



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.

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.

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.

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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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.

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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 historical 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 on Thursday

Briefing the press after the meeting, Information and Public Relations Minister P Srinivas Reddy said the Cabinet also approved a proposal for the promulgation of an ordinance to amend the Panchayat Raj Act -2018 through a legal process to bring the BC quota into force. Sarpanch, MPTC, ZPTC and ZP Chairman will be taken as a unit at village, mandal, district and

state level to implement the BC quota. The minister also 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.

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Laxity of officials blamed for toddy adulteration and deaths

Blending of banned chemicals continues unabated

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HYDERABAD: After having arrested six people for supplying adulterated toddy at a licensed shop in Kukatpally, the state Excise and Prohibition department has prepared a preliminary report on toddy adulteration which already claimed six lives this week.

The Excise wing found that the local enforcement officials were not conducting regular inspection of the toddy shops, which could have led to the latest incident. Curbs on availability of chemicals that are being blended with toddy were also not enforced strictly, excise officials said and added that the final report will expose the entire adulteration gameplan and stern action would be taken based on the outcome. The role of toddy shop owners in the adulteration process would be established only after receiving the reports, and on completion of taking the statements of the toddy shop owners. Adulteration is tantamount to a serious crime, they added.

The department has issued strict instructions forbidding the use of chemicals, especially chloral hydrate, alprazolam and diazepam. Rangareddy district Excise Deputy Commissioner P Dasarath is heading the investigation.

SC PERMITS EC TO PROCEED WITH BIHAR VOTER ROLL REVISION

ASKS EC TO CONSIDER AADHAAR, VOTER ID, RATION CARDS TOO

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NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court on Thursday refused to stop the Election Commission of India (ECI) from proceeding with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Bihar, where assembly elections are due.

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.

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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 revision', is it possible to link this to the forthcoming election?"

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'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.

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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.

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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?"

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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.

Toddy deaths: Damodar vows stringent action against culprits



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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 Kukatpally area. The police had also booked cases and arrested five persons responsible for the adulteration of the toddy.

33 out of danger, recovering in NIMS

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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 diarrhea. 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 Kukatpally 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.

Centre carrying out massacre in the name of Op Kagaar: TPCC chief



Despite that the Maoists declaring readiness for dialogue, the Union government has initiated a ruthless operation, resulting in deaths of women and children, he says

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Mahesh Kumar Goud has alleged that the Union government is carrying out a massacre in the name of the Operation Kagaar.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said that despite the Maoists declaring readiness for dialogue, the Union government has initiated a ruthless operation, resulting in deaths of women and children. "Under the guise of Operation Kagaar, the Centre is trying to hand over forest mineral wealth to corporate entities. It is unfortunate that Operation Kagaar is still ongoing," he said.

The TPCC chief took part in the reopening ceremony of the CPI Makdoo office here on Thursday. Speaking on the occasion, he paid rich tributes to the legacy of poet-revolutionary Makhdoom Mohiuddin and used the platform to deliver a scathing critique of the current political scenario in the country. Mahesh Kumar Goud described Makhdoom as a symbol of literary brilliance and revolutionary politics. The TPCC leader also expressed disapproval



of the Union government for labeling individuals who voice opposition to the imbalanced policies of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration as urban Naxalites.

"The very next day after I spoke against Operation Kagaar at a round table meet, I was branded as an urban Naxalite and anti-national," Mahesh Kumar Goud said. He stated that the secular forces must strengthen to safeguard the nation's future.

"There is a dire need to protect democracy in the country. It is unfortunate that the Election Commission has turned into a tool favoring select individuals, this is a dangerous development," the TPCC chief said. Mahesh Kumar Goud 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 institution are now being forced to bend under political pressure," he remarked. The TPCC chief

also 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. He welcomed the INDIA bloc's united protest against this 'undemocratic' elimination process and stressed the need for all democratic forces to come together.

Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasised that Communist ideology continues to remain relevant, stating, "There is no death to Communist thought, and the ideology remains intact. We fought the Assembly elections in alliance with the Left parties and succeeded. Only strong secular forces can protect the future of this country". CPI leaders Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy, D Raja, Narayana, Chada Venkat Reddy, CPI MLA Kunamneni Sambasiva Rao and other leaders were present.

City Cyber Crime wing nabs 25 in a nationwide crackdown on fraudsters

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HYDERABAD

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 I4C 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.

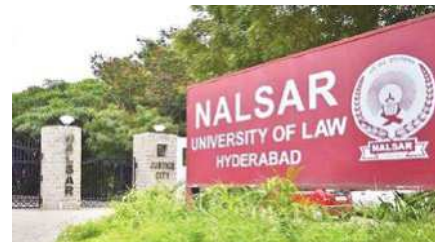
22nd annual convocation of NALSAR University tomorrow

HYDERABAD

THE 22nd annual convocation of NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad will take place on its campus on July 12 (tomorrow).

A statement from the university here on Thursday stated Chief Justice of India Justice Bhushan Ramakrishna Gavi, will deliver the convocation address. The event will also be graced by Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana, Justice P.S. Narasimha, Judge Supreme Court of India.

Justice Sujoy Paul, Acting Chief Justice, High Court of the Telangana & Chancellor, NALSAR



will preside over the convocation. Other judges of Supreme Court and High Court of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh will be attending the convocation. Ministers of Telangana will also be attending the convocation.

Tummala felicitates two handloom workers

HYDERABAD

MINISTER for Textiles Nageswara Rao felicitated handloom workers Gajam Narmada and Guda Pawan at the Secretariat on Thursday. They have been chosen for the National Handloom Award-2024, which was announced by the Union Ministry of Handloom and Textiles.

Both workers, Gajam Narmada and Guda Pawan, are from Puttapaka village in Sansthan Narayanapuram mandal of Yadadri district, and have been presented with shawls by the Minister.

During his remarks, the Minister expressed pride in their selection for the National Handloom Award, highlighting their exemplary contributions to the handloom industry and the recognition they bring to Telangana on a national level. Notably, out of 19 handloom workers selected from across the country, it is particularly commendable that two are from Telangana.

He stated that the state government is dedicated to offering comprehensive support to handloom workers, emphasising its commitment to their welfare. Earlier, the Minister conducted a review meeting with officials to assess the progress of various initiatives. During this meeting, he announced the establishment of a special label aimed at boosting the demand for handloom products from Telangana

in both domestic and international markets. Tummala Nageswara Rao also instructed that all government departments and corporations should place their orders for clothing needed in the upcoming year by September. He emphasised the importance of promptly completing the distribution of clothing to those government departments that have already placed their orders. The process of verifying personal loans for handloom workers should be expedited, with funds promptly deposited into the workers' accounts. Measures must be implemented to enhance the performance of Tesco showrooms, steering them towards profitability; furthermore, those showrooms currently operating at a loss should be consolidated with profitable ones, he said. The Minister further emphasised the need for establishing the Sri Konda Laxman Bajji Indian Institute of Handloom Technology (IIHT) on a permanent basis, transitioning from Hyderabad to Pochampally in Yadadri district within the year.

