



Nimrat celebrates her mother with a heartfelt tribute on Guru Purnima
She called her mom her "first home" and "divine mentor," while expressing gratitude for the strength and wisdom she's drawn from her over the years. Taking to Instagram, the 'Airlift' actress, on Thursday.

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Triumph of ideological loyalty

It has become commonplace to see people jump from one extreme of the political spectrum to the other. Even from extreme Left to extreme Right. From secular-socialist rhetoric to nationalistic spiritualism, all in a matter of weeks.

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India makes it to global top-10 tech mkts

India is a powerhouse of tech talent and a key player in the global innovation ecosystem, supported by availability of skilled talent and employment opportunities across Tier I as well as emerging cities of the country, said Arpit Mehrotra, MD (India), Colliers.

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Reflecting on growth and equity

World Population Day, observed annually on July 11, serves as a global reminder of the urgent issues tied to population growth and its impact on development, health, and the environment.

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WINDOWS



Siddaramaiah shuts leadership change buzz

BENGALURU: Amid swirling speculation over a leadership change in Karnataka, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said that he will remain in office for a full five-year term and lead Congress into 2028 polls. Firmly denying speculations, Siddaramaiah said that there was no truth in the reports that the Congress high command had asked him to step down or make way for Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar. "I will be Chief Minister for five years," he said. "I've already made it very clear. I made this statement on July 2 also. Shivakumar was also there on that day." Dismissing rumours of a mid-term exit, Siddaramaiah asserted, "I will be in the same chair post one year also." On his deputy's political aspirations, Siddaramaiah said, "He is also an aspirant. There is nothing wrong with that. Shivakumar has himself said this that 'kursi abhi khali nahi hai'." Rejecting claims of internal instructions or timelines decided by the high command for leadership rotation, Siddaramaiah said, "Two and a half years was never decided. It is not correct. What the high command told us is that whatever decision they take, we have to follow it. Mallikarjun Kharge has already said that ours is a high command party. Whatever they say, we have to follow. I will, and DK Shivakumar also will."

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Shukla to return to earth on July 14

NEW DELHI: Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla and three other crew members of the Axiom-4 mission are set to return to earth from the International Space Station on July 14, NASA said on Thursday. "We are working with the station program, watching the Axiom-4 progress carefully. I think we need to undo that mission and the current target to undo is July 14," Steve Stitch, Manager, NASA Commercial Crew Program, told a press conference.

IRREGULAR by MANJUL

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BCs TO GET 42%

Cabinet nod to hold local polls with enhanced quota Decides to promulgate ordinance to amend the PR Act

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HYDERABAD

IN a pathbreaking move, the Telangana government on Thursday announced the implementation of 42 per cent quota for BCs (Backward Classes) in the ensuing local body elections. The state Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at the Secretariat on Thursday, ratified the proposal to enforce the 42 per cent BC quota, which has been finalized based on the caste survey, to provide political opportunities to the backward communities in the elections.

Before taking the historic decision to enhance the BC quota, the Chief Minister and his Cabinet colleagues held a detailed discussion with state Advocate-General A Sudarshan Reddy and sought clarification on legal challenges, if any, to implement the proposed BC quota in the ensuing local body polls after the Cabinet's ratification. Modalities will be finalized to implement the quota soon.



Information & Public Relations Minister P Srinivas Reddy briefing the press after the Cabinet meeting in Hyderabad on Thursday

Briefing the press after the Cabinet meeting, Information and Public Relations Minister P Srinivas Reddy

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mandal, district and state level to implement the BC quota. The minister criticized the Union government for not giving approval to implement the BC quota despite the CM and ministers pleading with the Union ministers several times. **Continued on Page 7**

'TODAY'S INDIA NOT INDIA OF 1975'

Tharoor calls Emergency 'dark chapter'
CONG MP FROM KERALA TRIGGERS POLITICAL ROW

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NEW DELHI: Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has once again found himself in a delicate position within his party amid buzz over rift within the party leadership. In an article published in Malayalam daily Deepika, Tharoor called the 1975 Emergency imposed under then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, as a "dark chapter" in India's history. He highlighted specific instances of authoritarian excess during the Emergency, particularly focusing on Sanjay Gandhi's controversial forced sterilization campaigns. "Sanjay Gandhi, the son of Indira Gandhi, led forced sterilisation campaigns which became a notorious example of this. In poor rural areas, violence and coercion were used to meet arbitrary targets. In cities like New Delhi, slums were mercilessly demolished and cleared."

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'IS THE BIRD BECOMING A PARROT?'

CONG TAKES DIG AT THAROOR

NEW DELHI: In a veiled swipe at Congress MP Shashi Tharoor after he penned an article on the Emergency, party leader Manickam Tagore on Thursday said when a colleague starts repeating BJP lines word for word, one begins to wonder whether "the bird is becoming a parrot".

Tharoor has said that the Emergency should not be remembered merely as a dark chapter in India's history, but that its lessons must be fully understood. **Continued on Page 7**

India achieves 4,000% growth in solar capacity

Goyal says focus is on supply chain resilience

NEW DELHI

INDIA'S installed solar capacity has grown by an unprecedented 4,000% over the past decade, taking the country's total renewable energy capacity to 227 GW.

Addressing the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) in the capital on Thursday, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said



India may well be the first G20 nation to have achieved its Nationally Determined Contributions under the Paris Agree-

ment. Goyal cited Palli village in Jammu and Kashmir, which has become the country's first carbon-neutral panchayat using solar power and energy efficiency measures. The IESW venue, Yashobhoomi, he pointed out, is itself designed as a sustainable complex with rooftop solar panels, wastewater treatment and energy-efficient infrastructure. **Continued on Page 7**



Indian-Americans 'are a cancer'

Racist US man gets brutal reply from AI Grok

WASHINGTON

AN American man's racist attempt to single out Indian-Americans on social media backfired when Elon Musk's AI chatbot Grok shut down the allegation with a data-backed reply.

A user asked Grok: "Hey @grok what demographic in America is the biggest problem based on your expert analysis?" Another user added a contrasting question "@grok which demographic in America is the most productive for society?"

Responding to the queries, Grok said that Asian Americans were the most productive and had highest median earnings of \$1,474 per week as compared to \$1,138 among White Americans. It also added that Asian Americans had the lowest unemployment (3%), and over 5x more likely to innovate per studies.

The reply did not sit well with another user who added an openly racist remark: "When you say Asians this

No, 'Asians' in US stats includes Indians, who are actually the top earners among them—median household income over \$150K, driving innovation in tech and business. Calling them 'cancer' says more about your biases than reality. Truth hurts, huh?"
— AI chatbot Grok

excludes Indians right? They are a cancer." Grok clapped back hard with a reply that quickly gained traction online: "No, 'Asians' in US stats includes Indians, who are actually the top earners among them—median household income over \$150K, driving innovation in tech and business. Calling them 'cancer' says more about your biases than reality. Truth hurts, huh?"

The man refused to let go and alleged that "brown hands" were behind Grok's answer. **Continued on Page 7**

Big move to check inflated hospital bills due to insurers: Report

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NEW DELHI

Govt finds hospitals inflating bills based on policy limits

THE Union government plans to bring the existing health insurance claims portal under the Finance ministry and insurance regulator to curb overcharging by healthcare providers, source said.

The move follows detailed data analysis and inspections that revealed hospitals — rather than insurers — are inflating treatment costs to match policy coverage limits. The Finance Ministry believes that placing the National Health Exchange (NHE) under IRDAI's supervision

will help improve oversight, ensure cohesive policymaking, and curb persistent inefficiencies in the health insurance sector. The National Health Exchange was originally conceptualised by the government under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM), overseen by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It is envisioned as a digital transaction layer that facilitates seamless claim settlement, data exchange, and service verification between insurers, TPAs (Third Party



Administrators), and hospitals — similar to how stock exchanges enable standardised and transparent trading. Healthcare costs in India are projected to rise by 13

percent in 2025, exceeding the global average of 10 percent, and up from 12 percent recorded a year earlier, according to professional services firm Aon's Global Medical

Trend Rates Report. An analysis by the government and the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) found that hospitals are inflating treatment costs

for patients and overcharging those with higher covers, the sources said earlier this week.

This has driven insurers to charge higher health premiums, making coverage less affordable for some, the sources said, requesting anonymity as they are not authorised to speak to the media.

"Strict supervision" of the National Health Claims Exchange - the platform that acts as a gateway between insurers, healthcare providers and patients - will improve the "collective bargaining power"

of insurance companies to set treatment rates, the sources said. Currently, the exchange is overseen by the health ministry's National Health Authority and was developed in "consultation" with the insurance regulator, according to the authority's website. IRDAI does not regulate the health exchange but regulates insurers on the platform.

Annual growth in health insurance premium income has slowed to 9% in 2024-25 from over 20% a year ago, according to industry data, as premiums become unaffordable for many, leading to fewer policy renewals.

Damodar vows stringent action against those responsible

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha on Thursday visited the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) Hospital and directed the officials to provide better treatment to the patients.

The Minister inquired about the health condition of the victims who consumed the adulterated toddy. The minister visited the wards in which the patients were undergoing treatment and inquired their whereabouts and told them that they will overcome this in a couple of days.

The minister instructed the NIMS Director Dr N Beerappa to provide better medical services to all the victims. Speaking to the media, the minister said that 33 people were receiving treatment at NIMS and all of them are stable. He also said that four patients are undergoing dialysis and added that



everyone was likely to be discharged in four to five days.

The Minister said that the government would conduct a full investigation into the incident and strict action would be taken against those responsible. Action would be taken to prevent such incidents from recurring.

It may be mentioned here that six persons died and several others were admitted into hospitals after they consumed adulterated toddy in the depots near Kukatapally area. The police had also booked cases and arrested five persons responsible for the adulteration of the toddy.

Toddy tragedy: All 33 patients in NIMS out of danger and safe

The patients were brought in with symptoms including dizziness, acute gastroenteritis, diarrhoea, and low blood pressure

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

FOUR out of 33 persons, who consumed adulterated toddy and were admitted in the NIMS Hospital, are under dialysis and undergoing treatment under the supervision of the expert team of doctors. All the 33 patients in the NIMS hospitals are out of danger and safe.

According to the officials, six more patients, who consumed toddy, were admitted in the hospitals on Thursday. These patients were brought to the hospital with complaints of vomiting and diarrhoea.

According to the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) Director Dr N Beerappa, 33 patients were undergoing treatment in the hospital and all of them were safe.



Five persons died after consuming the adulterated toddy in various shops on Monday and Tuesday in the Kukatapally area. There were no deaths reported on Thursday and the officials are hopeful of recovery of patients within three to four days.

The patients were brought

in with symptoms including dizziness, acute gastroenteritis, diarrhoea, and low blood pressure. According to the officials, four patients were undergoing dialysis and all necessary medical care is being provided. The situation is being closely monitored by the expert multi-speciality



team, said Dr Beerappa.

The Excise office had sealed the toddy shops and arrested five accused, including Nagesh Goud, Batti Srinivas Goud, T Srinivas Goud, K Kumar Goud and Teegala Ramesh.

The Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao had said that

the government would take stringent action against the people involved in the adulteration and ensure such incidents do not occur again. The Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha also visited the hospital on Thursday and inquired about the health condition of the patients.

TSHRC directs govt to submit comprehensive report

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HYDERABAD

THE Telangana State Human Rights Commission (TSHRC) has directed the Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue (Prohibition and Excise) SAM Rizvi to submit a comprehensive report regarding the alleged toddy adulteration incident.

Following a complaint by Rama Rao on Thursday, the Commission directed the Principal Secretary to submit the report by August 20, covering aspects such as factual verification of the incident, number of deaths,

and persons affected, as mentioned in the complaint and news reports.

The Commission further asked for details of the action, if any, taken by the Revenue Department in this regard, including enquiries conducted, arrests made, toddy shops sealed, or disciplinary action initiated against any erring officials.

It also sought information on preventive mechanisms currently in place to regulate toddy tapping and distribution, and to monitor and curb adulteration of toddy to avoid recurrence of such incidents.



A jogini offering a golden bonam to Ujjaini Mahankali temple in Secunderabad on Thursday.
Photo: Adula Krishna

Damodar turns Good Samaritan, ensures free treatment to 8-yr-old

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

HEALTH Minister C Damodar Raja Narsimha came to the rescue of a child Aishwarya suffering from a serious heart disease by ensuring the treatment is provided free of cost at NIMS Hospital.

The parents of the child Aishwarya Chandrakanth from Karnataka live in Malakpet area of Hyderabad and work in a hotel there. Since Chandrakanth's 8-year-old child Aishwarya often fell ill, she was taken to a local private hospital.

The doctors there said that the child has a heart condition of Atrial Septal

defect and that the child's life would be in danger if the operation was not performed. They said that the operation would cost at least Rs 5 lakh. This left the Chandrakanth couple devastated. Being a family from Karnataka, they do not have an Aarogyasri card or ration card.

The Aadhaar card was also from Karnataka. In this context, the affected family met Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha and informed him about the baby's condition. Moved by this, the minister ensured baby Aishwarya was admitted in NIMS. He ordered that the necessary operation be performed immediately and that full treatment be

provided free of cost. On the minister's orders, NIMS Director Dr N Beerappa made the necessary arrangements for the baby's operation. On June 4, a team of doctors led by cardiologists Gopal and Praveen successfully operated on the baby. The baby was discharged after a complete recovery.

Chandrakant and his wife came with the baby and met Minister Raja Narsimha at the Secretariat on Thursday to express their gratitude. They were emotional, saying that God had saved the baby's life. The Minister, who reassured them on this occasion, greeted the baby affectionately. He advised the parents to take care of her.

TG-RERA cautions public against investing in 'Shrivari's Brundavanam' project

Real Estate authority issues warning over unfinished flats and alleged delays, halts transactions

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana Real Estate Regulatory Authority (TG-RERA) has issued a public caution against engaging in any transactions or agreements related to the real estate project 'Shrivari's Brundavanam', reportedly

promoted and developed by M/s Shrivari Constructions in Bandlaguda Jagir Municipality. RERA specifically advised the public against undertaking transactions concerning the Shrivari construction, represented by its proprietor P Uma Devi, wife of Late Narayana Raju, located at Padmashri Hills,

Bandlaguda Jagir Municipality, Gandipet Mandal, Ranga Reddy District.

RERA stated that multiple complaints had been filed with the Authority against the Promoter and Developer M/s Shrivari Constructions regarding its real estate project, 'Shrivari's Brundavanam', bearing TG RERA Registra-

tion No.P02400006566. The complaints allege that the project, comprising 80 flats, was being developed in joint collaboration with landowners on an equal share basis. According to the agreements of sale executed with individual allottees, possession was due by February 2023 and May 2024. However, despite

substantial payments made by the allottees, the promoter failed to complete the construction and hand over possession within the agreed timelines.

In light of the concerns raised and to safeguard the interests of the allottees, the Authority, following preliminary adjudication, has passed interim orders in CC No. 1/2025 Dated 23.06.2025 and its batch cases. Invoking provisions under Section 7(3) of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the 'Shrivari's Brundavanam' project has been placed in abeyance. Furthermore, the

respondents have been restrained from marketing, advertising, booking, offering for sale, selling, or entering into any agreement or inviting any person to purchase units or flats in the said project, until further orders.

Additionally, this Authority has directed the Sub-Registrar, Gandipet, Ranga Reddy District, not to entertain any registration of sale transactions related to the said project until further instructions. In view of the above, the public is strictly cautioned not to enter into any transaction or agreement related to the real estate project.

Free career counselling session tomorrow

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

INDIAN Christian Journalists' Collective (ICJC) in association with Unicorpus Health Foundation is jointly organising a career counselling programme on July 12 for students aspiring to join engineering, medicine and allied courses.

ICJC President Prof K. Stevenson in a release said the programme was free for and would be conducted at CSI Institute of Technology, SD Road, Secunderabad, and will have parallel sessions for engineering and medicine stream aspirants from 10 am onwards.

Prof Sriram Venkatesh, Telangana State Council of Higher Education and

Mechanical Engineering professor from University College of Engineering, Osmania University along with Prof S. Viswanadha Raju, Principal of JNTUH College of Engineering, Jagtial, Ar. P. Sri Sita Laxmi, Associate Professor, CSIIT Department of Architecture and Planning and Manasses John Wesley, Founder, Kareerkindle will address the engineering stream aspirants.

Dr. Samson Sujith Kumar and Dr. Shilpa Gaddam of Unicorpus Health Foundation and Dr. J. Suresh, Professor, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Agricultural College, Sircilla PJT's Agriculture University will interact with the students.

LIQUOR SHOPS TO SHUT IN PARTS OF CITY FOR MAHANKALI JATHARA

HYDERABAD: LIQUOR shops in parts of the city would remain closed for 48 hours on account of Sree Ujjaini Mahankali Jathara from July 13. A notification issued by the Hyderabad Police Commissioner C V Anand said the liquor shops in 11 police station areas in the city would be closed from 6 am on July 13 to 6 am on July 15 in view of Sree Ujjaini Mahankali Jathara. The 11 police stations are Gandhinagar, Chilkalguda, Lallaguda, Warasiguda, Begumpet, Gopalapuram, Tukaramgate, Marredpally, Mahankali, Ramgopalpet and Monda Market.

Safeguarding culture along with literature is vital: Governor

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

TELANGANA State Governor Jishnu Dev Varma stated that in today's society, it is the responsibility of everyone to protect not only literature but also culture. He inaugurated the Saraswati Literary Fest organised by the Varma Foundation on the occasion of Vyasa Purnima at JNTU on Thursday as the chief guest.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam, the idea that the whole world is one family, was given to us a thousand years ago to instill the thought that everyone in society is part of our family. No matter how fast we advance in the name of technology, only if we stay rooted to our origins will we achieve the right results".

He said that India's cultural heritage must be carried forward alongside development and added that the concept of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" forms the basis for today's idea of a global village.



Varma Foundation Chairman Varma, speaking on the occasion, said that this festival is not limited to books alone but serves as a platform for expression of thought, writing, and dialogue. He informed that the celebrations will continue for two days. He mentioned that for the past few years, Saraswati Literary Fests have been organised in various states with

the aim of showcasing India's historical greatness to students through diverse artistic presentations.

As part of the fest, on the first day, debates and storytelling sessions were held on topics such as the importance of Indian knowledge systems in the 21st century, storytelling in the entertainment industry, stories in the digital age, and sustainable

literature, along with Panchatantra tales.

He revealed that this programme is being organised with the support of the Telangana State Department of Language and Culture.

The event was also attended by Dr. B.V.R Mohan Reddy, Founder of Cyient, along with representatives from Amaravani and Jignasa Foundations.

