt

Afghanistan’s security,” it stated.

This comes days after 36 civilians, including women and children, were killed, and 163 others were left severely injured in Pakistani military airstrikes in Afghanistan’s Paktia, Paktika, and Kunar provinces.

‘It’s like welfare. I don’t want it’: Netanyahu pushes to end decades of US aid, says Israel can stand on its own

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has said Israel should begin phasing out American financial assistance, arguing that the country’s economy has grown strong enough to fund itself without external support.

Speaking on Tuesday, Netanyahu said he wanted the process to begin this year while also outlining his government’s position on key security and foreign policy issues, including Iran, Gaza, Lebanon and Palestinian statehood.

“I want to stop American aid. It’s like welfare; I don’t want it,” Netanyahu said.

He argued that US assistance now accounts for only a small share of Israel’s economy.

“Our economy is no longer a small economy... we can finance ourselves with this fraction of a per cent of our GDP that we receive from the United States. I want this process to start this year,” he said.

Netanyahu reiterates opposition to Palestinian state

The Israeli Prime Minister also reaffirmed his government’s opposition to the creation of a Palestinian state.

“Israel is the nation-state of the Jewish people. No Palestinian state will be established here,” he said.

On Israel’s security doctrine, Netanyahu said the country would continue taking action against



threats beyond its borders instead of relying solely on defensive measures.

“We will pursue an active security policy—we won’t sit back and wait behind fences,” he said.

Asked whether Israel planned to rebuild settlements in Gaza, Netanyahu declined to elaborate.

“As for rebuilding settlements in Gaza, you have to be ready to act first and talk afterwards. Sometimes it’s better to separate the two. That’s why I’m not going to add anything further on that subject,” he said.

He also defended keeping some aspects of government policy undisclosed.

“You have to understand that the art of statecraft isn’t limited to domestic politics. I don’t have to declare everything to the whole world at every moment,” Netanyahu said.

Israel signals contin-

ued military pressure on Iran and Lebanon

Netanyahu also issued a warning over Iran, saying Israel would continue acting against threats if required.

“We entered Iran twice to save ourselves from destruction. There will be a third time if necessary,” he said.

The Prime Minister further confirmed that Israeli forces would maintain their presence inside Lebanese territory.

“We didn’t leave Lebanon. We have effectively established this security belt—about 10 kilometres inside Lebanon—with the agreement of the Lebanese government. And, of course, Hezbollah is outraged. The same is true of Iran,” he said.

During a visit to troops deployed in northern Israel, Netanyahu said the

military would remain in southern Lebanon until the threat from Hezbollah was removed.

“Our position is clear: we will not leave southern Lebanon until the threat has disappeared. And as long as Hezbollah, armed, is here and threatening us, we will stay here,” he told soldiers.

The remarks came after the signing of a Washington-brokered framework agreement between Beirut and Tel Aviv that aims to promote long-term stability and facilitate the demilitarisation of the Iran-backed Shiite militia.

According to the agreement, any future withdrawal of Israeli forces would depend on the Lebanese government establishing designated security zones where the Lebanese military assumes control.

Venezuela earthquake death toll rises to 1,943; state of emergency remains in force

Venezuela’s death toll from last week’s twin earthquakes has climbed to 1,943, with more than 10,000 people injured as rescue and relief operations continue across the country’s worst-affected regions.

The revised toll comes as authorities press ahead with search and rehabilitation efforts under a state of emergency. The armed forces have been deployed to support rescue work, while temporary shelters and medical teams continue assisting thousands of displaced and injured residents.

Rescue and relief efforts continue President of the National Assembly of Venezuela, Jorge Rodriguez, said the government had mobilised the armed forces to aid relief operations in the disaster-hit areas. Shelters have been established for displaced families, and medical teams remain on the



ground treating those injured. Emergency crews are continuing to search damaged buildings for survivors, with several affected areas still under rescue operations.

Fresh aftershock triggers panic but no new damage

A 4.2-magnitude earthquake struck near Caracas and La Guaira on Monday morning, prompting residents to rush out of homes, offices and other buildings as the ground shook.

According to the Venezuelan Foundation

for Seismological Research, the epicentre was located in the Caribbean Sea, about 10 km off the coast of La Guaira state, which was among the regions hardest hit by the powerful 7.2- and 7.5-magnitude earthquakes that struck on Wednesday.

“We are terrified. We have not slept properly since Wednesday. Every tremor makes us run out,” Maria Lopez, a resident of La Guaira, told local media.

Rodriguez later said

authorities had received no reports of additional damage or casualties following the aftershock.

“We have no reports of additional damage anywhere in the national territory,” he said, urging people to remain calm and follow official instructions.

Officials have appealed to residents to avoid entering damaged buildings and cooperate with rescue personnel.

Emergency hotlines remain operational, while people living in coastal areas have also been advised to move to higher ground as a precaution against potential tsunamis.

On Sunday, authorities had reported 1,450 deaths and said 774 buildings had either collapsed or suffered severe damage. The latest figures indicate the scale of the disaster has continued to grow as rescue teams reach more affected areas.

Nayara Energy cuts petrol by Rs 5, diesel by Rs 3 as lower crude prices reach consumers



Consumers filling up at Nayara Energy fuel stations will pay less for petrol and diesel from July 1 after the private fuel retailer announced a nationwide reduction in pump prices. The company has cut petrol prices by Rs 5 per litre and diesel prices by Rs 3 per litre across its retail network.

The move comes as international crude oil prices have softened following the easing of tensions in West Asia. It is the first retail fuel price reduction since

global crude prices began declining after concerns over supply disruptions eased. The revised rates are effective immediately at more than 7,000 Nayara Energy fuel stations across the country.

The final retail price, however, will continue to vary from state to state because of differences in value-added tax (VAT) and other local levies.

Why crude oil prices have eased

Global oil prices have declined after hostilities in West Asia subsided and key shipping routes reopened. The restoration of crude oil and liquefied natural gas supplies has eased fears of disruptions in the international energy market.

The fuel price reduction coincides with several petroleum-

related changes announced at the start of July.

LPG prices and export duties also revised

State-run oil marketing companies have reduced the price of 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders by up to Rs 183.5 in major cities. There is no change in the price of the 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder.

The Centre has also revised the windfall tax on petroleum product exports with effect from July 1.

According to a Finance Ministry notification, the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on petrol exports has been increased to Rs 4 per litre from Rs 1.5 per litre.

The export duty on diesel has been lowered from Rs 14 per litre to Rs 8.5 per litre. The levy on aviation turbine fuel (ATF) exports has also been reduced from Rs 12.5 per litre to Rs 7.5 per litre.

The ministry said there is no change in the existing excise duty on petrol and diesel sold for domestic consumption.

Stock markets end lower as Nifty slips below 23,900

Indian stock markets ended lower in a volatile trading session on Tuesday, with the Nifty closing below the 23,900 mark. The benchmark indices erased their early gains and oscillated between positive and negative territory throughout the day.

At the close, the Sensex fell 249.70 points, or 0.33 per cent, to settle at 76,478.67, while the Nifty declined 80.50 points, or 0.34 per cent, to close at 23,865.75. The Nifty Midcap index gained 0.4 per cent, while the Smallcap index advanced 1 per cent.

Among the sectoral indices, Nifty IT was the worst performer, plunging 2.73 per cent, while Nifty FMCG fell 0.68 per cent. The Nifty IT index has declined nearly 30 per cent so far this year.

Bank Nifty slipped 0.32 per cent, and the Nifty Financial Services index lost 0.16 per cent. On the positive side, Nifty Realty rose 1.31 per cent, while the Consumer Durables index gained 1.16 per cent.

On the Nifty, 25 stocks ended in the green. The top gainers were Maruti Suzuki India, Titan Company, Bajaj Finance, Adani Enterprises and Eternal. Among the major losers were Eicher Motors, Tata Consumer, TCS, Infosys, Wipro, HCL Technologies and Tech Mahindra.

On the BSE, 162 stocks touched their 52-week highs, while 91 stocks hit their 52-week lows.

Stocks that reached 52-week highs included Apollo Hospitals Enterprise, Federal Bank, Aurobindo Pharma, GMR



Airports, FSN E-Commerce Ventures (Nykaa), Phoenix Mills and Zyddus Lifesciences. Those touching 52-week lows included Infosys, TCS, HCL Technologies, Wipro, Persistent Systems and ONGC.

Auto stocks reversed their early losses to end in positive territory. Maruti Suzuki India emerged as the top gainer, rising around 5 per cent, while Tata Motors Passenger

Vehicles advanced 2.10 per cent and Exide Industries gained 1.28 per cent.

US stock futures traded higher as the rebound in technology and chip stocks extended. The S&P 500 had risen 1.2 per cent in the previous session, while the Nasdaq 100 climbed about twice as much. Crude oil prices traded with modest gains, with Brent crude hovering near \$74 a barrel.

Centre announces Rs 5/litre ATF price cut for domestic airlines; fuel export duties revised from July 1

Domestic airlines will pay less for aviation turbine fuel (ATF) from July 1 after the Centre reduced the fuel price by Rs 5 per litre, bringing the effective rate down to Rs 110 per litre. The revision comes alongside a fresh review of export duties on petroleum products, while taxes on petrol and diesel sold within the country remain unchanged.

The changes form part of the government’s fortnightly review of fuel export levies, introduced on March 27 to maintain domestic availability of petroleum products during the ongoing West Asia crisis. The revised export duties also take effect from July 1.

ATF price reduced; export duties reset

According to the latest revisions, the export duty on petrol has been fixed at Rs 4 per litre, while diesel exports will attract a levy of Rs



8.5 per litre.

A separate notification has set the Special Additional Excise Duty (SAED) on aviation turbine fuel exports at Rs 7.5 per litre.

The Ministry of Finance said the Road and Infrastructure Cess remains nil on these exports, making the SAED the entire export levy.

The government reviews export duties every two weeks by assessing the average international prices of crude oil, petrol, diesel and aviation turbine fuel during

the preceding fortnight. The previous revision was announced on June 16.

Mauritius, Maldives added to exemption list

The Centre has also widened the list of destinations exempt from these export duties.

Earlier, public sector oil companies exporting petrol, diesel and ATF to Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka were exempt from the levy. The exemption has now been extended to Mauritius and the Maldives.

No change for retail fuel consumers

The notifications do not alter the existing excise duty on petrol and diesel supplied for domestic consumption.

As a result, the revised levies will affect fuel exporters, while consumers purchasing petrol and diesel at retail outlets across India will not see any direct impact from the latest changes.

Did Akhil Lenin Save any Surprises?

The trailer of Akhil Akkineni's upcoming film Lenin has received a positive response from movie lovers. After its release, many fans appreciated the trailer for its powerful action scenes, emotional moments, and strong political background. The movie is directed by Murali Kishor Abburi and is expected to be an important film in Akhil's career. The trailer presents Akhil in a completely different look. It shows him as a serious and intense character set in a rural political environment. The action scenes, local Chittoor dialect, and background music have impressed many viewers. Because of these elements, the trailer has created good buzz on social media. However, not everyone is fully satisfied. A common opinion among viewers is that the trailer may have revealed too much of the movie's story. Many people feel that they can already understand the complete journey of the hero after watching the trailer. The trailer appears to show the hero's simple life, the incident that changes everything, his fight against powerful political leaders, and even some major emotional and action scenes. While these moments are exciting, some viewers believe that almost every goosebumps scene has already been included in the trailer. This has led to one important question. If the trailer already contains most of the film's biggest highlights, what surprises



will remain for audiences in theatres? Usually, trailers are expected to create curiosity without revealing the entire story. They should make people excited to watch the film instead of giving away all the important moments. At the same time, there is another side to this discussion. Some filmmakers intentionally reveal more story in trailers to convince audiences that the movie has a strong plot. This can help build confidence, especially when viewers are careful about choosing which films to watch in theatres. Now, the success of Lenin will depend on how well the story is presented on the big screen. Strong performances, emotional scenes, engaging dialogues, and unexpected twists can still make the movie enjoyable even if the basic story is already known. Fans are now waiting to see whether the makers have kept a few exciting surprises hidden for the film's release.

