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Prime Minister Narendra Modi with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio in New Delhi on Saturday

PM gets WH invite as he talks trade & security with Rubio

NEW DELHI
PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday held crucial talks on security and trade with US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who in turn extended him an invitation to the White House on behalf of Donald Trump. The three-day visit to India by Rubio comes at a time when ties between India and the US under Trump 2.0 have continued to fluctuate amid trade and energy tensions, which have only deepened amid the Iran conflict. US envoy Sergio Gor, who joined Rubio for the meeting with PM Modi, said the talks

also spanned the Indo-Pacific, where China has sought to assert its strength. India has always been viewed by the US as a counterbalance to China in the crucial region. "We had a productive discussion on ways to deepen US-India cooperation across security, trade, and critical technologies... India is a vital partner to the United States!" Gor tweeted. He also said that PM Modi was invited to the White House in the "near future". In the meeting, Rubio also pitched for US energy products, saying it had the potential to diversify India's energy supply.

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Sanjeevani rollout across state by Aug 15: CM Naidu

Says it's predictive, preventive, and curative healthcare prog

- ▶ Launches the expanded programme in Chittoor district
- ▶ AI-based medical advice, virtual consultations, and doctor follow-up services will be introduced
- ▶ Govt plans to introduce a "family doctor" system for every household in future



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu addressing a public meeting in Yadamarri village in Chittoor district after the launch of Sanjeevani project on Saturday

PRADEEP VENNELAKANTI CHITTOOR
CHIEF Minister N Chandrababu Naidu launched the expanded Sanjeevani healthcare programme in Kandriga village of Yadamarri mandal in Chittoor district on Saturday, saying the initiative aims to eventually provide comprehensive healthcare services to people across the state. Describing public health as one of the government's

top priorities, Naidu said the programme is being implemented with focus on predictive, preventive, and curative healthcare under the concept of 'Health is Wealth'. Naidu recounted that Sanjeevani was launched as a pilot project in Kuppam last year and has now been extended to the entire Chittoor district. The government plans to implement it across the state before August 15. Under the programme,

every individual will be provided with digital health record. The Chief Minister said the government is making arrangements to conduct 42 types of medical tests at the village level. AI-based medical advice, virtual consultations, and doctor follow-up services will also be introduced as part of the initiative. The government plans to introduce a "family doctor" system for every household in the future.

Naidu said health insurance coverage up to Rs 2.5 lakh is being provided to every citizen. In addition, medical assistance up to Rs 25 lakh would be extended through NTR Vaidya Seva and the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for those requiring advanced treatment. The Chief Minister urged people to maintain good health through proper food habits, exercise, yoga, meditation and pranayama.

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Lokesh calls for statewide push for Mahanadu success

"STREE SHAKTI MAHANADU" TO BE THEME OF CONCLAVE THIS YEAR



charges during an online review, Lokesh described Mahanadu as a reflection of the TDP's "strength, discipline and organisational spirit" and said the event should be conducted in a festive atmosphere across the state. He said this year's conclave would be organised under the theme "Stree Shakti Mahanadu," with focus on women's participation and empowerment. Lokesh said the party had originally planned to organise Mahanadu physically in Nellore, but switched to a hybrid format in view of energy conservation measures and broader national circumstances following Prime Minister Narendra Modi's call for austerity and fuel conservation. Lokesh said politiburo members and state-level leaders would participate physically from the party headquarters in Mangalagiri, while cadre and local leaders would join virtually from cluster-level venues across the state.

- ▶ TDP to hold hybrid Mahanadu across 1,875 clusters during May 27-28
- ▶ Cadre asked to mobilise women, grassroots level leaders and booth teams
- ▶ Attendance would be monitored through the "My TDP" app

HANS NEWS SERVICE AMARAVATI

MINISTER for IT and HRD Nara Lokesh on Friday called upon Telugu Desam Party cadre to work collectively with zest to ensure the success of the party's Mahanadu, which will be conducted in a hybrid format across 1,875 clusters in Andhra Pradesh during May 27 and 28. Addressing cluster in-

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US tightens green card rules

Applicants may now have to return home to apply



WASHINGTON: IN a major shift in US immigration policy, the administration of President Donald Trump has announced that many foreign nationals seeking permanent residency, or green cards, may now have to leave the United States and apply from their home countries. The new policy, issued by the US Citizenship and Immigration Services

(USCIS) under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), marks one of the biggest changes to the green card process in more than six decades. The move has drawn criticism from immigration lawyers, aid organisations and policy analysts, who warn that it could disrupt the lives of millions of immigrants and their families.

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US & IRAN CLOSE TO EXTENDING CEASEFIRE BY 60 DAYS

TEHRAN: The ceasefire between US and Iran is likely to be extended by two more months, according to reports, citing mediators. The ceasefire has been in place since April 8 and reports of extending the truce comes amid fresh diplomatic push after mediator Pakistan's Army Chief Asim Munir met top Iranian leadership in Tehran over the weekend.

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Naidu targets YSRCP

Says no place for 'axe party' in democracy

- ▶ Accuses the previous govt of encouraging divisive politics
- ▶ Assures to transform Rayalaseema into a horticulture hub

HANS NEWS SERVICE CHITTOOR

LAUNCHING a blistering attack on the YSRCP, Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu accused the Opposition of promoting violence, spreading misinformation and creating social divisions during its tenure in power. Addressing a public meeting at Yadamarri village in



Puthalapattu Constituency in Chittoor district, Naidu alleged that the previous regime had subjected people to fear and insecurity over the last five years. Without directly naming the YSRCP, he repeatedly referred to it as the 'axe party', saying that it has no place in democracy. The Chief Minister said the Opposition was unable to tolerate the

welfare and development programmes being implemented by the NDA coalition government. He claimed frustration within the party had increased as the government's 'Super Six' welfare promises were receiving a positive response from the public. Naidu accused the previous government of encouraging aggressive political conduct and false propaganda. "They speak lies whenever they open their mouths and pretend to be innocent before the media," he remarked, alleging that divisive campaigns were being carried out in the name of caste and religion for political gains.

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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PUSH PM DISTRIBUTES OVER 51K APPOINTMENT LETTERS

NEW DELHI
PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday distributed more than 51,000 appointment letters to newly inducted recruits at the 19th Rozgar Mela via video conferencing, as part of the government's broader push to boost employment generation. Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh said that since the Rozgar Mela series was initiated by PM Modi on October 22, 2023, the number of



appointments in government jobs has increased, transparency has been brought into the recruitment system, and candidates' confidence has grown. He added that the discipline of timelines and dead-

lines has also increased in the recruitment process, and the merit of candidates appointed through the Rozgar Mela has been superior. Inspired by Modi's initiative, several state governments have also started organising similar job fairs. More than 5.5 to 6 lakh jobs have been created through job fairs in states including Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Bihar, Assam, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Uttarakhand, Odisha, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh and Tripura.

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Cockroach party website taken down

FOUNDER SLAMS GOVT'S 'DICTATORIAL BEHAVIOUR'



NEW DELHI: The official website of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) has been taken down in the recent crackdown against the youth and Gen Z-led online movement after the party's official X handle was withheld.

Petro prices hiked again

NEW DELHI: Petrol and diesel prices were increased again on Saturday, marking the third hike in less than 10 days as global crude oil prices continue to surge amid the ongoing West Asia conflict and disruptions around the Strait of Hormuz. Petrol prices were raised by up to 87 paise per litre, while diesel prices increased by as much as 91 paise per litre across major cities. In Delhi, petrol now costs Rs 99.51 per litre, up from Rs 98.64, while diesel prices rose from Rs 91.58 to Rs 92.49 per litre. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) prices were also increased by Re 1 per kg, marking the third hike in less than 10 days. With the latest revision coming into effect immediately, CNG in Delhi will now cost Rs 81.09 per kg. Prices in Noida, Greater Noida and Ghaziabad have risen to Rs 89.70 per kg, while Gurugram will see CNG priced at Rs 86.12 per kg.

Tulsi Gabbard quits as director of US nat'l intelligence

WASHINGTON: Tulsi Gabbard resigned as President Donald Trump's director of national intelligence on Friday, saying she needed to step away as her husband battles cancer. She is the fourth Cabinet official to depart during Trump's second term. In her resignation letter, which she posted on social media, Gabbard said she told Trump she would leave office on June 30.

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We've always treated them like cockroaches...so why are they forming a political party now?

CBSE's diktat on 3-language study sparks debate

- ▶ CBSE Class XII results (2026) reveal fewer than 500 students across south India opted for their state languages
- ▶ Kerala leads with 367 Malayalam candidates, while Tamil Nadu, despite its linguistic pride, saw only 52 Tamil examinees
- ▶ Students lament language switching pressures, shifting between Hindi, Tamil, and Sanskrit due to policy reversals
- ▶ Experts warn of a looming threat to south Indian languages, as globalisation and AI and pan-English language skills overshadow mother tongue learning

SRITA VEMURI HYDERABAD

IN the context of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) mandating the three-language formula from this academic year, the latest Class XII results reveal a troubling picture of language learning in south India. While the policy aims to balance national integration with regional identity, the numbers of those making choices among the languages suggest that learning of south Indian languages is being given the go-by not by others but by students themselves. The CBSE Class XII results



show that only three students wrote the Telugu exam, five the Kannada exam, and 52 the Tamil exam. Kerala stands out with 367 students opting for

Malayalam, but even this figure is modest given the hundreds of CBSE-affiliated schools in the region. Altogether, fewer than 500 students across Andhra

Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Puducherry, and Kerala chose to take their state language in the final board exam. For context, the CBSE has made the study of three languages compulsory for students from Class ninth beginning from the first of July this year. In a statement, CBSE said that at least two of the three languages must be native Indian languages, in line with the National Education Policy 2020 and the National Curriculum Framework for School Education 2023. It was clarified that there will be no board examination for the third

language (R3) in Class tenth and that all assessments for R3 will be entirely school-based and internal. Further, the board said, the performance of students in R3 will be duly reflected in the CBSE certificate. No student will be barred from appearing in the Class tenth Board Examinations due to R3, it added. Students themselves admit that language choice is often strategic. "I am a child of a Telugu-speaking couple who grew up in Hyderabad; so, Hindi was chosen as my second language, and Tamil became my inevitable third," shared one student.

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Tirupati nature lover receives Biodiversity award

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE
NOTICE FOR SALE U/s. 29 OF SFC'S ACT 1951
In exercise of powers conferred under Sec.29 of State Financial Corporations Act, 1951 and pursuant to the possession of the secured assets of the borrower(s)/ mortgagors mentioned hereunder, the public and all concerned including the concerned borrowers/mortgagors, their legal heirs/ representatives, as the case may be, are hereby informed that offers are invited by the Senior Branch Manager, Rajamahendravaram Branch of, APSFC for purchase of the properties listed below on "As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" and "without recourse" basis on E-auction Dated 27.07.2026, for recovery of amount mentioned hereunder due to the aforesaid Secured Creditor from below mentioned Borrower/s in the account/s. The details of Reserve Price, EMD for the secured assets will be as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of the Location concern & Location	*Amount Out Standing as on 30.04.2026 (Rs. In Lakhs)	Description of Property	Reserve Price a) Total Assets b) Machinery only (Rs. In lakhs)	EMD a) Total Assets b) Machinery only (Rs. In lakhs)
1.	M/s. Livax Plastics, Rep. by Partners: 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.No.64/1D, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344.	1519.01	Land:Ac.0.83 cents or 4017.20 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1D, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building: PEB Factory Shed: 1839.48 Sq.m Machinery: Tape extrusion line, Filament/Tape winder, Air cooled compact air chiller, Dosing unit with mixer body, High Tensile black bobbins, Air Compressor, etc., Line of Activity: Manufacture of HDPE/PP Tape Rolls for Woven Sacks.	a) 324.29 b) 156.22	a) 20.00 b) 12.02
				Bid Multiple Amount Rs 1.00 lakh	
				Date of Demand Notice: 05.08.2021	Date of Possession Notice: 19.07.2022
2.	M/s. Villmar Agro Polymers Pvt. Ltd Rep. by Directors : 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1C, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344	2026.85	Land:Ac.0.47 cents or 2274.80 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1C, G.Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building: PEB Factory Shed: 1021.93 Sq.m Machinery: Circular Looms, Panel Board etc., available in the same premises. Lamination machine, Bag stitching machines etc. available at M/s Livax Plastics unit premises. Line of Activity: Manufacture of HDPE/PP Woven Sacks Bags.	a) 295.32 b) 185.02	a) 20.00 b) 14.24
				Bid Multiple Amount Rs 1.00 lakh	
				Date of Demand Notice: 05.08.2021	Date of Possession Notice: 19.07.2022
3.	M/s. Silaris Rotomacs Rep. by Partners: 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1B, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344	877.92	Land:Ac.0.42 cents or 2032.80 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1B, G.Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building: PEB Factory Shed: 715.35 Sq.m Machinery: Circular Looms, Panel Board etc., available in the same premises. Rotogravure printing machine, Drum type slitter rewriter machine, Coating & Lamination machine, Pouch making machine etc., are available at M/s Livax Plastics unit premises Line of Activity: Rotogravure Printing, Lamination and Pouch making.	a) 140.39 b) 87.79	a) 10.80 b) 6.76
				Bid Multiple Amount Rs 1.00 lakh	
				Date of Demand Notice: 05.08.2021	Date of Possession Notice: 17.05.2022
4.	M/s Lenira Polymers Rep. by Partners: 1) Smt. K. Subhasri 2) Sri K. Jagadees 3) Sri K.Radha Madhava Reddy (Late) 4) Smt. K.Seshayi Sy.Nos.64/1A, G.Mamidada (V), Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District-533344	395.03	Land: Ac.0.28 cents or 1355.20 Sq.yds in Sy.Nos.64/1A, G.Mamidada, Pedapudi Mandal, Kakinada District Building:PEBFactory Shed: 427.35 Sq.m Machinery: Plastic processing extrusion machine along with standard accessories etc., Line of Activity: Mfg. of Multi (Three) Layer Blow Film.	a) 73.98 b) 39.43	a) 5.70 b) 5.00
				Bid Multiple Amount Rs 1.00 lakh	
				Date of Demand Notice: 05.08.2021	Date of Possession Notice: 17.05.2022

*With further interest and other expenses if any from 01.05.2026.
DATE & TIME OF E-AUCTION: The e-auction will take place through portal <https://www.bankauctions.in> on 27.07.2026 from 11.00 AM to 1.00 PM onwards with unlimited auto extension of 5 minutes time. Tenders will not be accepted for the sale of the machinery of any single unit individually and the tenders shall be invited and accepted only for the combined sale of machinery of all four units. The interested bidders are advised to go through the detailed Terms & Conditions of e-auction available on the Web Portals: <https://www.apsfc.ap.gov.in> and <https://www.bankauctions.in> before submitting their bids and taking part in the E-auction. Every Tenderer is deemed to have gone through and accepted the Terms and Conditions for sale. The EMD shall be payable through NEFT/RTGS in the following Account - 002311011000751, Union Bank of India, Veerabhadrapuram Branch, (IFSC Code: UBIN0806269).
LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF TENDER FORM ALONG WITH EMD ON 24.07.2026 ON OR BEFORE 5.00 P.M.
E-auction bid document containing e-auction Tender Form, Declaration, General Terms & Conditions of online auction sale are available in APSFC's website <https://www.apsfc.ap.gov.in> and <https://www.bankauctions.in>. For any further details/clarifications, prospective bidders may contact Branch Manager on Mobile No.9866310581.
Station : Rajamahendravaram Sd/- Senior Branch Manager, APSFC, Rajamahendravaram Branch. Date: 24.05.2026

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E AUCTION SALE NOTICE IN RESPECT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BELONGS TO:
MR./SMT. KHADER NIYAZ SHAIK, VID DOC NO. 5338/2023 OF S.R.O. KADAPA(R.O.)
E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules under Rule 9 (1) issued now after expiry of 30 days of the Intending sale Notice dated 17.12.2025. Since all of you have failed to exercise your right of redemption as contemplated under section 13 (8) of Act 54/2002 r/w Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, this notice for e-auction sale is issued. This is to inform the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, will be sold on in "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 25.06.2026 11.00 A.M. to 01.00 P.M. for recovery of dues of Rs.96,36,354/- as on 09.06.2025 with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from 10.06.2025 due to the Shriram Finance Limited, Secured Creditor as per Demand Notice dated 09.06.2025 issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantors) mentioned below.

Agreement No:CUDP2F2306010015: Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantors): I.N.N.TRADERS Proprietor Khader Niyaz Shaik, D.No:12/245, Potti Sreeramulu Street, Kadapa 2.Khader Niyaz Shaik, S/O Shaik Mohammed Yousef, D.No:9/566, Agadi Street, Kadapa 3. Shaik Mohammed Yousef, S/O.Shaik Rahamathu, D.No:9/566, Agadi Street, Kadapa 4. Tahir Baig Moghal, S/O. Shamsheer Baig, D.No:8/118-B, Savaijura, Kadapa

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY: Schedule-I as per Doc .No.207/2022: Y S R Kadapa District Kadapa Rural sub District, Kadapa City and Municipal Corporation Area, Gudur village accounts, circular D.No.464/1, an extent of Ac.0.63 cents (after gifting an extent of Ac.0.20 cents to Raj Vidya Kender) an extent of Ac.0.43 cents. Circular D.No.464/3 an extent of Ac. 0.41 cents, cents Circular D.No.465/1 an extent of Ac.0.47 cents and Circular D.No.455/2 an extent of Ac.0.14 cents out of Ac.0.28 cents, totaling an extent of Ac. 1.45 cents of land converted into house plots under a layout and in it plot bearing no.6 in an extent of Ac.0.01 cents and 721 sq.links or 0.007 hectares of vacant site, bounded on: East : 20 ft width Road; West: Land of others; North : Site in plot no.5; South : Site in plot no.7; Within these site admeasuring East to West 37.5 ft. or 11.43 mts and North to South 20 ft. or 6.10 mts comprising a total extent of Ac.0.01 cents and 721 sq.links or 83.29 sq.yards of vacant site along with right of way on Eastern side Road and all easementary rights. Reserve Price : 9,47,700/- EMD amount: 94,770/-

Schedule-II as per Doc.No.206/2022: Y S R Kadapa District, Kadapa Rural sub district, kadapa city and municipal corporation area, Gudur village accounts, circular D.No.464/1, an extent of Ac.0.63 cents(after gifting an extent of Ac.0.20 cents to Raj Vidya kender) an extent of Ac. 0.43 cents, Circular D.No.464/3 an extent of Ac.0.41 cents, Circular D.No.465/1 an extent of Ac.0.47 cents and circular D.No.465/2 an extent of Ac.0.14 cents out of Ac.0.28 cents, totaling an extent of Ac. 1.45 cents of land converted into house plots under a layout and in it plot bearing no. 15 in an extent of Ac.0.02 cents and 108 sq.links or 0.008 ½ hectares of vacant site , bounded or: East : Land of others; West: 20 ft width Road; North : Land of others; South : Site in PlotNo.14; Within these site admeasuring East to West on Northern side 39 ¼ ft. or 11.97 mts. East to West on Southern side 38 ½ ft. or 11.74 mts and North to South on Eastern side 20 ¾ ft. or 6.32 mts and North to South on Western side 26 ½ ft or 8.08 mts comprising a total extent of Ac. 0.02 cents and 108 sq. links or 102.02 sq.yards of vacant site along with right of way on western side Road and all easementary rights.

Reserve Price : Rs.10,93,500/- EMD amount:Rs. 1,09,350/-
Schedule-III as per Doc.No.9535/2022: Y S R Kadapa District, kadapa Rural sub District, kadapa city and municipal corporation area, Ramarajupalli village accounts, patta no.151, circular Dry D.No.116/1 a total extent of Ac.7.98 cents and in it an extent of Ac.2.40 cents of land converted into house plots under a layout called 'SRI RAMANAJANEVA NAGAR-2' and in it plot bearing No.43 in an extent of Ac.0.02 cents and 789 sq.links of site and in it constructed RCC building bearing Door No.76/231-43 with assessment No.1013098903, bounded on: East : Compound Wall; West: 30 ft. width Road; North : site in plot no.44; South : site in plot no.42; Within these site admeasuring East to West 40.6 ft or 12.38 mts and North to South 30 ft. or 9.15 mts comprising a total extent of Ac.0.02 cents and 789 sq.links or 135 sq.yards of site and in it constructed RCC building along with all fixtures and appurtenant site therein along with right of way on western side road and all easementary rights. Reserve Price : Rs.38,07,000/- EMD amount: Rs.3,80,700/- Encumbrances If any : NIL

Agreement No	Reserve Price Of the Property	EMD Amount	By Way Of Sub EMD	Bid Increase Amount	Auction Date	EMD Sub Date	Property Inspection Date
CUDP2F 2306010015	Item -I Rs. 9,47,700/- (Rupees Nine Lakhs Forty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Only) Item -II Rs.10,93,500/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Ninety Three Thousand Five Hundred Only) Item -III Rs.38,07,000/- (Rupees Thirty Eight Lakhs Seven Thousand Only)	Item -I:Rs. 94,770/- (Rupees Ninety Four Thousand Seven hundred and Seventy Only) Item -II:Rs.1,09,350/- (Rupees One Lakhs Nine Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Only) Item -III:Rs. 3,80,700/- (Rupees Three Lakhs Eighty Thousand Seven Hundred Only)	DD in favour of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD	Rs. 10,000/-	25.06.2026	23.06.2026	22.06.2026

The interested bidders required assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s. Shriram Automall India Limited contact person: Mr.Gaurav Nambodiri, Contact No.9833922941 Mr.Gaurav Nambodiri <gaurav.n(s)samil.in> and for any property related query may contact Shriram Finance Limited Authorized Officer, Mr.M.GANGADHARA.Ph No:9959463246 during office hours and working days. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids without furnishing any further reasons. The online auction will be conducted on website (<https://e.auctions.Samil.in/home>) of our auction agency Shriram Auto Mall India Limited, and for the place of Tender Submission/ for obtaining the bid form / Tender open & Auction, please visit the website <https://e.auctions.Samil.in/home> and for detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link <https://www.shriramfinance.in/auction> provided in the Shriram Finance Limited website. Note "It is informed that "SHIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Place : Kadapa, Dated :22.05.2026

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER, Shriram Finance Limited



B Balasubramanyam of Tirupati with the Biodiversity award

HANS NEWS SERVICE
TIRUPATI

PROMINENT environmentalist, photographer and adventure programme organiser Bandaru Balasubrahman- yam, popularly known as 'Trekking Balu,' has received the prestigious State Bio- diversity Award-2026 in the individual category.

