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Telangana seeks withdrawal of VBG Ramji Bill, Cabinet to decide on July 2



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : Telangana on Monday urged the Centre to withdraw the proposed VBG Ramji Bill, saying several provisions would increase the financial burden on states and weaken the rights of rural workers. Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Minister Seethakka conveyed the state's objections at a meeting of state Rural Development Ministers chaired by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi. The minister

also submitted a memorandum to the Union government outlining Telangana's concerns. She said the state Cabinet would take a final decision on adopting the proposed law after reviewing the Cabinet Sub-Committee's report on July 2. According to Seethakka, the new funding pattern would sharply increase Telangana's financial liability. She said the Centre had earlier borne the entire wage component under MGNREGS and 75 per cent of the material cost.

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Rythu Bharosa launch shifted to Hyderabad after heavy rains cancel Madhira meet

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : The Rythu Ashirvada Sabha, planned for Tuesday in Madhira of Khammam district, has been postponed due to inclement weather making the event unviable. Consequently, modifications have been made regarding the meeting that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy was set to address in Madhira.

On the same day, a meeting for distributing 'Rythu Bharosa' funds will take place at Shilpakala Vedika in Hyderabad, where the Chief Minister will officially re-



lease the funds. He has instructed Ministers and officials to prepare accordingly.

Initially, the Rythu Ashirvada Sabha was meant to occur at Jagannathapuram in the Chintakani mandal of the Madhira Assembly constituency, with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy scheduled to attend and distribute 'Rythu Bharosa' funds. Extensive preparations have been made for this gathering, with Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka and Ministers Tummala Nageswara Rao and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy overseeing the ar-

rangements. The event was aimed at attracting around one lakh attendees, with arrangements tailored to accommodate this number.

However, recent heavy rainfall has resulted in significant waterlogging at the designated venue, prompting district officials to inform the Ministers and the Chief Minister's Office that hosting the meeting there was not practical.

As a result, the government has canceled the Madhira meeting and opted to relocate it to Hyderabad, where farmers from all over the state will join via their local 'Rythu Vedikas.'

CONG ALLEGES MIM INTERFERENCE IN VOTER REVISION PROCESS, SEEKS EC PROBE

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : The Hyderabad District Congress Committee (DCC) on Monday demanded an immediate Election Commission inquiry into allegations that voter enrolment and Special Interim Revision (SIR) forms were being handled by MIM-linked in-

dividuals instead of authorised election officials in parts of the city.

DCC President Syed Khalid Saifullah claimed complaints had emerged from Charminar, Bahadurpura and Chandrayangutta constituencies, where political workers were allegedly involved

in the distribution and handling of voter-related forms.

Citing incidents from several polling booths, including Booth Nos. 29, 31, 32, 102 and 219, he alleged that some Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were not conducting mandatory door-to-door verification and that calls meant for election func-

tionaries were reportedly being answered by MIM activists.

Saifullah questioned how official electoral forms had allegedly reached political workers and urged the Election Commission of India, Telangana Chief Electoral Officer and Hyderabad District Election Officer to con-

duct a comprehensive probe.

He demanded recovery of any voter revision material kept outside official custody and action against anyone found interfering with the electoral process. Stressing the need for transparency and neutrality, Saifullah said

voter data and enrolment procedures must remain exclusively under the control of authorised election officials.

The Congress leader said the party would continue monitoring the revision exercise and raise complaints wherever irregularities were detected.

Telangana eyes global markets with new rice export incentive policy: Uttam



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : Telangana government is

considering incentives for promoting rice exports in a big way. The initiative is

aimed at opening global and inter-state markets for the benefit state's farmers

and millers, said Minister for Irrigation and Civil Supplies N Uttam Kumar Reddy. The Minister stated that the move is designed to reduce over-reliance on central procurement agencies and enable the state to capitalise on its massive production scale through value addition and direct exports. Speaking at the launch of KCP Nutri's Multi-Vitamin Rice range in Hyderabad on Monday, he described the innovative fortified product as a welcome step that makes nutritious food and everyday nutrition easily accessible.

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Telangana seeks stronger tourism, cultural ties with France: Jupally

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 :

Minister for Tourism, Culture and Excise Jupally Krishna Rao on Monday called for strengthening tourism and cultural cooperation between Telangana and France, stating that deeper people-to-people exchanges and heritage partnerships would create new opportunities for tourism, investment and economic growth.

The Minister made



these remarks during a courtesy call by French Consul General Marc

Lamy and Deputy Consul Pascal Loreau, who called on him at the Dr. B.R.

Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat.

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ICIE launches global Taiwan innovation mission focused on semiconductors & AI

From Our Staff Reporter

Taipei, June 29 : The International Council for Innovators and Entrepreneurs (ICIE) has announced "Explore2Expand Taiwan", a global delegation programme aimed at connecting entrepreneurs, startups, investors, researchers and academic institutions with Taiwan's globally acclaimed technology and innovation ecosystem.

The announcement follows discussions between ICIE founding convener Sundeep Kumar Makthala, officials from the Institute for Information Industry and the National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University to strengthen international cooperation in innovation, artificial intelligence, semiconductors, digital transformation, research and entrepreneurship. Scheduled from July 29 to August 2, 2026, the programme will provide participants with direct exposure to Taiwan's semiconductor industry, AI ecosystem, startup accelerators, research institutions, universities and technology companies. Speaking on the initiative, Sundeep Kumar Makthala said the delegation would create opportunities for cross-border partnerships, technology collaborations, startup acceleration, academic exchanges, investment engagement and international market expansion. Widely recognized as a global hub for semiconductor manufacturing and advanced technology innovation, Taiwan offers significant opportunities in artificial intelligence, electronics, deep technology, advanced manufacturing and digital transformation. The programme is open to entrepreneurs, business leaders, startups, investors, exporters, students, faculty members, research scholars, industry associations, and institutions seeking international partnerships and global growth opportunities. Registrations for Explore2Expand Taiwan are currently open through bit.ly/explore2expand or contact +91 8019977575 for further details.

Telangana, Korea discuss strengthening tourism, cultural cooperation

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 :

Minister for Tourism, Culture and Excise Jupally Krishna Rao on Monday held talks with a delegation from the Republic of Korea on enhancing cooperation in tourism and culture, including a proposal to organise a Telangana-Korea Cultural Festival in Hyderabad on October 25, 2026. The delegation, led by Hwang Ilyong, Director of the Korean Cultural Centre India (KCCI) and Counsellor (Culture & Press) at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea, met the Minister to explore avenues for expanding bilateral engagement in tourism, culture and heritage. The Minister welcomed the proposal for the festival, saying it would serve as a platform to showcase the cultural heritage, performing arts, music, dance and cuisine of both regions, while strengthening people-to-

people ties and boosting tourism. He noted the growing popularity of Korean culture in India, particularly among the youth, with Korean dramas and entertainment content gaining wide viewership on OTT platforms. This trend, he said, presents opportunities for tourism pro-

motion, cultural exchange and creative collaboration. The Minister reiterated the State government's commitment to strengthening ties with Korea in tourism, culture, heritage conservation and creative industries. Discussions also covered cultural exchange programmes, artist ex-

changes and other initiatives to deepen bilateral relations. The meeting was attended by Kim Kanghun, Head of Administration, KCCI; Im Hwiye, Head of Public Relations, KCCI; and Suresh Chukkappalli, Honorary Consul General of the Republic of Korea for Telangana and Andhra Pradesh.

Govt clears another Rs.2,000 Cr in employee dues

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 :

After releasing Rs.2,000 crore in the first installment on May 29, the Telangana government has once again demonstrated its commitment towards its employees. Despite financial constraints, it has accelerated the process of clearing pending dues, honouring the assurances given to employees. Under the directions of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Finance Princi-

pals Secretary Sandeep Kumar Sultania released Rs.2,000 crore on Monday. This decision has brought cheer to lakhs of employees and retired staff across the state. As promised to the Employees' JAC leaders, the government had earlier announced that Rs.6,000 crore of pending dues would be cleared within 100 days. In line with this commitment, after releasing Rs.2,000 crore in the first phase last month, the government has now released another Rs.2,000 crore in

the second phase, reaffirming its dedication. Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the government is giving top priority to the welfare of retired employees. Accordingly, all pending General Provident Fund (GPF) dues of retired employees and Zilla Parishad teachers have been cleared 100%, leaving no pending balances in their accounts. Additionally, all commutation dues of retired employees up to September 2025 have been fully settled.

Shabbir Ali mourns demise of renowned Islamic scholar Salman Nadwi



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 :

Telangana Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir on Monday expressed profound grief over the passing of eminent Islamic scholar, author and educator Maulana Syed Salman Hussaini Nadwi in Lucknow following a brief illness.

Describing the loss as a major setback to Islamic scholarship and religious education, Shabbir Ali said Maulana Nadwi was respected globally for his expertise in Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence, Seerah and

contemporary issues. Through his teachings, writings and educational initiatives, the scholar shaped generations of students and made lasting contributions to Islamic thought, he noted.

Shabbir Ali highlighted Maulana Nadwi's long association with Darul Uloom Nadwatul Ulama and his commitment to educational reform and community development. He remembered him as an inspiring teacher, eloquent speaker and a fearless voice on issues concerning the Muslim world.

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However, the proposed 60:40 funding ratio would increase Telangana's annual share to nearly Rs.2,000 crore. Seethakka said the proposed law would weaken the employment rights of rural workers. She also argued that it would reduce the powers of gram panchayats and limit the role of state governments. Moreover, she said the Centre should not centralise planning, fund allocation, implementation and monitoring. The minister said Telangana wanted MGNREGS to continue as a rights-based programme. Therefore, the state requested the Centre to withdraw the proposed legislation. She also opposed linking fund allocation only to the 16th Finance Commission's recommendations. Instead, Telangana

proposed that the Centre should consider actual employment demand. The state suggested giving 80 per cent weightage to employment generated during the previous five years and 20 per cent to the Finance Commission formula. She also sought special consideration for tribal, backward and Fifth Schedule areas.

Seethakka urged the Centre to expand the list of permissible works under the proposed law. She recommended including Indiramma housing works, individual land development, post-flood restoration, nutrition gardens, bamboo plantations, vegetable cultivation structures, fodder development and work sheds. She also sought greater flexibility for states to approve projects based on local needs. The minister opposed the pro-

posed mandatory 60-day employment gap. She said mechanisation had already reduced rural employment opportunities. As a result, the restriction would adversely affect poor households. She also sought exemptions for tribal regions, drought-prone areas, plantation works and state housing schemes. In addition, Telangana requested a 90:10 Centre-State funding ratio for Fifth Schedule areas on the lines of north-eastern states.

Apart from the VBG Ramji Bill, Seethakka raised several pending issues relating to Telangana. She urged the Centre to approve houses under PM Awas Yojana, saying the beneficiary survey had been completed two years ago. She also sought faster forest and wildlife clearances for road projects sanctioned under

the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. According to the minister, delays had affected projects in Adilabad, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Mulugu, Nallamala and Kawal Tiger Reserve areas. She requested a mechanism to grant forest approvals along with road sanctions. Further, Seethakka sought the release of pending Central funds for completed works. She said the Union Rural Development Minister had responded positively and assured discussions with the concerned ministries on forest clearance issues. The minister reiterated that Telangana would take its final decision on the proposed law only after the state Cabinet meeting on July 2. She said the government would officially communicate its decision to the Centre after the Cabinet completed its deliberations.

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The Minister stated that such value addition would be a boon for the state and the paddy farmers. "Telangana has to explore new markets both outside the state and outside the country. Food Corporation of India is buying just for the farmers but not for exports. So now, we are going to come up with a new initiative to go forward with exports," Uttam Kumar Reddy said. The Minister assured the industry that

the government would fully support millers and businesses that follow basic norms and quality standards. The Telangana government will be with you and necessary permissions will be facilitated smoothly for genuine players looking to expand beyond domestic markets," he said. The Minister highlighted the export policy push in the context of Telangana's extraordinary procurement performance. In the just-concluded Yasangi (Rabi)

season alone, the state procured 81 lakh metric tonnes of paddy - a figure he contrasted sharply with neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, which procured 25 lakh metric tonnes despite being a larger state geographically, he reminded. "Andhra Pradesh is a much bigger state. It has procured 25 lakh metric tonnes. We procured 81 lakh metric tonnes. That is the scale on which Telangana paddy and rice production is," he said.

Uttam Kumar Reddy urged the rice industry to adopt a future-oriented approach and called for innovative ideas and competition in the sector, noting that products like multi-vitamin rice would help address health and nutrition concerns that increasingly influence consumer choices - both domestically and internationally. The Minister advised entrepreneurs to plan sales not only within Telangana, but also aggressively target markets outside the state. If anything the government of Telangana can do to encourage you to sell your products outside the state, we will do it", he said, reiterating the government's commitment to supporting the people of the state through progressive agricultural and food-processing policies, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. He expressed happiness that a product giving value addition to rice was being launched in Hyderabad, particularly under the purview of his ministry, and thanked the organisers for the initiative.

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Highlighting Telangana's rich historical, cultural and architectural heritage, Krishna Rao said Hyderabad has emerged as a vibrant global city while preserving its unique legacy. He invited the French government, the French Embassy and tourism stakeholders to partner with Telangana in promoting Hyderabad and the State's diverse tourism destinations among French travellers. The Minister also proposed expanding cultural exchange programmes and encouraging reciprocal

visits by artists, scholars, tourism professionals and cultural delegations. He suggested constituting a joint working group to identify areas of collaboration in heritage conservation, cultural exchanges and tourism promotion, paving the way for long-term institutional partnerships between Telangana and France. The French delegation underscored the pivotal role of tourism as a catalyst for economic growth, employment generation and international engagement. They noted that France welcomes over 100 million

international visitors annually and highlighted the significant contribution of tourism and culture in attracting global investment while strengthening people-to-people ties.

Referring to the robust India-France strategic partnership, the delegation highlighted the growing co-operation in sectors such as defence, pharmaceuticals, technology and innovation. They informed the Minister that nearly 200 French nationals are currently residing in Telangana and expressed keen interest in expanding collaboration

in tourism, culture and heritage conservation. Welcoming the Minister's proposals, the delegation assured their support in promoting Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, as a preferred destination for French travellers and in facilitating greater cultural exchanges between the two regions. Both sides expressed confidence that enhanced cooperation in tourism, culture and heritage would further strengthen the longstanding friendship between India and France while creating new opportunities for mutual growth and collaboration.

BJP worked for tribal welfare, Cong only claimed credit: T-BJP Chief

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : Telangana BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao on Monday alleged that the tribal community in Telangana was denied its rightful 10% reservation due to the previous BRS government's decision to link it with the 12% Muslim reservation proposal, resulting in prolonged legal hurdles and hardship for thousands of tribal youth and students. Addressing a tribal gathering here, Ramchander Rao said

former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had promised 10% reservation for tribals but failed to implement it independently. "The tribal community knows how its rightful share was delayed and turned into a political experiment," he remarked.

Highlighting the BJP's contribution to tribal welfare, he said the Tribal Affairs Ministry and the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes were established under the government of Atal Bihari Vajpayee. He added that

the BJP today has the highest representation of tribal MPs and MLAs in the country.

Launching a sharp attack on the Congress, Ramchander Rao said the party had failed to deliver meaningful welfare for tribal communities despite claiming otherwise. "If tribals have received opportunities in education, employment and development, it is because of the efforts of BJP governments," he asserted.

Recalling his first visit as BJP State President, he

said he toured the remote Chenchu habitations in the Nallamala Forest, where basic infrastructure remained scarce. He credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for extending housing and welfare schemes to tribal families under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, bringing pucca houses and essential facilities to remote Chenchu villages.

Ramchander Rao reiterated the BJP's commitment to tribal empowerment and inclusive development across Telangana.

Donors supporting education are true architects of social progress: Governor



From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said that financial contributions towards education are not merely acts of charity but long-term investments in building an empowered society and a

stronger nation.

Addressing the Donors' Felicitation and Awards Ceremony of the RGA Swarna Jayanthi Shiksha Nyas, organised by the Rajasthani Graduates Association (RGA) at the FTCCI Surana Auditorium, Lakdi

Ka Pul, Hyderabad on Monday, the Governor lauded the organisation for its sustained contribution to education, social service and nation-building over the past six decades.

He appreciated the establishment of the RGA Swarna Jayanthi Shiksha Nyas during the Association's Golden Jubilee year and noted that the Trust has extended scholarships worth several crores of rupees to thousands of meritorious and economically disadvantaged students without any discrimination based on caste, religion or community.

The Governor observed that when the economically privileged sections of society support the education

of underprivileged students, they help transform the aspirations of thousands of young people into reality.

He expressed hope that the Rajasthani Graduates Association and the Shiksha Nyas would continue to play a significant role in nation-building through their service initiatives. Later, the Governor felicitated the donors in recognition of their generous contributions and congratulated the Association for its commendable service to society. Nandgopal Bhattad, Chairman, Shiksha Nyas, Gopal Das Sarada, President, Rajasthani Graduates Association, and other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

BRS challenges Congress govt to show concrete progress in Nalgonda dist

From Our Staff Reporter Hyderabad, June, 29 : Former Minister and Suryapet MLA G. Jagadish Reddy responded to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's recent comments in Nalgonda, accusing him of making personal insults rather than addressing the district's developmental priorities.