Everyone should cooperate for smooth functioning of both Houses: Speaker

First meeting of new Telangana Legislative Media Advisory Committee held

HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar on Thursday said everyone should cooperate for the smooth functioning of both the Houses of State legislature -- State Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council and added that the media representatives should play a key role in this.

The first meeting of the new Telangana Legislative Media Advisory Committee was held at the Legislative Assembly building on Thursday. In this meeting, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, the Chairman of the Legislative Council Gutta Sukhender Reddy, Legislative Affairs Minister Duddila Sridhar Babu and members participated.

Speaking on the occasion, Speaker Prasad Kumar extended his best wishes to the new Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Media Advisory Committee, I. Reddy Srinivas Reddy, Co-Chairman Paripurna Chari and all the members. He said it was a good opportunity to provide their services through the Media Advisory Council while protecting the dignity and priorities of the Legislative Assembly and Council, which are crucial in democracy.

He asked them to always provide their support for the smooth functioning of both the Houses. He commented that it is everyone's intention that the people of the State should get better



by ensuring that the meetings of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council were held smoothly. He reminded the media to give due importance to news related to the Legislative Assembly not only during the sessions of the Legislative Assembly, but also at other times.

The State Legislative Council Chairman Sukhender Reddy said the role of the media was crucial for the smooth functioning of the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council.

Legislative Affairs Minister Duddila Sridhar Babu said the Media Advisory Committee had been appointed to give responsibility to the media in the affairs of the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council and to play a greater role. He sought everyone's cooperation in

the management of both the Houses. He assured that the government would provide the necessary support to the media representatives on the facilities and accommodations required during the meetings. He said the suggestions of the committee would be taken into consideration especially regarding the passes issued during the meetings. He appealed to everyone to work together so that the meetings were held in a good atmosphere. The Committee Chairman Iredy Srinivas Reddy clarified that he would provide instructions so that all the media representatives covering the meetings can get passes.

He also said he would make suggestions on the facilities required by the media representatives after considering everyone's opinions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The public in general are hereby informed that Smt. Shabana Parveen, W/o. Mohamud Jani Pasha, R/o. Sapthagiri Colony, Godavari(Kh), Peddapalli District made an application for availing house construction loan before my client ICICI Bank Ltd, Mancheril Branch to construct RCC house in the land admeasuring 154.40 Sq.Yards, in Sy.No. 997/989/B & 990/B, situated at Godamgadda, Ramnagar locality, Karimnagar Town & District. The said Smt. Shabana Parveen has purchased the said property from 1). R. Vijaya @Revolu Vijaya, W/o. R. Ravinder, R/o. Nagaram, 2). Rallabandi Shyamala, W/o. Venkateshwarlu, R/o. Uppal, 3). Kasoji @ Kasoji Shailaja, W/o. Narsimha Chary, R/o. Sirsimagandla, 4). Sriramoju Jagadeeshwar, S/o. Late Satyanarayana, R/o. Husnabad, 5). Sriramoju Kiran Kumar, S/o. Late Satyanarayana, R/o. Husnabad, through Registered Sale Deed No. 6211/2024. It is represented by Smt. Shabana Parveen that she was lost its link document i.e. Original Registered Sale Deed No. 2243/1991 and the same was not traceable. Therefore, general public are hereby informed that if anybody has got any claim or right over the said deed, they may submit their objections with documentary evidence within one week from this publication to the undersigned. Later, said my client ICICI Bank Ltd, Mancheril Branch will initiate the loan proceedings.

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Cong corporators dare BRS to debate on development

They are fully prepared to discuss development works undertaken during the 10-year BRS rule in the Warangal West constituency by former MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar, and developmental efforts made in the past 18 months by MLA Naini Rajender Reddy

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The Congress corporators on Thursday challenged the BRS to a debate, stating that they are fully prepared to discuss development works undertaken during the 10-year BRS rule in the Wa-



rangal West constituency by former MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar, and developmental efforts made in the past 18 months by MLA Naini Rajender Reddy.

Corporation floor leader Thota Venkateshwarlu and corporators Jakkula Ravinder Yadav, Syed Vijayasri Rajali and Pothula Srimanarayana (Sriman) threw the challenge, saying that the BRS corporators should

stop wasting time with evasive speeches and come forward for an open discussion if they have the courage.

Speaking at a press meet organised at the Congress office here, they stated that after the Congress came to power, Rajender Reddy has been leading politics in a dignified manner as district party president. They reminded the BRS corporators that questioning during

the 10-year BRS regime was treated as a sin. They advised the Opposition corporators to learn to engage in respectful politics.

They asserted that people of the constituency were closely observing the work done by the MLA and questioning what was done during Vinay Bhaskar's term. They criticised the BRS for incompetence that led to funds allocated to the Endowments department being withdrawn. They praised Rajender Reddy for successfully persuading the CM to bring back the lost Smart City funds.

The corporators emphasised that the MLA was treating all divisions in the constituency equally, allocating funds without discrimination, and taking up development works while

maintaining respect for the BRS. They mentioned that the Bhadrakali Bund and lake development projects were part of the tenders; the BRS corporators' ignorance of this reflects their naivety.

They criticised BRS leaders as incompetent for failing to properly utilise the Central funds allotted under the heritage cities programme in a timely manner. The corporators accused the BRS corporators of lacking patience to stand by people and negotiate with the government when given the opportunity. They noted that when they were in Opposition, they questioned the ruling party and fought for the people's issues. They warned the BRS corporators to stop engaging in politics just to attract media attention.

Demonic rule continues in State: Errabelli

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HANUMAKONDA

FORMER minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao on Thursday alleged that demonic rule continues throughout the State. At a preparatory meeting for MPTC cluster-wise leaders under the leadership of BRS president Eiduru Ilaiya in Peddavangara mandal (Mahabubabad district), with senior leaders participating, as the chief guest, he said all surveys related to the local body elections are favouring the BRS. He stated that people were deceived by the bogus "420 promises" made by the government.

Rao alleged 'it is unfortunate that the government is functioning under a major blackmail influence. He claimed that anticipating the upcoming local elections,



the government released the Rythu Bharosa funds. 'Under the Congress rule, farmers are suffering, while under KCR's foresight, farmers had prosperity'.

Rao urged the party cadre and youth social media leaders to work hard and prove their mettle in the elections. He assured support to committed leaders and activists, claiming people, unemployed youth and students are eagerly awaiting the

elections, and predicted that Congress candidates would lose their deposits.

He said people are highly dissatisfied with Revanth Reddy's governance, and that BRS will win 80% of seats in the elections. He directed that youth and social media leaders conduct meetings in every panchayat in the mandal to unite and expose the government failures effectively.