Naga Bandham Hero's Daily Makeup Took Six Hours



Ahead of the release, hero Virat Karna says his next outing Nagabandham represents the most challenging journey of his life. Directed by Abhishek Nama and produced by Kishore Annapureddy and Nishitha Nagireddy under NIK Studios, the epic fantasy adventure has made exceptional pre-release business, thanks to the strong buzz the movie is carrying. Although his debut Peddha Kapu was also mounted on a grand scale, the actor believes Nagabandham pushed him to entirely new limits. "I worked twice as hard for this film. Every ounce of my energy went into these characters," he said. To transform himself, he gained 20 kilograms for one phase before losing five kilograms for another. He also mastered horse riding, improved

his dance skills, and committed himself to rigorous physical conditioning. The elaborate Naga Sadhu makeup itself required six hours every day. The actor disclosed that he never relied on stunt doubles. "Not a single action sequence in the film was performed by a duplicate. I executed every stunt myself." During an action sequence in severe winter conditions, Virat's body froze due to the freezing temperatures while filming with minimal costume. He was immediately shifted to Apollo Hospital's emergency department before resuming shooting the very next day after receiving medical clearance. He admitted feeling nervous during the early days of filming because of the gigantic sets and hundreds of junior artists working daily. However, director Abhishek Nama

constantly encouraged him, reminding him to focus solely on his performance. Confident that audiences will be impressed, he said those who watched the movie already have responded extremely positively. "The film has come out brilliantly. Every scene directed by Abhishek Nama gave me goosebumps. Viewers are going to witness a spectacular theatrical experience." The actor acknowledged Megastar Chiranjeevi as the biggest inspiration behind his cinematic dreams and said he hopes to continue acting in commercial entertainers packed with family emotions and action. Virat confirmed that Nagabandham is planned as a two-part saga and revealed that he intends to maintain a steady pace by releasing two films every year.

Thaman & Trivikram! What's Cooking Now?



Ace composer SS Thaman and star director Trivikram have delivered some smashing hits like Ala Vaikuntapurramlo, whose songs have gone super viral in the nation, with people from almost every state doing reels to them. Later, things started to fail after Guntur Kaaram, and somehow Trivikram is not interested in the composer, but then there's a huge twist coming. For his upcoming film with Venkatesh, titled Adarsha Kutumbam, Trivikram has first roped in Harshavardhan Rameswar as the music director of the movie, thus shocking everyone. After working with Mani Sharma and Devi Sri Prasad, Trivikram felt that Thaman is the best go-to option for him. However, he went for a

change, though Thaman is continuing his association with Trivikram's production houses like Sithara Entertainments. Finally, Harshavardhan is sent out, and Thaman is brought back. And now, when Thaman is expected to score for God of War as well, Anirudh has come into the picture. At a certain point in time, Trivikram is not interested in Anirudh because he feels that the Tamil composer doesn't know when and where to break Telugu words properly or how to keep them together. But now Anirudh is back into Trivikram's movie, and many are wondering if this will work out, or if Thaman will take his place too. Currently Thaman is working on #AK47 and anything could happen in a year's time.

Did Rasha Thadani Charge Rs.1 Crore for Telugu Debut?



Rasha Thadani, daughter of Bollywood actress Raveena Tandon, is getting a lot of attention even before her Telugu debut film releases. A recent social media post has claimed that the young actress was paid ?1 crore for her first Telugu film, Srinivasa Mangapuram. However, this payment has not been officially confirmed by the film's makers or the actress. The claim quickly went viral online and started a debate among movie fans. While some people believe that paying such a huge amount to a debut actress is too much, others feel the reported salary is fair because Rasha already has a strong fan following and comes from a well-known film family. Rasha Thadani is making her Tollywood debut opposite Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni, the nephew of Telugu superstar Mahesh Babu. Jaya Krishna is also making his acting debut with the film, making Srinivasa Mangapuram a special launch for both newcomers. The film is directed

by Ajay Bhupathi, who became popular after directing the blockbuster RX 100. The movie is being presented by Ashwini Dutt, while P. Kiran is producing it. Veteran actor Mohan Babu plays the main antagonist, adding more excitement to the project. As part of the film's promotions, the makers recently released the romantic song "Gunde Pelipothondhe." The melody has received a positive response from music lovers. Composed by GV Prakash Kumar, the song features heartfelt lyrics by Chandrabose and is beautifully sung by Anurag Kulkarni. The visuals showcase the sweet emotions of first love, with Jaya Krishna and Rasha sharing good on-screen chemistry. Earlier, another song from the film also received a warm response, helping increase the buzz around the project. Rasha has already attracted attention with her graceful screen presence and traditional looks in the promotional songs.



Samantha To Spend Her 'Profits' Meaningfully

When Samantha's "Maa Inti Bangaram" got delayed, shooting times were extended, and release dates changed; many wondered about the film. Even the senior starlet got worried and felt a sigh of relief when they had sold the total digital rights of the film, recovering their investment so far.

However, they didn't expect that they would see almost Rs.40 crore in bonuses from the theatrical market. Maa Inti Bangaram has outdone all expectations and has made more than Rs.75 crores gross already in the Telugu states, which means Samantha, along with her husband Raj Nidimoru, pocketed nearly Rs.40 crores 'share' from it. And now, the actress is considering making 3-4 short films over the next couple of years while she takes a maternity break. Currently settled in Mumbai, Samantha wants to listen to scripts, finalise things and make another interesting film like Shubham and Maa Inti



Bangaram. Well, many actors try to make movies after they get profit from a film, but then, if they choose the wrong scripts, surely all that effort will go down the drain. Also, for Samantha's production house, Subham movie hasn't brought any profits, but Maa Inti Bangaram did, because it has her own presence as the leading lady. So, the actress should also think about that before taking any calls, so that she would spend her profits from Maa Inti Bangaram meaningfully.

Rana Daggubati's To Release Youth Ameer Log Across Telugu States

The upcoming Telugu movie Ameer Log has received a big boost before its release. Actor Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media has officially taken up the distribution of the film. The movie will now be released on a large scale across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, giving it a wider reach among audiences.

Ameer Log is produced by Madhavi Reddy Soma under the Awwal Number Productions LLP banner. The film is directed by Ramana Reddy Soma. It stars MC Hari, Manoj, and Sasidhar in the lead roles. Vedashree, Raavan Nitturu, Vishwender Reddy, and Saiyogi play important supporting characters. The film has already created good interest with its promotional content. The first-look poster received a positive response from movie lovers. Later, the song Awwal Dawath, sung by Rahul Sipligunj, became popular among the audience. The teaser also increased excitement for the movie. The makers promise that Ameer Log will be a complete com-



mercial comedy entertainer made mainly for young audiences. According to the team, Spirit Media decided to release the film after watching the completed version. They liked the fresh story, entertaining screenplay, and emotional moments. The movie is based on the lives of three close friends living in the streets of Hyderabad. Their journey, friendship, fun-filled adventures, and the message behind the story are expected to connect well with the youth. The support of Spirit Media is expected to help the film reach more theatres and a larger audience. The company has

earlier backed several content-driven films, and its association is seen as a positive sign for Ameer Log. The technical team also includes talented artists. SVK handled the cinematography, while Smaran Sai composed the music. Rohit Penumatsa worked as the editor. Manohar Reddy Manchuri is the co-producer, and the posters were designed by Shakti. With strong promotional support and a reputed distribution partner, the makers are confident about the film's release. They are expected to announce the official release date soon. Promotional activities will also increase in the coming weeks.

Prabhas supports Alia Bhatt, fans Connect it to Kalki 2 Rumours

Pan-India star Prabhas has once again won the hearts of fans with his kind gesture. The actor is known for supporting films made by his friends and co-stars. This time, he shared the trailer of Bollywood actress Alia Bhatt's upcoming movie Alpha on his Instagram story and wished the entire team all the best. Prabhas simply shared the trailer and sent his best wishes to Alia Bhatt and the makers of the film. His post quickly became a hot topic on social media. Fans were happy to see him encouraging another actor's movie. Many people praised Prabhas for always supporting good films, no matter which film industry they belong to.

Alia Bhatt also noticed Prabhas' support and thanked him with a warm message. She replied on social media by writing, "Thank you... Thank you... Thank you so



much." Their friendly online conversation became popular among fans, who appreciated the respect they showed each other. However, the post also started fresh discussions about Kalki 2898 AD Part 2. For the past few weeks, there have been many rumours that Alia Bhatt may play

an important role in the sequel. Some reports even claimed that she had already joined the shooting. Since Prabhas shared her movie trailer, many fans believe it could be a hint about their possible collaboration. Even so, there is no official confirmation from the makers of

Kalki 2 about Alia Bhatt joining the cast. Until the production team makes an announcement, these reports should be treated only as rumours. Prabhas is currently busy with several big projects. He is shooting for Spirit, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga. The film has already created huge excitement among movie lovers. He is also working on Fauji, directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, which is expected to release in December 2026. Meanwhile, Alia Bhatt's Alpha has also generated strong buzz before its release. The trailer has received a positive response from audiences, and advance bookings have already started. Fans are now waiting to see how the film performs at the box office. At the same time, many are eagerly watching for any official update about Alia Bhatt's possible role in Kalki 2.

Dil Raju's 'Dreams' Targeting Next Year

If main films are not working, then definitely nothing will work. If films fail, then the hero's image crashes, the producer's credibility crashes and the director's market crashes. Sometimes careers also crash if films fail to do well at the box office in a row.

The same thing is happening with Dil Raju for some time. He was once considered a producer with a Midas Touch, but now the touch has turned out to be the opposite. A couple of years ago, Dil Raju launched the production banner "Dil Raju Dreams," saying they would produce small-budget movies under it. However, films like



Balagam took off as such small movies, but ended up on the main banner of the producer. But now, the producer is saying that they will be releasing nearly 6 movies on the Dil Raju Dreams banner in 2027. A new team is said to be listening to the stories, then filtering them out, and bringing the

finest to Dil Raju's notice, to take a final call. Well, this process is happening from a long time but nothing solid is happening. However, Dil Raju says now that other production houses, investors and some cash-rich funders are ready to join DRD to co-produce the movies.

Women's T20 WC: England handed Nat Sciver-Brunt boost ahead of semi-final against South Africa

London, July 1 : England cricket team has been handed a big boost ahead of their crucial Women's T20 World Cup semi-final clash against South Africa as their captain Nat Sciver-Brunt has been passed fit to return from injury for Thursday's match at Kennington Oval. Sciver-Brunt got retired hurt during England's clash against Ireland in Southampton. That was a recurrence of an injury she suffered while playing domestic cricket in late April, due to which the all-rounder was out of the crucial preparation series against India and New Zealand. Skipper played both warm-up games ahead of the tournament, scoring 3 against Australia and 57 against India before scores of 46 not out and 48 against Sri Lanka and Ireland respectively at the World Cup.