Jagadish Reddy asserted that only those lacking depth and who have not facilitated any noticeable development would comment on another person's appearance.

While speaking to reporters at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday, Jagadish Reddy highlighted that a significant portion of Revanth Reddy's speech in Nalgonda was devoted to insulting BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao,

working president K.T. Rama Rao, BRS Legislative Party deputy leader T. Harish Rao, and himself.

He noted that during his 30 months in office, Revanth Reddy accomplished nothing for the Nalgonda district, relying instead on political rhetoric and derogatory comments aimed at BRS leaders.

Jagadish Reddy challenged the Congress government to cite even a single significant initiative undertaken for the district since assuming power. He pointed out that even Congress legislators avoided attending the Chief Minister's public meeting and accused the government of misusing public funds on events that did not yield results.

"One Congress MLA was absent from the event, while party activ-

ists were apprehended out of fear of protests at the gathering. The Congress government should feel ashamed," he stated.

The BRS leader also observed that both Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and BJP national president Nitin Nabin directed their criticisms at BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao during separate meetings while avoiding confrontation with each other.

He interpreted this as a sign of the BRS's increasing influence in Telangana. Additionally, Jagadish Reddy criticised the state government for not ensuring sufficient irrigation despite the available water in the Nagarjuna Sagar reservoir and called for the Assembly to meet to discuss public issues.

Former MLA Kancharla Ravindra Kumar con-

demned the Chief Minister for reportedly using inappropriate language and prioritising personal attacks over development and welfare initiatives. He accused the Congress government of overlooking essential irrigation projects, such as the SLBC and Dindi schemes, and failing to complete works started during the previous BRS administration. Former MLAs Bhupal Reddy and Gongidi Sunitha also expressed criticism towards the Congress government, stating it has not honoured its promises to Nalgonda while consistently targeting BRS leaders with personal remarks. Former MLAs Gadari Kishore and K. Prabhakar Reddy, BRS leaders Narasimha Reddy and Palle Ravi Kumar were also present in the press conference.

Rs.17,000 cr transformation: Modi govt changed Warangal's face, claims Kishan Reddy

From Our Staff Reporter Warangal, June 29 : Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy on Monday asserted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds a special affection for Warangal and has prioritized its development despite the BJP never having been in power in Telangana. Challenging Congress and BRS leaders to an open debate, Kishan Reddy said the Centre had sanctioned nearly Rs.17,000 crore for projects that are reshaping the city's infrastructure and economy.

Releasing a detailed development report card in Warangal, the Union Minister highlighted key Central projects, including the Kazipet Railway coach factory, where 90% of construction is complete and coach production is expected to begin by January 2027. He also announced that work on a 30-acre railway terminal will start next month and said the modernized Warangal railway station has already been inaugurated.

Kishan Reddy said major railway investments include Rs.2,909 crore for the Kazipet - Balharshah third line and ongoing work on the Kazipet - Vizianagaram third line. He added that the long-awaited Warangal airport would soon become operational.

The Minister noted that Warangal secured one of the country's seven Mega Textile Parks and revealed that Prime Minister Modi would personally lay the foundation stone for the proposed Sammakka-



Sarakka Tribal University later this year. He also cited the sanctioning of 77 PM SHRI schools and an MSME Technology Centre for the district. Highlighting healthcare initiatives, Kishan Reddy said a Rs.108-crore Critical Care Block has been completed, while another Rs.130-crore facility is

under construction. In the transport sector, he pointed to the development of the Hyderabad - Warangal and Warangal - Karimnagar national highways, Rs.999 crore worth of cement roads, and Rs.1,250 crore in ongoing road works. He further stated that 50% of the Rs.500-crore Warangal Ring

Road project has been completed and that the Centre has sanctioned 50 new city buses. Under the Smart City Mission and Urban Challenge Fund, 70 projects worth Rs.1,380 crore have been completed, while 40 more projects worth Rs.414 crore are currently underway, he noted.

MCEME CONVOCATION CELEBRATES EXCELLENCE & INNOVATION

From Our Staff Reporter

Hyderabad, June, 29 : The Military College of Electronics and Mechanical Engineering (MCEME) conducted its 109th Convocation Ceremony, awarding B.Tech degrees to 45 officers, including four officers from friendly foreign countries. The degrees were conferred by Lt Gen Neeraj Varshney, Commandant, MCEME and Colonel Commandant, Corps of EME. Maj Bhartendu Negi was adjudged Overall Best Student of the DE-106 Course and received the DGEME Trophy, DGEME Gold Medal and GOC-in-C ARTRAC Book Prize. Lt Sahib Singh emerged as the Overall Best Student of the TES-44 Course and received the DGEME Gold Medal and GOC-in-C ARTRAC Trophy. Addressing the graduating officers, Lt Gen Varshney urged them to pursue excellence, embrace adaptability and develop innovative approaches to problem-solving. He emphasized resilience, character and continuous learning as key attributes of successful military leaders. An exhibition of innovative projects was also organised during the convocation. "Acoustics-Based Gun Shot Localisation and Detection System with Map Overlay" and "AI-Powered Offline Semantic Search Engine" were adjudged the best projects, showcasing the officers' technological capabilities and commitment to self-reliance in defence technology.

Door-to-door visits today



Guntur: June 29
(Skyline daily):

District joint collector Ashutosh Srivastava called upon everyone to extend their cooperation in making the National Pulse Polio Programme a success to make a polio-free society. He along with GMC commissioner K Mayur Ashok inaugurated the pulse polio immunisation drive by administering polio drops to children at the Urban Primary Health Centre in Brindavan Gardens on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, he said the district has set a target of administering polio drops to 1,44,678 children through 913 vaccination centres with the support of 4,012 vaccinators. He urged parents to ensure that all children aged below 5 years of age receive the vaccine. He said Anganwadi workers, ANMs and ASHA workers will conduct door-to-door visits on June 29 and 30 to identify children who missed the vaccination on Sunday and administer the vaccine. He appealed to parents to

take their children to the nearest vaccination centre and ensure they receive the two drops. GMC Commissioner Mayur Ashok said arrangements had been made to administer nearly one lakh doses to children aged 0-5 years through 275 centres within the Guntur Municipal Corporation limits. He requested parents to take their children to the nearest health centres, Anganwadi centres, RTC bus stands and special booths set up at major junctions for vaccination. He added that 29 mobile teams had been deployed to cover migrant families, construction sites and nomadic communities to ensure that no child is left out. He called for coordinated efforts from all departments to make Guntur district completely polio-free. DMHO Dr Vijayalakshmi, DIO Dr Shruvan Babu, state nodal officer Dr Vijayalakshmi, DCMO Dr Sujatha, CMHO Dr Shanthi Kala, MHO Dr M Suresh Kumar were among those who participated.

Two drops can protect every child from polio: Principal Secretary

Tirupati: June 29

Principal Secretary of the Municipal Administration and Medical & Health Department S Suresh Kumar said that administering Pulse Polio drops to children below five years of age is essential to completely eradicate polio from the country. Launching the Pulse Polio programme at the MR Palli Urban Primary Health Care Centre in Tirupati on Sunday along with District Collector Dr S Venkateswar and City MLA Arani Srinivasulu, Suresh Kumar administered polio drops to children. He said that two drops of the polio vaccine for every child below five years can help keep India free from polio. Although the World Health Organisation has declared India a polio-free country, he said continued vaccination is necessary as polio still exists in some parts of the world and international travel poses the risk of the virus entering the country. He said the State aims to administer polio drops to 49 lakh children through



29,000 booths and 1,144 mobile transit booths. Around 1.31 lakh ANMs and Anganwadi workers have been deployed for the programme across the state. District Collector Dr S Venkateswar said the Pulse Polio campaign will be conducted for three days in the district and appealed to parents to ensure that all children below five years receive the vaccine. He said 2,59,843 children have been identified for vaccination in the district. The Collector said health workers will visit the homes of children who miss the vaccination on the first day during Monday and Tuesday. Polio vaccine is completely safe and can be

administered every time during Pulse Polio campaigns, providing protection against the virus. According to him, 1,973 fixed booths, along with additional mobile booths, have been set up across the district for the campaign. MLA Arani Srinivasulu said it is the responsibility of parents to ensure that children below five years receive Pulse Polio drops. He appealed to parents to make use of immunisation and Pulse Polio services to safeguard their children's future. Joint Collector R Govindarao, RDO B Rammohan, Corporation Sarada Devi, DM&HO Dr V Balakrishna Naik, and others were present.

Hindu Samrajya Diwas celebrated



Bhimavaram: June 29

Hindu Samrajya Diwas was celebrated with enthusiasm in Bhimavaram on Sunday to mark the coronation anniversary of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj. A Shaurya Yatra, organised by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, was flagged off by Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma. He enthusiastically participated in the rally on a motorcycle. The procession commenced from the premises of Vignana Bharathi School at

Chinamiram and passed through Adda Vantena Centre, Ambedkar Centre and Prakasam Chowk before culminating at the Ramalayam in Vissakoderu. Addressing the gathering, Srinivasa Varma described Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj as a great warrior and an equally capable administrator. He said Shivaji had worked tirelessly for the welfare of farmers and built an administration rooted in justice and public welfare. Several RSS functionaries, supporters and members of the public participated in the celebrations.

Rowdy sheeters counselled



Rajamahendravaram: Jun:29

East Godavari police on Sunday conducted special counselling sessions for rowdy sheeters, persons with criminal antecedents and individuals with a history of anti-social activities across all police station limits in the district.

The programme was organised on the instructions of East Godavari Superintendent of Police D Narasimha Kishore as part of measures to strengthen crime control and maintain law and order. Police advised the participants to stay away from criminal activities and lead a disciplined life.

They warned that strict legal action would be taken against those indulging in anti-social activities, consuming or transporting ganja and other narcotic substances, or engaging in acts that disturb public peace. Officials urged them to give up bad habits and adopt good conduct. They said police were maintaining constant surveillance on the movements of rowdy sheeters and crime suspects and closely monitoring their activities. The police further cautioned that any involvement in unlawful activities in future would invite stringent action under the law.

Caste division politics by YSRCP alleged



Rajamahendravaram: June 29

Setti balijaCorporation Chairman Kudupudi Sattibabu accused the YSRCP of attempting to gain political mileage by creating divisions among communities and warned that such politics threatened democratic values. Addressing a press conference at the State Setti Balija Corporation office on Sunday, Sattibabu said linking an alleged rowdy-sheeter to the Setti Balija community after police initiated legal action was unfortunate and irresponsible. He alleged that efforts to associate law enforcement with caste identity were aimed at provoking social tensions and would not be accepted by the public. He stated that Setti Balija, Gouda, Srisayana, Yata and Ediga communities belonged to the same traditional toddy tapping community and alleged that attempts to create divisions among them would not succeed. Highlighting the government's welfare measures,

Sattibabu said toddy tappers had been provided a 10 per cent reservation in liquor shop licences, a 50 per cent concession in licence fees, and livelihood opportunities through the Neera project. He added that modern equipment and TVS mopeds were being supplied under the Adarana scheme to improve the working conditions of toddy tappers. He further said efforts were underway to promote Neera at tourist destinations to enhance the income of Gita workers. Sattibabu also announced plans to install a statue of Sardar Gouthu Latchanna after contributing a statue of Dommeti Venkata Reddy at the Lalacheruvu Centre. He said steps were being taken to secure land for the construction of a community hall and Kalyana Mandapam for the Setti Balija community. Chintapalli Nani, Chelluboyina Suryanarayana Murthy, Sai Ganesh and others attended the press conference.

Sagar cement hosts skill-upgradation workshop for masons in Kodumur



Kurnool: June 29

Sagar Cement, in association with Madhu Marketing, organised a technical awareness programme for masons, bar benders and centering workers at Yeddula Narayana Reddy Complex in Kodumur on Sunday. The event drew a large gathering of construction professionals, contractors and workers from across the region. The initiative was aimed at enhancing technical expertise and promoting quality construction standards. Addressing the participants, Sagar Cement Technical Officer Srikanth highlighted the importance of scientific con-

struction practices, proper cement application, correct concrete mixing ratios and effective curing techniques. He emphasised that adherence to standard engineering practices plays a vital role in ensuring the strength, durability and longevity of buildings and other civil structures. Sagar Cement District Officer Hanumantha Reddy lauded the company's impressive sales growth in the district and expressed gratitude to masons and construction professionals for their continued support. Distributor Yeddula Surya Reddy thanked customers, contractors and workers

for their confidence in Sagar Cement and reaffirmed the company's commitment to delivering high-quality products and dependable service. Madhu Marketing Founder and Director Yeddula Maheswara Reddy appreciated the enthusiastic participation of the attendees and said such programmes help improve technical knowledge while strengthening ties with the construction fraternity. The programme concluded with an interactive technical session and a vote of thanks. Yeddula Surendra Reddy, Yeddula Satya Reddy and other team members were also present on the occasion.

Pulse polio drops mandatory for every child under five: Joint Collector



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Stressing the importance of immunisation, Kurnool Joint Collector Noorul Qamar urged parents to ensure that every child below five years of age receives Pulse Polio drops without fail. He said children who missed the vaccination on Sunday should be administered the drops during the door-to-door campaign on June 29 and 30. The Joint Collector inaugurated the Pulse Polio programme by administering polio drops to children aged 0-5 years at the Pulse Polio booth set up at Indira Gandhi Municipal High School in A-Camp, Kurnool, on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, he said two drops of the polio vaccine would help secure a healthy future for children and called upon parents to actively partici-

pate in the campaign to achieve 100 per cent coverage. He informed that 1,630 Pulse Polio booths had been established across Kurnool district for the immunisation drive. In addition, 52 special transit booths have been set up at bus stands, railway stations and airports to vaccinate children travelling with their families. The district administration has also deployed 33 mobile booths to ensure that no eligible child is left uncovered. The Joint Collector said medical teams would conduct door-to-door visits on June 29 and 30 to administer polio drops to children who were missed during Sunday's campaign. District Medicaland Health Officer Dr Bhaskar Raju, Corporator Padmalatha, medical staff and other officials participated in the programme.

Operation Vajrapahar launched across Nandyal



Nandyal: June 29

As part of the district-wide Operation Vajrapahar, police conducted extensive Cordon and Search Operations across various police station limits in Nandyal district during the early hours of Sunday. Geographic Reference The operation was carried out under the directions of Nandyal Superintendent of Police Suneel Shoeran, with the objective of preventing crime, maintaining law and order, curbing the menace of narcotic drugs, and assuring public safety through heightened police vigilance.

During the operation, police teams inspected the houses of suspects, history-sheeters, rowdy-sheeters, and persons previously involved in illicit liquor and ganja cases. Several motorcycles lacking valid documents were penalised, while individuals found in illegal possession of liquor were arrested and liquor bottles were seized.

Police also conducted on-the-spot counselling for identified offenders, warning them against indulging in unlawful activities. Police officials stated that the special drive was aimed at preventing crimes proactively by keeping a close watch on anti-social elements and ensuring a visible police presence in vulnerable areas. They said such operations help deter illegal activities, including the transportation of prohibited substances and narcotic drugs, while reinforcing public confidence in the police machinery. As

part of the programme, police also interacted with villagers and created awareness on cybercrime, road safety, and emergency response services. They educated the public about important toll-free helpline numbers, including 1098 for child-related issues such as child marriage, 1930 for cybercrime complaints, and 100/112 for emergency police assistance. Police appealed to citizens to promptly report any suspicious or illegal activities and assured immediate assistance through these helplines.

Waqf board maps out expansion drive for Bara Shaheed Dargah



Nellore: June 29

Describing the historic Bara Shaheed Dargah as a monumental pilgrimage center, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy on Sunday stated that the shrine stands as an enduring symbol of communal harmony and secular unity that goes far beyond the barriers of caste and religion. The senior legislator, accompanied by newly appointed Andhra Pradesh State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeez, visited the holy shrine on Sunday to offer prayers and Chadar for the sustained economic prosperity and holistic development of the state. Speaking to media personnel, Somireddy highlighted the exponential growth of the annual Rottela Panduga, noting that pilgrim attendance has skyrocketed from roughly 4 lakh prior to 2014 to a massive 18 lakh at present. He attributed this growth to the consecutive infrastructure overhauls, high-load sani-

tation grids, and extensive drinking water networks deployed by successive administrations. The MLA highly appreciated Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeez and Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy for their joint execution of on-site pilgrim facilities. In his address, Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeez revealed that because the current dargah premises face structural space constraints during peak festivals, comprehensive structural expansion maps are being drafted. He commended the district police department for their high alert status during Saturday's midnight Gandha Mahotsavam and praised their innovative use of real-time digital tracking systems to swiftly reunite missing family members in the dense crowds. Dargah Committee Chairman Munir Ahmed was also present.