The award was announced by Andhra Pradesh Biodiversity Board on the occasion of International Day for Biological Diversity observed on May 22. He was recognised for his outstanding contribution towards environmental protection, nature conservation and biodiversity awareness in the Seshachalam forests and Tirumala hill ranges.

For over three decades, Balu has played a key role in documenting biodiversity in Seshachalam forest region. His work includes identifying and reporting the presence of rare and endangered Golden Gecko species, discovering ancient rock art sites, and promoting environmental awareness among youth through 155 weeks of continuous 'Sunday Sunrise Treks'.

The State government honoured him for his services in environmental conservation and trekking route exploration carried out in coordination with the Andhra Pradesh Forest Department and local Yanadi tribal communities.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN on behalf of our client that we are investigating the title of land bearing Survey Numbers 111, 111/A, 112/1A, 112/2A, 112/3A, 112/4A, 112-1, 112-2, 112-3, 112-4 in all measuring 9 Acres 9 ½ Cents, situated in Ellutla also now as Yellutla Village, Gurramkonda Mandal, Annamayya District, Andhra Pradesh (Schedule Property), from its Owners, Mr. Poreddy Janardhan Reddy and Mr. Mallesu Madhusudan Reddy.

If any person, institution, bank or authority has any right, title, interest, claim, charge, lien, mortgage, tenancy, easement, inheritance, acquisition, attachment, litigation or any other encumbrance whatsoever over the Schedule Property or against the Owners, such person/ entity is requested to notify the undersigned in writing, together with supporting documents, within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which it shall be presumed that no such claims exist and the same, if any, shall be deemed to have been waived.

Schedule Property:
All that piece and parcel of agricultural lands bearing, SL No., Survey Number, Extent 1) 111 : Ac.0-13, 2) 111/A: Ac.0-13½, 3) 112/1A: Ac.2-22½, 4) 112/2A: Ac.0-09½, 5) 112/3A: Ac.1-35, 6) 112/4A: Ac.1-28, 7) 112-1: Ac.2-22½, 8) 112-2: Ac.0-09½, 9) 112-3: Ac.1-33, 10) 112-4: Ac.1-05. Totally measuring 9 Acres 9 ½ Cents, situated in Ellutla Village, Gurramkonda Mandal, Annamayya District and bounded on, East by Canal / Neighbouring lands, West by Neighbouring lands, North by Road / Neighbouring lands, South by Boundary lands.

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KAKINADA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

'e' PROCUREMENT TENDER NOTIFICATION
Roc No. 2424/2026/E2, Dated: 23.05.2026

Tenders invited through an e procurement platform for 68 works with an estimated cost value of Rs.9,63,43,608/- from the eligible contractors. Last date and time for downloading for 08 Works: Dt. 05-06-2026 upto 10-00 AM Last date and time for downloading for 60 Works: Dt.16-06-2026 upto 10-00 AM Tender Inviting Authority: Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Kakinada Mail: kkd_mplcorp@yahoo.com, Call Centre Phone: 0884-2357722 Further details can be seen at 'e' procurement market place @ www.eeprocurement.gov.in

Sd/- N.V.V.Satyanarayana, Commissioner (F.A.C.), Municipal Corporation, Kakinada

SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED

Regd Office: Sri Towers, Plot No.14A, South Phase, Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600 032, Website: <http://www.shriramfinance.in/> auction Office Address: D.No.42/107-1, Obul Reddy Complex, Apsara Circle, Jayanagar Colony, Kadapa-516002, and branch office at Rayachoty

E AUCTION SALE NOTICE IN RESPECT OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES BELONGS TO:

MR./SMT. MADANAPALLI VENKATA RAMANA, VID DOC NO. 6251/2023 OF S.R.O. RAYACHOTY(R.O.)

E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules under Rule 9 (1) issued now after expiry of 30 days of the Intending sale Notice dated 08-09-2025. Since all of you have failed to exercise your right of redemption as contemplated under section 13 (8) of Act 54/2002 r/w Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, this notice for e-auction sale is issued. This is to inform the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers...

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the the borrowers / guarantors/ mortgagors / co-applicants / co-borrowers that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured creditor, will be sold on in "As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" basis on 25.06.2026 11.00 A.M. to 01.00P.M. for recovery of dues of Rs.58,23,917/- as on 20.07.2024 with further interest, costs other charges and expenses thereon from 21.07.2024 due to the Shriram Finance Limited, Secured Creditor as per Demand Notice dated 20.07.2024 issued U/s 13(2) of SARFAESI Act, to the Borrower/Guarantors) mentioned below.

Agreement No: RAYCHTF2307310006: Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantors): 1.Venkataramana Madanapalli, S/O M Siddaiah , Odveti Vandapalli Vaddipalli, Sambepalli, Annamaiah Dist 2.Madanapalli Kavya Sree, W/O. Venkataramana Madanapalli, Odveti Vandapalli Vaddipalli Sambepalli, Annamaiah Dist 3.Dharmala Boosara, S/O. B.Chenna Reddanna, Suryanarayapuram, Kasireddygaripalli, Rayachoty, Annamaiah Dist.

Description of Immovable Property: (Property belongs to Mr./Smt. MADANAPALLI VENKATARAMANA , VID DOC NO. 6251/2023 OF S.R.O. RAYACHOTY(R.O.): Annamaiah District erstwhile Kadapa District, Rayachoty Sub District Rayachoty Town and Municipality, Rayachoty Village Accounts, Sy.No.472/1 an extent of Ac. 2.03 cents and Sy.No.472/2 an extent of Ac.2.18 cents totaling an extent of Ac.4.21 cents and in it extent of Ac. 1.87 cents and in it an extent of 335 sq.yards and in it an extent of 168.16 sq.yards bearing plot no.66, bounded on: East : 25 ft width road; West : Site of plot no 29; North : Site of plot no 67; South : Site of plot no 65 ; Within these site admeasuring east to west on northern side 50.6 ft or 16.42 mts, east to west on southern side 50.3 ft or 15.33 mts and north to south both sides 30 ft or 9.144 mts comprising a total extent of 168.16 sq yards of vacant site only. Encumbrances If any : NIL

Agreement No	Reserve Price Of the Property	EMD Amount	By Way Of Sub EMD	Bid Increase Amount	Auction Date	EMD Sub Date	Property Inspection Date
RAYCHTF 2307310006	Rs. 25,83,900/- (Twenty Five Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Rupees Only)	Rs. 2,58,390/- (Two Lakhs Fifty Eight Thousand Three Hundred and Ninety Rupees Only)	DD in favour of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD	Rs.25000/-	25.06.2026	23.06.2026	22.06.2026

The interested bidders required assistance in creating login ID & Password, uploading data, submitting bid, training on e-bidding process etc., may contact M/s. Shriram Automall India Limited contact person: Mr.Gaurav Nambodiri, Contact No.9833922941 Mr.Gaurav Nambodiri <gaurav.n(s)samil.in> and for any property related query may contact Shriram Finance Limited Authorized Officer, Mr.M.GANGADHARA.Ph No:9959463246 during office hours and working days. The Authorised Officer reserves the right to reject any or all bids without furnishing any further reasons. The online auction will be conducted on website (<https://e.auctions.Samil.in/home>) of our auction agency Shriram Auto Mall India Limited, and for the place of Tender Submission/ for obtaining the bid form / Tender open & Auction, please visit the website <https://e.auctions.Samil.in/home> and for detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer to the link <https://www.shriramfinance.in/auction> provided in the Shriram Finance Limited website. Note "It is informed that "SHIRAM CITY UNION FINANCE LIMITED" has been amalgamated with "SHIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" as per order of NCLT, Chennai. Subsequently the name of "SHIRAM TRANSPORT FINANCE LIMITED" was changed as "SHIRAM FINANCE LIMITED" with effect from 30.11.2022 vide Certificate of Incorporation pursuant to change of name dated 30-11-2022."

Place : Kadapa, Dated : 23.05.2026

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER, Shriram Finance Limited

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MR./SMT MOHAMMAD FARUK KHAN SARVANI, VID DOC NO. 10288/2021 OF S.R.O. KADAPA(R.O.)

E Auction Sale Notice for sale of the Immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstructions of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 9(1) & (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

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Agreement No: CUDP4TF212310001: Name and address of the Borrower/Guarantors): 1. Mohammad Faruk Khan Sarvani, S/O.Mohammed Ibrahim Khan Sarvani D.No:8/1032-3, 2nd Floor, Saipeta, Kadapa, Kadapa Dist, 2. Riyazuddin Shaik, S/O.Akula Shaik Peeran Saheb ,D.No: 15/468-1, Habebulla Street,Kadapa, Kadapa Dist. 3.Shafiq Khan Sarvani, W/O.Mohammed Faruk Khan Sarvani,D.No:8/1032-3 2nd Floor Saipeta, Kadapa,Kadapa Dist

Description of Immovable Property: (Property belongs to Mr./Smt MOHAMMAD FARUK KHAN SARVANI, VID DOC NO. 10288/2021 OF S.R.O. KADAPA(R.O.): Y.S.R Kadapa District, Kadapa Registration District, Kadapa Urban Sub District, Kadapa Municipal Corporation area, Akkayapalli, Nabikota Interior Area, Circular Dry, S.No.3/1A1 an extent of Ac.0.02 cents and in it constructed Madras terraced building bearing old Door No.3/54, New Door No.5/137, Municipal Corporation Door No.60/138 with Assessment No.1013055535 and vacant site, bounded on: East : Road West :Road, North : Site of Murthuja South : House of Akbarali. Within these site admeasuring East to West 29 1/2 ft. or 8.99 mts and North to South 14ft. or 4.27 mts comprising a total extent of 45.88 sq.yards or 948 sq.links of site and towards its Western side vacant site admeasuring East to West 31 ft. or 9.45 mts, and North to South 20 ft. or 6.10 mts comprising a total extent of 68.88 sq.yards or Ac.0.01 cents and 423 sq. links and in it constructed Madras terraced building admeasuring East to West 31 ft. or 9.45 mts, and North to South 20 ft. or 6.10 mts comprising a total extent of 620 sq. ft. along with all fixtures and appurtenant site therein. comprising a total extent of 114.76 sq. yards of Ac.0.02 cents and 371 sq. links of site along with right of way and all easementary rights. ... Encumbrances If any : NIL

Agreement No	Reserve Price Of the Property	EMD Amount	By Way Of Sub EMD	Bid Increase Amount	Auction Date	EMD Sub Date	Property Inspection Date
CUDP4TF 212310001	Rs. 23,89,500/- (Twenty Three Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Rupees Only)	Rs. 2,38,950/- (Two Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Rupees Only)	DD in favour of SHIRAM FINANCE LTD	Rs.25000/-	25.06.2026	23.06.2026	22.06.2026

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Place : Kadapa, Dated : 23.05.2026

Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER, Shriram

Record pilgrim influx leaves Tirumala packed during vacation season

- Accommodation shortage forced pilgrims to rest in open areas
- 87,689 devotees had darshan on Friday, the highest ever Friday turnout
- Around 5,850 devotees witnessed the sacred Abhisheka Seva ritual



Devotees going for darshan of Lord Venkateswara inside the temple complex in Tirumala

AMID an unprecedented surge in pilgrim footfall during the ongoing summer vacation season, Tirumala witnessed severe crowding on Saturday with devotees enduring long hours of wait for darshan of Lord Venkateswara.

The queue lines at the hill shrine extended up to Silathoranam holding area on the outer ring road, with

pilgrims reportedly waiting nearly 24 hours for darshan. Thousands of devotees from different parts of the country continued to pour into the temple town, leading to heavy congestion across queue complexes, holding points and accommodation centres.

The massive influx over the last two days placed considerable strain on civic ameni-

ties and crowd management systems in Tirumala. With rooms and cottages running full, several pilgrims were seen resting in open spaces, roadside areas and waiting halls. Elderly devotees and children faced particular difficulty as overcrowded queue routes and humid weather conditions added to their discomfort.

Temple authorities said

Friday recorded one of the highest pilgrim turnouts in the history of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, with 87,689 devotees having darshan of Lord Venkateswara — the highest-ever footfall registered on a Friday. Further, around 5,850 common pilgrims were facilitated for darshan during the sacred Abhisheka Seva ritual of the presiding deity with which

the dream of once in a lifetime ambition of thousands of common devotees fulfilled.

Despite the extraordinary rush, officials stated that all departments were functioning in coordination to minimise inconvenience to devotees. Special teams of Srivari Sevaks and vigilance personnel were deployed at strategic points to regulate queues, distribute drinking water and annaprasadam, and assist pilgrims throughout the waiting lines. Authorities said elaborate arrangements were being made under the directions of higher officials to ensure smooth darshan and uninterrupted essential services during the peak vacation period.

A brief spell of rain during the morning caused temporary inconvenience to devotees waiting in open areas. However, the weather later turned comparatively pleasant, bringing relief from the intense summer heat experienced in Tirumala over the past few days.

Police conduct mega counselling drive

VANI MALLELA
TIRUPATI

IN a firm demonstration of law-and-order commitment, Tirupati district police organised a large-scale counselling programme for accused persons and petty offenders on Saturday.

The event, held at the police parade ground under the supervision of district Superintendent of Police L Subba Rayudu, saw the participation of around 451 individuals, including those listed in rowdy sheets, drug offenders, theft suspects, and accused in POCSO cases.

Addressing the gathering, SP L Subba Rayudu emphasised zero tolerance towards rowdiness, drug-related crimes, and offences against women and children. "Tirupati is a sacred place. We will not allow anyone to create fear among the public or tarnish its reputation," he said. He warned that once a rowdy sheet is opened, police will closely monitor every activity. Repeat offenders

Warns repeat offenders of strict action



SP L Subba Rayudu speaking at a counselling programme in Tirupati on Saturday

will face stringent measures, including invocation of the PD Act and city externment. He assured that police would fully support those willing to reform but would deal firmly with anyone disturbing public peace.

Officials also demonstrated a modern urine-testing technique capable of detecting drug consumption within five minutes and tracing usage history up to 30 days.

Positive results will be used to trace and dismantle drug supply networks.

So far, the district has registered 257 NDPS cases and 184 POCSO cases. Thirteen rowdy-sheet individuals and 15 drug suppliers have already been booked under the PD Act and sent to jail.

Additional SPs Venkata Rao, Ravi Manoharachi, Srinivas, and Srinivas Rao were present.



Call for active campaigns to defend democracy

TIRUPATI: The 23rd State convention of Abhyudaya Writers' Association (Arasam) began in here on Saturday, calling for united progressive movements to stop rising fascist forces. Speaking on the occasion, Dr Katyayani Vidmahe, national coordinator of the platform for democratic writers, opened the session and said Arasam formed to strengthen communist ideas against fascism. She urged progressive and left-wing groups to set aside separate agendas and build unity to protect democracy.

Speakers criticised growing communalism, attacks on dissenters, and legal cases against writers and warned inequality and corruption were rising and called for active campaigns to defend democracy before elections. They noted dangerous fragmentation of writers' groups along caste and religion lines, praised writers' role in raising public awareness and pledged support for student and labour movements.

Call to make Mahanadu a grand success

NELLORE: Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy has called upon TDP leaders, cadre and supporters to actively participate in the upcoming Mahanadu and make it a grand success. Addressing a preparatory meeting with party workers from Atmakur Assembly constituency on Saturday, Anam described Mahanadu as 'a festival of the party and a celebration close to the hearts of every TDP worker.'

He said the party is setting up over 1,850 centres across the State using modern technology. In Atmakur constituency, 11 special cluster centres have been established covering one municipality and six mandals. Participants will watch live addresses of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh on LED screens. Anam expressed confidence that the event will be celebrated festively across the constituency.

YSRCP demands CBI probe on DSC-2025

NELLORE: YSRCP MLC Parvathareddy Chandrasekhar Reddy has alleged large-scale irregularities in DSC-2025 teacher recruitment and demanded a CBI probe into the entire selection process.

Addressing a press conference at his office in Nellore on Saturday, the MLC claimed serious violations occurred at every stage — from notification to final appointments. He alleged that teaching posts were allegedly sold for up to Rs 15 lakh each, raising serious doubts over transparency and merit. He expressed suspicion over the release of the merit list without the first rank and its subsequent removal from the official website.

Chandrasekhar Reddy questioned why the top-ranked candidate was not offered a job, stating that any removal due to irregularities would amount to an admission of malpractice. He also pointed out that appointments under the sports quota were made without candidates possessing mandatory B Ed and TET qualifications, violating recruitment norms. The YSRCP leader said nearly 3.5 lakh teacher aspirants were betrayed and assured that a future YSRCP government would deliver justice.

MLA distributes CMRF cheques

KOVUR: Kovur MLA Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to the beneficiaries at VPR office in Nellore on Saturday. She said that since the coalition government came to power, 24 installments of CMRF cheques have been distributed in Kovur constituency, benefitting 900 people with about Rs 9 crore.



Sri Govindaraja Swamy Brahmotsavams commence

HANS NEWS SERVICE
TIRUPATI

THE annual Brahmotsavams of Sri Govindaraja Swamy began grandly on Saturday with the sacred Dhvajorohanam performed in Mithuna Lagnam amid Vedic chants and Govinda namasrana. The Garuda flag was ceremoni-

ously hoisted atop Dwajasthanbam between 7:35 am and 8:49 am, marking the start of the nine-day festival.

Earlier, Sri Govindaraja Swamy along with His Consorts Sridevi and Bhudevi, accompanied by Chakrathalwar and parivara deities, blessed devotees during a ceremonial procession

through the four mada streets.

Special rituals including Vishwakshena Aradhana, Vasu Homam, Garuda Homam, and Snapana Tirumanjanam were performed with devotional fervour.

Unjal Seva and Pedda Sesha Vahana Seva were held in the evening.

Follow guidelines for cattle, livestock transportation: SP

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NELLORE

DISTRICT Superintendent of Police Dr Ajitha Vejedda has warned of initiating legal action against those responsible for human transportation of cattle and livestock.

In a statement released on Saturday, the SP said that cattle, buffaloes, goats, sheep and other livestock are frequently transported for agricultural, commercial and personal purposes. She

stated that as per guidelines, transporters must carry valid documents related to ownership and transportation, provide adequate space, food and water for animals during transit, and ensure compliance with the provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (PCA) Act. Necessary health certificates and permissions from Food Safety and Standards Authority of India and other competent departments wherever applicable, should also be

obtained, she added. The SP cautioned that animals should not be transported in overcrowded vehicles or under conditions that cause suffering and sick, injured or weak animals should not be moved.

The SP urged public to report any incidents of cruelty to animals or illegal transportation to the nearest police station, revenue officials or municipal authorities so that prompt action can be taken.

Public participation key to success of OCS: Collector

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NELLORE

DISTRICT Collector Himanshu Shukla has called upon citizens and voluntary organisations to actively participate in the State government's 'Operation Clean Sweep' (OCS) campaign, emphasising that only collective public awareness and involvement can help create cleaner, greener and healthier urban environments.

The Collector along with Nellore City Mayor Deverakonda Sujatha, NMC Commissioner YO Nandan and other officials participating in Operation Clean Sweep programme at AC Stadium in Nellore on Saturday

Collector Shukla has stressed the need of active public participation to main-



District Collector Himanshu Shukla, City Mayor Deverakonda Sujatha, NMC Commissioner YO Nandan and other officials participating in Operation Clean Sweep programme at AC Stadium in Nellore on Saturday

tain the city clean. He disclosed that the programme will be conducted in all 123 municipalities across the State from May 22 to June 20, under Swamandhra - Swachh Andhra. He explained that every week the programme

would focus on specific themes, including elimination of red and yellow garbage hotspots, cleaning of major roads, drains and canals, waste segregation at source, and improving the maintenance of public toilets.

Harvest only ripe mangoes, Collector tells farmers

HANS NEWS SERVICE

TIRUPATI: District Collector Dr S Venkateswar urged farmers to harvest only fully ripened mangoes and avoid rushing into large-scale harvesting. He reviewed the mango crop situation virtually with horticulture department officials on Saturday. The meeting focused on the current condition of mango orchards, market prices of Totapuri mangoes and rates of table varieties such as Benisha and Khadar. The Collector said all mango processing units in the district would begin operations after May 25. He advised farmers to take up harvesting in phases so that market prices remain stable. Horticulture officials were directed to regularly visit processing units and ensure that farmers receive fair prices for their produce. They were instructed to create awareness among farmers about staggered harvesting. The Collector said phased harvesting of ripe fruits, instead of harvesting all at once, would help maintain stable prices in the market and improve returns for farmers.

MLA calls for public participation in 'Operation Clean Sweep'

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TIRUPATI

City MLA Arani Srinivasulu urged residents to join hands in keeping the city clean, after launching 'Operation Clean Sweep' campaign here on Saturday. Along with Deputy Commissioner Amaraiah, Greenery and Beautification Chairperson Sugunamma, Yadav Corporation Chairman Narasimha Yadav, Gangamma Thalli Temple Chairman Mahesh Yadav, Nayeey Brahmin Corporation Chairman Rudrakoti Sadashivam, SC Corporation Director Kumaramma, Reddy Corporation Director Karate Chandra and sanitation workers, the MLA cleaned fish market and its surrounding areas.

MLA Srinivasulu said Operation Clean Sweep will run across all municipalities and

corporations in the State until June 22. The four-week campaign will focus on a different theme each week, with the goal of thoroughly cleaning the city.