"We literally threw everything at it, I'm really happy with where I am at physically. Myself and the medical team are really happy with where we're at. Physically I'm able to take part in all of the game, so from that point of view I'm really happy," Sciver-Brunt said in the pre-match press conference at The Oval on Wednesday, confirming her return to the playing XI. England enters the semi-final with a perfect record, having won all five

of their group matches. The return of captain Nat Sciver-Brunt makes an already strong team even better. They have posted scores of 164, 186, and 219 in the tournament, showcasing the depth of their batting lineup. England's greatest strength lies in their top order, led by the tournament's top run-scorer, Danni Wyatt-Hodge. The experienced opener has scored 282 runs in five innings at an average of 94. This includes an unbeaten 89 against New Zealand at The Oval, and she has already received three Player of the Match awards. Sciver-Brunt's return, following a significant improvement in her calf injury after a positive MRI scan, gives England their strongest XI for the first time in three matches. Her presence also adds another quality seam-bowling option, restoring balance to the team.

Women's T20 WC: When and where to watch South Africa vs England semis clash, know all details



London, July 1 : South Africa aims to continue their impressive run as they face unbeaten hosts England in the second semi-final of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at The Kennington Oval on Thursday. A spot in Sunday's final against Australia is on the line. The Proteas head into this knockout match with strong confidence after bouncing back from an early loss to Australia. They won four of their next five games. Their campaign peaked against India, where Marizanne Kapp delivered a standout performance, scoring an unbeaten 81 and taking 2/27 to help South Africa

secure a place in the last four. In contrast, England has appeared to be the most well-rounded team in the tournament, winning all five of their group matches. The return of captain Nat Sciver-Brunt from injury provides a significant boost. Opener Danni Wyatt-Hodge has shone as the top batter with 282 runs in five innings at an average of 94, including an unbeaten 89 at The Oval. South Africa's hopes will once again rely heavily on Kapp, supported by experienced pace bowlers Shabnim Ismail and Ayabonga Khaka, along with left-arm spinner Nonkululeko Mlaba.

Captain Laura Wolvaardt, who was out for a duck against Bangladesh in the final group match, will seek to lead strongly. England's batting depth has been a key factor in their success, achieving totals of 164, 186, and 219. Alice Capsey has contributed to explosive finishes, while Sophie Ecclestone has effectively controlled the middle overs with her reliable left-arm spin. The Oval has mostly favoured teams chasing during this tournament. Australia easily chased down the West Indies' 125 in the first semi-final at the same venue. The conditions provide early support for seamers, and evening dew may make bowling first a preferred choice. Though England will be the favourites to reach their first Women's T20 World Cup final since 2018, South Africa has already proven they can challenge the tournament's top teams. Another inspired performance from Kapp could lead the

Mooney backs Australia's all-round strength ahead of T20 World Cup final

Australia wicketkeeper-batter Beth Mooney believes the team's strength lies in its all-round depth, crediting consistent contributions from across the squad for powering the six-time champions into a record eighth ICC Women's T20 World Cup final. After Australia's commanding eight-wicket win over the West Indies in the semifinal at The Oval, Mooney praised the impact of Ashleigh Gardner, Georgia Wareham and Georgia Voll, saying Australia's ability to produce match-winners in every department has been key to their campaign. The defending champions will now face either England or South Africa in Sunday's final at Lord's. Mooney reserved special praise for Gardner, who followed up her match-winning knock against India with another influential all-round display against the West Indies. "She's been a critical player for us for a long period of time. She obviously batted beautifully against India at Lord's the other day. She gets a lot of confidence from that. And I think we saw that today with the ball. She bowled beautifully and took wickets at critical times. So we know the threat that she poses to other teams, and we're very lucky to

have her at our disposal in our team," Mooney said after the match. With Australia now one win away from another world title, Mooney stressed the importance of having every player in form. "Certainly going into the pointy end of the competition, it's always good to have all your players in good form," she said. Mooney also praised Georgia Wareham, saying the all-rounder has developed into one of Australia's most valuable players after adapting to different roles over the years. "Wolf (Wareham) has been unreal. Not too many cricketers float around the world stage having the skill set that she does and the nous of the game ... the calmness. So it's probably been a little bit of time in the making for Wolf. I think she's been given different roles along the way but really come into her own in that number six role with the bat especially, and also just nailing it with the ball," she added. Mooney described Wareham as a complete cricketer. "She's the all-round package—Wolf—bat, ball, field, great temperament, great human. So another player that is probably the envy of world cricket, and she's in our team. So I'm very lucky that I get to have the best seat



in the house, both behind the stumps when I'm keeping and obviously seeing her do her thing with the bat. So hopefully she's got one more very good game in her and can help us get on the right side of the result on Sunday," she said. Mooney also credited opener Georgia Voll for Australia's aggressive starts in the powerplay. "Yeah, we've discussed that that's a pretty important phase of the game to try and attack, and obviously with Georgia Voll at the top of the order, it makes it pretty easy to do that," she said.

India replace Yastika with Kamalini, retain Shreyanka for Asian Games title defence

India have made just one change to their squad for the women's cricket competition at the 2026 Asian Games, replacing out-of-form wicketkeeper-batter Yastika Bhatia with 17-year-old G Kamalini after their group-stage exit from the ICC Women's T20 World Cup. Kamalini, regarded as one of India's brightest young talents, has been named as the reserve wicketkeeper for the tournament, which will be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from September 17 to 22. Off-spin all-rounder Shreyanka Patil has also been included in the squad, subject to fitness clearance. Patil suffered an ankle ligament injury during India's Women's T20 World



Cup match against the Netherlands and was ruled out of the remainder of the tournament. Leg-spinner Prema Rawat, who replaced Patil in the World Cup squad and featured in one match, has not been retained for the Asian Games. Bhatia, who played four matches during the T20 World Cup, endured a forgettable run, managing a mere 41 runs from three innings at an average of 13.66 and a strike rate of 117.14. She was used in different batting positions throughout the tournament as India continued to search for the right middle-order combination. In the final group-stage match against Australia, she was pushed down the order and did not get an opportunity to bat.

Cullinan urges caution over Sooryavanshi's rapid rise

As excitement continues to grow around teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, former South Africa batter Daryll Cullinan has urged Indian cricket to protect the 15-year-old from the pressures of early fame, saying the youngster should be allowed to enjoy his childhood before being fast-tracked into international cricket. Cullinan, who represented South Africa in 70 Tests and 138 ODIs, believes Sooryavanshi's situation is unlike anything cricket has witnessed before because of the immense spotlight created by the IPL, Indian cricket and social media. "What we are seeing in Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is not simply a talented boy playing above his age. It is something cricket has genuinely never had to deal with before – name-



ly, a child placed at the centre of one of the most commercially powerful, globally visible and socially amplified sporting environments ever created: Indian cricket and the IPL," Cullinan wrote in a column for Cricinfo. "Cricket has seen prodigies. It has seen young players arrive early and carry labels they did not ask for. But it has not seen this precise combination before, of innocence, extraordinary gift, and a social media world that has abolished nearly every distance between a

child and the opinions of hundreds of millions. Sooryavanshi is 15, living a life that is not proceeding at the ordinary pace of growing up. This needs careful consideration before it is too late," he added. Drawing on examples of other sporting prodigies whose careers failed to live up to their early promise, Cullinan said Sooryavanshi's development must be handled with patience rather than haste. "In my view he should be at home preparing for his exams, playing gully cricket with his mates, and being a young boy while he still has the chance. That does not mean ignoring his talent. It means understanding that the talent will only be truly served if the person carrying it is allowed to grow whole," Cullinan wrote. The former South

African batter also compared Sooryavanshi's rise with that of Sachin Tendulkar, noting that although Tendulkar entered international cricket as a teenager, he benefited from experienced people around him who helped shield him from outside pressures. According to Cullinan, that protective layer is much weaker in today's social media era, where young cricketers are constantly exposed to public opinion. He believes Tendulkar is the ideal person to guide the youngster through this phase. "It is my sincere hope that he will turn to Tendulkar for guidance. He could not be more lucky than to have a mentor in a fellow Indian cricketer who has been through it all and seen it all, and who will have his best interests at heart," he concluded.

Don't want to play any franchise cricket: Brook committed completely to England

Banned from the Indian Premier League until the 2028 season, Harry Brook has insisted he has no regrets about skipping the cash-rich franchise league, saying his only priority is representing England as he also emerged as the leading contender to succeed Ben Stokes as the country's next Test captain. Brook, who is already England's white-ball captain, is widely seen as the frontrunner to take over the Test side following Stokes' retirement from international cricket. While the leadership question remains undecided, the 27-year-old made it clear that international cricket will always come before franchise commitments. Brook is currently serving a two-season IPL ban after withdrawing from the tournament for two successive years after being picked at the auction. He first pulled out ahead of IPL 2024 due to a family emergency and then skipped IPL 2025 to prioritise his England commitments after being appointed captain of the ODI and T20I teams. The BCCI's regulations state that any overseas player who withdraws after being bought at the auction for reasons other than injury faces a two-year ban from participating in future IPL auctions. Despite the ban, Brook said he remains fully committed to England and has no desire to play franchise leagues around the world apart from The Hundred. "I've committed completely to



England cricket. I've said that I don't want to play any franchise cricket barring the Hundred and given everything that I want to do is to play cricket for England and whatever I do on and off the field is to try and be and perform as well as I possibly can for England, and hence the reason I don't play in the IPL and PSL and all the other franchise competitions," Brook said in the lead-up to the five-match T20I series against India. "I am just happy playing cricket for England as much as I possibly can. Hence the reason I don't play any franchise cricket. For me, personally, I just got to try and look after myself, to be honest. To play as many games as I possibly can for England, and whether that's as captain or not – I'm just happy to be out on the park," he added. Brook also admitted that leading England's Test side would be a dream if he is offered the role. "Look, it would be a great honour to do it, it'd be a privilege to do it, to

captain England in the highest format of our game. The pinnacle, I think it is. Playing Test cricket is the greatest thing that I've ever done in my life and it's a dream and something that I've always wanted to do since I could speak. Look, it's not up to me, that decision, but if I got offered it then I'd be happy to take it," he said. Although Brook is England's designated Test vice-captain, the ECB turned to former captain Joe Root to lead the side during Stokes' suspension against New Zealand. Brook backed that decision wholeheartedly. "I think the decision that was made was the right one. Making Rooty captain last week was definitely the right decision. He has always been there for the ECB. He has been a stalwart for English cricket. He's in my opinion the best batter to ever play Test cricket. "The ECB needed him that week as well and he stepped up. My job that week was to just try and help him as much as possible. Lots of conversations: obviously we're at first and second slip, so we're always chatting about how we can have an effect on the game. But I definitely feel ECB made the right decision," he said. England's immediate attention now shifts to the five-match T20I series against India, while the ECB is expected to announce its new permanent Test captain ahead of next month's home series against Pakistan.

