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Revanth writes to Centre, seeks fast-track on Metro Phase-I & II



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday sent separate letters to Union Ministers Kishan Reddy and Manohar Lal Khattar, requesting a swift progression of the takeover process for Hyderabad Metro Phase-I and permission for the expansion of Phase-II.

In his correspondence, the Chief Minister highlighted that he was following up on discussions held with the Union Ministers on June 24, alongside Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw, concerning the approval of the

Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II and the take-over of Phase-I.

Revanth Reddy pointed out that delays in these proposed projects are creating ongoing operational challenges and uncertainties for Metro Phase-I. He emphasised that the postponement in approving the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Phase-II and the mobilisation of funds is likely to prolong the project's execution and potentially lead to significant cost increases.

The Chief Minister appealed to the Union Ministers to expedite the assignment given to SBI CAPS and to finalise and communicate the Terms of Reference to the Telangana government as soon as possible.

"This will facilitate the prompt implementation of the decisions made during the meeting, ensuring the Phase-I takeover process reaches its conclusion and allows for the timely commencement of the Phase-II expansion," stated Revanth Reddy.

Kaleshwaram barrages in precarious state, can't lift water now: Uttam

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N. Uttam Kumar Reddy strongly criticised the BRS leaders, alleging that the previous BRS government prioritised political advantages over essential engineering standards. He asserted that the Kaleshwaram barrages are in a precarious state and need extensive rehabilitation to ensure safe operation. Addressing a media conference at the State Sec-

retariat on Sunday, he alleged that the BRS leadership was deliberately spreading misinformation by claiming that the Kannepalli pump house at Medigadda (Lakshmi Barrage) could simply be switched on to lift water through the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages. Rejecting those claims outright, the Minister repeatedly declared that the pumps cannot be operated as the National Dam Safety Authority

(NDSA) had categorically prohibited operation of the three barrages until scientific rehabilitation is completed and safety is certified.

The Minister accused the BRS leadership of attempting to mislead farmers and the public by portraying a highly complex engineering problem as a simple operational issue. "This is not politics. This is engineering and public safety," he asserted.

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Govt to replace GHMC Act with new bill; Public feedback invited till July 24

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : The State government is set to overhaul metropolitan governance by introducing 'The Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) Bill, 2026'. The government asserts that this new legislation is a thorough overhaul of the existing Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Act from

1955. Established more than seventy years ago, the GHMC Act includes many provisions that have become outdated and do not meet the current demands of a rapidly expanding metropolitan area.

To ensure public participation in shaping the new legal framework, the government has invited citizens, resident welfare asso-

ciations, and stakeholders to submit their feedback and suggestions by July 24.

The new Bill aims to eliminate these obsolete provisions and implement a modern legal framework, according to officials.

This legislation will promote integrated governance across the core urban region through a coordinated

"whole-of-government" approach, facilitating better collaboration among various departments and agencies. The Bill is designed to improve citizens' quality of life by streamlining service delivery, pursuing a vision of net zero emissions, incorporating sustainability and climate accountability in urban governance, enhancing public health systems

and outcomes, and fostering a more favorable business environment. It aims to adopt both national and global best practices in urban management, as stated by officials. In light of this, the government is encouraging public consultation, and the draft Bill has been made available for feedback. It can be accessed on the websites of the three Mu-

nicipal Corporations.

Citizens are invited to submit their feedback and suggestions online at <https://ghmc.gov.in/category/WiselyInsertReport.aspx>. Written representations can also be directed to the Special Chief Secretary of the MAUD department at the Secretariat. The channels for feedback will remain open until July 24.

'CHINESE PROPAGANDA'

Netizens Slam Global Times For Claiming Japan PM's Bottled Water Use Shows 'Contempt' For India



New Delhi: A Global Times article criticising Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi over her recent India visit has sparked a backlash online, with several Indian social media users accusing the Chinese state-run publication of pushing propaganda to undermine growing India-Japan ties. The article, published on Saturday, was titled, "Takaichi's 'brotherly' embrace of Modi contra-

dicted by a reported ban on local tap water, exposing Japan's hypocrisy and contempt for India: observer." It questioned the Japanese delegation's reported decision to rely on bottled mineral water brought from Japan instead of using local tap water during the visit. The controversy gained traction after Chinese media personality Hu Xijin shared a screenshot of the article on X, writing, "During her

visit to India, Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi didn't drink a single sip of Indian water and even used bottled mineral water brought from Japan for rinsing her mouth. Is this true? If so, she's living way too delicately, and it's quite disrespectful to India as well."

The Global Times article cited a report by Japanese outlet ABEMA TIMES, which claimed that the Japanese government had instructed its delegation not to use local tap water under any circumstances, including for drinking and gargling, and had transported a large stock of bottled mineral water aboard the government aircraft.

The publication contrasted this with the warm public exchange between

Takaichi and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during which the two leaders referred to each other as elder brother and younger sister. According to the report, Chinese experts argued that the bottled water arrangement reflected hypocrisy and suggested Japan viewed India as a strategic tool to counter China rather than as a genuine long-term partner. The article also quoted Qian Feng, director of the Research Department at Tsinghua University's National Strategy Institute, who claimed the reported precautions demonstrated discriminatory attitudes toward India and could expose the "true mindset" of the Japanese government.

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'Aap Kaun Hain?': Kejriwal Hits Back After BJP Chief Nitin Nabin Targets Opposition Over Sanatan



New Delhi: Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader Nitin Nabin on Sunday launched a sharp attack on opposition parties while addressing a Shakti Kendra Convenor Conference in Lucknow, prompting Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convenor Arvind Kejriwal to hit back with a pointed response: "Aap Kaun Hain?" (Who are you?). Addressing party workers in Uttar Pradesh's capital, Nabin

accused opposition leaders, including Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav and Kejriwal, of remaining silent whenever Hindu deities or Sanatan Dharma were allegedly insulted. "Today I want to tell Rahul Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav and Kejriwal not to consider Hinduism so weak that people will fall into your trap."

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Jupally swims for an hour, urges all to prioritise fitness

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : Echoing the timeless adage 'Health is the greatest wealth', Minister for Tourism and Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao showcased his passion for fitness on Sunday morning.

The Minister spent an hour swimming in a well located at his agricultural farm on the outskirts of Kollapur town in Nagarkurnool district.

Speaking on the occasion, Jupally Krishna Rao emphasised that good health is a far greater investment than any material wealth a person can acquire. He urged everyone, regardless of age, to integrate physical exercise into their daily routines.

"Engaging in at least an hour of physical activity every day whether it is yoga, meditation, walking, jogging, running, or swimming, significantly improves overall health," Jupally said.

He further highlighted that exercise is not just about physical fitness; it also plays a crucial role in relieving stress and boosting mental well-being.

The Minister asserted that building a healthy society is only possible when everyone, from the youth to the elderly, prioritises fitness. By adopting an active lifestyle, individuals can keep chronic diseases at bay, he said, calling upon citizens to actively promote healthy habits.

Alka Lamba slams BJP Govt at the centre

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : The National President of the Mahila Congress Alka Lamba has launched a scathing attack on the BJP government at the Centre. She termed the Modi administration as "anti-women" and lashed out at the party for neglecting women's safety and the future of the youth across the country. She spoke at a press conference held on Sunday at Gandhi Bhavan, the Congress party's headquarters in Hyderabad. During the event, she announced an action plan for a nationwide agitation against the Central government's anti-people policies.

Alka Lamba stated that the Mahila Congress had



conducted extensive meetings across 19 districts of Telangana over the past three months. She noted that women were delighted with the decisions the Chief Minister was taking regarding women's empowerment and expressed satisfaction with the welfare schemes

being implemented by the state government for women. She highlighted that a record number of over 116,000 women leaders had registered as members in the state. She added that a special two-day training program would be organized for them in September.

Alka Lamba demanded the immediate implementation of the 'Nari Shakti Vandan' (33% Women's Reservation) Bill introduced by the Centre without any further delay. Furthermore, she urged that specific provisions be made for the OBC women within the women's reservation framework. She announced that the Mahila Congress would organize a massive protest against

the Central government in Delhi on July 25 to press for these demands. Alka Lamba lashed out at Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accusing him of telling blatant lies in Parliament regarding 'Operation Sindhur.' She stated that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had failed completely, remaining indifferent while exam paper leaks occur repeatedly across the country. She expressed anger that the BJP was playing with students' lives through these paper leaks. She further criticized the Prime Minister for failing to take action against the BJP MLAs and leaders involved in the rape and murder of young children.

Satish Kumar Inspects Railway Manufacturing Unit, Kazipet & Charlapalli

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : Satish Kumar, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Railway Board

Conducted detailed inspection of Railway Manufacturing Unit (RMU), Kazipet, Charlapalli Rail terminal, Jangaon Amrit station and IRISSET on Sunday.

He was accompanied by Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway; Dr. R. Gopalakrishnan, Divisional Railway Manager, Secunderabad Division and other senior Railway officials through the inspection. Satish Kumar commenced the inspection from Kazipet Railway station, wherein he reviewed the on-



going Amrit Station works and also inspected amenities available at the station. Shri Satish Kumar visited Railway Manufacturing Unit at Kazipet which is be-

ing constructed at a cost of Rs. 597.68 Crore. The RMU is aimed to manufacture and maintain variety of modern rolling stock and next-gen Railway coaches. The

Chairman, Railway Board reviewed the progress of on-going construction works at the RMU.

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Kaleshwaram barrages in precarious state, can't lift water now: Uttam

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Uttam Kumar Reddy said North Telangana would not have been facing any irrigation uncertainty today had the previous government executed the project according to sound engineering principles. "Had they constructed these barrages properly, the situation today would have been entirely different," he said. The Minister further alleged that the original Congress-designed Pranahita-Chevella project would have provided a far more sustainable solution. "If the Pranahita-Chevella project had been implemented in its original form as conceived by the Congress government, North Telangana would have been assured of nearly 80 TMC of dependable water

through gravity. It would have substantially cushioned the region even during weak monsoon years and possible El Niño conditions," he said.

Instead, he alleged, the project was altered for "political and commercial considerations", resulting in technical compromises that have now surfaced. "This is the result of greed, short-sightedness and ill-conceived decisions," he remarked. Citing the final NDSA report, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the foundations of all three barrages—Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla—remain under serious technical suspicion. He said the report had identified compromised secant pile cut-off walls, seepage and piping beneath foundations, inadequate stilling

basins, poor energy dissipation structures, lack of water-tightness, construction defects and quality-control failures. "Medigadda Block-7 suffered severe settlement after voids developed beneath the raft due to piping, while similar distress patterns have also been identified in Annaram and Sundilla. The issue is not one pier or one gate. The issue is the integrity of the entire foundation system," he said. Uttam Kumar Reddy said if water is impounded without rectification, the consequences could be catastrophic, with downstream habitations including Bhadrachalam potentially facing serious risk. Massive scientific investigations are underway for getting ready with the reha-

bilitation design, he said. The Minister said testing is nearing completion and design finalisation will continue during the current monsoon. Construction will commence immediately after flood waters recede, with the government targeting completion of rehabilitation works by July-August 2027. Until then, the barrages will remain in free-flow condition, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The Minister also informed that Telangana is pursuing an alternative long-term solution by bringing nearly 80 TMC of water from Tummidihatti through gravity. A Detailed Project Report has already been entrusted to RV Associates while moves are afoot to initiate dialogue with Maharashtra for construction of barrage at Tummidihatti, he said.

Satish Kumar Inspects Railway Manufacturing Unit, Kazipet & Charlapalli

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RVNL officials explained the topography of the Manufacturing Unit by depicting the miniature model available at the site office. A detailed power point presentation was also given by the concerned officials about the functionalities of each unit and the progress of the works. Further, he inspected the main shed, bogie shop, paint shop, wheel shop and testing shop. During the course of inspection, he interacted

with the media personnel and elaborated on the progress of works at RMU and its benefits.

Further, Chairman & CEO conducted a rear window inspection from Kazipet to Charlapalli, enroute he also inspected Jangaon Railway station and reviewed the passenger amenities, circulating area and the on-going redevelopment works. At Charlapalli station, Satish Kumar inspected the tracks, points &

crossings, yard and other passenger amenities available at the new rail terminal. He also interacted with the trackmen and gang-men at Charlapalli terminal and discussed about their duties. In addition, Satish Kumar visited Indian Railways Institute of Signal Engineering & Telecommunications & Centre of Excellence (COE), wherein he interacted with the officials involved in the implementation of KAVACH, the in-

dependently designed Anti-Collision system. Further, the concerned officials elaborated the deployment status of KAVACH across Indian Railways through a power-point presentation.

Later, CRB & CEO visited Rail Nilayam, SCR Headquarters and held a detailed performance review meeting with General Manager, SCR and other senior Railway officials. A power point presentation was given by the officials on the general performance of the zone.

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However, the report drew sharp criticism from Indian social media users. "Looks like India-Japan cooperation has hit a nerve in Beijing. Solution? Roll out the propaganda, manufacture outrage, and hope someone believes it. That playbook is getting old," X user Vixek wrote.

Former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai also dismissed the criticism, saying, "Silly remarks. People have

a right to what they consume. Indian kings used to take huge urns of Ganga water on trips to London. Was that disrespect?"

Retired Major General Harsha Kakar hit out at Chinese media personality Hu Xijin, commenting, "What @HuXijin_GT fails to mention is that the US delegation accompanying @realDonaldTrump dumped every gift, souvenir, card, and even lapel pins into a dustbin at the en-

trance to the aircraft. What greater insult than this to #WinnieThePooh-ruled China?" Another user, Salil Mathur, argued that carrying bottled water while travelling is a personal health precaution rather than an insult. "Even my children when in India play safe by drinking only mineral water, and there's nothing wrong about it. While in Canada, I too filter the water while Canadians drink straight from the tap," he wrote. The Glo-

bal Times article further cited reactions from Japanese social media, where some users criticised Takaichi's diplomatic style and questioned her emphasis on personal rapport with foreign leaders. However, the focus of online discussion in India remained on what many described as an attempt by Chinese state media to sow distrust between New Delhi and Tokyo at a time of expanding strategic cooperation.

'Aap Kaun Hain?': Kejriwal Hits Back After BJP Chief Nitin Nabin Targets Opposition Over Sanatan

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Whenever your people insult Hindu gods and goddesses, you remain silent. The people of Uttar Pradesh and the country will never tolerate an insult to Sanatan," Nabin said.

He further asserted that India's cultural heritage had been preserved through the sacrifices of previous generations and should not be undermined. Reacting to

the BJP leader's remarks, Kejriwal posted a brief but sharp response on social media, asking, "Aap Kaun Hain?" The exchange comes amid an ongoing political row over allegations related to the Ram Mandir donation collection. In recent days, Kejriwal has repeatedly targeted the Narendra Modi-led Central government and the Yogi Adityanath government in

Uttar Pradesh over the alleged Ram Mandir donation theft issue.

Taking aim at opposition parties for raising the controversy, Nabin said those shedding "crocodile tears" in the name of faith had no moral authority to speak on matters of religion. He highlighted the BJP government's role in the construction of the Ram Temple in Ayodhya and the

redevelopment of the Kashi Vishwanath Temple corridor, describing them as examples of preserving India's cultural and religious heritage. Nabin also accused opposition parties of lacking credibility on issues of faith, alleging that those who had "ordered firing on Ram devotees" in the past could not now claim to speak for religious sentiments.

CM REVANTH REDDY BECOME “MUNGERILAL”

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, July, 5 : Telangana State BJP Chief official spokesperson and Media in-charge N V Subhash said Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy became "Mungeri Lal" who always daydreaming about unrealistic and unfulfilled dreams.

Reacting reports on Revanth Reddy's comments that his next political mission was to make Congress leader Rahul Gandhi Prime Minister in 2029

Loksabha elections, Subhash said CM Revanth Reddy become "Mungeri Lal" whose daydreaming never fulfilled. He became "daydreamer" in Telangana state, Subhash quipped.

The era of becoming a member of Gandhi family as prime minister has gone and a matured politician who endeavour for development and welfare of the people of the country could be chosen for this top post and not a leader who has puerility in his nature.



The people of the country have now realised the appeasement policy and deceitful tactics of the grand old Congress party and repeatedly rejected the party in different

elections, he said and alleged that CM Revanth Reddy is trying to mesmerise his "Delhi Darbar leaders" by uttering such comments to save his chair.

KTR demands immediate lifting of water from Kannepalli pumps

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, July, 5 :

Bharat Rashtira Samithi working president KT Rama Rao demanded that the Congress government immediately operate the Kannepalli Pump House to lift Godavari waters, warning that Telangana faces an impending severe water crisis. Pointing to the combined impact of El Niño, deficient rainfall, and alleged state inaction, Rama Rao cautioned that delaying operations would plunge the state into a massive agricultural and drinking water crunch. He urged the state administration to bypass political narratives and prioritise filling the reservoirs to protect the interest of farmers. Addressing the media after inspecting the Kannepalli Pump House in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district on Sunday, KT Rama Rao said 26 out of Telangana's 33 districts are already facing drought-like conditions, while lakhs of cusecs of Godavari water continue to flow wastefully into the sea because the government has failed to utilise the existing Kaleshwaram infrastructure.

He accused the Congress government of displaying complete apathy towards farmers despite repeated warnings from weather ex-



perts about El Niño and below-normal rainfall.

"Instead of preparing for a drought and protecting agriculture, the government is allowing precious water to go waste while farmers suffer," he said. The BRS working president urged the government to immediately restart the Kannepalli pumps and fill reservoirs to provide irrigation and drinking water across Telangana. He alleged that the government was deliberately withholding water as it feared the financial responsibility of procuring larger harvests, supplying fertilisers and paying bonuses to farmers. Criticising the government's handling

of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, KTR rejected allegations of corruption and demanded that repairs be completed without further delay. He said the project, built under the leadership of former chief minister K.Chandrasekhar Rao, remained fully capable of supplying water if operated properly.

He also condemned the police for repeatedly obstructing the BRS delegation during its journey from Hyderabad to Kannepalli, alleging that what should have been a four-hour journey took nearly seven hours due to barricades and restrictions imposed at multiple locations.

KTR further warned that if the Congress government failed to immediately begin lifting water from the Kannepalli pumps, the BRS would intensify its agitation. He announced that the party would lay siege to the Kannepalli Pump House with 50,000 to 60,000 people if the government continued to ignore the interests of Telangana's farmers and refused to utilise the available Godavari waters.

"Switch on the Bahubali pumps and provide water to farmers. If the government fails to act, we will march to Kannepalli, lay siege to the Pump House and ensure that the pumps are switched on," he asserted.