PCC new VP Athram Sugunakka gets warm welcome in Adilabad

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ADILABAD

ATHRAM Sugunakka, who was recently appointed as the vice president of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC), visited the district for the first time in after assuming new role.

On this occasion, Telangana Kisan Congress State general secretary Boranchu Srikanth Reddy warmly welcomed her and felicitated on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, Sugunakka expressed her gratitude to the party leadership for entrusting her with the responsibilities of TPCC vice president and State in-charge of the Mahila Congress. She assured that she would discharge these responsibilities with utmost responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Srikanth Reddy said it was a matter of great pride that Sugunakka, a leader well-acquainted with the issues of



Adilabad district, has been entrusted with key responsibilities by the party.

He stated that their goal is to ensure the Congress Party's victory in the upcoming local body elections.

Sugunakka informed that Rajya Sabha MP and Adilabad district Congress party in-charge Anil Kumar Yadav, along with Nalgonda MP and Adilabad Parliament in-charge Kunduru Raghveer Reddy, will be visiting Adilabad district and a meeting will be held with the party

workers. She emphasised that this meeting is a crucial opportunity for coordination among party workers and leaders and for strengthening the party.

The event was attended by Youth Congress Assembly Vice President Saama Rupesh Reddy, senior leaders Nalimela Naveen Reddy, former Vice MPP Atla Govardhan Reddy, Co-opention Member Raheem Khan, Rendla Rajanna, Ambadi Akshay, Sunil Jadhav, Santosh, and others.

SmartS Avink programme held at Chaitanya School



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SRI Chaitanya School Kon-dapur branch organised a programme to plant Venikani and Viruliche saplings as part of the SmartS AVINK programme.

In this event the Principal Jagati Reddy while delivering the message conveyed her valuable message to the students that planting trees on his birthday would provide oxygen and prevent environmental pollution. She presented saplings

to the guests who had chosen to attend the event and recognised the efforts of the students.

In this programme, Nirval Rural Cl. Krishna, Rural SI limbadri, Nirmal Meo D Nageshwar Rao, and Sri Chaitanya School A.G.M Aravind Reddy garu, Sanasiva Reddy, School Principal Smt.

Jagati Reddy, Academic Coordinator Mahepal Reddy, Academic Dean Swathi Kailendra, Incharge Surya Kiran and the teaching team participated.

BJP MLA Dhanpal seeks blessings of his guruji

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NIZAMABAD

ON the occasion of Gurupurnima, Nizamabad urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana visited Sri Lingeshwara Ashram in Mallaram received blessings from Ashram head Pujyashri Pitla Krishna Maharaj Guruji.

Later, special puja programmes were conducted at Datta Gudi, Nirukonda Hanuman and several temples.

Speaking on this occasion, the MLA said that a guru is a person who removes ignorance and gives knowledge. He said that the first gurus of every person are their mothers and fathers.

He said that gurus have a special place in Sanatana



Hinduism.

He said that Guru Pournami is not only a day to thank the gurus, but also a day to feel great for those who believe in knowledge, culture

and spirituality. BJP leaders Bhaskar Shivnur, Sridhar, Satish, Bobby Singh, leaders and devotees participated in this programme in large numbers.

Orientation prog held at KIMS College of Hotel Management

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AN orientation programme was held grandly for the students at the KIMS College of Hotel Management on the campus on Thursday.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Periyala Ravinder Rao, Chairman of KIMS Educational Institutions who attended the event as chief guest, said, "strong



determination, unwavering self-confidence, and a powerful desire inevitably lead to success. Whatever you fear and step back

from it. that very fear will keep haunting you repeatedly. Face it just once, and that fear itself will be afraid of you. Our life is in our

own hands." Another distinguished guest, Saketh Ramarao, Vice Chairman of KIMS Educational Institutions, said that the college has been placing students at top positions by providing 100% job and employment opportunities in the field of hotel management. He also mentioned that many students have secured employment opportunities both in India and abroad. Principals Gowtham and Arjun Rao, along with faculty members Satish, Saibaba, Chandrakala, and Krishnaveni and students attended the programme.

Guru Purnima celebrated at Paramita Schools

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KARIMNAGAR

GURUPURNIMA celebrations were celebrated with great joy at Paramita Little Genius and Paramita High School in Mankammathota in the city on Thursday.

School principal Dr Inuganti Prasada Rao inaugurated the event. Hindus celebrate Gurupurnima every year on the full moon day of



Ashada Shuddha Purnima, commemorating the birth anniversary of Vyas Maha Muni. On this occasion Dr Inuganti Prasada Rao was felicitated by the students and teachers.

Guru Puja celebration held at Vedham School



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ADILABAD

A grand Guru Puja celebration was held at Vedham School in Boath, Adilabad district on Thursday. Retired MEO Kummari Poshetti and teacher Suresh Vaidya attended the event as chief guests and explained the significance of Guru Puja to the students. On this occasion, the school headmaster honoured the guests with shawls and flower bouquets. He emphasized that the true purpose of Guru Puja is to rever the noble teachers (Sadgurus) who not only ignite a thirst for knowledge in students but also illuminate their lives with wisdom and guide them toward worldly and spiritual enlightenment. The event saw active participation from the headmaster, teachers, and students of the school.

Municipal officials raze three dilapidated houses



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MUNICIPAL officials demolished three dilapidated houses in the Sir Silk area within the limits of Kagaznagar Municipality on Thursday. Acting under the supervision of Municipal Commissioner V Rajender, officials from the Town Planning department identified the structures that had deteriorated due to continuous heavy rainfall and posed a risk of collapse.

The houses were dismantled with the help of a JCB as

a precautionary measure to prevent accidents.

Municipal Commissioner Rajender advised residents to immediately vacate any houses in a dilapidated condition and relocate to safer accommodations.

He also appealed to the public to promptly inform the municipal office about any such unsafe structures in their respective wards. Town Planning Officer Yashwanth Kumar, TPBOs Rahul, Hari Krishna, Preetam, Chainman Rajesh, and others participated in the operation.

Collector inspects facilities at Basara temple

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KHANAPUR

NIRMAL District Collector Abhilasha Abhinav on Thursday instructed officials to provide all facilities to devotees visiting Basara Sri Gyan Saraswati Amavari. On the occasion of Guru Pournami, she offered silk clothes to the goddess and performed special pujas. The temple priests honoured the Collector with the Tirtha Prasad. Later, she reviewed the development works of the temple.

She inspected the facilities provided to the devotees who came to the temple on the occasion of Guru Pournami.