BCB lists India series in new media rights tender

India's white-ball tour of Bangladesh appears to have moved a step closer to becoming a reality after the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB) invited bids for the television and digital media rights of the series, even though the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is yet to officially confirm the tour. According to a report by Cricbuzz, the six-match series, comprising three ODIs and three T20Is, is listed as part of the BCB's latest tender for the worldwide media rights of its home international fixtures in 2026 and 2027. In a communication sent to broadcasters, the BCB said, "The Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB)



invites Expression of Interest (EOI) along with financial offers from reputable TV Broadcasters, Digital Platforms and Marketing Agencies / Consortiums / Firms for acquiring the Worldwide Media Rights of the following Bilateral Home Series." The India series heads the list of fixtures included in the tender. The tour was originally scheduled for last year but was postponed due to diplomatic tensions between India and

Bangladesh. Since then, both Bangladesh's government and the BCB administration have undergone changes. Besides the India series, the tender also includes the West Indies' two-Test tour of Bangladesh in 2026, England's two-Test series in 2027 and Pakistan's five-match ODI series in 2027. The BCB has informed interested broadcasters that the Expression of Interest (EOI) document will be available from July 2. It states: "The details of the EOI process, the Tentative Series Itinerary, the Prescribed Format for the Submission of the Financial Proposal and other relevant information

shall be set out in the EOI document, which will be available from 2nd July 2026." The deadline for submitting bids has been set for July 22. The tender further notes: "The EOI along with the Financial Proposal (prepared in accordance with the requirements set out in the EOI Document), must be submitted in the prescribed format issued by the Bangladesh Cricket Board (BCB). Hard copy submissions must be delivered to the BCB Management Office at Sher-e-Bangla National Cricket Stadium, Mirpur-2, Dhaka-1216, Bangladesh by 22nd of July 2026 during office hours (between BST 10:00 to BST 17:00)."

Dr. Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision hands over traffic barricades to Ongole traffic police for supporting smoother traffic in the city

Ongole, 1st July 2026 :Dr.Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospital, Ongole, a newly opened centre, handed over traffic barricades to the local Traffic Police, reinforcing its commitment to community well-being, road safety and responsible civic engagement. The handover ceremony was held in Ongole centre in the presence of Mr.Chava Hazarathiah – CI; Mr.Srinivasa Rao SI- Traffic; members of the Traffic Police team; Dr. Ramalinga Reddy, Dr.ChenchiReddy, Dr. Veni Sri and the staff members. Commenting on the initiative, Dr. AAV Ramalinga Reddy, Sr. Cataract Surgeon, Dr. Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision Super Speciality Eye Hospitals, said "Road safety

requires the ongoing commitment of every road user and community member. We are pleased to hand over these barricades to the Ongole Traffic Police, supporting their ongoing efforts to improve traffic discipline, enhance on-ground visibility and enable safer movement across the city." The barricades will aid traffic management at key locations and strengthen public awareness around responsible road behaviour. Dr. Ramalinga Reddy Maxivision's recently opened Ongole branch brings state-of-the-art eye-care technology and experienced clinical expertise closer to the community. Its senior specialists bring decades of experience across cataract, squint, paediatric ophthalmology and LASIK refractive pro-



cedures. The hospital remains open every day from 8am to 6pm for consultation. The centre also provides comprehensive services in Retina Services, glaucoma management, keratoconus, pinhole pupilloplasty, orbit and oculoplasty, general ophthalmology, optical and pharmacy services.

20 years of leadership amid evolving global dynamics: ArcelorMittal Executive Chairman Lakshmi Mittal

Viskhapatnam June 19: ArcelorMittal Executive Chairman Lakshmi Mittal has stated that the last 20 years has been characterized by China's remarkable growth. Now it is India's turn, with massive infrastructure expansion, rapid urban housing growth, and energy transition infrastructure all on the cards. "If I look back over the 20 years, I genuinely believe that the merger did indeed create a stronger company, benefiting from greater scale, diversification, resilience and strategic reach. Clearly – as is always the way – there have been events we did not anticipate. The aftershocks of the Global Financial Crisis are still with us, and the fallout from COVID has been similarly dramatic. I am adamant though that we navigated these shocks better together than we could have done separately," Mr. Mittal said in a video message delivered to attendees at the World Steel Dynamics annual Global Steel Dynamics Forum 2026, held in New York. "Operating in 2026 is obvi-



ously very different to 2006. Today markets move faster, competition is more global, technology changes constantly, and companies are expected to adapt in real time. Even traditional industries like ours operate in a faster, more global, more data-driven, and more environmentally constrained world than they did in 2006. There are plenty of reasons to remain optimistic and excited about the future. I have no doubt that we will continue to face plenty of challenges and unexpected events. But honestly, I can say that after 50 years in the steel industry, there is no place I would rather be." Ahead of its 20th anniversary on July 31 this year, ArcelorMittal Executive

Chairman Lakshmi Mittal, recalled the speech he gave at the event, shortly before the merger of Mittal Steel and Arcelor was reached. Reflecting on the past two decades, Mr. Mittal highlighted how the combination created a stronger, more resilient business with the scale, diversification and reach to navigate major global shifts – from the financial crisis to the COVID-19 pandemic to the rise of China's steel industry. He also set out how industry has evolved, with faster-moving markets, greater technological change and a more complex operating environment than in 2006. Looking ahead, Mr. Mittal expressed confidence in the long-term outlook for steel, underpinned by demand from emerging markets such as India, infrastructure renewal in developed economies and the energy transition. He also underlined the growing role of domestic industrial policy and the importance of maintaining a strong, competitive steel industry.

Kandregula Vekataramana appointed as member of State Vigilance Committee

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, July1 Kandregula Venkata ramana, an influencer, activist and state awardee of consumer rights protection and Right to Information (RTI) laws, has been appointed as a member of the State Vigilance Committee of the State Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department. The state government has issued orders (M.S. No. 8 dated 30-6-2026) to this effect. The State Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Minister is the chairman of this committee, which will consist of senior officials of the state government and representatives of consumer associations. The tenure of the committee is three years. He has been working tirelessly in the Telugu states to implement the Consumer Protection Act for the past 36 years, the Right to Information Act for the past 21 years, and to spread the movement in the Telugu states by organizing awareness seminars, campaign programs, distributing free applications, and publishing books to enable a larger number of people to use



the laws. Currently, Venkataramana is serving as the State President of the Consumer Organizations Federation, Secretary of the Anaka palle Mandal Consumers Council, State Coordinator of the Public Forum, Resource Person for Consumer Protection and RTI Acts, Influencer, Consultant, and Analyst. Similarly, Kandregula Venkataramana, who has worked as a journalist in various newspapers for 36 years, is currently working as the Associate Editor of 'Janam', a monthly magazine recognized by the Government of India, which has been publishing since 2006 with themes such as consumer protection, RTI, human rights, national food safety laws, consumers, RTI Commission judgments, relevant government

orders, citizen charters, government services and social issues. So far, he has written 29 books on the Consumer Rights Protection Act, 12 on the RTI Act, 11 on the Bureau of Indian Standards, and two special books on the services of the Department of Weights and Measures. He has received 39 awards and commendations from government and non-government organizations. He has previously served as the editor of the 'Viniyagedeepika' magazine published under the auspices of the State Consumer Affairs, Food and Civil Supplies Department, as a member of the State Advisory Committee of the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan (NYKS) of the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and as a member of the East Coast Railway Waltair Division Rail Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC). Meanwhile, representatives of RTI, consumer associations and government employee associations have expressed happiness over the appointment of Kandregula Venkataramana.

Cheepurupalli MLA Kimidi Kala Venkata Rao's birthday celebrated with festive spirit across constituency

Vizianagaram (Cheepurupalli), July 1 (Skyline): The birthday of Cheepurupalli MLA and former Minister Kimidi Kala Venkata Rao was celebrated with great enthusiasm at multiple locations across the constituency on Tuesday, drawing large gatherings of party leaders, elected representatives, workers, supporters and local residents. The main celebrations took place at the MLA's camp office in Cheepurupalli, where the premises wore a festive look. Leaders and party cadres from different parts of the constituency assembled to extend their greetings. The celebrations featured fireworks, traditional drum performances and the distribution of sweets, creating a vibrant atmosphere.



Speakers on the occasion appreciated Kala Venkata Rao's continued commitment to public welfare and constituency development. They wished him good health, a long life and greater responsibilities in public service in the years to come. As part of the birthday celebrations, Telugu Desam Party leaders and activists also organised a community service programme at the Anna Canteen in Cheepurupalli

town. A cake-cutting ceremony was followed by an Annadanam (free community meal), with food served to the public. Participants said the celebrations reflected their gratitude for the MLA's leadership and expressed hope that he would continue contributing to the progress of the constituency. The birthday events concluded amid cheerful participation from party workers, well-wishers and members of the public.

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The central team examined and expressed satisfaction

Vizianagaram , July 01 (Skyline): A central team inspected the mango tandra industry in Bhimali, Jami mandal under One District One Product on Wednesday. The mango tandra industry was selected by the District Collector in the past and proposals were sent under One District One Product. The central team arrived to examine the proposals. They spoke face to face with the farmers who are making mango tandra in Bhimali. The farmers said that 300 families are working on this industry and if our industry gets One District One Product recognition, they will further develop the industry under that name. They explained that they are using sugarcane without adding any chemicals. They



said that they have obtained a loan facility of up to 35 percent through the Horticulture Department. The central team inspected the packaging , pulping units and collection centers and asked where they are marketing. The farmers said that they are selling wholesale and retail. The central team expressed satisfaction after

talking to the farmers. Efforts are being made to increase mango cultivation in the district: District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy After the field visit, the central team politely met District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy in the Collector's Chamber. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that mango cultivation is

already high in the district and steps have been taken to expand it this year under the development of horticulture. He also said that the mango tandra prepared by mango farmers is also being encouraged for marketing and branding. He said that this industry will be encouraged to be institutionalized in the future to make it profitable for the farmers. Harpreet Singh and Shruti Gupta participated in this visit from the Invest India team, while District Horticulture Officer Chittibabu , Horticulture Officers Bharani , Padma , DRDA PD , Handloom and Textile Development Officer Vasantha and others participated from the district.

A New Benchmark in Overseas Medical Education through India-Uzbekistan Academic Collaboration

By Skyline Staff Reporter Visakhapatnam, July1 Due to the shortage of MBBS seats in India, nearly 30,000 Indian students pursue medical education abroad every year. In India, NMC-recognised medical colleges generally admit a maximum of 250 students annually to ensure academic quality and adequate clinical exposure. However, some foreign medical institutions have been admitting up to 1,500 Indian students every year, raising concerns regarding educational quality, clinical training, faculty availability, and infrastructure. In its recent Alert Note, the National Medical Commission (NMC) advised Indian students to exercise caution before enrolling in foreign medical institutions that do not comply with the Foreign Medical Graduate Licentiate (FMGL) Regulations, 2021. At the same time, while the overall FMGE pass percentage of Indian students graduating from foreign medical institutions stands at 23.37%, graduates from Uzbekistan recorded a pass

percentage of 40.37% in the FMGE December 2025 examination. This demonstrates that selecting institutions with quality education, limited student intake, adequate clinical training, and compliance with NMC regulations plays a crucial role in student success. During the International Medical Education Conclave 2026, medical education experts, healthcare professionals, international academic representatives, students and parents concluded that the future of overseas medical education depends on quality, regulatory compliance, and structured academic partnerships between institutions. They also observed that an Integrated Indian Equivalent MBBS Programme, designed in accordance with the NMC FMGL Regulations, 2021, offers a quality, safe and future-oriented pathway for Indian students studying abroad. Kimyo International University offers several distinctive advantages, including recognition by the World Health Organization (WHO) and ECFMG



(USA), complete English-medium instruction, its own teaching hospital, on-campus hostel facilities, a medical degree that qualifies graduates to practise in Uzbekistan in accordance with local regulations, and an affordable annual tuition fee of approximately Rs.3 lakh, making it accessible to middle-class families. In addition, the University has earned a place in the QS World University Rankings, reflecting its academic excellence, and is recognised as one of the largest universities in Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan. Against this backdrop, GSL Medical Institutions, Kimyo International University, and NEO Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology jointly announced the launch of the

