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KEEP HORMUZ OPEN: MODI

Raises safety of seafarers with Trump at G7 Summit

EVIAN-LES-BAINS
PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday urged US President Donald Trump to ensure the safety of seafarers and maintain freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz, highlighting India's dependence on the strategically vital maritime route amid efforts to secure a peace agreement with Iran.
During a bilateral meeting with Trump on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in France, Modi said the reopening and protection of the Strait of Hormuz was crucial not only for regional stability but also for the global economy. "You and I agree that keeping the Strait of Hormuz open is vital for the global economy," Modi said, stressing that India has consistently advocated unrestricted maritime movement.
Modi and Trump held wide-ranging talks focusing on the proposed bilateral trade deal, bilateral defence and security ties and the West Asia crisis.
"Lakhs of Indian seafarers operate in maritime sector; I believe that their security is equally important," PM Modi told President Trump. India lost 3 Indian seafarers in an



US President Donald Trump with PM Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G7 summit in Evian-les-Bains, France, on Wednesday

attack by US Navy last well at MT Settebello. Two more vessels with Indian crew on board were also attacked in the same week.
Modi thanked President Trump for his efforts to restore peace in West Asia and expressed hope for a lasting resolution to the conflict. "We have always said that

there should be freedom of navigation...Lakhs of Indian seafarers operate in the maritime trade sector. I believe that their security is equally important. I am confident that the deal (with Iran) will have provisions for the security of the seafarers," Modi said in his media comments.

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DON'S BIG PROMISE

'IF INDIA IS ATTACKED, WE WILL BE THERE FOR MODI'

Says Trump on defence ties with India

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: While commenting on the defence relationship between the United States and India, US President Donald Trump said even though the countries do not have a formal defence agreement, Washington would be there for New Delhi. Answering a question about defence ties, Trump said, "I think it's a great relationship."

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'A TOTAL KILLER, A TOUGH TRADER'

Trump all praise for PM at G7 bilateral

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: US President Donald Trump on Wednesday



showed praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in France's Evian on the sidelines of the G7 Summit 2026. Assigning adjectives like "a killer and a tough trader" to PM Modi, Trump said he has immense respect for the leader. "He's a very tough

negotiator... You look at this man. I'll give you a lesson. He's the most beautiful-looking man. He looks so nice, like an angel. But actually, he's as tough as a killer... But he looks so good. So he gets you by surprise. There are a few people like this," Trump said as the two leaders held a bilateral meeting in France. **Continued on Page 7**



'We're the most famous couple'

MELONI TELLS PM MODI AT G7 SUMMIT

EVIAN-LES-BAINS

LEADERS of the Group of Seven (G7) gathered in France's Evian-les-Bains on Tuesday to discuss key global challenges, reaffirm their support for Ukraine, and welcome

the breakthrough deal between the US and Iran. Amid this serious event, a brief interaction between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Italian counterpart Giorgia Meloni has caught all the attention on social media,

with the 'Melodi' buzz making a return. A viral video shows PM Modi and Meloni greeting each other and shaking hands moments before lining up for a group photo with other leaders, including US President Donald Trump. **Cont'd on P7**



Modi flags concerns over impact of West Asia crisis

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e-auction goes awry! SBI moves HC claiming ownership of 'govt land'

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HYDERABAD: Selling government land in e-auction for record prices is fine as long as the seller has clear title to the entire parcel sold. That precisely seems to be in question with regard to a portion of the land parcel that the Telangana government auctioned on May 28. The land parcel in question is located in Survey No. 83/1 at Knowledge City in the Raidurgam area.

It was hailed as "a landmark e-auction" as the 6.29-acre plot surpassed the Rs 170 cr/acre base price to fetch a historic Rs 237 crore per acre (won by Gowra Ventures), setting a new South India real estate benchmark. The total transaction value was put at Rs 1,490.73 crore (70.5% above the reserve price). The auction drew significant attention in real estate and government circles.
Subsequently, the State Bank of India (SBI) approached the High Court claiming ownership rights over a portion of the land. The Bank claims that a 5-acre portion of the auctioned land is tied to significant loan defaults and debt recovery proceedings. So, the bank has requested the High Court to halt or review the auction proceedings. The petition seeks appropriate directions from the court regarding ownership and rights over the disputed property.

TG govt braces for de-siltation of irrigation projects



Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy reviews de-siltation of major reservoirs at the Secretariat on Wednesday

BETTER late than never. Much after the Southwest Monsoon advanced into Telangana and reached Hyderabad in the second week of June, with its progression

across the state currently sluggish and weak due to a "weak Bay of Bengal branch"; the state government has woken up to the dire need for de-siltation and sedimentation of all irrigation projects.

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Telegram moves Delhi HC against govt curbs

Centre claims 'shocking' activities on platform

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the Centre to file its reply on Telegram's plea against its order temporarily restricting access to the messaging app ahead of the June 21 NEET-UG 2026 re-examination.

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Uddhav Sena stares at split

6 MPs set to join Shinde camp ■ NDA to get boost in Lok Sabha

MUMBAI

SIX Shiv Sena (UBT) MPs reportedly formed a separate group in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday and submitted a letter to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla. The six MPs are expected to join the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena on Friday, the party's foundation day. Sena functionaries said the process of forming the separate group was completed smoothly.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) has nine MPs in the Lok Sabha. Barring Arvind Sawant, Anil Desai and Rajabhau Waze, all the remaining MPs are understood to have joined the new group.