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Brexit Dividend

Ten years after Britain voted to leave the European Union, the most revealing aspect of Brexit is not what happened, but what did not. The promised economic renaissance never arrived. Yet neither did the collapse predicted by some of its fiercest critics. What emerged instead was something more subtle and perhaps more consequential: a slower, less dynamic economy whose losses accumulated quietly over time. Political campaigns are won on grand promises. Brexit was sold as a route to restored sovereignty, regulatory freedom and global commercial opportunity. In formal terms, those objectives were achieved. Britain regained control over trade policy, immigration rules and regulatory frameworks. The country's elected governments now enjoy greater latitude in shaping economic policy without reference to Brussels. The problem is that economic freedom and prosperity are not the same thing. Modern trade depends less on tariffs than on the absence of friction. For decades, British firms operated within a vast integrated market where goods, services and capital moved with minimal obstacles. Leaving that framework inevitably introduced costs. Customs declarations, regulatory compliance, border checks and divergent standards may appear technical, but collectively they alter commercial behaviour. Businesses that once treated Europe as a domestic marketplace must now navigate barriers that did not previously exist. The burden has fallen disproportionately on smaller firms. Large multinational companies possess the resources to adapt. Smaller exporters often do not. Some have reduced their European footprint; others have withdrawn altogether. The result is not a dramatic collapse in trade but a gradual narrowing of commercial opportunities. Investment tells a similar story. Businesses invest when they can predict future conditions with reasonable confidence. The prolonged uncertainty surrounding Britain's departure from the EU discouraged many long-term commitments. Lost investment does not produce immediate headlines. Instead, it appears years later in weaker productivity, slower wage growth and diminished competitiveness. To acknowledge these costs is not to argue that Brexit delivered no benefits. Britain has shown greater flexibility in negotiating trade agreements and may possess advantages in emerging sectors where regulatory agility matters. In an age defined by artificial intelligence, strategic competition and shifting geopolitical alliances, the ability to move independently could yet prove valuable. But potential future gains cannot erase present realities. Geography remains one of the most powerful forces in economics. The European market sits on Britain's doorstep, and no network of distant trade agreements can fully replicate that proximity. The real lesson of the past decade is that sovereignty carries economic trade-offs. Nations can choose greater political autonomy, but they cannot choose a world in which economic interdependence ceases to matter. Brexit expanded Britain's room for manoeuvre. Whether that freedom ultimately proves worthwhile will depend not on the referendum itself but on how effectively future governments use it. The next chapter of the Brexit story will not be written by campaigners. It will be written by policymakers confronting a simple challenge: how to turn political independence into economic success.

330 million: Why the biggest number in India's boom is the most useless one

India has the largest crowd of AI users. But that number could be a vanity, pleasant to report in the morning and slow to pay by evening. Because who wants to pay for AI yet? Every few weeks a new number arrives to tell us that India has won the artificial intelligence race before it has properly begun. That we are the largest market for this X, or the fastest growing for that Y, and the second-largest base of users for nearly every model that matters. The figures are real. The story made with them is unreal. Markets exist to price things, and the market for Indian AI has the price wrong in both directions at once. The visible side is overpriced. The durable side is underpriced. We are sold a supply side story while the demand side waits in the shade, holding both the real opportunity and the real danger. Let me start with what is overpriced. According to Sensor Tower's State of AI 2026 report, ChatGPT counts roughly 330 million monthly users in India and Gemini around 229 million. Those figures get offered as proof of demand. They measure footfall. Appetite shows itself only when there is a price to pay, and the price in India today sits close to zero, because the frontier labs are subsidising access in a land grab for the world's largest pool of users. The narrow gap between the two leaders gives the game away. It exists because Android's installed base does the distribution work that genuine preference does elsewhere. The top of

our market has been won by distribution and subsidy wearing the costume of demand. Early in my career, putting a new dishwasher liquid product into Indian kitchens, I watched free samples by the tons flowing off retailers in a week. The number that mattered arrived a month later, when a homemaker reached for it again and paid with her own money. The first number flattered the internal review. The second one paid the salaries. WhatsApp owns near total reach in this country and has spent a decade in search of the commerce that was meant to follow. Vast usage, thin value. The capital now flooding into AI infrastructure rests on the same headcount story, on a subsidised price that still awaits its first real test. The day a real price appears, we will learn how much of that 330 million was appetite and how much was a free sample. Turn the picture over, because the underpriced side is the richer one. Value in this technology is born at the point of use, in the hands of someone solving a real problem. Models commoditise by the quarter. The lasting surplus lives in deployment against the messy, multilingual, high-friction problems that fill Indian life be it credit for the borrower with a thin file, advice for the small farmer or public services in a dozen languages that a model trained abroad meets as strangers. This is the terrain where India is strong and where capital, mesmerised by the supply side,

keeps its eyes elsewhere. The abundant thing draws the attention. The scarce thing sits unpriced. That gap is the textbook shape of a mispricing. The clearest evidence hides inside the same data everyone celebrates. The positions worth watching grow on session depth, paid conversion and word-of-mouth, far from the headlines that cheer downloads. One cohort that opens its wallet tells you more about this market than three hundred million who only opened the app. That wallet reports demand. The download reports distribution. There is a third element, the one that ought to keep folks up at night, because its cost still sits off the books. The value of AI in commerce and public life rests entirely on trust, and trust is a bill the current price quietly defers. Years ago, in 2011-13, I built the case for online debit in India. As Marketing Director for Visa, I saw an entire business rest on one fragile act: a stranger's willingness to type her card number into a screen and trust that the money would behave. Reach stayed worthless until that trust arrived. The same law now governs AI. Deepfake-driven fraud, the synthetic manufacture of opinion, impersonation aimed at the retail investor who has only just entered formal markets, these are the bills that arrive later. Demand looks healthier than it can sustain, flattered by a charge we keep deferring. The day it lands, through a scandal or a market shock or a wave of fraud



against ordinary savers, the whole thing reprices, and it reprices violently. A country welcoming millions of first-time investors and first-time internet users in the same decade stands fully exposed to that reckoning. All of which gives the phrase 'Swadeshi AI' a sharper edge than the slogan usually carries. The real question runs deeper than whether we can stamp a flag on a model. It asks whether India keeps the surplus it is strong enough to create or rents its intelligence from abroad in perpetuity while paying the trust cost at home. Building at the model layer is the smaller prize. Owning the demand layer, the interface, the deployment, the trusted relationship with the citizen, is the larger one and it currently goes cheap. A free sample is a poor trade for a civilisational asset. A mispricing earns its keep only when it tells you who collects as it corrects. **Three actors stand ready:** The builder who designs for what Indians will gladly pay for, and earns the wallet that a

download only borrows. The policymaker who funds distribution and trust, the rails and the redress and the protection of the small saver, with the conviction now reserved for compute, because compute on its own is a tower built on sand. The investor who learns to read depth and pays for it, while the crowd still pays for downloads. I have spent a working life building categories from the demand side, in dishwasher and debit cards, motorcycles and cargo electrics, with a few sporting leagues along the way. The lesson travels intact every time. Markets go to whoever first grasps what people will gladly pay for, and why. The largest free crowd is a vanity, pleasant to report in the morning and slow to pay by evening. India's AI moment will be settled on this ground. The headcount dazzles. The economics beneath it still await a careful reading. For now, we are pricing the wrong thing. The correction, when it arrives, will reward the few who priced the right one.

India's Solar Dreams have a big China problem

In April 1933, John Maynard Keynes took the boat to Dublin to deliver the first Finlay Lecture at University College. He was by then the most famous economist alive, and what he said, in "National Self-Sufficiency", printed soon after in the Yale Review, caused a small, genteel scandal. Here was the man every undergraduate filed under free markets and open exchange, calmly taking apart a faith he had once held without question. "I was brought up, like most Englishmen, to respect free trade not only as an economic doctrine which a rational and instructed person could not doubt, but almost as a part of the moral law." Having confessed the creed, he proceeded to renounce a good part of it. I thought of that lecture while reading a notification issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy on March 18, 2026. The notification extends something called the Approved List of Models and Manufacturers, ALMM in the acronym-strewn manner of Indian administration, to solar ingots and wafers, with effect from June 1, 2028. ALMM began life as an order in 2019. List-I, for solar modules, became enforceable in 2021; List-II, for cells, from June 1, 2026; and now List-III, for the wafers and ingots that sit further upstream still. The mechanism is simple. Only manufacturers on the list may supply projects awarded under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003, and net-metering and open-access projects besides. Chinese firms are, in practice, kept off it. ALMM is a non-tariff barrier dressed in the language of quality assurance.

Let nobody pretend otherwise. David Ricardo settled the matter in 1817, and two centuries of Lancashire and Manchester and the repeal of the Corn Laws settled it again. If China makes a wafer more cheaply than India can, the gains from buying it are real and the buyer, here, ultimately, the household paying an electricity bill, is the beneficiary. Every rupee of protection is a tax that someone pays, usually the person least able to see that he is paying it. Industry's own estimates suggest the cell mandate alone could raise project costs by three to five per cent, with sharper spikes when supply is short. This is trite, and it is true. And yet, this is precisely where Keynes is useful, because he was not a protectionist crank reaching for tariffs to please a constituency. He had arrived, reluctantly, at a more uncomfortable position, that the case for free trade had been oversold as a moral absolute when it was only ever a contingent argument. "I sympathise, therefore ... with those who would minimise, rather than with those who would maximise, economic entanglement between nations." Ideas, knowledge, art, hospitality, travel, these should be international by their nature. "But let goods be homespun whenever it is reasonably and conveniently possible; and, above all, let finance be primarily national." The phrase to dwell on is reasonably and conveniently possible. Keynes was not abolishing trade. He was denying it the status of scripture. The argument for domestic capacity, capacity, note, not autarky, rests on a narrow ground, and the narrowness is the whole point. Some goods are not like other goods. Wine and toys and televi-

sion sets can come from wherever they are cheapest, and if a supplier turns difficult, one shrugs and buys elsewhere. A handful of goods are different, because the world makes them in only one place. China produced roughly 91% of the world's polysilicon and over 97% of its ingots and wafers in 2023-24. A supplier with that share of a market is not, in any meaningful sense, a market at all. It is a chokepoint. India, against some 172 GW of listed module capacity, has perhaps 2 GW of ingot-and-wafer capacity. The entire edifice of Indian solar, the panels, the parks, the rooftop schemes, the 500 GW of non-fossil capacity promised by 2030, rests, at its base, on a single supply line that runs across a contested border. Anyone who watched Galwan in 2020, or the pandemic's scramble for ventilators and active pharmaceutical ingredients, or Europe's sudden education in the price of Russian gas, has learnt the same lesson by now. Supply chains can be weaponised. A dependence that is purely commercial in peacetime becomes a lever in any other weather. Electricity is not a discretionary import. To build the grid of the next half-century on a thread held in one foreign hand is to mistake cheapness for security, and the two are not the same thing. Renewable energy is, in my view, exactly the sort of area Keynes had in mind, where homespun is worth a premium, because the alternative is not a higher bill but a hostage. That is the case for ALMM, honestly stated. But the caveat matters more than the case, and here I would not be a cheerleader. Strategic is the most elastic word in the entire lexicon of protection.



It is the Humpty Dumpty word. It means whatever the minister chooses it to mean, neither more nor less. India has heard it before. The two decades after 1956 were one long festival of import substitution, in which every industry from scooters to soda ash discovered that it was infant, or strategic, or both, and deserving of a wall. The infants were still infants thirty years later, fat and querulous behind their tariffs, and it took the crisis of 1991 to wean them. The danger is not that the renewable-energy argument is wrong. The danger is that it is right, and that its rightness becomes a licence for every other claimant to dress in the same clothes. ALMM's own short history is the warning written in advance. The module mandate was kept in abeyance for 2023-24 and reinstated in April 2024, and in the interregnum imports surged, module imports rose some 360% year on year as developers stocked up on the very Chinese panels the policy existed to displace. The mandate, in other words, ran ahead of the capacity it presumed. To their credit, the framers of List-III seem to have absorbed this. The wafer list issues only

when at least three independent units totalling 15 GW exist, and projects already in the pipeline are grandfathered. The test of a good protective measure is whether it contains, from the start, the conditions of its own removal. ALMM now gestures at this. Whether the gesture survives contact with the lobbies it will create is another matter. The deeper point is the one Keynes reached in Dublin and India learnt the hard way through Lancashire cloth and the broken handloom. Free trade was never quite the moral law its evangelists proclaimed, and self-sufficiency was never quite the folly its critics alleged. Both are instruments, to be used where they fit and abandoned where they do not. The question is never whether to protect, but where, how narrowly, and, the part always forgotten, for how long. Keynes ended his lecture by warning against the fanatic of self-sufficiency quite as sternly as against the fanatic of free trade. It is sensible advice for a country about to build a great deal behind a wall. The sun, at least, levies no customs duty. The wafer that captures it should not need a permit forever.

Summer eye care tips, wars against UV ray damage

Most people protect their skin and hair in summer. Acharya Balkrishna says the eyes need just as much attention. UV rays from sunlight can cause serious damage. A wide-brimmed hat and four litres of water a day can help. Acharya Balkrishna, co-founder of Patanjali Yogpeeth, put up a Facebook post this summer with some advice on taking care of your eye in the heat. Not the most obvious topic — most people think about sunscreen and hair masks when summer rolls around — but he made a fair point that eyes take a beating this time of year too. **UV rays and eye damage** His main concern was UV rays, and honestly, it's a legitimate one. Sunlight carries UVA and UVB radiation, both of which



can quietly damage eye tissue over time. We're talking cataracts, photokeratitis (basically a sunburn on your eyeball), pterygium, and in some cases macular degeneration. The WHO has flagged UV exposure as a real risk factor for all of these.

Summer makes things worse for a couple of reasons. Days are longer, the sun is more direct, and reflective surfaces — water, sand, even concrete — bounce UV rays right back up at your face. Your eyes end up getting hit from multiple angles, not just

from above. **Wearing a wide-brimmed hat** Balkrishna's first suggestion was simple: wear a hat with a wide brim when you step out. Not groundbreaking advice, but ophthalmologists actually back this one up. A brim of around 7–8 cm can block a good chunk of the UV that sunglasses alone miss — especially the light coming in from the sides or bouncing up from below. Sunglasses and a hat together cover a lot more ground than either one on its own. **Drinking enough water** His second point was about hydration — specifically, drinking three to four litres of water a day through summer. He connected this to eye lubrication, and mentioned xerophthalmia as a condition that can result from severely dry, moisture-deficient

eyes. Xerophthalmia is technically tied to vitamin A deficiency, and in serious cases it can lead to blindness — it's more of a concern in areas with poor nutrition access. But the broader point about hydration and eyes isn't wrong. Your eyes are covered by a thin tear film that keeps the surface moist, clear, and protected. When you're dehydrated, tear production drops, and you start noticing it — irritation, redness, that gritty feeling, blurry vision. In summer, you're sweating more and losing water faster, so the baseline for "enough water" goes up. Keeping fluid intake consistent is one of those small things that genuinely makes a difference for eye comfort, even if most people don't think about it that way.

Trump claims peace talks with Iran in Doha on Tuesday; ‘no technical meeting scheduled,’ says Tehran

US President Donald Trump on Monday claimed that Iran has “requested a meeting” and the same will take place in Doha on Tuesday. “IRAN HAS REQUESTED A MEETING. IT WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW IN DOHA!,” Trump said on Truth Social. However, senior Iranian negotiator and deputy foreign minister Kazem Gharibabadi dismissed Trump’s claim, saying no technical meeting has been scheduled for this week. “No technical meetings of the working groups have been scheduled for



this week,” Gharibabadi said, according to Press TV “Although consultations with Qatar, including regarding the follow-up to the implementation of the other side’s commitments, are continuing

as usual, reports by some media outlets claiming that technical talks of the working groups will be held in Doha are not confirmed,” he added. He further stated that the first round of technical

talks within the framework of the designated working groups will be held once conditions are in place and after agreement is reached on the date and venue. The US and Iran agreed to resume peace talks and end the recent hostilities that threatened the fragile preliminary agreement signed earlier this month. The two sides exchanged strikes around the Strait of Hormuz just a week after they signed an MoU that began a 60-day negotiation period toward a permanent deal to end the war and reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Does China have a five finger policy towards the Himalayan border?



the framework remains influential because it appears to mirror China’s attempted expansion of strategic footprints across the Himalayan arc. The historical backdrop is equally significant. British India viewed Tibet as a buffer against imperial Russia and sought to preserve its autonomy. That strategic geography disappeared after the People’s Republic of China incorporated Tibet in 1950, transforming what had long been an Indo-Tibetan frontier into a direct Sino-Indian border stretching nearly 3,500 kilometres.