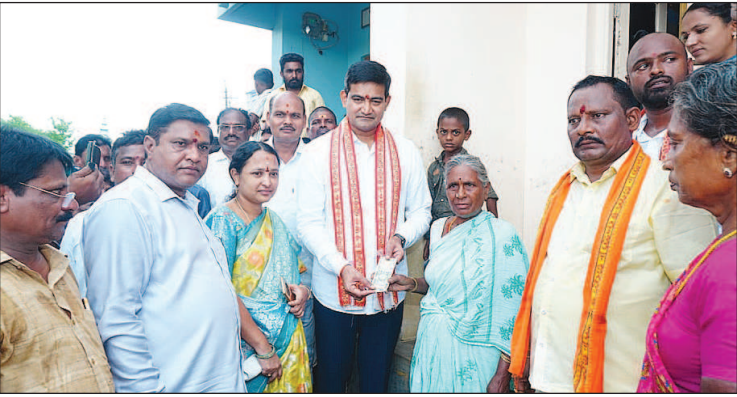
Integrated Indian Equivalent MBBS Programme, designed in accordance with the NMC Competency-Based Medical Education (CBME) curriculum. Dr. Ganni Bhaskara Rao, Chairman, GSL Group, said that the demand for MBBS education in India far exceeds the availability of seats. Although the FMGL Regulations, 2021 were introduced by the NMC to safeguard Indian students studying abroad, many foreign medical institutions are yet to fully comply with these regulations. He stated that GSL has partnered with Kimyo International University to offer a high-quality Integrated Indian Equivalent MBBS Programme, aligned with the FMGL Regulations,

with an annual intake limited to 250 students. The programme will provide Indian faculty-led supplementary academic teaching, cadaveric anatomy training, Smart Lab simulation, clinical skills development, clinical observerships in teaching hospitals, specialised coaching for the FMGE/NeXT examinations, and opportunities to pursue postgraduate medical education in the United Kingdom, subject to eligibility and the applicable regulations of the concerned authorities. Under this partnership, Kimyo International University and GSL Medical Institutions will jointly undertake curriculum development, clinical training, faculty collaboration, research, and continuous student mentoring. NEO Institute of Medical Sciences and Technology will coordinate the programme and provide comprehensive student support services. To ensure academic quality, faculty availability, infrastructure, and adequate clinical exposure, the annual intake will be limited to 250 students.

NTR Bharosa pensions bring joy to pensioners' eyes

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas distributed pensions in Pachalavalasa

Vizianagaram , July 1 (Skyline): The Minister for Micro , Small and Medium Enterprises , Rural Poverty Alleviation and Diaspora Empowerment, Kondapalli Srinivas, said that we can see happiness in the eyes of pensioners with the NTR Bharosa pensions being given by the government. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas distributed pensions in Pachalavalasa village of Dattirajeru mandal on Wednesday. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said that only one pension is being distributed every month with the aim of welfare of the poor and that AP is an ideal for the country in the pension distribution system. He said that Rs. 2,711.79 crore has been released for NTR Bharosa pensions in the state for the month of July. He said that a total of 62,19,648 people , including 7,792 newly sanctioned widow beneficiaries, were



given pensions on July 1 across the state. The government has released Rs. 3.12 crore for new widow pensions, and since the formation of the coalition government, Rs. 68,598.44 crore has been spent on pensions. Honorable Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu said that he would personally go to the homes of the beneficiaries in

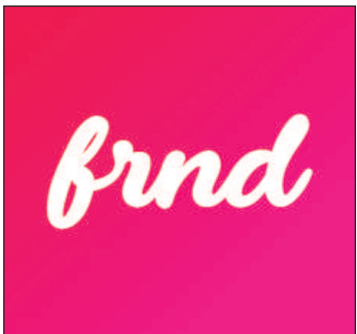
Punnapuvaripalem village under Chillakuru mandal of Nellore district on Wednesday and provide pensions. NTR stood as the foundation of welfare in the history of Andhra Pradesh. NTR started the pension program in 1983. In 2014-19, the pension was Rs. He said that the credit for making 2 thousand belongs to CM Chandrababu Naidu , and today

the credit of providing Rs. 4 thousand pension to beneficiaries through social pension in the state also goes to the coalition government. Despite the financial difficulties in the state, the coalition government spent Rs. 66 thousand crores on pension distribution in two years, and that if he comes to power, he will increase the pension from Rs. 2 thousand to Rs. 3 thousand. Jagan Reddy has taken a U-turn. Minister Kondapalli Srinivas emphasized that the credit for distributing all pensions as soon as the coalition government came to power and making the poor live with more dignity goes to the coalition government. Telugu Desam Party Politburo member Gantiada Sridevi , AMC Chairman PVV Gopala Raju , Dattirajeru Party Mandal President Chappa Chandrasekhar and others participated in the program.

A story of hope, love, and second chances: Ilakkiya

Visakhapatnam, 1 July 2026: For 28-year-old Ilakkiya, the journey toward emotional wellbeing, companionship, and financial independence took a transformative turn when she discovered FRND, India's leading voice-first social discovery platform by Interact Group. Ilakkiya lost her mother at birth. Her father, her only parent and anchor, passed away during the COVID-19 pandemic, leaving her with no immediate family. She moved in with relatives, but the arrangement lacked emotional comfort and a sense of belonging. Eventually, she made the difficult choice to step out on her own. Socially withdrawn and deeply hesitant, particularly around speaking to men, Ilakkiya found everyday interactions challenging. Trust,

after all, is difficult to rebuild when life has repeatedly taken away the people closest to you. It was during this phase that Ilakkiya came across a video about FRND on social media. Drawn to the idea of a safe, judgment-free space where she could simply talk and be heard, she decided to join the platform. What began as a tentative first step soon became a turning point not just for Ilakkiya, but for the people she connected with. One of her earliest and most meaningful connections was with a man working 12-hour shifts in Qatar, far from home and emotionally isolated. Through consistent, genuine voice conversations on FRND, Ilakkiya became a steady presence in his life, helping him navigate emotional and personal difficulties he had carried alone for



years. What started as companionship became a deep friendship that made a remarkable difference in his life. But the most profound chapter was still unfolding. On the platform, Ilakkiya met another man who mirrored her own grief. He too had lost his mother

long ago and carried a quiet hopelessness, his only purpose in his life was to dedicate his life to his work. Life, for him, was something to endure, not to live. Slowly, through late-night conversations and shared vulnerability, something shifted. Ilakkiya grew fond of him. What started as empathy deepened into friendship, and then into love. They got married this year. Beyond companionship, FRND also became a source of livelihood for Ilakkiya. With her earnings from the platform, she completed her education and is today a practising advocate, a professionally and personally transformed woman who credits one platform for changing the entire trajectory of her life.

Minister Chirag Paswan Inaugurates MoFPI-Supported Common Incubation Center at VNMKV, Parbhani to Boost Food Processing and Entrepreneurship

Chirag Paswan Launches Advanced Common Incubation Center at College of Food Technology, VNMKV, Strengthening Value Addition and Farmer Empowerment



New Delhi, July, 1 (PIB): Under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan, an advanced Common Incubation Center (CIC) established at the College of Food Technology, Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth (VNMKV), Parbhani, with financial assistance from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI), Government of India, New Delhi, and in collaboration with Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani and the State-Level Nodal Agency of the Agriculture

Department, Government of Maharashtra, was inaugurated on June 28, 2026 by Union Minister for Food Processing Industries, Shri Chirag Paswan.

On this occasion, a special interaction and guidance session by the Minister was organized at the Golden Jubilee Convocation Hall of the university. Minister of State for Public Health and Family Welfare, Water Supply and Sanitation, Energy, Women and Child Development, Public Works (Public Undertakings), and Guardian Minister of Parbhani District, Smt. Meghana Tai Bordikar, was



specialty present for the event. The program was presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof. (Dr.) Indra Mani. Distinguished guests included Rajya Sabha Member Shri Ramrao Wadkute, Lok Sabha Member Shri Sanjay Jadhav, Director of Agricultural Processing Planning, Government of Maharashtra Shri Vinaykumar Awate, Acting District Collector and CEO of Zilla Parishad Smt. Natisha Mathur (IAS), Superintendent of Police Shri Pankaj Kumawat (IPS), and Director of Education Dr. Bhagwan Asewar.

During his inaugural address, Union Minister Shri Chirag Paswan expressed happiness after witnessing the enthusiasm of the participants present at the event. He said that the responsibility of every citizen has increased in building a Developed India (Viksit Bharat). He stated that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has entrusted him with the responsibility of this ministry, and he is carrying out this responsibility with equal enthusiasm and dedication. Seeing the enthusiasm at the university inspired him to interact directly with the audience.

He further said that India is an agriculture-based nation, and agriculture remains the primary source of income for the country. Therefore, continuous efforts will be made to increase farmers' income through the food processing industry. Initially, India focused on increasing agricultural production, and today the country has become self-reliant in production while also exporting to many countries. However, there is now a need to add value to agricultural produce and convert it into higher-value products.

He noted that traditionally, Indian households processed products like curd, papad, and pickles effectively at home, and in the same way, modern agricultural produce should also undergo processing. He emphasized that food processing is essential to increasing agricultural income and should receive greater encouragement.

The Minister pointed out that many farmers own small landholdings but have larger financial needs, forcing them to sell their produce at lower prices due to inadequate storage facilities. He said it is necessary to strengthen farmers' capacities so they can store, process, and add value to their produce, thereby increasing income.

He emphasized that the industrial sector has immense strength and that youth should aspire to become job creators rather than job seekers. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries is implementing various schemes aimed at empowering stakeholders from production to marketing. Food wastage remains a serious issue, and processing is the most effective solution to minimize such losses.

Cabinet Clears Rs.7,145 Cr Kanpur–Kabrai Expressway

New Delhi, July, 1 (PIB): The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by the Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, today has approved the construction of 117.7 km Kanpur–Kabrai Access-Controlled Greenfield Highway, a four-lane access-controlled corridor with structures designed for future six-laning, forming a key segment of the Bhopal–Kanpur Economic Corridor under the National Highways (O) Programme. With an estimated total capital cost of Rs.7145.14 crore, the project will be implemented by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on BOT (Toll) mode, together with the operation and maintenance of the existing Kanpur-Kabrai section of NH-34. The project will provide seamless, high-speed connectivity between Kanpur and Kabrai, while strengthening onward connectivity to Sagar, Bhopal and other parts of Madhya Pradesh, thereby creating a modern access controlled economic corridor linking the industrial and commercial centres of Uttar Pradesh with mineral-rich, manufacturing and agricultural regions of Madhya Pradesh thereby improving. Designed for operating speeds of 80–100 kmph, the corridor will reduce travel time between Kanpur and Kabrai from 3.5 hours to 1.5 hours (58%), while improving road safety, reducing vehicle operating costs and facilitating efficient movement of passenger and freight traffic. The project will also provide strategic connectivity with NH-34, NH-35, the Bundelkhand Expressway, Kanpur Ring Road, and State Highways SH-46, SH-91, SH-10B and SH-42, thereby strengthening integration with the regional highway network. The corridor further strengthen connectivity to the Kabrai mining belt, improving the movement of minerals, industrial goods, construction materials and agricultural produce, thereby enhancing logistics efficiency, supply chain resilience and regional economic development. Aligned with the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, the project will improve connectivity to 16 Economic Nodes, including the Unnao, Banther, Pankhi, Rania, Jainpur, Rooma, Chakeri, Sumerpur and Bhuragarh Industrial Areas, Trans Ganga Integrated Township, Growth Centre Jaipur, Kanpur Nagar Node and Bengal Chemicals & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. It will also strengthen connectivity to 9 Social Nodes, namely Fatehpur, Mahoba, Kanpur Zoological Park, Buddha Park, J.K. Temple & Garden, Radha Krishna Temple, Siddheshwar Mahadev Temple, Gopeshwar Mandir and Mahoba Tourist Place, and 10 Logistics Nodes, including Kanpur, Ghatampur, Hamirpur, Mahoba, Kabrai, Bharwa Sumerpur and Banda Railway Stations, together with Kanpur, Chakeri and Khajuraho Airports. Overall, improve logistics competitiveness, industrial development and economic growth across Bundelkhand and adjoining regions of Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh, while advancing the objectives of PM GatiShakti. The project is expected to generate approximately 11,188 direct and 13,985 indirect person-days of employment per lane per km during construction and is projected to carry an Annual Average Daily Traffic (AADT) of about 18,069 Passenger Car Units (PCUs) by FY 2028, underscoring its long-term economic, logistics and transport significance. The proposed project will thus generate close to 1.2 Crore person-days of direct employment and indirect employment.