The Collector said that special arrangements should be made on days



when there is a lot of crowd of devotees. The temple should be kept clean from time to time and garbage bins should be installed. Devotees should be provided with clean drinking water and toilets. The Collector, who inspected the queue lines and the temple premises, made several suggestions to the officials on crowd control. She said

that necessary steps should be taken to increase security. He said that special attention should be paid to emergency medical teams, traffic control and parking facilities.

Later, the Collector inspected the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam hostel and inquired from the officials about the details of the repairs.

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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 dharana call given by the Telangana Jagruti 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 Roko 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 declaration 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.

Now, Kavitha challenges Revanth for debate on Cong promises

CPM district leader and CITU district secretary join Telangana Jagruti



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KOTHAGUDEM

TELANGANA Jagruti president and BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha has challenged Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for a debate with her on the promises made by him before coming into power.

"The CM is repeatedly asking KCR to come to the Assembly. He (the CM) is engaging in diversionary politics. We, all women, will come to your police com-

mand control centre. Let's discuss as to why the women are not given Rs 2,500 per month. Let's discuss as to why they are not given gold coins under Kalyana Lakshmi and Shaadi Mubarak schemes and why pensions are not increased," she said.

At the Telangana Jagruti wide meeting held in Kothagudem, CPM district leader and CITU district secretary Veeranna along with his followers joined the Telangana Jagruti in the presence of MLC Kavitha. He was wel-

comed into the organisation by Kavitha by covering him with the Telangana Jagruti scarf. Kavitha called upon women to come together to the Police Command Control Centre and discuss why they are not giving Rs 2,500 per month and gold coins to girls. She demanded that the Congress had promised to provide 42 percent reservation to BCs in local body elections, and it should be given accordingly. She said that a Rail Roko is being organized on July 17 in this regard. Kavitha said that despite the presence of three ministers in the joint Khammam district, five village panchayats around Bhadrachalam are in agitation. She called upon Agriculture Minister Tummala Nagewara Rao to take the initiative to merge the five village panchayats into Telangana. She also condemned the recent attacks on a Telangana BC girl and Bhadradi temple EO Ramadevi.

Tribals protest over being ignored for Dhammakka Seva yatra

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KHAMMAM

A dispute broke out between leaders of tribal associations and Bhadradi temple officials here on Thursday after the Adivasi groups garlanded a Dhammakka statue near Haritha hotel. Tribal leaders Krishna Dora and Veerabhadram stopped the Ram temple officials from performing any ceremony and expressed their anger over being ignored in Dhammakka Seva Yatra.

It may be mentioned here that every year on Ashadha Purnima, the Apari Sabhari Pokala Dhammakka Seva Yatra is organised under the auspices of the Sri Sitarama Chandraswamy Devasthan-



am in Bhadrachalam.

For the past 11 years, the devasthanam authorities traditionally invited Adivasi Sanghas for the Seva Yatra and organised it under their auspices. However, from last year, the Dhammakka Seva Yatra has been organised in places other than the Ram Temple.

This time, it is being organised at the Venkateswara Swamy Devasthanam in Venkatapuram, Mulugu district. The Ram Temple authorities, who usually invite tribal groups for the Dhammakka Seva Yatra, did not invite them this year leading to a dispute between the two groups.

INDIRAMMA HOUSING: SAND TRANSPORT ROW

Bullock carts 'block' Tahsildar's office

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MOTKUR (YADADRI-BHONGIR)

FARMERS from Kondagadapa village under Motkur Municipality on Thursday staged a protest in front of the Tahsildar's office using bullock carts. They expressed their opposition to the officials' decision to permit tractors to transport sand from the Bikeru stream to Indiramma housing sites.

The farmers demanded that the permission be revoked, and employment opportunities be provided for bullock cart owners instead. They argued that while tractor operators are charg-

ing Rs 3,000 per load, they only charge Rs 2,000 for five bullock cart loads, which is equivalent to one tractor load. They said this would ease the financial burden on the Indiramma housing beneficiaries.

Citing a High Court stay order prohibiting the use of tractors to transport sand from Bikeru stream, the farmers insisted that only bullock carts should be allowed. They expressed concern that granting permits to tractors would deprive bullock cart owners of their livelihood.

While officials claimed that the tractors were permitted solely for transport-



ing sand to Indiramma housing schemes, the farmers alleged that the system was being misused. The

farmers submitted a memorandum to Deputy Tahsildar M Upender demanding cancellation of tractor permits

and job opportunities for bullock cart owners.

Around 20 farmers participated in the protest.

Man dies as speeding lorry rams into bike

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KORLAPADU (NALGONDA)

A man in Nalgonda district named Venkanna from Chandupatla village lost his life in a road accident near Korlapadu stage when a speeding lorry ramed into his bike, killing him on the spot. Just moments before the accident, Venkanna had been stopped by the police

at Korlapadu stage and fined for drunk driving. Fearing another fine at the upcoming toll gate, he attempted a U-turn at the same location.

Venkanna was reportedly returning from a relative's funeral in Pillamarri village when the incident occurred. Police have registered a case and are investigating the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Janak Prasad completes one yr as Wage Advisory Council chief



Janak Prasad Chairman of Minimum Wage Ad-visory Council

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KARIMNAGAR

AS Janak Prasad completed one year as Chairman of Minimum Wage Advisory Council.

Janak Prasad's services stand as a testament to his dedication to the welfare of over 1.3 crore unorganised workers in the State. From the very first day of assuming charge as the Chairman, Janak Prasad, who has vast experience as a trade union leader, focused on the review of minimum wages, a major issue facing workers.

With no increase in minimum wages for the last 13 years, lakhs of workers are struggling to cope with the rising cost of living. Determined to change this situation, he himself initiated pro-

active measures. During the past year, he held 8 official board meetings.

In addition, several wide-ranging conferences were held in collaboration with all the leading trade unions and international organisations (especially the ILO). These conferences were not just formal meetings, but served as platforms for real discussions and for workers to voice their views.

As a result of these discussions, the Minimum Wage Advisory Council submitted a comprehensive report to the State Government. Based on this report, the State Government is likely to review the minimum wages soon. This is going to bring dignity, economic relief and security to lakhs of unorganized workers.

Aadhaar camp receives huge response

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KOTHAGUDEM

A two-day 'Mega Aadhaar Camp' was inaugurated by Additional Collector D Venugopal at the Col-lector's office here on Thursday during which people from across the district participated in huge numbers.

Speaking on the occasion, the Additional Collector said that state-level team members had shown solutions to Aadhaar problems presented by the people. He informed that such camps will be held in every mandal centre across the district to facilitate people without any hassle.

In this regard, camps will be held at Bhadrachalam RDO office for Bhadrachalam, Burgampadu, Charla,



Dummugudem mandals on July 14, 15, and 16.

On July 15, 16, and 17 camps will be held at Dammapeta MPDO office for Dammapeta, Mulakalapal-

li, Annapureddypalli and Aswarapet mandals, and at Manuguru MPDO office for Manuguru, Aswa-puram, Pinapaka and Karakagudem mandals.