He appealed to voluntary organisations and citizens to take part in large numbers. He noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised cleanliness of surroundings as part of Swachh Survekshan drive. He also said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, are conducting programmes every third Saturday under initiatives like Swarna Andhra and Swachh Andhra to keep towns and panchayats clean.

SE Syam Sunder; MEs Thulasi Kumar, Gomati, Health Officer Dr Yuva Anvesh Reddy, DCP Devi Kumari were present.

Bike hit by car, two youth die in mishap

HANS NEWS SERVICE
TIRUPATI

A road accident involving a motorcycle and two cars on national highway near Ralla Kalava in Narayanavanam mandal of Tirupati district claimed the lives of two teenagers and left another seriously injured on Saturday.

The deceased were identified as Yuvaraj (17) and Yuvaraju (18), residents of Govindappanaidu Kandriga village. Their friend Uday sustained serious injuries and is undergoing treatment at a nearby hospital.

Police said the three friends had travelled to Singiri Kona on a motorcycle on Saturday afternoon. While returning to their village, a car heading from Puttur towards Nagalapuram allegedly rammed into their bike near Ralla Kalava. The collision threw the youths onto the road. Moments later, another car travelling from Nagalapuram towards Tirupati reportedly ran over them, worsening the impact of the accident.

Yuvaraj and Yuvaraju died on the spot, while locals and police shifted the injured Uday to hospital for emergency treatment. On receiving information, police rushed to the scene, cleared the traffic and began an investigation into the accident.

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Focus on preventive healthcare drives Sanjeevani expansion

- Govt sanctioned Rs 162 cr for deployment of 904 mobile medical units in remote and rural areas
- Target set to conduct health screenings for 56.40 lakh people within a year
- Digital Health Profiles to store prescriptions, diagnostic reports, medical history and follow-up details



Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu looking at the Sanjeevani project details in Yadamari of Chittoor district on Saturday

agement system. The programme combines doorstep screenings, digital health records, specialist consultations and artificial intelligence-based health advisories to provide continuous healthcare monitoring, particularly for people suffering from chronic and lifestyle-related diseases.

During the pilot phase in Kuppam, more than 80,000 residents were enrolled under the programme and over 70,000 medical tests were conducted. Following the response received during the trial phase, the government decided to extend the initiative across the state.

A major feature of the programme is the creation of Digital Health Profiles for every registered person. These profiles will contain prescriptions, diagnostic reports, medical history and follow-up details in digital format. Doctors will be able to access patient records from anywhere in the state, helping reduce repeated tests and improving treatment accuracy.

The project has been developed with support from

the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and Tata Consultancy Services. A centralised Digital Nerve Centre has also been established to integrate health data collected from Primary Health Centres, village clinics and hospitals.

Under the programme, 42 different medical tests will be conducted covering major health concerns including diabetes, hypertension, cardiac ailments, kidney disorders, respiratory diseases, cancers and maternal and child health issues. Health experts believe the initiative can strengthen preventive healthcare services and reduce pressure on tertiary hospitals through early detection and continuous monitoring.

Officials said screenings would be conducted through village and ward secretariats to improve access to healthcare services in both rural and urban areas. Artificial intelligence tools integrated into the system will generate health scores, issue reminders for follow-up consultations and support preventive care measures.

Op 'Clean Sweep' launched in municipalities across AP



Municipal administration and urban development minister P Narayana, Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao and others join sanitation workers in sweeping roads during the launch of 'Operation Clean Sweep' in Vijayawada on Saturday

- Four-week sanitation drive aims to make urban local bodies clean and dump yard-free
- Minister Narayana joins sanitation workers, launches awareness campaign in Vijayawada
- Govt targets waste processing, waste-to-energy expansion and cleaner urban infrastructure

B Anil Kumar Reddy, municipal commissioner H M Dhyanchandra and campaign brand ambassador Dr G Samaram.

As part of the programme, the minister joined sanitation workers in sweeping roads, painted road dividers, planted saplings and later shared breakfast with the public at an Anna canteen.

Addressing the gathering, Narayana said the state government was implementing the special Swachh Andhra campaign to make state clean and free from dump yards. He said the first week of the campaign would focus on cleaning roads and public places, while the second week would involve drain-cleaning activities with public participation. The third week would create awareness on waste segregation at households and commercial establishments, and the final week would focus on maintaining cleanliness in public toilets.

The minister said Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu had launched the Swachh Andhra initiative in Machilipatnam on October 2, 2024, with the objective of encouraging public participation in sanitation activities. He added that the Chief Minister has been personally reviewing the programme by visiting one district every three days.

Narayana said out of nearly 153 lakh tonnes of legacy waste left unattended earlier, around 85 lakh tonnes of above-ground garbage had already been cleared in record time under the directions of the

Chief Minister. He said the remaining underground waste would also be removed by the end of June.

The minister further said the government was giving priority to waste-to-energy projects. While plants in Visakhapatnam and Guntur are already operational, six more projects are under various stages of construction and are expected to become operational within the next two years.

Swachh Andhra Corporation chairman K Pattabhiram said the government was striving to make the state a national model in sanitation through people's participation. He said steps were being taken to establish eight waste-to-energy plants and 107 waste processing centres across the State. He also noted that 2,000 electric vehicles had been deployed for door-to-door garbage collection.

Municipal administration principal secretary S Suresh Kumar said Swachh Andhra would play a key role in achieving the vision of Swarna Andhra. He appealed to citizens to treat urban cleanliness as a collective responsibility and avoid dumping waste on roads and in drains.

MLA Umamaheswara Rao called upon traders, educational institutions, self-help groups, NGOs and youth to actively participate in sanitation activities and contribute towards building a clean Andhra Pradesh.

Several NGOs, terrace garden groups, resident welfare associations, sanitation workers and citizens participated in the programme.

Govt aiming for clean Godavari Pushkaralu, says Durgesh

- Tourism minister says the govt is committed to conducting the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in a completely pollution-free environment
- Dy CM Pawan Kalyan will inspect ghats from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala revu and review pollution-clearance measures in the Nalla channel during his Rajamahendravaram visit on May 25



Tourism minister Kandula Durgesh reviewing arrangements for the Deputy CM's visit in Rajamahendravaram on Saturday

Tourism, culture and cinematography minister Kandula Durgesh said the state government aims to conduct the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu in a completely pollution-free environment.

On Saturday, the minister, along with district collector Kirti Chekuri, joint collector Y Megha Swaroop, district SP D Narasimha Kishore and municipal commissioner Rahul Meena, inspected Pushkar Ghat to review arrangements ahead of Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan's visit.

Speaking to the media, Durgesh said senior offi-

cial reviewed preparations for the Deputy Chief Minister's visit to Rajamahendravaram on May 25. He said Pawan Kalyan is laying special focus to pollution control in the Godavari basin and measures needed for the smooth conduct of the Pushkaralu.

The Deputy Chief Minister is scheduled to arrive in Rajamahendravaram on Sunday night. On Monday morning, he will travel by boat from Pushkar Ghat to Kotilingala revu to inspect various ghats.

He will also review measures to clear pollution and clean the Nalla channel.

A review meeting on Godavari Pushkaralu arrange-

ments will later be held at the Rajamahendravaram Municipal Corporation office under the chairmanship of the district collector.

Durgesh said that although the Godavari is a sacred river, it is facing a serious pollution problem. He said timely action and proper planning could help ensure clean and hygienic Pushkaralu for pilgrims.

The minister directed all departments to make effective use of the coming year, work in coordination and prepare a comprehensive action plan for pollution-free Pushkaralu. Senior officials from various departments participated in the inspection.

TDP, BJP hit back at Jagan over 'politics of violence'



Finance minister Payyavula Keshav and BJP MP C M Ramesh speaking to the media in Vijayawada on Saturday

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FINANCE minister Payyavula Keshav and BJP MP C M Ramesh launched a sharp counterattack against YSRCP chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday, accusing the YS family of institutionalising faction and violence-based politics in Andhra Pradesh.

Addressing reporters along with Ramesh in Vijayawada, Keshav alleged that factional politics and the criminalisation of political culture in the state originated under the YS family. He asserted that the YS family were "the accused, not the victims," and accused Jagan of attempting to rewrite political history through emotional narratives.

The minister alleged that

political intimidation, violent factionalism and misuse of influence had become entrenched in parts of Rayalaseema during the era of Y S Raja Reddy. He claimed the TDP was considering compiling and publishing incidents linked to faction violence in Pulivendula politics.

Keshav accused the YSRCP of weakening institutions, damaging industrial growth and disrupting projects during its tenure. He said the "axe image" associated with the YSRCP had gained public traction because of the party's political conduct over the years.

BJP MP Ramesh alleged that Jagan was attempting to project himself as a victim in order to divert attention from the murder case of former minister Y S Vivekananda Reddy.

AP fast-tracks electric bus push across 11 cities



Special chief secretary to Chief Minister K Vijayanand chairs a virtual review meeting on PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme infrastructure works at Vidut Soudha in Vijayawada on Saturday

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ANDHRA Pradesh is stepping up efforts to strengthen electric mobility infrastructure under the Centre's PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, with the state aiming to emerge as a model for green public transportation, according to special chief secretary to the Chief Minister K Vijayanand.

Chairing a virtual review meeting at Vidut Soudha here on Saturday, along with AP-SRTC In-charge vice-chairman and managing director M T Krishna Babu, Vijayanand reviewed progress in electricity infrastructure and charging facilities being developed for electric buses under the scheme. He said the initiative would significantly improve sustainable urban transport systems while supporting environmental protection and modernising public transport in the state. The government led by Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu is according priority to green mobility and clean energy initiatives, he added. Under Tender-II of the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, the Union ministry of housing and urban affairs has sanctioned 750 electric buses

of Andhra Pradesh, covering 11 cities and 12 depots. Tirupati has also received a special allocation of 300 electric buses under CESL Tender-III. Of the 750 buses, 621 are 12-metre buses and 129 are 9-metre buses. They will operate in Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada, Guntur, Nellore, Kurnool, Kakinada, Rajamahendravaram, Kadapa, Amaravati, Tirupati and Anantapur.

Vijayanand said the government is simultaneously creating Behind-the-Meter (BTM) charging infrastructure across depots to ensure uninterrupted bus operations. The Central Sanctioning and Steering Committee approved financial assistance of Rs 79.98 crore against a total project cost of Rs 89.99 crore for high-tension power connectivity, charging stations and electrical infrastructure works. He said substantial progress had been made in coordination with APTransco and discoms, while the Centre released Rs 17.86 crore for BTM infrastructure development in Simhapuri, Gajuwaka, Kakinada, Kurnool and Anantapur regions. The tender process for low-tension infrastructure at all 12 depots has been completed and Letters of Acceptance were issued on May 5.

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Pemmasani takes part in Rozgar Mela

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UNION Minister of State for Rural Development and Communications, Dr Pemmasani Chandrasekhar stated that employment generation in government has been an ongoing process, but the Prime Minister's direct monitoring and continuous reforms to ensure transparency and efficiency in recruitment are noteworthy. He addressed newly appointed employees and highlighted the importance of transparent and systematic recruitment in the Central Government. As part of the nationwide Prime Minister's Rozgar Mela programme, he participated as the chief guest at a programme held at the Railway Bhavan here on Saturday. Addressing the nationwide Rozgar Mela virtually, Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi interacted with newly recruited employees, youth, and citizens across various regions of the country.



Ayurveda and yoga restore balance

ASKARI JAFFER

In an age dominated by stress, overstimulation, and lifestyle disorders, yoga expert, speaker, and author Anita Dua believes the world is gradually returning to an ancient truth — wellness cannot exist in fragments. For her, true health is the harmony of body, mind, and spirit, a balance that both Ayurveda and Yoga have advocated for centuries.

With over three decades of experience practising and teaching Yoga, Anita Dua has emerged as a strong voice for integrating traditional wisdom into modern life. A disciple of legendary yogacharya B K S Iyengar, she trained at the prestigious Ramamani Iyengar Memorial Yoga Institute in the early 1990s. Her work today combines the therapeutic precision of Iyengar Yoga with the holistic principles of Ayurveda, encouraging people to rethink wellness beyond temporary fixes and fitness trends.

Her latest book, 'Power of Ayurveda and Yoga,' comes at a time when conversations around mental health, preventive healthcare, mindfulness, and holistic living are finding greater relevance across generations. According to Anita, the inspiration behind the book emerged from both personal experience and years of observing how disconnected people have become from their own natural rhythms.

"My yoga and pranayama practice of more than three decades has led me to a medicine-free life with a tranquil mind most of the time," she says. "It proves that Yoga and Ayurvedic practices are not merely wellness tools — they are complete, time-tested systems of healthy living."

For Anita, one of the greatest misconceptions surrounding these disciplines is the tendency to separate them. Yoga, she says, is often reduced to physical exercise, while Ayurveda is seen merely as herbal medicine. In reality, the two sciences complement one another deeply.

"Ayurveda is the science of life and longevity, while Yoga is the science of the

Yoga expert and author Anita Dua believes Ayurveda and Yoga are not separate wellness practices but deeply connected sciences of balanced living. In a fast-paced, overstimulated world, she advocates returning to natural rhythms, mindful discipline, and holistic healing for lasting well-being



mind," she explains. "One prepares the body and lifestyle for balance, while the other steadies consciousness and emotional well-being."

Drawing from the teachings of Sage Patanjali, Anita frequently refers to the Yoga Sutras to explain how Yoga was always intended to go far beyond physical postures.

Yogah citta-vritti-nirodhah

The sutra, she explains, describes Yoga as the calming of the fluctuations of the mind. According to Anita, the real transformation brought by Yoga and pranayama is gradual but deeply transformative. Better immunity, emotional stability, improved digestion, and mental clarity are simply natural outcomes of consistent practice.

"These are not quick-fix solutions. They require patience, discipline, and persistence," she says.

Anita also believes the

growing interest in Ayurveda and Yoga among younger audiences reflects a larger cultural shift, particularly after the pandemic. Increasingly, people are becoming aware of the importance of sleep, digestion, emotional balance, and daily routine.

"There is a visible shift towards natural living," she says. "Young people today are more conscious about gut health, mindfulness, and reconnecting with nature."

She points out that Ayurveda has always emphasized rhythm — waking early, eating meals at regular times, spending time outdoors, and maintaining balance between activity and rest. These practices, she believes, are becoming increasingly relevant in a world driven by speed and constant stimulation. One of the central themes in her book is the Ayurvedic understanding of disease as Prajnaparadha, or "a mistake of the intellect."

Anita believes the concept



Anita Dua

perfectly describes modern lifestyles.

"We know what is unhealthy, yet we continue doing it. We sleep late scrolling through screens, eat irregularly, live under constant stress, and disconnect ourselves from nature," she says.

According to Ayurveda, these repeated choices disturb the body's balance, particularly Vata dosha, which governs the nervous system and mental activity. Over time, this imbalance manifests as anxiety, fatigue, digestive disorders, sleep disturbances, and chronic disease.

For Anita, healing begins not through extreme changes, but through conscious awareness and discipline. "To wake up with the sun, eat mindfully, breathe deeply, move consciously, and create moments of silence — this is where healing begins," she says.

Discipline, she believes, is where most people struggle today. Modern life constantly encourages distraction, overstimulation, and instant gratification, making consistency difficult even when awareness exists.

"We already know what creates imbalance. The real challenge is maintaining discipline in everyday

life," Anita explains. Yet she insists transformation does not require dramatic lifestyle overhauls. Small, sustainable practices — a few minutes of pranayama, timely meals, reducing screen exposure before sleep, spending time in nature — can gradually restore equilibrium.

"Yoga and Ayurveda are not asking us to withdraw from modern life. They are teaching us how to remain centred within it," she says.

At the heart of Anita Dua's philosophy is the belief that balance is humanity's natural state. The body, mind, and emotions are designed to function in harmony, but modern lifestyles continuously pull individuals away from that alignment.

"Either we consciously slow down and reconnect with nature's rhythm or eventually nature forces us to slow down through disease," she says.

In many ways, 'Power of Ayurveda and Yoga' is not simply a book about wellness practices. It is an invitation to return to simplicity, rhythm, and self-awareness — ancient principles that Anita Dua believes may hold the answers to many of modern life's deepest struggles.

Cruelty-free haircare: The rising demand for natural henna creams



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Hair colouring decisions used to be fairly simple for most people. If the shade looked good and covered greys properly, that was enough. Very few consumers paid attention to ingredient lists or thought much about how frequently those products were being used. That has slowly started changing.

When the use of a particular product becomes routine, certain things start coming to light, such as irritation of the scalp or dryness of the hair after prolonged usage. This rising consciousness about choices related to daily haircare practices is one reason why natural henna creams are gaining more room within contemporary hair care regimes.

Cruelty-Free Beauty Is Becoming More Visible

Cruelty-free beauty is no longer something associated only with niche or alternative beauty spaces. People nowadays are much more conscious about how the products are manufactured, the testing methods used to produce those products, and the philosophy behind the brand itself.

Natural henna hair creams that combine Ayurveda with the biome of Brazilian plants blend naturally into this shift because they are rooted in plant-based ingredients and gentler-feeling haircare routines. Ingredients such as henna, aloe vera, hibiscus, and amla already feel familiar to many consumers looking for more balanced beauty choices.

The addition of Brazilian botanical ingredients like guarana, açai, Brazilian nuts, and babassu oil further strengthens this combination by bringing together traditional Ayurvedic knowledge with the richness of Brazil's natural biodiversity. These ingredients are increasingly associated with nourishment, scalp comfort, hydration, and softer-feeling hair, making them appealing for consumers seeking more mindful and long-term haircare solutions.

For most people, these changes are gradual. They are



not trying to build perfect routines overnight. They simply want products that feel better suited for long-term use.

People Are Getting Tired of Overly Harsh Haircare

A lot of consumers who colour their hair regularly eventually notice small changes. Hair starts feeling rougher than before. The scalp becomes uncomfortable more easily. Even washing routines begin feeling different after repeated colouring sessions. That experience is pushing many people towards gentler options.

Henna creams are increasingly becoming part of those conversations because they feel easier to include within long-term routines. Cream formats, especially, appeal to consumers who want convenience along with softer-feeling haircare. Conventional henna powder takes more effort to prepare, unlike creams, which are quicker and easier to use.

There is also familiarity attached to plant-based ingredients now. Henna, aloe vera, hibiscus, amla, and coconut-derived ingredients are no longer viewed as old-fashioned ingredients sitting quietly in traditional beauty spaces. They have become part of modern haircare discussions too.

Consumers today often prefer products that feel balanced rather than extremely aggressive. That does not mean they expect natural products to completely transform their hair overnight. Most people are simply looking for routines that feel easier to maintain

consistently.

Ingredient Awareness Is Quietly Changing the Industry

One interesting shift happening across beauty categories is how carefully consumers now read ingredient labels. Earlier, most people ignored formulation details unless they had severe scalp sensitivity. Today, ingredient awareness has become much more common. This is especially true for products people use again and again over long periods of time.

Many consumers now actively look for brands with formulations that avoid ammonia and related chemicals such as ethanalamine, diethanolamine, and triethanolamine, which are often associated with faster and stronger colour processing. Many brands are also becoming more selective about their ingredient choices, avoiding large numbers of substances that do not fit within their overall formulation approach.

What is interesting is that this shift often comes from experience more than trends. People notice when their scalp feels irritated repeatedly. They notice when hair starts feeling excessively dry after regular colouring. Eventually, those experiences influence purchasing decisions.

Haircare today feels less rushed than before. Consumers still want good colour results, of course, but they are thinking more carefully about what comes with those results too.

(The writer is a founder & CEO of Surya Brasil)

Shivaleeka Oberoi documents her pregnancy journey: '9 months in a blink of an eye'

Actress Shivaleeka Oberoi, who welcomed her first bundle of joy in April, shared a glimpse into her pregnancy journey through a heartfelt video montage.

Shivaleeka shared a video, which began with the words "Growing my greatest love." The clip captured her baby bump's evolution from five weeks to 38 weeks.

The video then showed her bump slowly growing as she documented her pregnancy journey with text overlays that read: "5 weeks, 8 weeks, 11 weeks, 20 weeks, 28 weeks, 38 weeks."

She captioned the clip: "9 months in a blink of an eye. I was creating a life while life recreated me!"

On May 19, Shivaleeka and her filmmaker husband Abhishek Pathak revealed that they have named their newborn daughter Aarika, which symbolises grace, abundance, prosperity, and divine beauty.

Shivaleeka and Abhishek shared two pictures of themselves along with their "greatest blessing" in a collaborative post on Instagram.

The post was captioned: "Introducing our greatest blessing Aarika Pathak.

Aarika carries the essence of Goddess Lakshmi — symbolising grace, abundance, prosperity, and divine beauty."

The post further read: "Born on 19.04.2026 the auspicious day of Akshaya Tritiya, it all feels so beautifully and divinely connected — as if the universe planned it this way all along. She is everything we ever dreamed of and more. Grateful, blessed, and completely in love... all over again!"

The couple had announced in December last year that they are set to become parents for the first time on a post on social media, which read: "Our love story has found its sweetest verse — a tiny blessing is joining our universe (Baby angel, evil eye and Dizzy emojis) (sic)."

Abhishek and Shivaleeka first met during the shoot of their 2020 film "Khuda Hafiz", which stars Vidhut Jammwal. They exchanged rings in July 2022 and finally got married in February 2023.

The couple got married in a private ceremony in Goa in the presence of their family and close friends, including actor Ajay Devgn.



Triptii Dimri says 'Maa Behen' reminded her of two women unfairly judged by society

Bollywood actress Triptii Dimri opened up about the emotional connection she felt with 'Maa Behen', revealing how two women, who were "unfairly judged" by society, from her childhood society, inspired her character.

The actress said during the trailer launch of the upcoming film "Maa Behen", that the women were judged for being single and independent.

Triptii said at the trailer launch: "When sir narrated the story to me, I told him that there were two women in my society who were single, didn't have parents, and were considered a little fashionable for those times. People would call them names."