TRAI Assesses Mobile Network Quality Across in Udupi District, Karnataka LSA

New Delhi, July, 1 (PIB): The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has released findings of Independent Drive Test (IDT) conducted across Udupi District, Karnataka LSA, during the month of March 2026, for information of general telecom consumers. The purpose of this drive test is to assess and verify real time quality of mobile network services (both voice & data) provided by Telecom Service Providers (TSPs). During the IDT, TRAI captures performance of TSPs for key Quality of Service (QoS) parameters like Coverage, Call Drop Rate (CDR), Call Setup Success Rate (CSSR), data Download (DL) and Upload (UL) throughput etc., which are then published to inform Consumers and encourage TSPs to improve their services. These IDTs have been designed to capture on ground mobile network performance of all TSPs across diverse usages environment like cities, hotspots, public transport hubs, etc. In this type of drive testing, live data and voice sessions are established using SIM cards from all TSPs over 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G networks. Multiple advanced test handsets are used, and the sessions are monitored and analysed in real-time using advanced Software Systems. TRAI, through its appointed agency, conducted drive tests across City drive – 535.5 KMs, Hotspot locations - 15, Walk Test - 9.8 Kms and Highway drive – 103.3 Kms in Udupi District during 17th March 2026 to 20th March 2026 in Karnataka LSA. These tests were conducted under the supervision of the TRAI Regional Office Bengaluru. The observations presented in drive test reports represent the performance of the TSPs on the area/ route under test on the day/ time of conducting the drive test.

PASSPORT LOST

I, SHAKTI PATRO S/o Sunkuru Satyanarayana, R/o Flat No. 402, Block-A, Srinivas Majestic Apartment, Vidya Nagar, Adilabad Town & District, State: Telangana. While I was shifting my house one place to another place at Vidyanagar, Adilabad town on Dt: 26.10.2025, I lost my original passport bearing No. J0817337, if found by anyone, please hand over in the above address.

Today's Horoscope



Aries

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



Taurus

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



Gemini

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



Cancer

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



Leo

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



Virgo

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



Libra

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



Scorpio

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



Sagittarius

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



Capricorn

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



Aquarius

Health will be perfect today. If you were about to take a loan and had been engaged in this work for a long time, then today is your lucky day. Domestic work keeps you busy most of the time. Love will show positive vibes Good day for businessmen. A sudden trip undertaken for business purpose will yield positive results. Today, you can think of spending your free time carrying out religious work. During this time, do not get into unnecessary conflicts. Today, you will forget all the hardships of your life with the love of your spouse. Remedy :- For enhancing positive experiences in the family, offer 28 drops of mustard oil near Peepal or banyan tree or in a pot filled with mud at home.



Pisces

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

Sachin Ahir Elected Maharashtra Council Deputy Chairman

Mumbai: Former Shiv Sena UBT MLC Sachin Ahir was unanimously elected Deputy Chairman of the Maharashtra Legislative Council on Wednesday, just a day after switching allegiance to the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena. Ahir's elevation came after Mahavikas Aghadi (MVA) candidate JM Abhyankar withdrew his nomination for the post following a request made by Maharashtra Parliamentary Affairs Minister Chandrakant Patil, as reported by Hindustan Times. The reason behind the withdrawal, however, remains unclear. The development marks another major blow for the Uddhav Sena, which is already grappling with internal turmoil following the defection of six MPs to the rival Shinde camp.

Sachin Ahir is a seasoned Maharashtra politician and former MLA from



Mumbai's Worli constituency. Over the years, he has been associated with multiple political parties and was widely considered one of Aaditya Thackeray's close confidantes within the undivided Shiv Sena. Ahir began his political career with the Congress before moving to the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP). He

later joined the undivided Shiv Sena led by Uddhav Thackeray. Following the massive rebellion led by Eknath Shinde in 2022, which split the Shiv Sena into two factions, Ahir aligned himself with the Sena UBT. Later, he was elected as a Member of the Maharashtra Legislative Council. His sudden switch from the Uddhav Sena camp

to the Shinde faction has triggered intense political reactions, especially given his proximity to Aaditya Thackeray in recent years. According to reports, police personnel were deployed outside Ahir's residence on Wednesday morning after his political move, while several supporters and leaders visited him following the development.

Pakistan Urges India to Restore Indus Waters Treaty



Mumbai: Amid mounting concerns over water security and an intensifying summer, Pakistan renewed its appeal to India to restore the Indus Waters Treaty (IWT) during an international conference in Islamabad, with senior leaders warning that the suspension of the decades-old

agreement could have far-reaching consequences for regional stability. The conference, titled The Indus Waters Treaty: A Key Instrument for Peace and Regional Stability, was held as Pakistan continues to oppose India's decision to place the 1960 treaty in abeyance following the

Pahalgam terror attack in April 2025, in which 26 civilians were killed. The treaty, brokered by the World Bank, has governed the sharing of the waters of the Indus river system between India and Pakistan since 1960.

Every World Order Will Collapse if the Treaty Is Not Upheld

Addressing the conference, Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar described the Indus Waters Treaty as a cornerstone of regional peace and urged that water should not be used as a political tool. Warning of wider implications, Dar said that if in-

ternational agreements such as the Indus Waters Treaty are not respected, the global rules-based order itself would come under strain. He further said shared rivers should remain "a bridge between nations" and cautioned that any disruption to the existing water-sharing arrangement could have profound consequences for regional peace and security.

Pakistan Leaders Call Water Issue a Matter of National Security

Former Pakistani Foreign Minister Bilawal Bhutto Zardari said Pakistan's rights over the waters of the Indus, Jhelum and Chenab rivers must be respected.

Eggs, Stones Thrown at Mahua Moitra's Office

Kolkata: A video shared by Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP Mahua Moitra has gone viral after she alleged that BJP supporters targeted her by hurling eggs at her office in Krishnanagar, where she was meeting party workers. The MP also accused the West Bengal Police of failing to intervene despite being present at the scene. In a post accompanying the video, Moitra claimed that "BJP goons" had been standing outside her office for over an hour, attacking her while police personnel merely watched without taking any action. The footage, captioned "TMC leaders continue to be under attack in West Bengal," ap-



pears to show security personnel standing nearby as the confrontation takes place. In the video, Moitra is heard saying that despite being the Member of Par-

liament from the constituency, she was being attacked in her own area while the police and CRPF personnel remained present at the spot. She also claimed

that she had called the Director General of Police (DGP) and other concerned officials, yet no action was taken against those allegedly involved.

Dialogue Remains The Only Viable Way' - 117 Eminent Indians, Pakistanis Write To PMs Modi And Sharif Seeking Peace Initiative

New Delhi: A group of 117 prominent Indians and Pakistanis, including senior politicians, former diplomats, academics, journalists and civil society leaders, has jointly appealed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif to revive diplomatic engagement, restore bilateral ties and resume dialogue between the two countries. The joint appeal, dated June 30, 2026, has been signed by 61 Indians and 56 Pakistanis. It comes more than a year after Operation Sindoor, amid continuing strains in India-Pakistan relations. Among the Indian signatories are Farooq Abdullah, Mehbooba Mufti, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, former Congress

leader Mani Shankar Aiyar and former RAW chief AS Dulat, along with several academics, journalists and civil society members.

On the Pakistani side, the appeal has been endorsed by former Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri, noted nuclear physicist and peace activist Pervez Hoodbhoy, and several former diplomats, scholars and public intellectuals. The signatories largely comprise opposition leaders, Kashmiri political figures, former officials and peace advocates rather than members of the ruling establishments in either country.

'The People Of Both Countries Deserve A Future Defined By Peace'

In the letter titled Appeal

to the Prime Ministers of India and Pakistan by Concerned Citizens, the signatories stressed that India and Pakistan together are home to nearly one-fifth of the world's population, the majority of whom are young. "The people of both countries deserve a future defined by peace, development, connectivity and co-operation, rather than perpetual mistrust and confrontation," the letter states. The appeal argues that decades of hostility have prevented both nations from realising their full potential while imposing heavy social, economic and human costs on their citizens. According to the signatories, sustained dialogue and engagement remain the only practical path to resolving long-

standing disputes and building a stable and prosperous South Asia.

Appeal Calls For Restoration Of Diplomatic Ties

The group has urged both governments to take immediate confidence-building measures, including restoring full diplomatic relations, appointing High Commissioners in New Delhi and Islamabad, and resuming regular visa services. The appeal also seeks the revival of structured bilateral dialogue covering all outstanding issues, including Jammu and Kashmir. It recommends revisiting the framework negotiated between 2004 and 2007 while pursuing demilitarisation and de-escalation, alongside addressing the legitimate security concerns of both countries.

Devkinandan Thakur Slams Owaisi in Ram Temple Donation Row

Ayodhya / Hyderabad: Kathavachak Devkinandan Thakur on Wednesday launched a sharp attack on AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi over his remarks on the alleged Ram Temple donation embezzlement case, saying the Hyderabad MP should refrain from commenting on matters concerning Sanatan Dharma. Thakur said Owaisi should "keep his mouth shut" on the issue, asserting that it was an internal matter for followers of Sanatan Dharma. "He should speak on the Quran and mosques. He should not unnecessarily give statements on religious issues of Hindu religion," Thakur said. His remarks came a day after Owaisi targeted the Yogi Adityanath government over the alleged donation



theft case. The AIMIM chief had claimed that if a Muslim had been part of the Ram Mandir trust, the government would have "shot him in an encounter and bulldozed his house by now." Commenting on the alleged embezzlement of

temple donations, Thakur described the issue as "heart-wrenching" for the Sanatan community but said he had full faith that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would take steps to protect Sanatan Dharma by constituting a Sanatan

Board. According to Thakur, the proposed body should include four Shankaracharyas, five Vaishnavacharyas and other religious leaders, who should be entrusted with the management of temples across the country.

Why Arunachal Pradesh Faces Frequent Floods



Keyi Panyor district: Many parts of northern India, which were suffering from scarcity of rainfall due to reports of missing clouds in the Himalayan region, are now witnessing rainfall, while many states are facing flood-like situations, especially in the north-east region of India, including

Arunachal Pradesh. In the state, floods and landslides have affected thousands across 12 districts of Arunachal Pradesh, with the death toll rising to three in Keyi Panyor district. Many houses and buildings have been washed away, submerged roads, and triggered landslides.