One booked in adulterated milk racket bust

BHONGIR: A case has been registered against a person involved in the preparation of adulterated milk in Mannevaripumpu village of Bhongir mandal in Yadadri-Bhongir. On Thursday morning, the police conducted inspections in the village following a tip-off about the production of adulterated milk.

During the inspection, it was found that a local, Samala Sattireddy, was preparing and selling adulterated milk.

Police seized 80 l of adulterated milk, 5 kg of Dhopolur fresh skimmed milk powder, 500 ml of hydro-gen peroxide, and 400 ml of acetic acid from his possession.

Preliminary investigation revealed that Sattireddy was transporting the adulterated milk to Hyderabad for sale.

Narayanpet handicrafts to take centrestage at Shilparamam

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NARAYANPET

LOCAL rural women, skilled in a variety of traditional and handmade crafts, have been invited to exhibit and sell their products at the Indira Mahila Shakti (IMS) Bazaar at Shilparamam, Hyderabad.

During a meeting held on Thursday at the Skill Development Centre near Singaram Malupu road, Soujanya, Special Officer of IMS Bazaar, along with her team, interacted with women artisans of Narayanpet. The event, organised under the aegis



of the Rural Development Agency (DRDA), focused on promoting economic empowerment of rural women by connecting them to larger markets.

The officer lauded the diverse and high-quality products crafted by local women including bamboo

items, clay jewellery from Errakota, laddus, sweets, Narayanpet cotton sarees, towels, pickles, cold-pressed oils (groundnut, sesame, coconut), herbal soaps, incense sticks, sham-pooos, Kalamkari fabrics, palm-leaf crafts, jute bags, chilli powders, and jowar



rotis. Impressed by their talent and entrepreneurial spirit, the IMS team assured the women that dedicated stalls would be provided for them at Shilparamam's IMS Bazaar, encouraging them to bring their creations to a broader urban audience. The

women were thrilled by the opportunity and promised to participate.

The event saw the participation of DRDA official Mogulappa, district federation office bearers, DPMs, CCs, the district accountant, and several women entrepreneurs.

Dhamma Chakra Pravartan Day celebrated

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NAGARJUNA SAGAR

DHAMMA Chakra Pravartan Day celebrations were held in a grand manner at Buddhavanam In Nagarjuna Sagar on Thursday. The event was organised under the supervision of Special Officer Mallepalli Laxmaiah.

Local MLA Javeer Reddy, former minister Jana Reddy, and Bollywood actor Gagan Malik participated in the event and offered special prayers to the sacred footprints of Lord Buddha.

"Historically, after attaining enlightenment in Gaya, Lord Buddha delivered his first sermon to his disciples on the day of Ashadha Purnima at the Deer Park in Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh. Bud-



MLA Javeer Reddy, former minister Jana Reddy, and Bollywood actor Gagan Malik offering prayers to the footprints of Lord Buddha

dhist and followers of Buddhism consider this day to be a sacred and significant occasion in the life of the Buddha and observe it as Dhamma

Chakra Pravartan Day," said Laxmaiah on the occasion.

Buddhist monks from the Mahabodhi Buddha Vihara also took part in the event.

Don't treat us like thieves, say RMPs

► They are threatening to file cases against us as if we are thieves, says Kasam Ravinder Reddy

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KARIMNAGAR

THE RMPs and PMPs who are providing primary care in rural ar-eas being terrorised and are branded as thieves and fake doctors, rues their leader president Kasam Ravinder Reddy.

Speaking to the media here on Thurs-day, he complained that the TGMC is threatening to file cases against them as if they are thieves. "But we are not thieves," he said. During the padayatra of late Chief Minister Dr YS Rajasekhara Reddy, it was RMP and PMP who were available to him in remote villages at night and provided primary care. The



RMP, PMP zonal secretary Kasam Ravinder Reddy speaking to the media in Karimnagar on Thursday

late CM had assured them of giving certificates after providing community paramedical training, but was passed away. The subsequent Chief Ministers Rosai-ah and Kiran Kumar Reddy have put

RMPs PMPs problems aside. "Recognising their services in the Telangana movement, the previous Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao recognised us as first aiders in rural areas and promised

to restart community paramedic training and provide us with certificates. But such a promise did not come to fruition," said Kasam Ravinder Reddy. "The Revanth Reddy government has put

our issue in its manifesto. We are demanding that we restart paramedic training and give certificates to those who have completed the training, and that we can complete the training and give certificates to everyone, he said.

"During the difficult times of covid pandemic, it was who were available to the people in rural areas and had given them basic treatment risking our lives and filled the people with courage. We are creating awareness about TB Pulponology and AIDS diseases," he stressed. Therefore, he requested the government to take pity on us and provide us with proper protection and facilitate the provision of basic treatment. RMP, PMP zonal president Donthula Manohar, district and zonal general secretary Chennamadhavuni Narasimharaju and others were present.

Minister assures elevation of Boath as revenue division

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ADILABAD

LEADERS from Boath constituency on Thursday met with Excise Minister and Adilabad district in-charge Minister, Jupally Krishna Rao in Hyderabad and appealed to him to elevate Boath as revenue division as promised by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy before the Assembly elections.

During the Assembly polls, then TPCC president and now CM Revanth Reddy had promised the formation of a revenue division with Boath as its centre.

To remind that commitment and realise the long-standing aspirations of the local people, Congress party district official spokesperson Pasula Chanti called Minister Jupally Krishna Rao.



He urged the minister to establish the Boath revenue division and bring back the government offices that were previously relocated from Boath.

Responding positively to the appeal, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao assured that he would gather complete details from the district Collec-

tor and relevant department officials and inform the Chief Minister. He also promised to support the establishment of the revenue division.

Former Minister Allola Indrakran Reddy, former MLA Rathod Bapurao, ATMA chairman Gorla Raju Yadav, Merugu Dasu, and others were present.

Indian map without Telangana? BRS fumes at Andhra BJP chief Madhav

HYDERABAD

THE BRS on Thursday strongly objected to Andhra Pradesh BJP chief P V N Madhav presenting a map titled "Glory of Indian Culture" to Minister Nara Lokesh in which Telangana was reportedly not visible. BRS Working President K T Rama Rao, in a post on X, urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to clarify whether the omission reflected the BJP's "political agenda or plan". Rao said that people had fought for generations for a cultural identity, right-



ful place in history, and geographical recognition for Telangana. When contacted, Madhav told PTI that the map was a framed artistic picture with only a thin line

separating Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. In his post, Rao claimed: "Today, your Andhra Pradesh BJP chief, Madhav garu, has belittled our struggle by gifting a map

of a united Andhra Pradesh, ignoring the existence of Telangana. This is absolutely unacceptable and reflects a blatant disregard for the people of Telangana—for our state, our struggle, and the sacrifices of our martyrs and history." He added that if the omission was a genuine oversight, the BJP leadership should apologise to the people of Telangana.