"As kids, we were told, 'You can't go to them, don't be friends with them, don't go near their house, it's dangerous.' That stayed with me somewhere. When 'Maa Behen' came along, it was the image of those two girls that I had in my mind."

She added: "I was like, 'I have to be a part of this film,' because society judged them for no reason. If I could get a chance to apologise to them, I think this is my chance."

On Saturday, she shared a string of images of herself from the trailer launch and showcased the whole "Maa Behen" drama.

"It was all smiles, fun and a whole lot of Maa Behen drama #MaaBehen trailer out now," Triptii captioned the images on Instagram.

The chaotic crime-comedy 'Maa Behen' also stars Madhuri Dixit Nene. It will release on June 4 on Netflix.



Along with Triptii and Madhuri, the film also Dharna Durgaa, and Ravi Kishan in pivotal roles. They are joined by Geetanjali Kulkarni, Arunoday Singh, and Shardul Bhardwaj.

Premiering on June 4, at the heart of "Maa Behen" is Rekha, a mother

who's already juggling enough until life throws her the ultimate curveball, a dead body in her kitchen. With her two daughters, Jaya, the responsible one, and Sushma, the wild card, this trio must think fast, lie faster, and somehow keep their nosy neighbors from sniffing out the truth.

Wealth without well-being: the paradox of India's elderly

TEJ SINGH KARDAM

IN India, senior citizens often find themselves in a paradoxical situation. Indians born in the pre-liberalisation era grew up in a time of scarcity and limited economic opportunities. In this situation their upbringing instilled a deep-seated habit of saving and an aversion to spending. For them, wealth accumulation was not just about financial security but also a means of pacifying their fears about their unknown future needs.

Despite possessing significant assets and savings, many lead frugal lives, unwilling to enjoy the wealth they have painstakingly accumulated. This has resulted in them 'dying rich but not living rich'. This is particularly prevalent among older generations, who, despite being financially sound, feel insecure and choose to live with a cautious, conservative approach. While the younger generation is moving away from traditional investments like real estate and gold, the elderly remain emotionally attached to these assets.

Possible reasons as to why senior citizens tend to die rich rather than living rich:

Living modestly despite wealth:

Many senior citizens in India continue to live modestly despite being financially sound. They often prioritise frugality and self-denial, driven by concerns about potential medical expenses, longevity, and the need to support their children or grandchildren. This conservative approach can lead to an unnecessarily restricted lifestyle, where seniors deny themselves the comforts and experiences they could easily afford. The fear of outliving their

The biggest gift seniors can give their children is not a house or a gold chain but life well-lived. The irony is that many senior citizens live frugally, sacrificing pleasures, only to die wealthy. They were in a way, poor in life but rich in death. There is a need for senior citizens to focus on personal well-being and happiness.

savings, or the possibility of an unexpected medical emergency wiping out their wealth, often looms large in their minds.

Emotional factors:

Senior citizens have retained their emotional attachment to traditional investments. They often see real estate and gold as tangible assets that provide a sense of security, stability and returns in the form of rent. These assets hold sentimental value and are associated with memories and legacy. The older generation grew up in an era when these investments were the primary wealth-building tools, making it harder for them to break away from this mindset. In addition to emotional attachment, they tend to invest heavily in traditional assets - real estate and gold, viewing them as symbols of security and legacy. However, this emotional attachment makes these assets illiquid, leaving them unable to generate regular income for day-to-day comfort.

Invisible burdens-Inflation, healthcare and over-giving:

Beyond emotional letdowns, there is the real challenge of rising costs. Medical inflation in India is growing faster than general inflation. A single health emergency can wipe out years

of savings. Many senior citizens also deplete their retirement funds supporting their children's education, business or weddings. While done with love, it can leave them financially vulnerable later in life.

Generational shift:

Younger generations today value mobility over inheritance, convenience over nostalgia. They are choosing apartments near work, rental flexibility and minimalist living over ancestral homes. The generational shift in financial thinking leaves many senior citizens feeling disconnected and even disappointed.

Changing trends and priorities:

The younger generation, in contrast to their elders, prefer simplicity and minimalism. The next generation are witnessing a significant shift in their investment preferences as well. They are moving away from traditional investments, which were once considered safe and reliable. Instead, they are exploring new avenues such as stock, mutual funds, income plans and even cryptocurrency. This shift can be attributed to various factors, including the desire for higher returns, ease of diversification and the influence of global investment trends.

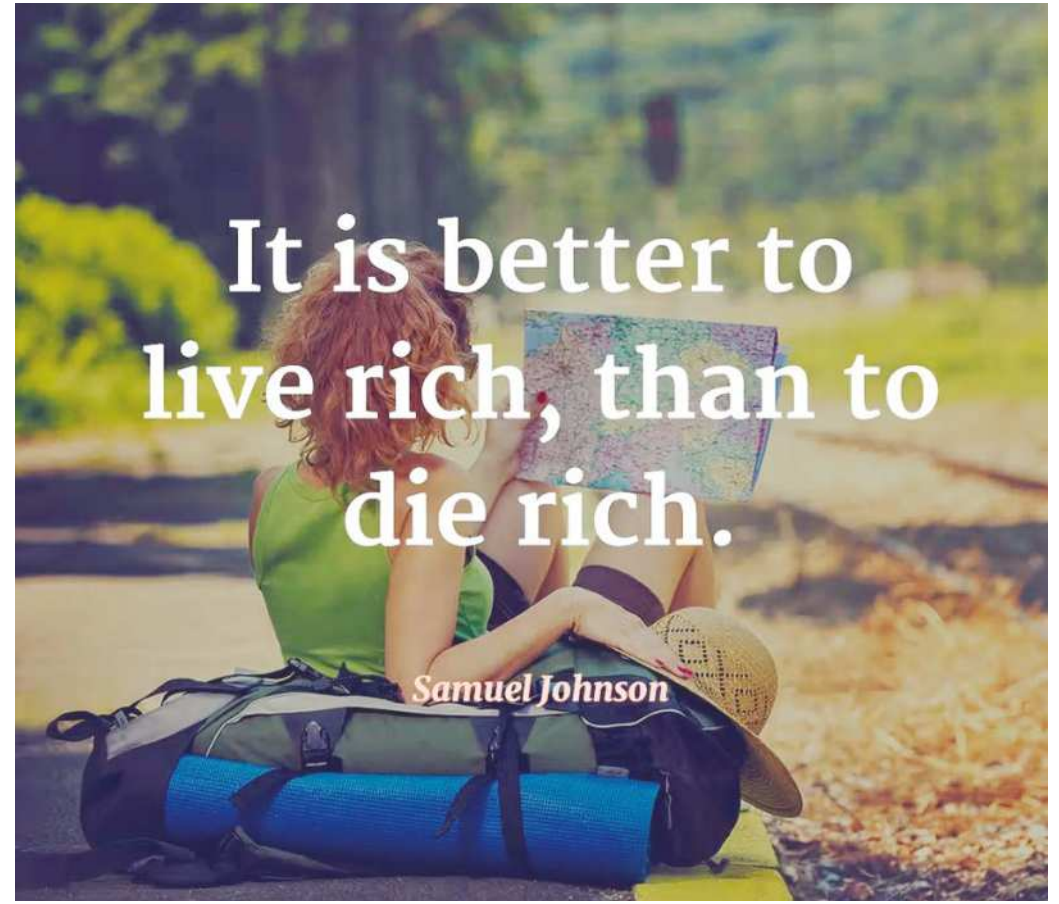
One such example of the

younger generation not being interested in traditional assets is of one senior citizen, who died aged 85. His wife had predeceased him. One son lives in London and the other in New Zealand. They have the nationality of those countries. Neither was interested in the house their father had built in his prime age.

The father had written a will before his death to give all the property equally to both his children. The sons did not have time to get all the property in their names and then sell it. Both made a power of attorney to sell the property in someone's name. Thereafter the proceeds from the sale of the property were sent to their home country.

Benefits of financial planning:

It is important that senior citizens live life to the fullest and explore the reasons behind their emotional investments. It is high time they understand the changing taste and priorities of the younger generation and the rising costs faced by senior citizens. There is a need for the senior citizens to utilise a portion of their wealth for their own comfort and happiness. Going for financial planning like having a well-structured retirement plan can ensure that they have enough funds set-aside for emergencies and long-term



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care, while allocating money for travel, leisure and other personal interests. The seniors should explore annuity plans; systematic withdrawal plans from mutual funds with a steady income stream without depleting their core assets. Ultimately, Indian senior citizens need to prioritise their own well-being and happiness, breaking free from the cycle of living economically to make the next generation rich.

Self-care and setting an example:

Retirement should be about fulfilment. Senior citizens should travel, pursue hobbies, attend cultural events, or just

enjoy quiet time with friends. These are not luxuries but are essential to a rich life. They should not forget the power of community like joining clubs, senior networks for emotional support, to combat loneliness and foster a sense of belonging. By prioritising their own well-being, embracing change, and spending meaningfully, they can rewrite what ageing looks like. They can prove that it's possible to live rich - not just financially but emotionally and spiritually. The biggest gift seniors can give their children is not a house or a gold chain but life well-lived.

The irony is that many senior

citizens live frugally, sacrificing pleasures, only to die wealthy. They were in a way, poor in life but rich in death.

There is a need for senior citizens to focus on personal well-being and happiness, diversification into annuities, mutual funds, and income plans to balance financial security with comfort and enjoyment, in addition to balancing the children's education etc.

Further they should break free from the habit of extreme thrift, enjoy the fruits of their hard work, and "live rich" rather than merely "die rich".

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Homage to K S Gopal, the architect of sustainable development and agricultural innovation

His pioneering SWAR irrigation framework earned UNESCO laurels

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DURING the 1990s, while serving as a faculty member at the Dr MCR HRD Institute, I was tasked with planning a training program on the 'Role of NGOs in Rural Development'. The singular, exceptional expert who immediately came to my mind, and whom numerous professional colleagues strongly recommended was KS Gopal. By then, he was steering the Hyderabad-based Centre for Environment Concerns (CEC).

Established in 1984 by a visionary group of activists, the CEC was dedicated to pioneering innovations, fresh ideas, and 'next practices' in the development sector. The broad areas of their operations encompassed poverty alleviation, rural development, environmental sustainability, and inclusive markets to enhance livelihoods.

Through these pillars, they aimed to regenerate natural resources in rain-fed, agriculturally backward dry land areas. The process they envisaged was driven by multi-disciplinary action research, field-level pilots, and a strategic mix of policy and practice advocacy. Against this dynamic backdrop, Gopal joined CEC as its director in 1993. Since joining, he spearheaded initiatives in participatory forest development, foreign funding research in erstwhile Andhra Pradesh, later in Telangana, and local cereal-based community grain banks. His expertise included environmental hotspots, civil society advocacy, soil en-

richment, organic agriculture, chemical-free forestry pest management etc. He also worked extensively on optimal utilisation of River Godavari waters.

Though he passed away at the age of 72 years, his vibrant energy remained undiminished until about six months prior to the tragic day. Since our first meeting, we have enjoyed a lifelong friendship. He was always the life of small gatherings with like-minded friends. He thoroughly enjoyed a social drink and a smoke, generously sharing joyful, unreserved moments with his closest companions. Gopal left an indelible mark on everyone he touched, and his profound influence will stay with his friends, including me, forever.

Upon hearing the news of his passing on May 16, I visited his residence, offered condolences to his wife, before paying my last respects at the crematorium. Our bond was deeply academic. We shared ideas. Whenever we met, whether at Dr Utlal Balaji's house, my flat, Dr AP Ranga Rao's residence (later Dr Bharat's), or Sashi's home, our discussions were invariably intense yet stimulating. They ranged broadly from politics to development, driven by Gopal's passion.

We shared an intellectual 'common ground', where Gopal was the undisputed leader. However, the 'actual physical ground' he chose once, for his groundbreaking 'System of Water for Agriculture Rejuvenation (SWAR)' irrigation experiment was a 1000-square-yard mini-farm near the Chilkoor Balaji temple. His pri-



He foresaw generic commodities transforming into branded 'Farm-to-Fork' (Farm-to-Table) products, moving directly, or with minimal steps, from a local farm to the consumer's plate. However, he warned that this transformation would be aggressively driven by big players with deep pockets, smart information and communications technology systems, and remote management tools. He remarked that whoever commands the marketplace will ultimately dictate the future of our rural economy. Gopal cautioned that a handful of mega-corporations often end up controlling the entire value chain, squeezing farmers, intermediaries, and consumers alike

mary focus was always irrigation water efficiency, which he firmly believed was structurally linked to soil and plant root health.

The core concept was

delivering water directly to the root zone with minimal waste.

As a first-of-its-kind system, SWAR provided measured moisture to the

roots, cutting water use by 50 per cent compared to standard drip irrigation for horticulture and agroforestry crops. He advocated precise moisture delivery tailored to different soils and crop cycles. When he casually mentioned this seven years ago, I offered our mini farm. Gopal self-funded the entire project, covering all installation and fertilizer expenses.

While I was working with Telangana's first Chief Minister, K Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR's), as his CPRO, Gopal in July 2019 discussed with me a CEC study on the effective use of water for Telangana's prosperous agriculture. This coincided with KCR's massive re-engineering of irrigation projects to ensure state-wide water supply. Gopal's insights directly complemented KCR government's plans to establish specialized crop colonies for efficient, high-quality agricultural service delivery.

In that context, Gopal presented a distinctive proposal: the Kharif season should focus on pulses, coarse cereals, millets, and fodder, boosting productivity through quality seeds, protective irrigation, and sustainable farming practices. Conversely, during Rabi, canal-fed flood irrigation could support crops like paddy, wheat, and cotton. Additionally, he favoured agro forestry to simultaneously enhance farmer incomes and restore local ecology.

Again, in June 2020, aligning with KCR's initiatives, Gopal proposed the framework of 'Right Interventions for Regulatory Farming.'

This concept emerged against the backdrop of 24/7 quality power supply, unprecedented paddy harvests, and landmark agricultural welfare schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bima. During this period, KCR suggested strategically converging MGNREGS with core farming operations to directly support landowners while simultaneously securing employment for agricultural labour.

Gopal, who contributed significantly to the evolution of MGNREGS, analysed that the Indian agricultural ecosystem was undergoing deep, structural shifts. These changes spanned procurement models, crop diversification, urban dietary demands, mechanization, and modern supply chains. In this rapidly evolving landscape, he focused on how to social-engineer and unleash human creativity toward building a more equitable rural economy. For him, the pathways and opportunities were always plenty.

He shared an insightful perspective regarding the Research and Innovation Circle Hyderabad (RICH). He envisioned RICH, designed to take lab research from Telangana's top scientific institutions to the market, as a potent force multiplier. For him, this ecosystem could empower a vast number of young people to secure meaningful livelihoods while remaining deeply connected, with their feet and hearts, to the soil.

The strategic suggestions made by Gopal, which we so deeply debated, did not remain confined to our private conversations. Beyond

bringing his visionary ideas directly to the notice of the Chief Minister, who responded with a highly positive, considerate, and accommodating approach, I also documented them from time to time, extensively in detailed articles published across mainstream platforms to ensure they reached a wider audience.

When major agricultural reforms, including the 'One Nation, One Market' framework, amendments to the Essential Commodities Act, contract farming, and public-private partnerships for storage infrastructure were proposed in July 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, Gopal observed that the sector was on the cusp of a structural shift. He noted that traditional peasantry farming was rapidly giving way to corporate agri-business.

He opined that farmers could no longer rely on Minimum Support Price (MSP) or assured government procurement. Instead, the sector would transition into an era of customized production, dynamic price discovery, and nationally integrated markets dominated by large corporations, food chains, and exporters. He foresaw generic commodities transforming into branded 'Farm-to-Fork' (Farm-to-Table) products, moving directly, or with minimal steps, from a local farm to the consumer's plate.

However, he warned that this transformation would be aggressively driven by big players with deep pockets, smart information and communications technology systems, and remote management

tools. He remarked that whoever commands the marketplace will ultimately dictate the future of our rural economy. Gopal cautioned that a handful of mega-corporations often end up controlling the entire value chain, squeezing farmers, intermediaries, and consumers alike.

He often said, 'Markets are brutal, fierce battlegrounds. Their architecture decides who thrives, who benefits, and who is ultimately subjugated or decimated.'

To illustrate this grim reality, he shared a striking real-life story he personally encountered. In the academic and corporate realms, Gopal was a highly qualified management specialist, with MBA and a Diploma in International Trade. He shared his vast practical knowledge as a faculty member at ASCI and a 'Scholar-in-Residence' at TISS, eventually delivering guest lectures at world-renowned institutions like Oxford and York.

Gopal served on the EPTRI Governing Council and NIRD Research Council. He founded the IDL Rural Development Trust, co-founded the Deccan Development Society (DDS), and promoted communal harmony in Hyderabad. His pioneering SWAR irrigation framework won international accolades, including from UNESCO, leading to his frequent participation in high-level forums convened by the World Bank, UN, UNEP and FAO.

Gopal's loss leaves a deep void. His revolutionary practical ideas nurture our soil.

AP to launch 38 MSME parks, Rs 200 cr cluster programme

- CM Naidu to inaugurate MSME Summit 2026 in Vijayawada tomorrow
- Govt to unveil digital, export and startup initiatives targeting 1 lakh MSMEs
- Summit to bring together 1,000 entrepreneurs, industrial bodies and PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries

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MINISTER for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Kondapalli Srinivas on Saturday said the state government is aligning the MSME sector with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's vision of creating "an entrepreneur in every household," ahead of the MSME

Growth Summit 2026 scheduled to be held in Vijayawada on May 25.

Reviewing arrangements at Dr B R Ambedkar Kalavetika, where the summit will be inaugurated, the Minister directed officials to ensure seamless coordination for what the government considers a flagship MSME event.

The summit is expected to bring together nearly 1,000



Kondapalli Srinivas

participants, including new allottees from 175 MSME parks, entrepreneurs, PM Vishwakarma beneficiaries and industrial associations from across Andhra Pradesh.

A major announcement at the summit will be the launch of 38 MSME parks under the state's larger MSME industrial infrastructure programme.

The event will also feature the rollout of several technol-

ogy, financing and startup initiatives, including a Rs 20-crore SIDBI-backed seed fund for deep-tech startups, digital transformation assessments for one lakh MSMEs, energy and water audits for industrial clusters, and a Rs 200-crore AP Cluster Development Programme aimed at supporting around 750 MSMEs and generating more than 3,000 jobs.

Strategic partnerships are expected to be formalised with the India SME Forum, Vodafone Idea, Zoho, Amazon, Meta and the Quality Council of India to strengthen MSME digitalisation, exports, logistics support and quality certification across Andhra Pradesh.

Officials said the summit will focus heavily on export readiness, digital commerce, technology transfer and industrial sustainability, with dedicated sessions planned on global e-commerce access, digital invoice financing and MSME banking solutions.

The Chief Minister is also scheduled to inaugurate the newly developed Dr Ambedkar Kala Vedika convention centre before participating in the MSME summit proceedings. Dr Yuvaraj, secretary for industries department, Dinesh Kumar, vice-chairman and managing director of APIIC, and Viswa, CEO of AP MSME Development Corporation, attended the review meeting.

Jana Sena MLA Sridhar resigns as Assembly whip

- Railway Kodur MLA cites 'personal reasons' for stepping down
- Pawan reviews allegations involving two party MLAs

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JANA Sena Railway Kodur MLA Arava Sridhar on Saturday resigned from the post of Legislative Assembly whip and submitted his resignation letter to Pawan Kalyan.

According to party sources, Sridhar informed the Jana Sena chief that he was stepping down due to personal reasons.

During the meeting, the MLA also reportedly explained his position regarding recent allegations and

controversies linked to him. Sridhar has recently faced allegations from a woman, which have generated political attention.

Pawan Kalyan held a meeting with Jana Sena MLAs at the Secretariat. Chirri Balaraju also met the Deputy Chief Minister on Saturday. During the meeting, Pawan Kalyan reportedly reviewed the MLAs' per-

formance in the Polavaram constituency and sought clarification over certain issues and complaints that had reached the party leadership. Sources said Balaraju requested time to resolve some personal matters with his family members, following which Pawan Kalyan reportedly advised him to settle the issues within four weeks.

3 Army officers survive Leh chopper crash; post-accident selfie goes viral

NEW DELHI: Three Indian Army officers, including a Major General, survived after a Cheetah light helicopter crashed in the Ladakh sector near Leh on May 20, officials said.

The helicopter, a newer variant of the Cheetah equipped with a TM333B engine, met with an accident during an afternoon sortie. Army officials said the aircraft was carrying two pilots and Division Commander Major General Sachin Mehta at the time of the crash.

All three sustained injuries but are safe and stable, officials added. The two pilots were admitted to hospital with minor injuries.

Meanwhile, a selfie of Major General Mehta taken after the crash surfaced on social media and quickly went viral. The Army has ordered a Court of Inquiry to ascertain the cause of the helicopter crash. The helicopter involved in the accident was a Cheetah, a version of the ageing

Cheetah fleet that has served the Indian armed forces for decades. Derived from the French-origin Aerospatiale Alouette III design, the Cheetah helicopters became a backbone of military operations in high-altitude regions such as Ladakh, Siachen and Arunachal Pradesh because of their ability to operate in thin air and extreme weather conditions.

For years, the light helicopters have been used for reconnaissance missions, casualty evacuation, troop movement and ferrying supplies to remote forward posts inaccessible by road. However, much of the Cheetah and Chetak fleet is now decades old and has increasingly come under scrutiny over maintenance challenges and safety concerns. The armed forces have been gradually moving towards replacing them with newer indigenous platforms.

Lokesh calls for statewide push for Mahanadu success

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The national working president of TDP instructed cluster in-charges to ensure participation of booth in-charges, village presidents, committee members, affiliate wings, and "Kutumba Sadhikara Sarathis" in the programme.