Sena (UBT) MPs Sanjay



Raut, Sawant and Desai also met Birla and urged him not to recognise any separate group formed by defecting Sena (UBT) MPs. However, Sena functionaries claimed that Birla had recognised the group of six MPs as a separate bloc. Amid reports of "Operation Tiger" being underway to engineer a split in the Sena (UBT), the party has issued a whip directing all its Lok Sabha MPs to attend a meeting of the parliamentary party in Delhi on Thursday at 11 am. The whip was issued by MP Anil Desai, the party's chief whip in the Lok Sabha.

Sena (UBT) functionaries said party chief Uddhav Thackeray may also travel to Delhi in an attempt to pacify the MPs and could attend the parliamentary party meeting on Thursday.

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SAMAJWADI SPLIT NEXT?

► Claims UP minister
► Akhilesh responds

NEW DELHI: Amid turmoil in TMC and buzz of a brewing split in Shiv Sena (UBT), speculation of a possible split in former Akhilesh Yadav's SP surfaced after state minister OP Rajbhar claimed that the Opposition party could face a major exodus. In a cryptic post on X, Rajbhar alleged that senior SP leader Ram Gopal Yadav had approached the Centre amid mounting pressure over corruption cases and claimed that many party leaders were preparing to switch sides. **Cont'd on P7**

Meta starts charging for Insta, FB & WhatsApp

NEW DELHI

META has officially started charging for Instagram, Facebook and WhatsApp. Not for the apps themselves, which remain free, but for a new layer of "Plus" features that the company is rolling out globally under a fresh subscription brand called Meta One.

Meta's bet is that enough power users and creators will pay for the extras to make subscriptions a meaningful new revenue line. While that is reasonable maths for a company with three billion users, it is also a signal that the free, ad-supported,

Launches a new 'Meta One' subscription brand

algorithm-driven social feed of the last 15 years is winding down.

Analysts believe that it's an urgent attempt to offset soaring AI costs as Mark Zuckerberg tries to play catch up in the AI space where it is lagging behind. Meta increased its 2026 capital expenditure forecast to an unprecedented \$125 billion - \$145 billion, primarily to fund AI compute infrastructure, data centres, and higher component costs.

Instagram Plus costs \$3.99 a month. Subscribers get story insights showing how many



people rewatched a story, unlimited custom audience lists beyond Close Friends, the ability to spotlight a story for a week, the option to extend a story past 24 hours, a preview mode that lets one to watch

other people's stories without showing up as a viewer, and Super Heart animated reactions. One can also post straight to the profile without it appearing in followers' feeds. While Facebook Plus

is also \$3.99 a month and gives you a similar bundle, focused on profile customisation, reactions and analytics, WhatsApp Plus is cheaper at \$2.99. "It is not about social expression. It is about personalising the messaging app: custom themes, ring-tones, more pinned chats, list customisation and premium stickers," say the experts.

Then there is the AI tier. Meta is testing Meta One Plus at \$7.99 and Meta One Premium at \$19.99 for heavier Meta AI users. The Premium plan unlocks deeper reasoning

on complex tasks and more image and video generation across Meta's apps. Free Meta AI access remains but with usage limits. These plans start testing next month in Singapore, Guatemala and Bolivia.

For creators and businesses, Meta One Essential at \$14.99 bundles the Verified badge, impersonation protection and an enhanced linksheet. The top tier, Meta One Advanced at \$49.99, promises higher placement in Facebook and Instagram search, a bolder Follow button on Reels, automatic follow invitations, deeper competitive analytics and team access controls. **Continued on Page 7**

India, EU agree to sign FTA by year-end

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: India



and the European Union will sign the ambitious free trade agreement by the end of this year, top EU leader Ursula von der Leyen said on Wednesday after holding talks with PM Modi that largely focused on boosting two-way economic engagement against the backdrop of a fragile geopolitical environment. In the meeting, held on the sidelines of the G7 summit in this French commune, the two sides also resolved to step up security and defence cooperation.



GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
REVENUE DEPARTMENT
FORM-VI
(See Sub-rule(1) of rule-19
and Section-11(1) of the Act-30/2013)
Collr.Office File No. G/547 /2026
R.D.O. Office File No. B/ 1420/2026
Gazette No. VKB-67/2026

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Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that a total of Ac. 43.375 gts., land is required in the Pylamaddi Village, Kodangal Mandal, Vikarabad District for public purpose, namely, Acquisition of land for Gravity Canal-II from Doultabad Tank to Kodangal Lift under Makthal-Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme in favour of Executive Engineer, Irrigation Division 9, Kodangal.
The Government of Telangana Irrigation & CAD Department has issued G.O.Ms.No.3, dated:12.02.2025 for exempting the "Narayanpet-Kodangal Lift Irrigation Scheme" exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10A (b)in Chapter IIIA of the RFCTLA&RR (Telangana Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No.21 of 2017) from the application of the provisions of Chapter II & III of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement, Act 2013. Therefore, all the activities under chapter II & III of the said Act has not been carried out. The Additional Collector (Revenue), Vikarabad is appointed as Administrator for the purpose of Re-habilitation and Resettlement of the Affected Families.
Therefore it is notified that for the above said project in the Pylamaddi Village of Kodangal Mandal, Vikarabad District, a piece of land measuring, more or less Ac. 43.375 gts viz, 17.78088 hectares standard measurement, whose detail description is as following, under acquisition:
Village: Pylamaddi Mandal: Kodangal Dist.: Vikarabad