Madhav met Lokesh on Wednesday in Vijayawada after assuming charge as the Andhra BJP president and presented him with the portrait.

Two-thirds of Tahsildars await repatriation after assembly poll deployment

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 Nalgonda 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.

TRUMP TARIFFS

INDIA TO TAKE STRONG STAND?

Plans retaliatory tariffs against US on steel & aluminium

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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 previously 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.

"This notification is made in connection with safeguard measures extended by the US on imports of aluminium, steel and derivative articles" India said.

2-day meet on adolescent health from tomorrow

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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.

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 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 also 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 Am-

ity Educational Institution and Saint Mary Rehabilitation Educational Institution as universities. The Amity accepted the condition to provide 50 per cent seats to Telangana students and Saint Mary institution 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 by collecting their Aadhar and other details.

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 the strengthening of 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 said.

SC PERMITS EC TO PROCEED WITH BIHAR VOTER ROLL REVISION

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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.

"After hearing both sides, we are of the prima facie opinion

that three questions are involved in this case: (a) The very powers of the election commission who under take the exercise, (b) the procedure and the manner in which the exercise is being undertaken, and (c) the timing, including the timings given for preparation of draft electoral rolls, asking objections and making the final electoral roll, etcetera, which is very short considering the fact that Bihar elections are due in November...," the court said in its order.

Apex court has 'serious doubts' on Bihar SIR

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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. "There is nothing wrong in having this intensive process so non-citizen do not remain on rolls... but it should be de hors (ie, conducted separately from) this election," Justice Joymala Bagchi said.

The court also red-flagged the decision to exclude Aadhaar from the list of documents deemed acceptable for individuals to re-verify themselves on the state's electoral roll. "Your enumeration (exercise) is related to identity... the entire exercise is primarily about identity only,"

'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—that hurt!" 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 basement dwellers," remarked one user.

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

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.

Read more at <https://epaper.thehansindia.com>

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.

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

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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.

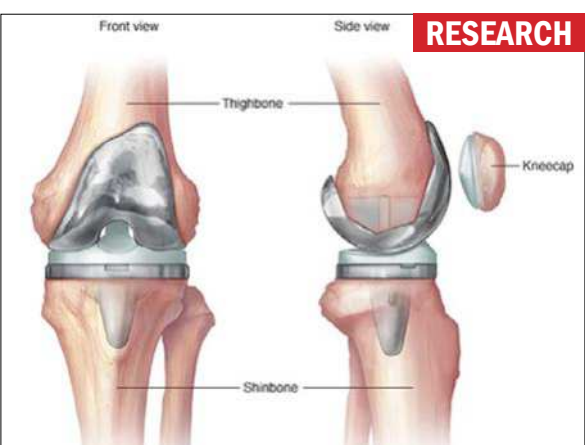
“Receiving the Global Citizen Scholarship is a defining moment,” said Duaa. “It has validated my efforts and inspired me to lead with purpose, learn with passion, and give back meaningfully. I see this as just the beginning.”

Diabetes may raise infection, post knee replacement surgery

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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.

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NEW DELHI

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

INDIA 133RD IN FIFA RANKINGS, WORST IN NINE YEARS

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.



Double strike from Nitish leaves England at 83 for 2

Ollie Pope could have been dismissed in the very next ball but Gill could not latch on to a tough chance at gully

LONDON

INDIA all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy struck twice in an eventful over to leave England at 83 for two at lunch on day one of the Lord's Test here on Thursday.

On expected lines, Prasidh Krishna made way for Jasprit Bumrah as the sole change in the Indian playing eleven.

Ben Stokes, only for the second time in the Bazball era, opted to bat in a home game.

The trio of Bumrah, Akash Deep and Mohamed Siraj did ask a few questions but England opening duo of Ben Duckett (23 off 40) and Zak Crawley (18 off 43) survived the first hour of play, reaching 39 for no loss in 13 overs.

Due to the unique slope, the Indian bowlers understandably took some time to get used to the up and down nature of the ground while running in.

Bumrah bowled from both Pavillion End and Nursery End while Akash Deep, who took a match haul of 10 at

Edgbaston, bowled with the new ball from Nursery End.

Captain Shubman Gill could have brought back Akash Deep after the first hour, instead he gave the ball to Reddy from the Nursery End and he did not disappear.

The first breakthrough was a rather lucky one with Duckett gloving a short ball on the leg side to wicket-keeper Rishabh Pant.

Ollie Pope could have been dismissed in the very next ball but Gill could not latch on to a tough chance at gully.

The last ball of the over produced the wicket of

Crawley. It was a beauty that seamed away from length, inducing an outside edge on the way to the keeper.

Though the crowd capacity at the hallowed ground is little over 30,000, it seemed the whole of London was flocking to the venue with a sea of fans emerging from the St. John's Wood tube station close by.

Test cricket may be struggling for a regular attendance in some nations, but the sell out crowd in this series so far has reaffirmed the fact that the traditional format continues to thrive in this country.

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

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



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

Six Naxalites held from Chhattisgarh's Sukma

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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..."

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IN BRIEF

One fisherman dead, another missing as boat capsizes

MURUDESHWAR : A routine fishing expedition turned tragic on Thursday morning when a fishing boat capsized in rough seas near Murudeshwar in Uttara Kannada district, leaving one fisherman dead and another missing. According to police, four fishermen had ventured into the sea aboard a gillnet boat owned by Janardhan A. Harikanth. The boat is believed to have overturned due to high waves around Murudeshwar's fishing zone. Madhav Harikanth, 45, was pulled from the water and rushed to hospital but succumbed despite efforts to revive him. Another fisherman, 26-year-old Venkatesh Annappa Harikanth, remains missing. A search operation by the police, Coastal Security Force, local fishermen, and residents is underway. Two other fishermen — Anand Annappa Harikanth and another crewmember — managed to swim to safety and are reportedly unharmed.

Advanced health platform to transform cardiac care

BENGALURU: Omron Healthcare, a global leader in innovative home health monitoring solutions, has expanded its collaboration with Tricog Health, an AI-driven cardiac care company, to launch KeeboHealth- an advanced connected health platform designed to transform remote cardiac care and accelerate progress toward OMRON's ambitious 'Going for Zero' vision - a world with zero cardiovascular events. KeeboHealth is a ground-breaking digital health ecosystem that leverages state-of-the-art AI technology, real-time data analytics, and home-based monitoring to empower healthcare providers and patients in managing heart conditions more effectively. The data flows in real-time to Tricog's AI engine, which continuously monitors heart health, flags early warning signs, and instantly alert medical teams when intervention is needed. This proactive system helps detect heart issues before a patient's condition deteriorates, significantly reducing the need for hospitalizations.