Heavy rainfall has triggered widespread flooding and landslides across Arunachal Pradesh, affecting thousands of people and disrupting normal life in several districts. Overflowing rivers, damaged roads, washed-away bridges, and inundated villages have forced many families to

leave their homes as rescue and relief operations continue. Arunachal Pradesh experiences frequent floods due to a combination of geographical and climatic factors. The state lies in the eastern Himalayan region, where steep mountains and deep valleys cause rainwater to flow rapidly into rivers. During the southwest monsoon, the region receives intense and prolonged rainfall, significantly increasing river levels. Major rivers such as the Siang, Subansiri, Kameng, Lohit, and Dibang originate in the Himalayas and carry enormous volumes of water downstream. When these rivers swell during heavy rains, they often overflow their banks, which leads to flooding in low-lying areas. Flash floods are also common because mountain streams rise rapidly after intense rainfall.

Aaditya Thackeray Slams Govt Over Mumbai Waterlogging

Mumbai: Following the heavy rain and waterlogging reported across the city, Shiv Sena UBT leader Aaditya Thackeray on Wednesday said that for the first time, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) is being run by an administration that is unconcerned about the Mumbai rains. Speaking to reporters, Thackeray said, "It is not as if Mumbai is witnessing rainfall for the first time. However, for the first time in many years, there is an administration running the BMC that seems unconcerned about Mumbai." Mumbai, Mahara shtra: Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aaditya Thackeray says, "It is not as if Mumbai is witnessing rainfall for the first time. However, for the first time in many years, there is an administration running the BMC that seems unconcerned about Mumbai. Further speaking on the Mumbai rains, he took a dig at Mumbai Mayor Ritu Tawde saying that the city's mayor



appears to be more focused on what is happening in Dhaka and other parts of Bangladesh. The arrival of the monsoon in the city has brought much-needed relief from the heat, along with misery, as several parts of the city have been flooded, causing travel disruptions for commuters. The city has been lashed by heavy rain since Tuesday night.

Several parts of the city received heavy rainfall, including Shahaji Nagar,

Trombay (191 mm), Maharashtra Nagar, Mankhurd (185 mm), LBS Mulund Check Naka (175 mm), Tagore Nagar, Vikhroli (145 mm), Collector Colony, Chembur (163 mm), Byculla Fire Station (162 mm), Nair Hospital, Mumbai Central (143 mm), Kandivali Fire Station (138 mm), Dindoshi Fire Station (136 mm) and BKC Fire Station (139 mm), among others. Due to the heavy rain, parts of Andheri, Thane and Santacruz reported se-

vere waterlogging, triggering massive traffic congestion across several parts of the city. As of now, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an Orange Alert for Mumbai, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and gusty winds in the coming hours. Authorities have also urged citizens to avoid unnecessary travel and remain cautious while commuting during periods of intense rainfall.

Two College Students Electrocuted in Waterlogged Nerul Street

Nerul: Heavy rains have lashed Mumbai and its nearby regions, impacting daily life and commute. Amid this heavy rain, a disturbing incident has come to light from the Nerul area.

A short circuit took place in a wire in front of Bikaner Sweets under the LP Bridge. According to initial information, two college girls passing by came into direct contact with the current as it spread through the water on Wednesday afternoon. This incident has triggered panic in the area. **Injured girls ad-**



mitted to the hospital

The girls can be seen lying on the road in the rain as a person can be seen using a branch of a tree to rescue them. Vehicles can

be seen stranded as the man tries to rescue the girls in the visuals that have surfaced from the spot. Both the college girls were immediately rushed to DY Patil

Hospital in a rickshaw for urgent medical treatment.

This comes a day after, Vihan Shrivastav, a 11 year old boy lost his life after a 60 year old roadside Peepal tree uprooted and collapsed on a school bus on Road number 11, Chembur East on Tuesday afternoon. Four other school kids were injured in the mishap, aged between four to 12 years, of which one is admitted in ICU and requires surgery; two others are admitted in general ward with minor injuries and one was discharged.

Telangana National Doctors' Day at NTPC Ramagundam

(Skyline Correspondent) Peddapalli July 01: With the theme "Behind the Mask: Who Makes Doctors Heal", National Doctors' Day 2026 was celebrated with great enthusiasm at NTPC Ramagundam, Telangana's Dhanwantari Hospital on July 1, 2026. Telangana CGM (O&M) Mukul Roy was the chief guest for the event, Ramagundam GM (O&M) Manish Agarwal was the guest of honour and Senior RMO, Government General Hospital (GGH), Ramagundam Dr. Krupa B was the special guest. Senior officers, heads of departments, representatives of Deepti Mahila Samiti (DMS), representatives of recognized unions and associations attended the event. The celebrations began with a sapling planting programme, followed by a welcome address by the Chief Medical Officer (CMO). Floral tributes were paid to the emi-



nity physician Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, who is celebrated as National Doctors' Day across the country. A special tribute video was shown to recognize the invaluable services, dedication and selflessness of doctors in maintaining the health and well-being of the soci-

ety. Adding more charm to the event, a visiting psychiatrist gave an in-depth talk on stress management. He stressed the importance of mental well-being among healthcare professionals and the need for self-care while serving others. The event concluded with interesting

and fun activities for the medical staff. This created an atmosphere of appreciation and camaraderie. The event was a meaningful reminder of the vital role played by doctors and the importance of recognizing their commitment, compassion and service to humanity.

Steps should be taken to form the 12th Wage Committee



(Skyline Correspondent) Peddapalli July 01: After giving a memorandum wearing black badges protesting the delay in forming the Wage Board Committee under the auspices of Area Workshop Ramagundam Area.I, Singareni Coal Mines Karmika Sangh BMS, Yadagiri Sathaiah Working President participated and spoke and demanded that government institutions like

Transco and Genco and other institutions under the control of the state government should take steps to immediately pay the electricity and coal dues of about Rs. 56 thousand crores to Singareni. He said that key programs such as machinery, equipment repairs and purchase of modern technological equipment used in mines to meet overall production targets are being af-

fected due to lack of funds. He demanded that the management of the board, which is waiting for jobs for the descendants of the workers through the Corporate Medical Board, be resumed immediately as usual. He criticized that holding meetings with Singareni funds, giving the illusion of providing new jobs, is putting an additional financial burden on the organization. He said that vari-

ous agitation programs are being organized to sensitize workers across the country to form the 12th Wage JBCCI-XII Committee. Coal India and Singareni managements have requested that the Coal Ministry immediately send proposals to the Coal Ministry and expedite the process of forming JBCCI XII. He reminded that BMS played a key role in achieving a minimum wage increase of 19 percent + 1 percent to 20 percent for coal mine workers across the country during the 11th Wage Board period. He clarified that the main goal of their association is the rights, welfare and job security of workers. The meeting, chaired by Karraula Mahesh Area Vice President, was attended by Pit Secretary Thumma Gattaiah, Dishetti Anjaiah, Koppula Satya narayana, Katakam Suresh and other leaders and workers.

Accreditation Cards to be Issued to All Eligible Journalists: District PRO V. Sridhar

(Skyline Correspondent) Jagtial, July 1: District Media Accreditation Committee Convener and District Public Relations Officer (DPRO) V. Sridhar has announced that accreditation cards will be issued to all eligible working journalists in the district in accordance with the Government's prescribed guidelines. A special meeting of the District Media Accreditation Committee was held on Wednesday at the District Public Relations Office. The committee unanimously resolved that all working journalists seeking renewal of their accreditation, as well as those applying for new accreditation, must submit their online applications on or before July 5. The committee further decided that all applications received within the stipulated deadline will be scrutinized during the third meeting of



- Strict Legal Action Against Misinformation and Fake News on Accreditation Process
- Special Meeting of the District Media Accreditation Committee

the District Media Accreditation Committee, following which Media Accreditation Cards for the 2026-2028 term will be issued to eligible applicants. The DPRO also informed that the 2022-2024 accreditation cards have been officially extended until July 22, 2026, as per the

orders issued by the Commissioner, Information and Public Relations Department, Hyderabad. He clarified that the process of receiving new accreditation applications is a continuous process. Expressing concern over the circulation of false information and fake

news regarding the issuance of media accreditation cards on social media, Mr. Sridhar warned that strict legal action will be initiated against individuals or organizations found spreading misinformation or engaging in malicious propaganda on the matter.

Complaint Filed Over Fake Media Accreditation Card in Nizamabad

(Skyline Correspondent) NIZAMABAD, July 1: The Nizamabad District Public Relations Officer (DPRO), N. Padmasri, issued a statement revealing that a formal police complaint has been lodged regarding a fake media accreditation card circulating on WhatsApp

and other social media platforms under the name of a person named P. Srinivas. The DPRO clarified that the card in question was never issued by the Department of Information and Public Relations, Nizamabad District Office. "As soon as it came to our notice that the individual had forged the District



Collector's signature to create this counterfeit card, we filed a written complaint with the police requesting strict legal action," Padmasri stated. She further warned that severe legal action would be taken against anyone found fabricating, circulating, or utilizing such fake and bogus accreditation cards.

Voter list revision process should be carried out carefully

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)

Patancheru, July.1 : Gaddam Vivek, the Minister for Labour, Employment Training, Factories, Mines and Geology Minister Gaddam has advised the booth level agents (BLAs) to be vigilant during the Special Comprehensive Revision (SIR) of the Voter List and to ensure that not a single eligible voter's name is removed from the list. The minister, who attended the awareness seminar for BLAs held at Balaji Gardens in Ramachandrapuram under the auspices of Patancheru Congress in-charge Kata Srinivas Goud, as the chief guest, explained that Form-6, Form-7 and Form-8 should be used responsibly in the process of registration and revision of voter details as per the guidelines of the Election



Commission. He advised the BLAs to work diligently at the field level to ensure that the name of every eligible voter is included in the list. Speaking on the occasion, Kata Srinivas Goud called on the BLAs to work responsibly at the field level so that no eligible voter's name is removed from the list and ev-

ery eligible voter's name is registered in the list, and the party ranks should move forward in coordination. Parliament Coordinator Vennela, Medak Parliament In-charge Neelam Madhu, TPCC Vice President Gali Anil Kumar, Sangareddy District Mahila Congress President Kata Sudha,

Atma (ATMA) Committee Chairman Srinivas Reddy, Patancheru Agricultural Market Committee Chairman Sivan andam, former Corporator Pushpa Nagesh and others along with a large number of Congress leaders and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) participated in the program.

'Maharaj Ji, Aap Mera Saath Dijiye': Kejriwal To Yogi Adityanath Over Ram Mandir Donation Embezzlement Case



Lucknow / New Delhi: Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Friday hit out at AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal, saying people of Delhi elected them (AAP) for 15 years, but they ruined Delhi by allowing corruption. Yogi Adityanath shared a clip of

his speech during a Deoria event on X and wrote, "A gentleman from Delhi has come here. He has given nothing but ruin and corruption to Delhi." Kejriwal, who visited the Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya earlier today, responded to Yogi Adityanath's post and

asked him to support him in his fight to bring those behind the alleged temple donation theft to justice. "Maharajji. Why are you siding with the donation thieves? These donation thieves are plotting to remove you as well. They won't even let you keep your chair.

In my struggle to get the demons of the great robbery at Lord Ram's home hanged publicly, please stand with me. Do not become a partner in this great sin," he wrote.

Trust officials resign Meanwhile, Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Trust General Secretary Champat Rai and member trustee Anil Mishra resigned on Friday, taking moral responsibility in connection with the alleged Ram Temple donation theft case. This came a day after a case was filed under multiple provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), including Sections 306, 316(5), 317(4), 317(5), 61 and 3(5), against Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Avinash Shukla, Tinnu Yadav, Manish Yadav and others in connection with the alleged donation theft.