HYDRAA actions selective, shielding MIM interests: Kishan

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, July, 5 :

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy claimed that the Congress government, headed by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is prepared to jeopardize the livelihoods of everyday citizens in its pursuit of commissions from land and real estate transactions, all while doing everything possible to safeguard the Majlis party.

In a tweet on Sunday, the Union Minister said the HYDRAA has become a symbol of the selective governance, swift and ruthless against the common man, but silent and indecisive when allegations concern the Barrister Fatima Owaisi Educational Campus, reported to be located

in the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zone of Salkam Cheruvu. "Despite numerous comments from the Telangana High Court regarding delays and lack of action, as well as requests for records from various departments, including HYDRAA and the Education department, the Congress government has not demonstrated the same level of urgency in addressing these issues as it does when dealing with the general public," he stated. Kishan Reddy further stated that the Congress government is treating the MIM as if it represents all Muslims, which is simply not true. "HYDRAA's actions have affected poor Muslims as well, with their homes and livelihoods be-

ing demolished. Yet, when these demolitions took place, neither the MIM nor the Congress stepped up or protested on behalf of these vulnerable families. However, when the issue concerns assets linked to the MIM, both parties are seen standing together. This shows that what is being protected is not the Muslim community, but the political interests of the MIM," he pointed out.

The Union Minister said the Fatima institutions episode has highlighted clearly, exposing both the Congress government's vote-bank politics and the MIM's double standards, and showing that no party can claim to represent an entire community.

"The Congress govern-

ment has made its priorities abundantly clear. For the poor, there are bulldozers. For the Congress-Majlis political ecosystem, there is protection. Public land, lakes and government resources belong to the people of Telangana, not to those protected by political patronage," he said.

Kishan Reddy urged the Congress government to remove its communal and vote-bank lens from governance, stop shielding its political allies, and uphold one Constitution, one rule of law and one standard of justice for every citizen of Telangana. "Selective enforcement is destroying public faith in governance, and the people of Telangana will hold this government accountable," he added.

KCR govt took only Rs.4 lakh loans : Former Minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, July, 5 :

Former Minister and BRS party Deputy Floor Leader Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Sunday stated that during the ten-year tenure of the BRS government, former CM KCR incurred a debt of only ₹4 lakh crore for development and welfare programs. He made these remarks while attending a meeting for the Jubilee Hills assembly constituency at Telangana Bhavan in the city.

Speaking on the occasion, He lashed out at the Congress party leaders for spreading false propaganda regarding the debt incurred by the BRS party. He demanded to know as to what the Congress party had achieved after accumulating a debt of ₹4 lakh crore in just two and a half years?

He criticized Chief Minister Revanth for using abusive language when questioned about the Congress party, which had come to power on the back of deceptive promises. He praised former MLA Maganti Gopinath for his significant efforts toward the development of

the Jubilee Hills constituency and alleged that there had been an abuse of power during the Jubilee Hills byelection.

He advised the party's booth-level agents to remain vigilant during the revision of the voters' list and urged them to ensure that the votes of eligible citizens were not deleted. He also instructed them to ensure that everyone, who has turned 18 registers as a voter. He clarified that only those, who enjoy the affection and support of the people would be given opportunities in the corporate elections.

He alleged that former minister Harish Rao was



illegally arrested after challenging the ruling party to a debate. He warned the Congress party leaders that the BRS

government would return to power after two and a half years and would repay the debt including interest upon its return.

NMDC Heritage Run 2026 held

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, July, 5 :

The NMDC Heritage Run 2026 held on Sunday morning at Taramati Baradari. It was organized by NMDC Limited in association with Hyderabad Runners Society as part of the build-up to the 15th edition of the NMDC Hyderabad Marathon 2026. The run not only motivated seasoned runners but also inspired first-time participants to begin their fitness journey. It was flagged off by Krishna Kumar Thakur, Director (Personnel), NMDC Limited, in the presence of Mr. Rajesh Vetcha, Race Director, Mr. Ashish Bhojanika, Treasurer, and Mr. Anil Kuppa, Joint Treasurer, marking the beginning of an energetic morning dedicated to health and wellness. It witnessed an enthusiastic response as runners from across Hyderabad and NMDC employees came together to celebrate fitness, community, and an active lifestyle.

CM embarks on expanding Net Zero model across Kuppam



Kuppam (Chittoor district): July 5 (Skyline daily):

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu inspected several government initiatives in Kuppam constituency on Saturday, with a focus on environmental sustainability, public health and service delivery, and directed officials to speed up their implementation. Government On the second day of his visit to Kuppam, the Chief Minister visited Nalagampalli village, where the Net Zero model is being implemented. He inspected rooftop solar systems, induction cooktops, rainwater harvesting, kitchen composting and terrace gardening in several houses. Officials were asked to prepare a case study on the Nalagampalli model and expand it across Kuppam constituency. During his visit to one of the houses, Naidu enquired about the number of solar panels installed, the electricity generated and whether it was sufficient for the family's needs. The beneficiaries told him that using solar power along with induction stoves had helped them save around Rs 400 a month on electricity. The Chief Minister also reviewed rainwater harvesting, kitchen composting, kitchen gardens and terrace gardens. He suggested including the use of electric vehicles as part of the Net Zero initiative and directed officials to promote the circular economy at the village level. He said the Nalagampalli model should become an example for the rest of the State. Naidu said modern induction stoves are now suitable for all types of cooking and noted that the government has already supplied them to Anganwadi centres across the State. Villagers told him that induction stoves are safer as they reduce the risk of gas leaks. Officials informed the Chief

Minister that the expansion of rooftop solar systems in Kuppam would benefit 7,489 SC and ST families, 39,215 BC families and 7,381 OC families. He directed officials to extend the programme across the constituency to reduce household electricity costs and promote environmental protection. Later, the Chief Minister visited the Kuppam Area Hospital and inaugurated the newly established CT Scan and Dialysis Centres. He reviewed the implementation of the Sanjeevani programme and stressed that proper data integration is essential for improving healthcare services. Officials were directed to focus on digitising health records, maintaining hospital cleanliness and strengthening healthcare delivery. While inspecting the CT Scan centre, Naidu asked about its daily capacity. Officials informed him that 30 to 40 patients could undergo scans every day. The Chief Minister also visited a walking track developed under the Panchatatva concept and planted a sapling. An exhibition showcasing innovations in the health sector was also visited and appreciated a student who developed a device to send immediate alerts to doctors during road accidents. Representatives of the Brahma Kumaris explained how meditation is being used to help people recover from drug addiction. Naidu directed senior police officials to take strict action against the use of drugs and ganja. Later, he also inaugurated the 'Swarna Kuppam-Swachh Kuppam' welcome arch in Kuppam town. District collector Sumit Kumar, transport minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy, Chittoor MP Daggumalla Prasada Rao, public representatives and officials were present.

Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) Under Ministry of Power

Panyam: July 3

Vijayawada: In a significant step towards advancing India's climate action agenda and promoting sustainable energy practices among young citizens, the Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), a joint venture under the Ministry of Power, has partnered with the institution of Foundation for Agricultural Resources Management and Environmental Remediation (FARMER) and Municipal corporation of Delhi (MCD) to implement a comprehensive Energy Efficiency Initiative across schools under MCD in the Civil Lines Zone. The initiative aligns with the Government of India's vision of addressing climate change through sustainable development, energy conservation and environmental protection. It seeks to transform school campuses into models of energy efficiency while empowering students to become active participants in the nation's clean energy movement. Under the agreement, EESL will facilitate the adoption of effective energy management systems in selected MCD schools and provide energy-efficient appliances, including BEE Star-rated Super Efficient BLDC fans, LED tube lights and bulbs under the flagship Unnat Jyoti by Affordable LEDs for All (UJALA) programme. Beyond infrastructure improvements, the programme aims to inculcate responsible energy consumption habits among school children at an early age. By



sensitising students to issues of energy conservation, climate change and sustainability, the initiative seeks to nurture a generation of environmentally conscious citizens committed to India's clean energy future. Recognising EESL's contribution towards energy efficiency awareness and implementation in schools, Delhi Mayor Raja Iqbal Singh, Municipal Commissioner Ashwini Kumar and Education Committee Chairman Yogesh Verma presented a Certificate of Appreciation to EESL's communication team. Speaking on the occasion, Commissioner Ashwini Kumar said the initiative, being implemented under the leadership of EESL Chief Executive Officer Akhilesh Kumar Dixit, would significantly contribute to India's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by reducing energy consumption, lowering carbon emissions and promoting sustainable lifestyles among students. During the signing of the agreement, EESL highlighted the remarkable success of the UJALA programme launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi a decade ago. The

programme has emerged as one of the world's largest energy-efficiency initiatives, delivering substantial energy savings and environmental benefits across the country. Primary & Secondary Schooling (K-12) According to EESL, the programme has helped generate annual monetary savings of over Rs 19,153 crore while avoiding peak power demand of 9,586 MW nationwide. States such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Bihar, Odisha, Kerala, Karnataka, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi have played a pivotal role in the programme's success. Among them, Andhra Pradesh and Delhi have emerged as pioneering performers. Andhra Pradesh has achieved energy savings of 2,863 million units (MU) annually with monetary savings of Rs 1,145 crore, while Delhi has recorded energy savings of 1,192 MU and annual savings of Rs 703 crore. Together, the two regions have contributed significantly towards reducing nearly 2.5 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions.

Srinivas to lead TDP in Tirupati constituency



Tirupati: July 3

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has ended months of speculation over its Tirupati Assembly constituency leadership by appointing Mannem Srinivasa Prasad, popularly known as JB Srinivas, as the new constituency incharge. The decision replaces former MLA M Sugunamma, who had been handling the responsibility until now. The party leadership has been looking to bring in younger leadership in Tirupati as part of its efforts to strengthen the organisation ahead of future political battles. High Command held several rounds of discussions with senior party leaders before finalising Srinivas' name. The appointment is also seen as an attempt to build a stronger challenge against former MLA and senior YSRCP leader Bhumana Karunakar Reddy. Many leaders in the constituency had expected a change in leadership, and several aspirants were in the race for the post. However, the party ultimately chose 50-year old Srinivas, who has been actively associated with the TDP since 2012. He is engaged in finance and real estate businesses and is considered to have a strong support base in Tirupati. Party leaders believe his Balija community background and organisational network worked in his favour during the selection process. Over the past year, Srinivas has emerged as one of the more active TDP leaders in the con-

stituency. He attracted the attention of the party leadership after taking an aggressive stand against the YSRCP on several local political issues. His supporters had confronted YSRCP workers during a protest near the residence of Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, following the display of banners criticising Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. According to party sources, District incharge Minister and Revenue Minister Angani Satya Prasad, AP Sports Authority Chairman A Ravi Naidu and others have strongly backed Srinivas. Andhra Pradesh Tourism It was also said that party supremo N Chandrababu Naidu also discussed with them along with party Tirupati parliamentary president Panabaka Lakshmi before finalising Srinivas' name. Naidu advised him to make the best use of the opportunity and work hard in taking the party's welfare and development activities into the people more effectively. Speaking to The Hans India, Srinivas said he would live up to the confidence reposed in him by the party leadership. He said he would work sincerely to discharge his responsibilities and ensure coordination among all leaders without encouraging groupism. The efforts of every party leader and worker will be recognised while striving to provide them with due opportunities and support.

Three women, die after being run over by a train in Eluru



Amaravati: July 5

Police stated on Sunday that at least four people, including three women, died after being struck by a train in the Eluru district of Andhra Pradesh. The incident occurred after midnight on Saturday near Chebrolu in Unguturu Mandal. According to the police, one man and three women died after falling under the Cherlapalli-Shalimar Special train. The bodies were mutilated beyond recognition. Upon receiving the information, the Government Railway Police (GRP) from Tadepalligudem arrived at the scene and removed the bodies. Police suspect that the victims belonged to the same family and may have died by suicide. They are estimated to be between 30 and 35 years of age. Police found an ATM card near one of the women's bodies; the card was in the name of Shaik Hasina. A bike parking receipt issued by the Tadepalligudem RTC depot was found with another woman. Police also recovered two mobile phones from the scene. Both phones were damaged. They are attempting to retrieve data from the SIM cards to identify the deceased. GRP personnel shifted the bodies to the Tadepalligudem Area Hospital for post-mortem examinations. A GRP official stated that a case has been registered and an investigation is underway. Meanwhile, four people died in a road accident in Telangana's Nalgonda district early Sunday morning. TelanganaNews App The accident occurred on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway near Peddakaparthi village in Chitayal Mandal, when a private travel bus collided with a car. While four occupants of the car died on the spot, the driver, V.V. Prasad, sustained severe injuries. Prasad's wife, son, daughter, and a friend lost their lives in the accident. According to the police, the car was traveling from Chennai to Hyderabad. As it neared Peddakaparthi, a bus belonging to an Odisha-based private travel agency rammed into it from behind. Police and rescue personnel faced significant difficulty retrieving the bodies trapped inside the mangled car. The deceased hailed from Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh and were residing in Hyderabad. Traffic on the national highway was disrupted for some time due to the accident. Police and National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) officials brought in a crane to remove the wrecked car and restored the flow of traffic.

Anivara Asthanam on July 17; TTD cancels VIP break darshans

Tirumala: July 5

The annual traditional accounting festival, 'Anivara Asthanam', will be celebrated in a grand manner at the hill shrine of Lord Venkateswara on July 17. In view of the major religious event, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has announced modifications in darshan and arjitha seva schedules for the upcoming week. IndianCurrent Events As a prelude to the festival, the traditional temple cleansing ritual, 'Koil Alwar Tirumanjanam', will be performed inside the sanctum sanctorum on July 14. During this ritual, the main temple premises, sub-shrines, and puja vessels will be purified with a specialized aromatic herbal paste called 'Parimalam'. Consequent to these two major religious events, the TTD



management has cancelled VIP Break Darshans on both July 14 and July 17, except for constitutional protocol dignitaries. Accordingly, no recommendation letters for VIP Break Darshan will be accepted or processed on July 13 and July 16. Furthermore, the temple administration has cancelled major virtual and physical arjitha sevas, including

Kalyanotsavam, Unjal Seva, Arjitha Brahmothsavam, and Sahasra Deepalankara Seva, on July 17 due to the day-long temple rituals. Devotees planning their pilgrimage to Tirumala have been requested to take note of these dynamic changes in timing and cooperate with the TTD administration to ensure smooth crowd management.

Ultimate sacrifice of Alluri Sitarama Raju will inspire generations to come: Collector



Nellore: July 5

Describing Alluri Sitarama Raju as a towering freedom fighter, Nellore District Collector Himanshu Shukla on Saturday said that the legendary leader made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation, remaining completely unfazed by British oppression in his relentless pursuit of India's independence. GeographicReference The Collector, along with other district officials, paid rich floral tributes to the revolutionary icon by garlanding his portrait during a commemorative programme organized at Tikkana Bhavan within the Collectorate premises. Speaking on the occasion, Collector Himanshu Shukla recalled that the armed rebellion led by Alluri Sitarama Raju stands out as a remarkable and highly distinct chapter in the history of the Indian freedom movement. He stated that the people of Andhra Pradesh should remain eternally

grateful to Alluri for his fierce and uncompromising crusade against colonial rule. The sacrifices, indomitable courage, and valour displayed by him will continue to serve as an inspiration for generations to come, the Collector added. He further noted that Alluri's fight against British tyranny and his dedicated efforts to protect the rights and forest livelihoods of tribal communities occupy a prominent place in the nation's history. The Collector called upon the youth to imbibe the core values of patriotism, sacrifice, and selfless service, urging them to draw inspiration from Alluri's ideals to actively fulfill their responsibilities toward nation-building and societal development. Trainee Collector Pavan Teja, District Revenue Officer Vijay Kumar, and I&PR Deputy Director Venu Gopal Reddy were present.

NSLC project committee seeks early completion of Chintalapudi Lift Scheme

Mylavaram July 5

The general body meeting of Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal (NSLC) Project Committee on Saturday urged the State government to expedite completion of Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation Scheme to ensure a permanent solution to irrigation problems in third zone of Left Canal ayacut. Government The meeting, chaired by Project Committee Chairman Kota Veera Babu, was held at Farmers' Training Centre in NSP Camp Colony at Mylavaram. Addressing the meeting, Veera Babu stressed the need to appoint outsourced canal workers (Lashkars) during irrigation season for effective canal maintenance. He also called for joint inspections by irrigation officials and Water Users' Association representatives to identify and remove encroachments on major, branch and minor canals. He said the State government had sanctioned Rs 11.56 crore for canal desilting, strengthening of embankments and removal of vegetation in



NTR, Krishna and Eluru districts during 2026-27 financial year. He urged Water Users' Associations to complete works on priority so that irrigation water reaches tail-end ayacut. He also sought immediate release of pending bills relating to 107 canal maintenance works executed during 2025-26. Project Committee Vice-Chairman Alla Venkata Gopala Krishna Rao said Left Canal irrigates 3.6 lakh acres with an allocation of 32 TMC of water, but only 22 TMC was received from Telangana during previous irrigation season. He recalled that nearly 70% of Chintalapudi Lift Irrigation scheme had been completed between 2014 and 2019 and welcomed the government's

allocation of Rs 430 crore for the project in 2026-27 Budget. He urged the government to complete remaining works at the earliest to stabilise irrigation in Third Zone. The committee also adopted resolutions seeking relocation of Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) headquarters from Hyderabad to Amaravati, construction of new regulator gates at key locations along Left Main Canal, and official recognition for Water Users' Association representatives in Gram Panchayat, Mandal Parishad and district-level review meetings. SE S Ramachandra Rao, EEs S Srinu and K Kishore, besides committee members from Krishna, NTR and Eluru districts, attended the meeting.

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At 250

America’s 250th birthday has naturally prompted reflection on what remains the world’s most consequential republic. Such anniversaries invite celebration, but they also encourage honest stocktaking. The question is not whether the United States remains a great power; it plainly does. The more relevant question, as the fireworks fade, is whether it still stands as far above every other nation as it once did. Increasingly, the answer is no. This distinction is crucial because absolute strength and relative dominance are not the same. By almost every meaningful measure, the United States remains pre-eminent.