Traffic cop held for accepting bribe

Mangaluru: A traffic constable from Kadri Traffic Police Station in Mangaluru has been arrested by Karnataka Lokayukta officials after he was caught red-handed accepting a ₹5,000 bribe from a complainant seeking the release of his vehicle. The complainant had approached the station after a vehicle registered in his father's name was involved in a minor accident near Nanthoor Junction. Constable Tasleem (badge no. CHC 322) allegedly demanded ₹50,000 to release the vehicle and later insisted on at least ₹5,000 to proceed. According to sources, the complainant was also asked to sign a declaration stating the vehicle had already been returned, even though it had not. When he refused and approached Lokayukta officers, a trap was laid. On July 10, Tasleem was apprehended while accepting the bribe.

Man kills father, brother over property dispute

Hassan: A 47-year-old man was arrested on Thursday for allegedly killing his father and brother over a property dispute in Holenarasipura taluk of Hassan district, police said. The deceased, Deve Gowda (70), had recently sold his property. His son, Mohan Gowda, was reportedly upset that he had not received a share of the proceeds, police added. In the early hours of Thursday, Mohan returned home in an inebriated state and allegedly attacked his father and elder brother, Manjunath Gowda (50), with a sharp weapon, killing them both.

'Women entrepreneurs catalysts in India's \$5 trillion economy ambition'

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AS India intensifies efforts to become a \$5 trillion economy, women entrepreneurs are being recognised as key drivers of inclusive and sustainable economic growth. This was the central theme at a two-day national workshop inaugurated in Bengaluru on Thursday, jointly organised by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN-ESCAP) and the Ubuntu Consortium.

Former Chief Secretary and Ubuntu Founder-President K. Ratnaprabha recalled the programme's



launch during the COVID-19 lockdown, when hundreds of women entrepreneurs faced busi-

ness setbacks. "We offered digital training, and the results were transformational. Since 2022, over

3,300 women across India have been trained under the Ubuntu-UN ESCAP collaboration. Many have gone

on to build digitally enabled enterprises," she said. UN ESCAP South Asia head Mikiko Tanaka pointed out

that while women constitute nearly half of India's population, they account for only 14% of business ownership and 20% of the 58.5 million MSMEs. "Digital skills, access to finance, and visibility remain significant barriers," she said. "Without timely intervention, women risk being excluded from the digital transformation."

Highlighting grassroots efforts, former Bengaluru Deputy Mayor Hemalatha Gopalaiah cited the success of thousands of women in Mahalakshmi Layout constituency who have built businesses in catering, tailoring, and crafts.

"They are now mentoring others, creating a ripple ef-

fect," she said. Industry experts including LEXSHIP founder Padmanabhan Babu called for greater female participation in exports and the digital economy.

"Women lead only 8% of export businesses in India, compared to 40% in some countries. We must close this gap," he said. The workshop offers hands-on training in digital tools, marketing, and e-commerce.

Officials from DGFT, the Department of Industries and Commerce, and UN ESCAP participated, stressing that empowering women is essential to realising India's economic aspirations.

CM's son asserts his father will complete 5 yrs as CM

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CONGRESS MLC and Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's son Yathindra on Thursday asserted that his father will complete a full five-year term in office. He said any decision on the leadership change has to be made by the Congress high command and MLAs. AICC General Secretary in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala has clarified that no such issue is before the party leadership for consideration.

"AICC General Secretary has said that the CM change issue is not before the high command, so why discuss it? The BJP has been saying since the time our government came to power that the government will collapse and the chief minister will be changed. If you believe what they say, nothing will happen," Yathindra said in response to a question.

Speaking to reporters in Mysuru, he said as the government will complete 2.5 years in office in November,



some chief ministerial aspirants who are there in the Congress party may seek the position. There is nothing wrong in it. "But, ultimately, the high command and MLAs will have to decide... according to me he (Siddaramaiah) will be there for five years. I'm answering this question since the government came to power. Such discussions (about CM) have been going on since then, but did the change happen? No..." he added.

Interestingly, his statement came on a day when Siddaramaiah, while speaking to reporters in New Delhi on Thursday, said there was "no

vacancy" for the CM's post as he was very much in the chair, debunking talks of a possible change of leadership in the state. Siddaramaiah claimed that he would complete his five-year tenure as chief minister and brushed aside talk of him paving the way for his Deputy D K Shivakumar to take over later this year.

There has been speculation within political circles, especially within the ruling Congress, for some time now about the Chief Minister change later this year, citing power-sharing agreement involving Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar. PWD

Minister Satish Jarkiholi, reacting to the CM statement in Bengaluru said there is nothing new in it, as he had reiterated what he said recently here, and the media has to now put an end to speculations about the chief minister change.

Only ten per cent of legislators in the party may be discussing leadership change, Jarkiholi, who is considered close to Siddaramaiah said.

The CM's reiteration about completing a full five years term is a clear message for them. "Match close..." he added. Responding to a question about Siddaramaiah's reported statement that Shivakumar has the support of fewer MLAs, he said, "There was voting done (at the legislature party meeting) while choosing CM after 2023 assembly polls, and as Siddaramaiah got majority votes (of MLAs), he was made the chief minister.

On the basis of that, he might have said that he has the support of more MLAs."

Rising heart attacks in Hassan

Obesity, alcohol and lifestyle cited as key factors

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WITH concerns mounting over a spate of heart attack cases in Hassan district, a technical committee has submitted a detailed study report to Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao. The report, which was handed over after an in-depth analysis of recent deaths, attributes the alarming trend mainly to diabetes, alcohol consumption and family health history.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a meeting with the committee members, Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said, "The technical committee's study on the 24 deaths reported in May and June shows that four deaths were not due to cardiac arrest. Among the remaining 20, 10 people died due to heart-related complications while the other 10 died specifically of heart attacks. Worryingly, 15 of these 20 victims were below the age of 45."

The report comes amid growing public anxiety that



heart attacks are on the rise in Hassan. The minister clarified that while 24 people died due to heart attacks in 2024, this year's toll so far stands at 20, which does not indicate a surge but highlights a worrying trend of younger people falling victim.

"Post-mortem reports confirm that excessive obesity was a major factor behind heart attacks among young victims," he said.

The minister highlighted that auto and cab drivers are more prone to heart-related health risks due to lifestyle factors. "We will focus on screening auto and cab drivers separately. Discussions will be held with driver associations to organise health check-ups and ECG screenings," he added.

He also noted that a majority of the deceased had a history of smoking and alcohol consumption. To improve early detection and care, ECG facilities will be made available at community health centres, and special screening for children will be initiated based on expert advice. Clearing doubts circulating in parts of the district, Minister Gundu Rao said, "There is no link between these heart attacks and Covid or Covid vaccination. Experts have confirmed this."