The latest allegations emerging from Taksing circle situated in Arunachal Pradesh’s border with China, if proven true, may result in heavier troop deployments in the eastern Himalayas. The Nah Welfare Society, representing indigenous communities in Upper Subansiri district, has accused the People’s Liberation Army of gradually occupying traditional grazing lands and hunting grounds near Taksing, north of the Subansiri River. In a letter to local authorities, the group alleged that Chinese forces have built roads, bridges and military camps in areas that local residents say they accessed freely until only a few years ago. There have been similar accusations in the past too. While some have been proven false as the PLA had remained within the loosely penciled 890-km long McMahon line, others such as the famous Sumdorong Chu standoff, were genuine cases of China overstepping into Arunachal. The Sumdorong Chu incident occurred in 1986 when Gen K Sundarji ordered the airlift of Indian troops and artillery to take over a grazing ground in the high Himalayas and followed it up with

Operation Chequerboard, all along the eastern border in 1987 to demonstrate to China, India’s military preparedness. China claims most of Arunachal Pradesh, claiming it as “South Tibet” and routinely announces new names for various peaks and areas in Arunachal in what can be called a “cartographic claim creation”. The problem, military analysts say is that over the years, China has “dramatically expanded its network of all-weather roads, airfields, bridges and dual-use villages across the Tibetan plateau.” Improved infrastructure enables Beijing to patrol disputed areas more frequently while reducing India’s response time. Many Indian strategic thinkers interpret this behaviour through the prism of the so-called “Five Fingers of Tibet” theory, which is widely attributed to China’s strongman Mao Zedong in 1949, though never formalised in any official Chinese policy document. The concept portrays Tibet as the “palm” from which influence extends into Ladakh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh. While historians continue to debate its doctrinal significance,

Besides, disputes with India over Arunachal and Ladakh, China has also routinely intruded into Nepal, as has been documented by a 2021 Nepalese government document which was leaked as also a lawmaker’s investigation. Border pillars had been destroyed, infrastructure built deep inside Nepal in Humla and Sindhupalchowk districts. Similarly, China claims about 269 sqkm of territory in Doklam plateau (Western Bhutan), 495 sqkm of territory in Jakarlung and Pasarlung valleys (Central Bhutan) and 650 sqkm in Sakteng (Eastern Bhutan) Many analysts feel the Tibet question lies at the heart of all these Chinese claims and hence Mao’s unauthentic statement, “Tibet is the palm, which we must occupy. Then we will go after the five fingers.” For India, the challenge extends beyond strengthening military deployments. It increasingly involves ensuring that frontier communities remain populated, economically viable and politically connected. Local residents often serve as the earliest witnesses to changes on the ground that satellites or diplomatic exchanges detect only later.

Taliban says Pakistani airstrikes killed 36 civilians in eastern Afghanistan, tensions with Islamabad deepen

Pakistan carried out fresh cross-border airstrikes inside eastern Afghanistan, killing 36 civilians and injuring 163 others, according to the Taliban administration, which accused Islamabad of targeting residential areas and rescue workers during overnight attacks. The latest strikes threaten to further strain already fragile ties between Pakistan and Afghanistan. While the Taliban condemned the operation as an attack on civilians, Pakistan maintained that the action was part of an intelligence-based operation launched after a series of militant attacks inside its territory. Taliban says women, children among those killed Taliban deputy spokesperson Hamdullah Fitrat said the strikes hit parts of Paktia, Paktika and Kunar provinces late Sunday. “According to the reports available thus far, the attacks carried out last night resulted in the martyrdom of 36 civilians, including women and children, while 163 others sustained injuries. Three residential houses were completely destroyed,” Fitrat said in a statement posted on social media. According to the Taliban,

one strike hit a civilian home in Mandokhail village in Chamkani district of Paktia province, killing an elderly man and a child while injuring other members of the family. Fitrat alleged that Pakistani aircraft struck the same location again after residents gathered to rescue survivors. “Subsequently, when local residents gathered to conduct rescue operations, the area was bombed for a second time, resulting in the martyrdom of 28 villagers and injuries to 158 others,” he said. Another strike reportedly hit a residence in Walust village in Giyan district of Paktika province, where six people, most of them women and children, were killed. In Barolo village of Manogai district in Kunar province, a residential house was destroyed, though no casualties were reported, according to the Taliban. Taliban spokesperson Zabihullah Mujahid separately condemned the operation, calling it a “cowardly act of aggression”. Pakistan says operation followed militant attacks Pakistan defended the cross-border action, saying its security forces had conducted a “well



planned intelligence based ground operation” supported by aerial strikes. Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said the operation was launched after a series of recent militant attacks inside Pakistan, including incidents in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Balochistan and an assault on a paramilitary installation in Karachi. Pakistani daily Dawn reported that militants attacked the headquarters of the Pakistan Sindh Rangers in Karachi’s Gulistan-i-Jauhar area on Saturday night. According to the report, three Rangers personnel and three attackers were killed. An affiliate of Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a splinter faction of the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), claimed responsibility, Al Jazeera reported. Former US envoy criticises Pakistan Former US Ambassador to

Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad criticised Islamabad following the strikes, saying Pakistan had once again chosen military action over dialogue. “Ignoring the calls from around the world and from many Pakistanis for negotiations to resolve their differences with their neighbour, once again Pakistan has attacked Afghanistan, again killing and injuring many. I have consistently condemned Pakistan’s killing of innocent Afghans. I do it again today,” Khalilzad wrote on X. Questioning Pakistan’s broader objectives, he asked whether Islamabad was interested in a negotiated settlement or pursuing other strategic goals in Afghanistan. “If these are actual Pakistani objectives, it’s no surprise that the Pakistani establishment does not articulate them publicly,” he said.

Venezuela earthquake death toll rises to 1,450; search teams continue amid fresh tremors

Rescue teams continued searching for survivors across Venezuela on Sunday as the death toll from last week’s devastating twin earthquakes climbed to 1,450, while fresh aftershocks complicated relief operations in several of the worst-hit areas. Authorities are still assessing the scale of the destruction after the magnitude 7.2 and 7.5 earthquakes struck the country on Wednesday. Hundreds of aftershocks have since shaken affected regions, forcing thousands of residents to remain on alert as emergency workers race against time. Venezuela’s National Assembly President Jorge Rodriguez said the country has recorded 430 light to moderate aftershocks since the two major earthquakes. Earlier, he said 3,238 people had been injured and 3,142 families affected by the disaster. Offering condolences to families who lost loved ones, Rodriguez said tens of thousands of personnel remain engaged in round-the-clock search and rescue operations. Fresh tremor rattles central Venezuela The Venezuelan Foundation for Seismological Research (Funvisis) reported that a magnitude 4.1 earthquake struck the country’s central region on Saturday. According to the agency, the tremor’s epicentre was located about 35 kilometres west of La Guaira, a major port city that has been declared a disaster zone following extensive damage from

Wednesday’s earthquakes. The quake occurred at a shallow depth of 5 kilometres, a factor that can intensify ground shaking. Residents in Caracas and neighbouring areas reported feeling the tremor, with many leaving buildings fearing further structural collapses. Government announces housing review, extends school closures Separately, Acting President Delcy Rodriguez announced the formation of a presidential commission to assess damage to homes and critical infrastructure caused by the earthquakes. She also said schools would remain closed for another week as authorities continue emergency response and recovery efforts. Rodriguez highlighted a rare moment of hope during the rescue operation, saying an 11-year-old boy was pulled out alive from the rubble in Caraballeda earlier in the day. “In these hours, every life is hope for Venezuela,” she said. International rescue efforts continue The US Southern Command said international rescue teams remain engaged in search operations across the hardest-hit communities.



In a post on X, it said first responders had assisted a US Marine climbing through collapsed structures during efforts to locate survivors. “Operating day and night, these crews continue to support international search and rescue operations across the hardest-hit communities,” the command said, adding that US military personnel were supporting US Department of State-led disaster assistance efforts in Venezuela. Earthquake strikes amid economic challenges The disaster has hit Venezuela as the country continues to grapple with economic difficulties. According to CNN, the country has been dealing with years of sanctions, corruption, hyperinflation, and challenges in its oil sector. The report said the economy has contracted sharply over the past decade despite recent signs of higher oil production following the easing of some US sanctions.

US, Iran pause military strikes for now; Doha talks to focus on Strait of Hormuz: Report

The United States and Iran have agreed to temporarily halt military strikes and will meet in Doha on Tuesday to address tensions over the Strait of Hormuz, according to a report by Axios. The reported understanding comes after days of military exchanges raised concerns over commercial shipping through one of the world’s most important maritime routes. The upcoming discussions are expected to centre on navigation and security in the Strait rather than Iran’s nuclear programme, which had initially been the focus of the negotiations. According to Axios, citing US officials, both countries have agreed to stand down “for now”, allowing commercial vessels to move freely while technical discussions continue. The talks were originally scheduled to take place in Switzerland. However, renewed tensions in the Strait of Hormuz led to the venue being shifted to Doha, Qatar, with shipping security becoming the immediate priority, according to the report. Axios also reported that negotiators had previously agreed in Switzerland to establish a direct “hotline” between the US military and Iran’s Islamic Revolution Guard Corps to help coordinate vessel

movements through the strategic waterway. The communication channel, however, had not become operational as of Saturday. Military exchanges preceded reported breakthrough The diplomatic push follows another round of military action between the two countries. According to the US, it carried out strikes on Iranian targets on Friday and Saturday after accusing Tehran of continuing attacks on commercial shipping in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran responded by targeting US military positions in the region. On Saturday, US President Donald Trump said American forces had launched fresh air strikes against Iranian military infrastructure after accusing Tehran of violating the ceasefire by attacking the Panama-flagged tanker M/T Kiku, which was carrying more than two million barrels of crude oil. The US Central Command (CENTCOM) said the tanker was struck by what it described as a one-way Iranian attack drone while transiting near the Strait of Hormuz. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said US aircraft had targeted Iranian missile and drone storage facilities along with coastal radar installations.



“United States aircraft just struck Iranian missile and drone storage locations, and coastal radar sites, for violating the Cease Fire Agreement, AGAIN! It is very possible that they will never learn!” “There may come a point when we are no longer able to be reasonable, and will be forced to militarily complete the job that we very successfully started. If that happens, the Islamic Republic of Iran will no longer exist!” he wrote. CENTCOM said Iran had been given an opportunity to comply with the ceasefire after US strikes carried out in response to an earlier attack on M/V Ever Lovely. Iran asserts role in managing Strait Meanwhile, Axios reported that both governments had agreed to stop “all the kinetic activity”, quoting a senior US official. Another official told the publication that both

sides would stand down “for now” while negotiations continue. Meanwhile, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Iran has the exclusive right to manage traffic through the Strait of Hormuz under what The Wall Street Journal described as a preliminary peace agreement. According to The Wall Street Journal, Tehran maintains that it will oversee arrangements for the safe passage of commercial vessels and determine the future administration of maritime services in consultation with regional countries. The United States has disputed that interpretation and has argued that navigation through the international waterway must remain unrestricted. The reported Doha meeting comes as both sides seek to prevent further escalation around the strategically important shipping corridor.

India’s airport infra likely to attract investments of up to Rs 4.2 lakh crore by 2029

New Delhi, June 29 : India’s airport infrastructure sector is expected to garner investments of up to Rs 4.2 lakh crore by 2029, a report said on Monday. The estimation includes Rs 3.7 lakh crore based on the value of projects announced and under implementation as of FY26 and project value likely to be commissioned by 2029 at nearly Rs 0.5 lakh crore, the report from Brickwork Ratings. After robust operating revenue growth in FY26 over record passenger traffic and tariff hikes, the revenue growth in FY27 is expected to remain strong driven by domestic air traffic growth and footprint expansion. The sector navigated an intensive capacity expansion phase in FY26, with regional airport development and terminal upgrades accelerating to absorb a structural surge in domestic travel. “Air traffic is expected to grow by 8–10 per cent driven by resilient domestic demand, expanding Tier-2



footprints and the launch of new greenfield assets including Navi Mumbai and Jewar airports,” said Niraj Rath, Senior Director - Ratings, Brickwork Ratings. These factors cushion a highly subdued international segment, he added. International growth has flattened due to route restrictions, rising fuel prices, and the Middle East conflict. The Middle East constitutes a massive 38–40 per cent share of India’s entire international passenger traffic and instability in the region will have a major impact on the sector. “These combined headwinds will likely maintain growth in H1FY27 flat and subdued, but a sharp capac-

ity and demand recovery could occur in H2FY27 as airlines adjust schedules for peak winter travel and new airport assets scale up,” Rath said. The report said the credit outlook for the airport infrastructure sector is stable. Heavy spending on terminal expansions pressures near-term cash flows, but steady growth in passenger traffic keeps the industry moving forward safely. Operating margins for FY26 surged to an estimated 53.8 per cent, up from 44.4 per cent in prior year due to completion of new terminals. Margins are projected to improve to 54.5 per cent in FY27 as these expanded facilities open up, allowing operators to collect high-margin retail fees and airport charges from a larger volume of passengers. Tailwinds for the sector include UDAN initiative with a capital outlay of Rs 288 billion by FY36, and the 100 per cent FDI being permitted in greenfield airport development projects.

Why Hindi Media Claims Pushpa & KGF As Bollywood Films ?



Over the last few years, the Indian movie industry has changed completely. In the past, Bollywood was considered the face of Indian movies. However, South Indian cinema has now stepped forward and taken the crown. Filmmakers from the Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, and Malayalam industries are making movies that capture the attention of the entire country. This big change started with SS Rajamouli's Baahubali franchise, which proved the true potential of South cinema. Following its success, movies like RRR, Pushpa 2, and KGF 2 further cemented the place of South cinema. These films broke numerous records and made massive money at the pan-India box office, proving that South cinema is no lesser than Bollywood. Unfortunately, some Hindi media outlets have started calling hit franchises like Pushpa and KGF as Bollywood films. Few leading news portals published an article stating that bollywood hit franchises are coming

back with their third installments. In this, it was mentioned that Pushpa 3 and KGF 3 are among the much anticipated Bollywood franchises in the coming days. This has surprised many movie lovers because these films actually belong to the South Indian film industry. Labelling them as Hindi cinema ignores the hard work and unique style of South Indian filmmakers who crafted these stories. These movies became successful beyond South because they offered something fresh and never-before-seen content for Hindi audiences as well. They brought large-scale action, intense emotions, and hero-worshipping moments that people truly missed seeing on the big screen. Because of this massive love from fans, South Indian actors and directors are now recognized as the biggest stars in the entire country. So, labeling their hits as Bollywood films is simply wrong, as the glory belongs to the South Indian film industry that redefined Indian cinema.

Music Director Joins Jr NTR's God of War



Jr NTR fans have another big reason to celebrate. It has now been confirmed that Anirudh Ravichander will compose the music for the highly anticipated film God of War, directed by Trivikram Srinivas. The announcement has created huge excitement as fans believe the combination has the potential to deliver a memorable musical album. God of War is one of the biggest upcoming Telugu films and is expected to be made on a massive pan-India scale. The project brings together Jr NTR and Trivikram for the first time, making it one of the most awaited collaborations in Indian cinema. With the music department now finalized, expectations have reached an even higher level. This film will be a special milestone in Anirudh's career. It will be his first-ever mythological film, giving him an opportunity to create a fresh and powerful musical experience. Fans are eager to hear how he combines grand orchestral sounds with emotional melodies for a story based on mythology. The movie also marks Anirudh's second collaboration with Jr NTR after Devara. Their previous film featured several popular songs and a powerful background score that received appreciation from both fans and critics. Because of that success, many believe the duo can deliver another blockbuster musical album. For the past few weeks, there was a lot of discussion about who would compose the music. While some fans expected Thaman to be chosen because of his strong association with the production team, a large section of Jr NTR's fans wanted Anirudh to take charge. Now that the makers have confirmed his name, social media is filled with celebration posts and positive reactions. Music plays a major role in big-scale films, especially mythological action dramas. From emotional scenes to heroic moments, the soundtrack and background score can make every sequence more impactful. Fans are hoping that Anirudh will create chart-topping songs along with a powerful background score that will elevate the film's overall experience. Produced by Haarika & Hassine Creations in association with NTR Arts, God of War is expected to be one of the costliest Telugu films ever made.

Samantha shows why she is a True Star



Samantha has once again proved that she is one of the biggest stars in Telugu cinema. Her latest film Maa Inti Bangaaram is performing very well at the box office and continues to attract audiences even in its second weekend. The movie has become a favorite among family audiences, and many viewers are praising Samantha's emotional and powerful performance. Before the film's release, Samantha was not very confident about its success. She had stayed away from Telugu films for nearly three years, and she openly admitted that she was unsure whether people would return to theatres to watch her movie. She even joked in interviews that she did not know if the film would sell enough tickets. However, the audience has proved that her fears were unnecessary. From the very first day, Maa Inti Bangaaram received a strong response. The film enjoyed impressive collections during its opening weekend and continued to perform well on weekdays. Even in the second weekend, theatres are seeing good footfalls, showing that positive word-of-mouth is helping the movie.