It is home to the world’s largest economy in nominal terms, the dollar remains the backbone of the international financial system, its universities continue to attract the brightest minds, and its companies dominate frontier technologies ranging from artificial intelligence to biotechnology. No country can yet match its combination of military reach, financial influence, innovation and alliances. What has changed is the distribution of power around it. China has emerged as a technological and manufacturing powerhouse. India is steadily expanding its economic and geopolitical footprint. Countries such as Japan, South Korea and Germany remain formidable centres of advanced industry, while innovation is increasingly dispersed across multiple economies.

The world is no longer organised around a single, overwhelming centre of gravity. History offers useful perspective. America’s extraordinary dominance after the Second World War owed much to the devastation of Europe and Japan. Its unrivalled position after the Soviet Union’s collapse reflected another exceptional geopolitical moment. Neither period represented the normal condition of international politics. As other nations rebuilt, educated their workforces, invested in research and integrated into global markets, a narrowing of the gap was almost inevitable.

That reality does not diminish America’s achievements. If anything, it underlines how unusually dominant it once was. The challenge today lies elsewhere. Mounting public debt, deep political polarisation, contested immigration policies and recurrent institutional gridlock threaten to erode advantages that competitors cannot easily replicate. External rivals have become stronger, but internal dysfunction risks proving the greater constraint on American leadership. Even so, reports of American decline remain exaggerated. The United States has repeatedly demonstrated an extraordinary capacity for renewal. It emerged stronger from the Great Depression, adapted to the Cold War, led the digital revolution and continues to shape the technologies likely to define this century.

Few countries possess comparable entrepreneurial dynamism or institutional depth.As America is midway through its third century of independence, the appropriate conclusion is neither triumphalism nor pessimism. The age of uncontested American supremacy is receding, but the age of American relevance is not. The United States remains first among nations, even if other countries are catching up. At 250, its greatest challenge is not preserving an impossible monopoly on power, but adapting successfully to a world that has finally lengthened its stride.

Anticipating a new era in Nepal-India relations

It has not been long since contemporary global dynamics began to be described as a "field of exploding realities" within an "era of uncertain fluidity." Amidst constant shifts in the balance of power, alliances, and international relations, nations must remain hyper-vigilant and entirely prepared to safeguard their national aspirations and core interests. The relationship between Nepal and India is no exception to this reality. Geography, civilization, deep people-to-people ties, and a shared commitment to democratic ideals provide a stable foundation for the relationship between these two neighbours. However, geopolitical dynamics are constantly evolving. The drivers of this fluidity are multidimensional, no single nation or government is solely responsible for these shifts.

The impressive rise of the Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP), which secured a near two-thirds majority as a fresh political force, has generated widespread expectations of long-term political stability in Nepal. Crucially, this internal political stability must now be leveraged as a tool to maintain geopolitical equilibrium. To be sure, this is not the first time Nepal has seen a government with a near two-thirds majority. In the 2017 general elections, the left-wing alliance achieved a similar landslide victory. However, that was a shared success between two distinct entities, the CPN-UML and the CPN (Maoist Centre) and was deeply entangled in the sharp internal contradictions of the communist movement. Consequently, that massive mandate was squandered, leaving the country's geopolitical balance even more fractured.

Following the Gen Z movement and the recent general elections, Nepal has entered a new chapter of opportunity. These historic milestones have generated profound expectations for a meaningful shift in both political mindset and governance. The young, newly appointed Prime Minister, Balendra Shah, has already made it clear that Nepal will move away from traditional, passive concepts like acting as a "buffer state" or maintaining "equal distance." Instead, his administration aims to pursue a foreign policy centered on being a "dynamic bridge" and practicing "equal proximity."

While analysts and politicians may debate the semantics of these terms, the core intent and spirit behind them are what matter most. Meaningful efforts driven by genuine goodwill are bound to yield positive results. Recently, RSP Chairman Rabi Lamichhane concluded a five-day visit to India. Undertaken at the invitation of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Lamichhane's visit should be

viewed as a strategic effort to elevate bilateral ties within this altered political context. High-level engagements of this nature are rarely confined to mere state formalities, they are driven by a strong sense of purpose and underlying missions. It is precisely this shared sense of purpose that makes such high-level dialogues possible. Lamichhane's meetings with top-tier Indian leadershipincluding PM Narendra Modi, Home Minister Amit Shah, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, and Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, indicate that India is keenly observing and welcoming Nepal's new political landscape. It also underscores that New Delhi continues to accord high priority to its relationship with Kathmandu.

Immediately after Lamichhane's return, Foreign Minister Shishir Khanal embarked on an official visit to New Delhi. The meetings between Minister Khanal and his Indian counterpart, S. Jaishankar, culminated in several preliminary agreements. These initial understandings signal a harmonious start to cooperation under Nepal's new political dispensation. Nevertheless, persistent issues like the boundary dispute continue to shadow bilateral ties. It remains unclear what specific discussions the RSP leadership and the current government held with their Indian counterparts on this matter, or what response they received, as both sides have publicly maintained their traditional stances.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs recently urged observers to look at the spirit rather than the literal wording of Prime Minister Balendra Shah's remarks during a parliamentary Q&A session. While the cloud of suspicion has thinned slightly following clarifications that the Prime Minister's remarks on "encroachment" were meant in the context of "cross-border occupation" and that Nepal is not seeking British mediation on the boundary issue, the ruling coalition must deeply reflect on whether these diplomatic maneuvers are sufficient. While governance shortcomings in domestic politics may be forgiven or have limited fallout, any signs of immaturity in managing geopolitical balance and diplomatic relations can carry an incredibly high price tag.

The boundary disputes over Kalapani, Lipulekh, and Limpiyadhura are historical. There is no alternative to resolving these issues through bilateral talks and quiet diplomacy aimed at fostering mutual trust and empathy. Finding the right resolution for long-standing issues can take time; impatience, hyperbole, or any form of political extremism will not yield

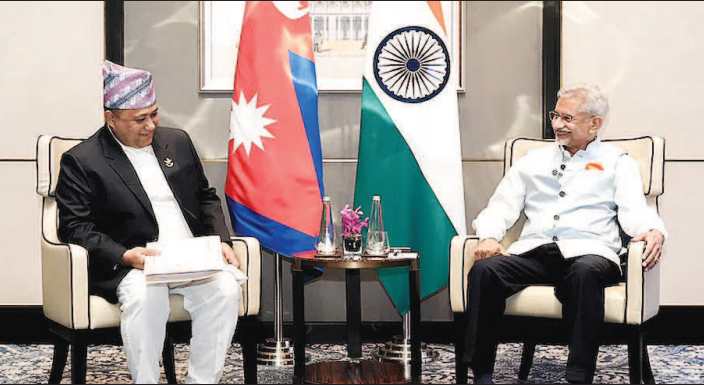
positive results. More importantly, a stalemate on one specific issue should not be allowed to paralyze progress across other dimensions of the relationship.

In this altered environment, both India and Nepal must clearly define their current priorities and core concerns. Nepal needs to articulate exactly what it expects from India, requiring a well-defined, mutually agreed-upon agenda. The strengthening of bilateral ties must be anchored in structured agendas rather than emotional rhetoric or preconceived notions. If certain legacy issues prove too difficult for either side to navigate right now, both nations must be prepared to shelve them temporarily.

The report of the Eminent Persons Group (EPG) is a case in point. It has been eight years since this joint report was prepared. If it has become unacceptable, the reasons behind this gridlock need to be openly addressed. Could a new joint task force not be formed to review it under the current realities? When joint initiatives undertaken through bilateral consensus stall because one party finds them problematic, every effort must be made to find a mutually acceptable middle ground. If that proves impossible, there is no choice but to shelve the matter for the time being. Geopolitical dynamism demands that relationships be viewed through the lens of adaptation, review, and continuous improvement rather than rigidity or stagnation. Protecting shared interests does not mean compromising on sovereignty or surrendering core principles.

Traditional frameworks, such as the historic "Roti-Beti" connection, now require a modern redefinition. While the profound social, cultural, religious, and civilizational ties between the two nations remain foundational, they cannot endure in the modern era without contemporary connectivity, robust physical infrastructure, and deep economic cooperation. In today's world, economic partnership is paramount, and infrastructure is an absolute prerequisite for deepening that economic collaboration.

In Nepal, there is frequent and loud public discourse surrounding a potential railway connection northward to China. In contrast, very little attention is paid to the fact that a Raxaul-Kathmandu railway line to the south - favoured by much easier geography - would be faster to build, significantly cheaper, and far more economically viable. If both governments demonstrate strong political will, constructing this 136-kilometer railway line would not take long. Such infrastructure would dramatically boost people-to-people ties, economic integration, trade, and tourism. The financial realities of the



Pokhara and Bhairahawa international airports have already demonstrated that without robust economic and infrastructure cooperation with India, Nepal will struggle to reap returns from its largest capital investments. On such matters, New Delhi needs to demonstrate greater flexibility, accommodation, and generosity.

Water and energy partnership between Nepal and India must also be elevated to a new level. As Nepal inches closer to becoming self-sufficient in hydropower, India remains its most accessible and logical market. Given India's massive population and its skyrocketing demand for clean energy, a long-term, strategic energy partnership between the two neighbors is vital.

Reviewing legacy irrigation agreements like the Koshi, Gandak, and Sharda treaties could unlock substantial benefits for both sides, especially since these projects rely on century-old technology and design capacities. Similarly, both nations must critically evaluate why mega-projects like the Pancheshwar Multipurpose Project have remained stalled due to mutual distrust.

Concepts like the Cultural Circuit, the Ramayana Circuit, and the Lumbini-Buddhist Circuit present clear win-win opportunities for both countries, where neither side stands to lose anything. There are dozens of such potential agendas between Nepal and India that require meticulous analysis, identification, and execution.

Historically and contemporaneously, Nepal and India have never been adversaries, nor will they be in the future. Sharing a porous border stretching over 1,750 kilometers, the two nations are not merely neighbors; they are partners in a shared civilization. Barring hyperbole and prejudice, it would not be an exaggeration to describe them as "twin nations" of the same civilization. Their heritage, historic sites, and national pride are inextricably linked. The bond between Janakpur and Ayodhya is irreplaceable, just as nothing else can replicate the profound connection connecting Lumbini, Bodhi Gaya, and Samath. Historical misunderstandings that have flared up from time to time

have ultimately harmed both nations, leaving behind painful memories that neither side can recall with pride.

Nepal has no reservations in acknowledging the reality of India as an emerging global power. Similarly, India has never textually or in principle refused to recognize Nepal's sovereignty and strategic autonomy. That being the case, there are no objective reasons why this relationship should not move forward smoothly. Problems born out of subjective anxieties and political posturing are short-lived and yield no good outcomes. Rising above complexes of power superiority or small-state vulnerability to shape relations realistically is the only way to ensure the well-being of the citizens of both countries.

The Balendra Shah administration must leave no stone unturned in imparting a new momentum and warmth to Nepal-India relations. A corresponding reciprocity is naturally expected from the Indian establishment. Treating Nepal as a primary partner under New Delhi's "Neighbourhood First" policy must transcend geopolitical rhetoric and become a tangible reality, a humble acceptance of geographical and historical truth.

Ultimately, both nations lag behind the contemporary developed world in terms of economic development and human living standards. Crucially, the pockets of deepest underdevelopment and poverty in India lie precisely in the states bordering Nepal. The northern regions of Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal much like the southern plains of Nepal's Terai-Madhes remain plagued by weak infrastructure, limited economic opportunities, slow human development, and low per capita income.

Both New Delhi and Kathmandu must honestly acknowledge that they have failed to do justice to their borderlands. Global examples demonstrate that border regions can become vibrant hubs of economic dynamism, high commercial returns, and elevated living standards. Both sides need to seriously ponder why the reality along the Nepal-India border remains so starkly different.

The question that needs an answer

Last week the Republic said something true about itself, and the nation recoiled. The Ministry of External Affairs clarified on Passport Seva Divas that a passport is a travel document and not a document of citizenship. The statement was legally unimpeachable. It also exposed a question India has never fully answered. Let us start with the law because the law is not in dispute. The Passports Act of 1967 governs the issuance of passports and the Citizenship Act of 1955 governs the acquisition and loss of citizenship. While the former regulates a document, the latter determines a status. The courts have consistently considered a passport to be good prima facie evidence that its holder is Indian but never as conclusive proof. Last August, the Bombay High Court iterated that citizenship cannot be established solely through a passport, Aadhaar or voter card. Citizenship, it ruled, is determined under the Citizenship Act. On paper, the ministry merely restated settled doctrine. So why the alarm? The law was settled but the uncertainty was not. Supporters of the clarification dismissed the controversy as a reaction to "old law".

Civil EngineeringCritics feared that the same principle, applied carelessly, could place ordinary citizens at risk. Both sides missed the deeper question. Most Indians were not debating doctrine but asking something more fundamental. If the document that carries the Republic's authority across borders does not prove you belong to it, then what does? The real problem is not legal ambiguity but the absence of a clear answer. Every democracy has the right to maintain

accurate electoral rolls and remove the dead, the duplicated and the genuinely ineligible. A State has the right to establish its nationality and to take action against fraud. The question is narrower and harder.

When the state does ask for proof of citizenship, what can a citizen actually produce? Consider the documents most Indians carry. Aadhaar expressly does not establish citizenship or domicile. Voter ID proves inclusion on an electoral roll, not nationality. PAN is a tax identifier and can be issued to foreign nationals. Ration cards establish eligibility for welfare benefits and driving licenses establish residence and skill. A citizen may possess multiple state-issued documents and still be unable to conclusively establish the status on which all other rights depend. What then counts?

In law, only a limited set of documents: a citizenship certificate, proof of descent from an Indian citizen, or in some cases a birth certificate. Now another challenge starts. Citizenship by birth has changed over time. Those born between 1950 and 1987 are citizens by birth. After 1987, at least one parent had to be an Indian citizen. After 2004, additional conditions were imposed. The consequence is profound. For many Indians, proving citizenship increasingly requires proving the citizenship of their parents, who may in turn have to prove their own. It is here that an exact law collides with an inexact reality. Under Section 9 of the Foreigners Act, 1946, once a credible doubt is raised, the burden falls on the individual to establish that she is not a foreigner. Geographic Reference The problem lies in the evi-

dence. Millions were born when registration was patchy, records incomplete and names inconsistently recorded. The law often assumes an archive that never existed. We have already seen the consequences. Assam's NRC exercise excluded 19 lakh people in 2019. Among them were individuals whose names appeared in historical records and who had participated in public life for decades. Families were divided over documentary discrepancies. A decorated soldier had to approach the courts to establish that he was Indian. Assam is less a verdict on intent than a warning about documentary systems under stress. The warning is relevant today as the ministry did not speak into empty air.

It was answering a question about whether a passport could keep a voter on the rolls during the Special Intensive Revision. The Revision requires the citizen to trace her name (or a parent's) back to a roll that was made many years ago. It has a valid reason for cleaning and updating the register. The difficulty is the same as that which pervades this whole subject. It requires individuals to record a status that the state has not certified. In Bihar, about forty-seven lakh names were struck off in the first round, including names of the deceased and the migrated names, although there were also some names that were disputed. In May, the Supreme Court upheld the exercise.

It also made an observation worth holding on to. The Court observed that inclusion in an electoral roll creates a presumption, not an irrebuttable fact. The burden of reopening citizenship claims falls hardest on the weakest citizens. This is the unre-



solved contradiction. The state is able to verify someone sufficiently to issue a passport. It sends her abroad as it's national. Foreign governments admit her on its word. However, the same verification is not, in law, a final determination of her belonging. This is not being malicious but a task that hasn't been accomplished. A republic can protect itself from fraud but it should not make belonging forever contingent.

So, for the poorest the honest answer to the question 'Are you a citizen?', is 'it depends upon what you can produce today'. Citizenship, according to Hannah Arendt, is the right to have rights. Strip a person of it and every other guarantee, to speech, to property, to liberty itself, becomes a courtesy that can be withdrawn. That's why the gap is not a clerical issue but a constitutional one. Other democracies closed it long ago, not trusting documents, but constructing one. A universal and clean civil register. All births were recorded with no exceptions in records that outlive memory. India never finished that work, and no government, of any party, has ever completed it.

Statelessness, thus, doesn't

come as a command. Rather, it's more frequently in a form that isn't fillable. The cure is unshowy in the form of Universal birth registration and honest-durable archives. And, someday, one document that explicitly declares citizenship, so that nationality never again hangs on a missing page or a misspelt name. If a state can find a person to tax her, and enrol her, and record her data, she can be found by them to confirm that she is its own. None of this is a weakening of the law but completing it. Until then the ministry's honesty stands. The passport is a travel document and there are tougher truths to be found underneath.

In the Republic of India, the concept of citizenship continues to lack its own document and a right that can't be proven is, after all, a right that's based on trust. So, ask yourself the question that was posed to us all. Are you a citizen of India? Then go to the more difficult one. Could you prove it to someone who had reason to doubt you, if you were asked to? For a great many Indians that is not an abstraction. Their situation in the Republic could become a question they will have to answer.

Pakistan: Crypto dispute emerges in foreign women gangrape case involving Dy PM Ishaq Dar’s relative

Islamabad, July 5: The ongoing probe in Pakistan in connection with the abduction and gangrape of two foreign women have led to a fresh line of investigation, with officials pointing towards a possible cryptocurrency-related dispute behind the high-profile case. Notably, Muhammad Raza Dar, a key accused in the matter, is a relative of Pakistan’s Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar, IANS reported. Local media reports have even claimed that Raza Dar is a grandson of Ishaq Dar. This comes after one of the survivors recorded her statement before a judicial magistrate as part of the ongoing investigation. In her testimony, the woman-claimed that Muhammad Raza Dar received \$100,000 in exchange for securing her release.



As per the copy of the survivor’s statement obtained by ARY News, she informed the magistrate that a group of armed men entered the house where she and her friend had been staying. The woman alleged that both of them were restrained and locked inside a room by the attackers, while Raza Dar repeatedly demanded access to a computer and cryptocurrency funds. “They asked where the computer with the money

was, and I told them it was in the green bag,” ARY News quoted the survivor as saying. Further, she claimed to have been struck on the head while being held captive. Also, it has been alleged that one of the armed men threatened them with death if they failed to hand over the money being demanded. “He told me if we gave them the money, we would live. If we didn’t, they would kill us,” she told the magistrate. According to reports, the

survivor described an incident during which she was sexually assaulted by two of the accused while another suspect stood guard outside. “They were laughing, slapped me and told me to keep quiet when I started crying,” she is believed to have stated during her testimony before the magistrate. As per the woman’s statement, Raza Dar allegedly used her mobile phone to send messages to people in her contact list requesting money. While nobody responded to them initially, the mother of the second woman later informed the suspects that \$100,000 had been arranged. Among the two women, one is from the Netherlands and the other from Venezuela. They were allegedly abducted on June 29 and subsequently gangraped in Lahore.