Sl.No.	Syl.No	Type of Land	Area under Acquisition (In-Acres)	Name of the persons interested	Boundaries				Trees	Structures	
					N	S	E	W		No.	Type
1	12/A	Patta/Metta	1.05	Jiyauddin S/o Ameeroddin	Sy No 27	Sy No 29/1	Sy No 45/2	Sy No 28	-	-	-
2	12/A	Patta/Metta	0.02	Nala (Vagu)	Sy No 27	Sy No 29/1	Sy No 45/2	Sy No 28	-	-	-
3	29/A	Patta/Metta	1.11	Abdul Mujeeb S/o Abdul Hameed	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 30	Sy No 45/2	-	-	-
4	29/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.10	Mohammad Abdul Naasar S/o Mohammad Abdul Rasheed	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 30	Sy No 45/2	-	-	-
5	32/Aa	Patta/Metta	1.22	Basamma W/o Shiva Reddy	Sy No 31	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 13	-	-	-
6	32/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.01	Nala(Vagu)	Sy No 31	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 13	-	-	-
7	34/A	Patta/Metta	0.06	Mohammad Hussain S/o Mohammad Usman	Sy No 33	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 12/1	-	-	Borewell-1
8	34/Aa/1/1/2	Patta/Metta	0.06	Nasreen Begum W/o Amjad Khan	Sy No 33	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 12/1	-	-	-
9	34/Aa/1/1/2	Patta/Metta	0.07	Haleema Begum W/o Ayyub Khan	Sy No 33	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 12/1	-	-	-
10	34/Aa/1/2	Patta/Metta	0.07	Shajaha Begum W/o Areef Khan	Sy No 33	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 12/1	-	-	-
11	34/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.07	Habeeb Unnisa Begum W/o Ameer Khan	Sy No 33	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 12/1	-	-	Borewell-1
12	34/E	Patta/Metta	0.02	Sainaz Khatun W/o Lyakath Hussain	Sy No 33	Sy No 35/1	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 12/1	-	-	-
13	35/E	Patta/Metta	0.12	Mohammad Hussain S/o Mohammad Usman	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
14	35/E	Patta/Metta	0.03	Sainaz Khatun W/o Lyakath Hussain	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
15	35/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.03	Habeeb Unnisa Begum W/o Ameer Khan	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
16	35/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.03	Shajaha Begum W/o Areef Khan	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
17	35/Aa/1/1/2	Patta/Metta	0.03	Haleema Begum W/o Ayyub Khan	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
18	35/Aa/1/1/2	Patta/Metta	0.03	Nasreen Begum W/o Amjad Khan	Sy No 34/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 36/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
19	36/E/2	Patta/Metta	0.05	Habeeb Unnisa Begum W/o Ameer Khan	Sy No 29/1	Sy No 37	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 35/1	-	-	-
20	38/A	Patta/Metta	0.16	Mod.Abdul Vaseem Mujauddin S/o Sattar	Sy No 32/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 38/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
21	38/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.01	Nala (Vagu)	Sy No 32/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 38/1	Sy No 32/1	-	-	-
22	45/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	1.00	Abdul Mujeeb S/o Abdul Hameed	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/8	Sy No 45/7	Sy No 29/1	-	-	-
23	45/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	0.20	Chandrappa S/o Ramulu	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/8	Sy No 45/7	Sy No 29/1	-	-	-
24	45/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	2.04	Mohammad Iqbal S/o Abdul Gafoor	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/8	Sy No 45/7	Sy No 29/1	-	-	-
25	45/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	1.18	Mohinoddin S/o Isakoddin	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/8	Sy No 45/7	Sy No 29/1	-	-	-
26	45/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	0.28	Laxmi W/o Ishwappa	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/8	Sy No 45/7	Sy No 29/1	-	-	-
27	46/A	Patta/Metta	1.08	Isawmma W/o Ramappa	Kodan: 45/1	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/1	-	-	-
28	46/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	2.11	Isawppa S/o Ramappa	Kodan: 45/1	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/1	-	-	-
29	46/Lavani/10A	Patta/Metta	2.26	Shaik Mahabub S/o Abdul Khadar	Kodan: 45/1	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/1	Sy No 45/1	-	-	Borewell-1
30	53/A	Patta/Metta	0.14	M.A Sattar S/o Mohammad Abdul Salam	Sy No 38/1	Sy No 58	Sy No 52	Sy No 54/1	-	-	-
31	53/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.04	Nala (Vagu)	Sy No 38/1	Sy No 58	Sy No 52	Sy No 54/1	-	-	-
32	54/A	Patta/Metta	0.02	Abdul Sattar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 55/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 151/1	-	-	-
33	54/E	Patta/Metta	0.03	Abdul Khadar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 55/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 151/1	-	-	House-1
34	54/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.04	Nala (Vagu)	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 55/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 151/1	-	-	-
35	54/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.34	Abdul Khadar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 55/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 151/1	-	-	-
36	54/U	Patta/Metta	0.13	Abdul Sattar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 55/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 151/1	-	-	-
37	54/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.17	Mohammad Abdul Naasar S/o Mohammad Abdul Rasheed	Sy No 12/1	Sy No 55/1	Sy No 53/1	Sy No 151/1	-	-	-
38	55/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.11	Abdul Khadar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 56/1	-	-	-
39	55/Aa	Patta/Metta	0.03	Abdul Sattar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 56/1	-	-	-
40	55/E	Patta/Metta	0.09	Abdul Sattar S/o Abdul Rasool	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 56/1	-	-	-
41	56/Aa	Patta/Metta	2.27	Farhaabeewa W/o Asif Iqbal	Sy No 150	Sy No 146/1	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 148	-	-	-
42	57/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.19	Gongalla Mallesh S/o Gongalla Sayappa	Sy No 54/1	Sy No 66	Sy No 60	Sy No 56/1	-	-	-
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44	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.02	Sayappa S/o Konappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
45	67/Ea/2	Patta/Metta	0.02	Muddappa S/o Konappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
46	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.04	Road	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
47	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.02	Nagamma W/o Ashappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
48	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.02	Anjilappa S/o Konappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
49	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.03	Sayamma W/o Pedda Malkappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
50	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.02	K.Ashamma W/o Chandrappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
51	67/Ea/1	Patta/Metta	0.02	Sayyad Atheeq Ali S/o Sayad Fathe Ali	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
52	67/Ea/1	Patta/Metta	0.03	Balappa S/o Konappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
53	67/U	Patta/Metta	0.03	Kavali Chandramma W/o Ashappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
54	67/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.03	Kavali Chandrappa S/o Chandrappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
55	67/U/1	Patta/Metta	0.02	Kavali Ashappa S/o Chandrappa	Sy No 57/1	Sy No 68	Sy No 66	Sy No 146/1	-	-	-
56	143/U	Patta/Metta	1.01	Allipuram Laxmidevi W/o A.Srinivas Reddy	Sy No 144/1	Ped-nandigam	Sy No 142	Sy No 177/1	-	-	-
57	144/Ee	Patta/Metta	0.38	Allipuram Laxmidevi S/o A.Srinivas Reddy	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
58	144/U	Patta/Metta	0.28	Krishna Reddy S/o Timma Reddy	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	Mango 25
59	144/U/1	Patta/Metta	0.01	Narsappa S/o Kashappa	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
60	144/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.03	T.Dastamma W/o China Narsappa	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	Borewell-1
61	144/Aa/1/2	Patta/Metta	0.03	T.Laxmi W/o Nadipi Narsappa	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
62	144/U/2	Patta/Metta	0.03	Tati Chandramma W/o Narsamma	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
63	144/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.04	Ellappa S/o Ramappa	Sy No 145/1	Sy No 143/1	Sy No 67/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
64	145/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.07	Tati Laxmi W/o Ellappa	Sy No 147	Sy No 144/1	Sy No 146/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
65	145/Aa/1	Patta/Metta	0.07	Tati Manikayamma W/o Ellappa	Sy No 147	Sy No 144/1	Sy No 146/1	Sy No 176	-	-	Borewell-1
66	145/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.07	T.Raju S/o Ellappa	Sy No 147	Sy No 144/1	Sy No 146/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
67	145/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.07	T.Narsimulu S/o Nadipi Narsimulu	Sy No 147	Sy No 144/1	Sy No 146/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-
68	145/Aa/2	Patta/Metta	0.07	T.Naresw S/o Nadipi Narsimulu	Sy No 147	Sy No 144/1	Sy No 146/1	Sy No 176	-	-	-