Lokesh said attendance would be monitored through the "My TDP" app and directed organisers to ensure technical arrangements, including LED screens, audio systems, and connectivity at every cluster venue.

He urged party leaders to utilise Mahanadu as a platform to strengthen grassroots networks ahead of the upcoming elections to local bodies.

Stressing internal organisational discipline, Lokesh said the party was giving priority to active workers while allocating nominated posts and identifying committed cadre through digital monitoring systems.

MPs, MLAs, MLCs, constituency in-charges, zonal coordinators, and district-level party leaders participated in the review.

'America First' visa tool for India announced

NEW DELHI: US Secretary of State Marco Rubio has introduced an 'America First' visa scheduling tool as a broader push to upgrade how American consulates operate. While on his high-profile four-day diplomatic tour to India, Rubio spoke about the visa tool that gives priority to business professionals and people whose travel directly strengthens economic and strategic links with the United States. Rubio pointed to the foundation of the US-India relationship and how it has been growing in ways that don't always make headlines. He said that the US and India have expanded commercial ties now with more than 20 billion in invest-

ments. "20 billion in investments from Indian companies in the United States," he said and also highlighted a security partnership through military exercises in the Indo-Pacific.

A slow or unpredictable consular process can get in the way of the very exchanges, such as business visits, investment trips, and partnership meetings, that are building those ties. To remove the friction, a smarter scheduling system is needed. "An orderly and a secure consular system is vital to solidifying this important relationship," Rubio said. The tool is built around a single prioritisation principle: applicants who strengthen ties with the United States get

earlier access to scheduling. In practice, that means business professionals, the people flying into close deals, sign agreements, expand operations, or represent Indian companies investing in American markets. However, Rubio also mentioned that the new facility isn't only about visa applicants.

He addressed the American men and women working at the mission directly, the consular officers, the support staff and everyone on what he called "the front lines" of advancing US national interests every day. "This facility saved Americans money because it's going to make us more efficient."

PM gets WH invite as he talks trade & security with Rubio

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It comes amid mounting concerns for India, which imports 80% of its crude oil needs, as the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz continues to affect energy flows.

"The US will not let Iran hold the global energy market hostage," Rubio told PM Modi. The energy pitch comes as the US, which took control of Venezuela's oil industry following the capture of former President Nicolas Maduro, appears eager to push Venezuelan crude back onto the global market. PM Modi, in his post on X, added that issues related to regional and global peace and security were also discussed, indicating that the Iran conflict was among the topics that came up.

The timing is crucial amid reports that Trump was considering relaunching strikes on Iran after talks for a peace deal, which is being mediated by Pakistan, failed to bear any fruit. "We discussed sustained progress in the India-US Comprehensive Global Strategic Partnership and issues related to regional and global peace and security," PM Modi tweeted. "India and the United States will continue to work closely for the global good," he further said.

CBSE's diktat on 3-language study sparks debate

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Others conceded opting for Sanskrit because it is perceived as easier. At the same time, Hindi's compulsory status in later years created what one described as a *voilà* moment — suddenly finding the course effortless due to prior exposure.

This shifting landscape reflects deeper anxieties. In Tamil Nadu, the state government made Tamil compulsory in all schools in 2015-16, but CBSE institutions still offered limited options. By 2017-18, Hindi was made compulsory across all classes, forcing students to abandon their third-language choices. Such reversals leave students questioning the value of learning any particular language and highlight the ongoing power struggle over linguistic education.

The practical argument for Hindi is clear: it eases mobility across states and is widely spoken. Yet, the cultural cost is steep. One student who moved from Chennai to Hyderabad admitted that while Hindi literacy helps in daily life, "the inability to read Telugu" — his mother tongue — "creates painful gaps in my cultural identity".

With globalisation, urban migration, and the domi-

nance of programming languages and AI skills and pan-English language learning dominating the education landscape across the southern state, S Prabhakar, a Kannada teacher from Devanahalli in Bengaluru, said, "This is not an isolated case. Students increasingly view mother tongues as irrelevant to their career prospects. The danger is stark: earlier, there was a common thread that connected people across the southern states, though each has its own language, rich in heritage and literature; now, there is the risk of being "pushed into the back seat by the policymakers in education who fail to see the eventual disaster within a few generations if current trends continue."

C Vatsala, a Telugu pundit from Hyderabad, pointed out that the CBSE's three-language formula was designed to preserve diversity while promoting national unity. However, unless schools, parents, and policymakers actively incentivise learning state languages, south India's vibrant linguistic spectrum could fade into a monochrome dominated by Hindi and English. The challenge is not just educational — it is civilizational, she adds.

Naidu targets YSRCP

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The TDP supremo also criticised incidents involving public celebrations with animal blood and warned against attempts to create disturbances. Strict action would be taken against anyone trying to threaten public peace or provoke unrest. He further

launched a personal attack on leaders of the previous dispensation, alleging that they had failed even in maintaining family relationships and had harassed their own relatives over property disputes.

Claiming that people were now living without fear after the NDA alliance came to

power in the State, Naidu said his government had restored security for people's lives and properties. Describing himself as a servant of the people rather than a ruler, Naidu promised to continue working for the welfare of the poor.

He also touched upon economic and climatic challenges facing the State. He said changing weather pat-

terns and the impact of El Nino were expected to reduce rainfall this year. Despite the challenges, he said the government was determined to transform Rayalaseema into a horticulture hub with investments worth Rs 1 lakh crore, including Rs 40,000 crore from the government and Rs 60,000 crore in private investments.

90 killed in China coal mine blast

BEIJING: Ninety miners were killed in a gas explosion in a coal mine in north China, official media in Beijing reported on Saturday, adding that 201 miners have so far been rescued. The gas explosion occurred at the Liushenyu coal mine on Friday May 22, 2026.

US & Iran close to extending ceasefire by 60 days

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Earlier Asim Munir in Iran met with the top leadership, including President Masoud Pezeshkian, Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi and top Iranian negotiator and parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf. Pakistan army in a statement on Saturday said that Field Marshal Asim Munir concluded a short but highly productive tour of Iran, Reuters reported. Meanwhile, US secretary of State Marco Rubio on Saturday hinted that Iran could agree to a peace deal as soon as today. His remarks indicating progress in diplomatic efforts to end the war come at a time when Pakistan army chief Asim Munir met top Iranian leadership in Tehran as Pakistan has positioned itself as a mediator in the peace talks between Iran and US.

Cockroach party website taken down

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CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke said on Saturday that both his personal Instagram account and the party's Instagram account had also been "hacked".

The platform surfaced last week after a row over remarks linked to Chief Justice of India (CJI) Surya Kant during a court hearing on granting "senior" status to lawyers, referring to "youngsters" as "cockroaches" and "parasites". Later, the CJI said his remarks had been misquoted and that they were aimed at people entering the legal field with "fake and bogus degrees".

What started as an online satire campaign later became a broader discussion of digital dissent and growing frustration among young people. Through memes and political commentary, the platform

has raised issues such as unemployment, examination paper leaks and education.

On Saturday, Dipke said the party's "iconic website", cockroachjantaparty.org, had been taken down as part of the latest action against the movement. The founder said 10 lakh cockroaches had registered as members through the website, while 6 lakh cockroaches had signed a petition seeking the resignation of Union education minister Dharmendra Pradhan over alleged failures in the education system, particularly due to the NEET-UG 2026 'paper leak' controversy.

"Why is the government so scared of cockroaches? But this dictatorial behaviour is opening the eyes of India's youth."

Our only crime is we were demanding a better future for ourselves. But you can't

get rid of us that easily. We're working on a new home right now. Cockroaches never die," he wrote in a post on X.

As of Saturday afternoon, CJP crossed 22 million followers on Instagram. This put it well ahead of the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has around 9.2 million followers on the Meta-owned platform, and the main opposition Congress party, which has around 13.4 million followers.

The party appeared after controversy broke out over CJI Surya Kant using the terms "parasites" and "cockroaches" while reprimanding a lawyer over his plea seeking senior designation.

"There are youngsters like cockroaches, who don't get any employment or have any place in profession. Some of them become media, some of them become social media,

RTI activists and other activists and they start attacking everyone," the CJI said.

The CJI later said he had been misquoted and clarified that the remarks were aimed only at people entering the legal profession using "fake and bogus degrees". The Cockroach Janta Party was formed a day after the CJI's remarks on May 15. It rapidly went viral and drew support from politicians, activists, artists and a large number of social media users across age groups.

Political leaders such as Trinamool Congress (TMC) leaders Mahua Moitra and Kirti Azad, along with Samajwadi Party (SP) chief Akhilesh Yadav, have either interacted with or shown interest in the movement. Activists, including Prashant Bhusan and Anjali Bharadwaj, have also engaged with it.

Petro prices hiked again

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The latest hike follows a Rs 2 per kg increase announced on May 15 and another Re 1 per kg hike on May 17. With the latest revision, CNG prices in Delhi climbed to Rs 80.09 per kg, breaching the Rs 80-mark for the first time.

The latest hikes come as India faces mounting pressure from soaring global crude oil prices triggered by the West Asia conflict and disruptions to shipping routes through the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most critical oil transit chokepoints.

Expressing concerns over the issue, citizens, as well as the taxi drivers, raised concerns over the hike. The taxi drivers said that the increase in prices does not mean an increase in fares for them.

Delhi residents raised con-

cerns over the increase in fuel prices, with no effective increase in income. Some held the government responsible for the hike and for dismissing the public concerns.

A local said, "It's affecting the middle class. Petrol prices are increasing. It's a loss. But what can we do? People who have work will have to use a car. People are carpooling as asked. But petrol is expensive. There is no alternative. Electric cars are so expensive. People are not able to buy them."

"Our government is useless. What will you do? I drive a car. How will it affect the common man? The common man has become a beggar. The common man does not have money. Expenses are increasing. The government is responsible for this," another resident said.

US TIGHTENS GREEN CARD RULES

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Until now, many immigrants legally staying in the US could apply for a green card without leaving the country through a process known as "adjustment of status". Under the revised policy, USCIS officers have been instructed to decide on applications on a case-by-case basis and grant exceptions only in extraordinary circumstances.

DHS said the new approach was intended to prevent misuse of immigration loopholes. "An alien who is in the US temporarily and wants a Green Card must return to their home country to apply," the department said in a statement. The administration argues that the immigration system should function "as the law intended" rather than encouraging temporary visa holders to remain in the coun-

try while pursuing permanent residency.

According to analysts at the Cato Institute, more than one million immigrants in the US are currently waiting for green cards.

The new rules could force many applicants to leave behind jobs, homes and families while their applications are processed overseas. Immigration experts say the change could particularly hurt mixed-status families, where some members are US citizens or permanent residents while others are on temporary visas. There is also uncertainty over how pending green card applications already filed inside the US will be treated.

Immigrant aid organisations strongly criticised the move. HIAS said the policy could endanger vulnerable people, including survivors

of trafficking and abused children, by compelling them to return to countries they had fled.

Critics also warned that the policy could worsen delays, as the US immigration system is already struggling with a large backlog of visa and residency applications.

The latest measure is part of a wider tightening of immigration rules under the Trump administration. Over the past year, the administration has shortened visa durations for foreign students, media personnel and cultural exchange visitors. In January, the US State Department said it had revoked more than 1,00,000 visas during Trump's second term. The administration has also taken steps affecting refugees and immigrants with protected legal status in the United States.

PM distributes over 51K appointment letters

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Since its inception, around 12 lakh recruitment letters have been issued through 18 Rozgar Melas across the country. The 19th Rozgar Mela was held at 47 locations, with recruits joining various ministries including Railways, Home Affairs, Health, Financial Services and Higher Education. Addressing the gathering, PM Modi said, "I just returned from a trip to five countries two days ago. It was only a five-nation trip, but during this time, I spoke, had detailed discussions, and met with leaders of major companies from dozens of countries, and I felt one thing in common everywhere: The world is very excited about India's youth and India's technological progress."

Sanjeevani rollout across state by Aug 15: CM Naidu

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Promoting healthy living, he referred to the concept of 'Food as medicine, Kitchen as Pharmacy'. Naidu also spoke about developmental initiatives in Rayalaseema. He said the government is prioritising water resource projects such as Handri-Neeva, Galeru-Nagari and the Somasila-Swarnamukhi link canal to improve irrigation facilities in the region. The Chief Minister said the state government is also focusing on industries, data centres, drone cities, aerospace hubs, and food processing sectors in Rayalaseema. The region, he added, would be developed into a global horticulture hub. District Collector Sumit Kumar said the Sanjee-

vani Digital Nerve Centre call centre has so far conducted health follow-up services for around 73,000 people. The programme would be implemented more effectively with coordination among various departments to ensure continuous medical monitoring for every family.

Puthalapattu MLA K Murali Mohan and MP Daggumalla Prasad Rao said the programme would improve access to modern healthcare services in rural areas and help identify health problems at an early stage through digital records and AI-based systems. Tata Group CEO Girish Krishnamurthy said the Tata Digital Nerve Centre would help extend healthcare services even to remote areas.

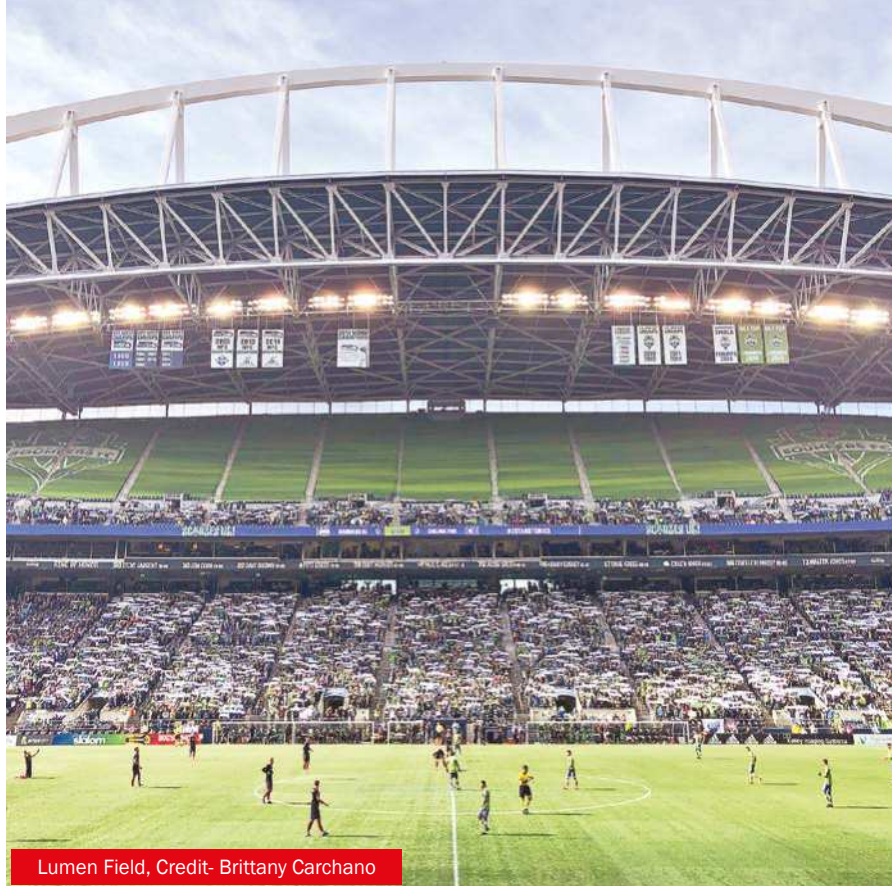
A guide to exploring Seattle during FIFA 2026: Sports, culture and sightseeing



City, Credit- David Newman



Waterfront Park Seattle-Photo by Hannah Te courtesy Friends of Waterfront Park



Lumen Field, Credit- Brittany Carchano

Seattle is set to experience a landmark year in 2026 as it becomes one of the host cities for FIFA World Cup 26™, transforming the city into a global hub of football, culture, and celebration. Known for its vibrant sports culture and walkable urban core, Seattle offers visitors a unique blend of high-energy matches, iconic landmarks, and immersive local experiences.

At the heart of the action is Lumen Field, known during events as Seattle Stadium. The venue will host six World Cup matches between June and July, including four group-stage fixtures featuring top international

teams such as the USA vs Australia on June 19 and Iran vs Egypt on June 26. The stadium sits in the city center, making it easily accessible for fans and turning the surrounding district into a festival-like atmosphere throughout the tournament.

Beyond the matches, Seattle will come alive with official fan celebration zones across locations like Seattle Center, Pacific Place, Waterfront Park, and SoDo's Victory Hall. These free public spaces will feature live match screenings, food stalls, entertainment, and community events starting June 11, creating a citywide festival of football.

Seattle's sports identity

extends well beyond the World Cup. The city is home to teams like the Seahawks (NFL), Sounders FC, and Reign FC, with Seattle Mariners representing Major League Baseball at nearby T-Mobile Park. Game days across the city are marked by lively sports bars such as Flatstick Pub, Atlantic Crossing, and The George & Dragon Pub, where fans gather to watch global and local matches in a spirited atmosphere.

Between matches, visitors can explore the city's most iconic attractions. A must-visit is Pike Place Market, where fresh produce, artisan stalls, and historic charm define Seattle's food culture. Nearby, the

revitalized waterfront offers scenic views, public art, and attractions like the Seattle Great Wheel and immersive experiences along Overlook Walk.

At the cultural core of downtown lies Seattle Center, home to major landmarks including the Space Needle, the futuristic Chihuly Garden and Glass, and the interactive Museum of Pop Culture (MOPOP). Together, these sites showcase Seattle's mix of innovation, creativity, and entertainment.

For dining and nightlife, Pioneer Square offers refined options such as modern Indian cuisine and contemporary Pacific Northwest dining, along with theaters, concerts, and

performances at venues like Climate Pledge Arena and McCaw Hall.

Additional experiences include panoramic city views from Smith Tower, historical insights at the Klondike Gold Rush National Historical Park, and cultural exploration at the Wing Luke Museum in Chinatown-International District. For a quieter escape, Capitol Hill offers Volunteer Park, the historic Water Tower observation deck, and the Seattle Asian Art Museum.

With its combination of world-class football, cultural depth, and scenic urban exploration, Seattle in 2026 promises an unforgettable experience for sports fans and travellers alike.

'B Nagi Reddi: A Son's Memoir' – A heartfelt tribute to a visionary legend

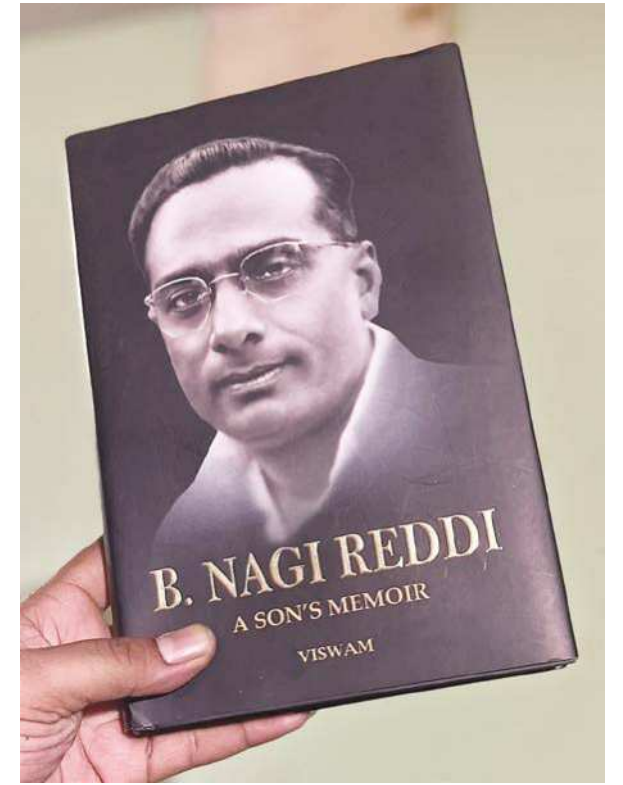
SUHAS SISTU

B Nagi Reddi: A Son's Memoir is far more than a conventional biography. Written by B. Viswanatha Reddi, popularly known as Viswam, the book offers an emotionally rich and deeply researched account of the life of legendary filmmaker, publisher, and philanthropist B. Nagi Reddi. Instead of glorifying the icon with exaggerated mythology, the memoir focuses on presenting a grounded and authentic portrait of a man who played a monumental role in shaping Indian cinema, publishing, and healthcare.

Structured across 37 chapters, the book traces Nagi Reddi's inspiring journey from a small village in Andhra Pradesh to becoming one of the most respected names in South Indian cinema. His story unfolds like one of the magical tales from Chandamama, the beloved children's magazine he co-founded alongside Chakrapani. The memoir beautifully captures how traditional values, discipline, and compassion became the foundation of his remarkable life.

One of the strongest aspects of the book is the way it expands beyond cinema. While readers get fascinating insights into the making of iconic films and the establishment of Vijaya Studios, the narrative also highlights Nagi Reddi's achievements as the founder of Vijaya Hospital and a pioneering force in Indian publishing. The book reveals how he successfully balanced creativity, entrepreneurship, and philanthropy without ever losing his humility.

The memoir also serves as an important historical document, chronicling the growth of Chennai and the South Indian film industry



during the second half of the 20th century. Through anecdotes shared by colleagues, employees, and close associates, readers gain a rare behind-the-scenes look at the evolution of filmmaking, magazine publishing, and business culture during that era.

Viswam's writing style remains crisp, factual, and emotionally sincere throughout the book. Rather than relying on dramatic embellishments, he allows real incidents and personal memories to speak for themselves. This restrained storytelling approach adds credibility and emotional depth to the narrative. The book consistently portrays Nagi Reddi as a "karma yogi" — a man who never claimed personal credit for his achievements and always acknowledged the contribution of his team members.

Another compelling

element is the insight into Viswam's own legacy. As the longtime publisher of Chandamama, he expanded the magazine into multiple languages, including Braille editions, helping generations of children connect with storytelling and culture. His contributions to publishing, social welfare, and public service further strengthen the memoir's emotional authenticity.