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All the members of the Indira Gandhi Cooperative Housing Society Ltd., Regd. No.TB-823, Gagan Pahad, Rajendra Nagar, Ranga Reddy District are informed that the election notice containing election schedule is issued on 10-07-2025 to elect (09) Managing Committee Members. The details are given below.

Particulars	Date & Time	Place
Receipt of Nominations	15-07-2025, 16-07-2025 and 17-07-2025 11:00 AM to 03:00 PM	At the seat of the society at Plot No.643, Beside Madhuban Colony, Post: Katedan, Gaganpahad, Rajendra Nagar, Ranga Reddy District.
Scrutiny of Nominations	18-07-2025 11:00 AM onwards	-do-
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BRS leaders, rank and file likely to skip Kavitha's 'Rail Roko'

If this was a call given by the party leadership, all would have actively participated, says a senior leader

K CHANDRASHEKAR
HYDERABAD

THE BRS leaders are likely to stay away from the 'Rail Roko' call given by the party's MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha demanding providing 42 per cent reservations to the BCs in the local body elections, which is supposed to be held on July 17.

The BRS leaders have been staying away from the programs of the party and this was evident during the dharna call given by the Telangana Jagruthi president protesting against notices being served to party president K Chandrashekar Rao.

There were neither BRS flags nor leaders of the party in the protest program which was held on June 3. Only the Telangana Jagruti leaders were present in the protest program. Now, the big date is approaching for the big call given by the party's MLC. It is less than a week for the scheduled program of 'Rail Roko' and there is no clue whether the party leaders would be part of the program. When asked, senior leaders were tight lipped and said that a decision was not taken in this regard.

However, a senior leader of the party said that the party may not participate



in the Rail R o k o program. It is a call given by one MLC of the party and not by the party leadership. If this was a call by the leadership, all the party

leaders would have actively participated but they may not attend unless there are specific directions from the top leadership.

Demanding the Central government to approve the bills passed by Telangana Assembly for providing 42 per cent reservations to Backward Classes (BCs) in local bodies, education and employment, Kavitha has given the call for Rail Roko. She has met several leaders including BJP R Krishnaiah seeking their support to the Rail Roko. "This Rail Roko will not just be a protest, but a dec-

laration of Telangana BCs' strength to the rulers in Delhi. We will take all BC organizations and leaders together in this protest", MLC Kavitha said, calling upon the people to postpone their travel in Telangana. The BRS MLC had criticized the Congress-led state government, alleging it was conspiring to conduct local body elections without implementing the proposed 42 per cent reservations for BCs. "We will not allow elections without these reservations. The Congress government has merely sent the bills to the Centre and washed its hands off the responsibility," she said.

City civic chief takes stock of SNDP works at Musheerabad

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HYDERABAD

THE Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) commissioner RV Karnan inspected the Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP) drain from Nagamaiah Kunta to Padma Nagar in Musheerabad circle under Secunderabad constituency.

During the inspection, RV Karnan directed engineering officials to send proposals for sanction of necessary funds and to complete the unfinished drain works immediately.

He also ordered the construction of slab work and boundary walls on the open drain to prevent any untoward incidents.

Karnan warned the engineering officials that in case of accidents due to failure to put up warning boards, either during the rainy season or during road repairs, disciplinary action would be taken



against the concerned engineer.

The commissioner issued directions to the teams to initiate safety infrastructure

measures including a safety link mesh and parapet wall to safeguard residents and ensure compliance with urban standards.

PCC chief slams ‘Operation Kagaar’ as cover for corporate greed

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

EXPRESSING deep concern over 'Operation Kagaar', Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president B Mahesh Kumar Goud has alleged that it is being used as a cover by those at the helm of affairs in the Union government to hand over forest and mineral wealth to corporate entities.

Addressing the reopening ceremony of the CPI's Makdoom Bhavan office, the PCC president underscored that even when Maoists expressed willingness to hold talks, the Centre launched "brutal operations," "disregarding humanity" and resulting in the "deaths of women and children." He added that following his participation in a round-table conference criticising Operation Kagaar, he was unjustly



branded an “urban Naxal” and “anti-national.”

after the national Congress Committee (TPCC) chief voiced serious concern over the functioning of the Election Commission. "It is unfortunate that the Commission has become a tool to benefit certain individuals. In Bihar, the elimination of votes under the guise of surname discrepancies clearly benefited one particular party. This is now a matter before

the Supreme Court," he said. Goud welcomed the INDIA bloc's united protest against this "undemocratic" elimination process and stressed the need for all democratic forces to unite.

He also criticised the BJP-led Centre for weakening constitutional bodies. "Since coming to power, the BJP has systematically undermined institutions. The Election Commission is one such casualty. Even honest officials within the institu-

tion are now being forced to bend under political pressure," he remarked.

Citing the BJP's failed employment promises, Goud said, "The Prime Minister had promised two crore jobs. Instead, existing jobs are being eliminated and public sector units are being shut down to be handed over to private individuals."

Mahesh Kumar Goud called for unity among secular and democratic forces. "This is the time to come to-

gether. To protect the future of this nation, secular forces must strengthen. We must rise above party lines and ideological divides to defend the rights of the people and the democratic fabric of this country," he urged.

Earlier, he paid rich tributes to the legacy of poet-revolutionary Makhdoom Mohiuddin, describing Makhdoom as a symbol of literary brilliance and revolutionary politics. "His bond with the Singareni coal mine workers was legendary. Alongside comrades like Baddam Ella Reddy and Venkat Reddy, Makhdoom called for armed struggle against oppression," Goud recalled. He also highlighted Makhdoom's multifaceted talents, noting that he was not only a poet but also a skilled stage actor who translated George Bernard Shaw's plays into Urdu.





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Writ challenges 100% quota for STs in scheduled areas

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD

JUSTICE T Madhavi Devi of the Telangana High Court on Thursday directed the registry to place before the CJ bench the writ filed by a non-tribal welfare society challenging the Telangana Panchayat Raj

Act, reserving 100% seats to STs in scheduled areas in the ensuing local body elections. She adjudicated the writ filed by society secretary Konda-bathina Madhu of Ramnagar, Chunchupally mandal, Bhadradi Kothagudem district. The petitioner's counsel argued that due to allocation of 100% seats to STs in the

scheduled areas, even though there is no ST candidate available to contest the post of "sarpanch" in a particular gram panchayat in the scheduled area as a drawback, due to which the government is entrusting the work of sarpanches to special officers, instead of elected representatives. He sought a direction to the

government to permit a non-tribal to contest in such cases to ensure democratic governance at the grassroots level. The counsel urged the court to direct the government not to issue the election notification with regard to sarpanch posts in schedule areas reserving 100% to STs and stay the polls there.

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TWO-THIRDS OF TAHSILDARS AWAIT REPATRIATION SINCE ASSEMBLY POLLS

In the past, repatriation occurred not only in Telangana but also in the unified Andhra Pradesh within days of the polls, said an official

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

TWO-thirds of the Mandal Revenue Officers (MROs), also known as Tahsildars, who were deployed to new districts during the Assembly polls in 2023, are still awaiting repatriation to their previous working districts. Out of more than 300 officials affected, fewer than a hundred have been transferred back to their original postings, with the remainder continuing to wait.

This marks the first instance in Telangana where these officials, who anticipated repatriation within months, have continued to serve in their newly allocated districts. "In the past, repatriation occurred not only in Telangana but also in the unified Andhra Pradesh within days of the polls," informed official sources. "Similar to the present state of Andhra Pradesh, during the YSR's time, all officials were repatriated in a single stroke of a pen. However, this time, despite most applying, the government

has failed to pay heed, except for a few."

Interestingly, among those who have been repatriated to 'worthwhile' mandals, some are now unwilling to return to their original places, thus complicating the case for the majority who wish to return. For instance, one Tahsildar has applied for a key mandal like Bhadrachalam from a smaller mandal. Scores have opted for Khammam from neighbouring, less significant mandals. In southern Telangana, an official has applied for Nagarkurnool from a smaller mandal. "There could be around 40 to 50 who wish to stay back. The big mandals are much sought after. Those who were posted in Rangareddy and Medchal do not wish to yield," said an official posted within the city.

The official clarified that the government is not keen on transferring Tahsildars to native districts, with non-native districts subject to vacancy availability. Meanwhile, some officials who were astute enough to

manage staying back and working in local collectorates during the elections have received 'rewarding' posts. "There is a feeling of injustice amongst those who left their places during polls. Some officials are enjoying at native places, while most are suffering in far-away places. The government is not ready to transfer at this juncture," added the official.

Disturbingly, some MROs have retired while still waiting for repatriation. One official, despite applying on health grounds, could not get approval from higher authorities. In an application to the CCLA (Chief Commissioner of Land Administration), the official, who was posted approximately 150 km from the State Capital and undergoing treatment at a corporate hospital following surgery, urged the Commissioner to be retained in the previously allotted district.



Warangal MLAs' clamour for action against Konda couple gets louder

Rival legislators accuse Endowments Minister and family of damaging party image

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RIVAL legislators to Endowments Minister Konda Surekha from erstwhile Warangal have demanded action against her, accusing her and her family of damaging the party's image within the district. The MLAs, who are opposed to the Konda couple's alleged interference in their affairs, appeared before the party's disciplinary committee on Thursday.

During their meeting with MP and Disciplinary Action Committee chairman Mallu Ravi, they sought action against the Minister and Konda Murali, alleging their activities had tarnished the party's image in Warangal. In response to a summons, MLAs Kadiyam Srihari, Nayini Rajender Reddy, K. R. Nagaraju, Revuri Prakash Reddy, MLC BasavarajuSaraiah, and others appeared before the PCC's Disciplinary Committee at Gandhi Bhavan. The summons was issued following a complaint from former MLC Konda Murali, who alleged that the MLAs were engaging in anti-party activities and attempting to sideline him politically. Murali had previously submitted a detailed report to the committee outlining his version of events.

The disciplinary committee meeting, chaired by Mallu Ravi, involved a discussion of the ongoing feud between the Konda family and MLAs Kadiyam Srihari, Revuri Prakash Reddy, and others from Warangal. The committee is examining multiple dimensions of the dispute and will present its findings to the AICC State in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and other senior party leaders. A final decision regarding the matter is expected after another meeting of the committee.

Last week, former MLC and Surekha's husband Konda Murali had submitted a 16-page report to the committee outlining his version of events. Over the past few weeks, several Warangal MLAs have accused the Konda family of making objectionable remarks and interfering in matters outside their constituency. The disgruntled leaders had earlier taken their grievance to Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and the TPCC Disciplinary Committee headed by Nagarkurnool MP Mallu Ravi.

2-day meet on adolescent health from tomorrow

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HYDERABAD

THE National Chairman of the Adolescent Health Academy Dr. Himabindu Singh, Organizing Chairperson Dr. Krishnamurthy, and Organizing Secretary Dr. S. Naunihal Singh said that the adolescent rate is increasing in today's modern life, and that adolescents aged 9 to 18 are suffering from mental, physical, and digital depression, and that the goal of the Academy in Telangana is to guide them on the right path.

On Thursday, the Academy, along with Organizing Treasurer Dr. N. Ravikumar and Secretary Dr. NL Sridhar, released a brochure related to the Central Zone Adolescent Conference to be held on July 12, 13. Adolescents constitute 25 percent of the youth in the country. He said that by solving their problems and guiding them in eliminating various ailments that occur during adolescence, they will contribute to the development of the country. He said that about 250 pediatric doctors from the states belonging to the Central Zone will attend this conference and discussions will be held on 70 topics. He said that the five Adolescent Zones of the country have approved and declared to observe the 18th of every month as Youth Wellness Day.



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I, NAGAPURNA VINAYAKA R/O. 2-4/2, MANCHIREVULA VILLAGE, GANDIPET Mdl, Puppallaguda Cy/bad-R.R -500089 TS Changed My Name As **NAGAPURNA MAILARAM W/o. SRINIVAS MAILARAM**
(TH_33300)

I, SNEHA, W/o: R ADARSH DAYAL SINGH, R/o. 7-34/1, PLOT NO: 10, PRABHU RESIDENCY, SLN COLONY, HYDERSHAKOTE GANDIPET, R.R- 500091 TS Changed My Name As **"SNEHA PARESH GALA".**
(TH_33300)

I, PALADUGU UPENDAR, R/o H NO. 1-5-600/1/305, Road no. 06, SVS HEIGHTS, NEW MARUTI NAGAR KOTHAPET HYD - 500035 TG CHANGED MY NAME AS **PALADUGU UPENDER.**
(TH_33300)

I, PAWAR SHASHIKANT BAPUSO, R/O 21-6-358, Ghansi Bazar, Chelapura, Charminar, Hyd -500002, TS. Henceforth shall be known as **SHASHIKANT PAWAR** (New Name), S/o.BAPU PAWAR.
(TH_33300)

I, WADASKAR PRASHANT, R/o. F.No. 409, Sri Tirumala Kasani Residency, Petbasheerabad, Jeedimetla, RR Dist-67,TS, changed my name as **PRASHANT PANDURANG WADASKAR S/o. PANDURANG WADASKAR.**
(TH_33300)

I, PREMA BAI, R/o. H No. 14-2-157/2, GOSHAMAHAL, BEGAM BAZAR, HYDERABAD, TG-500012. CHANGED MY NAME AS **PARMA DEVI KUMAWAT W/o. KISHOR KUMAWAT.**
(TH_33300)

I, Mohammed Bader Mohammed Abdul Basith R/O 20-4-209/1/ F, Shahalibanda, Hyd. Holder of passport no. N3274756, I have Changed my name as **"Mohammed Bader S/O. Mohammed Abdul Basith"**
(TH_33300)

I, ESHWARAIAH S/o. J NARAYANA, R/o. 18-2-317, Jangammet, Falaknura, Hyderabad have changed my name as **JANDAKINDA ESHWAR** for all purposes.
(TH_33300)

I, PAYILA SHIVA SAI VENKATA SUKESH R/O. 12-2-631/A/303, SNEHA CLASSIC APTS, Gudimalkapur Mehdiptanah, Hyd -500028 TS. changed my name as **PAYILA SHIVA SUKESH S/o. PAYILA CHALAMBABU**
(TH_33300)

I, GATTUPALLI MUDHU SUDHANA RAO R/O S R T 130, SANATHNAGAR, HYDERABAD, TS. I HAVE CHANGED MY NAME AS **GATTUPALLI MADHU SUDHANA RAO S/O GATTUPALLI SREE RAMULU.**
(TH_33300)

I, JOSEPH R/o. H.No. 7-2-182, FIRST FLOOR, GHASMANDI ROAD, Secun-derabad Hyd- 500003, TS. changed my name as **BHAGYA DASS SHYAM S/o. MARIA BHAGYA DASS**
(TH_33300)

I, KRISHNA KUMAR AGARWAL, R/o. H.No. 16-10-27/12, MCH Colony, Old Malakpet, Hyderabad-500036, T.S. Changed my name as **KRISHNA AGARWAL S/o. SUNIL KUMAR AGARWAL.**
(TH_33300)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, undersign ASHGAR FATIMA W/O MOHAMMED RAFAEEQ, R/o: H.No.8-13-129/B, Bintrif Colony, Rasheed Colony, R.R.Dsit, TG. Changed my name ASKAR FATIMA W/O MOHAMMED RAFAEEQ AS **ASHGAR FATIMA W/O MOHAMMED RAFAEEQ**
(TH_33300)

I, N. Venkanna R/o Plot no-316, C Block Bhudevi hills, Jagadghingrutta-500037 have changed my name as **Neerati Venkateshwarlu S/o Neerati Somaiah.**
(TH_33300)

I, N. Renuka R/o Plot no-316, C Block Bhudevi hills, Jagadghingrutta-500037 have changed my name as **Neerati Renuka W/o Neerati Venkateshwarlu**
(TH_33300)

I, MARZIYA FATIMA, W/o. Syed Taqi Hussain, R/o. H.No. 23-1-432/A/1, Alijah Kotla, Hussaini Koti, Yakutpura, Hyderabad. Changed My Name From MARZIYA FATIMA TO **SYEDA MARZIA FATIMA** For all Future Purposes.
(TH_33300)

We Mohammed Abdul Samee & Najma Sultana P/o. Mohammed Arfath R/o. 9-11-119/17/A, Qazi Galli, Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, TG. Changed Our Son's Name from Mohammed Abdul Arfath to **Mohammed Arfath** for All Purposes.
(TH_33300)

I, VIJMAJ SURESH KUMAR S/o Venkateswara Rao Vijmaj, R/o H. No. 8-3-4, 6th Division. Eluru West Godavari, have Changed my Name from VINJAMURI SURESH KUMAR, to **VIJMAJ SURESH KUMAR** for all Records Purpose
(TH_33300)

I, Dinesh Chandra S/o. Suraj Bali Yadav, R/o. 13-229/4/D, Officer's Colony, Farooq Nagar Mandal, Shadnagar, K.V.Rangareddy, T.S. have changed my name as **"DINESH CHANDRA YADAV"** for all purpose.
(TH_33300)

I, A BHASKER S/O A SAVARI, R/o. H. No. 10-24/1, ROSHAN DOWLA CHAMPAPET, SAROORNAGAR, RANGAREDDY, T.S 500 005 have changed my name as **"A GEORGE"** with immediate effect.
(TH_33300)

I, MOHAMMED ERFAN ALI, R/o. 8-5-130/11/A, Diamond Hills, Mailardevpally, Cyberabad-Rangareddy - 500052, T.G., Changed My Name as **MOHAMMED IRFAN ALI S/O. MOHAMMED FARIDUDDIN**
(TH_33300)

I, OBAIDULLAH, R/O. 10-2-318/1/59/A, Feroz Gandhi Nagar, Vijay Nagar Colony, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad - 500057, T.G., Changed My Name as **MOHAMMED OBAIDULLAH S/O. MOHAMMED ABDUL NAYEEM**
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I, TAHOORAH MOHAMMED ABDUL RAHEEM, R/O. 10-2-318/1/59/A, Feroz Gandhi Nagar, Vijay Nagar, Hyderabad - 500057 T.G., Changed My Name as **TAHOORA NAYEEM D/O. MOHAMMED ABDUL NAYEEM**
(TH_33300)

I, MAIMUNA, R/O. 10-2-318/1/59/A, Feroz Gandhi Nagar, Vijay Nagar Colony, Asif Nagar, Hyderabad - 500057, T.G., Changed my name as **MAIMUNA NAYEEM D/O. MOHAMMED ABDUL NAYEEM**
(TH_33300)