‘We will always be on top’: Donald Trump mixes patriotism with partisanship to celebrates 250th anniversary of US

Washington July, 5: Commemorated 250th anniversary of American independence, US President Donald Trump mixed partisan politics with patriotic appeals as he declared the event as “one of the most joyous and glorious milestones of all time.”Executive Branch. During his address at the National Mall in Washington, Trump honoured veterans, including those from World War II as well as one of the first Black officers to lead a Special Forces team in combat in Vietnam, The Associated Press reported. The event took place after storms prompted a nearly two-hour evacuation of the venue. In his campaign-style speech that repeated his calls for new voting restrictions, Trump warned that “communists” could gain ground in

the United States. Besides lauding American achievements like war victories, the lunar landing and the Wright brothers’ pioneering flight, the US President urged Congress to pass stalled legislation aimed at limiting mail ballots and requiring proof of citizenship to register to vote. He even claimed to have “wiped out” Iran’s military and cautioned against a rise of communism in the country. “We will always be on top... We will never let our country fall. We will



always be the best,” Trump said. Politics (Right) He even joked about seeking a third presidential term and about World War II’s “greatest generation.”“They are the greatest generation... I hate to admit that, but they are,” he added.

Donald Trump says July 4 speech will happen ‘no matter what’ as storms threaten event



Washington July, 5: US President Donald Trump said he will deliver his much-awaited speech to

mark the country’s 250th anniversary at the National Mall “no matter what,” even as thunder-

storms threatened to disrupt the event. “Storms bring luck to whatever the occasion. They also make events a little bit more exciting! We will wait it out, I don’t care if it’s 2:00 O’Clock in the morning, or in one hour from now. Looks like it is going to pass, they always do. I will be there no matter what, but the ‘what’ usually turns out to be a good thing,” Trump wrote on his Truth Social platform. This came after authorities ordered the crowd to evacuate the area near the Washington Monument

where Trump was scheduled to speak. The group organising the event, Freedom 250, stated that they would be readmitted and Trump would speak at 11 p.m. ET, one hour later than the previous schedule, Reuters reported. Earlier on Saturday, visitors waited for hours to get into the event, amid temperatures reaching 102 degrees Fahrenheit (39 degrees Celsius). The record-breaking heat wave even led to the cancellation of several parades and other events in the area.

Pope Leo Calls on America to Uphold Immigrant Legacy and Human Dignity

Vatican City, July 5: Pope Leo XIV has urged the United States to remain true to its historic values of liberty, unity and compassion, praising the country’s long tradition of welcoming immigrants while calling for greater protection of human dignity. The Pope delivered the message in a live address from the Vatican after receiving the Liberty Medal from the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia. His speech came as the United States celebrates the 250th anniversary of the United States Declaration of Independence. Without mentioning Donald Trump by name, Pope Leo’s remarks were widely interpreted as an indirect criticism of the Trump administration’s restrictive immigration policies. The Pope has previously described such policies as “inhuman” and has consistently advocated for the rights of migrants and refugees. Highlighting America’s history as a nation built by immigrants, Pope Leo said the country’s moral and democratic strength lies in its willingness to welcome people seeking freedom and opportunity. He urged Americans to preserve the ideals that have made the nation a global symbol of liberty. “The moral greatness of a nation is



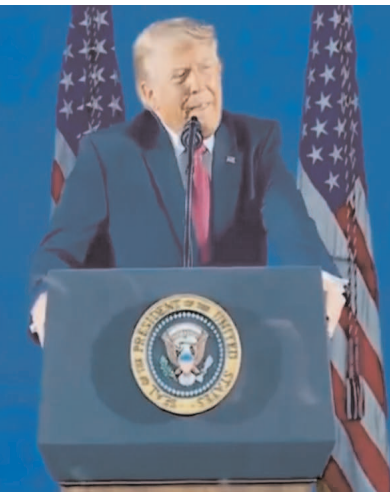
manifested, above all, in its capacity to support, protect and cherish the lives of all, especially the most vulnerable and those whose worth is questioned,” the Pope said. He also reaffirmed the Catholic Church’s pro-life position by calling on lawmakers to enact legislation that would “recognise and safeguard” human life from conception until natural death. The Pope stressed that protecting life at every stage is essential to building a just and compassionate society. Calling for unity, Pope Leo said a nation can truly flourish only when its people are united by



enduring ideals rather than short-term political goals or temporary interests. He urged Americans to strengthen their commitment to justice, freedom, human dignity and solidarity. The speech reinforced the Vatican’s long-standing emphasis on human rights, care for migrants and the sanctity of life. It also served as a reminder that America’s founding principles of liberty and equality should continue to guide its policies and national identity as the country marks 250 years of independence.

Trump calls Communism America’s greatest threat, bigger than Pearl Harbor and 9/11, at Mount Rushmore on America’s 250th anniversary

Washington July, 5: US President Donald Trump turned America’s 250th Independence anniversary address into a sweeping warning against Communism, telling supporters at Mount Rushmore that the ideology posed a “mortal threat” to American liberty. Speaking in South Dakota on the eve of July 4 celebrations, Trump framed the anniversary not only as a national milestone but as a moment to defend American identity, history and culture. He also called for ending the filibuster to pass the SAVE America Act, linking the issue directly to the coming midterm elections.



Trump says Communism is ‘enemy of July 4th, 1776’ Trump said the United States was facing a renewed ideological challenge decades after the Cold War. “Communism is a mortal threat to American Liberty. It is the Greatest Threat to our Country including World War One, World War Two, Pearl Harbor, or 9/11,” Trump said. Executive Branch He added, “Because Communism is the enemy of Free People everywhere. It is the enemy of the Constitution. Above all, it is the Enemy of July 4th, 1776.” The President said the issue was not a routine political disagreement over taxes or regulation. He described it as a direct challenge to the American way of life. “These are not mere political disagreements, like differences over taxes or regulations,” he said. Trump claimed that Communist ideas had resurfaced in the US, including among “newcomers to our country who embrace ideas totally opposed to our way of life.” The President also attacked what he called “Marxist lies” about American heritage. “You can be loyal to Karl Marx, or you can be loyal to America. You can be a Communist, or you can be a Patriot. You cannot be both,” Trump said. He accused critics of America’s founding story of attacking the country’s future. “As for those who would peddle Marxist lies about our heritage—who tell our children that we live on stolen land, or that our heroes were oppressors—they are

doing something much worse than slandering our past. They are attacking our future,” he said. Trump said such views were an attempt to “tear down the American Character” and destroy the people who “declared Independence, crossed the Delaware, settled the West, and conquered the skies.” He ended that section with a blunt pledge: “America will never be a ComTrump links filibuster fight to midterms Trump also urged lawmakers to end the filibuster and pass the SAVE America Act. “We can only lose the midterms if we allow ourselves to lose the midterms—if we are foolish, stupid, and unwise,” he said. “But if we terminate the filibuster as we should do, and immediately vote for the SAVE America Act, then we will not lose an election for 100 years,” Trump added. President praises America as ‘most exceptional nation’ While much of the speech focused on Communism and American identity, Trump also used the Mount Rushmore backdrop to celebrate the country’s 250-year journey. Executive Branch “At 250 Years, America is the oldest Republic on earth. We are the freest people on earth. We have the most righteous and enduring Constitution on earth. We are the strongest and most powerful country on earth,” Trump said. He described the United States as “the most successful, most accomplished, most exceptional nation ever to exist in

human history.” Trump said America’s story was built on “liberty, justice, equality, self-government, and unmatched prosperity.” “What we have created in this country is not the natural way of the world. It is not the norm. It is the exception. It is rare, it is priceless, and it is truly mir Trump used the Mount Rushmore setting to invoke George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln and Theodore Roosevelt. “These are the men who declared the freedom, won our freedom, saved our freedom, and secured our freedom,” he said. He described them as “men of action, men of ambition, men of daring, men of destiny.” Trump said their faces were carved into the mountain not only because of what they did, but because they represented the American character. “The identity of a nation is the destiny of a nation,” he said. July 4 proclamation issued Earlier in the day, Trump proclaimed July 4, 2026, as the 250th anniversary of the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. “I urge all Americans to proudly observe this day with all due ceremony to honour the glorious heritage, history, and accomplishments of our beloved Republic,” the proclamation said. Trump also signed pardons for six people who were prosecuted under the Biden administration before leaving for South Dakota, according to ANI.

2,645 dead, 890 aftershocks, thousands still missing: Venezuela’s earthquake nightmare is far from over

The death toll from the powerful earthquakes that struck Venezuela on June 24 has risen to 2,645, with 12,666 people injured as emergency teams continue rescue and relief operations across the country. The latest official update indicates that thousands remain displaced while authorities race to provide shelter, medical care and essential supplies. The disaster has also triggered hundreds of aftershocks, complicating rescue efforts and raising concerns over damaged infrastructure. National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez, who also heads the command centre overseeing temporary camps, said 6,462 people have been rescued so far. He added that assistance has reached 86,117 affected families. Relief operations continue across affected

regions According to Rodriguez, the earthquakes damaged 885 buildings, while another 189 structures collapsed. Authorities have established 59 temporary camps to accommodate displaced residents. More than 3,300 international rescuers and nearly 29,600 emergency responders remain deployed across affected areas, he said. Rodriguez also said Venezuela has recorded 890 aftershocks since the twin earthquakes struck. National mourning declared for earthquake victims Acting President Delcy Rodriguez on Thursday declared seven days of national mourning to honour those who lost their lives in the disaster. “In honour of the memory of the victims, I have decided to decree National Mourning for seven (7)



days, starting at 6:00 p.m. today,” she said in a statement posted on social media. “In these moments of profound sadness, we embrace those who suffer from this tragedy and reaffirm our commitment to accompany and protect them.” She also said, “Venezuela’s soul is torn by the human losses caused by the devastating earthquakes.” The two earthquakes, measuring magnitude 7.5 and 7.2, struck north of

Caracas on June 24. Authorities have previously said tens of thousands of people remain missing. Earlier, Delcy Rodriguez had urged health workers, firefighters and security personnel to register on the Patria platform to support relief efforts, particularly those related to housing for displaced families. Authorities had initially activated 25 temporary camps across several regions before expanding relief arrangements.

Aamir Khan Reportedly Finds Love Again, Marries Gauri Spratt

Mumbai, July 5: Bollywood actor Aamir Khan has reportedly tied the knot with his longtime partner Gauri Spratt in a private and intimate ceremony attended by close family members and friends. Speculation about the couple’s relationship had been growing for several months. Earlier this year, during his 60th birthday celebrations, Aamir publicly introduced Gauri to the media, revealing that they had known each other for many years and that their friendship had eventually blossomed into a relationship. Since then, reports about a possible wedding had been circulating. According to media reports, the couple has now exchanged vows in a simple ceremony, choosing to keep the event low-key. However, neither Aamir Khan nor his representa-



tives have officially confirmed the marriage. If confirmed, this would be Aamir Khan’s third marriage. He was first married to Reena Dutta, with whom he has two children. After their separation, he married filmmaker Kiran Rao in 2005. The couple announced their separation in 2021 but have continued

to maintain an amicable relationship, co-parent their son, and collaborate professionally. Gauri Spratt, who is believed to be based in Bengaluru and comes from a business background, has largely stayed away from the public eye. She recently attracted attention after making public appearances alongside Aamir at a few

events. While the reports have generated considerable interest among fans and the entertainment industry, an official announcement from Aamir Khan or his team is still awaited. Until then, the news of their marriage should be treated as unconfirmed media speculation.

Alpha Movie Review

Cast - Alia Bhatt, Sharvari, Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol, Dia Mirza, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, Kiara Khanna, Vishal Katpal, Shubhi Mehta, Digvijay Sawant, Bhushan Simpi, Pavleen Gujral, Pranay Narayan, Rajiv Ranjan, Hrithik Roshan & others

Director - Shiv Rawail

Producer - Aditya Chopra

Banner - Yash Raj Films

Music - Rohanash and Abeer Pandit, Sanchit Balhara and Ankit Balhara

Since 2012, a total of six films have been released in the ‘YRF Spy Universe’ franchise. The first four films, Ek Tha Tiger, Tiger Zinda Hai, War & Pathaan, were super successful at the box office and helped to build a fandom for the Spy Universe. Unfortunately, the last two films in the franchise, Tiger 3 and War 2, ended up as duds and dented the prospects of the upcoming films. At a time when a blockbuster success is the need of the hour to reclaim the franchise’s brand value, Yash Raj Films, announced, Alpha, the first film in the franchise with two women in the lead roles. Alia Bhatt and Sharvari, played the lead roles in the film. After getting postponed a couple of times in the last few months, the film was finally released in theatres today. Did Alpha instil life into a sinking franchise? Did, Alia Bhatt and Sharvari, help the YRF Spy Universe’s lost glory? Let’s figure it out with a detailed analysis.

What is it about?

Due to an unfortunate incident, Sita(Alia Bhatt) and Durga(Sharvari), the twin sisters, get separated, at a hospital right after their birth. The father(Anil Kapoor) was made to believe that his elder daughter is dead. What was the unfortunate incident that made the twins get separated? What exactly is ‘Alpha’ serum? Why is Fateh Singh Lakhawat(Bobby Deol) hell-bent on getting the serum developed? What exactly does Alpha serum do when it is injected into the bodies of the army soldiers? What is the real identity of Fateh Singh Lakhawat? Forms the rest of the story.

Performances:



Alia Bhatt’s screen presence and performance are the only saving graces in this forgettable film. She looked good, performed well and even looked like a live wire during the action sequences. Sharvari looked good but there is not much to talk about her performance. She has improved her acting skills a lot if she’s serious about a career as an actor. Anil Kapoor, Bobby Deol, and even the usually very reliable, Dibyendu Bhattacharya, delivered terrible performances. Not just these three actors, almost all the actors in the film looked out of place and uninterested.

Technicalities:

Alpha is one of those very rare films where almost every technical department, came up with a bland output. There’s not much the technicians can do when the script was written badly. Everything that could go wrong, had gone wrong for the film at the writing table itself. So, the entire blame should go to the writing team and the director but not the technicians. It is high time for Aditya Chopra to hire good writers. Audiences just aren’t interested in seeing ‘all style & no substance’ spy drama films anymore.

Positives:

1.? ?Alia Bhatt Performance

Negatives:

1.? ?Beaten to Death Storyline

2.? ?Unexciting Direction

3.? ?Lack of original ideas

4.? ?Bad Music

5.? ?Terrible Performances

6.? ?Poorly Executed Hrithik’s Cameo

Analysis:

Even if you consciously try to avoid comparing, while watching Alpha, your mind cannot help

but draw parallels with both parts of the Dhurandhar franchise. It is almost impossible to match the standards set by Dhurandhar for any filmmakers in India who aim to make a film in the ‘Spy Thriller’ genre in the future, but the least the audience expects is an honest effort. There’s no way the high-on-style-without-any-substance films work any more in this genre. In Dhurandhar, we have seen that a spy is expected to lead an invisible life and if required, a spy is also expected to stay away from having any contact with the family. Nation comes first, is what the spies believe in. But, at the end of Alpha, Anil Kapoor says the following dialogue to Alia Bhatt – ‘Kill him...For your family, for yourself and for the nation. This particular dialogue effectively summarises the film. At its heart, Alpha is a ‘Family Drama’ but not exactly a ‘Spy Thriller’. All we get to see throughout the film is the boring drama between two sisters and their father, against the backdrop of spies and terrorists. Even if you step into the theatre with the least of expectations, Alpha will still fail to reach your lowest of low expectations.

The director started the film on a boring note with terrible and seemingly uninterested performances by Anil Kapoor and Bobby Deol and continued the bland narration until the end. Lead actors in designer clothes, exotic locations, bikinis, liberal doses of skin show, slow motion walking shots of the lead actors and a cameo, we will see all these aforementioned trademark YRF Spy Universe qualities in Alpha as well. Unfortunately, none of those elements was able to save this mess of a film. It is no exaggeration to say the team at YRF, were unable to come up with at least one engaging sequence in a film with around 140 minutes runtime. It feels as if the people associated with the film, lost interest even before the filming started, and they just worked for

the sake of completing and releasing the film.

There was a cameo of Hrithik Roshan in the role of Kabir, for about ten minutes. It was shocking to see the director and his team, coming up with such an unexciting writing & execution for the cameo role. There may have been many cameo roles in films in the past which failed to create an impact, but Hrithik Roshan’s cameo in Alpha, should certainly qualify as the worst of all. Read this – ‘A R&AW Chief, who can single-handedly kill a huge group of attackers, right before killing the attackers, asks his self-reliant daughters to go to a safe house by road. Know what? It takes 72 hours for the daughters to reach the safe house. They have to ride bikes, drive a car, walk for some time, climb mountains and swim for a while in lakes, to reach the safe house’. While watching the above-mentioned brain rot of a sequence, we start to wonder, why in the world does he transport them to the safe house through a chopper? Isn’t it quick and safe? After all, he’s the chief of R&AW, and he can order his team to quickly come and rescue his daughters. Instead, he gives two bikes to the daughters and asks them to go to the safe house. Why? Because, the director and his writing team, want to show us the riding skills, swimming skills, mountain climbing sequences, cleavage and biking clad bodies of the lead actresses.

Overall, apart from stylishly appearing lead actresses, Alpha, has nothing else to offer. The writing, the screenplay, the direction, the acting, the music and almost everything else, misfired and ended up making, Alpha, a mess of a film. With, Tiger 3, War 2 and Alpha, YRF Spy Universe, delivered three consecutive duds and severely dented the brand value of the franchise. YRF has only two options now, i.e., either shelve the franchise or hire good writers and come up with grippingly made spy stories and thrillers. And yes, do yourself a favour for now, stay away from stepping into a theatre to watch, Alpha. It has nothing to warrant your valuable time of two and a half hours.



Naga Vamsi Explains Why Producers Should Not Stay on Film Sets

Producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi recently shared his thoughts about film production and explained why he believes a producer does not need to stay on the movie set every day. His comments have now become a big talking point among cinema lovers. Speaking in an interview, Naga Vamsi said many people believe that a producer can reduce expenses by staying on the shooting location. However, he completely disagrees with that idea. According to him, this belief is "trash."