What makes B. Nagi Reddi: A Son's Memoir truly engaging is its ability to combine personal emotion with historical importance. It is not merely a tribute from a son to his father, but a valuable record of an extraordinary personality who left an unforgettable mark on Indian society. For readers interested in Indian cinema history, publishing, philanthropy, and inspiring real-life journeys, this memoir stands out as a must-read and deeply rewarding experience.

Magical fingers on the harmonium



Pandit Ratan Sharma with son Govind, granddaughters Jyothi and Devika

JAYWANT NAIDU

Pandit Ratan Sharma, lovingly known in music circles as the "Harmonium Master," carries a legacy that blends tradition, devotion, and generations of musical excellence. A proud mentor to his granddaughters Jyothi Sharma and Devika Sharma—both rising stars in the world of Indian music—he finds his greatest joy not in accolades, but in their achievements.

Recalling his formative years, Ratan Sharma speaks with reverence about his gurus. "My teacher in Ujjain, Guru Kaluram, was a Sarangi player who always said, 'Khane ke saath daal hona aur saangeet ke saath taal hona'—there should be daal in food and rhythm in music," he reflects. Later, his journey took him to Mumbai, where he trained under Guru Mohan Singh, a respected name in the Hindi film recording circuit. "If my fingers move on the harmonium at this breathtaking speed, it is all due to his blessings," he



Pandit Ratan Sharma on his 70 year old Harmonium

says humbly. His vintage harmonium, first played in 1955, remains his most cherished companion. With visible wear on its wooden keys, it stands as a silent witness to decades of dedication. "Yeh mera saathi hai," he says fondly—this is my partner.

For Ratan Sharma, his greatest pride is his family's musical ascent. Jyothi Sharma has already made a mark as a finalist on Suron Ka Eklavya 22 (DD National), winner of the 6th edition Khazana Ghazal Festival,

recipient of the Yuva Pratibha Singing Talent Hunt 2023 by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, and finalist of the Asha Ki Asha International Talent Hunt. Her sister Devika Sharma is also emerging as a promising young artist with a bright future ahead.

The family's musical thread is further strengthened by his son Govind Sharma, a tabla player who also manages the performances and schedules of the young artistes, ensuring their talents reach wider audiences. Ratan Sharma's journey has also placed him alongside legends, having shared musical spaces with ghazal maestro Ghulam Ali and Vithal Rao. Today, he continues to dedicate his time to teaching students at his home near Kabutar Khana in Hyderabad. "It is my duty to teach the younger generation as a tribute to my gurus who gave me everything about music and life," he says, embodying the spirit of a true custodian of tradition—where every note played is a continuation of a timeless legacy.

Jasmine and Jetstreams: The calm of Chennai, the energy of Hyderabad

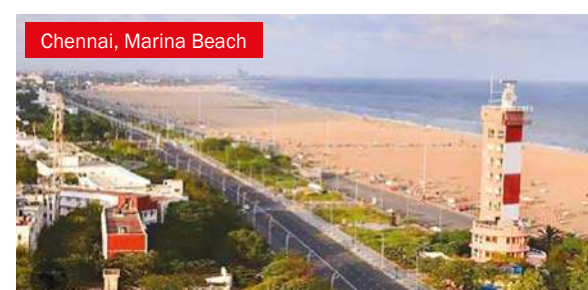
JYOTSNA HARISH

Here's a unique tale of two South Indian cities—Chennai and Hyderabad. Both attract talent and investments. Comparing them helps you see which city aligns with your vibes and supports your academic, career, and lifestyle goals.

The educational landscape of Chennai is built on tradition. It features prominent institutions such as IIT Madras, Anna University, Madras Christian College, and Ethiraj College for Women. These provide a strong base in engineering, arts, and research. Over 30 deemed universities add to this strength. The city has led in medical education through CMC Vellore, AIIMS, and private universities like SRM and VIT. Most schools follow the CBSE or a state board. There is a strong focus on coaching for JEE and NEET exams.

Meanwhile, Hyderabad has quickly closed the gap with Chennai. Institutions like IIT Hyderabad, BITS Pilani Hyderabad, IIIT Hyderabad, and ISB support research and startups. Mahindra, Woxsen, and NMIMS universities add to the city's educational landscape. IB, IGCSE, and CBSE International and national board schools are common in busy areas like HiTech City, Gachibowli, and Miyapur. These schools serve many IT families.

While Chennai still leads in research output,



Chennai, Marina Beach

Hyderabad has made inroads, particularly with industry-linked programs. Turning to healthcare and culture, Chennai stands out for hospitals such as Apollo, Fortis, GH, and Stanley, making it the city with the most hospitals in India. It attracts almost 45 per cent of India's medical tourists. Low-cost health care in facilities for heart, cancer, and transplant care is boosting the healthcare sector's popularity.

The city is also known for its beaches like Marina, Akkarai, and Besant Nagar. Chennai's classical arts scene is strong, thanks to sabhas that promote Carnatic music and Bharatanatyam dance. However, the city is less welcoming to speakers of other languages than Hyderabad, and languages such as Telugu, Malayalam, Hindi, Gujarati, and Bengali are mostly found in small areas. However, Chennai faces persistent urban challenges. These include flooding during the monsoon, water shortages in summer, and ageing drainage systems. Poor garbage segregation worsens these issues. The city's waste

management is inconsistent. This is seen in dump yards at Perungudi in the south and Kodungaiyur in the north. Compared to Chennai, the city of pearls stands out for its efficient roads and cost-effectiveness. Commuting is easier thanks to the Outer Ring Road and wide main roads. Its water supply, sourced from the Godavari-Krishna projects, is more reliable than Chennai's, although certain areas in the Old City and northern suburbs still face pressure issues. Healthcare infrastructure is expanding, with major hospitals such as AIG, Yashoda, and KIMS.

Compared to residents of many other Indian cities, Hyderabadis are generally more welcoming to speakers of other languages. One can hear Hindi, Telugu, Urdu, and English widely spoken. However, lake encroachment and traffic jams in HiTech City are becoming increasingly serious.

Looking more closely at transport, the Chennai Metro covers 54.1 km. It has two main lines, Blue and Green, and 41 stations. These connect the city to its suburbs, including



Hyderabad, Tank Bund

the airport, train stations, and business areas such as Aalandur and Koyambedu. Phase II, a 118.9-km expansion, is underway but slow, causing traffic and road issues. Metro ridership is currently about 2.6 lakh daily, which is low for a big city.

Compared to Chennai and other major Indian cities, Hyderabad Metro Phase 1 runs on a 69.2 km network. It links key residential, business, and IT areas through three elevated lines: Red, Blue, and Green. It is India's largest public-private partnership metro. The metro serves about 4.7 lakh riders daily, making it a strong public transport option. Its main drawback is that it does not connect to the airport or the Old City.

Beyond infrastructure, the good mornings of Chennai are threaded with small rituals. Office-goers pause at roadside temples to touch brass bells and offer a quick prayer; flower vendors cluster near bus stops and railway stations, exchanging jasmine garlands for a few rupees; women tuck blooms into their hair, and men buy garlands for home altars. These gestures slow the city's

pace and bind people to place.

In contrast, Hyderabad's mornings emphasise efficiency, unlike more leisurely cities. People grab quick coffees, go for runs along the Outer Ring Road, and take the fast metro or shuttle to workplaces. While temples and flower sellers are present, most commuters focus on their schedules and reaching their destinations quickly. Unlike in some other cities, ritual stops are less common.

Bringing these aspects together, Chennai offers long-standing educational institutions, a strong healthcare system, and rich cultural traditions, but faces ongoing infrastructure and environmental challenges. In comparison, Hyderabad offers a dynamic, fast-growing environment in these areas, but each city has its trade-offs.

Each city will influence your daily routines, from how you start your morning to the small, meaningful habits you keep—like putting jasmine in your hair at sunrise or giving a quick nod to a colleague on the metro as the city moves around you.

The real battle is within



RAJYOGI BRAHMA KUMAR
NIKUNJ JI

In the present world many people consider survival and security as prime values. They argue that if a person does not survive, then what value the other values have for him. In a similar vein, they further argue that if a person lives in a state of constant insecurity and fear, then what is the charm, the joy, the fun or the zest in living? Because the quality of life of a man in fear is like that of a man in a state of suspended animation and it's not at all cherishable, relishable or valuable. On the other hand, there are other people who question the contention of the former kind of people. The questions they raise are that 'after all what is the purpose of survival?' & 'what is the goal of life?'. Further they ask 'what do we want to achieve by living or while living?'. They argue

that the difference between a human being and an animal is narrowed down to zero if man also, like other animals, is concerned primarily and mainly about his physical survival only. They feel that there should be some higher and nobler aim of human existence & that there should be something more worthy for humans to be achieved. Arguing thus, they ask:

If personal survival is the main value, then why do military men endanger their own survival or sacrifice their life at the battle-front in order to keep intact the sovereignty of the nation? Again, why did the heroes of Indian Freedom Struggle happily embraced death for the sake of independence of their motherland? Why did kings in the olden times, give up their palaces and bodyguards and go to the forest in pursuit of truth, endangering their life, knowing well that there were tigers and lions there? With these questions in mind, they further argue that why should man have fear if he has moral and spiritual strength and has good relations with all the human beings? Because fear, they assert, arises from guilt-consciousness, suspicion or enmity. So, man should be free from these negativities rather than have additional negative tendencies or emotion, namely fear

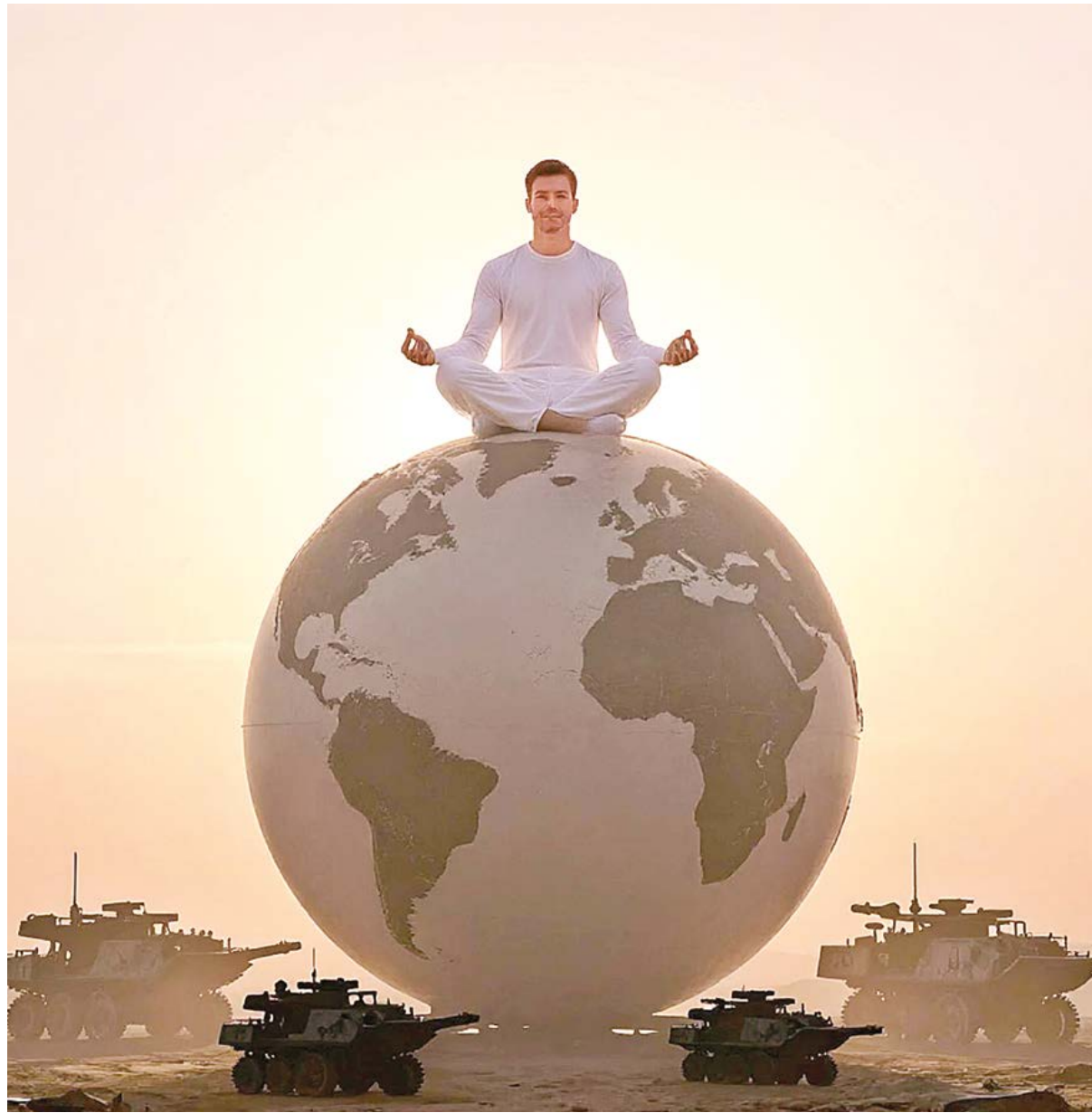
Survival as the basic human value is contrasted with the need for higher moral and spiritual goals in life. It emphasizes overcoming fear and negativity through ethical living, self-control, and universal brotherhood to achieve true peace and happiness

because one's survival should normally be an assured thing if one's actions are in harmony with other beings, with the environment and with the moral and physical laws. Each one of us must understand a fact that our life and death, or survival and happiness, are governed by the law of Karma and if our karma is good, why should we fear? Because death will surely come to all on one fixed day; why should then we not sleep well night after night?

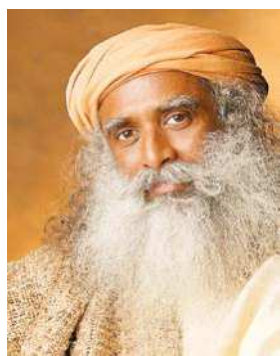
Today, what makes the world-situation peaceless is that mankind has not yet been able to realise the truth that the factors that lead nations to race for military superiority build-up of weapons and subjugation of other people and their territories are religious bigotry, scramble for power or spirit of revenge. Because of his lust for power, man cheats himself of happiness. It is a pity that he easily

forgets that the power of arms or money without the power to rule one's own mind is worse than evil. Also, man does not realise that the political power without the power to rule one's physical senses and without the intent to use power for human good, leads to turmoil. Remember! Lasting happiness of the human race depends not on power to dominate others but on his mastery over his demonic traits. So, the rub of the matter is that man needs to be reminded in an effective manner that if he does not kill the demons of hate, anger and war with the weapons of love and universal brotherhood, the demons would kill mankind.

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Envy and compassion



SADHGURU

The fundamental nature of jealousy or envy is that you feel inadequate. Envy is: somebody has something that you would like to have or somebody has something more than what you have. If you are very blissful you would not be envious of anybody. Right now, somebody seems to have or you assume that they have something more than you and you feel less than them. So, envy can exist only if somebody else is there who is better than you. If you are here by yourself, envy cannot happen. But compassion is not like that. Compassion can happen even if nobody is here.

Let us take away this understanding that compassion is some kind of sympathy or empathy or pity. Passion means total involvement with something. When we say passion, people are only thinking man-woman passion. No. When you are passionately involved with something, nothing else exists for you. Passion means unbridled involvement with something. It could be anything; you can sing passionately, you can dance passionately, you can do your gardening passionately, you can read a book passionately, or you can just walk passionately. So, it does not mean any specific activity as such nor does it mean any particular area of life. It is just that you have deep sense of involvement.

Compassion means it is an all-encompassing passion. That means your passion is no more

Envy arises from comparison and a sense of inadequacy, which disappears in the absence of others to compare with. It contrasts this with compassion, described as a deep, all-encompassing, and non-discriminatory state of passionate involvement with all aspects of life



discriminatory. Whatever is in touch with you right now, you are deeply passionate with that. Whatever it is, if you look at something you are not just casually looking at anything; there is nothing like casual in your life. Everything is with total passion. You breathe with passion, you walk with passion, you live with passion; your very existence is with absolute involvement with everything. This is compassion. This has got nothing to do with anybody. Even if nobody is here you can live in great compassion. But if nobody is here, you cannot live enviously. You need somebody to cause that for you – you need help. So, you are sympathetic with them when they have fallen down but when they stand up you do not like it. It is from this basis that all

charity has come. Do not try to handle sympathy and compassion and all these things. Just develop unbridled passion towards everything. Do not understand passion as this person. Understand passion as anything that is in touch with you right now. The very cloth that you wear, the very air that you breathe, the very food that you eat, and choose stability over passion. Just be passionate about everything. When it is unbridled, it is not entangling any more.

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The world is not enough when courage has no limits



SHIV RAJVANSHI

In every era of human history, progress has belonged to those who possessed the courage to challenge limits. Empires were built, discoveries were made, revolutions were ignited, and impossible dreams became reality because someone, somewhere, decided not to surrender to fear. The phrase "The World Is Not Enough If You Have the Courage" perfectly captures this spirit of limitless ambition and fearless determination. It is not simply a motivational line; it is a philosophy that defines the difference between those who merely exist and those who truly create impact.

Courage is one of the rarest qualities in the modern world. In an age where people constantly seek comfort, security, and validation, courage demands something different: the willingness to take risks, embrace uncertainty, and move forward despite fear. Most people wait for perfect timing, guaranteed success, or universal approval before taking action. Courageous individuals understand that perfect moments rarely exist. They create opportunities through belief, resilience, and action.

The world often teaches people to think within boundaries. From childhood, individuals are conditioned to follow safe paths, avoid failure, and choose stability over passion. Society celebrates achievement but frequently discourages risk-taking. Yet, every extraordinary success story has emerged from someone refusing to



accept ordinary limitations. Whether it was inventors changing technology, entrepreneurs disrupting industries, athletes breaking records, or artists redefining creativity, courage has always been the driving force behind transformation.

True courage is not the absence of fear. Fear is natural. Fear accompanies every major decision, every new beginning, and every uncertain journey. Courage simply means refusing to let fear control destiny. Some of the most successful people in the world have openly admitted that they faced rejection, uncertainty, and setbacks repeatedly. What separated them from others was their ability to continue moving forward when others stopped.

Today's generation has access to opportunities unlike any previous era. Digital platforms, global connectivity, artificial intelligence, entrepreneurship, and innovation have opened doors that were unimaginable decades ago. A student from a small town can build a global business. A creator with a smartphone can influence millions. An entrepreneur with an idea can disrupt billion-dollar industries. Yet, despite these opportunities, many still hesitate because fear remains stronger than

ambition.

The reality is that success has never belonged only to the most talented people. Talent without courage often remains hidden. Intelligence without action produces no impact. Courage transforms potential into achievement. A person willing to fail, learn, and rise again will always move ahead of someone who remains trapped in self-doubt.

In professional life, courage has become more important than ever. Industries are evolving rapidly, careers are changing, and competition is global. Companies that succeed are led by individuals who are willing to innovate and take bold decisions. Startups that become industry leaders are founded by people who dared to challenge established systems. Leadership itself requires courage: the courage to make difficult choices, stand by values, and lead through uncertainty.

The same principle applies to personal growth. Many people spend years living according to societal expectations rather than their own aspirations. They suppress dreams because they fear judgment or failure. However, real fulfillment begins when individuals gather the courage to pursue authenticity. Courage allows people to embrace

who they truly are instead of becoming what society expects them to be.

Some of the greatest battles are not fought publicly but internally. Self-doubt, insecurity, fear of rejection, and fear of failure silently prevent countless individuals from reaching their true potential. A courageous person is not someone who never struggles but someone who refuses to surrender to those struggles. Mental resilience, emotional strength, and self-belief are forms of courage that shape extraordinary lives.

India today provides a powerful example of how courage can transform a nation's future. Across industries, Indian entrepreneurs, creators, athletes, and innovators are competing on global platforms with confidence and ambition. Young Indians are no longer confined by geographical or societal limitations. They are building startups, leading multinational companies, influencing digital culture, and creating worldwide recognition. This transformation is fueled not only by talent but by the courage to dream bigger.

The rise of India's startup ecosystem itself is a story of courage. Thousands of young founders have chosen uncertain entrepreneurial journeys over traditional career security. Many failed

initially, yet continued building until success arrived. Their journeys prove that courage often matters more than immediate results. Every failure becomes a lesson, every setback becomes preparation, and every challenge becomes a stepping stone.

Courage also has the power to inspire others. One brave decision can create a ripple effect that motivates entire communities. A teacher inspiring student to think independently, a social entrepreneur solving grassroots problems, or a public figure speaking honestly about challenges — all of these acts influence society positively. Courage is contagious. When people witness fearless action, they begin to believe in their own potential.

Importantly, courage must be balanced with purpose. Fearless ambition without values can become destructive. True courage is not recklessness; it is purposeful determination guided by integrity and vision. It is about creating meaningful impact rather than chasing hollow success. The individuals who leave lasting legacies are those who combine boldness with responsibility.

The phrase "The World Is Not Enough If You Have the Courage" ultimately reflects the limitless nature of human potential. A courageous mind cannot be confined by geography, circumstances, criticism, or temporary failure. The world itself becomes too small for individuals who dare to think beyond conventional boundaries.

At the end of life, people rarely regret the risks they took. More often, they regret the opportunities they ignored, the dreams they postponed, and the fears they allowed to control them. Courage is what transforms life from ordinary existence into meaningful experience. Because in the end, the world does not belong to those who wait it belongs to those who dare.

IN BRIEF



IAF aerobatic team to celebrate its 30th anniversary in Bidar

BENGALURU: The Suryakiran Aerobatic Team of the Indian Air Force will commemorate its 30th anniversary at Air Force Station Bidar on May 26, celebrating three glorious decades of breath-taking air displays across India and abroad, officials said on Saturday.

Popularly known as the "Ambassadors of the Indian Air Force", the nine aircraft formation aerobatic team has inspired millions through professional flying in close formation encompassing thrilling manoeuvres at low levels, they said.