Many people now feel that Samantha underestimated her own popularity. Over the years, she has built a strong fan base through her performances and dedication. Her latest success shows that audiences still have great love and respect for her. Some fans are even saying that she is creating a box office wave similar to many top male stars, proving that content and performance matter more than anything else. Interestingly, in a recent interview, Samantha was called the "lady superstar." Instead of accepting the title, she humbly responded that Nayanathara is the real "Lady Superstar" and said, "I am just Samantha." Her simple and grounded reply won the hearts of many fans and showed her humble nature despite her growing success. The success of Maa Inti Bangaaram has also increased excitement about Samantha's future projects. Reports suggest that she may sign several Telugu films after completing her maternity break. There is also buzz about a sequel to the film, and fans believe it would be impossible to imagine the franchise without Samantha in the lead role.



Did Sukumar Get Hurt With Buchi Babu?

Sukumar is the most tribute and highly ranked director of this generation and the kind of ethic that he displays generally attracts some of the biggest stars in industry. He has the good habit of encouraging his subordinates as well. Incidentally, we have the case of Buchi Babu, who was a former of associate of Sukumar and he happened to work with Ram Charan for Peddi. Sukumar was one of the backbone members behind this project as he convince Charan to work with Buchi in the first place.

Before the release of this film, there were several reports about the development of Sukumar in the production of this project and also convincing Charan to make it happen in the first place. But it appears that Sukumar has turned rather silent after the release of the film, as he appears to be hurt by the kind of work ethic that was displayed by Buchi Babu. Firstly, this film was not executed on time as there was a delay for at least six months in execution. Along with that, the lack of adequate commercial group



on the presentation of Charan has worked against the cause. Subsequently, this film turned out to be one of the least culturally significant superstar oriented films in recent times.

It appears that Sukumar expected great things from this project and promise the same to Charan as well, but that was not delivered by the Director Buchi Babu. This could have potentially shown great effect on Sukumar and eventually kept him away from the project after the release. This could be one of the reasons why he did not comment on the film after the release.

Peddi OTT release: Ram Charan film gets two streaming dates

Peddi, starring Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor, is getting ready for its digital release after a successful run in theatres. The sports action drama hit the big screens on June 4, 2026, and became one of the biggest Telugu box office hits of the year. Although the film received mixed reviews from critics, audiences appreciated Ram Charan's powerful performance, emotional scenes and action sequences. The movie marks the first on-screen pairing of Ram Charan and Janhvi Kapoor. It is directed by Buchi Babu Sana and produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinemas banner. Oscar-winning music composer A.R. Rahman composed the soundtrack, which also received a positive response from fans. According to reports, Netflix has acquired the digital streaming rights for Peddi. The film is expected to premiere on the platform from July 16, 2026, in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. Reports also suggest that



the Hindi version may arrive on July 30, 2026, after completing its theatrical window. However, the makers and Netflix have not yet made an official announcement about the release dates. Peddi tells the inspiring story of a talented young athlete from a small village. He dreams of bringing pride and recognition to his hometown through sports. To support himself, he participates in local cricket and wrestling competitions. His life changes when a rival destroys his opportunity to compete at the National Wrestling Championship. Instead of giving up, Peddi chooses

a new path. He becomes a para-track athlete and works harder to achieve his dreams. The film also includes a touching love story between Peddi and Achiyamma, played by Janhvi Kapoor, who is the daughter of a local politician. The movie features a strong supporting cast including Shiva Rajkumar, Jagapathi Babu, Boman Irani, Divyenndu Sharma, and Ravi Kishan. At the box office, Peddi delivered impressive numbers. The film has earned over ₹240 crore net in India and crossed ₹336 crore worldwide, making it one of the highest-grossing Telugu films of 2026.

15 Days & Just Promos: are these enough?

Akhil Akkineni's latest film "Lenin" is hitting cinemas on July 10th. Almost from the last two months, the makers are releasing the content from the movie, like songs, song videos, small promos and teasers, and the film got postponed from May 1st to June 26, two dates, twice. However, Nagarjuna Akkineni, who joined the film as a co-producer with Sithara Entertainments, stated that the makers are carving the film more for betterment, and they have locked July 10th as the release date. And that's just 15 days away. These days, big-ticket stars like Prabhas, Allu Arjun, and Ram Charan are not even doing any media interactions, press meets, and special interviews with media folks, but are usually conducting some events. They are busy promoting their films in Bollywood, while the Telugu audience will anyway watch those movies. However, that wouldn't work in the case of heroes who don't yet have a



solid fanbase or a believable market. That puts Akhil in the spotlight now as he is not aggressively promoting the film. And only if he promotes day and night for the next 15 days, the film will get solid openings. Otherwise, the trailers and songs, which are not so aggressively engaging, can't do huge engagement and turn that into footfalls. Well, Akhil and his father Nagarjuna know the game better. But then, industry talk is that Nagarjuna is pretty confident on the shock factor inside the content, and he hopes that the film works like a Kantara and Manjummel Boys once it hits cinemas.

Ram Commences shoot for his Most Ambitious Project RAPO23



Ram Potheneni has begun his most ambitious film yet, #RAPO23, marking a major milestone in his career as it serves as his directorial debut. The landmark project was launched today on a grand scale with a traditional pooja ceremony. During the event, producer Krishna Potheneni handed over the script, while P Murali Mohan and PV Ravi Kishore handled the camera

switch-on and clapboard duties respectively. Ram directed the muhurtham shot himself. Following the pooja ceremony, the regular film shoot commenced today with several cast members. Ram has conceived and written the story for this project, promising a gripping psychological action thriller set against a dark neo-noir backdrop. His dual responsibility behind and in front of

the camera underlines his commitment to bringing this unique vision to life and delivering a distinctive concept to Telugu audiences. With an unconventional story at its core, the production is currently assembling a star-studded ensemble to play crucial roles. The film marks to be highest budget film in Ram's career too. More details regarding the cast will be made very soon.

Ravi Teja Irumudi Kattu Gives Fans Goosebumps

The makers of Ravi Teja's upcoming film Irumudi have released the first song from the movie. Titled Irumudi Kattu, the song has created a strong first impression among movie lovers and devotees. It introduces the spiritual theme of the film and gives a glimpse of the emotional journey that the story will follow. The movie is directed by Shiva Nirvana and produced by Mythri Movie Makers. Ever since the first look was released, the film has attracted attention because of its different concept. Now, the first song has increased the excitement even more. Music director GV Prakash Kumar has composed a devotional track that combines traditional sounds with modern music. The tune creates a peaceful and spiritual feeling, making it easy for listeners to connect with the emotions in the song. The music highlights the importance of faith and devotion throughout. The lyrics are written by Shiva Nirvana and Kalyan Chakravarthy. They explain the spiritual journey of an Ayyappa devotee in a simple and emotional way. The song talks about taking the sacred Mandala Deeksha, carrying the holy Irumudi, and finally reaching the famous Sabarimala temple. Singer Ananthu brings life to the song with his heartfelt voice. His emotional singing made the devotional number



even more touching. One of the biggest highlights of the song is Ravi Teja's new look. Known for his energetic mass roles, the actor appears in a calm and devoted character this time. His sincere performance has impressed fans and shows a different side of his acting. Choreographer Baba Baskar has designed the visuals using traditional devotional movements, giving the song an authentic feel. The song also introduces important members of the hero's family. Priya Bhavani Shankar plays his wife, while Baby Nakshatra appears as his daughter. Their presence adds warmth and emotion to the visuals. With its meaningful lyrics, soulful music, and impressive performances, Irumudi Kattu has given the film a memorable beginning. The devotional song is expected to become a favorite during Ayyappa pujas and has raised expectations for the rest of the movie's soundtrack.

Sooryavanshi ready to play, but must 'bide his time and wait,' says ten Doeschate

Belfast, June 29 : Dynamic teenaged opening batter Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is ready to play international cricket for India, but will have to 'bide his time and wait' for his opportunity in a packed line-up, said India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate.

The swashbuckling Sooryavanshi was fast-tracked into the India T20I side after amassing 776 runs at a staggering strike-rate of 237.30 to bag the Player-of-the-Tournament honour in IPL 2026. But Sooryavanshi was unused in Ireland, as India suffered a shock 2-0 series loss.

"He's absolutely ready to play international cricket, there's no doubt about that. But also, I think it's not a question to say you can leave Sanju Samson out. A guy who went a long way to winning India the World Cup three months ago. A guy who's had a fairly good IPL. "It's important in terms of giving players confidence, and the message we're sending to players. We want to give guys a long run in the team. So, as ready as Vaibhav is and as excited as we are and you are to see him play,



he's going to have to go through the same process as everyone else and, you know, bide his time and wait. But certainly no questions about how good he is and how ready he is," said ten Doeschate at the conclusion of the series.

Sooryavanshi will now travel to England for the five-game T20I series starting in Durham on July 1. If either of Sanju Samson or Abhishek Sharma don't make big runs, then an opening for Sooryavanshi's much-awaited international debut can be made. Ten Doeschate refused to hide behind scheduling constraints in Ireland being a factor in them losing the series.

"I think training more does give you a better

chance to adapt. I think you also really need to tread carefully in terms of freshness and giving guys time off and making sure that they're mentally fresh for series as well. In hindsight, I wouldn't have done things differently. "We got here on Thursday and, again, we know how hard the Irish are trying to put on good facilities. The training facilities weren't ideal, so we had a little hit there but of course you'd rather have three or four hits like you would for a normal tour.

"Again, no excuse. If we're really critical of ourselves, it's the desire to want to adapt and to play differently when you are presented with a different challenge. We put our hands up, and

say that's something we need to get better at a lot quicker," he added.

Ten Doeschate, who played for Netherlands, was also effusive in his praise for Ireland's landmark achievement.

"Without being disrespectful, no. You mark guys player to player and what the Indian players have achieved in their careers. There's a couple of guys sitting there who have won two World Cups on the bounce.

"There's guys who have played hundreds of IPL games, and I think that sort of just underlines what an achievement it is (for Ireland). I wouldn't even say we had two bad days. I thought the Irish were fantastic over both days. Not a razzmatazz 240, 250 type of cricket. They (were) smart enough to navigate their way to two good scores.

"I mean we won both tosses as well. I'm pretty chuffed for them. It's obviously super disappointing to lose, but to see them make progress like that and just win by making the most of what they have is very impressive, and we take our hats off to them," ten Doeschate concluded.

I see Kishan to bat at No. 4 with Kohli's return for England ODIs: Rayudu

New Delhi, June 29 : Former India batter Ambati Rayudu on Monday said Ishan Kishan is ideally suited to bat at number four in the ODI side once Virat Kohli returns to the playing eleven for the three-game series against England, starting on July 14, citing the left-handed wicketkeeper-batter's scoring ability against both pace and spin making him a valuable addition in the batting order.

Kishan made a memorable comeback to ODI cricket with scores of 34 and 125 in ODIs against Afghanistan in Dharamshala and Lucknow earlier this month. With Kohli unavailable due to a hamstring injury, Kishan, ODI captain Shubman Gill and T20I skipper Shreyas Iyer all batted at the number three spot once.

"When it comes to Ishan Kishan, it is great that he is part of the ODI setup and being a left-hander, he'll add a lot of value. So I see him eventually bat at number four. That is an ideal number for him. Being a left-hander, he plays spin exceptionally well and also plays pace well.

"So he and Shreyas Iyer can have that role of number four and five batters. That will be a very, very formidable number four and five for India going forward," Rayudu said while replying to a question from IANS in a virtual group interaction facilitated by Sony Sports Network.

In the build-up to the 2027 ODI World Cup, there's been endless debate on whether Kohli and Rohit Sharma are certainties to play in the mega event. Rayudu, who played

55 ODIs and six T20Is for India and was shockingly dropped from the 2019 ODI World Cup squad, recalled how Kohli's mental strength and preparation has always been top-class, citing the turnaround he made after a difficult Test series in England in 2014.

"A guy like him who is so meticulous with his processes, training, and methodology, he knows that there'll be ups and downs. But when you're so focused, when you're so meticulous, when your training is so proper, you know that those lows will not last for a long time.

"He had a lot of help from very good Indian team management that time. So for him, it has been the process, and he has set the bar in terms of fitness and mental strength. A lot of youngsters have really tried to emulate it and they have really benefited with what he has done, seeing what he has done and learning from it. So he's been a great example if you look at it in that way," he added.

On whether Rohit, the former skipper, remains a certainty in India's plans for the 2027 ODI World Cup, Rayudu backed him to remain a key figure, citing his experience and big-match temperament. After two lean scores against Afghanistan, Rohit finally found his rhythm when he hit 79 in the third ODI in Chennai. "I think clarity is very, very important, especially for him. I'm sure they would have given him the clarity. Maybe they're not just giving us the clarity about Rohit Sharma. So I just think his experience is invaluable. He needs to be



there because he's a leader not only on the ground but also in the dressing room to keep the atmosphere really, really nice and that is very, very important when you go into a big tournament like the World Cup.

"I'm sure he's in the plans for the World Cup. I think that's the reason why he's been persisted with. His batting is always sublime. It's just that when you play for so many years, your hunger sometimes might not be as much as what it used to be. But definitely when a big tournament comes around, I'm sure he'll step up big time.

"Even in a big series like the one that is coming up against England, I'm sure he'll be hungry and he'll be raring to go. So we can see a big knock because technically, physically, he's definitely there and mentally, it is up to him to switch on. We all know Rohit Sharma switches on whenever there's a big game, whenever there's a big moment and whenever he wants to do it. So, I'm very, very hopeful that he'll have a great impact for the Indian team in the ODIs," he elaborated.

Gold, silver trade lower amid weak global cues

New Delhi, June 29 : Gold and silver prices traded lower on Monday, with the yellow metal slipping below the Rs 1.44 lakh mark and the white metal hovering near Rs 2.23 lakh amid weak global cues.

On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures (August) opened at Rs 1,44,180 per 10 grams, marginally higher than the previous close of Rs 1,44,162. However, selling pressure emerged later.

At around 10 am, the yellow metal was trading at Rs 1,43,470, down Rs 692 or 0.48 per cent. So far in the session, it has touched an intraday high of Rs 1,44,180 per 10 grams -- its opening price -- and a low of Rs 1,43,454, down 0.49 per cent or Rs 708.

On the other hand, silver futures (September) traded largely flat in early deals. The white metal opened at Rs 2,23,912 per kg against the previous close of Rs 2,23,472. At the last count, it was trading at Rs 2,23,174 per kg, down Rs 298 or 0.13 per cent.

So far during the session, silver has touched a high of Rs 2,24,248 per kg and a low of Rs 2,22,641, down 0.37 per cent or Rs 831.

Similarly, in the international market, precious metals were trading lower, with COMEX gold down 0.41 per cent at \$4,078 per ounce, while COMEX silver declined more than 1 per cent to \$58.52 per ounce.



According to commodity market experts, gold remained under pressure as investors turned cautious amid renewed geopolitical tensions and expectations that the US Federal Reserve could keep interest rates higher for longer. A stronger US dollar and elevated US Treasury yields also weighed on bullion prices.

"Safe-haven demand received only limited support after fresh exchanges between the US and Iran over the weekend strained the fragile ceasefire. While the recent US-Iran peace framework had eased concerns over energy-driven inflation by pulling crude oil prices lower, renewed attacks on vessels near the Strait of Hormuz have revived uncertainty

over the region," the analysts said.

Investors will now closely track key US economic data, including consumer confidence, ADP employment, jobless claims and non-farm payrolls, for further cues on the Fed's policy outlook and the direction of the US dollar, they added.

In the currency market, the Indian rupee opened five paise higher at 94.35 against the US dollar on Monday, compared with its previous close of 94.40.

Meanwhile, international benchmark Brent crude rose about 1 per cent to \$72.78 per barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude gained more than 2 per cent to nearly \$71 per barrel.

Muzumdar asks for '18 months' to turn 'inexperienced' bowling into attacking unit

London, June 29 : Following India's exit from the Women's T20 World Cup, head coach Amol Muzumdar pointed out the shortcomings across multiple departments and admitted that Women in Blue's bowling attack has been "very inexperienced" for international cricket and asked for 18 months to develop it into the attacking unit.

Addressing the media after the loss, Muzumdar reiterated that India's bowling philosophy remains rooted in attacking cricket, insisting that the team has no intention of shifting towards a defensive mindset despite the disappointing campaign.

"We always talk in our meetings about picking up wickets. Whatever be the format of the game -- whether it is T20, 50-over, or Test match cricket -- it is all about picking up wickets when you're on the field. Containment is never a line that we use. We always think about picking up wickets in the dressing room, and I think that will be the mode of operation going forward as well. We keep thinking of wickets when the ball is in our hand," Muzumdar said in a post-match presser.

While accepting that the bowling unit fell short during the tournament, Muzumdar urged patience, pointing to the group's lack of international experience.

"If you look at our bowling attack, it's been very



inexperienced as far as international cricket is concerned. So I've said this before in the previous press conference: give us 18 months and this attack will be a different one," he noted.

Assessing the contest against Australia, Muzumdar believed India had posted a competitive total but admitted the opposition ultimately proved superior on the day. "I thought it was a good score, a par score on this pitch. We even got the momentum towards the end of that innings, and I think we carried it on the field as well. It's just that I think at the end of the day, Australia were a better side than us," Muzumdar told reporters after India's loss.