- SMS receipts from June 19
- No more paper acknowledgements
- Receipts now on mobile
- Digital shift for Mee Seva
- Download receipts through SMS link
- Mobile-based acknowledgements



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HYDERABAD

IN a major step towards digital service delivery, Mee Seva will discontinue the issuance of paper acknowledgement receipts for applications from June 19. Under the new system, applicants will receive an SMS immediately after submitting their application,

containing application details and a link to access the acknowledgement receipt.

According to official instructions, citizens can use the link provided in the SMS to view, download, or print the receipt whenever required. The move is aimed at reducing paper usage and improving convenience for applicants.

Mee Seva operators have

been directed not to issue paper receipts after the new system comes into effect. They have also been instructed to ensure that applicants provide a correct and active mobile number at the time of submission so that the acknowledgement SMS reaches them without delay.

Officials said operators must inform applicants

Gymnastics instructor jailed for 20 yrs for sexually assaulting preschool girl

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HYDERABAD

A Special Court of Rajendranagar, Ranga Reddy District, has sentenced a gymnastics instructor to 20 years rigorous imprisonment for sexually assaulting a three-and-a-half-year-old girl at a private preschool under the limits of Miyapur Police station in 2019.

According to the police,

on June 20, 2019, the alleged accused Kura Kiran Sai, 31, took advantage of a delay in the school van's arrival.

The alleged accused took the girl to the top floor of the gymnastics room, sexually abused her, and fled after the sexual assault, leaving her in tears on the ground floor of the gymnastics area.

The school principal,

Chilakamukku Deepika, 37, was also convicted for the severe negligence that caused the sexual assault to happen, and she was sentenced to three years in prison. Police said the victim's father filed a formal complaint after noticing her abnormal behaviour.

The victim expressed her pain, refused to return to school, and named the instructor as the sexual abus-

er. Based on the complaint, the police arrested both accused persons on July 2, 2019, and filed a charge sheet against them after the investigation.

After a full-fledged trial, the Special Judge for Trial and Disposal of Rape and POCSO cases delivered the verdict, convicting the accused persons and awarding Rs 3 lakh compensation to the victim.

Left parties see red over naming Consulate Road as Donald Trump Avenue

HYDERABAD: LEFT parties have strongly opposed the decision by the Revanth Reddy government to name a major road near the American Consulate in Hyderabadas Donald Trump Avenue. A meeting of Left parties demanded the withdrawal of the decision. A meeting of Left-wing parties was held on Wednesday at the MB Bhavan (CPM State Office) under the chairmanship of CPM State Secretary John Wesley, where a plan of action was announced.