According to a statement issued by the defence wing of the press information bureau, the team, "Suryakiran" - meaning "Rays of the Sun" - was formed on May 27, 1996 at Air Force Station Bidar, initially flying the Kiran Mk-II aircraft.

In September 1996, the team made its public debut with a spectacular display in Coimbatore (Tamil Nadu), marking the beginning of an inspiring journey in precision aerobatics.

Officials noted that over the past three decades, Suryakiran has conducted more than 800 breath-taking air displays, captivating audiences across India and abroad, including China, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Thailand, Singapore, and the United Arab Emirates.

"Continuing its legacy of innovation and excellence, SKAT operates the iconic Red and White Hawk Mk-132 aircraft since 2015 in its signature nine-aircraft formation," it said.

The team pilots undertake rigorous and intensive training to master complex aerobatic manoeuvres with flawless coordination, forming the foundation of their close formation flying, they said. The 30th anniversary celebrations at Air Force Station Bidar will be a tribute to the spirit of the Indian Air Force and it will also honour all the members of the Suryakiran Aerobatic Team who have contributed towards making SKAT one of the finest aerobatic teams in the world, the statement added.

Mumbai, UP in final of Disability cricket tourney

BENGALURU: Mumbai and Uttar Pradesh booked their places in the final of the 5th Elite National Physical Disability Cricket Championship 2026 with contrasting victories. Mumbai produced a dominant all-round performance to defeat Maharashtra by 45 runs in the first semifinal on Friday.

Mumbai posted 152/8 with Aakash Patil scoring an unbeaten 41 off just 18 deliveries, including five fours and two sixes. In reply, Maharashtra were bowled out for 107 in 18 overs with Mumbai's Rohan Bhoir claiming 5/12, while Ravindra Sante took three wickets.

In the second semifinal, Uttar Pradesh clinched a tight four-wicket win over Haryana. Haryana were bowled out for 98 in 16.4 overs with Sadik claiming three crucial wickets. Kumar Rahul and Vintoo Yadav also chipped in with two wickets each. In reply, Uttar Pradesh chased down the target in 17 overs. The final will be held at the Sports Garden Cricket Ground here on Sunday.

Mob attacks two men inquiring alleged illegal cattle transport

BENGALURU

TWO persons were allegedly assaulted by a group of unidentified men during an inquiry into alleged illegal transportation and storage of cattle and camels in the outskirts of Bengaluru City, police said on Saturday.

The incident occurred late Friday night at Medimallasandra

village under the limits of Anugondanahalli Police Station, they said. Police said a case has been registered based on a complaint lodged by Sanjay Kulkarni, an honorary Animal Welfare Officer with the Animal Welfare Board of India.

According to the FIR, Kulkarni received information that over 20 camels and several cows had allegedly been kept

at Medimallasandra village for slaughter during the Bakrid festival.

Acting on the tip-off, Kulkarni, along with a volunteer identified as Manjunatha and four police personnel, visited the location around 2.15 am. However, by the time they reached the spot, the animals had allegedly been moved away, the complaint stated.

The complainant further

alleged that a group of people gathered at the spot and shouted at them. The team later proceeded to another location near a plywood factory in the village, where 10 cows were allegedly found being kept illegally behind the premises.

At the location, a large group of unidentified persons allegedly assaulted Kulkarni and the volunteer with fists, stones and

sharp weapons, causing injuries to the neck, face and head, it stated. Police personnel who accompanied them later shifted the injured to hospital for treatment.

Kulkarni, who is also associated with Gau Gyan Foundation, termed the incident "shocking" and demanded strict action against the culprits and immediate protection for

whistleblowers and animal welfare volunteers.

The NGO also sought a high-level independent investigation into the alleged cattle mafia nexus operating in the region and urged intervention by the Karnataka government, senior police authorities, the Animal Welfare Board of India and the judiciary to ensure immediate arrests and rescue of surviving animals.

As monsoon sowing begins...

Farmers struggle for seeds and diesel in Haveri

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HAVERI

FARMERS in Haveri district are facing severe hardship at the beginning of the monsoon season as shortages of sowing seeds and diesel have triggered chaos across several parts of the region. The situation has led to growing anger among farmers against the Agriculture Department and district administration.

While farmers are spending sleepless nights outside agriculture centres to secure soybean and groundnut seeds, tractor owners and cultivators are also struggling to obtain diesel required for land preparation activities.

At the agriculture centre in Tevaramellihalli village of Savanur taluk, hundreds of farmers have been waiting in long queues for the past two days to obtain sowing seeds. Farmers alleged that repeated network failures and delays by agriculture department officials are preventing timely distribution of seeds during the crucial sowing season.

Fearing that seed stocks may run out before their turn arrives, several farmers were forced to stay overnight outside the centre. Many were seen sleeping on



the roadside and waiting through the night in hopes of receiving seeds early in the morning.

The rush for seeds has resulted in heavy crowding and confusion at multiple centres across the district. Frustrated farmers accused the administration of failing to make adequate arrangements despite the onset of the monsoon season being predictable.

"We are wasting entire days standing in queues. If sowing is delayed, our crops and livelihood will suffer," farmers complained while demanding immediate intervention from the government.

Alongside the seed crisis, farmers are also facing an

acute diesel shortage. Fuel prices have reportedly increased for the third time within just ten days, further adding to the burden on cultivators already struggling with rising agricultural costs.

The diesel shortage has particularly affected tractor operations needed for ploughing and land preparation. At several petrol bunks on the outskirts of Haveri, long queues of tractors and farmers carrying fuel cans were witnessed throughout the day.

Farmers alleged that many fuel stations are refusing to fill diesel in cans due to limited supply. As a result, even those willing to pay are unable to procure sufficient

fuel for agricultural operations.

The twin crises of seed shortages and diesel scarcity have created panic among farmers who fear losing valuable time during the sowing period. Many cultivators expressed helplessness and questioned how they could continue farming if essential agricultural inputs were unavailable during the most critical phase of cultivation.

The situation has sparked widespread resentment, with farmers urging the state government and district administration to immediately ensure adequate supply of seeds and fuel to avoid disruption to monsoon farming activities.

No Ebola cases in India, says Health Dept

BENGALURU

IN response to an Ebola outbreak in several African countries, the Karnataka Health Department on Friday advised individuals who have recently travelled to affected nations to undergo health monitoring and self-observation for 21 days after their return.

Clarifying that no Ebola cases have been reported in India at present, it said that, however, considering the volume of international travel and trade, the Health Department has undertaken precautionary preparedness measures.

The WHO declared the ongoing outbreak of Ebola disease (ED) in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and Uganda as a "Public Health Emergency of International Concern" (PHEIC) on May 17, 2026.

"The public is requested not to panic unnecessarily and to rely only on official information. Persons who have recently travelled to Ebola-affected countries should undergo health monitoring and self-observation for 21 days after returning to India," the department said in a release.

Those with symptoms should immediately report to the nearest health facility, it said. Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) will undertake surveillance activities. The State Health Department is continuously monitoring

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the situation and has taken all necessary precautionary and preparedness measures, it added.

According to the department, Ebola is a severe viral disease that may cause symptoms such as fever, weakness, muscle pain, sore throat, headache, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach pain, rash, and red eyes.

The disease spreads through direct contact with the blood, organs, or body fluids of infected persons, or through contaminated materials such as bedding, clothes, and syringes. It added that healthcare workers and family members or close contacts of infected individuals are at higher risk.

Highlighting that preparedness measures have been strengthened in the state, the department said they include enhanced surveillance and monitoring of suspected cases under the IDSP, coordination with airports and Points of Entry (PoEs), and dedicated quarantine and isolation

facilities, along with referral ambulance services.

Other measures include training healthcare personnel, strengthening infection prevention and control measures, ensuring the availability of PPE, medicines, and laboratory facilities, and placing Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) on alert.

In Bengaluru, the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Chest Diseases (RGICD) has been identified as the isolation centre, and the Epidemic Diseases Hospital, Bengaluru, has been designated as the quarantine and treatment centre.

In Mangaluru, Srinivas Port Hospital, NMPA, has been identified as the quarantine centre, and Wenlock District Hospital, Mangaluru, has been designated as the isolation and treatment centre.

Dedicated ambulance services have also been kept ready for transporting suspected patients to designated hospitals.

Govt hikes minimum wages by 60%; over 1 crore workers to benefit

BENGALURU

THE government issued a notification on Saturday increasing minimum wages for workers by an average of 60 per cent, a move expected to benefit more than one crore labourers across the state.

With the latest notification, Karnataka has become the third state in the country to issue such a revised minimum wage notification after Uttar Pradesh and Haryana.

Officials stated that the revision has been implemented in line with the Supreme Court guidelines laid down in the 1991 Reptakos Brett case, taking into account household expenditure patterns and rising living costs. Labour Minister Santosh S. Lad said



the revised minimum wage system would significantly benefit workers across the state.

"After deductions towards ESI and PF, many workers were left with very little take-home salary. Some had even fallen outside the BPL category. This wage revision will provide major relief to such workers. It is a revolutionary step aimed at improving the lives of labourers who contribute to nation-building," he said.

The minister said extensive consultations had been held with labour unions, employers, experts, and legal professionals before finalising the notification. The revised wage structure, announced through the Labour Department, is aimed at providing financial relief to workers employed in the unorganised and specified sectors. The revision has been carried out in accordance with directions issued by the Supreme Court.

For the first time, all scheduled employments have been brought under a single notification. The government has also revised the earlier four-zone classification system into a three-zone structure for wage calculation.

Nitin Nabin to visit State for first time after taking charge as BJP chief

BENGALURU

STATE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President B.Y. Vijayendra said on Saturday that Nitin Nabin will arrive in Bengaluru late evening on his first visit to the state after assuming charge as the party President.

Speaking to reporters at the state BJP office in Bengaluru, Vijayendra said that Nabin's visit would include meetings with senior party leaders, legislators, and party workers.

According to Vijayendra, the BJP President will visit former Karnataka Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa's residence on Sunday morning for breakfast. He will later offer prayers at the Kadumalleshwara Temple before arriving at the state BJP headquarters, Jagannath Bhavan, at around 10 a.m.

The State BJP President said that Nabin will hold discussions with BJP MPs, MLAs, and Legislative Council members for nearly two hours and review the

To convene series of meetings



current political situation in the state. The BJP President will also participate in the party's core committee meeting and later attend a training camp being organised in Bengaluru North district.

"It is a matter of pride for us that the BJP President is participating in the training programme. His presence will inspire party workers," Vijayendra said.

He also defended the Centre's decision to increase fuel prices, saying that the hike was necessitated by global developments and international market

conditions.

He said the Union government had increased fuel prices for the third time due to unavoidable circumstances arising out of the global situation.

"Because of global developments, the Central government has been compelled to increase fuel prices. Even though the government did not want to take such a step, it was forced to make a difficult decision," he added.

He also targeted Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, recalling his earlier statement about reducing fuel prices in the state. "Siddaramaiah had earlier said that he would reduce fuel prices by Rs 10. Now, in the interest of the people of the state, he should reduce the state tax imposed on fuel," Vijayendra said. Urging the Karnataka government to respond to the situation, the State BJP President said the Chief Minister should understand the prevailing global conditions and reduce the additional tax levied on petrol and diesel in the state.

Cong consolidating vote bank through appeasement politics: BJP

BENGALURU

STATE Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) President and MLA B.Y. Vijayendra on Saturday accused the Congress government in the state of indulging in "appeasement politics" and attempting to strengthen its vote bank by favouring minorities.

Speaking to reporters at the state BJP office in Bengaluru, Vijayendra alleged that the Congress-led state government had crossed all limits of appeasement since coming to power.

"There have been continuous atrocities

against Hindus in the state. This (Congress) government is willing to go to any extent to appease minorities. The Cabinet's decision to withdraw the Aland riot case clearly shows that the Congress is trying to secure its vote bank instead of taking action against anti-national elements and those disturbing law and order," he alleged.

He also claimed that the people of Karnataka were closely observing what he termed as "repeated insults to Hindus" by the Congress government. "As an Opposition party, we (BJP) will fight against these

policies. We will take to the streets and stage protests against the 'anti-Hindu' policies of the government," Vijayendra said.

Responding to a question regarding the proposed cricket stadium project near Anekal, the State BJP President accused the Congress government of ignoring farmers' interests and engaging in what he described as a "real estate business".

"The Congress government has no concern for farmers and does not understand their problems. Instead, it is involved in real estate dealings. During floods and

drought situations, the state government did not stand by farmers," Vijayendra alleged.

He also criticised local representatives and Ministers in Karnataka for allegedly failing to listen to the grievances of people in the affected areas.

"There are thousands of acres of land available near Bengaluru airport where the stadium could have been constructed. Instead, the state government is acquiring fertile agricultural land in Anekal and repeatedly troubling farmers. BJP will stand firmly with farmers and will not allow their

interests to be ignored," Vijayendra said.

On the issue of Rajya Sabha candidate selection, the State BJP President clarified that the party had not opposed the possibility of former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda being sent to the Rajya Sabha. "One seat is available and discussions are underway regarding candidate selection. BJP has not opposed sending Deve Gowda to the Rajya Sabha. Any decision in this regard will be taken by the national leadership. So far, no specific instructions have been received," Vijayendra added.



IN BRIEF



Udupi Math opens three new spiritual learning centres

BENGALURU: Sri Sri Sugunendra Theertha Swamiji of Udupi Sri Puttige Math inaugurated the Sri Puttige Suguna School for children of the Trimata Vipra community, the Sri Puttige Mahila Vidya Peetha for women, and the Sri Puttige Sandhya Vidya Peetha for men at the Sri Govardhan Kshetra branch in Basavanagudi, Bengaluru on Friday.

While performing the inauguration, he emphasised that spiritual education holds greater importance than modern education. He observed that people today are becoming increasingly outward-focused while turning internally weak and stunted.

The Swamiji stated that spiritual knowledge serves as the complete solution for a fulfilled life and that these institutions are highly essential to restore the prominence of spirituality in society. Bhadrakere Math's Sri Sri Vidyeshaertha Swamiji praised the women's vidya peetha as a revolutionary concept and stressed that proper family management based on Sanatan Dharma is crucial for nation-building, with women playing a vital role.

Karnataka Sanskrit University Vice Chancellor Ahilya Sharma expressed concern that nearly 40 percent of people might become averse to marriage in the future and urged society to act immediately. Karnataka Brahmin Development Council President Asagodu Jayasimha and Dr. K P Putturaya lauded the social concern shown by Sri Puttige Swamiji.

Brutal attack on Uber driver caught on camera

BENGALURU: An Uber cab driver suffered a severe beating on KH Road in Bengaluru on May 22 when another driver and his associates stopped the vehicle in the middle of the road. The attackers dragged the driver out of the cab and thrashed him violently.

A young woman stood nearby as the assault took place, but the gang showed no restraint while carrying out the deadly attack. The disturbing CCTV footage of the incident has gone viral on social media platforms. The event occurred under the Wilson Garden police station jurisdiction. Although no formal complaint has been registered so far, police have taken the matter seriously and visited the spot for inspection. Officers are now actively scanning footage from multiple CCTV cameras around KH Road to identify the vehicles involved and trace the culprits. Searches are underway to locate and apprehend the gang members responsible for the attack.

Police conduct special vehicle checking drive

BENGALURU: The North East Division of Bengaluru City Police carried out a special vehicle checking operation across multiple police station jurisdictions on the directions of the Commissioner of Police.

The drive covered the areas under Yelahanka New Town, Kodigehalli, Amruthahalli, and Yelahanka Police Stations. A total of 20 police officers and staff were deployed at various locations as part of preventive policing measures aimed at maintaining law and order and curbing criminal activities.

During the operation, authorities checked 143 vehicles, which included 97 two-wheelers, 24 three-wheelers, and other vehicles. Officers also verified 8 rowdy sheeters and 2 MOB offenders.

Upcoming Anekal cricket stadium to accommodate 80,000 spectators

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BENGALURU

A major milestone in Karnataka's sports infrastructure development was marked on Saturday as Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar jointly laid the foundation stone for a massive international cricket stadium at Indlawadi village in Anekal taluk on the outskirts of Bengaluru.

The proposed stadium, which is being developed at an estimated cost of Rs 900 crore, is expected to become the second-largest international cricket stadium in the country with a seating capacity of nearly 80,000 spectators. The ambitious project is being undertaken by the Karnataka Housing Board across nearly 100 acres of land and is expected to be completed



within the next two to three years.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held amid much fanfare, with thousands of people and party workers gathering at the venue. Local MLA Anekal Shivanna welcomed the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister by presenting them with a symbolic silver mace as a

mark of honour and appreciation. The dignitaries were also greeted with massive apple garlands, traditional folk performances and ceremonial 'Poorna Kumbha' processions by women.

Several senior political leaders and officials attended the event, including Home Minister G. Parameashwara, MLA K.M. Shivalingegowda,

CM's legal advisor A.S. Ponnanna and MLA Krishnappa.

Officials said the upcoming sports complex will feature world-class indoor, outdoor and aquatic facilities. The indoor sports arena will accommodate 11 major disciplines including badminton, basketball, volleyball, handball, table tennis, squash, kabaddi, kho-kho, judo, taek-

wondo, wrestling, fencing and weightlifting.

The project will also include an Olympic-size swimming pool, a high-diving pool, a separate practice pool, synthetic athletic tracks and courts for tennis, basketball and volleyball. Dedicated arenas for emerging sports like padel and pickleball are also planned.

Apart from sports facilities, the stadium complex will feature multilevel parking for more than 500 vehicles, commercial and retail outlets, sports equipment stores, food courts and modern accommodation facilities for players, coaches and staff. A helipad, public plaza and a large green zone are also part of the master plan. Speaking to the media, Housing Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan said the demand for a stadium and educational infrastructure in



the region had been pending for several years. He added that the recent crowd management concerns witnessed

during IPL matches in Bengaluru highlighted the need for another large stadium on the city's outskirts.

'Hindu civilisation declined due to political subjugation'

BENGALURU

POLITICAL subjugation and internal shortcomings were among the major reasons for the decline of Hindu civilisation, UPSC Secretary Shashi Ranjan Kumar said on Saturday. While speaking at a dialogue event in Bengaluru on his book, 'The Decline of Hindu Civilization: Lessons from the Past', he stressed that the concept of 'Anvikshaki', or critical inquiry, formed the foundation of Indian intellectual traditions.

The event was organised at Central College of Bangalore University by the Department of Communication, Bangalore University, the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University, the Karnataka State Journalism and Mass Communication Teachers Association, and the Indian Communication Congress.

India's history is not merely a chronicle of political transitions, but a continuous journey of exploration in knowledge, science, and philosophy, Kumar said.

Kumar said ancient India had achieved remarkable milestones in mathematics, astronomy, medicine and



philosophy, adding that Indian civilisation contributed the concept of "zero" to the world and understood negative numbers long before Arab mathematicians rejected them.

He said Indian science differed from Greek science in its emphasis on empirical observation and algorithmic procedures, whereas Greek science relied more on deductive reasoning and physical models.

Addressing the decline of Hindu civilisation, Kumar said the weakening of intellectual traditions resulted from both political domination and internal failings. "The rich intellectual traditions waned due to politi-

cal subjugation and internal flaws," the UPSC secretary said.

Strategic and technological thinking diminished in India after Kautilya's Arthashastra, causing the region to fall significantly behind the advancements of European science, he said.

He also observed that India's geographical advantages, including the protection offered by the Himalayas and fertile lands, reduced the drive among people to explore the outside world.

"The collapse of a civilisation is rarely the result of a single isolated event; rather, such tragedies occur due to the accumulation of numerous small, uncorrected mis-

takes," Kumar said.

He cautioned that declining construction quality and lack of attention to detail in modern India reflected a growing tendency to tolerate mediocrity instead of striving for excellence.

Kumar further said the present education system had failed to nurture a critical civilisational consciousness, making self-study essential for acquiring deeper historical understanding.

Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru North University Prof B K Ravi and Vice-Chancellor of Dr Manmohan Singh Bengaluru City University Prof Ramesh B also shared their views on the book.

Nikhil Kumaraswamy targets DKS over 'Cockroach Janata Party' remarks

Remarks made in response to statements made by DK Shivakumar during a recent Congress convention in Tumakuru, where the Deputy CM had reportedly mocked former Chief Minister H D Kumaraswamy for aspiring to become Chief Minister despite the party's reduced numbers in the Assembly

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A fresh political war of words has erupted in Karnataka with JD(S) youth wing president Nikhil Kumaraswamy launching a sharp attack on Deputy Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar while sarcastically referring to the so-called "Cockroach Janata Party" (CJP), a phrase currently making rounds in political discussions. Speaking to reporters, Nikhil Kumaraswamy mocked DK Shivakumar and challenged him to prove his political strength by leading the "CJP" in Karnataka and winning 50 Assembly seats in the 2028 elections.

"I am not forcing DK Shivakumar to float a regional party. But a new party called Cockroach Party has emerged in the country. Let DK Shivakumar become the state president of that party and win 50 seats in Karnataka," Nikhil



said sarcastically.

The JD(S) leader accused DK Shivakumar of repeatedly mocking regional parties, particularly the Janata Dal (Secular), over its electoral strength. "Whenever DK Shivakumar speaks, he ridicules JD(S) saying the party has only 17 seats or one seat. He does not understand the struggles of regional parties. If he is so confident, let him contest under the CJP banner and show his strength," he said.

Nikhil's remarks came in response to statements made by DK Shivakumar during a recent Congress convention in Tumakuru, where the Deputy CM had reportedly mocked former Chief Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy for aspiring to become Chief Minister despite the party's reduced numbers in the Assembly.

Taking the attack further, Nikhil also took a swipe at Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, saying, "Standing at Freedom Park, Siddaramaiah may even release a T-shirt saying 'I am a cockroach.' Looking at the cur-

rent state of Congress in Karnataka itself is worrying."