The head coach also shed light on the decision to retire out Jemimah Rodrigues late in the innings, explaining that the move was dictated by the match situation rather than any reflection on the batter's contribution.

"It really didn't strike me at that time (with 3-4 overs to spare). I thought Jemi is

a clutch player for us. Jemi and Harman, both of them, were going really strong. In the last two overs, I felt that Jemi couldn't penetrate that field, and that's why that call was taken," he added.

He also highlighted the absence of all-rounder Shreyanka Patil as a significant setback, particularly on a surface where her skillset could have made a substantial impact. "And also, it didn't help Shreyanka not being there. Shreyanka was probably one of our strikers. So it didn't help her missing out on half of the tournament. We really missed her in this game today. I think she would have made a difference on that pitch and on this ground," he added.

On the batting front, Muzumdar rejected suggestions that India lacked intent, maintaining that the team had embraced an aggressive approach throughout the tournament. However, he admitted the bowling and fielding units failed to provide

enough support.

"We have been batting with a lot of intent. We have been positive in our thinking. We have been thinking about fours and sixes, as modern-day T20 cricket is all about fours and sixes. So, we have been thinking and we have been playing in that fashion for sure. It's just that our bowling also needs to up the ante a little bit. I don't think our bowling or our fielding helped the cause, to be very honest," Muzumdar expressed.

Looking ahead, the head coach called for a broader reassessment of the team's T20 blueprint, saying the lessons from the tournament must shape future planning. "We need to really go back and think how we're going to approach the T20 game and also be in that positive frame of mind. We really need to put our heads around what combination we are going to play," he admitted.

Summing up India's campaign, Muzumdar identified bowling, fielding and greater batting aggression as the three primary areas requiring immediate attention.

"If I have to pinpoint certain things in the entire tournament, I think we really need to think about our bowling and our fielding. We also need to be a little aggressive with the bat, and we could have maybe 15-20 runs as a cushion (against Australia)," he opined.

Ai+ Smartphone begins sales of Nova 2 Pro and Nova 2 Neo starting 26th June

Visakhapatnam: June 29

Ai+ Smartphone today announced the commencement of sales of its latest devices, Nova 2 Pro and Nova 2 Neo, as part of the newly launched Nova Series. Designed to cater to a broad spectrum of users, from first-time smartphone owners to performance-focused upgraders, the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro will be available exclusively on Flipkart and select retail outlets starting June 26 at 12 noon.

The launch of Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro builds on the strong momentum of the Nova Series, which has witnessed exceptional consumer demand and growing affinity among Indian smartphone buyers since its inception.

The units will be available at the following pricing (Day 1 of Sales):

- Nova 2 Neo 5G 4GB + 128GB | ₹12,999
- 6GB + 128GB | ₹13,999
- Nova 2 Pro 5G 6GB + 128GB | ₹14,999*
- onwards
- 8GB + 128GB | ₹16,999*
- onwards

****Including ₹1,000 Bank Offer on all Banks**

(Debit/Credit)

Commenting on the commencement of sales, Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies said "The Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro reflect our effort to make capable, well-designed and dependable smartphone experiences accessible to a wider set of consumers.

We have focused on the things that matter most in daily use - performance, battery life, imaging, software quality and privacy so that users do not have to compromise based on budget. With sales beginning today, we are excited to bring the next chapter of the Nova Series to more users across India."

Nova 2 Neo: Built for Everyday Reliability

The Nova 2 Neo is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 6300 5G chipset and features a 6.745-inch HD+ display with a 120Hz refresh rate for smooth everyday use. It runs on Android 16-based NxtQuantum OS, offering a clean software experience backed by the NxtPrivacy Dashboard



and AI Key support. The device houses a 48MP Sony IMX582 AI camera and an 8MP front camera for everyday photography and video calls. A 6000mAh battery with 18W charging support ensures all-day usage, while a side-mounted fingerprint scanner, IP65 dust and water resistance, dual SIM 5G, expandable storage of up to 2TB, and a slim 8.5mm profile round out a highly practical package.

Nova 2 Pro: Built for Performance and Creativity

The Nova 2 Pro is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7100 chipset and features a 6.9-inch FHD+ punch-hole display with a 144Hz refresh rate, up to 800 nits HBM brightness, and a multi-layer cooling system for sustained performance. It runs on Android 16-based

NxtQuantum OS with the NxtPrivacy Dashboard and advanced AI Key customisation. Its camera setup includes a 48MP Sony IMX582 AI main camera, an 8MP ultra-wide camera, and a 13MP front camera built for content creation and video communication. The device features customisable lights in the back panel for calls, messages, and notifications, a premium 2.5D glass finish, dual stereo speakers, dual microphones, UFS storage with expandable memory of up to 1TB, and a 6000mAh battery with 33W fast charging. With the Nova 2 Neo and Nova 2 Pro, Ai+ Smartphone continues to make trusted technology more accessible, combining reliable performance, user privacy, and meaningful innovation for everyday users.

Toshiba Launches GridDBTM Startup Program to Collaborate with Innovators and Co-Create Future Technologies

Hyderabad: June 29

Toshiba Corporation today announced the launch of the GridDB Startup Program, a strategic initiative that will empower startups in building and scaling real-time industrial solutions on GridDB Cloud, Toshiba's distributed time-series database for Big Data and IoT systems. Applications are open here from June 24, 2026.

In a business world driven by constantly growing flows of information, identifying and extracting value requires systems that can accurately and reliably analyze massive volumes of data in real time with no disruption to operations. GridDB, Toshiba's distributed timeseries database, addresses these challenges by delivering

Toshiba GridDB™ Startup Program

Empowering startups to build innovative solutions and bring real use cases to market.

- 1. Complimentary Access to GridDB Cloud
- 2. Dedicated Technical Support from GridDB Experts
- 3. Joint Marketing & Promotion Opportunities
- 4. Revenue Share on successful commercial projects

strengths in reliability, low latency, and horizontal scalability.

The launch of GridDB Startup Program is part of Toshiba's broader effort to foster long-term partnerships with startups that advance co-development of solutions and bring new ideas to life. The program aims to combine Toshiba's expertise in data infrastructure with the creativity and agility of startups in gener-

ating new use cases and technology breakthroughs in IoT, AI and machine learning, smart infrastructure, healthcare, finance, real-time analytics, and other areas.

The program provides participants with essential technology, reduces barriers to innovation, and enables collaborative experimentation. Access to GridDB Cloud and GridDB's technical expertise gives the participants ability to concentrate solely on product development rather than infrastructure management, and to rapidly prototype, validate, and scale concepts. The program also delivers resources and incentives to foster early-stage growth, supporting startups in accelerating time-to-market and taking solutions to the global level.

Parents of Radha Gayathri met AP Home Minister Smt Vangalapudi Anitha

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 29
Parents of Smt. Radha Gayathri, the 27-year-old techie from Visakha patnam, Sri Sudhakar and Smt. Satyavathi, met Hon'ble Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Smt. Vangalapudi Anitha on Monday at the Visakha patnam Police Commis sionerate.

During the meeting, the parents requested the Hon'ble Home Minister's intervention and support in coordinating with the Mussoorie Police Investigation Officer regarding the suspicious death of their daughter. Responding immediately, Hon'ble Home Minister Smt. Vangalapudi Anitha directed South Zone DCP Mary Prasanthi and Visakhapatnam Commis



sioner of Police Shri S. Bagchi to ensure proper communication and coordination with the concerned authorities in Uttarakhand.

The Hon'ble Home Minister assured full support from the Government of Andhra Pradesh and stated that an official letter will be sent to expedite the post-mortem report and other investigation processes. She further mentioned that Hon'ble

Chief Minister Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu is personally monitoring the incident and has instructed to extend complete legal aid support to the family.

Smt. Vangalapudi Anitha assured that the Kutami government will stand with Radha Gayathri's parents and provide all necessary assistance to coordinate with the Uttarakhand Home Department in Mussoorie.

UTF unveils TET-1A study material for teachers

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 29 (Skyline):

The United Teachers Federation (UTF) launched a seven-volume TET-1A study material at the Garividi Mandal Educational Resource Centre to support teachers preparing for the Teacher Eligibility Test.

The books were released by Mandal Education Officers P. Rama Rao and D. Appanna, who distributed copies to teachers on the occasion.

Speaking at the event, MEO P. Rama Rao said the material would help teachers prepare effectively for the TET examina-



tion and improve their success rate.

UTF State leaders D. Ramu and A. Satya Srinivas, along with Mandal leaders Kotla Ramana, Aikya Satyanarayana, and others, attended the programme.

The UTF Garividi unit

announced that nearly 60 Secondary Grade Teachers (SGTs) in the mandal would receive the study material. The initiative was welcomed as a useful step towards improving teachers' professional qualifications and examination preparedness.

New borewell project launched to end water scarcity in Cheepurupalli colony

Vizianagaram (Cheepuru palli), June 29 (Skyline):

A long-pending drinking water issue in Ramanjaneya Colony of Cheepurupalli Town is set to be resolved with the launch of a new borewell project worth Rs.9 lakh. The initiative, funded through Panchayat resources, aims to provide a permanent source of safe drinking water to residents who have faced water shortages for several years.

The foundation stone for the project was laid by Kimidi Ram Mallik Naidu, TDP State Executive Secretary, in the presence of local leaders, Panchayat officials, and residents.

Addressing the gathering, Ram Mallik Naidu said the project was taken up after repeated requests from the public and reflects the government's commitment to strengthening basic



civic infrastructure. He noted that women and elderly residents had been facing considerable hardship due to the lack of a dependable drinking water supply.

He said the administration is giving priority to resolving public issues by ensuring the timely implementation of essential development works. He also assured that similar drinking water and infrastructure projects would be taken up in other areas of the constituency based on local requirements.

Residents of Ramanjaneya

Colony welcomed the initiative and expressed hope that the new borewell would provide lasting relief from the recurring water crisis. They thanked the authorities for responding to their long-standing demand.

Local TDP leaders, party workers, Panchayat officials, and a large number of residents participated in the foundation stone-laying ceremony. The project is expected to significantly improve access to clean drinking water and enhance the quality of life in the locality.

Police Officers Pay Courtesy Visit to Newly Appointed Magistrate

Vizianagaram) (Cheepuru palli), June 29 (Skyline):

Senior police officials from the Cheepurupalli Circle paid a courtesy visit to newly appointed Second Class Magistrate Sai Sekhar and extended a warm welcome by presenting him with a bouquet, reaffirming the commitment to strengthen coordination between the police and judiciary.

The delegation was led by Circle Inspector G. Shankar Rao and included Cheepurupalli SI P. Uma Venkateswara Rao, Garividi SI Lokeshwar Rao, Gurla SI P. Narayana Rao, and Budarayavalasa SI J. Lokesh Kumar. The officers congratulated the Magistrate on his new assignment and conveyed their best wishes on behalf of the police department. Speaking on the occasion, CI G. Shankar Rao highlighted the importance of



close cooperation between the police and the judiciary in ensuring effective law enforcement and timely delivery of justice. He said that coordinated efforts are essential for crime prevention, efficient investigation of cases, and expeditious completion of legal proceedings.

He further stated that the Cheepurupalli Circle Police remain committed to maintaining law and order, enhancing public safety, and implementing proactive measures to curb crime. The interaction also focused on strengthening

coordination in court-related duties, improving case follow-up, ensuring timely submission of investigation reports, and enhancing the overall efficiency of judicial processes.

Court constables from Cheepurupalli, Garividi, Gurla, and Budaraya valasa were also present during the meeting. The visit reflected the shared commitment of the police and judiciary to work together in upholding the rule of law and providing effective justice to the public.

100-cr Gati Shakti Project to drive FACOR revival, boost Vizianagaram industries

Vizianagaram (Garividi), June 29 (Skyline): FACOR Alloys Limited has received a major boost in its efforts to revive operations, with the East Coast Railway granting in-principle approval to upgrade its existing railway siding into a Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal (GCT). The proposed project is expected to transform industrial logistics in Vizianagaram district and create new opportunities for economic growth.

Planned with an estimated investment of Rs.100 crore, the cargo terminal will be developed in phases over the next four years. Once completed, the facility will serve not

only FACOR Alloys but also several industries across the district by providing improved rail-based transportation and modern cargo handling infrastructure.

The project includes the modernization of the existing railway siding, installation of mechanized loading and unloading systems, upgraded signalling and safety mechanisms, and enhanced rail connectivity in line with the Ministry of Railways' Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal Policy.

Company officials said the approval marks an important milestone in FACOR's long-term revival strategy. Preparations for the



Detailed Feasibility Study Report (FSR), engineering designs, and other technical documents have already begun. The project will move forward after obtaining the required statutory and railway clearances.

The new cargo terminal is expected to reduce logis-

tics costs, improve freight movement, attract fresh industrial investments, and generate significant direct and indirect employment opportunities in the region. Industrial experts believe the project will strengthen

Vizianagaram's position as an emerging industrial

hub. FACOR Alloys President Vinodh Saraf thanked the Government, Railway authorities, employees, former employees, business associates, and local residents for their continued support during the company's challenging period. He appealed for the cooperation of all stakeholders to ensure the successful implementation of the project.

The management expressed confidence that the Gati Shakti Cargo Terminal will play a key role in restoring FACOR's industrial legacy while contributing to the long-term economic and infrastructure development of Vizianagaram district.

First convocation of Central Tribal University in Visakhapatnam today

373 graduates awarded degrees, 13 awarded gold medals

The President of India, Union and State Ministers will be the chief guests.

Chancellor Madan Lal Meena and Vice Chancellor T. Srinivasan at a press conference

By Skyline Staff Reporter
Visakhapatnam, June 29 :
The first convocation of the Central Tribal University will be held in Visakhapatnam on Tuesday, said the university's Chancellor Madan Lal Meena and Vice Chancellor Professor T. Srinivasan. They revealed the details of the convocation at a joint press conference held at the local Dasapalla Hotel on Monday.

They said that a total of 373 students who completed various courses from 2020 to 2025-26 academic years will be awarded degree and PG degrees. It was also stated that 13 students who have shown outstanding talent will be honored by being awarded gold medals by the President. He explained that the Central Tribal University was established in 2019 with its headquarters in Vizianagaram and

classes started from 2020. He said that currently the university is running eight PG courses and five degree courses. He said that educational programs are being conducted under the auspices of the School of Sciences, School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and School of Management.

It was revealed that 200 students from the School of Sciences, 82 from the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, and 91 from the School of Management will receive their degrees at the graduation ceremony. He said that 13 students who have shown exceptional talent are being awarded gold medals. He said that it is noteworthy that among them, 10 are female students and three are male students. Five students from the MSC



Chemistry department, two from Integrated MSc Chemistry, two from Master of Social Work, two from Master of Business Administration and two from MSc Biotechnology were selected for gold medals. Chancellor Madan Lal Meena said that the graduation ceremony is an important milestone in the life of every student. He said that

along with higher education, the youth can play a key role in building the society only when they inculcate moral values, social responsibility and innovative ideas. He called upon the graduates to utilize their education for the development of the country and the well-being of the society.

Vice Chancellor Professor T. Srinivasan said that the uni-

versity is giving high priority to quality education, research, innovation, and skill development. He said that many innovative programs are being implemented to prepare students according to the needs of the industries. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, State Governor Abdul Nazeer, State Education Minister Nara Lokesh, Founder VC T.V. Kattimani, other ministers, public representatives, prominent educationists and distinguished guests will be present at the graduation ceremony. He explained that all arrangements have been completed to this extent. He asked the graduates and their parents to attend the program on time and make it a success. Registrar Jitendra Mohan Mishra participated in this meeting.

100-cr Gati Shakti Project to drive FACOR revival, boost Vizianagaram industries

• Departmental officers should review PGRS requests on a daily basis.

• Sir, the digitalization of applications should be done quickly.

• District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy

ordered a review of PGRS Vizianagaram , June 29 (Skyline): District Collector S. Ramsunder Reddy said that the departmental officers should review every day and every complaint on how the PGRS complaints received by the respective departments are being

resolved . He suggested that a phone call should be made to every applicant and a quality and accurate reply should be given. The Collector reviewed the PGRS complaints at the Collectorate conference hall on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the number of positive and negative responses given among the endorsements should be reviewed. He said that PGRS complaints should be considered as a responsibility. He said that the district's rank should not decrease in the positive opinion of the public , and that the



programs given during that week should be explained to the people first , and that our rank will increase only if they respond positively. He said that if the services we provide are proper and they are satisfied, the positivity will increase with-

out us having to say anything. He said that the DWAMA, MEPMA and DRDA departments should prepare their plans to make the 1 lakh 30 thousand people in the district literate, which is the target under Aksharandhra . He said

that the district authorities should inspect the secretariats as directed and send their remarks. He directed the revenue officials to complete the digitalization process of the applications received under Special Intensive Revision – Sir at the earliest. He said that 80 percent of the process still needs to be completed in the next 15 days and that it should be done at the earliest. He said that the daily targets should be achieved. Joint Collector Sethu Madhavan, DRO Satthibabu, and district officials participated in this meeting.