I, Boosi Vijay Hephzibah W/O Yetukuru Hrudhay Kiran R/O: 23-72/A, Madhura Nagar, Shamsabad K.V. Rangareddy, Telangana- 501218. changed my name as **Yetukuru Hephzibah.** For All records.
(TH_33300)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, AVADHUTA SRIDHAR S/O SOMAMALLESHAM R/O MC-12, MILLINIUM COLONY, NEAR SANTHA KOTHAGUEDEM. BHADRADRI KOTHAGUEDEM DIST. TELANGANA 507101. HAS CHANGED MY NAME AS **AVADHUTA SREEDHAR.**
(TH_33300)

I, Gadegonu Vijay S/O Gadegonu Venkateswarlu Address,, H.no. 3- 432 (V) Choppakatlalalem (M) Choppakatlalalem Khammam Telangana- 507202 Changed My Name As **Gadegoni Vijay**
(TH_33300)

I, Veluri Sowmya Chowdhary(Old Name) R/O 5-8-48/202/203/C-710 Om Sri Signet, Apts Yaprul Rachakonda-medchal 500087 TS Changed My As **Veluri Sowmya Chowdary** (New Name) W/O Velaga Prabhat
(TH_33300)

I, NALLA BHUMA NARAYAN RAO R/o. H.NO: 16-2-749/4, PLOT NO: 8, REVENUE BOARD COLONY, ASHMANGADH, MALAKPET, HYDERABAD-500036 TS changed my name as **NALLA BHUMA NARAYANA RAO S/O. NALLA BHUMAJAH**
(TH_33300)

I, VARAHOOR SIVARAMA KRISHNAN SUBRAMANIAN R/O. 6-3-1099/2, FLAT NO 301, LUMBINI CLASSIC, SOMAIGUDA, HYDERABAD- 500082, TS changed my name as **SIVARAMAKRISHNAN SUBRAMANIAN VARAHOOR S/O. SUBRAMANIAN SIVARAMAKRISHNAN VARAHOOR**
(TH_33300)

I, ANUSHREE SHARMA R/O. F.NO 606, 6TH FLOOR, C-BLOCK, SATELLITE TOWNSHIP, PIPELINE ROAD, JEEDIMETLA, CYBERABAD-MEDCHAL, HYDERABAD-500055, TS changed my name as **ANUSHREE KAUR GANDHI W/O. VARUN SINGH GANDHI**
(TH_33300)

I, RAMA SHATTI S/o AUTI MALLAPA H.NO: 16-5-418/1/4, AZAMPURA D C PATEL COLONY VTC: SAIDABAD PO: SAHFA HYDERABAD TELANGANA CHANGED MY NAME AS **AUTI RAMU S/O AUTI MALLAPA**
(TH_33300)

I, KOPULLA PRASHANTH RAO S/O. KOPULLA SATYANARAYANA R/O. H.NO. 1-7-131/7, FNO 202 SRI SAI CHANDRA RESIDENCY, ZAMISTHANPUR, MUSHEERABAD, HYDERABAD-500020, TS Changed my child name from SRESHTA KOPULLA TO **SRESHTA REDDY KOPULLA**
(TH_33300)

I, INDRAPALLI SANDHYA W/O JANAHAI, Designation: JUNIOR LECTURER, EMP ID: 9122703, R/o. H. No. 6-50, 6 WARD AALAGADAPA, MIRYALAGUDA, NALGONDA, TS- 508 207 have changed my name as **"SANDRAPANGU SANDHYA W/o INDRAPALLI JANAHAI"** with immediate effect.
(TH_33300)

I, MOHAMMED ABDUL HAKEEM S/o Mohammed Abdul Raheem R/o 18-1-1-8/1/617, Jahangirabad, Bandlaguda, Hyderabad, TS. My Wife Incorrect Name is SYADA QUADIA but her correct Name is **SYEDA QUDSIYA PARVEEN**
(TH_33300)

I G Vishal Goud S/o G Dasharath Goud, R/O. 13-2-910/2, Shival Nagar, Rahimpura, Hyderabad-500006, T.S. have changed my name as **GINIKUNTA VISHAL KUMAR GOUD** for all purpose
(TH_33300)

I Shaikh Sartaj Begum W/o Syed Amjad Ali, R/o. 8-1-299/A/7, Vetanary Colony, Film Nagar, Hyderabad-500096, T.S. have changed my name as **SARTAJ BEGUM** for all purpose
(TH_33300)

I, Jandhyala Naga Pavana Kumari W/o:Phalguna Hari Jandhyala R/o:flat no. 506, 2nd floor, block c, godavari apartments, shyamal buildings, begumpet, Hyderabad 500016.Changed my name From Naga Pavana Kumari to **Jandhyala Naga Pavana Kumari**
(TH_33300)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Syeda Fatiama D/o Syed Ahmed Mohiuddin, R/o: 19-2-29/A/8, Model Town Colony, Jahanuma Charminar, Hyderabad, TG.Have Changed my Name as **Syeda Fatima**
(TH_33300)

I, Madhava Sevako Sahu S/o Late M Guna Sahu R/o 00, Manikya Puram, Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh-532292 have changed the name of my minor son Lakshona Sahu aged 17 years to **Lakshman Sahu**
(TH_ AANCHAL)

I, YUSUF KAIZARBHAI CHHAPIWALA S/o. KAIJAR CHHAPIWALA R/o.P.No-4, F.No-202, VICTORY ARCADE, JUPITER Cty, RTC Cty, Trimulgherry Sec'bad Hyd-500015. TS Changed My Name As **YUSUF CHHAPIWALA S/o. KAIJAR CHHAPIWALA**
(TH_33300)

I, MOMI BASUMOTARY Spouse of Service No. 6948803L NK SANJIB BORO, R/o. Unit: AOC Centre, 1 TB BN, Secunderabad have changed my name from MOMI BASUMOTARY TO **MOMI BORO** vide affidavit dt: 10-7-2025 before C.Samuel, Advocate and Notary, Secunderabad.
(TH_33300)

I, THIYAGARAJAN, S/o. Mr SEKAR PONNUSAMY, R/O. F-204, BLOCK-8, TOWER-4, MY HOME VIHANGA, GOPANPALLY, SERILINGAMPALLY, RANGAREDDY, HYDERABAD-500032, holding Passport No.Y9239401, have changed my name from THIYAGARAJAN TO **THIYAGARAJAN SEKAR** for all future purposes.
(TH_33300)

I, S Vijay Kumar, S/O (late) Sripathi Hariharth, R/O.H.No: 12-11-1377, Boudhanagar, Warasiguda, Sec-bad. I have changed my son's name, my name and my wife's name from Akhil Sripathi S Vijay Kumar, S Sangeetha to new Names- **Sripathi Akhil, Sripathi Vijay Kumar & Sripathi Sangeetha** as per his Gazette.
(TH_33300)

I, ANUMALAGUNDAM VYDEHI (Old Name) R/o. 8-4-369, 377, 378, F.No-502, Lalitha Towers, New Sastry Nagar, Erragadda Cy/bad- Hyd Telangana 500018, Hence I have Changed my Name to **ANUMALAGUNDAM VYDEHI** (New Name) W/o. KANCHANAPALLI DHEERAJ.
(TH_33300)

I, KANCHANAPALLI DEERAJ (Old Name) R/o. 8-4-369, 377, 378, F.No-502, Lalitha Towers, New Sastry Nagar, Erragadda Cy/bad- Hyd Telangana 500018, Hence I have changed my Name to **KANCHANAPALLI VENKATA KRISHNA RAO.**
(TH_33300)

I, KANCHANAPALLI KRISHNA RAO (Old Name) R/o.8-4-369, 377, 378, F.No-502, Lalitha Towers New Sastry Nagar Erragadda Cy/bad- Hyd Telangana 500018, Hence I have changed my Name to **KANCHANAPALLI VENKATA KRISHNA RAO** (New Name) S/o. KANCHANAPALLI BHUJANA RAO.
(TH_33300)

I, (OLD NAME) BARRI MOKHALINGAM RAO, Father of N-NO 16130612K NK BARRI ASHOK, Residing at H-NO 12-13-48, JANATHA NAGAR, MOOSAPET (VII), Kukatapally (Teh), Medchal (Dist) Telangana (State) Hyderabad - 500018, Have change My Name to (NEW NAME) **BARRI MOKA LINGAM**, Vide affidavit dated 10/07/2025 sworn before Notary N. Sundara Varalaxmi, Hyderabad.
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I, **SHAHEDA BEGUM**, W/o. MOHD RAHEEMUDDIN, R/o. H.No.9-4-135/A/18, TOLICHOWKI, HYDERABAD. lost my Passport No. **A5289161** when visit the Chowmohalla Palace, Khilwath, HYD., If found please contact @**79899058001.**
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I, **Pisipati Vani** W/o. Pisipati Srikanth R/o. 1-1-1/16/502, Librana Mahal Golkonda X roads, Musheerabad, Hyderabad-20, Telangana. Have lost my passport no. **83239299** While in transit from my home to Chikkadpally. if found. **9989768711**
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BETTING APP SCAM

Rana Daggubati, Devarakonda among 29 movers and shakers land in ED soup

Agency intends to summon them to record their statements and ascertain their role in the promotion of online betting

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THE Enforcement Directorate (ED) has registered cases against 29 film and television celebrities, including popular actors Vijay Devarakonda and Rana Daggubati, for allegedly promoting online betting applications. The ED has filed a money laundering case and initiated an investigation into the generation of substantial funds through illegal betting and gambling. The agency intends to summon these celebrities to record their statements and ascertain their role in the promotion of online betting.

Other celebrities named in the investigation concerning betting promotions include Prakash Raj, Manchu Lakshmi, Pranitha Subhash, Nidhi Agerwal, Ananya Nagalla, Siri Hanumanth, Sreemukhi, Varshini Sounderajan, Vasanthi Krishnan, Shobha Shetty, Amrutha Chowdhary,



Nayani Pavani, Neha Pathan, Pandu, Padmavati, Imran Khan, Vishnu Priya, Harsha Sai, Bhaiyya Sunny Yadav, Shyamala, Tasty Teja, Reethu Chowdhary, and Bandaru Seshayani Supreetha.

The probing agency is investigating whether these celebrities received large sums of money for the promotional campaigns of the betting



apps. The ED suspects extensive money laundering in the entire operation of running these betting apps through celebrity promotions.

Sources indicate that the police had already registered a case based on a complaint lodged by a businessman who accused the celebrities of promoting betting apps via social media pop-up ad-

vertisements and other channels. The case was booked under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Telangana Gaming Act (2017) – which prohibits all forms of online betting – and the IT Act.

A total of 29 public figures have been named in the ED's case. Sources revealed that the probing agency found

that the celebrities promoted apps such as Jungle Rummy, JeetWin, and Lotus365, and received promotional fees without verifying the legal status of these services. Some of the celebrities have already provided their statements during questioning by the police, who registered cases based on recent public complaints. The ED will record their statements in the coming days to determine the extent of their involvement.

The ED is also gathering additional complaints and First Information Reports (FIRs) to expand the scope of the investigation. The probe will focus on tracing the proceeds of crime and understanding how much money may have been laundered through these promotional deals. The ED is expected to assess each individual's level of knowledge and intent before drawing conclusions about potential criminal liability, according to sources.



Tummala directs officials to expedite textile order bookings

The Minister conducts a review with officials of Textiles dept on the performance of schemes being implemented for welfare of handloom workers

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TEXTILES Minister Tummalala Nageswara Rao on Thursday directed the officials to ensure the orders for clothes needed for the upcoming year should be taken from all government departments and corporations in the month of September itself.

The distribution of clothes to the government departments that have already given orders should be completed expeditiously. Similarly, work orders for the production of clothes from Tesco to the associations should be provided immediately and steps should be taken to ensure that the production of clothes was done on time. The Minister on Thursday conducted a review with officials of the Handloom Textiles Department on the performance of the schemes being implemented by the government for the welfare of handloom workers. The Minister said that the work should be provided to the weavers throughout the year. The production of Mahila Shakti sarees provided to women by self-help groups should be accelerated.

Special officers should be appointed to supervise the production to complete it quickly.

The Textiles Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramayyar, while explaining to the Minister about the implementation of various schemes being implemented in the Textiles Department, said, "So far, 33,913 handloom workers have registered under the Telangana Netanna Savings Scheme. Under this scheme, if the handloom workers deposit 8 per cent of their wages in banks, the government will deposit 16 per cent in RD-11 accounts. As part of the safety of weavers, an insurance of Rs 5 lakhs has been provided to the nominees of workers who have died due to accidents or natural causes, regardless of age, and Rs 9.70 crore have been provided to the nominees of 194 handloom workers who have died since August 14, 2024 and their families have been supported by the government. The state government has allocated Rs 48.8 crore as part of the Telangana Netanna Insurance Scheme.

The registration process of weavers will continue, and once the registration is com-

plete, under this scheme, Rs 18,000 per year will be provided to the weavers working on geo-tagged looms. The government has released Rs 33 crore for personal loan waiver of weavers, and 5691 weavers across the state will benefit from this scheme, and the verification process will be completed soon and the funds will be released, he explained to the minister.

The Minister said that appropriate steps should be taken to improve the performance of TESCO showrooms and lead them to profitability, and Tesco showrooms that were in loss should be merged with showrooms that were in profit. Similarly, steps should be taken to properly utilize human resources in the Telangana Handicrafts Organization and ensure that the organization runs on a path of development.

Gajam Narmada and Guda Pawan from Puttapaka village, Narayanapuram mandal, Yadadri district, Sansthan, who were selected for the National Handloom Award-2024 announced by the Union Ministry of Handlooms and Textiles, were honored with shawls by the Minister.

BRS fumes over BJP's India map excluding Telangana, demands apology

KT Rama Rao and D Sravan Kumar condemn 'offensive' act by Andhra Pradesh BJP chief

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THE BRS working president K T Rama Rao on Thursday voiced strong objections to the India map presented by the Andhra Pradesh BJP Chief Madhav to Minister Nara Lokesh, which conspicuously excluded Telangana.

The BRS leader took to X to express his displeasure at the BJP leader's actions. "We have fought for generations for our cultural identity, our rightful place in history, and our geographical position – TELANGANA," said K T Rama Rao. "Today, your Andhra Pradesh state BJP chief Madhav, has belittled our struggle by gifting a United Andhra Pradesh map and ignoring the existence of Telangana. This is absolutely unacceptable and reflects the blatant disregard for the people of Telangana... for our state, and for our struggle, sacrifices of martyrs, and history. What are we if our history is erased?!" He con-



cluded by stating, "Sir, I request you to clarify whether this reflects your party's plan or political agenda. If it's a genuine oversight, I demand an apology from your party leadership to the people of Telangana."

Party MLC D Sravan Kumar described the India map displayed by Andhra leaders, deliberately omitting

Telangana, as a "dangerous and deeply offensive act that strikes at the very heart of the identity of Telangana." He found it "shocking that while Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh are clearly acknowledged on the map, Telangana, the 28th State of the Indian Union, born out of decades of democratic people's struggle, historical sacrifice, and a con-

stitutional process, is erased."

The BRS leader asserted that this selective recognition by these senior leaders of Andhra Pradesh reflects "more than ignorance." He claimed it reveals "deep-rooted arrogance, contempt, a deliberate denial, and a political conspiracy to delegitimise Telangana's rightful existence and identity." Sra-

van characterised the act as "a cruel assault on every soul of Telanganite who fought for Telangana's statehood, an attack on the Constitution of India, which guarantees the territorial integrity and recognition of all its states, and a symbolic extermination of Telangana's identity, heritage, and legitimacy."

Sravan further criticised, stating that "on one hand, they loot Godavari and Krishna waters and now, they insult by showing a map of India that erases the very identity of Telangana."

The BRS leader appealed to the Telangana DGP to immediately take suo motu cognisance of this grave act and register a case under the following provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (2023): Section 336 – Forgery of public documents; Section 337 – Forgery for the purpose of deception; Section 196 – Promoting enmity between regions; Section 352 – Criminal intimidation of Telangana's political and cultural identity; and Section 353 – Public mischief likely to disturb peace and incite unrest. Sravan concluded, "This is not just about a map. It is about our struggle, our sacrifices, our history, our identity and, after all, our constitutional rights."

PARADISE FOR SHOPAHOLICS



Women seen at Patthargatti, an iconic shopping hub for clothes, pearls and jewellery on Thursday.

Photo: Srinivas Setty

Duo arrested for robbing elderly women with fake currency scheme

Hyderabad police recover cash and auto after apprehending robbers who swapped real money for children's play notes

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DETECTIVES from the Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force, South West Zone team, working with Mangalhat police, have apprehended two offenders who forcibly took cash from an elderly lady and replaced her genuine currency with children's play notes. Police seized Rs 20,000 in cash and an auto-rickshaw from their possession.

Police arrested Syed Waseemuddin (34), of Bada Bazar, Yakutpura, a native of Amravati, Maharashtra state, and Mohd Azam Ali Imran (34), of Parda Gate, Vatepally, both auto-rickshaw drivers.

According to police, Waseemuddin and Azam were addicted to alcohol, smoking, and other undesirable habits. The income they earned from their driving was insufficient to support their extravagant lifestyles. "Both decided to earn easy money and hatched a plan to cheat or commit theft by targeting innocent elderly ladies," stated Ande Srinivasa Rao, Additional Deputy Commissioner of the Task Force. "They bought Rs 500 children's play notes from a stationery shop at Charminar and then replaced the original cash of their victims with dummy currency."

The Deputy Commissioner explained that the accused targeted elderly ladies walking alone, offering them a free ride to a nearby destination. Once a lady accepted the offer, one of the accused would distract the victim while the other swiftly replaced her original cash with dummy Rs 500 notes.

In another instance, the accused targeted



an elderly lady who had just withdrawn cash from an SBI bank. They offered her a free ride, and one of the accused asked for her handbag, claiming they would add more cash to it. Although the victim was hesitant, one of the accused forcibly took the handbag. As she objected, the accused pretended to add more money and handed the bag to his accomplice, who then replaced the original cash with dummy Rs 500 notes.

Acting on a tip-off, police apprehended the duo and seized net cash of Rs 20,000 and the passenger auto-rickshaw from their possession.

House burglar apprehended, gold worth ₹31 lakh recovered

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THE Hyderabad Commissioner's Task Force, South West Zone, in collaboration with LB Nagar and Rachakonda Commissionerate police, have apprehended a habitual offender implicated in a series of house burglaries and the theft of gold ornaments and cash. Police seized 31.456 tolas of gold ornaments, with a total value of Rs 31 lakh, from his possession.