The meeting opined that American imperialism is waging wars against people to plunder the wealth of nations across the globe, effectively draining the lifeblood of the world's population. Trump's sanctions against India have devastated the national economy.

The country is suffering further because the Central Government, led by Narendra Modi, has abetted these actions. Although a Congress government is in power

in Telangana, it is highly objectionable that decisions are being made that align with the path of the BJP and RSS. The national leadership of the Congress party must respond to and intervene in this matter. In opposition to these moves, it was decided to hold a round-table conference with intellectuals at the Basheerbagh Press Club on June 20 at 10:30 am, and to organise a protest march from the Babu Jagjivan Ram statue to the Ambedkar statue on June 21.

CPM State Secretary John Wesley, state leaders Bandaru Ravikumar and DG Narasimha Rao; CPI State Secretariat member ET Narasimha and leader Stalin; CPI(ML-Mass Line) state leaders K Rama and Suryam; MCPI(U) State Secretary Gadagoni Ravi; New Democracy State Secretariat member Sadineni Venkateswara Rao; SUCI(C) leader P Teja and RSP State Secretary Janaki Ramulu were present at the meeting.

Malkajgiri gets new police camp office

HYDERABAD: Telangana DGP CV Anand along with Telangana Government Advisor P Sudharshan Reddy inaugurated the new Malkajgiri Commissioner's Camp Office on Wednesday. Located within the Malkajgiri Zonal Office premises near the City Civil Court in Secunderabad, the facility bridges the gap between the police administration and citizens. It enables people to access vital services easily without travelling long distances to the commissionerate headquarters at Neredmet. The establishment enhances administrative convenience and the coordination of police stations under the Malkajgiri and Uppal Zones, serving as a central supervisory hub for 11 stations. Speaking at the launch event, DGP CV Anand stated that the camp office will function as a direct link between field-level officers and high-ranking officials.



MALAKJIGIRI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Office of the Executive Engineer, Kapra Circle-7, MMC

e'-procurement Short Tender Notice
NIT. No. MMC/KC-7/E/5/2026-27, Date: 16.06.2026.
Sl. No. NIT. No. Name of the Work Amount in Lakhs Start Date/Last Date & Time for Receipts of Bids Name & Address Office Ph. No.
1 MMC/KC-7/E/5/2026-27, 3 Nos. Maintenance works in Kapra Circle-7, MMC. Rs. 22.67 Lakhs Download Start Date: 17.06.2026 @ 3:00 PM Bid Submission Closing Date: 20.06.2026 @ 3:00 PM Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids: 20.06.2026 3:00PM Price Bid Opening Date: 20.06.2026 @ 3:01 AM
Total: Rs. 22.67 Lakhs
Further details can be seen at <https://tender.telangana.gov.in> Sd/- Executive Engineer
DIPR R.O.No. 4396-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 17-06-26 Kapra Circle-7, MMC



MALKAJGIRI MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
O/o The Deputy Director, Veterinary Section, MMC
Mail: ddveterinary.mmc@gmail.com, Cell No. 989930397

e' Procurement Notice
Lr.No. 11/VET/MMC/2026, Date: 17-06-2026
Sl. No. Name of the Work Amount of Estimate (In Rs)
1 Animal Birth Control (ABC)/Anti Rabies Vaccination (ARV) at Fatullaguda for Animal Care Centre, Malkajgiri Zone -Requirement of Medicine and Vaccine through eprocurement Veterinary Section MMC for the year 2026-27
Events Schedule
Download Start Date 18.06.2026@ 3:00P.M
Download End Date 22.06.2026@ 3:00P.M
Price Bid Opening 22.06.2026@ 3:30P.M
Further details can be seen at www.tender.telangana.gov.in
Sd/- Deputy Director, Veterinary Section Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation
DIPR R.O.No.: 4464-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 17-06-26



OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL HYDERABAD (DRT 2)
1ST Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, Hyderabad-500001

DEMAND NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.
RC/153/2026 05.05.2026
Canara Bank
Versus
M/s. V K Marketing and Services and Others
To:
(CD 1) M/s. V K Marketing and Services Rep.by Its Manaing Partner Sri Venu Kodigudla And Lavanya Prathyusha Seethiraju, Firm Address 5-2-183/184, Modi Square, RP Road, Secunderabad-500003.
(CD 2) Sri Venu Kodigudla S/o K Suryanarayana, R/o Plot No.51, ICRISAT Colony, Phase-1, Akbar Road, KJR Centre Point Bowenpally, Tirumalgi, Hyderabad-500009.
Also at: R/o-45, First Road, Behind Ayyappa Swamy Temple Vijayawada-521225.
(CD 3) Lavanya Prathyusha Seethiraj W/o Sri Venu Kodigudla, Firm Address: Second Floor, A, 5-2-183/184, Modi Square, RP Road, Secunderabad-500003.
Also at: R/o Plot No.51, ICRISAT Colony, Phase-1, Akbar Road, KJR Centre Point Bowenpally, Tirumalgi, Hyderabad-500009.
This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, Debts Recovery Tribunal Hyderabad (DRT 2) in OA/902/2025 an amount of Rs.46,77,652.97/- (Rupees Forty Six Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousands Six Hundred Fifty Two and Paise

No grain moved, no rules broken: TGSCSCL on rice sale

Corporation says surplus rice auction was conducted openly on the GeM platform, fetching higher-than-reserve prices

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Telangana State Civil Supplies Corporation Limited (TGSCSCL) on Wednesday made it clear that the sale of surplus coarse rice was a policy decision taken in the public interest and carried out with complete transparency through the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) e-auction platform.