He explained that when a producer is present on the set, the production team often gives special VIP treatment. This can actually increase the overall expenses instead of reducing them. Extra arrangements, hospitality, and unnecessary attention may add to the production cost. Naga Vamsi also spoke about the relationship between a producer and a director. He said a producer may ask ques-



tions like, "Why was this scene not completed today?" While such questions may seem normal, they can create pressure on the director. Over time, this can affect the trust and understanding between both of them.

He believes that a director should be given enough freedom to complete the film in the best possible way. A healthy relationship between the producer and director is important for the success of any project. Instead of interfering in daily shooting activities, a producer should focus on supporting the team and solving bigger production chal-

lenges. Meanwhile, Naga Vamsi is also making headlines for his upcoming big project with N. T. Rama Rao Jr. and director Trivikram Srinivas. The producer recently hinted that Trivikram’s most ambitious vision will soon unfold on a grand scale. Industry reports suggest the film could be a large-scale mythological drama. There is also speculation that the movie may be titled Shanmukhudu, and Jr NTR could reportedly play the role of Lord Murugan. However, the makers have not officially confirmed the title, story, or character details.

Mahesh fans face Their Toughest yet Happiest Phase



For many years, fans of Superstar Mahesh Babu have waited to see him work with director SS Rajamouli. When the project was finally announced, excitement reached a new level. It is one of the biggest Indian films in production, and expectations are very high from both fans and movie lovers. At the same time, this has become a difficult period for Mahesh Babu fans. Rajamouli is known for taking a long time to complete his films. He believes in perfect planning and never rushes his work. Because of this, Mahesh has not released any other film during this long schedule. Fans are happy because he is working on a dream project, but they also miss seeing their favorite star on screen regularly. Last year, many fans

expected a special update on Mahesh Babu’s birthday. However, no teaser, poster, or glimpse was released on that day. The team later shared the first look after a few months. While the glimpse received a great response, many fans felt disappointed that there was no birthday surprise. Now, expectations are growing once again. Mahesh Babu’s birthday is coming closer, and fans are hoping the makers will release at least a small teaser, a character poster, or a short video. Even a simple update would make the celebrations more special for them.

The film has stayed quiet for some time after the first glimpse. Many believe this is the right moment to start creating more excitement. Since the movie is planned on a

huge scale, regular promotional content can help keep the buzz alive until release. Rajamouli has always followed his own style of promotions. His films usually create massive hype closer to release, and his strategy has worked many times before. Still, fans feel that giving a birthday gift to Mahesh Babu’s supporters would be a wonderful gesture and increase excitement even more. Mahesh fans are now experiencing both happiness and patience. They know they are waiting for one of the biggest films of his career, but the long wait is testing them. If the team shares something special on his birthday, it could make this waiting period much more memorable and give fans another reason to celebrate.

Samantha Wait or Sai Pallavi Entry?



Director Nandini Reddy is enjoying the success of Maa Inti Bangaaram. The film, starring Samantha, has received a very good response from audiences and continues to perform well even after its release. It has become one of the biggest women-centric hits in recent Telugu cinema. After this success, many people are talking about Nandini Reddy’s next project. The makers have already hinted that Maa Inti Bangaaram may continue with a second part. Reports say that the basic idea for the sequel is ready, and the team is expected to develop the full script in the coming months.

However, the biggest question is about Samantha’s availability. Since she is taking a maternity break, fans are wondering if Nandini Reddy will wait until Samantha returns or direct another film before starting the sequel. As of now, there has been no official announcement about the shooting schedule. Nandini Reddy is also believed to have a few other story ideas. If she finds the right actor and the dates match, she may complete another project during this gap. Otherwise, she could choose to wait and focus completely on the sequel once Samantha is ready to return. At the same time, there is another interesting discussion among movie fans. Sammatha herself said that Sai Pallavi was originally considered as the first choice for Maa Inti Bangaaram before she came on board.

Because of these rumours, a few fans are also wondering whether Sai Pallavi could appear in the second part of the story and introduce a new female lead. This is also just fan discussion, and there is no official update supporting it. For now, the future of Maa Inti Bangaaram 2 depends on the completion of the script and Samantha’s return. Fans are eagerly waiting to hear what Nandini Reddy decides next.

Akhil Is Giving Everything for Lenin

The promotions for the upcoming Telugu movie Lenin are creating a lot of buzz. The film stars Akhil Akkineni and Bhagyashri Borse in the lead roles. While both actors are working hard to promote the movie, many fans have noticed that Akhil is getting more attention during the promotional events. In the past, Bhagyashri often became the center of attraction during movie promotions. Whether it was Mr. Bachchan or Andhra King Taluka, she impressed audiences with her confident presence and glamorous style. However, this time, things seem to be different. Akhil has been very active in promoting Lenin. He is attending almost every event, interacting with the media, and speaking confidently about the film. His interviews and public appearances have attracted the attention of fans and social media users. Many people feel that he is leading the promotional campaign with great energy.



The reason behind this is easy to understand. Lenin is one of the most important films in Akhil’s career. After facing a few setbacks with his previous movies, he is hoping this film will become a big success and help him build a stronger position in the Telugu film industry. Because of that, he is leaving no stone unturned to make sure the movie reaches a wide audience. Bhagyashri also has high hopes for the film. She has been receiving good offers in Telugu cinema and wants to continue her successful journey. A hit with Lenin will further strengthen her career and

help her maintain her growing popularity. Even though both stars need the movie to perform well, many believe the pressure is much higher on Akhil. Bhagyashri already has a positive image and several opportunities, while Akhil is looking for a much-needed commercial success to revive his career. For that reason, his strong involvement in the promotions has become one of the biggest talking points. Directed by Murali Kishor Abburu, Lenin is produced by Nagarjuna Akkineni and Naga Vamsi. The film is scheduled to release in theatres on July 10.

Shocker! Hombale, Hrithik & Parasuram

Last time, a few Telugu directors like Gopichand Malineni met and narrated stories to Hrithik Roshan; many Telugu movie lovers felt that the Bollywood star wouldn’t even sign these commercial masala flicks that are being narrated by our filmmakers. But it looks like the people who expressed their surprise at that time are now in for a shock. Because an unexpected combo is likely to take off, if Film Nagar rumours are anything to go by. A rumour is being heard loud that director Parasuram, who has carved out movies like Family Star, Sarkaruvari Paata, Geetha Govindam and others, has recently narrated a story to Hrithik Roshan and bowled him out. None other than the makers of films like KGF and Salaar, Hombale Films, are likely to pro-

duce the movie if reports are true. However, people who heard about this combination are asking if Hrithik Roshan really heard the script and okayed it. On the flip side, there’s always a chance that any director who made a flop recently could narrate a beautiful story for his next and make it work. So maybe Parasuram might have really rejected a story for Hrithik and got his approval. However, there’s nothing confirmed so far, as there are chances that Hrithik will work with a South director, but definitely not Parasuram, but a much bigger director. Earlier, it has also come out that the director of films like Thandel and Karthikeya, Chandu Mondeti, is likely to make a film with Hrithik Roshan for Geetha Arts.

Nani Eyeing On New Lot, Already Caught One?

Well, a couple of days ago, it came out that even Tamil director TJ Gnanavel of Jai Bhim fame, who has been waiting for Nani’s dates for a year or so, has walked out and is doing a film with Suriya again. However, “The Paradise” star is not short of talent, and he’s eyeing a new lot of film-

makers who could join him immediately after his latest outing gets released in September 2026. A big piece of news is coming out that Tamil director Subhash K Raj, who has carved Arjun Sarja’s Blast, which has heroine Preity Mukundan playing an almost lead role and clicked well at the

box office, is now in talks with Nani. Blast became a surprise blockbuster for its pacing, realistic fights, and simple point, but also for an interesting screenplay. At the same time, the film was shot on a shoestring budget with limited locations and in a short time.

Kirti Azad seeks answers from BCCI, raises voice against adult ads during IND-ENG telecast

New Delhi, July 5 : Former India cricketer and Trinamool Congress MP Kirti Azad has questioned the broadcast of an alleged adult advertisement during the second T20I between India and England at Old Trafford, urging the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to examine the matter.

Azad, who also posted about the issue on social media during the match, said the presence of such advertisements during a game watched by millions of children raised serious concerns and warned that he would take up the issue in Parliament if necessary. Elaborating on his concerns, Azad said cricket's massive family audience made the issue particularly significant, arguing that children should not be exposed to such content during live sporting events.

"This is an adult adver-



tisement. Children watch the match with their parents. They are children under 16 years old. In this country, cricket is considered a religion. When I was watching it, 44 crore people were watching it, and an adult advertisement appeared during the match," Azad told IANS.

The former all-rounder said such advertisements often leave parents in an uncomfortable position while prompting questions from children who may not understand the context. "Parents don't know

where to look, and children don't understand it. They ask what it is. What effect will it have on their minds? This is a very big question, and the BCCI should answer it. How are they allowing all this?" he questioned.

Azad also asked why such advertisements were being aired when promotions related to alcohol and tobacco remain prohibited. "Alcohol and cigarette advertisements are all banned, and they should be. So why adult advertisements? And that too

between overs. I raise a big question over its validity," he said.

While stopping short of calling for immediate legal action, Azad maintained that the cricket board should first address the matter. However, he indicated he was prepared to pursue it further if required. "The BCCI has to look into it. If needed, then yes, I will raise it in Parliament. I will definitely raise it," he added.

Sharing his objection on X during the match, Azad had called on the BCCI to take note of what he described as an inappropriate advertisement during the live telecast. He wrote, "Children are watching live the international T20 match between India and England being played at Old Trafford. Isn't it a shame that an adult advertisement for Durex comes on the screen @BCCI to take note."

Babar returns as Test captain as Pakistan name squads for West Indies, England tours



Lahore, July 5 : Pakistan have handed Babar Azam the Test captaincy once again while announcing their squads for the upcoming tours of the West Indies and England, marking the former skipper's return to leadership after he stepped away from the role in 2023.

The Pakistan Men's National Selection Committee unveiled the squads during a press conference at the Gaddafi Stadium in Lahore on Sunday. Babar will lead the side in both the two-Test series against the West Indies, scheduled from July 25 to August 6, and the three-Test series in England, scheduled for August 19 to September 13. A 16-member squad has been named for the West Indies tour, while a 17-member group has been picked for the England series. Saud Shakeel has

been included in the England squad, subject to fitness.

The selectors have also rewarded four uncapped players with call-ups. Left-arm spinner Ali Usman, right-handed batter Muhammad Awais Zafar, right-arm pacer Ubaid Shah, and wicketkeeper-batter Muhammad Ghazi Ghorri have all been named in the squads as Pakistan look to inject fresh talent into the Test setup.

Babar's appointment marks a significant turnaround in Pakistan's leadership timeline. The 31-year-old had resigned as captain across all formats in November 2023 following Pakistan's group-stage exit from the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in India. Although he returned as Pakistan's ODI and T20I captain in March 2024, that stint proved short-lived. Babar stepped down from the white-ball captain-

cy again in October 2024, ending his second spell in charge after just six months.

His latest appointment now sees him return to the helm of the Test side as Pakistan prepare for two challenging overseas assignments against the West Indies and England.

Squad for West Indies tour: Babar Azam (captain), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Fazal, Ali Usman, Azan Awais, Imam ul Haq, Khurram Shahzad, Mohammad Abbas, Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Rizwan (wicket-keeper), Mohammad Awais Zafar, Muhammad Ghazi Ghorri (wicket-keeper), Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, Shan Masood, and Ubaid Shah

Squad for England tour: Babar Azam (captain), Aamir Jamal, Abdullah Fazal, Ali Usman, Azan Awais, Imam ul Haq, Khurram Shahzad, Mohammad Abbas, Mohammad Ali, Mohammad Rizwan (wicket-keeper), Muhammad Awais Zafar, Muhammad Ghazi Ghorri (wicket-keeper), Sajid Khan, Salman Ali Agha, Saud Shakeel (subject to fitness), Shan Masood, and Ubaid Shah

Schedule for West Indies series: July 25-29 – 1st Test, Brian Lara Cricket Academy, Tarouba
August 2-6 – 2nd Test, Queen's Park Oval, Port of Spain, Port of Spain

Schedule for England series: August 19-23 – 1st Test, Leeds
August 27-31 – 2nd Test, Lord's
September 9-13 – 3rd Test, Birmingham

Rayudu Defends Sanju Samson After T20I Snub, Backs Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's Bright Future

New Delhi, July 5: Former India batter Ambati Rayudu has voiced his support for Sanju Samson after the wicketkeeper-batter was left out of India's playing XI for the second T20I against the England cricket team. While celebrating the international debut of teenage opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Rayudu urged fans not to overlook Samson's significant contribution to India's recent T20 success.

India made a change to the batting line-up after Samson managed just one run from seven balls in the opening T20I. The team handed a debut to the highly-rated Sooryavanshi, one of the country's most exciting young batting prospects, in a move aimed at strengthening the top order.

Reacting to the selection decision, Rayudu took to social media platform X, where he reminded fans that Samson had been one of India's standout performers in the recent T20 World Cup.

"Let's spare a thought for Sanju Samson... very happy to see Vaibhav make his debut, and it



deserves a celebration, but let's not forget that Sanju was the man of the tournament in the T20 World Cup just three T20 games ago," Rayudu wrote.

The former batter also expressed confidence that Samson would overcome the disappointment and make a strong comeback. At the same time, he wished the young debutant a successful and memorable international career.

"I just hope he comes back strong and also wish Vaibhav a very

long and record-shattering career," Rayudu added.

Samson's omission has sparked widespread discussion among cricket fans and former players, with many questioning the decision to drop a player who was instrumental in India's recent T20 World Cup triumph. His Player of the Tournament performance remains fresh in the minds of fans, making his exclusion after a solitary low score a major talking point.

Meanwhile,

Sooryavanshi displayed his fearless batting approach despite a modest debut. The youngster scored 14 runs off just 10 deliveries, including two towering sixes, before being dismissed.

England went on to register a four-wicket victory in the second T20I, taking a 1-0 lead in the five-match series after the opening game ended in a washout. England now needs two more wins to clinch the series, while India must win all the remaining matches to secure the contest.

2nd T20I: 'We played for a perfect team, can do better,' says Ishan after loss to England

Manchester, July 5 : India batter Ishan Kishan claimed that the team management had picked the 'perfect team' for the second T20I against England, rejecting the suggestion that they needed an off-spinner to stem the run-flow in the middle overs.

Ishan Kishan scored 49 and, along with skipper Shreyas Iyer (37) and Abhishek Sharma (43), helped India post a challenging 190/7 upon electing to bat first at Old Trafford on Saturday. However, England rode on an unbeaten 76 from Jacob Bethell to overhaul the target and reach 191/6 in 19 overs, recovering from a precarious 1/2 and 51/3 for a four-wicket win. The key to India's defeat was the 17th over bowled by Ravi Bishnoi that cost 29 runs as the leggie finished with figures of 4-0-60-0.

Asked whether India needed an off-spinner to capitalise on the situation in the middle and lower-order, Ishan Kishan said the bowlers picked for the match were "quality bowlers," and all this talk was conjecture.

"No, I mean, we played for a perfect team, you know. It's just that when you don't win, there are a lot of thoughts coming in, a lot of ifs and buts are coming in. But at the same time, I feel all of them were very good bowlers who have done well in the past, who have made their team win in different situations. Even bowling on very flat tracks and still getting wickets. So, I don't think we could have done anything different looking at the team side," said Ishan Kishan in the post-match press conference.

Kishan, however, admitted that the team has to consider how it can improve its performance, taking the conditions into account.

"Yeah, like I said, we need to just understand what conditions are and how we can improve, what we can do better. You know, thoughts will keep coming in. But at the end of the day, we just need to understand the situation, like we are playing outside India, and what the pitch requires from us as a batter and as a bowler. Not only one batter or one bowler can, you know, just make the difference. But as a group, I feel we need to just understand more, like where we can get better," he added.

Kishan came in at one down as India went in with 15-year-old opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi in the second match. The first match was abandoned without a ball being bowled in the second innings after India posted 189/7 in the rain-hit match.

Pointing out that the team has been losing momentum in the backend and falling short by 15-20 runs from what they could have in both times they batted in this series, the Jharkhand wicketkeeper-batter said the team has to improve, and said all batters would have to think about where they can score those 20-plus runs.

He said they will have to look at the



hosts' batters to understand what they are doing better because they know the conditions better.

"100%, I mean, yes. Obviously, you know, they'll have the best choice of bowling, where to pick up, which bowler to put (under pressure), and which batsman to put (under pressure). They understand the condition better than we do. But at the same time, you know, as I said, I mean, everyone's answer is the same. Like, we are all looking to improve.

"We are all looking to understand what these guys are doing against us. Like, when we play in India, we have more ideas about the wicket. So, here, obviously, every batter needs to understand, as a team, like, where we can, you know, get those extra 20 runs, whether it's by scoring boundaries or, because it's a big ground, you need to take those, whether you have to target the gaps. So, these are a few things I feel we'll talk about as a group, we'll understand, and we'll get better with time," he said.

2nd T20I: 'Want to do well against world's best teams,' says Bethell after match-winning knock against India



Manchester, July 4 : England all-rounder Jacob Bethell said testing himself against the strongest sides in world cricket is what drives him after his unbeaten 76 powered England to a four-wicket victory over India in the T20I.

Speaking after being named Player of the Match, Bethell reflected on his previous success against India, England's calculated approach to the chase, the turning point provided by Ravi Bishnoi's expensive over, and the partnerships that helped overhaul a target of 191.

Having also impressed against India during the 2026 T20 World Cup, Bethell said delivering against quality opposition makes performances all the more rewarding, while acknowledging the

challenge posed by India's attack.

"I really enjoyed that semi-final (2026 T20 WC), although we couldn't get over the line. They're a high-skilled attack, it's just that I've played them on two pretty nice pitches. And, yeah, you want to do well against the best teams in the world. So, yeah, it's really pleasing to do so," Bethell said during the post-match presentation.

Bethell arrived at the crease with England reeling at 1/2 after both openers fell in the first over. However, Harry Brook's counterattacking cameo restored the momentum before Bethell and Tom Banton stitched together a crucial partnership that steadied the chase. Looking back, Bethell

said the innings was built around partnerships and waiting for the right moments to accelerate rather than attacking throughout.

"It worked out well in the end, but just going into bat two down, Brooky (Harry Brook), set the tone really well there. He flipped the momentum straight back on them. And, that made it easier for me to go out there and just give him strike to start and then it's a shame when he got out. But I thought Banton came in and that partnership we built, both of us would have liked to go on and finish that. But everyone just keep chipping in. And then, yeah, in those kind of chases, you're not going rapid the whole time, but a couple of big overs and then the game swings. So, yeah, it was one of them that just kind of got timed really well," he added.