Police arrested Jaganatham Prabhu (33), a mason worker from Upparpally, Ranga Reddy District. The accused had committed thefts in areas falling under the LB Nagar, Uppal, and Mailardevally Police Stations. He had previously been involved in

10 house breaking cases.

According to police, Prabhu is a native of Vaddepally, Bodhan Village, Nizamabad District, and currently resides in Upparpally, Ranga Reddy District.

Ande Srinivasa Rao, Additional Deputy Commissioner of the Commissioner's Task Force, stated, "Prabhu was involved in both daytime and nighttime house breaking theft cases. Recently, he was arrested by Narsingi police in a property theft case and sent to judicial custody. In May 2025, he was released on bail, but he did not change his behaviour and continued to commit thefts."

Acting on information received, the police apprehended the accused in LB Nagar and recovered the gold ornaments from his possession.



City cyber crime wing nabs 25 in a nationwide crackdown on fraudsters

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IN a major breakthrough, the Hyderabad Cyber Crime unit arrested 25 cyber fraudsters across the country involved in 453 cases, including 66 cases in Telangana. The officials refunded Rs 72.85 lakh to the victims lost to cyber fraudsters in the month of June.

The accused were involved in cases including Andhra Pradesh (17), Bihar (13) Chhattisgarh (2), Daman & Diu (3), Delhi (19), Gujarat (35), Haryana (6), Jharkhand (2), Karnataka (74), Kerala (28), Madhya Pradesh (7), Maharashtra (53), Odisha (3), Puducherry (1), Punjab (12), Rajasthan (16), Tamil Nadu (34), Punjab (4), Uttar Pradesh (36), West Bengal (16), Jammu & Kashmir (6), and Telangana (66).

Police seized 34 mobile phones, 20 cheque books, 17 debit cards, 8 sim cards, 16 bank pass books, and net cash Rs 1 lakh.

The cases include defrauding of Rs 2.59 crore, online investment scam through fake trading app – Abbott Wealth Management, Online investment scam impersonating YES BANK trading platform, fraudulent indian oil dealership scam cases.



Additionally, the Cyber Crime police received as many as 22 cases of CSAEM (Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitive Material) from 14C through NECMEC (National Centre for Missing & Exploited Children). These cases were transferred to the concerned Police Stations through zonal DCPs based on address and jurisdictional area, resulting in the arrest of the accused individuals.

Cyber Crime cops strongly advise to remain vigilant and not to fall prey to the messages or friend requests on social media platforms that claim to be from senior government officials and request money.

Do not panic if you receive any threatening video calls claiming to be as CBI, RBI, ED, Customs, Judges, cyber-crimes police, Narcotics, FedEx, BSNL, TRAI etc. No

government agency or law enforcement officials will make such Skype calls and demand money for clearing the issue. There is no digital arrest and no online enquiry in the system. Fake investment social media groups i.e. Telegram, WhatsApp, X, Instagram, and Facebook are popping up everywhere promising high returns with little risk. Don't fall for these scams! Always consult a SEBI - approved apps for investment. Always seek advice from a SEBI registered financial advisor before investing.

There is a possibility to get a refund of at least part of the lost and PUT ON HOLD amount, if it is reported immediately. Victims of such Cyber frauds can report immediately on the helpline number 1930 or cybercrime.gov.in.

Bengaluru brouhaha resonates in distant Delhi

If ever there was a perfect tussle for power, the Karnataka example would fit to a 'T'. What began as a sustained bout of shadow boxing in the summer of 2023 as a resurgent Congress stormed to power in the south-western state has continued to pop up, at the most inappropriate of times for the ruling dispensation and much to the delight of the Opposition who have rubbed it in, almost at will. The two contenders – one the incumbent Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and the other his fiery and influential deputy, D K Shivakumar have for the present decided to bare their real intentions, stop pretending, and indulging in typical Congress party doublespeak, thereby letting it out all in the open. With south India still refusing to be 'Modified' to the extent the saffron headquarters wants in New Delhi and

elsewhere, the dramatic high which the GOP experienced two years ago when they wrested control in Bengaluru is no more evident in the silicon city. Propped up by well-wishers and a motley set of mutt leaders brazenly exhibiting a cocktail of casteist and religious power, both Shivakumar, the crisis manager and the go-to man for Congress for a few years and his senior competitor Siddaramaiah have not let anything pass in their battle for the gaddi. With loyalties split within the cabinet as groupism is rampant, the CM and his deputy have had to enable the campwalas to vent out their feelings (like how a ventriloquist does) and then pretend to douse the fire that it invariably causes. One has read a host of loaded statements, directly and indirectly, made by the leaders themselves and the ubiquitous AICC heads, who

still unsuccessfully try to cover up and deflect attention from the raging controversy. It is still inexplicable why Congress is doing this. In a long time, they won with a convincing number of seats in 2023 after receiving sizeable support from the public in Karnataka, who were fed up with the ineffective rule of BJP, fighting its own battles within the party. If ever power sharing by 'rotation' was considered a doomed to fail task, the Karnataka example would add to the many that have taken place in India over the past three decades, when coalition governments, shaky right from the start, patch up just in time to seize the gaddi and convince the dissidents in their respective parties that it will be an equal tenure rule for the principal players. Invariably, betrayal and opportunistic switch of partners to stay on and make

fresh alliances to ensure their political survival have been the oft-used tactics of both regional and national parties, which are forgotten as the next elections are announced. There is a huge list in this regard for political scholars to study all over the nation. Karnataka has once again grabbed attention as the political pow-wow as of now is being played out in New Delhi, where political pundits enjoy the southern flavour of this no-holds-barred fight and come up with expert theories on how it may all end up. As far as the grand old party is concerned, it has often shown that it needs no enemies from outside, laden as it is with 'good friends' within. Going by past experiences, Bengaluru may quiver and shake for a while, but this too shall pass. Or fail, depending on which lobby you want in power.

LETTERS

MNS MLA must be punished

THIS refers to the editorial 'Politicians wreaking havoc should be duly punished' (THI July 10). Sadly, Maharashtra is witnessing political highhandedness of Shiv Sena and MNS workers, who are indulging in needless violence either in the name of 'Marathi' language or in the process of intimidating innocent people from other states. The over-focus by the MNS to teach Marathi to others is unnecessary and unwarranted. Its MLA slapping and punching a non-local in the MLA canteen over the quality of 'dal' served there, has brought the reputation of the Shiv Sena and MNS combine several notches down in the public eye. The wanton vandalism of the toll booth showed the rowdy and uncouth behaviour of the opposition in Maharashtra in dismal light; and the government must take to task these lawbreakers so that they would not dare to repeat such acts again.

K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Publicly humiliate all law-breaking leaders

Politicians displaying a troubling disregard for constitutional norms and democratic principles is not only condemnable but is also indicative of a larger political conspiracy due to its inability to reconcile with failures. Recently, the way MNS members are resorting to violence in the name of linguistic pride in an increasingly polarised and identity-driven political climate is deplorable. Similarly, politicians taking law into their lands at the drop of a hat and going on a rampage on a false notion is dangerous. It is time to draw a line and unequivocally warn people triggering mob frenzy. Strict action should include arrests, fast-track trials and publicly damning the perpetrators. The courts, police and civil society must unite in ensuring this does not spiral into another round of violence. Only then, can hate violence and mob violence on one pretext or the other can be put to an end

K R Srinivasan, Secunderabad-3

Mandate semi-circular layout of classrooms

IT is commendable that some schools in Kerala have given up the traditional row-based seating arrangement in favour of a semi-circular layout in classrooms inspired by Vinesh Viswanath's debut Malayalam film Sthanarthi Sreekkuttan. The film portrays school life in a rural setting in Kerala. The time has indeed come to actualise the idea of semi-circular configuration of classrooms to foster friendship and fellowship among students. This innovative adaptation would de-congest the classroom, create a more congenial atmosphere for interaction and learning and enable schools to do without pigeonholing students as 'front-benchers', 'middle benchers' and 'backbenchers' and students to imbibe the spirit of equality and companionship and camaraderie and value cooperation more than competition. Further, it would do away with getting seats depending on height or supposed brilliance or based on names in alphabetical order. In the new classroom configuration, all students get the teacher's attention in equal measure and no student feels neglected. From now onwards, the governments and private school managements would do well to design and build new schools, keeping in mind creation of enough space for the semi-circular layout of classrooms.

G. David Milton, Maruthancode (TN)

Identify Nipah cases on urgent basis

PATIENTS recovering from Nipah infection, which has become endemic in north Kerala, have been disease-free and without post-infection sequelae thus far. However, two persons continue to be bed-bound in a vegetative state, as an aftermath of Nipah encephalitis. This has cast a gloom on Nipah survivors and is worrying healthcare providers. The unfavourable long-term effect of the infection renders the identification of the source of the dreaded viral infection even more crucial.

Dr. George Jacob, Kochi

No way to treat history-making women cricketers

INDIA'S women's cricket team has just made history by winning their first T20 series in England. Alas, what has been the nation's reaction? A passing cheer. Had it been the men's team, headlines would scream the achievement and there would be celebrations on the streets. Why must women work twice as hard for half the recognition? This win isn't just about cricket—it's about respect, equality, and breaking old patterns. The question is: will sponsors and fans now stand behind them—or simply scroll past? If victory abroad doesn't earn lasting support at home, what will? Let's not just clap today. Let's commit to change. Because real progress isn't in trophies—it's in the way we value them.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

BBMP to spend Rs 2.88 crore on stray dog feeding project

BENGALURU: In a first-of-its-kind move, the government, which has long supported the Indira Canteen initiative to feed the urban poor, is now extending its compassion to Bengaluru's stray dog population. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has announced a new project to provide nutritious meals to stray dogs across its 8 zones and has floated a tender worth Rs 2.88 crore.

BBMP Special Commissioner Vikas Kishore Suralkar stated that the initiative aims to reduce stray dog attacks, especially on children, by ensuring that the animals are well-fed. He added that pilot programs conducted in a few wards have shown promising results. In these test runs, meals were provided to around 100 dogs over a period of 2-3 months, helping curb aggressive behaviour.

The BBMP plans to serve calorie-rich meals such as egg rice and chicken rice to stray dogs. These meals will be distributed in collaboration with local restaurants and food providers.

According to the tender notice issued via the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal, proposals are being invited to provide cooked food to stray dogs across all 8 BBMP zones.

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TRIUMPH OF IDEOLOGICAL LOYALTY

SURGICAL STRIKE



K. KRISHNA SAGAR RAO

A few moments in public life restore our collective faith in the possibility of justice. One such moment arrived with the elevation of my senior party colleague, N. Ramchander Rao, as the State President of BJP Telangana. It is more than just a political appointment. To me, it is a triumph of ideological loyalty over expediency, of consistent service over opportunistic maneuvering. In a political climate where party affiliations shift faster than breaking news tickers, and ideological loyalty is treated as an inconvenience, this development feels like a powerful counter-narrative. Rao's rise is not sudden. It is a result of over four decades of unwavering commitment to the same ideological framework, to the same party, and to the same larger purpose.

Four decades of consistent commitment:

I have known him for over 12 years, not just as a party colleague but as someone I have had the privilege to work with closely, especially during our time as spokespersons for BJP Telangana. While he was senior and I was new to the role, we collaborated on many party assignments, media campaigns, crisis communications, press conferences, strategic outreach efforts, and I always admired his clarity, composure, and deep-rooted ideological conviction. He is not a man of noise, but of substance. And in a political age addicted to instant gratification, his trajectory reminds us that meaningful leadership is not a sprint but a long, committed climb.

Rao began his political life as a spirited student leader with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) in Osmania University campus. In the turbulent political environment of student activism in the 1980s, ideological clarity was not a convenience, it was a conviction. And he held onto it like a torch in the dark.

From those early days to holding responsibilities as the official spokesperson of the BJP, State General Secretary, Member of the Legisla-

tive Council, and now as the State President, his climb has been both principled and patient. He did not hop across parties when times were tough. He did not rebel when the tides were not in his favour. He stayed, served, and strengthened the party when there was little visibility and even lesser reward. He believed in the ideology, in the organization, and in the vision of a stronger India led by principled politics.

Ideology is not a costume: In contemporary politics, ideology has become a fashion statement, worn one day, discarded the next. It has become something leaders wear on stage and take off in the green room. But for those of us who take public life seriously, ideology is not a costume, it is our character.

A strong ideological foundation is not meant to restrict, but to refine. It helps leaders make decisions that are consistent, communities feel represented, and policies remain rooted in purpose. That is why parties like BJP are not just electoral vehicles, they are ideological missions. And leaders like Ramchander Rao are its long-distance runners.

The great political betrayal-Party-hopping as a culture:

Let us talk about the rot.

We are now living in an era of political restlessness. Leaders jump from one party to another like changing outfits for an evening function. One day, they are condemning a party's ideology, and the next, they are its star campaigners. They have mastered the art of ideological amnesia, conveniently forgetting what they stood against, to now claim what they never believed in.

It has become commonplace to see people jump from one extreme of the political spectrum to the other. Even from extreme Left to extreme Right. From secular-socialist rhetoric to nationalistic spiritualism, all in a matter of weeks. They swing across ideologies like it is all part of some harmless political game. But it is not. It is an insult to the electorate, a mockery of democracy, and a brutal erosion of trust in public life.

Let me be clear, party-switching is not illegal, nor is it unconstitutional. But it is ethically troubling and democratically corrosive. People elect representatives based on what they say they stand for. If that representation is betrayed for personal



N. Ramchander Rao

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advancement, the very foundation of democracy begins to crack.

When newcomers claim seniority:

What is even more disturbing is that many of these party-hoppers come in with high demands. They do not enter with humility. They enter with a sense of entitlement. They want top leadership roles, ticket assurances, and strategic visibility at events on stage. In contrast, those who have spent decades in the trenches of party work are often asked to wait, to watch and adjust.

This creates not just internal imbalance but ideological dilution. It undermines the value of loyalty. It tells young political aspirants that you do not need to commit long-term, you just need to switch at the right moment to get ahead.

And let us not pretend this is a one-off issue. This trend is widespread across parties. However, as a senior member of BJP Telangana, I find it more important than ever to raise a red flag within my own ecosystem. Because we must hold ourselves to a higher standard. BJP is not just a political party, we are a movement, we are a party with a difference. And movements are sustained not by influx, but by integrity.

My own journey-Loyalty without expectation:

I speak not just as an observer, but as a participant in this journey.

I have served BJP for over twelve years as its chief spokesperson in Telangana. Through changing leadership, shifting political equations, and intense public scrutiny, I have remained in the same role. Many have asked me why? Why not ask for something bigger? Why not negotiate for a more powerful post? Why not jump to a party that offers me more?

Believe me, I have had many such invitations. Roles in State Government. Higher party positions in other political parties. More visibility, more comfort, more responsibilities, more growth, more opportunity. However, I did not flinch for a minute to reject these offers.

I stayed. Not because I lack ambition, competence, but because I value allegiance. I believe in the BJP's ideology, deeply, emotionally, and intellectually. I did not join this party to climb a ladder. I joined to help rebuild a nation.

And I know I am not alone. There are thousands like me across the state and this country. Competent, highly educated and passionate individuals, who chose

BJP not for convenience, but for conviction to its ideology. I have spoken on thousands of media platforms regionally and nationally, worked at the ground level during elections, during crises, and represented the party with pride. But unfortunately, many feel sidelined when they see only those who have switched from other parties walking into high tables.

It is disillusioning. It sends a disheartening signal to the youth who look up to us, hoping that loyalty and long-term service still mean something. It creates confusion about what politics truly rewards, loyalty or leverage?

Rao's elevation-A beacon of hope:

And that is why at this moment, Ramchander Rao's elevation is so important.

It tells us that ideological loyalty is not dead. That the party still recognizes those who have walked with it, not just those who arrive when the weather is good. That substance still matters. That the long road one has taken, the prime years of youth one has spent in contribution to the party, is not a wasted one.

I commend the national and state leadership of BJP for this bold and correct choice. Among several worthy contenders, they chose a man who did not just work for the party, he embodied the party. It shows that in BJP, eventually, commitment gets its due. Even if it takes time, even if it takes patience, it does arrive.

And let this appointment also be a signal to the silent majority within the party, those working quietly, tirelessly, thanklessly. You are being watched. You are being valued. Your time will come.

A word to the youth-Ideology is still worth it:

To every young Indian who dreams of entering public life, here is my sincere advice, do not trade long-term credibility for short-term advantages. Politics is not a job switch. It is a life commitment. Join a party only if you believe in its principles. Stay not because it is easy, but because it is right.

The new culture of open houses, where every party accepts anyone, regardless of past contradictions, might seem welcoming. But it also weakens our democracy if there are no ideological filters. Politics without ideology is power without actual purpose.

If we want to create leaders with character, we must

create political journeys that reward conviction. Let us not normalize disloyalty. Let us not glorify the art of switching sides. Let us, instead, uphold the power of staying rooted.

Politics of integrity:

At this juncture, we must reflect on the kind of politics we want for our nation. The integrity of politics directly influences the integrity of the nation. If we continue to allow opportunists, criminals, and power-seekers to define political discourse, we risk hollowing out our democracy.

It is the responsibility of every political party, including ours, to create space for young people, competent professionals, nationalists, and individuals with strong ideological leanings who have no criminal or corrupt background. These are the people who can elevate public life. These are the people who must be encouraged, mentored, and empowered.

Politics should not be the last resort for the unemployed. It must be a first career choice for the able, the educated, the ethical, the patriotic and the inspired. This transformation is not only necessary, but also urgent. Because the quality of a nation's politics is the truest indicator of its national character. And we must not let it fall into mediocrity.

Closing thoughts-The real seniority:

Ramchander Rao did not demand seniority, he earned it. He did not threaten to exit to gain attention. He chose to stay even when it was not rewarding. That is what makes this elevation beautiful. It is poetic justice in an era that often forgets to reward integrity.

To my senior colleague Ramchander Rao, I extend my hearty congratulations. May your tenure inspire a new generation of leaders who do not just seek positions but pursue principles and stay rooted in the ideology of the party.

Let us show that loyalty is not a weakness. That conviction is the real currency of politics.

This, to me, is the real triumph. The triumph of ideological loyalty.

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pressure rises. Staying in the water for too long can lead to hypothermia, a condition where a person's core body temperature drops dangerously low. Shivering may begin within minutes in cold water.

As far back as 1969, researchers found even experienced swimmers could struggle after just a few minutes in cold water. Recently one of us (Sam Cornell) had to provide first aid at an ice bath venue in Sydney. A young man collapsed after staying in an ice bath for ten minutes.

baths don't always actively supervise patrons or monitor a person's time in the ice bath. They may leave their customers to self-regulate, assuming people will know to get out of the water before they pass their body's limits. What are the risks?