Responding to DK Shivakumar's earlier remark questioning "Who is Nikhil Kumaraswamy to question me?", the JD(S) youth leader said he had every right to question the government as a citizen of Karnataka. "I am a son of Karnataka soil. I have pride in the state's language, land and water. I pay taxes to this government, and therefore I have every right to question it," he asserted.

Nikhil further said that the people of Karnataka had given Congress 136 seats and the opportunity to form the government by making Siddaramaiah Chief Minister and DK Shivakumar Deputy Chief Minister. "I will continue to raise my voice on behalf of ordinary people of the state. Nobody can stop me," he added. The exchange marks yet another escalation in the growing political confrontation between Congress and JD(S) leaders ahead of future electoral battles in Karnataka.

Boxing coach booked under POCSO Act

BENGALURU

A 50-year-old boxing coach has been accused of sexually abusing a trainee in the city and threatening the family, police said on Saturday.

The First Information Report, lodged at Sampangiramanagar police station under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, names the coach and details alleged incidents dating from December 4, 2025, through May 22, 2026.

According to the FIR lodged by the 17-year-old girl's mother, on May 17, when her daughter went to Chennai for a boxing competition, the coach called her into his private room and misbehaved with her. The complainant also told police that the coach threatened her against revealing the matter to anyone. According to the FIR, the teenager has trained for about 10 years and began experiencing inappropriate conduct from the coach approximately four years ago, with the behaviour intensifying over the last five to six months.

Metro Rail between Bengaluru-Tumakuru DPR for before Cabinet soon: HM

BENGALURU

KARNATAKA Home Minister G Parameashwara on Saturday said that a DPR for the proposed Madavara (Bengaluru)-Tumakuru Metro Rail project would be placed before the Cabinet for discussion and further decision-making.

He was speaking to reporters after receiving the Detailed Project Report (DPR) report for the Madavara-Tumakuru Metro Rail project at Vidhana Soudha in the presence of Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Home Department Additional Chief Secretary Tushar Girinath and senior officials of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRC). The distance between Madavara and Tumakuru Metro Rail

project is approximately 50 km. For a long time, efforts had been underway, Parameashwara, who is Tumakuru district in charge minister said, while explaining the progress of the project.

"The CM had earlier said that we would conduct a feasibility study and examine it. Accordingly, around Rs 3.5 crore was spent, and a Hyderabad-based company conducted the feasibility study and submitted it to the government. They strongly stated in the report that it could be done," he said.

The minister said discussions were subsequently held on preparing the DPR and a tender was floated through the metro authorities for the same. "They prepared the DPR, held discussions at their level, and submitted it to the



government today," he said. "The government is preparing a proposal to execute it under the PPP model. The estimated cost is around Rs 20,000 crore," Parameashwara said. He added that the report contains detailed aspects, including the number and location of stations and the alignment along the National Highway corridor. "It will be placed before the Cabinet, after which Expressions of Interest will be invited and tenders will be floated. The process will then begin. We do not yet know who will qualify or who will apply," he said.

High Court reduces jail term of driver from one year to one day

The convicted had rushed accident victim to hospital who succumbed to his injuries the next day

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BENGALURU

IN a significant observation on humanitarian conduct after road accidents, the High Court of Karnataka has reduced the jail sentence of a driver convicted in a fatal accident case after noting that he did not flee the spot and instead personally shifted the injured victim to hospital in his own car.

Justice V. Srishananda passed the order while hearing a petition filed by

Riyaz Ahmed, a resident of Pachhikere in Dakshina Kannada district. The court modified the one-year imprisonment imposed by a trial court to imprisonment till the rising of the court, effectively reducing the sentence to one day.

The High Court observed that immediately after the accident, the driver had acted responsibly by taking the victim to hospital instead of escaping from the scene. The court considered this conduct as a major mitigating factor while deciding



the quantum of punishment.

The bench also took note of the petitioner's personal circumstances. Records be-

fore the court revealed that Riyaz Ahmed himself later met with another accident and underwent surgery in which a rod was inserted

in his right leg. Due to his physical condition, he is reportedly unable to continue professional driving and is currently doing small jobs for survival.

During the hearing, the court suggested additional compensation for the victim's family as a condition for reducing the sentence. The family members of the deceased agreed to the proposal.

Accordingly, the court directed Riyaz Ahmed to pay an additional compensation of Rs 1 lakh to the wife

and son of the deceased. The amount must be paid in two equal instalments of Rs 50,000 each before June 30. The court further clarified that failure to pay the compensation within the stipulated time would automatically restore the earlier one-year jail sentence imposed by the lower court.

The case dates back to July 15, 2015, when Riyaz Ahmed was driving a car near Panambur Beach Road on National Highway-66 between Mangaluru and Udupi. His vehicle hit

a pedestrian identified as Anand Shetty.

Immediately after the accident, Riyaz and his son shifted the seriously injured Anand Shetty to hospital in the same vehicle. However, the victim succumbed to injuries the following day.

Earlier, a sessions court in Mangaluru had convicted Riyaz Ahmed and sentenced him to one year of simple imprisonment along with a fine of Rs 5,000. Challenging the order, he later approached the High Court seeking relief.

It is an encouraging performance by our Greco-Roman wrestlers to finish the opening day with five medals. The wrestlers showed great determination and discipline on the mat, and this performance reflects the steady progress Indian Greco-Roman wrestling has been making at the continental level
- Sanjay Singh, President of WFI



U23 ASIAN WRESTLING C'SHIP
Suraj, Sagar win silver as India bag 5 Greco-Roman medals

NEW DELHI: Suraj Singh and Sagar Singh led the charge with silver medals as India made an impressive start to its campaign in the U23 Asian Wrestling Championships by securing five medals in the Greco-Roman category on the opening day of the competition at the Tien Son Sport Center in Da Nang, Vietnam, on Saturday.

While Suraj Singh and Sagar Singh claimed silver medals in their respective weight categories, Kumar Sachin, Rohit, and Hardeep added to the tally with bronze medals in their respective weight categories.

Suraj Singh impressed in the 60kg category with a solid run to the final before going down 0-4 against Kazakhstan's Aibek Aitbekov in the gold medal bout to finish with silver.

In the 67kg category,



Sagar Singh also produced a commendable performance throughout the tournament. However, he suffered a 0-9 defeat by technical superiority against Uzbekistan's Aytjan Khamkhanov in the final and settled for the silver medal.

Kumar Sachin added a bronze medal in the 77kg category despite going down 3-10 against Kazakhstan's Alikhan Dursunov, while Rohit narrowly missed out after suffering a hard-fought 3-5 defeat against Uzbekistan's Bekhriz Barnoev in the 97kg division. Hardeep also fell short in the 130kg bout, going down 0-4 against Kazakhstan's Jokhar Uzarov.

4 Indians enter Asian Jr Individual Squash finals

PANZHUIHUA (CHINA)

ARYAVEER Dewan (boys' U-19), Shiven Agarwal (boys' U-17), Anika Dubey (girls' U-17), and Amarya Bajaj (boys' U-13) advanced to the finals in their respective categories at the 33rd Asian Junior Individual Squash Championships in Panzhihua, China, on Saturday. Aryaveer, seeded 3/4, defeated Malaysian top seed Nickhileswar Moganandharam in four games in the semifinals and will meet either Md Alnasafan (KSA) or Jonghyeok Lee (Kor) for the crown. Aryaveer had beaten the Malaysian for the U-17 title last year.

Meanwhile, Shiven, seeded 5/8, beat fellow Indian Squash Academy trainee Lokesh Subramani in a close four-game semifinal and will take on Pakistan's 9/16 seed Nauman Khan for the U-17 title. Anika, seeded 3/4 and



bronze medallist in this age group last year, will battle with Malaysian top seed Harleem Tan for the U-17 crown after her semifinal opponent retired midway through their match.

Amarya, seeded 3/4 and bronze medallist in the boys' U-13 category last year, beat Malaysian second seed Muhammad Sharhan Mohd Saiful in four close games in the semifinals. He will take on top seed Leung Ngo San of Hong Kong in the U-13 final.

Results involving Indians (semifinals):
U-19 Boys: 3/4-Aryaveer Dewan bt 1-Nickhileswar Moganandharam (Mas) 11-

6, 11-4, 3-11, 11-6.

U-17 — Boys: 5/8-Shiven Agarwal bt 5/8-Lokesh Subramani 4-11, 11-9, 11-8, 11-9. Girls: 3/4-Anika Dubey bt 2-Jinoreeka Ning Manivannan (Mas) 9-11, 3-2 ret.

U-13 — Boys: 1-Leung Ngo San (HK) bt 3/4-Abhyuday Arora 11-8, 8-11, 11-8, 8-11, 11-4; 3/4-Amarya Bajaj bt 2-Muhammad Sharhan Mohd Saiful (Mas) 11-9, 11-8, 6-11, 11-8. Girls: 1-Kareena Sashikumar (Sgp) bt 3/4-Shanaya Parasrampuria 11-5, 11-6, 13-11; 3/4-Rio Yoshino (Jpn) bt 2-Divyanshi Jain 11-8, 7-11, 11-6, 4-11, 12-10.

Super Chess Classic: Pragg draws with Vachier-Lagrave

BUCHAREST (ROMANIA): Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa missed a few winning attempts and was held to a draw by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave of France even as the race for the title tightened at the end of the penultimate round of the Super Chess Classic here.

On what turned out to be another excitement-filled day, the clash between overnight leaders Fabiano Caruana of United States and Vincent Keymer of Germany ended in a draw while world championship challenger Javokhir Sindarov of Uzbekistan scored his second victory on the trot over Dutchman Jorden Van Foreest Friday night.

It was not a day the two Dutch GMs would like to remember as Anish Giri went down to lowest ranked Deac Bogdan-Daniel of Romania.

76th Jr National Basketball C'ship
TN off to flying start; Kerala, K'taka continue winning run

PUDUCHERRY

REIGNING champions Tamil Nadu launched their campaigns on a triumphant note, securing dominant victories in both the men's and women's categories on the opening night of the 76th Junior National Basketball Championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Indoor Stadium in Puducherry.

In a late-night fixture on Friday, the Tamil Nadu men's team outlasted Delhi 54-37, powered by a stellar 16-point performance from Yadesh Kumar, well-supported by 10-point contributions each from Sumanesh V, Manish R M, and Vishal V. Delhi's resistance was led by Mohamed SainGauri and Gagin Atri, who scored 10 points apiece.

In the women's division, Tamil Nadu registered an equally emphatic 74-36 victory over Punjab. M Kaviya spearheaded the attack with 16 points, while Sumitha Devi (12), Shanjana P K (10), and Dheivithya S (10) ensured a balanced team effort to overshadow Punjab's Tishmeet Kaur, who fought hard for her 17 points. The prestigious eight-day mega sporting event is being organised by the Pondicherry Basketball Association under the aegis of the Basketball Federation of India (BFI).

The second day of the championship witnessed high-voltage drama as powerhouse teams consolidated their positions. In Group A of the men's section, Kerala survived a nerve-wracking encounter to scrape past Uttar Pradesh 57-55 in a see-saw battle that saw multiple lead changes.

Milen Jose Mathew led the charge for Kerala with 16 points, aided by Abhishek R Pradeep (14) and Adwaid A S

(11), narrowly neutralizing a fierce 16-point performance by UP's Raj Sibgh. The quarter-wise scoreline of 17-12, 10-13, 17-12, and 13-18 reflected the razor-thin margins of the contest.

Meanwhile, in Men's Group B, Karnataka cruised to their second consecutive victory with a commanding 87-46 demolition of Rajasthan, courtesy of a scorching blitz from Samath Manur (26 points), Vijayendra Vedanthi (20 points), and Harshan Yatish (11 points). Rajasthan's offense was limited to scattered efforts by Muhammad Raza Khan (12) and Manish Kumar Maal (10).

The women's fixtures on day two delivered equally thrilling action, highlighted by a down-to-the-wire Group A clash where Haryana edged past Punjab 68-63. Kanika and Jahnavi Sheoran notched 15 points each, while Myrah Sabbar chipped in with 10 to help Haryana withstand a potent Punjab attack led by Vanshika Kaur (19), Priya (17), Tishmeet Kaur (11), and Pawanpreet Kaur (10).

In Group B matches, Uttar Pradesh displayed strong offensive depth to defeat Gujarat 85-69, riding on Neha's brilliant 22-point game, with Anshika Sharma (15) and Pragya Singh (11) playing crucial supporting roles against Gujarat's Dinal Viththani (13) and Nithya Agraal (10). In the same group, Kerala maintained their perfect start by convincingly beat Maharashtra 81-59. Kerala's multi-pronged attack featured Aritha K (17), Vaigha T (16), and Liya Maria (15), which ultimately overwhelmed Maharashtra despite a spectacular, game-high 29-point lone crusade by Aarya Phatangare.

RR play for playoff spot, MI for pride

MUMBAI: Before the start of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026, neither the Mumbai Indians nor the Rajasthan Royals would have imagined that their last match of the preliminary round at the Wankhede Stadium on Sunday would turn out to be so crucial not only for them but for the entire league.

Both teams have everything to play for -- RR for the playoff spot, MI for their pride, and to avoid finishing at the bottom of the pile.

The outcome of the match will decide the fourth spot in the playoffs -- if Rajasthan Royals, who are on 14 points, win the match, they will move to 16 and beyond the reach of Punjab Kings, who are on 13 and at



maximum move to 15 points at most by winning their last league match against Lucknow Super Giants.

Winning the match will also help five-time champions Mumbai Indians avoid the wooden spoon as they are currently tied with Lucknow Super Giants on eight points and have a better Net Run Rate.

So, the last day of league action in the IPL 2026 will start with a make-or-break afternoon for Rajasthan Royals, who will be getting into it with their fortunes in their hands, with the two teams engaging in the final

day game of the season.

The winner of the inaugural edition of IPL has had an up-and-down season so far and are coming into Sunday's encounter after ending a three-match losing streak with a win over bottom-placed LSG. They had started their campaign with four wins, but then lost their way, posting indifferent results due to inconsistent performances.

In contrast, the Mumbai Indians, meanwhile, have endured a season to forget. They made history by winning their season opener for the first time in 14 years, but things went downhill soon after as they lost matches in clusters.

IN ACTION TODAY
MI vs RR at 3.30 pm in Mumbai
KKR vs DC at 7.30 pm in Kolkata

TG20 unveils franchise owners for Telangana Cricket League

HANS NEWS SERVICE HYDERABAD

IN a major boost to cricket in Telangana, the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA) on Saturday announced the founding franchise owners for the inaugural edition of TG20, the State's first franchise-based T20 cricket league. The announcement was made during the "TG20 Origins - Shape the Future" event held at ITC Kakatiya in Hyderabad.

The league will feature eight teams representing different regions of Telangana. M/S Ushodaya Enterprises Pvt Ltd secured the Hyderabad franchise with the highest bid of ₹7.5 crore, while Boorugu Infra/Pranava won the Ranga Reddy franchise for



₹7.2 crore. Other franchises include Warangal, Medak, Nalgonda, Karimnagar, Mahabubnagar and Khammam. TG20 aims to provide a structured platform for emerging cricketers from Telangana and strengthen grassroots cricket in the State. The league will feature local talent alongside established domestic players and experienced coaching staff. The organisers said discussions are underway

with JioStar for live telecast on Star Sports Telugu and streaming on JioHotstar. Marriott Hotels will host teams and officials during the tournament. HCA Secretary M. Jeevan Reddy described TG20 as a "defining moment" for Telangana cricket, while TG20 Governing Council Chairman V. Agam Rao said the league would combine sporting excellence, entertainment and commercial growth.

132 NCC cadets stranded in Manipur airlifted to Assam

IMPHAL

IN view of the prevailing situation in Manipur, 132 NCC cadets were evacuated to Guwahati and Jorhat in Assam by the Indian Air Force (IAF) on Saturday, officials said.

A senior official said that in the true spirit of jointmanship and commitment towards the safety and welfare of youths, 132 NCC cadets who attended the NCC North Eastern Region (NER) Flying Camp in Imphal from May 11 to May 20, 2026, are undergoing emergency evacuation to Guwahati and Jorhat by the IAF amid the prevailing security situation and restrictions on road movement in Manipur.

"The evacuation has been planned by the NCC NER Directorate in consultation with the Headquarters Director General NCC and in coordination with the Headquarters Eastern Air Command," the official said.

He said that the swift and timely action ensured that the cadets safely reached their destinations in time for their examinations, bringing immense relief and happiness to their parents and family members. "The NCC cadets have also conveyed their heartfelt gratitude for the care, support and timely assistance extended to them. Special thanks have been extended to the Defence Minister, the Ministry of Defence and the Indian Air Force for their unwavering support," the official added.

Chinese-made weapons seized in Mumbai

MUMBAI

IN a major crackdown, the Anti-Extortion Cell of the Mumbai Crime Branch has arrested three alleged criminals who had reportedly arrived in the city to sell illegal foreign-made weapons, officials said on Saturday.

They added that the accused, all from outside Maharashtra, were apprehended during a late-night operation carried out on the basis of specific Intelligence inputs.

According to police officials, credible information was received indicating that certain individuals carrying weapons were on their way to Mumbai.

THREE ARMS SUPPLIERS ARRESTED



Acting swiftly on the tip-off, the Crime Branch laid a trap near a public toilet located on P D Mello Road close to St. George Hospital.

Around 10:45 P.M. on Friday, the three accused were caught red-handed

during the operation.

Police recovered three firearms, magazines and 45 live cartridges from the possession of the accused. Officials said the ammunition and weapons bore the inscription

'Made in China'. However, investigators are now trying to determine the actual source and route through which the weapons entered the country, making the origin of the Chinese-marked arms a key aspect of the ongoing probe.

The arrested accused have been identified as 24-year-old Jashanpreet Mangal Singh and 24-year-old Sukhwinder Singh, both residents of Patiala in Punjab, and Arbaz, a resident of Jhalawar in Rajasthan, officials mentioned.

They said all three have serious criminal backgrounds and multiple cases registered against them.

Investigators further

revealed that two of the accused had allegedly been absconding since 2022 in connection with a murder case and had been on the radar of law enforcement agencies for a long time. Arbaz alone is stated to have as many as 19 criminal cases registered against him.

According to preliminary investigations, the accused were allegedly planning to supply and sell the weapons to local criminals operating in Mumbai and nearby areas.

Following the arrests, a case under relevant sections of the Arms Act has been registered against them at Mumbai's M R A Marg Police Station.

Further investigation into the case is currently underway.

Miscreants vandalise Kolkata school, probe on

KOLKATA: A group of miscreants allegedly went on a rampage inside a girls' school in south Kolkata in the early hours of Saturday, prompting a police probe.

The incident took place around 4.30 a.m. at Kamala Chatterjee Girls' High School under the jurisdiction of Gariahat Police Station. Acting on a complaint, the police have initiated an investigation.

The school authorities said that one of their buildings is not their own; rather, it is a rented premise where classes for the primary and secondary sections are held.



They claimed that the act of vandalism was specifically carried out within this particular building.

The school is equipped with surveillance cameras, which captured a group of youths scaling the main gate in the early hours of Saturday morning to gain entry into the school premises. Subsequently, they proceeded to vandalise the building. School

Headmistress Debjani Das said, "When I arrived at the school in the morning today, I saw that everything had been damaged. Everything was recorded on the CCTV camera. A complaint has been filed with the police as well as the district school inspector."

According to sources in the District School Education Department, the next step will be taken after speaking to the headmistress next Monday. The vandalism inside a school in Kolkata has raised questions about the safety and security in educational institutions.

Encounter breaks out in Rajouri during search ops

JAMMU: An encounter started on Saturday between terrorists and the security forces in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district.

Officials said on Saturday that an encounter had started between terrorists and security forces in Dorimal forests of Rajouri in Jammu and Kashmir.

"At least 2-3 Pakistani terrorists are believed to be trapped, operation is underway", officials said. Following specific Intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists in Dorimal forest area of Rajouri, security forces

started a cordon and search operation.

"As the security forces closed in on the hiding terrorists, they opened fire, after which an encounter started which is now going on."

"Reinforcements have been rushed in to plug all exit points of the hiding terrorists", an official said.

The two border districts of Rajouri and Poonch have witnessed a significant surge in counter-terror operations and encounters since the area has served as the primary infiltration and revival corridor for terrorists in the past.



COIMBATORE GIRL'S MURDER SHOCKS TN
CM Vijay promises justice; two accused arrested

COIMBATORE

A wave of grief and outrage swept across Tamil Nadu after the brutal abduction and murder of a 10-year-old girl in Coimbatore, triggering renewed concerns over the safety of women and children.

As the incident sent shockwaves across the state, Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay expressed deep anguish over the tragedy and assured strict action against those responsible.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the Chief Minister described the incident as an "inhuman and unforgivable criminal act" that has caused immense pain and shock. He said such barbaric acts can never be tolerated in a civilised society and extended his deepest condolences to the grieving family of the child.

"I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family that is suffering the unbearable loss of their beloved daughter. The government stands with them in this difficult time," CM Vijay said.

The case took a major turn after police arrested two persons identified as Karthik (33), a native of Nagapattinam who had been residing at Pallapalayam near Coimbatore, and his associate Mohanraj in connection with the crime.

Police sources said the accused were known to the victim's family and are suspected to have abducted the child before allegedly murdering her.

Investigators revealed that Karthik sustained injuries while attempting to escape from police custody. According to officials, he suffered fractures to his leg and hand during the escape attempt.

The injured accused was later secured and brought under police custody for further investigation.

Meanwhile, Mohanraj was produced before Judicial Magistrate Arun Kumar at the Sular Judicial Magistrate Court on Saturday. The court ordered that he be remanded to judicial custody until May 27. Chief Minister Vijay stated that he had directed police authorities to carry out a thorough and time-bound investigation and take all necessary steps to ensure the immediate filing of the chargesheet. "The Tamil Nadu government will act firmly to ensure severe punishment under the law for those who commit heinous crimes against women and children. All immediate and necessary actions will be taken," CM Vijay said. Police officials said the investigation is continuing and more details are expected to emerge in the coming days.