The biggest swing arrived in the 17th over when England collected 29 runs off Ravi Bishnoi, aided by two free hits after the leg-spinner overstepped twice. Bethell admitted that targeting that particular end of the ground had not

originally been part of his thinking, but the circumstances demanded a change in approach.

"If I'm honest, I probably would have targeted the other end more with my leg side, with the wind, but, and the shorter side. But, yeah, when, (there are) a couple of free hits and then bowler's down, so then you try and take him. So, yeah, that all worked out really well. And then, yeah, Jof (Jofra Archer) came in and finished it off," he stated.

While one boundary was significantly shorter than the other, Bethell said England's batters avoided becoming fixated on clearing the shorter side and instead focused on exploiting whichever areas the field allowed.

"Yeah, I think so. I mean, the thing with playing on different dimensions is one side might be easier to hit sixes, but you can also score the same amount of runs, hit in the gaps that are bigger on that big side. So, yeah, it was just about being smart with that. And I thought as a batting group, we were really good at that on the whole," Bethell concluded.

HomeLane Strengthens Presence in Visakhapatnam with Third Experience Centre at Diamond Park

Visakhapatnam, July 5, 2026: HomeLane, India's leading tech and AI-enabled home interiors brand, has strengthened its presence in Visakhapatnam with the launch of its third experience centre in the city, reinforcing its focus on high-growth tier-2 markets.

Located at Diamond Park, one of Visakhapatnam's prominent residential and commercial hubs, the new experience centre strengthens HomeLane's ability to meet the rising demand for organised, design-led and technology-enabled home interior solutions. By expanding its presence in the city, HomeLane aims to serve a larger base of homeowners while making its seamless, end-to-end interior design services more accessible across Visakhapatnam. The expansion marks another milestone in HomeLane's continued growth across high-potential markets, with the new studio complementing the brand's existing network of two experience centres in Visakhapatnam. The launch also supports HomeLane's long-term plan to scale its FOF (Franchise-Owned, Franchise-



Operated) network to 100 studios this year while expanding into emerging markets where demand for organised, design-led and technology-enabled home interior solutions continues to grow.

The studio was inaugurated in the presence of P. S. Ramachandra Raju Garu, Former Managing Director, Sugar Industries (Chodavaram), Government of Andhra Pradesh, alongside HomeLane representatives, partners and local stakeholders.

The new experience centre has been launched in partnership with Vamsi Deepak TSV. Through this partnership, HomeLane combines local market understanding with its design capabilities, factory-backed execution and technology-

led planning to deliver a seamless and professionally managed home interiors experience.

Spread across 1,100 sq. ft., the Diamond Park experience centre offers homeowners an immersive, end-to-end interior design journey. Customers can explore modular kitchens, wardrobes and complete home interior solutions through hyper-realistic displays, experience premium materials firsthand and leverage technology-driven consultations that enable them to

visualise their dream homes before execution. The studio brings every stage of the interior design process under one roof, offering personalised guidance from concept to completion.

Through SpaceCraft, HomeLane's proprietary AI-powered platform, homeowners can visualise their home interiors in 3D, receive instant pricing and experience a seamless transition from design to execution. Customers also benefit from transparent pricing, a 45-day delivery guarantee, a 10-year material warranty and end-to-end project management support.

'Winning as MLA this time was my biggest mistake': Budda Prasad's remarks spark political debate

Vijayawada, July 5: Avanigadda Jana Sena MLA and former Andhra Pradesh Deputy Speaker Mandali Budda Prasad stirred political discussion on Saturday after expressing disappointment over the current state of politics, saying that winning the Assembly election this time was "the biggest mistake" of his long political career. Budda Prasad made the remarks while speaking at the unveiling of the statue of former united Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Konijeti Rosaiah, organised by the Vasavi Foundation at Bhavanipuram in Vijayawada. Paying rich tributes to Rosaiah, Budda Prasad praised the late leader for his integrity, political maturity and commitment to demo-

cratic values. He said Rosaiah remained steadfast to his principles throughout his public life and always treated political opponents with dignity and respect. "Unlike many leaders today, Rosaiah never used abusive or undemocratic language. His differences with political rivals were always ideological and never personal," Budda Prasad said. Recalling an incident involving former Chief Minister N. T. Rama Rao, he said that despite sharp debates in the Assembly, NTR and Rosaiah shared a cordial personal relationship. He remembered how NTR had warmly seated Rosaiah beside him and interacted with him during Budda Prasad's wedding, describing it as an example of the political culture that



once prevailed. Expressing concern over present-day politics, Budda Prasad said he was deeply saddened by the decline in political values. "We practised dignified politics alongside leaders like Rosaiah.

Today, I do not understand the direction in which politics is heading. Every day I wonder why we continue in such a polluted political environment. In my long political career, winning as an MLA this time has become my biggest mistake," he remarked. He also claimed that the previous YSRCP government had not granted permission to install Rosaiah's statue in Avanigadda. Budda Prasad said he had vowed to inaugurate the statue after being re-elected as MLA, and expressed happiness that the statue was finally unveiled in Vijayawada through the efforts of the Vasavi Foundation. His remarks have since generated widespread discussion in Andhra Pradesh political circles.

The rescue operation is continuing continuously

The government will stand by the families of the fishermen victims.

District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore



By Skyline Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, July 5 District Collector M. Abhishikth Kishore said that the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Police are continuing the search and rescue operation on a war footing to trace the fishermen who went missing at sea. On Sunday morning, the Collector visited the family members of the fishermen who went missing at the Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbor and inquired about their well-being. He assured that the government will support them in every way and that the search operations will

continue continuously until the missing persons are identified. Speaking to the media later, the Collector said that as soon as the information was received, the district administration was alerted and started the search operations along with the Coast Guard, Navy and Marine Police. He said that an intensive search is underway in the open sea using helicopters, ships, and Coast Guard ships, coordinated by the Joint Operations Center, based on the last signals received and the direction the boat traveled. He said that out of the

seven people on the boat, the boat owner, Kari Chinna, was safely rescued by a commercial vessel and all government machinery is working in coordination to trace the rest. The District Collector reiterated that the rescue operation will continue with all available resources until the missing fishermen are safely identified and the government will support the affected families in every way. Nellimarla MLA Lokam Madhavi visited the affected family members and expressed her courage.

Ongole Citizens Association Seeks 8-Lane Road in Place of Mangamuru Flyover



Ongole, July 5: (Skyline Daily)

The Ongole Citizens Association has submitted a memorandum to Prakasam District Collector P. Rajababu, requesting the district administration to examine the feasibility of replacing the existing Mangamuru Flyover with an eight-lane road to improve connectivity and address traffic congestion in the city. In the memorandum, Association President Kolla Madhu stated that the construction of the flyover has disrupted access to several internal roads serving nearby residential

colonies. As a result, residents, students, employees and business owners are compelled to take longer routes, leading to increased travel time, traffic congestion and daily inconvenience. The association contended that an eight-lane road would restore connectivity between the main road and adjoining colonies, enabling smoother traffic flow and reducing bottlenecks. It also noted that improved road infrastructure would help save travel time and fuel while facilitating easier movement of vehicles. The memorandum further

pointed out that better accessibility would benefit local businesses by increasing customer footfall to shops and commercial establishments along the corridor. It also emphasized that emergency services such as ambulances, fire engines and police vehicles would be able to reach residential areas more quickly during emergencies. According to the association, a wider road would provide safer passage for pedestrians, senior citizens and schoolchildren while improving traffic management in view of the city's future expan-

sion. It also stated that enhanced connectivity between Mangamuru Road, Kurnool Road, surrounding residential colonies, educational institutions and commercial centres would support Ongole's long-term urban and economic development. The Ongole Citizens Association has urged the

district administration to undertake a comprehensive technical and administrative assessment of the proposal, taking into account public convenience, future traffic requirements and the city's long-term development needs before arriving at an appropriate decision.

KIMS Cuddles Conducts CME on Pediatric Subspecialty Update at Novotel, Visakhapatnam

By Skyline Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, July 5 KIMS Cuddles Mother & Child Centre successfully organized a Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme on "Pediatric Subspecialty Update – Bridging Multidisciplinary Expertise in Advanced Pediatric Care" at Novotel, Beach Road, Visakhapatnam on Sunday. The scientific conference witnessed the participation of over 200 pediatricians, consultants, postgraduate students, and healthcare professionals from across the region. The CME featured comprehensive discussions on the lat-



est advances in pediatric subspecialties, multidisciplinary management of complex pediatric disorders, neonatal and child healthcare, and evidence-based treatment protocols. The programme was organized under the leadership of Dr. Nikhil

Tenneti, Dr. Santhosh Kumar Routhu and Dr. Guru Prasad Team who emphasized the importance of continuous medical education in improving pediatric healthcare services and patient outcomes. The event was attended by Dr. Satish Kumar Pethakamsetty

Managing Director, KIMS ICON Hospital Dr. Sai Balarama Krishna; Dr. Nagesh, RCEO, KIMS Hospital; Dr. Viswamohan, COO, KIMS ICON Hospital; and Mr. K. N. V. Dilip Kumar, Vice President, KIMS Cuddles, who appreciated the efforts of the organizing committee and highlighted KIMS' commitment to academic excellence and advanced pediatric care. The dignitaries congratulated the organizing team for conducting a high-quality academic programme that promotes knowledge sharing and enhances the standards of pediatric healthcare in the region.

Gurla Police solve missing case within 24 hours, reunite family

Vizianagaram (Gurla), July 5 (Skyline): Acting swiftly on a missing complaint, the Gurla Police successfully traced a woman and her two children within 24 hours and reunited them with their family. According to police, a resident of Gurla village lodged a complaint on July 4 stating that his wife and two children had gone missing. Following the complaint, Gurla Sub-Inspector P. Narayana Rao immediately registered a missing case and formed a special team to trace them. Under the supervision of the SI, the police team



launched a prompt search operation and successfully located the missing woman and her children within a day. They were safely reunited with the complainant. The husband expressed his gratitude to the Gurla

Police, particularly SI P. Narayana Rao, for their quick response and efficient investigation. Villagers also appreciated the prompt action and dedication shown by the police in resolving the case swiftly.

RDO Reviews SIR Voter Verification in Kondapalem Panchayat

Vizianagaram (Garividi), July 5 (Skyline): As part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, Revenue Divisional Officer and Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) M. Sudharani inspected the house-to-house voter verification process in Kondapalem Gram Panchayat of Garividi mandal on Sunday until 2pm. The inspection focused on the progress of voter verification and ensuring that the revision exercise is being carried out accurately and within the stipulated timeframe. The RDO directed field officials to verify voter details carefully and ensure that no eligible voter is left out



of the electoral rolls. Garividi Tahsildar Ch. Bangarajulu, MPDO M. V. B. Subrahmanyam, Deputy MPDO, and Panchayat Executive Officer Venugopal Rao participated in the inspection and reviewed the

field-level verification being undertaken by Booth Level Officers (BLOs). Officials reiterated their commitment to completing the SIR exercise in a systematic and time-bound manner.

National Doctors' Day Celebrations & Felicitation Ceremony

Organised by the Indian Medical Association (IMA), Visakhapatnam Branch

In association with Mahatma Gandhi Cancer Hospital, Visakhapatnam

By Skyline Staff Reporter

Visakhapatnam, July 5 The Indian Medical Association (IMA), Visakhapatnam Branch, in association with Mahatma Gandhi Cancer Hospital, Visakhapatnam, have organized the National Doctors' Day Celebrations and Felicitation Ceremony to honour distinguished medical professionals for their exceptional service to society and the medical fraternity at Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Auditorium, CAB Building, Andhra medical college Visakhapatnam. National Doctors' Day is observed every year to commemorate the birth and death anniversary of the legendary physician and humanitarian Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, whose life exemplified excellence in medicine, compassion, and selfless service. The day serves as an opportunity to recognize the invaluable con-



tributions of doctors who dedicate their lives to the care and well-being of humanity. As part of the celebrations, IMA Visakhapatnam Branch have felicitated the following eminent doctors for their outstanding professional excellence, ethical medical practice, and dedicated service:

- * Dr. G. Santa Rao. Retired Director of Medical Education
- * Dr. K. Satya Vara Prasad. Retired Director of Medical Education
- * Dr. A. Bhagya Laxmi. Principal NRI Institute of Medical Sciences
- * Dr. N. Rukmini. Retired Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology

* Dr. N. Uma Sundari. Retired Additional Director of Medical and Health Services. These distinguished physicians have made significant contributions to patient care, medical education, and community health through their unwavering commitment, clinical excellence, and compassionate service. Their achievements continue to inspire the medical fraternity and uphold the noble traditions of the profession. The programme was attended by senior members of the medical fraternity, healthcare professionals, dignitaries, and representatives from various hospitals and medical institutions. The event aimed to celebrate the spirit of service, acknowledge excellence in healthcare, and reinforce the commitment of doctors towards providing quality, ethical, and compassionate medical care.

SP Damodar Calls for Tree Plantation to Secure Future Generations

-Joins High Court Justice Cheemalapati Ravi Kumar in Green Initiative at Bairipuram Village

Vizianagaram (Bairipuram) July 5 (Skyline):

District Superintendent of Police A. R. Damodar urged every citizen to plant at least one tree for the benefit of future generations while participating in a plantation drive held at Bairipuram village on Saturday. The programme was organised in the native village of Cheemalapati Ravi Kumar, where the SP joined the High Court Judge in planting saplings as part of a green initiative aimed at improving the village environment. Addressing the gathering, SP Damodar highlighted



the importance of trees in maintaining ecological balance and protecting public health. He praised Justice Ravi Kumar for rising from a village background to become a High Court Judge, describing him as an inspiration to the younger generation.

The SP said Justice Ravi Kumar's commitment to transforming his native village into a greener and healthier place reflected a strong sense of social responsibility. He encouraged students and young professionals to contribute to the development of



their native villages after achieving success in their careers. He also stressed that environmental degradation has led to several health and climate-related challenges, making large-scale

tree plantation essential for a sustainable future. S. Ramsunder Reddy, M. Babita, judicial officers, district officials, students and local residents participated in the programme.

Faith Assets Need Secular Oversight As Temple Fraud Exposes Governance Vacuum



The alleged theft of donations from the Ayodhya Ram Temple has pushed a long-simmering question into the national foreground: who should guard the wealth of religious institutions when faith, money and power converge without adequate public accountability? The issue is not confined to Ayodhya, nor to Hindu institutions. Across denominations, religious endowments, shrines, trusts, churches, mosques, waqf properties, mutts, gurudwaras and pilgrimage centres command vast public confidence and substantial material assets. They receive cash donations, jewellery, land, securities,

foreign contributions and digital payments. Many also run schools, hospitals, charities, hostels and welfare networks. Yet the systems meant to protect these assets are often uneven, opaque and vulnerable to manipulation by insiders, contractors, political patrons and intermediaries. The Ayodhya episode is especially disturbing because of the symbolic weight of the institution. The Ram Temple is not an ordinary shrine. It was built after decades of mass mobilisation, litigation, political conflict and emotional investment by millions of devotees. Donations came not merely as money, but as acts of be-

lief. When allegations of organised pilferage, cash diversion, foreign-currency recovery and weak internal controls arise in such a setting, the damage goes beyond financial loss. It strikes at the moral authority of those entrusted with managing a sacred public trust. The decision to re-audit several years of temple accounts, the formation of a special investigation process, resignations linked to the controversy and political protests around the issue suggest that the matter has moved beyond routine administrative failure. Even if the final criminal liability is determined only after investigation and trial, the

governance failure is already evident. A system that allows donation theft to become organised, or even credibly alleged at scale, cannot be defended as merely the work of a few rogue individuals. It points to inadequate safeguards, excessive concentration of control and poor external scrutiny. Religious institutions occupy a difficult constitutional and moral space. They are not commercial companies, yet they handle wealth on a scale that would require strict compliance if held by a corporation. They are not arms of the state, yet they often enjoy public concessions, police protection, tax privileges, land grants and political patronage. They are not private family properties in the ordinary sense, yet their management is frequently dominated by closed groups, hereditary interests or networks answerable only to themselves. This ambiguity has created the perfect terrain for mismanagement. The instinctive response in India has often been state control, especially in the case of Hindu temples. Several states have long exercised control over temples through endow-

ment departments and statutory boards. That model was justified historically as a way to prevent hereditary abuse, protect temple assets and ensure public access. Yet experience has shown that government control is no guarantee of integrity. It can replace one form of capture with another. Bureaucrats may lack religious sensitivity, politicians may use temple revenues for patronage, and administrators may treat sacred institutions as revenue-generating departments rather than community trusts. At the other end lies the argument that religious communities should be left entirely to manage their own institutions. That view has emotional appeal, particularly where state intervention appears selective or discriminatory. But it ignores the record of internal capture. Many religious institutions have seen allegations of land alienation, donation siphoning, inflated contracts, gold and silver misappropriation, manipulation of appointment powers, under-reporting of income, unauthorised leases and factional control by clerical or lay elites. Faith alone is not an audit mechanism.

Devotion cannot substitute for governance. The answer, therefore, cannot be either blanket government control or unregulated autonomy. What India needs is a secular, arms-length accountability framework that treats religious wealth as public-trust wealth without interfering in religious practice. The distinction is crucial. The state has no business deciding rituals, doctrine, liturgy, worship methods, clerical legitimacy or theological questions. But it has a legitimate interest in ensuring that assets donated by the public are not stolen, diverted, encroached upon or used for purposes contrary to the trust under which they were given. A statutory national commission for religious institutional governance deserves serious consideration. Its remit should not be denominational. It should cover major public religious institutions across faiths, subject to reasonable thresholds of income, assets, public donations, landholdings or charitable operations. Such a body should not manage temples, mosques, churches or gurudwaras directly.

Indians Have Been Contributing To U.S. Economy And Education Since 1965

In 1965, a new law scrapped America’s whites-only immigration quota system, and the trickle of Indians into the United States began the slow climb toward becoming a flood. Nobody in 1965 could have foreseen that the sons and daughters of that first wave of engineers, doctors, and PhD students would one day run Google, Microsoft, IBM, Adobe, Chanel, FedEx, and the World Bank — or that a country which once ruled that “no construction of the law can natives of British India be regarded as white persons” would, two-and-a-half centuries after its own founding, find itself dependent on Indian minds to keep its technology, medicine, and academia running. As the United States marks 250 years of independence this July 4, it is worth asking an uncomfortable, delicious question: how much of the American century’s back half has actually been built by Indians?