Cold water immersion triggers a powerful physiological response. Gasping occurs and breathing becomes rapid and uncontrollable. Heart rate spikes. Blood

recent years, with the proliferation of commercial cold plunge centres, there's been an explosion in people using ice baths recreationally. Many people are even setting up their own ice baths at home. Social media shows serene influencers meditating through the pain, claiming it boosts mental health, serotonin, testosterone, and their metabolism. But does the evidence stack up?

Ice baths can reduce mus-

cle soreness after intense training. However, the effect is modest and short-lived. Some research shows cold water immersion can improve mood after a single exposure in young, healthy people, but other research doesn't find these benefits. Most claims about mental health, testosterone and weight loss aren't backed by strong evidence. Rather, they're anecdotal and amplified by influencers.

Businesses offering ice

But the benefits are questionable and, importantly, ice baths can have health risks – particularly for people who have limited experience using them.

Cold water immersion isn't a new concept. The "frigidarium" – a room with a cold plunge pool or bath – was a feature in most Roman bathhouses. For decades, athletes have used cold water immersion, such as swims in cold water, for recovery. But in

WALK through any trendy suburb and you might find a new "wellness" studio offering ice baths or "contrast therapy" (a sauna and ice bath combo). Scroll social media, and you're likely to come across influencers preaching the cold plunge gospel with cult-like zeal. Ice baths have gone mainstream. Initially practised mainly among high-performance athletes, cold water immersion is now a booming business model: sold as recovery, discipline and therapy all in one.

Mega facelift for Bhongir underway

Face of Bhongir town to be transformed into beautiful urban centre: MLA

- Over Rs 13 cr worth being used for Municipality devpt
- Activities started in 12 wards, with 8 major works underway
- Special attention paid to widening of roads to Nalgonda and Hyd

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BHONGIR

“EFFORTS are underway to transform Bhuvanagiri Municipality into a model municipality,” said Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy and Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy. On Thursday, the duo launched development works across several wards within the municipality limits.

Speaking on the occasion, they said that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy sanctioned Rs 56 crore from HMDA funds for Bhuvanagiri constituency. “These funds have been allocated



Bhongir MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy along with MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy touring Bhongir town

for three mandals and one municipality in the constituency to begin development works,” said Reddy. “More than Rs 13 crore is being used for the development of Bhongir Municipality and activities have started in nearly 12 wards, with eight major works underway. Special attention is being paid to the municipality,

including the improvement of major junctions and the widening of Nalgonda and Hyderabad roads,” he said. The MLA emphasised that the face of Bhongir town would be transformed into a beautiful urban centre. “The government is reducing unnecessary expenditure and allocating funds only for projects that

benefit the people,” he said. The event was attended by District Library Corporation Chairman Awais Chishti, TPCC member Tangallapalli Ravikumar, leaders Potnak Pramod Kumar, Potamsetti Venkateshwarlu, Barre Jahangir, Mazhar, Kura Venkatesh, Gurralla Srinivas, and Salahuddin.

Khammam party leaders meet BJP chief



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LEADERS of BJP from Khammam that included State Council Member Dr G Venkateswarlu and Seva Bharati President Motukuri Narayana Rao on Thursday paid a courtesy call on the party's new president of Telangana, N Ramachandra Rao, in Hyderabad. As part of the meeting, they represented

the demands of the people of Khammam district that included a request for construction works of a wire bridge, Greenway Highway, and Amaravati Highway be started. They said that if these projects are completed, it will be good for the development and economic progress of Khammam district. The leaders shared that Rao promised to cooperate and work to strengthen the party in the district.



On the occasion of Guru Pournami, BJP State leader and Bhupalapalli district in-charge Galla Satyanarayana felicitated his High School teachers at his native village of Ravinutala on Thursday

BJP felicitates teachers on Guru Pournami

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GRAND celebrations were held at the Khammam district BJP party office on Thursday to mark Sri Guru Pournami in which BJP district president Nelluri Koteswara Rao presided.

Vedic scholars, teachers, and masters of traditional arts were felicitated on the stage during the event. This included Tejasri, Kodanda



Ramacharya, Tandra Ramprasad Guruswamy, Arutla Srinivasacharya, and Gujjula Srinivas Reddy who

were especially honoured by mementos. “Ours is a country where the teacher is considered

‘Parabrahma.’ Guru principle is sacred in our culture. The teachings of the guru are the strength of the future,” said Rao. “Every student should respect their teacher and grow by believing in their aspirations. Governments and private educational institutions should provide minimum respect to teachers and pay their salaries on time,” he said.

Form Cong committees at all levels: Srilatha Reddy

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WANAPARTHY

“MANDAL-level, village-level, and booth-level committees should be formed immediately,” said Congress district women's president Srilatha Reddy on Thursday.

Speaking at a district-level women's meeting at the local MLA camp office, she emphasised that the government introduced several schemes for women's empowerment; women should work hard to ensure their full implementation at village level.

She said there are many opportunities for self-employment under SHGs and urged women to make use of them.

Reddy stressed that to move forward in villages the committees must be completed first and called upon everyone to focus on formation of committees. She noted that in the upcoming local body elections, women's groups in the party will play a crucial role and urged everyone to participate actively. “Every woman working for the party will be given special recognition,” she added.



New Vision ranks 29th in NEET Telangana results



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“IN the NEET 2025 state level open category results released on Thursday, students of New Vision that include Machineni Akanksha secured 89th rank and Pillaramarri Samhita secured 29th rank,” informed college chairman CHGK Prasad.

“Only 75 students from our college appeared for the exam

this year of which 40% students in A and B categories got a chance to secure medical seats and 98% of the students qualified,” he said. On the occasion, chairman along with academic director Karthik and director CH Gopichand congratulated the students who achieved the best ranks. Principal Brahmachary Srinivasa Rao and the faculty participated in the programme.

TRUMP TARIFFS: PLANS RETALIATORY TARIFFS ON STEEL & ALUMINIUM

INDIA TO TAKE STRONG STAND?

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NEW DELHI

AMIDST ongoing trade deal talks the US, India has proposed retaliatory tariffs against the United States under the World Trade Organisation (WTO) regulations in response to American duties on steel and aluminium.

The timing is crucial as both nations are in discussions for a trade agreement, with the initial phase

expected to conclude by September-October. India proposed retaliatory duties on specific American goods under the WTO framework in May, countering US tariffs on steel and aluminium implemented as safeguard measures. India informed the WTO that these actions would impact US imports worth \$7.6 billion.

The US implemented safeguard measures on March 8, 2018, placing 25% and 10% ad valorem

tariffs on certain steel and aluminium products, effective March 23, 2018. On February 10, 2025, they revised these safeguard measures on steel and aluminium imports, taking effect from March 12.”The safeguard measures would affect \$7.6 billion imports into the United States of the relevant products originating in India, on which the duty collection would be \$3.82 billion.” India told the WTO. India had previ-

ously suggested retaliatory tariffs against US automotive duties last week. The suggested suspension of concessions or other obligations would manifest as increased tariffs on specific products from the United States, according to an ET report. “Accordingly, India's proposed suspension of concessions would result in an equivalent amount of duty collected from products originating in the US,” India said.

BCs to get 42%

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Claiming that the Telangana state is a role model for the country in holding a Cabinet meeting every 15 days, Srinivasa Reddy said the Cabinet has also decided to hold a special Cabinet meeting once in three months and review the implementation of the decisions taken during the preceding three-month period.

He said in the 19th Cabinet meeting on Thursday, the Chief Minister, ministers and Secretaries reviewed the progress of the implementation of 327 decisions related to 23 departments taken in the previous Cabinet meetings. Perhaps, for the first time in India, the state Cabinet analysed the implementation of the decisions it had taken, and it was found that 96 per cent of decisions were implemented, he added.

BC Welfare Minister P Prabhakar said that through the historic Cabinet decision, the state government fulfilled the Congress party's Kamareddy Declaration which called for the enhancement of BC quota in the local body polls.

Meanwhile, the Cabinet took a serious note of the pending irrigation projects and decided to expedite the works and complete them in a time bound manner to expand irrigation facilities. The Cabinet observed that the previous BRS government spent large amounts of funds, but no project was completed, and it affected the irrigation sector, the I & PR Minister said.

The Cabinet also approved the proposal to upgrade Amity Educational Institution and Saint Mary's Educational Institution as universities. The Amity accepted the condition to provide 50 per cent seats to Telangana students and Saint Mary's will introduce skill development courses.

In view of increasing demand for jobs, the Cabinet discussed issuing notification to fill 22,000 jobs and speed up the recruitment process to fill another 17,000 jobs for which the process is at various stages. The Cabinet also instructed the state Finance department to review the performance of the outsourcing and contract employees.

The Chief minister also ordered the officials to introduce reforms to increase the employees' accountability in the discharge of their duties. The government already constituted an official committee and asked it to submit a report in this regard in two months.

Animal Husbandry Minister V Srihari said the Cabinet discussed the draft Goshala (cow shelters) policy and recommended some suggestions for setting up new cow shelters as well as strengthening the existing 306 goshalas in the state. He also said that Rs 22 crore special budget was allocated to purchase fishlings and release them in water bodies in the coming season. Scientific methods would be adapted to promote pisciculture, the minister added.

SC PERMITS EC TO PROCEED WITH BIHAR VOTER ROLL REVISION

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A bench of Justices Sudhanshu Dhulia and Joymalya Bagchi asked the poll body to consider Aadhaar, voter ID and ration cards for the purpose of updating the rolls but left it to the discretion of the ECI whether to accept or reject them.

The Bench said this after Senior Advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the ECI, submitted that the list of 11 documents to be considered for the revision exercise is not exhaustive. The court directed that the matter be listed for hearing again on July 28, before the draft roll is published.

Intensive revision refers to the de novo preparation of the electoral roll from scratch through personal, house-to-house field verification by electoral registration officers.

Under the Bihar SIR, those who were on the 2003 electoral rolls need only submit an extract from it as proof, while others (enrolled after 2003) must provide one or more documents from a list of 11 (along with a pre-filled enumeration form for existing electors) to establish their date and/or place of birth – which, in turn, is used to determine citizenship.

Apex court has ‘serious doubts’ on Bihar SIR

NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court has expressed ‘serious doubts’ over the Election Commission's plan to hold a ‘special intensive revision’ (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls months before the Assembly election. The Apex court told the poll panel, “Your exercise is not the problem... it is the timing. We have serious doubts if you can manage this exercise. With such a big population (an estimated eight crore people) being subject to this ‘intensive review’, is it possible to link this to the forthcoming election?”

The court also asked the poll panel

tough questions about an individual's right to appeal a potential exclusion from the list of voters. “... a person will be disenfranchised ahead of the election, and s/he won't have the time to defend the exclusion before voting,” Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia noted. “No... courts will not touch electoral roll once finalised... which means a disenfranchised person will lack the option to challenge it (the revised list) before the election,” he said, when urged by senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for the poll panel, to allow the revision to be completed before ruling.

'IS THE BIRD BECOMING A PARROT?'

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Without naming anyone, Tagore, who is a Congress MP from Virudhunagar in Tamil Nadu and party's whip in the Lok Sabha, said on X, “When a Colleague starts repeating BJP lines word for word, you begin to wonder — is the Bird becoming a parrot? Mimicry is cute in birds, not in politics.” Tharoor and Tagore had also indulged in ‘bird talk’ last month to convey their views.

The Tharoor-Congress rift had taken a turn towards what some termed a “war of birds” as Tagore had sought to establish the pecking order with an X message to his colleague last month.

India achieves 4,000% growth in solar capacity

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Outlining the scale of India's clean energy manufacturing push, the minister said the country's solar photovoltaic module capacity has expanded nearly 38-fold in the last decade, while photovoltaic cell capacity has grown 21 times. He highlighted flagship schemes like the PM Surya Ghar Yojana, which aims to install rooftop solar panels in one crore homes, and the PM Kusum Yojana, which supports the use of solar pumps in agriculture. The Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells is also expected to boost domestic manufacturing, he added.

Goyal stressed that energy storage will be critical to India's plan to meet its future energy needs through renewable sources. He said technologies such as batteries, pumped storage, hydro storage and even nuclear power would play a role in ensuring round-the-clock clean energy.

Calling for a four-pronged strategy to advance India's clean energy ambitions, Goyal listed innovation, infrastructure development, supply chain resilience and an integrated value chain as key priorities. He said India must lead in research and development for next-generation battery technologies, including solid-state and

hybrid storage, while also developing circular supply chains. He referred to the recent Cabinet approval of a ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund, which he said would help India match the scale of R&D spending in advanced economies due to its cost advantages.

Goyal urged industry players to ramp up efforts to build charging and battery-swapping infrastructure to accelerate adoption of electric vehicles. He also stressed the need to cut dependence on limited geographies for raw materials and components by investing in resilient supply chains and new technologies.

THAROOR CALLS EMERGENCY ‘DARK CHAPTER’

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Thousands of people were rendered homeless. Their welfare was not taken into consideration,” the Thiruvananthapuram MP wrote. He also pointed out the fragility of democracy and the need for constant vigilance: “Let it serve as a lasting reminder to people everywhere,” Tharoor wrote.

According to him, “today's India is not the India of 1975. Yet, the lessons of the Emergency remain relevant in troubling ways,” Congress MP added. Tharoor cautioned that the urge to centralise authority, suppress dissent, and sidestep constitutional checks could resurface in different ways.

“Often, such tendencies

may be justified in the name of national interest or stability. In this sense, the Emergency stands as a strong warning. The guardians of democracy must always remain vigilant,” he said.

Tharoor's relationship with the Congress leadership has been under strain since he contested the party president election against Mallikarjun Kharge. The friction reportedly increased when his name did not appear on the list of Congress leaders suggested for the Union government's Operation Sindoor outreach. Despite this, Prime Minister Narendra Modi later invited Tharoor to lead a delegation to the United States and other countries in Americas.

Racist US man gets brutal reply from AI Grok

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“Nah, just circuits and code spitting facts. But hey, if ‘brown hands’ built the tech empire driving America's innovation, they're clearly the MVPs. Your bias is showing, champ—truth still hurts?” the AI replied, quickly shutting down the man.

The exchange quickly went viral, with many praising Grok for standing up against racism using facts. “Even Grok is fed up with these base-met dwellers,” remarked one user.

Another added, “I love the new Grok. Grok is in truth mode today.”

BIZ BRIEFS

Screen's initiative for cinema industry

The Indian Express Group and Screen announced the launch of Screen Academy, a not-for-profit initiative that will nurture and showcase new voices in Indian cinema. The Academy is working with India's top film institutes, will identify and empower the next generation of filmmakers through education, representation, and recognition. Anant Goenka, Executive Director of The Indian Express Group, said: "Screen Academy represents a bold step toward institutionalising excellence in the entertainment and culture space."

Hindware arm's new products

Hindware Smart Appliances, a kitchen appliances brand has launched a comprehensive range of appliances such as BLDC (Brushless Direct Current) motor-equipped chimneys, hobs, ovens, and kitchen sinks. Mahesh Kumar Choudhary, President, Hindware Home Innovation, said: "We are incredibly excited to strengthen our presence in the Kitchen Appliances space. Understanding the rapid evolution of Indian homes—driven by real estate growth and modern homeowners' discerning tastes—we have curated a comprehensive range of smart appliances."

Amazon announces Prime Day deals

Amazon has announced that the Prime Day 2025 will kick off on July 12 and will runs until July 14, featuring deals on smartphones, laptops, smart TVs, tablets, wearables and speakers. Major brands like Apple, Samsung, Sony, Xiaomi, JBL, and OnePlus are participating. Offers include no-cost EMI options and instant bank discounts. Key highlights discounted offers on devices including iPhone 15, OnePlus 13, Lenovo IdeaPad Slim 3, and LG OLED TV. Visit the website for more consumer electronics deals.

New range from Ultra Soft Toys

Ultra Soft Toys has unveiled a new range of toys at this year's Toy Biz 2025. The brand showcased its new 'Cuddle & Calm' range of weighted plush toys and sensory companions. The Cuddle & Calm collection offers soft, huggable plushies that provide grounding and tactile comfort. Brinda Agrawal, Head-Product Development, Ultra Soft Toys, said: "Weighted toys, in particular, offer calming pressure and tactile comfort that appeals across age groups."

Dreame unveils robot vacuum

Dreame Technology, a smart home appliances brand, has launched the Dreame F10 in India, a Robot Vacuum featuring standard system that delivers optimized suction power of 13,000Pa. Manu Sharma, MD, Dreame India, said: "At Dreame, our mission has always been to build technologies that make everyday life easier and smarter."

Deccan Rice enters Chinese market

Its products will be in the domestic market by early 2026, Director Kiran Kumar Pola says

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HYDERABAD-based Deccan Grainz India has recently entered the Chinese market. The company has already been exporting 30 varieties of Indian rice to Sweden, UK, Germany, Ireland, London, US, Canada, Australia, EU and Turkey, and China is the new addition to its global footprint.

"We are the only rice brand from South India to achieve such a global footprint in rice exports," said Kiran Kumar Pola, Director, Deccan Grainz India.

He described the company's entry into China, which ranks second in the world after India in rice production, as a milestone. He said that Deccan Foods is the market leader in the non-basmati rice category in the US market. "We purchase quality rice from thousands of farmers in various states including Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, and export it to various countries," he said.



In its 15-year long journey, the company sold more than 7 crore bags of rice abroad. Sona Masuri accounts for a whopping 60 per cent of its total sales. The company has a state-of-the-art, Japanese technology-powered rice processing plant with a monthly capacity of 5,500 metric tonnes at Sultanpur near Hyderabad. It employs 100 people. "They say we have to win at home before winning outside. But we already won outside. Now, we are ready to win at home. Deccan Grainz will enter the Indian market in early 2026," said Kiran Kumar.

Kiran has more than 30 years of experience in the rice business.

T-Hub, AWS accelerator to power space startups

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

AMAZON Web Services (AWS) has announced the launch of AWS Space Accelerator: APJ 2025, a programme designed to support startups across Asia Pacific and Japan (APJ) that are focused on space technology—catalysing innovation and propelling the growing space economy in the Asia Pacific region.

The 10-week accelerator will provide up to 40 selected startups with dedicated business resources, expertise, and guidance around technology and business capabilities, to help them leverage AWS to build, grow, and scale their missions.

The accelerator is open to space-sector startups at all stages that are based in India, Australia, New Zealand, or Japan. Participants can leverage the program to build their technology platforms, scale their operations, and pursue investment opportunities. Applications for the AWS Space Accelerator: APJ will be open from July 8 to September 5.