In a statement, the corporation stated that approximately 1.40 lakh metric tonnes of coarse rice became surplus after the State government decided to distribute fine rice to beneficiaries under the Public Distribution System (PDS). The decision to sell the stock was taken to prevent quality deterioration during prolonged storage, address warehouse



shortages, and avoid additional maintenance costs.

According to the corporation, the auction process was conducted through open competition on the GeM platform, leaving no scope for nominations, preferential treatment, or secret agreements. Equal opportunity was provided to all eligible bidders across the country.

The Corporation said the auction fetched Rs 21,700

per tonne, higher than the reserve price of Rs 21,600 per tonne approved by the State Cabinet.

Importantly, it clarified that not a single grain of rice has been released from government warehouses so far. No release orders have been issued, and no stock has been moved. While successful bidders have completed agreement formalities and deposited security amounts, the process of document verification is still underway.

The corporation maintained that all pricing decisions, auction conditions, approvals, and procedures were implemented strictly in accordance with State Cabinet-approved policies, making the entire process legal, transparent, and fully compliant with audit requirements.

Polavaram body addresses TG's concern; to maintain water level at 41.14 metres

Harish Rao's representation prompts formal response from Polavaram Project Authority

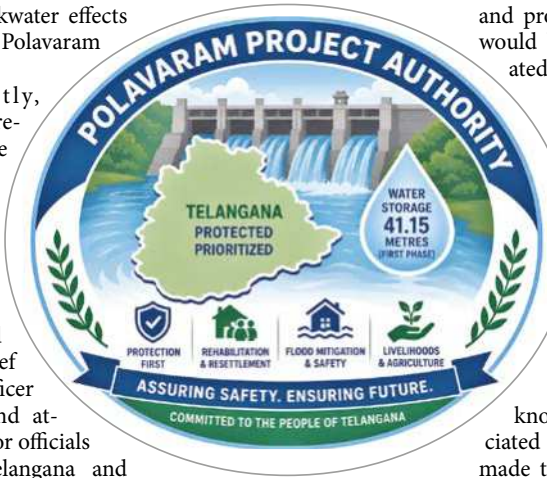
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THE Polavaram Project Authority (PPA), under the Central Government, has formally responded to the representation submitted by BRS�P Deputy Leader T Harish Rao stating that they would be storing water at 41.15 metres during the first phase.

In an official communication, the PPA acknowledged the gravity of the concerns raised on behalf of the residents of Telangana and assured that the issues pertaining to backwater impacts are receiving top priority and due administrative attention. The PPA has responded to Harish Rao's letter regarding the critical need to protect upstream habitations in Telangana from the submer-

gence and backwater effects of the ongoing Polavaram project.

Significantly, the PPA has reiterated the landmark assurance given during the inter-state meeting held on April 8, 2025. Presided over by the Chief Executive Officer of the PPA and attended by senior officials from both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, the meeting concluded with a clear assurance that all areas in Telangana likely to be affected up to the Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of the Polavaram project will either be fully protected through robust engineering safeguards or



acquired in accordance with the applicable Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) provisions.

Furthermore, the authority stated that comprehensive scientific assessments, flood-mitigation strategies,

and protective interventions would be thoroughly evaluated and implemented.

These measures were aimed at preventing any adverse impact on the lives, livelihoods, agricultural lands, and interests of the people residing in the Godavari basin region of Telangana.

The PPA also acknowledged and appreciated the persistent efforts made to bring the concerns of vulnerable communities to the attention of the authorities concerned.

Reacting to the communication, Harish Rao said that the response from the Polavaram Project Authority validates the long-standing concerns raised by Telangana

regarding the safety of upstream villages and the potential backwater impacts of the project.

He noted that the formal assurance given by the Union Government's statutory authority is a significant step towards safeguarding the interests of the affected people.

Rao expressed hope that the assurances now placed on record by the PPA would be implemented in both letter and spirit. He urged the authority, the Central Government, and the Government of Andhra Pradesh to ensure the timely execution of all promised flood-mitigation, protection, rehabilitation, and resettlement measures so that no village, farmer, agricultural land, livelihood, or family in Telangana suffers due to the execution of the Polavaram Project.

Azharuddin inspects Old City Ashoor Khanas ahead of Moharram

- Four-day food distribution planned
- Officials told to remain on alert round-the-clock

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HYDERABAD

MINISTER for Minority Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin on Wednesday stated that in view of Moharram, the government has arranged four days of food distribution for devotees participating in the religious events. The minister instructed the officials to remain available round-the-clock and respond promptly to any issues that may arise during



Minorities Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin inspects historic Ashoor Khanas in Hyderabad's Old City on Wednesday, reviewing development works and arrangements for the upcoming Moharram observance of the Shia community

the observances.

On Wednesday, Azharuddin conducted an extensive inspection of historic Ashoor Khanas in the Old City, reviewing ongoing development works and arrangements being made for

the upcoming religious observances of the Shia community.

During the visit, the Minister offered Ziyarat at several prominent religious institutions, including Bibika-Alam, Khidmat-e-Rasool,

Azakhana-e-Tashreehat and Basdshahi Ashoor Khana.