LT GEN RAJESH PUSHKAR AVSM, VSM ASSUMES COMMAND OF SOUTHERN COMMAND

New Delhi: Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar AVSM, VSM assumed command as the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Command on 01 July 2026. He succeeds Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain, AVSM, SM who has taken over as the Vice Chief of the Army Staff. An alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar was commissioned into 74 Armoured Regiment in December 1988. The General Officer has had an illustrious and distinguished military career spanning over four decades. During his service, he has held a wide range of command, staff and instructional appointments across diverse geographical and operational environments. Lieutenant General Rajesh Pushkar provided decisive leadership and strategic foresight



as General Officer Commanding 2 Corps during Operation SINDOOR.

The General Officer has commanded an Armoured Regiment in an operational area, a strategic Independent Armoured Brigade, an

Infantry Division and a premier Strike Corps in the Western Sector. His important staff appointments include tenures as Colonel Military Secretary in a Strike Corps, Colonel General Staff of an Armoured Divi-

sion in the Western Sector, Brigadier Quartermaster General of a Strike Corps, Brigadier General Staff of an Operational Command, Additional Director General, Armoured Corps and Director General Territorial Army.

Ayodhya Will Witness BJP's Lanka Kand': Akhilesh Yadav's Sharp Swipe Amid Donation Theft Allegations

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Friday intensified his criticism of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), using the alleged Ram Temple donation embezzlement controversy to launch a scathing political attack on the ruling party. In two posts shared on X within an hour, Yadav accused the BJP of hypocrisy and claimed that Ayodhya itself would become the site of the party's political downfall. "BJP's Lanka Kand will happen in Ayodhya," he wrote, alleging that the "mask of devotion" had come off and that divine justice would eventually expose those responsible for wrongdoing.

Attack over resignations



The SP president also took aim at the recent resignations linked to the controversy, mocking the BJP by saying that while the government once claimed resignations never happened under its rule, people were now sarcastically distinguishing between a resignation and a "tyagpatra" (letter of relinquishment).

In another post, Yadav alleged that only the "first chapter" of the BJP's alleged misconduct had surfaced and claimed internal rivalries would lead different wings associated with the party to expose one another. He further remarked that authorities should ensure no one escapes with the proceeds of alleged wrongdoing.

Political criticism intensifies

Using a striking phrase, the former Uttar Pradesh chief minister said, "Even God's audit will not spare the BJP group," suggesting that accountability would ultimately catch up with those involved. He also referred to the NEET controversy, claiming students were demanding action against those allegedly responsible for paper leaks as resignations in other matters began surfacing. The remarks come amid heightened political sparring over allegations related to Ram Temple donations, with opposition leaders seeking to corner the BJP and associated institutions over the issue.

Among all professions, Doctor is the greatest

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Narayankhed, July.1 : Lalita Devi, the Sangareddy DMHO said that the profession of a doctor is the greatest of all professions. She participated as the chief guest and spoke at the Doctors' Day celebrations organized at the Narayankhed Government Area Hospital on Wednesday. She suggested that people consider doctors as equal to God and asked to provide medical services to the poor patients who come to government hospitals with love and dedication. Saying that the medical profession is a great gift from God, she hoped that government doctors would get good recog-



nition through their services. Later, she inspected the primary health centers of Turkapally, Sult anabad, Syriapur, Masampally and Nizampet in Narayankhed constituency. She warned that strict action would be taken against the officials who neglect their duties by examining the records there. The Program was attended by Dr.Tarini, Jiba, Harini, Bhaskar, Doctors and staff.

GITAM-H to hold 17th graduation ceremony on Aug 1



(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Patancheru, July.1 : Gitam Deemed University, Hyderabad will hold its 17th graduation ceremony on August 1, said Gitam Registrar Dr. D. Gunasekaran. He said in a statement released

on Wednesday, students who have successfully completed undergraduate (UG), postgraduate (PG) and PhD courses in the 2025-26 academic year are eligible to participate in this program. Students from engineering, management, science, pharmacy, humanities, architecture and other departments will participate in this program. Eligible students are advised to register from July 3 to 17. For registration process, other details and guidelines, they should visit Gitam's official website, he said.

MLA participates in Doctor's Day Celebrations

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, July.1 : On the occasion of Doctor's Day, grand celebrations were held at Gokul Multi-Specialty Hospital in Sangareddy, under the aegis of Dr.Srihari. Sangareddy legislator Chinta Prabhakar attended the event as the chief guest and felicitated the Doctors. MLA presented mementos to the Doctors and conveyed his



best wishes on Doctor's Day. He praised the valuable services doctors render to society and lauded their significant role in safeguarding public health. He remarked

that every doctor who works tirelessly to save lives during times of illness serves as an inspiration to society. Subsequently, he joined the doctors and hospital staff in cutting a Doctor's Day cake and celebrating the occasion joyfully. The Program was attended by Srinivas Reddy, Srikanth, Madhu sudan Reddy, Sridhar Reddy, Masood, Doctors, Hospital Staff and others.

Vinit Mobile Limited's Rs. 34.13 Crore SME IPO to Close on July 2, 2026

Hyderabad, 01st July : Vinit Mobile Limited, a growing multi-brand mobile retail company, has announced the launch of its SME IPO, currently open for subscription. Vinit Mobile IPO is a book build issue of Rs.34.13 crores. The issue is entirely a fresh issue 21,60,000 shares aggregating to Rs.34.13 crore. The company has set issue price band at Rs.150 to Rs.158 per share. The company will look to list on NSE SME. Issue will close on Jul 2, 2026. Comfort Securities Ltd. is the book running lead manager and Bigshare Services Pvt. Ltd. is the registrar of the issue.



of India's most trusted brands, including Apple, Samsung, OnePlus, Vivo, Oppo, Xiaomi, Realme, Motorola, and Google Pixel. Alongside smartphones, it stocks an extensive range of mobile accessories such as earphones, chargers, power banks, screen guards, and mobile covers, as well as tablets and data cards—all available under one roof. Operating entirely under the COCO model, Vinit Mobile Limited maintains direct oversight of each of its stores, ensuring consistent standards in customer service, product availability, and the overall in-store experience. Its retail stores are strategically located in high-footfall areas, with dedicated product display zones that allow customers to explore and test products before purchase. To make its products more accessible, the company has partnered with leading financial institutions—including Bajaj Finserv, HDB Financial Services, and TVS Credit—to offer customers flexible payment options such as EMIs, including no-cost EMI plans, subject to eligibility. It also provides after-sales support by coordinating with authorized service centres for warranty and repair assistance. In addition to serving everyday consumers, the company also caters to small retailers and corporate clients through bulk B2B sales of mobile phones and accessories. Its operations are supported by a centralized inventory management system and an integrated ERP platform that enables real-time monitoring across its entire store network. Led by its Promoter and Chairman & Managing Director, Mr. Vinit Jalan, who brings over 15 years of experience in mobile retail, the company has been recognized by several leading brands for its sales performance and growth—including awards from OPPO, Realme, Vivo, and others. With an eye on regional expansion, Vinit Mobile Limited is actively building a presence across key markets in India, backed by a growing portfolio of localized brand trademarks and a commitment to delivering a superior retail experience to its customers.

Rahul holds devotion towards Lord Rama, for Modi, it is vote-bank politics

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, July.1 : Rahul Gandhi has devotion towards Lord Rama, whereas for Modi, it is vote-bank politics, said TPCC Working President Jaggareddy. Speaking at a press conference held at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday, he said that Nehru governed the people with the ideals of Lord Rama, while Modi lives politically only in the name of Lord Rama. BJP state president Ramachandra Rao, who called the theft in the Lord Rama temple in Ayodhya a small matter, that if this happens during the Congress rule, the entire country will be shocked,

he said. He said devotees money deposited in the hundi was stolen, BJP leaders and Prime Minister Modi do not say a single word. He said that the BJP is in power at the Centre and in the state, they say that theft in Lord Rama temple a small matter. He said that the Prime Minister of the country should apologize for the theft in the Lord Rama temple. He also said that Bandi Sanjay and Kishan Reddy go to Bhagyalakshmi temple during elections, and there are no one in BJP who go to Bhagyalakshmi temple every day. He said that KTR, as an opposition party, can say anything, but they does not have to



answer everything he asks. He said that the Congress government without a repaying the debts incurred by the previous government.

Two Sentenced to Jail for Using Dummy Candidate in SSC Examination

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem, July 01: Two persons have been sentenced to imprisonment and fined for impersonation in the SSC (Class 10) Public Examination, where a dummy candidate appeared in place of the actual student. The judgment was delivered on Tuesday by the First Additional Judicial First Class Magistrate of Kothagudem, K. Sai. According to the prosecution, during the SSC Social Studies Public Examination held on November 4, 2019, a flying squad inspection at Little Birds School in Kothagudem found that Poonem Sandeep was writing the examination in place of the actual candidate, Tellam Anil. After verifying the hall ticket and confirming the malpractice, the Chief Superintendent of the examination centre, Kusuma Srinivas, lodged a complaint. Based on the complaint, the then Kothagudem Town Sub-Inspector P. Ramaiah registered a case and conducted an investigation. Following the collection of evidence, a charge sheet was filed before the court. After examining the oral and documentary evidence presented by the prosecution, the court held that the charges against the accused had been proved. The court sentenced both



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accused to three years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs.5,000 under Section 8 of the Andhra Pradesh Public Examinations (Prevention of Malpractices and Unfair Means) Act, 1997. They were also awarded one year of imprisonment under Section 419 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) for cheating by personation. The court directed that both sentences shall run concurrently. The prosecution was represented by Assistant Public Prosecutor Narsing Anil Kumar, while Court Nodal Officer SI D. Raghavayya (Court Duty Officer) and D. Kameswara Rao coordinated the case proceedings.

Not a Single Vote Should Be Missed from the Voters' List: RDO KSB Kumari



Vemulawada, July 01: Vemulawada RDO KSB Kumari stated that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) must work in coordination to conduct the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of the

voters' list in a transparent and robust manner. She addressed a meeting of all-party leaders held on Wednesday. She emphasized the need to ensure that not a single eligible person's vote is left out of the list

while simultaneously focusing on the removal of bogus votes. She directed officials to take steps to remove the names of ineligible voters, duplicate entries, deceased individuals, and those who have permanently migrated

to other areas, in accordance with the regulations. Efforts are underway to create widespread awareness among eligible citizens to register as new voters and to rectify errors in the existing voters' list. She advised the public to contact the respective BLOs if they face any difficulties regarding voter registration or corrections. The RDO informed that a total of 262 BLOs have been appointed—one for each of the 262 polling booths within the Vemulawada constituency. All-party leaders Polasa Narendar, Mailaram Ramu, Pinninti Hanmandlu, and Chintalakoti Ramaswamy Goud, along with Senior Election Assistants Abdul Rahim and Shravan, participated in the meeting.

Pulimamidi Raju visits friend's family

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, July.1 : Shabbir Patel of Suraram village recently passed away due to illness. Learning upon his friends demise, state Congress leader Pulimamidi Raju went to his residence, visited the family members and expressed his deepest condolences. On this occasion, he prayed for the peace of the late Shabbir Patel's soul and wished his family members courage. He consoled the



family members and assured them that the Congress party will stand by

them in this difficult time. The Program was attended by Manne Satyanarayana,

Manne Ashok, Nazir Patel, local leaders, activists and family members.