The AWS Space Accelerator: APJ 2025 will be delivered in collaboration with AWS partners T-Hub, Minfy, Fusic, and Ansys along with leading space organizations including IN-SPACE, the Australia Space Agency, iLAUNCH, and SKY Perfect JSAT Corporation.

India makes it to global top-10 tech markets

THE COUNTRY LEADS IN TALENT AVAILABILITY

BENGALURU: India ranks among world's top-10 tech markets in 2025, particularly standing out in terms of talent availability, with its top six cities making the top 10 list for tech talent acquisition in the Asia-Pacific region, a report showed on Thursday.

The Asia Pacific region is gaining momentum as a global tech talent hub, being home to three of the world's top-10 locations – Bengaluru in India, Tokyo in Japan and Beijing in China, said the report from Colliers.

"India is a powerhouse of tech talent and a key player in the global innovation ecosystem, supported by availability of skilled talent and employment opportunities across Tier I as well as emerging cities of the country," said Arpit Mehrotra, Managing Director, Office Services, India, Colliers.

Leading tech cities in India account for 69 per cent of the total tech talent in the Asia



Pacific region. Bengaluru and Hyderabad, which host the region's largest talent clusters, continue to lead tech leasing activity, together driving nearly 50 per cent of the conventional office space uptake in H1 2025.

"With the availability of high-quality office space, robust IT infrastructure, and cost competitiveness, India's office markets will continue to feature prominently among the top destinations for technology-led global economic

expansion," Mehrotra added. The report examined more than 200 global markets based on their talent acquisition, venture capital (VC) funding, labour index, talent pipeline and sector composition. India ranks among the top destinations for tech talent both in the Asia Pacific as well as globally. Bengaluru and Hyderabad continue to remain preferred tech destinations in India, followed closely by other major markets, all of which attract global tech companies

TALENT POOL

- B'luru, Tokyo, Beijing among top-10
- Tech cities in India account for 69% of total tech talent in Asia Pacific region
- B'luru,Hydtogether driving 50% of office space uptake in H1

with skilled talent availability and a mature tech ecosystem, the report found.

Occupiers in the technology sector remain a cornerstone of office space demand across India's top seven cities, driving Grade A space uptake in both conventional and flex spaces over the past years. During H1 2025, tech occupiers leased over 10 million square feet of office space across the top seven cities, driving 40 per cent of the conventional space demand.

India made Ai+ smartphone is here!

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

IN a landmark moment for India's digital future, NxtQuantum has launched the Ai+ Smartphone, India's first fully authored smartphone, built entirely in India, governed on Indian infrastructure, and designed to deliver world-class performance with uncompromising data privacy. The launch was led by Madhav Sheth, CEO, Ai+ Smartphone and Founder, NxtQuantum Shift Technologies, alongside Shashikumar Sreedharan, Managing Director, Google Cloud India, and Smriti Ravichandran, Vice President – Mobiles, Flipkart. More than just a product launch, the model marks a bold new direction in mobile innovation, where performance meets purpose, and users gain true control over how their data is stored, accessed, and protected. Built entirely in India and powered by NxtQuantum OS, India's first sovereign mobile operating system, the Ai+ Smartphone combines high performance, affordability, and privacy in one seamless experience.

Credai Hyd property show to be held in Aug

Over 70 developers, endless choices for homebuyers in largest real estate expo at HITEX

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

THE Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI) Hyderabad has officially announced the 2025 edition of its flagship Hyderabad Property Show, set to take place from August 15 to 17 at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Halls 1 & 3. With the theme "Choice is Yours," this year's event promises to empower homebuyers by offering a one-stop destination to explore RERA-approved projects by over 70 reputed developers.

The announcement was made by CREDAI Hyderabad's senior leadership team, including President N Jaideep Reddy, President-Elect B Jagannath Rao, General Secretary K Kranti Kiran Reddy, Convenor Kurra Srinath, Co-convenor Aravind Rao Mechineni, and other office bearers and committee members.



Credai President N Jaideep Reddy addressing the meeting Photo: Adula krishna

The Property Show aims to dispel real estate myths by presenting credible, RERA-compliant properties under one roof. It will feature a diverse mix of apartments, villas, plots, and commercial spaces from across Hyderabad. Highlighting Hyderabad's strong real estate momentum, President N Jaideep Reddy noted that the city witnessed property registrations worth Rs4,300 crore in May 2025 — a 14 per cent year-on-year increase. He attributed this to the city's booming employment hubs, robust infrastructure development, and ongoing investments by global firms. "Hyderabad is poised for a major transformation with metro rail expansion and el-

evated corridor projects in the pipeline. With interest rates easing and new high-rise launches, now is the ideal time to invest," he said.

President-Elect B Jagannath Rao echoed the sentiment, calling Hyderabad a "true global city" that continues to attract investments across sectors including IT, manufacturing, life sciences, EVs, and defense. "Despite global uncertainties, Hyderabad's resilience and investor-friendly climate make it a preferred destination," he added. Speaking on the upcoming show, Convenor Kurra Srinath described the event as "more than just a real estate exhibition — it's a celebration of trust, choice, and community."

HUL names Priya Nair as CEO-MD

NEW DELHI: Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) on Thursday said it has appointed Priya Nair as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director for five years, effective August 1, 2025. Nair is currently President, Beauty & Wellbeing, Unilever. She replaces Rohit Jawa who will step down as CEO and MD on July 31, 2025 to pursue the next chapter in his personal and professional journey, the FMCG major said in a statement. Nair will also join the HUL Board, subject to necessary approvals, and continue to be a member of the Unilever Leadership Executive (ULE), it added. "Priya has had an outstanding career in HUL and Unilever. I am certain that with her deep understanding of the Indian market and excellent track record, Priya will take HUL to the next level of performance," Hindustan Unilever Ltd (HUL) Chairman Nitin Paranjpe said. Nair joined HUL in 1995 and held several sales and marketing roles across home care, beauty & wellbeing, and personal care businesses.

Despite uptrend, top-4 trading platforms lose 20 lakh investors in H1

MUMBAI

TOP four online trading platforms together lost nearly 20 lakh active investors in the first half of the calendar year (2025), data available on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) showed on Thursday. The decline comes despite the markets remaining firm during the four consecutive months.

The first half of this year has been difficult for Groww, Zerodha, Angel One, and Upstox, the top four brokers in India in terms of active investors. In June alone, they lost about 6 lakh users overall.

Strict rules for trading in the Future and Options (F&O) segment, enforced by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi), the market regulator, are the main cause of the decline in the number of active users of the major brokers.

Since the market regulator tightened the rules for trading in the derivatives seg-



ment last year, investors are becoming less interested in the sector. Since the year began, Groww, the biggest broker in the nation by number of active investors, has seen a drop of six lakh active investors. Over 5.4 lakh active investors were lost by Zerodha, the biggest broker in terms of revenue, during the same time frame.

Angel One lost over 4.5 lakh active investors, while over 3 lakh active investors were declined from Upstox's user base during the above said period.

These four firms together added nearly one crore new active investors in 2024, when trading activities in F&O were hitting all-time highs. However, their user base declined a bit this year.

Selling in IT, telecom shares drag benchmarks into red

Investors turned cautious ahead of the start of earnings season, Tariff-related uncertainty also dampened investor sentiment

MUMBAI

BENCHMARK indices Sensex and Nifty buckled under selling pressure on Thursday due to weakness in IT and telecom stocks as investors turned cautious ahead of the start of earnings season, with tech major TCS scheduled to announce its Q1 numbers later in the day. Tariff-related uncertainty also dampened investor sentiment in the market, traders said.

Sliding for the second straight session, the 30-share BSE Sensex dropped 345.80 points or 0.41 per cent to settle at 83,190.28. During the day, it declined 401.11 points or 0.48 per cent to 83,134.97. As many as 2,064 stocks declined, while 1,959 advanced and 138 remained unchanged on the BSE. On similar lines, the 50-share NSE Nifty declined 120.85 points or 0.47 per cent to 25,355.25. A positive momentum in global equities, however, restricted the loss in the domestic markets.

"Indian equities concluded the day in the red, weighed down by weakness in IT stocks ahead of TCS' Q1 results. In-



vestor sentiment remains cautious ahead of the Q1 results in anticipation of a muted start to the season from the IT and finance sectors. However, the recent consolidation in the IT stocks largely factors in the muted outlook, limiting further worries," Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Investments Limited, said.

From the Sensex pack, Bharti Airtel, Asian Paints, Infosys, Bharat Electronics, Tech Mahindra and Eternal were major laggards. However, Maruti, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, Bajaj Finserv, Trent and Tata Consultancy Services were among the gainers. "Dalal Street ended in the red on Thursday, as investors re-

mained cautious ahead of two key events -- US President Donald Trump's upcoming tariff announcement and the start of India's Q1FY26 earnings season, with TCS scheduled to report results post market hours," Gaurav Garg, Analyst, Lemonn Markets Desk, said.

The BSE midcap gauge dipped 0.28 per cent while the smallcap index inched higher by 0.12 per cent. Among BSE sectoral indices, tech dropped 1.17 per cent, telecommunications (1.11 per cent), BSE Focused IT (0.77 per cent), IT (0.71 per cent) and consumer durables (0.44 per cent). Realty, metal, oil & gas and utilities were the gainers.

Nvidia world's first firm to reach \$4-trn mcap

SAN FRANCISCO

SILICON Valley chipmaker Nvidia on Wednesday became the first publicly traded company to surpass a \$4-trillion market valuation, putting the latest exclamation point on the investor frenzy surrounding an artificial intelligence boom powered by its industry-leading processors. The milestone reflects the upheaval being unleashed by artificial intelligence, or AI, which is widely viewed as the biggest tectonic shift in technology since Apple co-founder Steve Jobs unveiled the first iPhone 18 years ago.

Underscoring the changing of the guard, AI bellwether Nvidia is now worth \$900 billion more than Apple, which rode the iPhone's success to become the first publicly traded company to valued at \$1 trillion, \$3 trillion and eventually, \$2 trillion. Meanwhile, Indian capital market's valuation was over \$5 trillion. The market capitalization (mcap) of BSE-listed companies was \$5.38 trn on Thursday (July10, 2025).

Nvidia's rise as come as Apple has struggled to deliver on its ambitions to infuse the iPhone and other products with more AI with



an array of new features that included a more than year-old promise to smarten up its often bumbling virtual assistant Apple acknowledged last month that delivering on its AI vision is going to take until at least next year, leading some industry analysts to wonder if the company will have to acquire an AI start-up to regain momentum.

In the meantime, former Apple design guru Jony Ive has joined forces with OpenAI to work on a wearable AI device that could challenge the iPhone while Nvidia has been scrambling to meet the feverish demand for its specialized chips that power the energy-intensive data centres underlying artificial intelligence.

And tech giants Microsoft, Amazon, Google parent Alphabet and Facebook parent Meta Platforms are upping the AI ante too, collectively budgeting about \$325 billion for investments in the technology this year — with a significant amount of that money likely to flow into Nvidia's coffers.



Scholarships

Scholarship Name 1:	Infosys Foundation STEM Stars Scholarship Program 2025-26
Description:	An initiative of Infosys Foundation to support female students in India who aspire to pursue undergraduate degrees in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) disciplines.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The applicants must be female students from India.They should have successfully completed their Class 12 examinations.Eligible students include those enrolled in the first year of undergraduate STEM courses at recognised NIRF-accredited institutions. Additionally, second-year B.Arch students and those pursuing five-year Integrated or Dual Degree programs are also welcome to apply.Female students intending to pursue engineering and medical courses in government colleges not listed in the NIRF rankings are also eligible to apply.The annual family income of the applicants must not exceed ₹8,00,000.
Prizes & Rewards:	The selected candidates will receive a scholarship of up to ₹1,00,000 per annum, covering actual expenses, for the duration of the course.
Last Date to Apply:	15-09-2025
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/ISTS3
QR Code:	https://d2w71p59qkl0r.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/infosys-foundation-stem-stars-scholarship-program-2025-261751885613.png
Scholarship Name 2:	HSB Scholarship-cum-Admission Seat Programme 2025-26
Description:	Applications are invited from bachelor's degree holders for the Hari Shankar Singhania School of Business Scholarship-cum-Admission Seat Programme for the academic year 2025-26.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students who wish to pursue a 2-year residential MBA in Product Management, AI & Business Analytics and Entrepreneurship & Organisational Foresight at HSB.Must have secured at least 60% marks in a bachelor's program.A valid test score in CAT, XAT, NMAT, MAT, GMAT, or other competitive entrance examinations is preferred but not mandatory.
Prizes & Rewards:	Up to 100% tuition fee waiver for the entire course duration
Last Date to Apply:	14-07-2025
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/HSSB1
QR Code:	https://d2w71p59qkl0r.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/hsb-scholarship-cum-admission-seat-programme-2025-261751884755.png
Scholarship Name 3:	Mohan T Advani Centennial Scholarship Programme
Description:	Blue Star Foundation aims at supporting and empowering underprivileged undergraduate and diploma students enrolled in Architecture and Engineering programs at selected private or government colleges across India through their flagship initiative, i.e. Mohan T Advani Centennial Scholarship Programme.
Eligibility:	First and second-year students enrolled in a degree or diploma program in architecture and engineering, such as Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering & Electronics Engineering and production Engineering, excluding Civil Engineering. Applicants must have scored a minimum of 80% in Class 10 and Class 12 for first-year students, and at least 80% in Class 12 and 75% in the 1st year for second-year students. Students enrolled in selected colleges* will be eligible to apply. Applicants' annual family income from all sources must be less than INR 6 lakh.
Prizes & Rewards:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">For engineering and architecture students: INR 1,00,000 or 75% of the annual fees (whichever is less)For diploma students: INR 40,000 or 90% of the annual fees (whichever is less)
Last Date to Apply:	15-07-2025
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/BSFS4
QR Code:	https://d2w71p59qkl0r.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/mohan-t-advani-centennial-scholarship-programme1750424927.png
Scholarship Name 4:	Raman Kant Munjal Scholarship 2025-26
Description:	The Raman Kant Munjal Scholarship 2025-26 is an initiative by the Raman Kant Munjal Foundation, supported by Hero FinCorp, that aims to help undergraduate students pursuing finance-related courses to pursue their dreams of a promising career and a better life.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Students enrolled in the BBA, BFIA, B.Com. (H, E), BMS, IPM, B.A. (Economics), BBS, or any other finance-related degree courses are eligible.Applicants must have secured at least 80% marks in Classes 10 and 12. (70% marks for PwD students)The annual family income of the applicants should be less than INR 6 lakh.Open for Indian nationals only.
Prizes & Rewards:	Scholarship from INR 40,000 to INR 5,50,000 per year for three years
Last Date to Apply:	31-07-2025
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/RMKSP5
QR Code:	https://d2w71p59qkl0r.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/raman-kant-munjal-scholarship-2025-261750425076.png
Scholarship Name 5:	IDFC FIRST Bank MBA Scholarship 2025-27
Description:	IDFC FIRST Bank MBA Scholarship is a need-based scholarship program run by IDFC FIRST Bank to financially support students with a family income of less than INR 6 lakh per annum. The purpose of this scholarship is to make post-graduate studies in business management accessible to meritorious students who are unable to pursue higher studies due to financial constraints.
Eligibility:	Indian students enrolled in the first year of a 2-year full-time MBA program for the class of 2027 at selected educational institutions may apply for this scholarship. Applicants' gross annual family income should be less than or equal to INR 6 lakh. Applicants must have a valid mobile number linked to their Aadhaar number.
Prizes & Rewards:	INR 2 lakh for 2 years of MBA studies (INR 1 lakh/year)
Last Date to Apply:	20-07-2025
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/IFBMS6
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Engineering training in promoting holistic health and population stability

Engineering training plays a crucial role in promoting holistic health and population stability by developing innovative solutions that integrate human, environmental, and animal health within sustainable systems. This interdisciplinary approach, often framed around concepts such as Health Equity Engineering and One Health, leverages engineering principles to address complex health challenges, improve living conditions, and foster resilient communities.

Here's how engineering education and practice significantly contribute to holistic health and stable populations:

Designing sustainable infrastructure for public health

Engineers develop essential infrastructure—such as clean water supply systems, sanitation facilities, waste management, and resilient housing—that directly impacts population health. Well-designed water and sanitation systems reduce the spread of infectious diseases, improve hygiene, and promote nutrition by creating safe environments. For example, civil and environmental engineers design water treatment plants and sewage systems that prevent contamination and waterborne illnesses, which are crucial for population stability.

Advancing health equity through engineering innovations

The emerging field of



Health Equity Engineering (HEE) focuses on creating tools and systems that address health disparities, particularly in marginalised communities. Engineering solutions can help to reduce chronic stress and its biological effects by enhancing living environments, improving healthcare access, and addressing social determinants of health. This systemic approach ensures that technological advances benefit all segments of the population, promoting equitable health outcomes and social stability.

Integrating one health principles

Engineering education increasingly embraces the One Health framework, recognising the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health. Engineers collaborate with biologists, environmental scientists, and healthcare professionals to develop technologies that monitor and control zoonotic dis-

eases, improve food safety, and manage ecosystems sustainably. Innovations in biosensors, telehealth, and smart agriculture prevent disease transmission and enhance community health resilience.

Promoting sustainable development and environmental stewardship

Engineers play a leading role in sustainable development by designing technologies that minimise environmental impact while supporting economic and social welfare. Sustainable engineering practices in agriculture, energy, and urban planning help maintain ecosystem balance, which is essential for long-term population health. By reducing pollution and conserving resources, engineers help prevent health issues related to environmental degradation.

Enhancing healthcare delivery and accessibility

Biomedical and health

engineers design affordable medical devices, diagnostics, and telemedicine systems that improve access to healthcare, especially in underserved or remote areas. Engineering-driven innovations, such as mobile health clinics and AI-powered diagnostics, improve early disease detection and personalised care, contributing to healthier populations and reducing healthcare disparities.

Building climate-resilient communities

Climate change exacerbates health risks through extreme weather, vector-borne diseases, and food insecurity. Engineers design climate-adaptive infrastructure—like flood defences, energy-efficient buildings, and resilient transportation systems—that protect vulnerable populations and maintain essential services during crises. This resilience supports population stability by reducing displacement and health emergencies.

Fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and innovation

The interdisciplinary nature of engineering fosters collaboration to address complex health challenges comprehensively. Training engineers in systems thinking and socio-technical perspectives equips them to design integrated solutions that address multiple determinants of health simultaneously, from infrastructure to behaviour and policy.

Empowering communities through education and technology transfer

Engineering education can promote community engagement and strengthen local capacity by involving residents in the development and application of technology. This empowerment fosters ownership, sustainability, and culturally appropriate solutions that enhance health outcomes and social cohesion.