The record, verified against Census Bureau, Pew Research and Ministry of External Affairs data, is not sentimental immigrant-uplift mythology. It is a hard economic and scientific fact pattern that America’s political class prefers to muddy with visa politics even as it depends on the diaspora it periodically threatens to restrict. A Fifteenth-Century Mistake, A Twentieth-Century Correction; The joke writes itself: Christopher Columbus, hunting for a sea route to India in 1492, stumbled onto a continent he insisted on calling the Indies, and saddled America’s indigenous peoples with the label “Indians” for five centuries. It took until 1965 — the Immigration and Nationality Act, which killed the national-origin quota system — for actual Indians to begin arriving in numbers worth counting. Indian immigrants began arriving in the United States in notable numbers as early as the nineteenth century, when Punjabi workers settled in California for agriculture, lumber and railroad construction, but their numbers stayed modest against European arrivals amid growing political hostility that culminated in the near-total ban under the Immigration Act of 1917.

The 1965 Act reversed course entirely, and the Indian immigrant population roughly doubled every decade between 1960 and 1990 — the slow ignition of what is now the most spectacularly overachieving immigrant community in American history. The Numbers Nobody in Washington Wants to Say Out Loud; Indian Americans today number more than 5.4 million, approximately 1.6% of the US population, making them the largest Asian-alone group and the second-largest Asian American group overall after Chinese Americans — and they carry the highest median household income and the second-highest per-capita income of any ethnic group in the country. Among Indian immigrants, 60% have lived in the US more than ten years and 51% are naturalized citizens; 84% of Indians aged five and above are proficient in English, a fact that quietly demolishes every nativist caricature of the un-assimilated migrant. Geographically the community clusters are hard: one in five Indian immigrants live in California, followed by Texas at 12%, New Jersey at 10%, Illinois at 6% and New York at 5%, with these states together housing 53% of all Indian immigrants. This is not an accident of climate. It is the footprint of Silicon Valley, the New Jersey pharma corridor, and the Texas energy-and-tech sprawl — places where the H-1B visa, for all the political abuse heaped on it, has functioned as America’s most effective (if reluctant) talent-import mechanism. On taxes — the question every finance ministry official in Delhi and every immigration hawk in Washington actually wants answered — the picture is blunt. Every Indian on American payroll pays into the system regardless of visa status. An H-1B holder who meets the IRS Substantial Presence Test is taxed as a resident alien on worldwide income, exactly like a citizen, and most H-1B holders surrender 20 to 35% of gross income to federal and state tax brackets, with Social Security and Medicare deductions layered on top. With roughly 3 million Indian-born residents in the workforce, plus the US-born second generation now entering peak earning years, the community’s aggregate federal tax contribution runs comfortably into tens of billions of dollars annually — a fiscal fact American immigration debates conveniently omit when weaponizing the visa system for domestic politics.

And the earnings data should embarrass anyone still peddling the “H-1Bs undercut American wages” line. Indian nationals in the United States post a median annual income of roughly \$146,000 — more than two-thirds higher than the median for US-born college graduates. This is not a community squeezed into subsistence tech-support roles. It is a community that has out-earned the native-born graduate class it was once accused of endangering.

Beyond the IT Ghetto: Where Indians Actually Work; The lazy caricature — IT, telecom, hospitality motels, healthcare — undersells a community that has colonized nearly every serious American profession.

Indian Americans run investment banks and hedge funds (Vikram Pandit at Citigroup, Vivek Ramaswamy in biotech-turned-politics), sit on the federal bench and in state legislatures, chair university departments from MIT to Stanford, direct NASA missions, and populate the partner ranks of McKinsey, Goldman Sachs and every white-shoe law firm on the Eastern Seaboard. They are astronauts — the late Kalpana Chawla flew two shuttle missions before dying aboard Columbia in 2003, and Sunita Williams has logged more cumulative spacewalk time than any woman in NASA history. They are Pulitzer-winning writers (Jhumpa Lahiri), Oscar-nominated actors, and — improbably, given the community’s reputation for STEM tunnel vision — stand-up comedians who now headline Madison Square Garden. The Corner Office Conquest; If there is one statistic that should terrify America’s business schools into rewriting their leadership curricula, it is this: eleven Fortune 500 companies are currently run by CEOs of Indian heritage, over-seeing a combined market capitalization exceeding \$6.5 trillion. The roll call reads like a corporate hall of fame: Satya Nadella at Microsoft, Sundar Pichai at Google, Leena Nair at Chanel, and Raj Subramaniam at FedEx, with Shantanu Narayan at Adobe and Arvind Krishna at IBM rounding out the technology bloc. Ramani Ayer became the first Indian-born Fortune 500 CEO at The Hartford in 1997, and Indra Nooyi’s 2006 appointment at PepsiCo made her the first Indian woman to lead a Fortune 100 company, opening a floodgate that produced Ajay Banga’s 2010 ascent at Mastercard — Banga later traded the corner office for the presidency of the World Bank itself, an institution now literally run by a man born in Pune.

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.



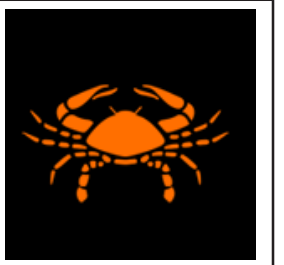
Taurus

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.

'Wedding That Won't Happen': Siya Goyal's Snapchat Message Emerges



Mumbai: The recovery of deleted mobile data shows both Siya Goyal and her lover Chetan Chaudhary communicated in sign language in order to evade surveillance and investigation, after allegedly killing her fiancé Ketan Agarwal with the help of Chetan. The two also used nicknames, apart from sign language, to exchange information. Both have been sent to judicial custody for 14 days. The police's request for three more days of custody was declined by the local court. The police had requested custody citing face-to-face interrogation of Siya and Chetan was necessary to unravel the meaning of the conversation between them, the motive behind it,

and their connection to the murder plot. Investigating officer Manoj Pawar said a panchnama was conducted at the spot where Siya was suspected of tearing Ketan's passport and her clothes were seized. An analysis of Siya's second mobile phone revealed a coded conversation. The police also requested that the accused be paraded and verified in front of eyewitnesses. Siya's lawyer opposed police custody, saying nothing new had emerged from the investigation so far. The issue of narco test also came up during the hearing. The court clarified that permission for narco test cannot be granted without the consent of the accused. Since

Siya and Chetan did not give their consent, the court refused permission. The prosecution, too, said there was no need for a narco test.

Purported Snapchat Angle

An alleged Snapchat conversation between Siya and one of her friends has surfaced during the investigation, sources said. In the chat, she is purportedly seen asking her friend to send a copy of her Aadhaar card to book a flight ticket, they said. "Send me your Aadhaar card to book tickets for a wedding that is never going to happen," Siya allegedly said. Investigators are probing whether the alleged flight booking was part of a plan to ensure no one suspected the murder conspiracy and to create an impression that the wedding preparations were continuing. The police are examining whether this was part of a larger strategy by Siya and Chetan to mislead investigators after killing Ketan. The authenticity of the alleged chat and its relevance to the case are yet to be established, and

The matter remains under investigation. The FIR filed by Ketan's father, Vishal Devichand Agarwal, alleged that both Chetan and Siya pushed his son off a cliff to his death. Ketan left home on June 18 morning, picked up Siya from Kiwale bridge on the Pune-Mumbai highway before finally heading to the fort. At 0.45 am, Siya Goyal called her fiancé's mother, claiming that he had accidentally fallen into a gorge at Lohagad Fort. Locals and the police found him in the gorge and took him to hospital, where the doctors declared him dead. On June 21, Ketan Agarwal's father and relatives visited the exact spot of the fall and concluded that the location made an accidental slip highly improbable, according to the FIR. His friends, Navdeep Jindal and Tarun Mittal, accompanied the family to inspect the cliff. The family alleged that Siya Goyal's phone was constantly busy and that she frequently mentioned her "friend" Chetan, leading them to believe the two were involved in a romantic relationship.

'Will Factor All Related Developments': India Keeps Watch On Teesta Issue

India on Friday said its development assistance for projects in Bangladesh is based on a "mutually agreed roadmap" and New Delhi will factor "all related developments" in its overall approach to the Teesta river-related project. The comments by Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal came in response to a query on the Teesta issue in the context of Dhaka and Beijing discussing the Teesta River Comprehensive Management and Restoration Project (TRCMRP) during Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman's recent visit to China. China's involvement in the Teesta river management is an potentially complicate New Delhi-Dhaka ties for its strategic significance. Asked how India viewed this, Jaiswal said, "India's development assistance for projects in Bangladesh is based on a mutually agreed roadmap which is regularly reviewed. Our views on the Teesta river project have been previously conveyed to the Bangladeshi side. We will factor all related developments in our overall approach to the Teesta issue."

The Teesta river flows from the eastern Himalayas through Sikkim and West Bengal before entering Bangladesh, where it is a key source of irrigation and livelihood for millions of people. The Teesta river



basin is located near India's sensitive Siliguri Corridor, a 22-km narrow strip of land that connects the mainland with the northeastern states. Asked about New Delhi's reaction to reports about Bangladesh's strategically located Mongla Port and its plans to buy fighter jets from China, Jaiswal said, "We pay attention to all these issues and take whatever appropriate steps we deem necessary." Bangladesh Foreign Minister Khalilur Rahman had said on June 27 that relations between Dhaka and Beijing had reached their "highest level" after PM Tarique Rahman's visit to China. According to him, "significant progress" was made on the TRCGRP, with China pledging its support and both sides agreeing to expedite the project's feasibility study. The two countries had also agreed to ex-

pedite the implementation of the Mongla Port Modernisation and Expansion Project and the Chinese Economic and Industrial Zone Development Project in Chattogram, the minister had said. In response to another query related to consular services in Australia, Kuwait and the UAE, Jaiswal said, "Our missions in concerned countries, that is in Australia, Kuwait and the UAE, continue to offer... limited consular services." The operations of the outsourcing agencies in these countries supporting consular services rendered by Indian missions "have been kept on hold as the matter is presently sub judice. We await directions from the honourable high court" on this matter, he said. Asked about reports that UNESCO has asked Pakistan to reverse the "re-

constructions" that "undermined the integrity" of two pre-historical sites in Taxila, a World Heritage Site, Jaiswal said. "Cultural heritage... especially those recognised by UNESCO, don't belong to any one person or country. It belongs to the entire world. And as such, it's our responsibility to protect and preserve our heritage and move forward." According to reports in Pakistani media, the cultural arm of the UN has warned that it would "delist" Taxila from the UNESCO World Heritage List if the said actions were not reversed. Located in the Rawalpindi district of Pakistan's Punjab province, Taxila is a vast site that includes a Mesolithic cave and the archaeological remains of four early settlement sites, Buddhist monasteries, and a mosque and a madrasa.

Mumbai On Red Alert As Weather Agency Warns Of Extremely Heavy Rainfall

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has sounded a red alert for Mumbai on Saturday, forecasting heavy to very heavy rainfall across the city and suburbs, with the possibility of extremely heavy showers and gusty winds reaching 60 kmph in isolated areas. Civic officials said that while the metropolis recorded over 100 mm of rain in several parts over the last 24 hours, public transport remains operational. Commuters, however, have reported delays in the suburban local train

network throughout the day. In its latest district-wise forecast, the IMD sounded a red alert for Mumbai, predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall at a few places and extremely heavy rainfall at isolated locations over the weekend. Despite the late arrival of monsoons, the country's financial capital has been witnessing heavy rainfall since the beginning of this week. Several parts of Mumbai received more than 100 mm of rainfall during the 24 hours ending at 8:00 am on Saturday. As per the data shared

by the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC), in the western suburbs, Bandra (H West ward office) recorded the highest rainfall at 150.6 mm, followed by Supari Tank, Bandra (146 mm) and Pali Chimbai, Bandra (143.2 mm). In the island city, Parel received 141.8 mm, followed by Matunga-Dadar with 135.2 mm, Fort with 120.8 mm, Wadala with 118.3 mm and Lower Parel with 118 mm. Downpour lashed the eastern suburbs as well, with Vikhroli logging 143 mm, followed by

Ghatkopar at 136.4 mm, Mankhurd at 134.2 mm, Chembur at 127.6 mm, and Maharashtra Nagar in Mankhurd at 124 mm. The island city recorded an average rainfall of 99 mm, the eastern suburbs 98 mm and the western suburbs 94 mm in the last 24 hours. High tides are expected at 2.50 pm on Saturday and at 2.52 am on Sunday with a height of 3.60 metres, while the low tide is scheduled at 8.56 pm on Saturday at 1.66 metres and at 8.22 am on Sunday at 1.28 metres.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy tours Nampally assembly constituency

From Our Staff Reporter
Hyderabad, July, 5 : Union Minister Kishan Reddy on Sunday toured various colonies in the Nampally Assembly constituency. He visited several neighborhoods within the constituency and inaugurated open gyms in various parks.

Speaking to media persons on the occasion, He stated that this initiative was undertaken in line with the Prime Minister's vision of 'Fit India, Health India' aiming for a healthy and happy populace and with the objective of enabling

everyone to contribute as human resources to the nation's development. He noted that state government negligence had exacerbated the challenges faced during the monsoon season in Hyderabad and added that Despite the onset of the monsoon within GHMC limits, essential works such as tree plantation and the desilting of storm water drains and pipelines remain undone.

He expressed concern that even light rainfall turns Hyderabad's roads into waterlogged ponds causing significant hardship to the

public. He criticized both the previous BRS government and the current administration for making grand claims about transforming Hyderabad into a city like London or Singapore while failing to implement any concrete measures over the past three years.

Highlighting the need for water and environmental conservation especially amidst global discussions regarding declining rainfall he emphasized the critical importance of rainwater harvesting to capture every drop of rain. He pointed out that Hyderabad was turning

into a "concrete jungle" due to the proliferation of apartment complexes leading to soaring temperatures and stressed the urgent need to protect the environment. It was reported that rainfall in the country and specifically in Hyderabad was 40 to 50 percent below normal this June, he noted.

An appeal was made for everyone to use water judiciously and to set up rain-water harvesting pits in every park and household, ensuring that rainwater percolates into the ground rather than flowing into the sea via the Musi River.

CPI(M) Stages Protest Demanding Immediate Recruitment of Medical Staff at Bhadrachalam Area Hospital

Skyline Correspondent
Bhadradri Kothagudem
JULY 05: The Communist Party of India (Marxist) CPI(M) staged a protest on Saturday at the main gate of the Bhadrachalam Government Area Hospital, demanding the immediate recruitment of doctors and medical staff and the resolution of long-pending issues affecting the hospital. Following the protest, party leaders submitted a memorandum to the hospital Superintendent, Dr. Rajashekhar Reddy.



CPI(M) District Secretariat Member M.B. Narsa Reddy alleged that ministers from the erstwhile Khammam district have completely neglected healthcare services in the agency region. He stated that the 200-bed hospital does not have a surgeon, forcing emergency sur-

gery patients to be referred to Kothagudem. Bhadra chalam Town Secretary Gaddam Swamy said that despite repeated representations by CPI(M) state leaders regarding the hospital's issues, the government has failed to respond. He warned that if the govern-

ment and public representatives do not take immediate steps to resolve the problems, the party will intensify its agitation. The protest was attended by CPI(M) leaders Erramshetty Venkata Ramarao, Parilli Santosh Kumar, D. Seethalakshmi, Irupuru Anasuya, Nadendla

Leelavathi, Jeevan Jyothi,
Kanakashree, Kolagani
Ramesh, S.D. Feroz,
Sandra Bhupendra,
Chukka Madhava Rao,
Ajay Kumar, Chatla
Srinivasa Rao, A. Ratnam,
Kunja Srinivas, along with
DYFI leader Satish Babu,
SFI leader Ravindra, and
several party activists.

BJP Rebbena Mandal Reviews SIR Drive, Calls for Stronger Booth-Level Vigilance

Skyline Correspondent
REBBENA, JULY 05: A Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Mandal-level meeting was held at the Rebbena Mandal headquarters on Sunday under the leadership of Mandal President Malraj Rambabu. Speaking on the occasion, Malraj Rambabu said that the party's immediate objective is to further strengthen the BJP organization at the Mandal level. He emphasized that every party worker should actively contribute to organizational expansion and grassroots outreach. The meeting also reviewed the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) program currently underway across the state. Party leaders directed that



BJP's BLA-2 agents remain vigilant in all 47 polling booths in the mandal. They were instructed to identify duplicate voter entries and the names of deceased voters in the electoral rolls and coordinate closely with

Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to ensure necessary corrections are made.

Leaders Present

The meeting was attended by District Vice President Annampurna Sudarshan Goud, District

Official Spokesperson
Kesari Anjaneyulu Goud,
District Leader Rachakonda
Rajayya, Mandal General
Secretary Sunarkar Tirupati,
and Ward Members Masku
Tirupati, Prashanth, and
Rajendra Prasad.

Kidnapped Infant Sold For Rs 1.5 Lakh Rescued In Hyderabad, 5 Arrested

Hyderabad: Cyberabad Police have rescued a one-month-old baby girl and arrested five members of an interstate child trafficking racket within three days of her kidnapping from outside a railway station. The infant was kidnapped around 2 am on June 30 while her mother, 25-year-old Malan Bourav Shantha Bai, a circus worker from Karnataka's Bidar district, was asleep on the pavement outside the Lingampally Railway Station with members of her circus troupe. She woke up to the baby's cries and saw two men fleeing in an autorickshaw with the child. Despite chasing them, she could not stop the kidnappers. Based on

her complaint, police registered a case under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and the Juvenile Justice Act. "Three special teams were formed, and investigators examined hundreds of CCTV cameras across Cyberabad, Hyderabad and Malkajgiri, tracked the suspects' movements and cracked the case within 72 hours," said Cyberabad Commissioner of Police M Ramesh. Police arrested Mohammed Zuber of Vikarabad and Mohammed Irfan, an autorickshaw driver with a previous theft case, for carrying out the kidnapping. The investigation revealed that the duo had conspired to kidnap a newborn in ex-

change for money after being approached by Saadequa Maqsood alias Naziya, a resident of Neredmet. "The conspiracy began when Rehnuma Ali, a 30-year-old woman from Kolkata who had no children, allegedly sought to procure a baby illegally," said Ramesh. According to investigators, she reportedly approached her aunt Nimmi Jahan Ali alias Seema Ali, who lives in Hyderabad. Seema then contacted her friend Naziya, who in turn enlisted her fiancé, Zuber to arrange a newborn for payment. While scouting for a target, Zuber and Irfan allegedly spotted the complainant sleeping with her infant outside Lingampally Railway

Station. "In the early hours of June 30, they hired an autorickshaw belonging to an acquaintance, reached the spot and allegedly snatched the one-month-old girl from her mother's lap before taking her to Naziya's house," said the investigators. Police said Rehnuma Ali flew from Kolkata to Hyderabad on July 1, accompanied by her aunt, to take custody of the kidnapped infant. During the investigation, officers found that Rs 1.5 lakh had been transferred online to Zuber as payment for the illegal sale of the baby. Before the accused could leave Hyderabad with the child, police tracked them down, arrested all five accused and rescued the infant safely.