He examined restoration and infrastructure works being undertaken at these heritage sites and instructed officials to ensure their timely completion while preserving their religious, historical and cultural significance.

The inspection focused on preparedness measures for the annual religious gatherings, with special emphasis on facilities for devotees and participants expected to attend in large numbers.

The Minister reviewed arrangements related to sanitation, drinking water, lighting, cooling systems and crowd management to ensure a smooth and comfortable experience for worshippers.

Addressing the media,

Azharuddin stated that the government views minority development as an integral component of the state's overall progress and is working to provide equal opportunities, improved facilities and social dignity to all minority communities.

Several public representatives and officials accompanied the Minister during the inspection, including TIMRIES Chairman Faheem Qureshi, AIMIM MLC Mirza Riyaz-ul-Hassan Effendi, AIMIM MLAs Jaffer Hussain Meraj, and Mir Zulfiqar Ali, officials from the Telangana Waqf Board, GHMC, Police Department and members of the Shia community.

Meanwhile, Azharuddin said that the elephant will arrive from Kozhikode, Kerala to carry the Bibi-Ka-Alam on the day of Ashura, 10 Moharram which falls on June 26. He said "By the next year, we shall have our own elephant for the Bibi-ka-Alam procession and other historic festivities in the city."

Ponnam, Adluri throw down corruption gauntlet to Harish

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

POLITICAL tensions intensified after senior BRS leader T Harish Rao alleged a Rs 2,000 crore scam in tenders related to Telangana residential schools. Responding strongly, Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Adluri Laxman Kumar refuted the allegations and challenged Harish Rao to prove the charges, stating that both Ministers were ready to resign if corruption was established.

Ponnam Prabhakar questioned the basis of the allegations, stating that the total value of procurement tenders across welfare departments itself does not amount to Rs 2,000 crore. He said making such

serious accusations without evidence was inappropriate and could mislead the public.

The Minister defended the government's welfare initiatives, particularly those aimed at weaker sections, and said departments working for the upliftment of poor communities should not be targeted with baseless claims.

He alleged that such remarks reflected a negative attitude towards welfare programmes.

Ponnam said the government functions with transparency and is prepared to face any investigation if wrongdoing is proven. He warned that the people of Telangana would not accept attempts to create confusion through false

allegations.

Recalling his political journey, the Minister said he, along with Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar and other leaders, had built their political careers through public service and grassroots work. He said their commitment towards weaker sections and social welfare was evident through their actions.

Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar also reiterated that they were ready to face consequences if any corruption charges against them were proven.

The exchange has added to the ongoing political debate between the ruling Congress and opposition BRS over allegations related to government tenders and welfare schemes.





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Motorists navigate a badly damaged road while pedestrians struggle to walk safely on the TV9–Srinagar Colony stretch in Banjara Hills Photo: Adula Krishna

BEFORE



Motorists navigate the TV9–Srinagar Colony stretch in Banjara Hills alongside a dug-up section of road, highlighting the traffic bottlenecks and commuter inconvenience caused by ongoing infrastructure works

AFTER

Following the publication of this photograph in The Hans India, the damaged TV9–Srinagar Colony stretch in Banjara Hills was repaired by the authorities, bringing relief to commuters and improving traffic movement in the area.



Photos: Adula Krishna

Food Safety teams crack whip on popular food outlets in city

Task force uncovers cockroach infestations, rotten produce, and unlabelled items during comprehensive inspections across regional confectionery facilities and restaurants

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Hyderabad Food Safety Task Force teams conducted surprise inspections at food manufacturing units, discovering unhygienic production and multiple violations of Food Safety and Standards Authority of India norms.

On June 16, the H-FAST team raided ACME Products, a confectionery manufacturing unit at Alija Kotla in Yakutpura that produces jellies, marshmallows, and jujubes under unhygienic conditions. The teams also raided Dairy Bell, an ice cream manufacturing unit at Aman Nagar.

Led by Sub-Inspector P Krishnaiah, the inspection reported poor sanitary conditions and safety violations, handing the case over to Food Safety Officer B Rakesh Kumar of GHMC Circle-28 for action under the Food Safety and Standards Act.

In a separate operation, Cyberabad Municipal Corporation food safety officials inspected a Subway outlet in Kondapur, detecting several lapses in food handling and hygiene practices.

The inspection team found rotten lettuce stored in a chiller and unlabelled cut vegetables, including onions, tomatoes, and lettuce, that had exceeded their declared use-by dates.

Incoming raw vegetables lacked adequate procurement checks. The food preparation area was littered with waste, flies were observed, and poor-



Food Safety Task Force personnel examine food processing facilities during surprise raids in Hyderabad, identifying unhygienic practices and regulatory violations



ly maintained washing areas posed contamination risks. The restaurant failed to produce mandatory medical fitness certificates for handlers, food testing reports, and water analysis reports, whilst staff lacked safe handling awareness. The CMC also raided La Pino's Pizza in Jubilee Hills,

uncovering heavy cockroach infestation, expired spice mixes, expired flavoured syrups, and expired bread items.

Inspectors found unlabelled, improperly stored food items, microbial infestation in a freezer under maintenance, chicken stored without proper wrapping, and lizard drop-

pings near the food storage area.

Furthermore, vegetarian and non-vegetarian items were stored inside the same freezer. Authorities stated that strict action would be initiated against establishments found violating food safety regulations.