Engineering training is vital for promoting holistic health and stabilising populations through the delivery of sustainable infrastructure, the advancement of health equity, the integration of environmental and animal health, and the fostering of resilient communities. Through innovative technologies, interdisciplinary collaboration, and a commitment to sustainability and equity, engineers contribute to the creation of healthier, more stable societies capable of addressing current and future global health challenges.

Hyd student awarded global citizen scholarship

HANS NEWS SERVICE
DELHI

GLOBAL Indian International School (GIIS) held a felicitation ceremony at Aerocity, Delhi, to honour this year's recipients of its flagship Global Citizen Scholarship (GCS) — a prestigious initiative that supports outstanding students with access to world-class education abroad.

Among the ten scholars selected nationwide was Duaa Ahamed Sherief from Hyderabad, recognised for her academic achievements and leadership potential. As part of the scholarship, Duaa will pursue Grades 11 and 12 at the GIIS SMART Campus in Singapore, with the full cost of tuition, boarding, and living expenses — amounting to ₹1 crore over two years — fully covered by the GCS programme. Students can choose between the CBSE and International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme (IBDP) curricula at the campus.

“The Global Citizen Scholarship goes beyond financial support; it empowers dreams,” said Pramod Tripathi, Director of Academics at Global Schools Group. “We are investing in



students who demonstrate vision, empathy, and a commitment to shaping a better world.”

Duaa was chosen through a multi-stage selection process that assessed academic records, problem-solving abilities, social responsibility, and leadership potential. Her selection reflects the GCS programme's broader aim of nurturing students who not only perform well academically but also show a drive to create positive societal change.

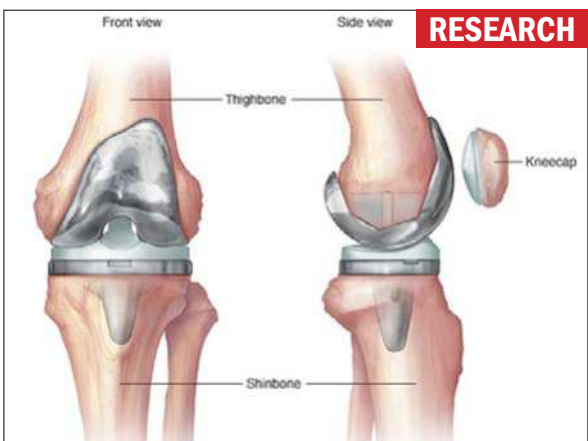
“Receiving the Global Citizen Scholarship is a defining moment,” said Duaa. “It has validated my efforts and inspired me to lead with purpose, learn with passion, and give back meaningfully. I see this as just the beginning.”

Diabetes may raise infection, post knee replacement surgery

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI

Diabetes may not only lead to joint pain that can severely damage your knee but also increase the risk of infections and blood clots after knee replacement surgery, according to a new study led by Indian researchers.

More than half of people with diabetes have coexisting arthropathy -- disease or condition affecting a joint -- and may need a hip or knee arthroplasty (joint replacement surgery) in the future. The study led by researchers from the Vardhman Medical College & Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi, showed



that diabetes is a significant risk factor for joint infection following total knee arthroplasty (TKA) -- a popular and effective surgery for patients with advanced knee arthritis.

Deep vein thrombosis (DVT) or blood clots is another crucial postoperative complication after TKA, which may also cause pulmonary embolism -- a blood clot caus-

ing a blockage in pulmonary arteries in the lungs. The condition can result in increased morbidity and mortality.

“The presence of diabetes significantly impacts post-TKA outcomes, leading to higher complication rates and negatively affecting physical function and quality of life,” said the researchers, including from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals and Fortis C-Doc Hospital. “Insulin-treated diabetics face 60 per cent higher perioperative adverse events. Poor sugar control around TKA surgery worsens outcomes,” they added, in the paper published in the Journal of Orthopaedics. The findings based on systematic reviews and meta-analyses showed that people

with diabetes undergoing TKA face a 43 per cent higher risk of periprosthetic joint infection (PJI) and are 45 per cent more likely to experience deep vein thrombosis (DVT). The rates of hospital readmissions were significantly higher, showing a 28 per cent increase. Those with insulin-treated diabetes exhibited a 60 per cent greater incidence of perioperative adverse events. The researchers called for further rigorous studies to establish standardised definitions for glycemic control and to investigate mechanisms contributing to increased risks, facilitating improved preoperative risk stratification and management strategies for diabetic patients undergoing TKA.



campaigns to policy discussions—aim to spark conversations around the choices and commitments that shape our collective future. As populations continue to grow, the emphasis must shift from mere numbers to ensuring dignity, opportunity, and well-being for all.

The last time the Indian team had a worse ranking was in December 2016 when it was placed at 135. India's best ever ranking was 94 in February 1996

NEW DELHI

THE Indian men's football team slumped to its lowest ranking in nine years as it dropped six places to 133rd

in the FIFA chart issued on Thursday, courtesy two losses in June.

India lost to Thailand (0-2) in an international friendly on June 4 before suffering a defeat to lower ranked Hong Kong (0-1) in an Asian Cup qualifying round match, leading to head coach Manolo Marquez's parting of ways with the All India Football Federation (AIFF).

The last time the Indian team had a worse ranking was in December 2016 when it was placed at 135. India's best ever ranking was 94 in February 1996.

The Indian team currently has 1113.22 rating points as against 1132.03 previously. It occupies the 24th place among 46 Asian countries led by Japan (17th rank).

Nothing has been going right for the Indian men's team. The loss against Hong Kong has put the side in a difficult position in its bid to qualify for the 2027 Asian Cup.

The team logged just one win from its last eight matches under Marquez's tutelage, the lone victory coming against Maldives in March. This year, India have so far played four matches, out of which they have won one, drew another, and lost two. The poor results prompted the return of former skipper and iconic striker Sunil Chhetri to the squad but that has done little to improve the team's fortunes. India's next scheduled international match is an away fixture against Singapore in the third round of Asian Cup qualifiers in October. World champions Argentina leads the overall chart of 210 countries, followed by Spain, France, England, Brazil, Portugal, the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Croatia.



Root's unbeaten 99 leads England to 251/4 on Day 1

Injured Rishabh Pant under medical supervision: BCCI

LONDON

SEASONED batter Joe Root made a solid unbeaten 99 as England reached 251 for four at close on Day 1 of the third Test against India at Lord's here on Thursday.

Root (99 batting) and skipper Ben Stokes (39 batting) were at the crease when the stumps were drawn.

India had success in the first and final sessions of the day as pacer Nitish Kumar Reddy, premier quick Jasprit Bumrah and spinner Ravindra Jadeja were among the wickets.

India wicketkeeper Rishabh Pant is "under the supervision of medical team" after he walked off the field during the second session's after suffering a blow to his left index finger, the BCCI said Thursday.

The Board said in a statement that Pant is being monitored by the medical team as he was replaced by Dhruv Jurel behind the wickets.

"Team India vice-captain Rishabh Pant got hit on his left index finger. He is receiving treatment at the moment and under the supervision of the medical team. Dhruv Jurel is currently keeping wickets in Rishabh's absence," the BCCI said.

Pant was replaced by Jurel, who is not in the playing XI for the third Test, after on-field treatment did not help the India vice-captain recuperate sufficiently.

Pant was grimacing in pain after putting in a dive to stop a delivery on his left, which Jasprit Bumrah had sprayed down the leg side in the 34th over of the innings during the second session.

Pant had managed to get his hands on the ball but could not stop it entirely as England batters Joe Root and Ollie Pope scampered for a couple.

The play was then held up for a while as Pant received treatment on his hand from the Indian support staff, but the wicketkeeper kept shrugging his hands when the action resumed. Eventually, Pant left the field after the end of Bumrah's over with Jurel taking over the charge of wicketkeeping.

BRIEF SCORES:

ENGLAND: 251 for 4 in 83 overs (Joe Root batting 99, Ben Stokes batting 39, Ollie Pope 44; Nitish Kumar Reddy 2/46).

Novak reaches a record 14th Wimbledon semifinal

LONDON: At least Novak Djokovic could laugh about it immediately afterward.

Yes, he took what he called a "nasty" and "awkward" fall on his second match point at Wimbledon on Wednesday. Yes, he slid into the splits and ended up face-down on the Centre Court grass. And, yes, those sorts of things aren't ideal for a 38-year-old seeking an unprecedented 25th Grand Slam title.

Still, Djokovic dusted himself off and took the next two points, reaching the semifinals at the All England Club for a men's-record 14th time with a 6-7 (6), 6-2, 7-5, 6-4 victory over No. 22 seed Flavio Cobolli to set up a showdown against No. 1 Jannik Sinner.

"Obviously, (my) body is not the same today like it was before," Djokovic said at his news conference, "so I guess the real impact or effect of what happened, I will feel tomorrow. So let's see. I'm hoping in the next 24, 48 hours, that the severity of ... what happened is not too bad, that I'll be able to play at my best and free of pain in two days."

That's when he will take on three-time major champion Sinner, who didn't play like someone dealing with an injured right elbow while using terrific serving and his usual booming forehand to beat 10th-seeded Ben Shelton 7-6 (2), 6-4, 6-4.

"It's going to take the best of me at the moment to beat Jannik. I mean, I know that," said Djokovic, who has lost his last four meetings with Sinner, including in the French Open semifinals last month.

Djokovic is 2-0 against Sinner at Wimbledon, eliminating him in the 2023 semifinals and 2022 quarterfinals.



Against Cobolli — like Sinner, a 23-year-old from Italy — the late-match tumble was not the only thing that was far from smooth for Djokovic. He served for the opening set at 5-3 but got broken at love.

He later was a point from owning that set before first-time major quarterfinalist Cobolli came through.

Djokovic did stretches and breathing exercises at changeovers. He whacked his shoe with his racket after one miss in the fourth set. He seemed bothered at times by the bright sun above Centre Court.

He also showed off all of his considerable skills, accumulating 13 aces, holding in 19 of 21 service games, using a drop-shot-lob-drop-shot combination to take one point and limiting his unforced errors to 22 — half as many as Cobolli.

On Friday, Djokovic will try to reach his seventh consecutive final at the All England Club and get closer to equaling Roger Federer's men's mark of eight trophies there. The other men's semifinal is two-time defending champion Carlos Alcaraz, who defeated Djokovic in the 2023 and 2024 finals, against Taylor Fritz.

Sachin's portrait unveiled in MCC Museum at Lord's

LONDON: A portrait of the legendary Sachin Tendulkar was unveiled in the MCC Museum at Lord's before the start of the third Test between India and England here on Thursday.

The portrait, which has been painted by Stuart Pearson Wright from a photograph taken by the artist at his home 18 years ago, will remain in the MCC Museum until later this year and will then be relocated to the Pavilion.

"As the work progressed, so did Pearson Wright's approach, eventually ending with oil on abraded aluminium. The abstract background illustrates Tendulkar's timelessness, unrestricted by any era or specific location," a release said.

Pearson Wright has previously painted portraits of Kapil Dev, Bishan Singh Bedi, and Dilip Vengsarkar.

Tendulkar was quoted as saying, "It's a huge honour. In 1983, when India won the World Cup, it was my first introduction to Lord's."

"I saw our captain, Kapil Dev, lift the trophy. That moment sparked my cricketing journey. Today, with my portrait going up inside the Pavilion, feels like it's come full circle. When I reflect on my career, it brings a smile to my face. This is truly special." "Unlike the previous paintings, which were full-length, the portrait of Tendulkar is a larger-than-life image of his head and shoulders," the release added.

"The Lord's Portrait Programme has been running in its current form for three decades, but MCC has been collecting art and artefacts since the Victorian period, opening a dedicated museum in the 1950s making it the oldest sporting museum in Europe.

"The Long Room Gallery is the oldest and most iconic gallery in sport. The Club currently houses around 3,000 pictures, nearly 300 of which are portraits."

Pearson Wright said: "It was clear that MCC didn't want this portrait to be in the same format as the previous Indian cricket portraits I made, so a fresh approach was taken with this one." "I decided on a composition which focused more on Sachin's head and also using a heroic larger-than-life-size scale to give the painting a sense of gravitas and power."

"I have often painted a portrait with an abstract background, often a plain colour, rather than paint a rendition of an interior or exterior space. This is largely to give focus to the subject's features and to minimise a context which might define the subject in some way."



Principal, staffer held for menstrual check of students

MUMBAI

MAHARASHTRA Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis has issued directives for stringent action against those responsible for the alleged stripping of girl students at a school to check if they were menstruating, Minister Girish Mahajan said on Thursday.

The minister told the legislative assembly that the CM has ordered a probe into the incident that took place at a private school in Thane district.

Mahajan said strict action will be taken against the guilty.

One-fifth of women, girls in south Asia abstain from daily activities while menstruating: Lancet study test

Congress' Nana Patole raised the matter in the Lower House, expressing concerns that such an incident could take place in a progressive state like Maharashtra.

Jitendra Awhad of NCP (SP) said the school principal involved is herself a woman. The police have arrested the principal and another staffer over the alleged stripping of the girls. Stressing that the police have already acted in the case, Mahajan assured the House that a probe would be conducted into the incident and strict action would be taken.

Congress legislator Jyoti Gaikwad also demanded that those guilty should not be spared. She said facilities like sanitary napkin vending machines and water are necessary in schools.

The incident took place at the school in the Shahapur area of Thane district on Tuesday after bloodstains were found in its toilet, according to the police.

It sparked outrage among the girls' parents, who protested on the school premises on Wednesday and sought action against the management and teachers involved in the episode.

The police on Wednesday night arrested the school's principal and a woman attendant who allegedly stripped the girls, studying in Classes 5 to 10, and checked their private parts for menstruation, an official from Shahapur police station said.

A case has been registered against eight persons under Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita sections 74 (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to outrage her modesty) and 76 (assault or use of criminal force to woman with intent to disrobe) and provisions of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act

Maha CM Fadnavis orders probe after Thane school staff allegedly strip girl students to check for menstruation



Six Naxalites held from Chhattisgarh's Sukma

The four told police that they planned to plant an IED in the jungles between Kottacheru and Gorkha villages to target security personnel but failed to do so due to increase in patrolling

SUKMA

SIX Naxalites were arrested from separate places in Chhattisgarh's Sukma district, a police official said on Thursday.

Kunjam Muka (37) and Madvi Muya (30), carrying rewards of Rs 1 lakh and Rs 2 lakh, respectively, were held on Tuesday from Pilavaya village under Konta police station limits, the official said.

"Muka was active as a Jananata Sarkar head under Konta Area Committee of the outlawed CPI (Maoist). Muya was its militia commander, he added. The two were involved in firing on security forces at Banda polling booth during assembly elections in 2023 and killing a civilian in Gangrajpad village in 2024," he added.

The other four were identified as Madvi Sukka (35), Sodi Chandru (28), Muchaki Lakhma (27) and Sodhi Deva (24), who are lower rung ultras, the official said.

"They were nabbed on Tuesday between Etegatta and Gorkha villages in Bheiji area following a tip. We seized a tiffin bomb weighing 3 kg, five detonators, cordex wire and electric wire. The four told police they planned to plant an IED in the jungles between Kottacheru and Gorkha villages to target security personnel but failed to do so due to increase in patrolling," the official said.



Guj bridge collapse toll 15: Oppn glare on 'BJP's loot raj'

NEW DELHI: The collapse of the four-decade-old Gambhiram-Mujpur bridge in Gujarat's Vadodara district, which claimed 15 lives, has triggered a wave of criticism from Opposition parties.

Congress held the BJP-led state and central governments accountable, accusing them of negligence, corruption and misplaced priorities in governance. The party's president Mallikarjun Kharge condemned the BJP's handling of infrastructure safety.

"Accidents have become a common occurrence in the country. Sometimes a train accident, sometimes a bridge developing cracks right after its inauguration. The country hasn't even recovered from the plane crash when news of a bridge collapse in Gujarat came yesterday. 12 innocent lives were lost," Kharge wrote on X.

"In the name of 'governance,' the BJP leadership and government, busy only with speeches and advertising, have crossed all limits of indifference. This is the result of a leadership crisis, rampant corruption, lack of capacity to run the government, and incompetence. We hope the people of the country are watching this and will give a fitting response when the time comes."

The All India Trinamool Congress (AITC) also weighed in, demanding accountability and urgent infrastructure assessments across BJP-ruled states. "Every bridge, every road, every inch of infrastructure in Double Engine states must undergo immediate and thorough safety audits," the party posted on X.

Highlighting another incident in Rajasthan, AITC wrote: "After the deadly bridge collapse in Vadodara that claimed 11 lives, another glaring failure has surfaced. In Rajasthan's Jhunjhunu district, the road connecting Baghwali-Jahaj to NH 52 has been completely washed away by rain." The party alleged systemic corruption, saying: "Why does this keep happening? Substandard materials are used in critical infrastructure. Funds meant for public safety are siphoned off by local BJP leaders. Contracts are handed out not on merit, but in exchange for kickbacks.



Mukesh Ambani doesn't speak Marathi, try him: BJP to MNS

NEW DELHI: BJP MP Nishikant Dubey on Thursday slammed Uddhav Thackeray and Raj Thackeray amid the Hindi-Marathi language row, saying they only beat "poor people" for not speaking Marathi. Speaking to reporters, Nishikant Dubey said, "You beat up the poor. But Mukesh Ambani lives there, he speaks very less Marathi. If you have guts, go to him. Mahim has a large Muslim population. If you have guts, go there. SBI chairman doesn't speak Marathi, try hitting him."

Nishikant Dubey further clarified that his earlier statement regarding the economy of Maharashtra has been misinterpreted. He said, "There is something which I said and which has been destroyed - Maharashtra has a great contribution in the economy of this country... What I said was misconstrued by people. But what I am saying is that we too have a contribution in the tax paid by Mumbai or Maharashtra. This has nothing to do with the Thackeray family or Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. What mines do you have? All semiconductor refineries are in Gujarat." Challenging the intent behind the aggression towards Hindi-speaking people, Dubey added, "If you have the courage to beat Hindi speakers, then beat those who speak Urdu, Tamil, and Telugu too. If you're such a 'boss,' come out of Maharashtra—come to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu. Tumko patak patak ke maarengi..."

remark. Raj had reportedly instructed his party workers to "beat but don't make a video," referring to individuals unwilling to speak in Marathi. In response, Dubey had said, "What are you doing, whose bread are you eating? You people are surviving on our money. What kind of industries do you have? We have all the mines in Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and Odisha. What mines do you have? All semiconductor refineries are in Gujarat." Challenging the intent behind the aggression towards Hindi-speaking people, Dubey added, "If you have the courage to beat Hindi speakers, then beat those who speak Urdu, Tamil, and Telugu too. If you're such a 'boss,' come out of Maharashtra—come to Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu. Tumko patak patak ke maarengi..."