Stayfree® Expands its Menstrual Hygiene portfolio with the launch of Xpert XL: Experience Redefined On-The-Go Period Protection

Visakhapatnam, 29 June 2026: Stayfree®, a leading menstrual hygiene brand announced the launch of Stayfree® Xpert XL – a new menstrual hygiene solution designed to offer superior protection and comfort to women during their periods along with ease of carrying and disposing it. With this launch, Stayfree® expands its portfolio in the feminine hygiene segment, offering a best-in-class solution tailored to support women through their changing lifestyles and evolving needs.

The introduction of Stayfree® Xpert XL reaffirms the brand's continued focus on innovation to meet emerging needs of women in their overall period management. The Stayfree® Xpert XL is designed with 3-in-1 protection

■ Superior Protection: With Gel Lock Pockets for deep and instant absorption, locking in fluid quickly, giving a dry feel and protection throughout the day

■ Comfort: Air Soft^ Cover for breathable and gentle feel against the skin, ensuring comfort throughout the wear

■ Compact & Fits in Pocket - individually wrapped napkins that allow women to carry their pad conveniently with a wrapper for easy disposal
Commenting on expansion of Stayfree portfolio, Supriya Srinivasa, Market ing Director, Stayfree, said, "At Stayfree, we realize every woman has a different period experience and are constantly building solutions to improve the period experience for them. Stayfree® Xpert XL is one such disruptive innovation providing superior 3-in-1 protection



with its: Gel Lock Pockets to provide deep and instant absorption, Air Soft Cover to improve how the pad feels on their skin and fitting-in-pocket design in individually wrapped napkins for ease of carrying and disposal. Stayfree remains committed to offer varied solutions for our consumers so they can choose what works best for them to manage their periods".

To amplify the launch,

Stayfree® has commenced a mega influencer campaign collaborating with voices from various walks of life, including Aditi Bhatia, Ashnoor Kaur and more to connect with younger, active digital-first consumers. In Stayfree's digital campaign with actress Aditi Bhatia, the film brings to life a regular day in any woman on her periods, the constant worry of leakage, skin irritation from using a pad, and

the extra mental and physical baggage of carrying pads around when they are out and about. As the woman deals with her inner thoughts and anxieties, the film highlights how Stayfree Xpert XL plays an active role in helping her manage her period challenges more seamlessly!

Through such authentic and relatable content across digital platforms, Stayfree reinforces its role in supporting women through trusted menstrual hygiene solutions. The new Stayfree® Xpert XL with 3-in-1 protection is available nationwide across retail channels, modern trade, general trade, pharmacies, ecommerce and quick commerce platforms. Priced at MRP Rs. 48/- (incl. of all taxes) for 6 Units, Stayfree® Xpert XL is available in packs of 6, 18 and 40Units.

Amit Shah Oversees Landmark Yamuna Water Agreement

- Haryana-Rajasthan Ink Key Yamuna Water Deal



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Project BRAHMANK of BRO Marks its 16th Raising Day



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

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

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

Report Highlights Challenges & Pathways to Strengthen Gram Sabha Participation

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

Today’s Horoscope



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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

Collector Conducts Surprise Inspection of Special Voter List Revision Drive



Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi kothagudem June 29

District Collector Ankit conducted an extensive inspection in Mulakalapalli mandal on Monday, reviewing the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls and making a surprise visit to the Mulakalapalli Primary

Health Centre (PHC). Inspecting the voter list revision process, the Collector observed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) distributing SIR forms during door-to-door visits. He instructed officials to ensure that every household is covered and that all eligible voters receive the required forms without omission. BLOs were directed

to clarify voters' doubts and create awareness about the revision process while collecting accurate information from every family.

The Collector later reviewed the application submission and verification process, directing officials to conduct the electoral roll revision with complete transparency and in strict accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India. He stressed that every application must be thoroughly verified to ensure that no eligible voter is left out and that there is no scope for errors. He also appealed to the public to actively participate in the revision process by verifying their details and submitting the necessary

forms within the stipulated deadline.

Following the inspection of the electoral process, the Collector paid a surprise visit to the Mulakalapalli Primary Health Centre. He reviewed the quality of medical services, infrastructure, sanitation, and patient care. During the inspection, he visited the inpatient and outpatient wards, labour room, laboratory, pharmacy, medicine store, and hospital premises. Tahsildar Swathi Bindu, Deputy Tahsildar Bhagyalakshmi, Medical Officer Dr. Sai Kalyan, Health Supervisor Srikrishna, medical staff member Imran, Booth Level Officers (BLOs), and other officials accompanied the Collector during the inspection.

District Collector Kumar Deepak Focuses on Speedy Resolution of Prajavani Grievances



Skyline Correspondent Mancherla June 29 District Collector Kumar Deepak stated that special efforts are being made, in coordination with various departments, to ensure the prompt resolution of grievances received through the Prajavani public grievance redressal programme.

Ramatenki Rajamallu of Rooyalapalli village, Kotapalli Mandal, requested action against individuals who were allegedly attempting to illegally occupy his ancestral house and backyard, causing fear and distress to his family. Residents of Ramakrishnapur in Mandamarri Mandal re-

quested the extension of the RTC bus service operating to the Kendriya Vidyalaya at Gudipet up to Ramakrishnapur. Gorre Srinivas of Mandamarri sought restoration of a land parcel allotted to him under the surrendered Maoists rehabilitation quota, alleging that it had been encroached upon. Boyini Lachhaiah of Pangidismaram village, Kotapalli Mandal, requested legal action against individuals who had allegedly obtained fraudulent land ownership documents and were threatening him. Kadam

Beerayya of Batwanpalli village, Bellampalli Mandal, appealed for the sanction of drainage facilities in the Kuruma colony of his village. Uppari Ashritha of Sarvaipeta village, Kotapalli Mandal, requested admission to a Social Welfare Girls' Degree College. Veldandi Malleshwari of Vallabh Nagar, Ramakrishnapur, requested that her late husband's pension be transferred to her name following his demise. Officials from various departments and other staff members participated in the programme.

District Collector K. Haritha Directs Officials to Strengthen Road Safety Measures and Prevent Accidents

Skyline Correspondent Asifabad June 29 On Monday, the Collector attended the District Road Safety Committee meeting held at the Integrated District Collectorate Conference Hall. The meeting was attended by District Superintendent of Police Nithika Panth, Additional District Collector (Local Bodies) Yuvaraj Marmat, Kagaznagar Sub-Collector Shradha Shukla, and Asifabad Revenue Divisional Officer Lokeshwar Rao. The Collector stressed

that all motorists must wear helmets and seat belts without exception. She also instructed the police to register cases against those driving under the influence of alcohol. She directed the Electricity Department to relocate electric poles that obstruct roads. Officials from the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department and Roads & Buildings Department were instructed to clear roadside bushes and vegetation, especially near sharp bends, and to repair potholes promptly. The



Transport Department was instructed to conduct regular inspections of school buses to ensure student safety. The Collector also directed officials to ensure that ambulance services remain

readily available for immediate emergency response in case of road accidents. The meeting was also attended by DSPs Waheeduddin and Ashok, along with officials from various departments.

Misconceptions About Voter List Must Be Removed: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud



Skyline Correspondent Nizamabad June 29 TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud called upon everyone to clear the misconceptions among the pub-

lic regarding the voter list revision process. He attended as the chief guest at the Booth Level Agents (BLAs) awareness meeting held in Nandipet mandal. Speaking on the occasion, he

said that BLAs should work responsibly to ensure that every eligible person is granted the right to vote, while also removing the names of ineligible persons. He emphasized that the vote

is highly valuable in a democracy and suggested that complete awareness should be created among voters in accordance with the Election Commission's regulations. He urged all party cadres to work in coordination to make this revision process a success. Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy, MLA Bhupathi Reddy, Mayor Umarani, DCC President Nagesh Reddy, and others participated in this program.

Golden Jubilee Reunion of Alumni Celebrated Grandly at Burgampahad ZP High School

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem June 29 A heartwarming Golden Jubilee reunion of the alumni of the Burgampahad Zilla Parishad High School proved that neither age nor status can weaken true friendship. The reunion of the 1967-68 batch was held on Sunday at Jakkam Pedda Buchaiah Memorial College in Burgampahad and turned into a memorable celebration. The event was organized under the leader-

ship of renowned physician Dr. Chennai Satyanarayana. More than 60 former students from different parts of the states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh attended the gathering. Participants included retired government employees, lawyers, doctors, political leaders, farmers, businesspersons, and even former Naxalites who have since become part of mainstream society. Despite being over 70 years of age and facing the challenges that come



with old age, the alumni enthusiastically participated in the event. Throughout the day, they spent quality time together, reminiscing about their school days, sharing fond memories, and discussing their families and present lives. Among those present

were former Khammam Zilla Parishad Chairman Chanda Lingaiah, Dora, Burgampahad Sarpanch Manda Nagaraju, and several distinguished alumni who made the Golden Jubilee reunion a memorable and emotional occasion.

Municipal Chairperson Ippa Uma Rani Srinivas Inaugurates Sri Telangana Khadi Bhandar in Kamareddy

Skyline Correspondent Kamareddy June 29 Municipal Chairperson Ippa Uma Rani Srinivas attended the inauguration ceremony of Sri Telangana Khadi Bhandar, established in the district headquarters, as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson highlighted the importance of Khadi and said that promoting Khadi would create bet-

ter livelihood opportunities for rural artisans and handloom weavers. She emphasized that supporting indigenous products is the responsibility of every citizen and urged the public to increase the use of Khadi garments.

Later, she formally inaugurated the Khadi Bhandar and inspected the wide range of Khadi garments and other products avail-

able at the store.

The event was attended by noted comedian Chemmak Chandra, Councillors Anwar, Anjad, Ganesh, Mahesh, Motilal, Prasad, Javed, Satyam, Gangadhar, Laddu, Sailu, and Chitti Babu, Co-option Member Gone Srinivas, leaders Devadasu, Prem, and Dileep, along with several local residents and party workers.



Ayodhya Ram Temple Donation Theft Case: Bar Association Refuses Defence, Eight Accused Sent To Judicial Custody



Ayodhya: The Faizabad Bar Association on Monday refused to represent the eight accused arrested in the alleged theft of donations from the Ram Temple and demanded a CBI probe into the case, even as a local court sent all the accused to 14 days of judicial custody. The accused were produced before the court on Monday. Police did not seek their custodial remand and the court remanded all eight to judicial custody till July 13. They will remain in jail until the next hearing. Escalating its stand, the Faizabad Bar Association said none of its members would appear for the accused. Association presi-

dent Kalika Prasad Mishra said any lawyer who takes up their defence would face a penalty of Rs 5 lakh and could also face cancellation of his licence.

The lawyers' body also announced plans to seek registration of cases against former Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust office-bearers Champat Rai, Gopal Rao and Anil Mishra. It said it would press for a CBI investigation and, if necessary, move the Supreme Court and the Allahabad High Court at its own expense. A section of advocates also demanded that Champat Rai, Anil Mishra and Gopal Rao leave Ayodhya within

three days, warning that the entire city would be blocked if they failed to do so. However, Bar Association president Kalika Prasad Mishra said the three should not be allowed to leave Ayodhya while the investigation is underway. Earlier in the day, police questioned Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust general secretary Champat Rai and recorded his statement. Sources said he was questioned for several hours behind closed doors on issues related to the counting of donations, security arrangements and the procedure adopted for handling temple offerings. Investigators have also re-

corded the statements of other trust office-bearers and employees as part of the probe into the collection, counting and bank deposit of donations. The alleged theft of money from the Ram Temple's donation collections came to light on June 6. Following a recommendation by the temple trust, the Uttar Pradesh government constituted a Special Investigation Team, which submitted its report to the state government two days ago. Based on the findings, trust member Krishna Mohan lodged an FIR on June 25 against six personnel involved in counting donations: Avinash Shukla, Anukalp Mishra, Lavkush Mishra, Manish Kumar Yadav, Karunesh Pandey and Ramashankar Mishra. The FIR also named supervisory staff member Subhash Srivastava and Ramshankar alias Tinnu, the driver of trust general secretary Champat Rai. The alleged theft of donations at the Ram Temple has triggered widespread outrage in Ayodhya and intensified demands for accountability in the management of offerings at the country's most prominent Hindu shrine.

Nearly 16,000 Affected As Heavy Rain Batters Northeast; HM Amit Shah Assures Support To Assam, Arunachal



Guwahati: Nearly 16,000 people have been affected by floods in Assam's Dhemaji district, while torrential rain has triggered devastating floods and landslides across Arunachal Pradesh, disrupting road connectivity, damaging infrastructure and claiming lives in around 12 districts. According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), the floods have affected 69 villages across four revenue

circles in Dhemaji. In Arunachal Pradesh, incessant rainfall has inundated houses and damaged infrastructure in several parts of the state, prompting local administrations to launch rescue and evacuation operations. The worsening situation underlines the widespread impact of the monsoon across the Northeast, with authorities racing to minimise further damage. Amid the unfolding disaster, Union Home Minister

Amit Shah on Monday spoke to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu to review the flood situation and ongoing relief efforts. Shah assured both states of all possible assistance from the Centre for relief operations. In a social media post, Sarma said he briefed the Home Minister on the relief and rehabilitation measures currently underway. He added that Shah

assured Assam of all possible support and assistance from the Government of India to deal with the situation. Sarma also thanked Shah for calling to enquire about the flood situation in Dhemaji.

Rescue operations involving the Indian Air Force, which were suspended overnight due to poor visibility, resumed on Monday morning. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department has forecast more heavy rain accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning over East Siang and neighbouring districts, including Leparada, Lower Siang, Lower Subansiri and Papum Pare. Authorities have advised people to avoid travelling through flood-affected and landslide-prone areas unless absolutely necessary and to follow official advisories until weather conditions improve, as the threat of further flooding and landslides continues.

Ex-CM Rabri Devi Starts Vacating 10 Circular Road Residence, Inventory Dispute Delays Full Handover



Patna: Patna: Although leader of opposition in Bihar legislative council and former Bihar chief minister Rabri Devi has started vacating her 10 Circular Road residence, she has sought additional time to vacate the residence completely. Although Monday (June 29) was the deadline fixed by Bihar building construction department, she is likely to vacate the bungalow on July 5 as a dispute has

erupted over the official inventory of the government property allotted with the house. Sources said Rabri Devi has sought additional time to complete the process of vacating the bungalow so that verification of the household items that were originally allotted along with the residence and the matching process before handing over the possession were complete.

Adarsh Reddy conducts field inspection on public issues



(By Our Reporter / Sky-line)
Patancheru, June.29 : Adarsh Reddy, the BRS Patancheru constituency in-charge inspected the problems faced by the lo-

cals in BDL Colony of Bharathi Nagar division, Patancheru constituency on Monday. He toured the colony along with former corporator Sindhu and inquired about the problems

of the locals. On this occasion, Circle Inspector Jagannath along with Engineering AE Shiva inspected the area from BDL Colony to Rayasamudram lake. Residents brought to their

attention that some people were coming into the colony after consuming alcohol and engaging in anti-social activities at night, causing problems for women and locals. Responding to this, Adarsh Reddy requested Circle Inspector Jagannath to conduct special patrols by the police department, especially on weekends, to completely curb anti-social activities. Also, Engineering AE Shiva was advised to take necessary steps for the construction of a compound wall in the relevant area so that the people do not face any problems. The Program was attended by BDL Colony Society Directors Ramesh, Vittal Reddy, Pasha, women, local residents, party leaders and others.

Paying debts incurred by BRS govt, implementing Cong schemes : NJR

(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, June.29 : Nirmala Jaggareddy, the TGIC chairperson in Sangareddy constituency has turned up the political heat in her style. She participated as the chief guest in the Kalyanlakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak cheque distribution program held in pothireddypalli. Nirmala Jaggareddy gave a strong counter to BRS MLA Chinta Prabhakar, who tried to criticize the Congress government on this

platform. She directly exposed the financial failures of the previous government, saying, "It is taking time for them to pay off the huge debts incurred by the previous BRS government to the state." Despite the dire financial situation of the state, Nirmala Jaggareddy made it clear that the Congress government under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is implementing schemes one by one and is doing a lot for the people without taking any steps back. She said that her



government is committed to the welfare of women. Finally, her political punch aimed at MLA Chinta Prabhakar created a stir in the constituency. "If you

keep digging up promises like this, we will also have to dig up the fraudulent promises made during your rule for the last ten years!" Nirmala Jaggareddy made it clear.

Eruvaka Purnima celebrations in full swing

(By Our Reporter / Skyline)
Narayankhed, June.29 : Farmers across Narayankhed constituency celebrated the Eruvaka Purnima festival with devotion and enthusiasm on Monday. The cattle, which are the basis of agriculture, were washed clean, decorated with colorful colors, and special pujas were performed. Later, the festival was celebrated in a grand

manner by taking the bulls around the village temples. On this occasion, the farmers worshipped the mother earth and cattle and prayed for abundant rains this year and good crops. They wished for the development of the agricultural sector along with the dairy industry and happiness in the families of the farmers. Traditional celebrations and the hustle and bustle of the farmers were a special attraction on the occa-



sion of Eruvaka Purnima in the villages. Children and women also participated in the celebrations and made the festive atmosphere

more beautiful. The farmers celebrated the Eruvaka festival amidst joy and happiness, wishing each other good wishes.