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Former Municipal VC inaugurates Child, Homeopathy clinics

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Patancheru, July.5 : Tummala Panduranga Reddy, the Ameenpur Municipal Corporation former chairman inaugurated two newly established clinics with the aim of providing better medical services to the people within the limits of Ameenpur Municipality. Chaitanya Children's Clinic established in KGR Colony of Ameenpur Division and Dr.Archana Homeopathy Clinic established in Bharath Nagar Colony were inaugurated and he congratulated the doctors. Speaking on the occasion, he said that it is commend-



able that quality medical services are available to the people in their residential areas. He said that it is gratifying that along with the health care of children, alternative medical services are also available to the people. He asked the doctors to work with a sense of service and maintain the trust of the people.

Former Municipal VC stands by the family of the fire victim

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Patancheru, July.5 : Nandaram Narasimha Goud, the Former Vice Chairman of Ameenpur Municipality has stood by the family who lost everything in the fire accident and are facing severe difficulties. A fire accident recently occurred in the flat of Rambabu, who lives in Bhargavi Nilayam in Durga Nagar Colony, Krishna Reddypet, Beermaguda Division of Ameenpur Municipality. The family lost everything in this accident. Learning upon this, Nandaram Narasimha Goud personally visited the victim family and gave them courage. He assured them that he would stand by them during the difficult time and immediately provided them with financial assistance of Rs.50 thousand. Speaking on the occasion, he said that he would stand by the victim family in every way. He spoke to local MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy and assured that he would work hard to ensure that the victim family receives the assistance available from the government.



Adarsh Reddy participates in consecration of Pochamma Temple

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Patancheru, July.5 : Vennavaram Adarsh Reddy, the BRS Patancheru Constituency In-charge participated in the inauguration of the Idol and Dhvajastambh of Sri Pochamma-Nalla Pochamma Temple held in Bollaram Division of Patancheru Constituency. Special prayers were performed in the temple on this occasion. Speaking on the occasion, he wished that the people of the constituency live happily and healthily, and that the region prospers in all fields. He said that the temples of village deities stand as symbols of the faith of the people, the culture and traditions of Telangana. The Program was at-



tended by Former ZPTC Kolan Bal Reddy, BRS senior leaders Kumar Goud, Jagannath Reddy, Vishnuvardhan Reddy, local leaders, party workers, Temple committee members and devotees in large numbers.

Book Urea According to Crop Extent : District Collector Ankith

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem JULY 05: District Collector Ankith has said that the State Government has introduced several modifications to the Urea Booking App to ensure transparent and efficient distribution of urea fertilizers to farmers. The revised guidelines have come into effect from today and will apply to all urea bookings. The Collector stated that the government has adopted a phased booking system based on the extent of cultivated land. Farmers cultivating up to

two acres can book and receive their entire urea requirement in a single installment. Farmers cultivating more than two acres and up to five acres should book urea in two installments as per their crop requirement. For those cultivating more than five acres, the app has been updated to allow bookings in three installments-40 percent, 30 percent, and 30 percent of the total requirement. The Collector further informed that a minimum gap of 20 days between two urea bookings has been made

mandatory under the revised guidelines. Appealing to farmers not to fall prey to misconceptions, the Collector advised them to book urea strictly in accordance with the revised norms and avoid booking quantities beyond their actual requirement. He assured that there is no shortage of urea in the district and that the government has taken adequate measures to ensure sufficient availability of fertilizers for all farmers. Farmers with any queries have been advised to contact the near-



est Agriculture Extension Officer or officials of the Agriculture Department. The Collector urged all farmers to follow the revised Urea Booking App guidelines without fail.

Rs.243.56 Crore Rythu Bharosa Assistance Credited to Farmers' Bank Accounts in Adilabad: Collector Rajarshi Shah



Skyline Correspondent Adilabad JULY 05: District Collector Rajarshi Shah announced that, under the Rythu Bharosa Kharif 2026 Scheme, the Telangana Government has directly credited investment assistance into the bank accounts of eligible farmers to support them during the beginning of the cultivation season. In a statement released on Sunday, the Collector said that a total of Rs.243.56 crore has been deposited into the bank accounts of 1,44,945 farmers across the district so far. He also instructed the district administration to ensure that all relevant information reaches farmers on time through effective coordination. The Collector stated that the government is giving the highest priority to transparency in implementing the Rythu Bharosa Scheme. He directed the Agriculture, Revenue, and Banking Departments to work in close coordination to prevent any issues at the field level. Note: The constituency-wise figures (farmers and amount credited) in the original Telugu text appear inconsistent with the district total. I have translated them exactly as provided without altering the data.

BRS leader participates in consecration of Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, July.5 : The consecration of Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple was held with great devotion and grandeur from July 3 to 5 in Gangaram village of Kondapur mandal of Sangareddy district. On this occasion, various spiritual and Vedic programs, Ganapati Puja, Homa, Yagas, Pratisthapana Mahotsavam, Maha Poornahuti, Kumbha Abhishekam and Annadanam programs were held grandly. Sangareddy legislator Chinta Prabhakar's son Chinta Sainath participated as the chief guest in this auspicious program and performed special pujas and received the blessings of the Swamy. On this occasion, the temple committee



members, village elders, women, youth and devotees gave a grand welcome to Chinta Sainath and invited him warmly. Later, he was honored with a shawl and expressed his admiration. He said that organizing such religious programs in the village is commendable and the role of temples in promoting spiritual consciousness and unity in the society is very great. The Program was attended by BRS leaders Vittal, Govardhan Reddy, Anji Reddy, Shivraj Goud, Shekar, Narasimha Reddy, Temple Committee members, Public representatives, party leaders, activists, women, youth and devotees.

Padmashali Youth Association Felicitates Newly Elected Handloom Cooperative Society Chairman

Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada JULY 05: The Sri Markandeya Padmashali Youth Association of Tippapuram, under the Vemulawada Municipality, felicitated senior advocate Nagula Satyanarayana on his election as the new Chairman of the Vemulawada Handloom Cooperative Society. Members of the association expressed their happiness over the appointment of Nagula Satyanarayana, a distinguished son of the Padmashali community from Tippapuram, as the Chairman of the Handloom Cooperative Society. On the occasion, they honoured him with a ceremonial shawl and extended their heartfelt congratulations, expressing hope that he would work for



the welfare and development of handloom weavers. The programme was attended by Association President Nagula Venkatesham, Rapelli

Suresh, Vice President Lingam Rakesh, General Secretary Gaddam Satyanarayana, Nagula Sudarshan, Sheelam Srinu, Rapalli Prakash, Nagula Narendra, Gundeti Anjaiah, Doosa Ravi, Nagula Sairam, Annadas Venkatesh-Kasturi, Annadas Raju-Latha, Nagula Vamsi, and several other members.

Creating Voter Awareness on SIR Process is the Primary Goal : Vemulawada Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju

Skyline Correspondent Vemulawada JULY 05: Vemulawada Municipal Chairman Pulkam Raju stated that the primary objective is to ensure that every voter is fully informed about the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls. On Sunday, he visited households in Ward No. 15 of Vemulawada Municipality and conducted an awareness campaign on the SIR process. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the right to vote is the foundation of democracy and urged every eligible voter to verify whether their name is correctly included in the electoral roll and make any necessary corrections. He emphasized that it is the responsibility of public representatives, government officials, and political parties to provide accurate information to the public



and eliminate misconceptions and doubts regarding the SIR process. He said that awareness is being created by reaching every household and explaining the procedure directly to voters. Pulkam Raju assured that all necessary information, guidelines, and assistance related to the SIR

process would be made available to ensure that citizens do not face any inconvenience. He added that if voters have any doubts, the Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) on duty would immediately clarify them and provide the required assistance. He called upon every citizen to safeguard their voting rights by actively participating in the SIR process and verifying their voter details without neglecting the exercise. The awareness programme was attended by BLOs, BLAs, Congress Party leaders, party workers, and others.

Open Gym Inaugurated in Karimnagar with CSR Funds

Skyline Correspondent Karimnagar JULY 05: Karimnagar Mayor Kolgani Srinivas on Sunday inaugurated an open gym established with Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds at the apartment premises opposite the Government High School in Theegalaguttapally, under the city's Second Division. The open gym was set up under the auspices of the Malayappa Foundation, with the support of Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar. Speaking after the inauguration, the Mayor said that facilities like open gyms are essential in every colony to promote public health and improve the physical fitness of youth. He noted that Union Minister Bandi



Sanjay Kumar has been extending continuous support for development initiatives that benefit the public. The Mayor urged local residents

to make effective use of the open gym established through the Malayappa Foundation's CSR funds. The inauguration ceremony was attended by apartment committee members, local residents, public representatives, political leaders, and party workers.

MLA Payal Shankar Participates in Grand Pochamma and Mahalakshmi Idol Consecration Ceremonies in Adilabad

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad JULY 05: The consecration ceremonies of Goddess Pochamma's idol at Bhuktapur and Goddess Mahalakshmi's idol at Dhobi Colony in Adilabad town were held with great grandeur on Sunday. A large number of devotees participated in the religious rituals conducted amidst the chanting of Vedic hymns by priests. The devotees offered special prayers and sought the blessings of the goddesses.



MLA Payal Shankar attended the ceremonies as the chief guest and offered special prayers to the deities. On the occasion, he prayed for the good

health, peace, prosperity, and happiness of all people. He also prayed for abundant agricultural produce across the district and for the well-being and

prosperity of the farming community. Later, the temple organizers felicitated MLA Payal Shankar with a traditional shawl in recognition of his participation.

Prominent leaders including Enrala Naresh, Sai, Bharat, Sachin, Gangadhar, Aditya, Dev anna, Santosh, Damodar, and several others were present at the event.

AMC Chairman Inspects Ongoing Railway Bridge Works Along with MLA Payal Shankar in Adilabad

Skyline Correspondent Adilabad JULY 05: The ongoing construction works of the Railway Over Bridge (ROB) in the town and the Railway Under Bridge (RUB) near the Agricultural Market Yard were inspected today by AMC Chairman Boranchu Sriknth Reddy along with MLA Payal Shankar. The inspection was conducted in the presence of R&B Chief Engineer Vanaja and other local officials. The team reviewed the progress of the projects and instructed the officials to expedite the construction work and com-



plete it within the stipulated timeframe so that the facilities can be made available

to the public as early as possible. Officials informed the representatives that

continuous heavy rains had caused some delay in the progress of the works. However, they assured that construction activities would be accelerated once the weather conditions improve. The leaders stated that upon completion, these infrastructure projects would provide a permanent solution to the town's traffic congestion and significantly improve transportation for the public. They also noted that farmers visiting the Agricultural Market Yard would benefit from easier and more convenient access.

Suryapet SP Narasimha IPS Conducts Annual Inspection of Kodad Town Police Station



Skyline Correspondent Kodad JULY 05: As part of the annual inspection of police stations across the district, Suryapet District Superintendent of Police (SP) Narasimha, IPS, conducted the annual inspection of Kodad Town Police Station today. The SP was accorded a ceremonial welcome by the police personnel. He inspected the police

parade conducted by the station staff and examined the equipment used by the personnel. Later, he joined the police staff in planting saplings within the police station premises as part of environmental initiatives. The SP instructed officers to ensure that investigations are completed promptly without keeping complaints or cases pend-

ing. He emphasized that police personnel should remain accessible to the public at all times and provide swift and efficient policing services. Since Kodad is located along the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway, the SP urged motorists to follow traffic rules and take necessary precautions to avoid road accidents.

Expressing concern over the growing threat of drug abuse, he appealed to citizens to immediately inform the police about the movement or sale of narcotic substances such as ganja, so that they can be prevented from entering the town. The SP also reiterated that the police department gives top priority to the safety of women and children and warned that strict action would be taken against anyone found harassing or troubling women. The inspection was attended by Kodad Division DSP Srinivas Reddy, DCRB DSP Ravi, Town Inspector Shivashankar, DCRB Inspector Magdum Ali, SIs Anji Reddy, Sudheer, Upender Reddy, and Malsur, RSI Ashok, DCRB personnel Anjan Reddy and Shekhar Reddy, CC Sandeep, IT Core Constable Abed, and other police station staff.

TPCC OBC Department Committees at All Levels

Skyline Correspondent Asifabad JULY 05: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) OBC Department State Coordinator Mutthineni Ravikumar, in a statement, said that TPCC OBC Department State Chairman Veerlapalli Shankar and Conveners Dr. Kethuri Venkatesh and Juluru

Dhanalakshmi have recently appointed him as the Observer for the Komaram Bheem Asifabad



District OBC Department. Ravikumar said

that a special meeting will be held on July 6 at Gandhi Bhavan, Hyderabad, under the leadership of TPCC President Mahesh Goud to provide guidelines for the committee formation process. Following the meeting, district, mandal, and village-level OBC Department committees will be constituted in coordination with MLCs, MLAs, DCC presidents, former MLAs, and other senior Congress leaders in the district. He further stated that special

meetings will be organized to receive applications from interested candidates, and eligible applicants will be given an opportunity to serve on the committees after scrutiny at Gandhi Bhavan, Hyderabad. Ravikumar added that the Congress government is committed to strengthening the OBC community across Telangana. If you'd like, I can also rewrite this in a professional newspaper style or press release format..

Sports Promote Mental Well-Being and a Competitive Spirit: Dr. V. Narendra Reddy

Skyline Correspondent Karimnagar JULY 05: Sports help develop a competitive spirit and provide mental relaxation, said senior Congress leader, founder of the VNR Foundation, and Chairman of the Karimnagar Badminton Association, Dr. V. Narendra Reddy. He inaugurated the VNR Badminton Cup on Sunday at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Indoor Stadium in Karimnagar. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Narendra Reddy emphasized that everyone should pay special attention to sports, as regular participation keeps people active, reduces stress, and helps them lead healthier lives. Dr. Narendra Reddy recalled that many individu-



als have secured government and other prestigious jobs through their achievements in sports and have established successful careers. He said that the VNR Badminton Cup is organized every year and that outstanding performers are rewarded with cash incen-

tives to encourage sporting excellence. Marking World Badminton Day, he also cut a cake, extended his greetings to all badminton players, and urged them to uphold the true spirit of sportsmanship. The event was attended by Karimnagar District Bad-

minton Association Secretary Guntapalli Swamy, Masters Badminton Association Secretary Babu, Shankar, Raji Reddy, Shankar Rao, Ramesh, Srinivas Reddy, Prabhakar, Naresh, Kranthi, Venkatesh, and several other players and organizers.

MLA Payam Venkateswarlu and MP Porika Balaram Naik Attend the 8th All India Conference of NFAEE



Skyline Correspondent Pinapaka JULY 05: MLA Payam Venkateswarlu from the Pinapaka Assembly Constituency and Mahabubabad MP Porika Balaram Naik attended as chief guests at

the 8th All India Conference of the National Federation of Atomic Energy Employees (NFAEE), held at Tarangini Function Hall, Gautami Nagar, Ashwapuram in Bhadradi Kothagudem district.

The MLA also brought to the attention of MP Porika Balaram Naik several local issues related to the Ashwapuram Heavy Water Plant, particularly the need to provide greater employment opportunities for local

youth. He requested the MP to take up these issues with the Central Government and ensure their resolution. Responding to the request, MP Porika Balaram Naik assured that he would take the issues concerning the Heavy Water Plant to the notice of the Central Government and the relevant departments. He promised to make every effort to resolve them and reaffirmed his commitment to the welfare of employees and the overall development of the local community. The conference was attended by senior leaders of the National Federation of Atomic Energy Employees (NFAEE), Ashwapuram Mandal leaders, district leaders, sarpanches, deputy sarpanches, ward members, party workers, employees, and several others.

We are implementing public governance by developing every sector in the state

Skyline Correspondent Mancherla JULY 05: State Minister for Labor, Employment Training, Factories, Mines and Geology Gaddam Vivekananda said that public governance will be continued by implementing public welfare programs in addition to developing every sector in the state. On Sunday, District Collector Kumar Deepak along with officials laid the foundation stone for development works at Bhimaram Mandal Center in the district. Speaking on the occasion, the State Minister said that as part of the welfare of the people in the state, special attention is being paid to every sector and steps are being taken towards development. He said that the construction of sewerage has been started at the Mandal Center and Indiramma Houses have been provided to 143 beneficiaries. He said that the Indiramma House Scheme will be implemented for those who have their own land and those who are eligible. He said that 200 units of free electricity will be provided to all the eligible people, ration



cards will be issued and fine rice will be distributed through cheap price shops. He said that we are working at the field level to provide the welfare schemes undertaken by the government to every eligible beneficiary. The District Collector said that steps are being taken to develop roads and sewers in Chennur constituency with CSR funds of Rs 12 crore and steps are being taken to develop roads and sewers in all villages. He said that they are working to install magic soak feet in CC sewers and thereby take steps to increase the groundwater level. He said that development works are being undertaken in Bhimaram with DMFT

and CSR funds and steps are being taken to make it an ideal gram panchayat. He said that there is no truth in the confusion over mid-day meal in the minority welfare hostel, some people deliberately lied to the children and action will be taken against the concerned persons under the criminal law. He said that Mancherla district is at the 3rd position in the education sector and that no admission boards have been put up in government schools, welfare hostels, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas, Adarsh Schools and other government related educational institutions in the district this year. He said that 3 thousand students have joined

government schools from private schools this academic year. The government will pay special attention to the development of education and medical sectors, educational institutions will be monitored with CC cameras, 200 percent increase in cosmetic and 40 percent increase in diet charges will be provided to students, canteens and additional classrooms will be built in Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas and Ashram Schools for the convenience of students, and R.O. Plants will be installed and clean drinking water will be provided, he said. Relevant officials, public representatives and others participated in this program.