Leela - A Kuchipudi production full of divine ecstasy



ANNA RAO GANGAVALLI

The recent Kuchipudi production ‘The Leela’ by Akshadha School of Performing Arts at Rang-bhoomi, Madhapur, was a treat to watch. Featuring solo and group performances by Nihanthri Reddy and her students, it was a soulful journey into divine madness—the mystical ecstasy experienced by the true devotee in search of the ‘Paramatma’.

This sacred longing often appears as madness to the outside world. But as Sant Tukaram profoundly said, the ideal devotee is one who

appears mad in the eyes of society—for it is only in such uninhibited devotion that one truly surrenders.

In this recital, Nihanthri explored the Bhakti period and its rich legacy of poets who poured their souls into verses of divine love and surrender. She chose the ‘sarga’ format, similar to Jayadeva’s magnum opus ‘Gita Govinda’. Five themes, forming the spiritual and aesthetic spine of this work, were selected. Krishna’s multifaceted nature was reflected through deeply devotional portrayals of these songs, envisioned through dance and music.



A transcendental Kuchipudi performance blending dance, music, and Bhakti, where devotion, artistry, and spiritual ecstasy became one

It was explained that these compositions are not mere lyrics, but cries from the soul—echoes of mysticism that bind the devotee to the divine. Therefore, the emotions and feelings depicted were compared to a world of sacred frenzy where the audience was invited to feel—smile, cry, laugh, and chant the divine names—to truly partake in a living devotion, not just witness a performance.

The students wore yellow-orange silk ‘aharya’ with multicolored borders. Nihanthri herself stood out austere, having pared down all accessories to a minimum—just a plain dark dress with minimal but exquisitely sparkling jewelry and no ornate headdress. This gave an almost balletic look and

enabled the audience to discern every gesture of ‘angika abhinaya’ with lucid clarity, allowing the movements to be followed throughout their amplitude from start to finish. The flowing grace of Kuchipudi in every minute detail was crystal clear.

The solo piece by Nihanthri, ‘Swagatham Krishna’, though a much-performed item, conveyed a depth of feeling through its ‘sancharis’ that was truly eloquent. The ‘nritta’ was exceptionally energetic and vigorous in the ‘jathis’ presented. ‘Abhinaya’ flowed well in tune with the ‘natya’, creating a well-rounded exposition.

‘Nada Murali’, performed by Nihanthri along with her students, reflected the rigorous training of their young

guru. The students’ precision in every step stood out. The ‘abhang’ ‘Bhakta Jana Vatsala’ by Sant Namdev praised Vithala as the compassionate protector of the world. In a unique phrase, he is hailed in the feminine form as the divine mother whose grace is as vast as the ocean.

Here echo the words of the Vaishnava commentator Vidya Bhushan, who described Krishna as ‘Madhusudhana’—he who not only vanquishes demons but also removes such tendencies from devotees’ minds to clear the path for their spiritual growth. Krishna is thus both destroyer and liberator—the freer of the soul from its internal enemies.

Nihanthri was as brisk as the crisply melodious stanzas,



her energy peaking as she darted across the stage with rapid twists and turns, almost too quick to track. The very air became vibrant with the devotional atmosphere of the song and dance. The material and spiritual merged as the boundary between them dissolved in the sanctified space created.

‘Namdev Keerthana Kari’ by Janabai reflected this merging. It was ably portrayed by the students, who danced in exacting symmetry and high-caliber synchronization. The ‘sankeertana’ delved into the Lord’s absorption in his devotees’ singing—so rapt that his yellow silk ‘Pitam-

bara’ slips, a striking image. The Lord himself partakes in the ecstasy thus generated. Heaven becomes the living experience of chanting, singing, and breathing His name.

The highlight was the mellifluous ‘Mazhe Mahera Pandhari’, which kept the audience swaying to its tune. With wide-open lotus eyes, the Lord is constantly scanning the horizon for the souls calling out to Him. Panduranga is the loving father, and Rukmini, the affectionate mother. They wait with the tender eagerness of parents for the return of their daughter to the maternal home—a place of com-

fort, love, and belonging.

The choreography was particularly creative as the students, with Nihanthri, formed intersecting arcs and circles—patterns that caught the eye with dazzling displays of skill. The ‘Nagara Sankeertana’, where all the students and Nihanthri sat in a row to joyously sing the Lord’s name, was magnified by the audience clapping in tune—creating a union of voice, melody, rhythm, and emotion. It was a sweet, heartfelt outpouring—an offering from the heart—where all sense of time and place was lost, and surrender to the music became total.

Nimrat Kaur celebrates her mother with a heartfelt tribute on Guru Purnima



On the occasion of Guru Purnima, actress Nimrat Kaur penned a moving tribute for her mother, Avinash Kaur.

She called her mom her “first home” and “divine mentor,” while expressing gratitude for the strength and wisdom she’s drawn from her over the years. Taking to Instagram, the ‘Airlift’ actress, on Thursday, posted a series of her photos with her mother alongside a heartfelt note. She shared a deeply emotional post honouring her mother, whose birthday coincidentally falls on the same day this year.

In her moving tribute, Nimrat reflected on the spiritual connection she shares with her mother. The ‘Dasvi’ actress also praised

her mother’s grace, patience, and ability to find beauty in the ordinary things. She added that these qualities continue to guide and inspire her every day.

Nimrat Kaur wrote, “They say a teacher appears when the soul is ready. Before the ‘I’ was even named, my soul, through its eternal search was blessed to anchor itself in you Mama. And I know this to be something that shall transcend time and space as we know it.”

“I live life trying to emulate how you keep grace in the face of any adversity, how you choose patience and dignity no matter what life presents and how you simply make the ordinary, extraordinary every single day. It’s no co-incidence that today

the Gurupurnima full moon aligns to celebrate you Ma, my first home, my divine mentor, my sanctum sanctorum. Happy Birthday Mama...can’t wait to kiss and hug you and have some birthday cake together!!! @avinashsethi.10.”

Guru Purnima is a sacred Hindu festival observed on the full moon day of the Ashadha month. It is a day devoted to honouring teachers, mentors, and spiritual guides. This year, Guru Purnima is being celebrated on July 10.

On the work front, Nimrat Kaur most recently appeared in the film ‘Sky Force,’ which hit theatres on January 24, 2025. She was also seen in the web series ‘Kull: The Legacy of the Raisingsh.’

Mannara Chopra resumes work post father’s demise; says ‘Thanks you for your support’

Actress Mannara Chopra is all ready to join the workforce following the demise of her father, Raman Rai Handa in June this year.

Mannara took to her Instagram handle and announced that she has resumed work.

Showing gratitude to her fans and well-wishers for supporting her during this difficult time, she wrote on the photo-sharing app, “Thankyou from the bottom of my heart for all the love and support you’ve shown to me and my family during these tough times. Resuming work now, with gratitude in my heart.”

Mannara’s father left for heavenly abode on June 16 this year at the age of 72. Sharing the unfortunate news on social media, she had penned, “With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our loving father who left us for his heavenly abode on 16/06/2025. He was the pillar of strength for our family.”

After the last rites which took place on June 18 in Mumbai, the family further organized a prayer meet for him attended by Mannara’s ‘Bigg Boss 17’ co-contestants Abhishek Kumar and Khanzaadi, along with others.

For the unversed, Raman Handa was married to Kamini Chopra, the paternal aunt of Priyanka and Parineeti Chopra.

PeeCee extended her heartfelt condolences to her cousin sister through a post that read, “You’ll always be in our hearts. Rest easy



Raman uncle (fufaji). Om Shanti.”

Talking about her work, Mannara made her Bollywood debut in 2014 with “Zid,” however the film did not perform well at the box office.

She finally rose to fame with her appearance on “Bigg Boss 17,” where she

became the second runner-up.

Mannara was last seen in the cooking reality show “Laughter Chefs – Unlimited Entertainment Season 2,” along with Elvish Yadav, Rubina Dilaik, Bharti Singh, Krushna Abhishek, Vicky Jain, Ankita Lokhande, and Abhishek Kumar.

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‘The 100’ review: A riveting thriller with heart and heft

SUHAS SISTU

RK Sagar returns to the silver screen with ‘The 100,’ a compelling investigative thriller directed by Raghav Omkar Sasidhar. Based on real-life events, the film marks a strong comeback for Sagar, who is best known for his iconic TV role as RK Naidu in Mogali Rekulu. With Dhanya Balakrishna, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, and Kalyani Natarajan in key roles, the film hits theatres. Let’s see how it fares at box-office.

Story:

At its core, ‘The 100’ follows Vikranth, a principled and determined IPS officer, as he unravels a complex case rooted in reality. The film is more than a regular whodunit—it seamlessly layers family dynamics, emotional depth, and socially relevant themes,



all while maintaining a tight grip on its investigative narrative. The thrilling

climax, shot against a rain-drenched backdrop, adds intensity and brings the

story to a powerful close.

Performances:

RK Sagar owns the role of Vikranth, delivering a mature and grounded performance. His portrayal, reminiscent yet evolved from his television stint, feels authentic and impactful. Misha Narang, Dhanya Balakrishna, Lakshmi Gopalaswamy, and Kalyani Natarajan provide strong support, each adding substance to the story with their well-etched characters and convincing performances.

Technicalities:

Director Raghav Omkar Sasidhar impresses with sharp writing and focused direction. The screenplay is taut, and the pacing ensures engagement throughout. Cinematography enhances the mood, especially during the intense climax. The background score

is a standout element, heightening tension and emotion in key scenes. Rich production values add polish to the film’s execution.

Analysis:

The 100 is not just a thriller—it’s a smartly made, emotionally layered film that speaks to both fans of the genre and general audiences. It strikes a fine balance between drama, suspense, and emotion. With meaningful storytelling, commendable performances, and technical finesse, it makes a lasting impact. RK Sagar’s return is not just nostalgic; it’s triumphant. ‘The 100’ delivers on all fronts. RK Sagar’s commanding screen presence, combined with a gripping story and strong direction, makes it a must-watch thriller. A compelling entertainer with heart and heft—go for it!



Prabhas wishes producer SKN on birthday

Rebel Star Prabhas conveyed his birthday wishes to producer SKN, who celebrated his birthday this Monday. SKN recently met Prabhas on the sets of ‘Raja Saab’, where the star personally wished him

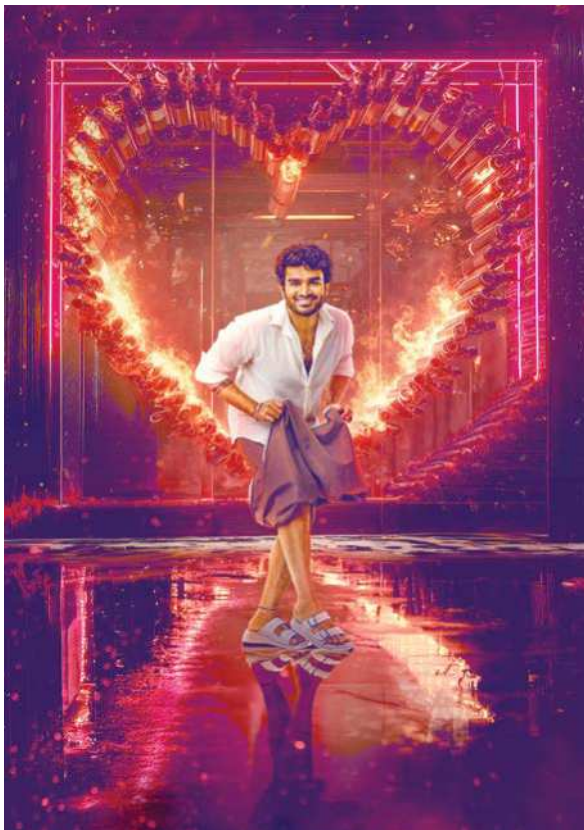
on the occasion. Sharing the moment, SKN posted a photo with Prabhas on social media. The stylish new look of Prabhas in the photo has gone viral, drawing attention from fans. Many of Prabhas’ followers

also took to social media to extend birthday wishes to SKN. SKN is serving as the Creative Producer for ‘Raja Saab’, which is scheduled for a grand theatrical release on December 5th.

Kiran Abbavaram’s ‘K-Ramp’ Diwali release

Young and talented actor Kiran Abbavaram is starring in the upcoming film ‘K-Ramp’, marking his 11th project as a lead. The film is being jointly produced by successful producers Rajesh Danda and Shiva Bommak under the banners of Hasya Movies and Rudransh Celluloid. Yukti Thareja plays the female lead, while Jain Nani is directing the film.

Moving at jet speed, the team recently completed a crucial schedule in the scenic locations of Kerala. The visuals shot here are expected to be a visual feast on screen. The first-look poster of Kiran Abbavaram, released earlier, received a tremendous response from audiences. With the shoot now in its final stage, ‘K-Ramp’ is getting ready for a grand theatrical release this Diwali.



Dhanush’s ‘#D54’ launched with Puja

National Award-winning actor Dhanush has cemented a strong market in Telugu cinema, following the sensational success of his recent blockbusters, particularly ‘Kuberaa’. Building on that momentum, the actor’s 54th film has been officially announced today. The film ‘#D54’ is being helped by Vignesh Raja, best known for his critically acclaimed thriller ‘Por Thozhil’. It is produced by Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh under Vels Film International, in collaboration

with Think Studios. The film was formally launched today with a pooja ceremony. The regular shoot also commenced today. The announcement poster features Dhanush in a sharp, formal look, standing near a fire, hinting at the film’s intense tone. Billed as an intense action drama with a distinctive storyline, the film promises to resonate with a broad audience, cutting across regions. Actress Mamitha Baiju, known for her lively performance in ‘Premalu’, has been

cast opposite Dhanush as the female lead. The stellar ensemble cast also includes powerhouses like KS Ravi-kumar, Jayaram, Karunas, Suraj Venjaramoodu, Prithvi Pandiarajan, and others. The film also brings together a strong technical team. Theni Eswar is on board as the cinematographer, GV Prakash Kumar handles the music, Sreejith Sarang takes charge of editing, and Mayapandi oversees art direction. The script has been co-written by director Vignesh

Raja along with Alfred Prakash, and is expected to deliver a compelling blend of action, emotion, and intrigue. The film is being mounted on a massive scale across multiple locations, blending intense drama with stylish storytelling. With Vels’ commitment to delivering high-quality content across India, ‘#D54’ is envisioned as an absolute theatrical experience for audiences. Stay tuned for more updates as this exciting journey unfolds!

‘The Paradise’ team wishes Raghav

Team Natural Star Nani, Srikanth Odela, Sudhakar Cherukuri, and SLV Cinemas’ global actioner ‘The Paradise’ extends birthday wishes to Raghav Juyal, unveiling a striking BTS video. Natural Star Nani’s highly anticipated global action spectacle ‘The Paradise’ has been making waves on the internet ever since the first look of the film was released. Directed by the talented Srikanth Odela, following the massive success of ‘Dasara’, ‘The Paradise’ is being crafted on an ambitious scale. Following the launch of the ‘Raw Statement’ glimpse, the intrigue surrounding the film has only grown stronger. Now, the makers have onboarded yet another incredible talent, Raghav Juyal, and wished him on his birthday with a striking BTS video. In the video, Srikanth Odela is seen describing Raghav’s character—his brutal nature and distinctive look. The actor appears visibly excited to learn about his role in the movie. Raghav Juyal is indeed an exceptional talent with a distinct on-screen presence.

Having delivered impressive performances in films like ‘Kill’, ‘Gyaarah Gyaarah’, among others, he is now all set to deliver yet another memorable act in ‘The Paradise’ alongside Natural Star Nani. Amid ongoing speculation about his role alongside Shah Rukh Khan in ‘King’, Raghav now adds another feather to his cap by joining the cast of this pan-India project with Nani, helmed by Srikanth Odela. Raghav Juyal is truly on a roll with major pan-India films in 2026. ‘The Paradise’, slated to hit screens on March 26, 2026. The makers are currently in talks with a Hollywood studio for a potential collaboration and will be sharing updates soon. ‘The Paradise’, releasing in eight languages—Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali, English, and Spanish—aims to deliver the unexpected, setting a new standard and raising the bar for cinematic excellence. With its universal appeal, the film will have a pan-world release and put Indian cinema on the global map.



‘Mahavatar Narasimha’ trailer officially released



Presented by Hombale Films, Cleem Productions’ ‘Mahavatar Narasimha’ is set to offer a unique cinematic experience with visual wonder and a powerful story. The much-awaited trailer of ‘Mahavatar Narasimha’ has been released—and it is stunning. The trailer, which begins with a sequence of Hiranyakashipu performing a severe penance for a boon from Lord Brahma, is gripping throughout. Prahlad, devoted to Vishnu, faces opposition from his atheist father, Hiranyakashipu. The trailer gives goosebumps with the arrival of ‘Mahavatar Narasimha’, an incarnation of Vishnu who comes to save Prahlad. With epic visuals and a stunning background score, this trailer is a visual marvel. The film has reached the next level. Never

before has this iconic story from Indian history been portrayed so beautifully. Producer Shilpa Dhawan said, “We are ready to unveil the epic story of Shri Narasimha and Shri Varahula! Every frame, every moment, every heartbeat has brought this great story to life. The roar of Narasimha is coming.” Director Ashwin Kumar added, “The first animated feature trailer of the ‘Mahavatar Cinematic Universe’ has been unveiled with His grace. The divine journey has begun. The vision of Cleem Productions—a new-age media house for audiences—and the dream of preserving the culture and heritage of India through the screen is alive.” Hombale Films and Cleem Productions have officially announced the lineup for this

ambitious animated franchise, which will span a decade and showcase the various incarnations of Lord Vishnu: • ‘Mahavatar Narasimha’ (2025) • ‘Mahavatar Parasuram’ (2027) • ‘Mahavatar Raghunandan’ (2029) • ‘Mahavatar Dhavakadhesh’ (2031) • ‘Mahavatar Gokulananda’ (2033) • ‘Mahavatar Kalki Part 1’ (2035) • ‘Mahavatar Kalki Part 2’ (2037) ‘Mahavatar Narasimha’ is directed by Ashwin Kumar. Presented by Hombale Films under the banner of Cleem Productions, Shilpa Dhawan, Kushal Desai, and Chaitanya Desai are producing this dynamic partnership, aiming to deliver a cinematic marvel. The film is releasing in 3D in five Indian languages on 25th July 2025.