Velama Corporation Chairman Juvvadi Narsinga Rao Pledges to Develop Korutla Government Hospital



Skyline Correspondent Korutla June 29 State Velama Corporation Chairman and Korutla Congress Party in-charge Juvvadi Narsinga Rao said he would make every effort to secure additional government funds with the support of District Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar for the de-

velopment of the Government Area Hospital in Korutla.

On Monday, Juvvadi Narsinga Rao, accompanied by Municipal Chairperson Tirumala Vasantha-Gangadhar and Hospital Superintendent Dr. Sunitha Rani, visited the Government Area

Hospital in the town and reviewed its facilities. During the visit, the Hospital Superintendent informed him that dialysis patients are facing difficulties because the dialysis treatment room is located on the first floor. Responding to the issue, Juvvadi Narsinga Rao as-

sured that he would work towards resolving the problem at the earliest.

The Hospital Superintendent also informed him about the drinking water shortage at the hospital. Municipal Chairperson Tirumala Vasantha responded promptly and arranged for the drilling of a new borewell to address the issue. The programme was attended by Vice Chairman Shahid, Town Congress President Tirumala Gangadhar, Vice President M.A. Nayeem, leaders Annam Anil, Dr. Vinod Kumar (RMO), Nursing Superintendent Sarala, Lalitha Mary, Prameetha, Surender, Nursing Officer Uday Prasad, Congress Party leaders and workers, doctors, hospital staff, and others.

District SP Sri Ashok Kumar IPS Personally Reviews Public Complaints on Grievance Day

Skyline Correspondent Jagtial June 29 As part of the weekly Public Grievance Day programme held every Monday, District Superintendent of Police Sri Ashok Kumar IPS today personally examined several public complaints at the District Police Office. He directly interacted with

around 13 petitioners who had come from various parts of the district and listened to their grievances in detail. The SP instructed the concerned officers to investigate every complaint in a fair and transparent manner and take prompt, appropriate action to ensure speedy justice for the com-



plainants. He directed them to resolve issues that fall within the legal framework without

any delay and to ensure that the entire inquiry process is conducted without any lapses.

Road expansion should be undertaken within 70 feet

(By Our Reporter / Sky-line)

Narayankhed, June.29 : The owners of business and residential houses on both sides of the road in NKD town have demanded that the road expansion be undertaken within 70 feet in both directions and adequate compensation should be provided to the victims who will lose their properties. A resolution to this effect was passed at a meeting held in a function hall in the town, on Monday. The meeting expressed concern over the marking of 100 feet by the National Highways Department officials at 50 feet and the issuance of notices by the municipal authorities. It was said that about 70 buildings



and more than a thousand people are likely to suffer serious losses due to the proposed expansion. It was suggested that the road expansion should be limited to 70 feet and the problem should be solved by re-

moving the embankments and dividers if necessary. They also urged the government to take steps to prevent traders, small shopkeepers and owners of residential houses from losing their lifetime earnings. The meeting

unanimously resolved to meet MP Suresh Shetkar soon to explain their concerns on this issue. They also urged the government to provide fair compensation and support to those affected by the road expansion.

People need actions, not words : CP



(District Correspondent / Skyline)
Sangareddy, Jun.29 : People need actions, not words, if time is wasted with

words like this, the people will give the right verdict at the right time, said Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar. He said that if his

government borrowed 5 lakh crores in ten years, this Congress government borrowed 4 lakh crores in two and a half years. He said that

they cannot afford to make promises like the Congress government and then change their words and get away with it. He said that the Congress, which came to power by making false promises, has completely failed in governance. He said that despite taking loans, we have increased the state's assets and paved the way for development, but you have set aside the promises made to the people using loans as an excuse. He said that it is their responsibility to remind the people of the promises made and demand their implementation.

MLA Koram Kanakaiah Visits Eklavya Model Residential School, Reviews Water Shortage Issues

Skyline Correspondent Bayyaram June 29 After learning that students at the Eklavya Model Residential School in Namalapadu village of Bayyaram mandal were facing severe drinking water problems, Illandu MLA Koram Kanakaiah visited the school on Monday to assess the situation.

The MLA inspected the classrooms and toilets on the school premises. He expressed displeasure with the staff after finding that water was not available in the toilets. During his visit to the classrooms, he interacted with the students, pointed to the image of

Telugu Thalli in the Telugu textbook, and asked them to identify it. He also questioned the students about the Telangana State Song to assess their awareness.

The MLA asked the students whether they were experiencing water shortages, and they confirmed that they were facing difficulties. He immediately directed the concerned officials to ensure that there would be no shortage of water in the school.

He also met students who were unwell and enquired about the medical care being provided to them. During the visit, the MLA administered Pulse Polio



drops to children as part of the immunization programme.

Among those who participated in the programme were RWS Assistant Engineer Ramesh, Eklavya School RC Deepa, Society

Chairman Moola Madhukar Reddy, Kothapeta Sarpanch Bhukya Praveen Naik, Namalapadu Sarpanch Varsa Deepa, CI Ravinder, and other public representatives and officials.

Make the Best Use of Government Educational Opportunities: Additional Collector P. Chandrayya



Skyline Correspondent Mancherial June 29 District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) P. Chandrayya said that stu-

dents should make the best use of the facilities and opportunities being provided by the government to strengthen the education

system and strive to achieve greater heights. On Monday, he visited the Telangana Model School in the district headquarters and inspected the school kitchen, classrooms, registers, and campus surroundings. He further said that with the commencement of the new academic year, students across all government schools in the district are being provided with notebooks, textbooks, and uniforms. He added that the number of students enrolling in government schools

is steadily increasing and that the Education Department is taking coordinated measures to further improve enrollment. The Additional Collector instructed teachers to ensure that lessons are taught in a way that students can easily understand. He also urged teachers to explain the facilities and benefits available in government schools to parents so that more students attend school regularly. Teachers, concerned officials, and students participated in the programme.

All Departments Must Work in Coordination for Child Protection : SP Rohith Raju

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradri kothagudem June 29 Operation Muskaan-12 Posters Unveiled; Month-long Special Drive from July 01 District Superintendent of Police Rohith Raju has called upon all government departments to work in close coordination to ensure the success of Operation Muskaan-12, a special initiative aimed at child protection, eradication of child labour, and tracing missing children. The SP unveiled the Operation Muskaan-12 posters

during a coordination meeting held at the District Police Office conference hall on Monday. Addressing the gathering, he said that Operation Smile and Operation Muskaan, conducted across the country for the past 12 years, have played a vital role in rescuing missing children, children forced into begging, homeless minors, and child labourers, and reuniting them with their families. Among those present were DCRB DSP Mallesh Swamy, District Welfare Officer



Swarnalatha Lenina, DCPO Harikumari, SB Inspector Srinivas, Inspector Ramu, Assistant Labour Officers Nagaraju, Sastry and Esupadam, Education Department District Coordinator

Saidulu, KSCF Coordinator Rajesh, Child Welfare Committee members, and SIs Ramadevi, Rambabu, Rammurthy, Raoof, Venkanna and Sarangapani, along with other officials..

Efforts should be made to establish crime-free divisions with the participation of the people : Peddapalli DCP B. Ram Reddy



Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli June 29: As part of the annual inspections, Ramagundam Police Commissioner Peddapalli Zone DCP B. Ram Reddy visited Godavarikhani One Town Police Station and conducted inspections. Upon reaching the police station, the DCP was welcomed by Godavarikhani One Town Inspector Indrasena Reddy and SIs with a bouquet. Later, he received a salute

from the police station staff and inspected the cleanliness of the police station, environmental management, record management policy, staff duty management, etc.

The division police officers were advised to establish good relations with the people, create awareness among the youth to keep them away from bad habits like marijuana, drugs, online betting, loan app scams, and encourage them to turn to-

wards social service programs. They were advised to work towards installing CCTV cameras in important vital installations, hospitals, temples, large apartments, commercial complexes, etc. in each division. They were also instructed to collect complete details of the security personnel, management committees, and responsible persons working in the respective institutions and make the phone numbers of the relevant officers available to contact the police in case of emergency. They were advised to visit their area at least two to three times a week and hold meetings with the locals. They were advised to spend time with the people during each visit, understand their problems, and organize night heart programs in collaboration with the ward officers. In these programs, he instructed the division elders and youth to

identify local problems and issues related to law and order and resolve them in coordination with the concerned inspector, sector SIs and other departmental officers. The DCP clarified that special focus should be placed on preventing property-related crimes, cyber crimes and crimes against women to make each division a crime-free division. DCP B. Ram Reddy suggested that special measures should be taken to prevent accidents on Rajiv Road under the jurisdiction of Godavarikhani One Town Police Station and that the "Arrive Alive" program should be widely organized to create awareness among motorists about traffic rules. Godavarikhani One Town Inspector Indrasena Reddy, Afzaluddin, SIs Ramesh, Manohar and Anusha participated in these inspections.

Private schools should implement the same government curriculum : District Education Officer Satyanarayanamarthy

Skyline Correspondent Mahbubabad June 29

District Education Officer Satyanarayanamarthy warned that only textbooks prescribed by the government should be implemented in private schools. Notices were issued to the owners of private schools to the concerned officials on Monday. Afterwards he said, The district education department has already taken appropriate action in the wake of complaints that

textbooks, notebooks and uniforms are being sold in the school premises in private schools and parents are being forced to buy them from specific shops. He said that the sale of textbooks, notebooks and uniforms is completely prohibited in the school premises. They want to implement the curriculum and textbooks prescribed by the government. Mandal Education Officers should continuously inspect the private

schools under their jurisdiction, monitor the implementation of government orders and submit reports. He said that the district education department has already taken the necessary administrative steps to implement the regulations issued by the government and has issued clear instructions to the concerned officials and private school owners. If private schools force anyone to purchase books, notebooks, uniforms from



specific shops or conduct sales in the school premises, parents should immediately complain to the concerned Mandal Vidyadikari or Zilla Vidyadikari office

Applications should be resolved quickly - District Officer Hami Rajeshwari



Skyline Correspondent Peddapalli June 29: District Officer Rajeshwari has

taken over the concerned officials to resolve applications quickly and give top

priority to public applications and resolve them without keeping them pending. On Monday, District Officer Rajeshwari received the applications of the people at a public program organized at the Collectorate meeting hall. Shamim Sultana of Peddapalli district applied for an inspection of Indiramma's house as his house is in Karimnagar, the DRO said in a letter to PD Housing. Goopala Swamy of Ramagundam Jai Bheem Nagar applied for a job saying that he is suffering from paralysis and that he has

completed his MBA studies. The necessary steps were taken by writing to the Warathi officer. Sana Komuriah of Medaram village, Dharmaram mandal, has applied as an Anganwadi teacher, seeking legal action against those who are illegally receiving disabled pension and widow pension from her family, and has written to the District Welfare Officer, requesting action. In the public program, Collectorate D. Division Supervisor Eshwara Prasad, concerned District

Farmer Protests with Bullocks at Tahsildar Office Seeking Justice in 15-Year Land Dispute



Skyline Correspondent Yacharam June 29: A farmer staged a unique protest with a pair of bullocks in front of the Tahsildar's office on Monday, demanding a resolution to his long-pending land issue. The incident took place in Mogullavampuri village under Yacharam mandal in Rangareddy district. According to the farmer, Panduranga Reddy, his

family originally owned 16 acres and 20 guntas of land in Survey No. 98. They sold 8 acres in 1985 and another 4 acres in 1993. Of the remaining 4 acres and 20 guntas, he is entitled to 3 acres. However, despite repeatedly approaching the Revenue (MRO) office for the past 15 years, officials have failed to issue a Pattadar Passbook in his name or update the land

details in the Dharani/online land records. Supporting the protest, CPI(M) district committee member P. Anjaiah, along with party leaders A. Mallesh and S. Ramulu, joined the demonstration in solidarity. Several farmers who had come to the Tahsildar's office with their own grievances also extended their support. After receiving informa-

tion about the protest, Tahsildar (MRO) Ayyappa met the farmer and assured him that if he submitted a detailed written complaint, the revenue department would examine the land records thoroughly and take appropriate legal action. Following the assurance from the authorities, the farmer called off his protest.

Nirmal Collector Reviews Monsoon Preparedness, Directs Officials to Prevent Flood-Related Hardships

Skyline Correspondent Nirmal June 29: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra directed officials to take all necessary precautionary measures to ensure that people do not face hardships during heavy rains and floods.

The Collector chaired a review meeting with officials from various departments at the Collectorate conference hall on Monday evening to discuss preparedness for heavy rainfall and possible flood situations. The Collector emphasized that effective communication is crucial during heavy rainfall. He directed officials to continuously inform residents living in project command areas, downstream villages, and low-lying regions about weather updates and water levels. He also instructed



them to coordinate closely with local public representatives. Warning boards should be installed at damaged roads, potholes, and locations with dangerous water flows to prevent public access. Police security should be deployed near irrigation projects, and nearby resi-

dents must be informed well in advance before project gates are opened to release water. She added that the Police Department would work in close coordination with the Revenue Department and other agencies to ensure effective disaster management during heavy rainfall and

flash floods. The meeting was attended by Additional Collector (Revenue) Kishore Kumar, Bhainsa Sub-Collector Ajmeera Sanket Kumar, DRO Rathod Ramesh, RDO Devidas, DSP Srinivas, NDRF officials, and other department officers and staff.

Childhood Friends Stand by Friend in Crisis, Extend Financial Aid and Emotional Support

Skyline Correspondent Bhadradi Kothagudem June 29

In a touching display of friendship, childhood friends came together to support their longtime friend, Chelikani Praveen, who is recovering from a critical condition after a tragic motorcycle accident that occurred on June 9 in Sarapaka, Burgampahad Mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem district. The accident claimed the life of Praveen's son, leaving the family devastated. Praveen himself suffered severe injuries and is only now beginning to recover. On Sunday, Praveen's class-

mates from the 1999-2000 SSC batch of Korrajula Gutta School, Bhadrachalam, including both male and female friends, visited his residence to express their condolences and extend their support. They handed over ₹55,000 as financial assistance and essential groceries worth approximately ₹15,000, sufficient for three months, to help the family during this difficult period. Additionally, Praveen's friends from the 1997-1998 Class 7 batch of Sarapaka Government School contributed ₹10,000 as financial assistance. Those who par-



ticipated in the support initiative included Satrala Ramesh, Gunnepalli Raju, Tirukkavalluri Seshagiri, Vemula Durgarao, Achanti

Purushottam, Gummadi Murali, Routhu Koteswara Rao, Pathakamudi Lakshman, Siddhi Raju, along with several other friends.

NTPC Ramagundam launches coaching programme for competitive exams



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Ramagundam, in collaboration with Deepthi Mahila Samiti (DMS), has launched a six-month competitive exams coaching programme

for rural unemployed youth who wish to appear for various competitive exams. The programme has been launched to provide quality coaching assistance to students in the local area. Currently, many candidates travel to Hyderabad and other cities for coaching. This incurs significant expenses on coaching fees, hostel accommodation, study halls, study materials. Recognizing these challenges, NTPC has taken this initiative to make quality coaching available locally, thereby reducing the financial burden on students and their families. The competitive exams coaching

programme began today at Sai Seva Samiti, Life Skill Academy, NTPC. Through this program, it aims to equip candidates with the knowledge, guidance and resources required to effectively prepare for various government and competitive examinations, thereby improving their employment opportunities and career prospects. Through this program, NTPC Ramagundam continues to contribute to the socio-economic development of the surrounding areas by empowering the youth with education, skill development, and career-oriented support.

Singareni Officers Launch First-Ever Relay Hunger Strike in Company History

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In a first in the history of Singareni Collieries, company officers have launched relay hunger strikes to press for the resolution of their long-pending demands, including pay upgradation and Performance Related Pay (PRP). Under the banner of the Coal Mines Officers' Association of India (CMOAI), SCCL Branch, officers assembled in front of the Singareni Head Office wearing black badges and raised slogans demanding that Singareni officers be extended the same pay structure and benefits as their counterparts in Coal India Limited. As part of their phased agitation, the association had earlier organised a mass rally on June



17, followed by Maha Dharna programmes on June 19 and June 22, 2026. Officers have also been attending duties every day wearing black badges and staging protest demonstrations in the evenings outside the Head Office. The association expressed disappointment that despite weeks of peaceful protests, neither the

Singareni management nor the government had responded positively to their legitimate demands. The continued delay in resolving issues such as pay upgradation and PRP has led to growing resentment among officers. In view of the lack of response, the association announced that relay hunger strikes would

commence from today in front of the Singareni Head Office as well as outside the General Manager (GM) offices in all Singareni areas. Through the media, the association said it aims to bring the officers' grievances, the prevailing situation, and its future course of action to the attention of the public