The health department is also considering expanding the 'Hridaya Jyoti' scheme to reach more people, while training in CPR will be organised to help respond to cardiac emergencies effectively.

The minister emphasised that experts have strongly recommended better preventive measures, including lifestyle counselling, regular screening, and wider awareness campaigns to address the growing health risk in the district.

No other distribution channel in world is wide or deep as India Post: Scindia

BENGALURU

NO other distribution channel in the world is as wide or as deep as India Post, said Union Minister for Communication Jyotiraditya M Scindia on Thursday. He urged the postal employees to work towards becoming the largest logistics organisation in the world, too. Scindia was addressing the Gramin Dak Sevaks Sammelan at K P Puttana Chetty Town Hall in Bengaluru. "India post has 1.64 lakh points of presence, from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, from Bharuch to Tawang," he added. He said, although the post offices are getting modern tools, like handheld devices and Darpan, postal employees need to change the way they work



Union Minister for Communications Jyotiraditya Scindia during the inauguration of VTU-VRIF-TCOE Hub and Spoke Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru on Thursday

to bring in the real transformation. "Today, we have the capability of becoming the largest logistics organisation in the world. No one has the human resources to be able

to do this apart from us. But we've got to make sure that we are at the cutting edge. Which means we need to innovate. We need to think about productivity.

Google search on 'how to steal' lands gang behind bars

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IN a bizarre incident that highlights how technology is now aiding crime, police in Chikkamagaluru district have busted a gang that used Google to learn how to commit theft. The trio, who searched online for tips on how to steal without getting caught, managed to snatch three women's mangalsutras in just one hour before the law finally caught up with them. The gang — identified as Kallesh, Raju, and Basavaraj from Yavakannam village in Belagavi district — were arrested by Birur police. Police have recovered 68 grams of stolen gold jewellery and a Pulsar bike used in the crimes.

Police said the three accused had come to Kadur looking for work but, facing a cash crunch ahead of the fes-

Three mangalsutras, weighing 68 gms stolen in one hour



tival season, decided to commit chain snatching. Lacking experience, they turned to Google for help. They searched 'how to steal' and 'how to escape without leaving evidence', gathered tips online, and carefully planned their strikes accordingly.

The gang targeted women wearing mangalsutras. They would approach unsuspecting women, throw irritant powder into their eyes, snatch the chains and flee on their bike. Within a span of one hour, they committed thefts at three different places under Kadur,

Birur and Singatagere police station limits. To avoid identification, the gang cleverly changed clothes three times on the same day, exactly as they had learned online. After the thefts, they even dumped their bike into a well to destroy evidence.

Gaming federation backs State's regulatory proposal

Urges Centre to lead national-level gaming framework for effective enforcement

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IN a major move to curb the growing menace of unregulated online betting and gambling, the Karnataka government proposed the establishment of a dedicated Karnataka Online Gaming and Betting Regulatory Authority through a new legislation - The Karnataka Police (Amendment) Bill, 2025.

Commenting on decisive step Roland Landers, CEO, All India Gaming Federation, said "A clear distinction between games of skill and chance, backed by progressive regulation, is essential to ensure consumer protection and foster responsible growth in the



online gaming sector. Karnataka, home to the largest and most vibrant gaming ecosystem in the country, has taken a significant step

forward by supporting the industry through a transparent and consultative approach. As the oldest and largest industry federation,

the All India Gaming Federation (AIGF) has consistently advocated for balanced regulation rooted in user safety and responsible

innovation. "While we applaud the state government's initiative, we also believe that state-level laws alone may not be sufficient to curb the growing menace of offshore gambling platforms, which operate beyond India's jurisdiction, offer no consumer recourse and are emerging as one of the biggest national security threat.

Addressing this challenge requires a strong national framework that brings together all relevant stakeholders - to effectively regulate and monitor the ecosystem. Only through such a unified and coordinated approach can we ensure the long-term sustainability and integrity of India's online gaming industry."

RSS has stood the test of time, says Udupi MP

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BJP MP Kota Srinivas Poojary has strongly defended the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) against recent calls for its ban by Congress leaders, stating that even former Prime Ministers Nehru, Indira Gandhi, and Rajiv Gandhi failed in similar attempts. "Dr B.R. Ambedkar once praised the RSS for its casteless and untouchability-free structure. Even Nehru, after initially trying to ban the RSS, invited it to the Republic Day parade," he said. Poojary criticised senior Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge and B.K. Hariprasad for what he described as "casual and misleading" remarks against the RSS. He challenged them to visit an RSS shakha and understand its

philosophy rooted in nationalism. On state politics, Poojary took aim at the Congress government in Karnataka, warning of an impending "administrative collapse" if internal leadership issues are not addressed. "There is already talk of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah being replaced. Officials are uncertain, and governance is suffering," he said. He also questioned the state's finances, alleging that there's no money left for basic infrastructure such as shoes and socks in government schools. "This government is functioning on pretence and borrowed time," he added. Poojary welcomed the High Court's stay on the state government's decision to close down Jan Aushadhi Kendras and called on the Congress to stop blocking Centre-sponsored welfare programmes.



‘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

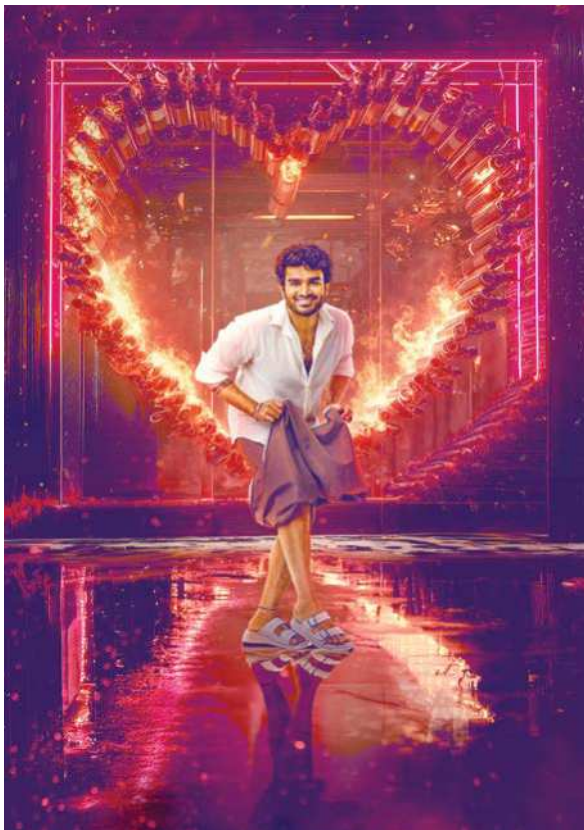
on the occasion. Sharing the moment, SKN posted a photo with Prabhas on social media. The stylish new look of Prabhas in the photo has gone viral, drawing attention from fans. Many of Prabhas’ followers

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.