Ponguleti: Cong govt rooting for a thatched hut-free state

Minister directs officials to prioritise hut dwellers in second phase of Indiramma Housing Scheme



CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION				
Office of the Chief Transport Officer, SLP Zone: CMC, Contact No.9000115410				
e' Procurement Notice				
NIT.No.05/CTO/SLPZ/CMC/1-11/2026-27	Category of work	Start Date/Last Date & Time for Receipt of Bids	Date: 16.06.2026	
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			25.06.2026 @ 3.00 PM	CTO, SLPZ, CMC 9000115410
Sd/- Chief Transport Officer				SLP ZONE, CMC
DIPR.R.O.No.: 4408-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 17-06-26				

CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION				
O/o. The Superintending Engineer, STSQM (HQ), CMC, 4th Floor, Cyberabad Municipal Office, Manikonda - 500 089.				
RFQ No. 01/SE/STSQM/CMC/2026-27, Dt: 17.06.2026				
CMC desires to obtain quotations for procurement of conservancy articles. Interested entities are requested to submit their competitive quotations through sealed cover to the Office of the Superintending Engineer (STSQM), Cyberabad Municipal Corporation building, 4th Floor, Manikonda, or through email: se.stsqm@gmail.com for the items in the prescribed "Request for Quotation Form				
Item Specification: 1) Coconut brooms: 1 No. (each contains 2 kgs), 2) Iron Spade with wooden handle: 1 No. (each 1.4 kg), 3) Iron Scrapers (22-gauge MS sheet rectangular shape painted in black colour: 1 pair, 4) Plastic Gamella (big) 45 cm diameter: 1 No., 5) Double wheel barrow 3 Ctr 85 Ltr capacity box made with 18 gms sheet L-34" X Deep 12 1/2" MS pipe delivery arrangement with CMC monogram, olive green color with hard polymer wheels: 1 No., 6) Lime Powder 50% calcium: 1 bag (Each 25 kgs), 7) Bleaching Powder (33% chlorine with ISI mark Grade-1 content): 1 bag (Each 25 kgs), 8) Iron Sickle, TATA brand: 1 No., 9) Bamboos (10 feet length): 1 No., 10) Iron Axe, TATA brand 900 gms: 1 No., 11) Iron Crow bar 150 cm length, TATA brand: 1 No., 12) Iron Fork 40" long handle made of heavy quality iron metal: 1 No., 13) Broom Sticks (wooden make): 1 No.				
RFQ Conditions: 1. Manufacturer/Suppliers/Agencies or contractors with valid Firm Registration, GST Registration and PAN Card are only eligible to submit the RFQ. 2. The entities are required to quote their competitive rates inclusive of all applicable taxes for calling of tenders by CMC. CMC reserves the right to accept or reject the RFQ after verification of quoted rates for its consideration. 3. Quotations shall be submitted on or before 22-06-2026, 11:00 AM. Sd/- Superintending Engineer, STSQM, CMC				
DIPR.R.O.No.: 4449-PP/CL/ADVT/2026-27 Date: 17-06-26				

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

REVENUE, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has said that the State Government is committed to ensuring that no poor family is forced to live in a thatched hut and that every household has access to a safe and dignified home.

Reviewing the implementation of the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme through a teleconference with Housing Department officials on Wednesday, the Minister directed authorities to give the highest priority to families currently residing in huts while sanctioning new houses. Other applications, he said, should be considered only after all eligible hut dwellers are covered.

As part of the initiative, officials have been instructed to conduct an intensive field survey across villages, wards and municipalities to identify hut dwellers and verify existing government records.

The survey will also include verification of around 75,000 applications received during the Praja Palana programme from individuals claiming to live in huts.

Lists of eligible beneficiaries will be prepared at the MPDO level and submitted for approval.

The Minister stressed that the selection process must be transparent and free from discrimination based on caste, religion or political affiliation. Families living in huts, who did not apply earlier have also been given an opportunity to submit applications at their respective MPDO offices, which will be verified through field inspections.

The government has decided to construct 2.5 lakh houses in the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme, with 2,000 houses allocated to each Assembly constituency.

Special emphasis is also being placed on the Roof Replacement Scheme. Under this programme, 50,000 houses statewide—500 in each constituency—will be selected for assistance. Families living in houses with structurally sound walls but unsafe roofs made of tarpaulin sheets, tin sheets or stone slabs will receive financial assistance of up to Rs 2 lakh to construct RCC roofs.

The Minister also directed officials to identify and support incomplete houses sanctioned under previous schemes, including Indiramma and Gruhalakshmi. He reiterated that the Beneficiary-Led Construction (BLC) model would continue, with permission for G+1 construction in urban areas where plot sizes are limited.

12 OU BDS students face action over alleged ragging

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

THE Sultan Bazar police have registered a case against 12 Bachelor of Dental Surgery students for allegedly ragging junior students at Osmania Medical College. The incident reportedly came to light after first-year students lodged formal complaints alleging harassment by senior students.

According to the police, a case was registered against 12 final-year BDS students under the Telangana Prohibition of Ragging Act following an official complaint lodged by college principal Sanjeev Singh Yadav. The students of Government Dental College are currently accommodated in the Osmania Medical College hostel, where the alleged incident took place.

Taking a serious view of the matter,

College administration suspends seniors as police launch investigation into harassment allegations

the college administration initiated immediate disciplinary action and suspended the 12 final-year BDS students for six months for subjecting their juniors to physical and mental harassment.

The principal said first-year students complained that seniors ordered them to bring cigarettes, food items, and pick up deliveries. Students also al-

leged they faced physical punishments, including wall-chairs and sit-ups, and were occasionally forced to miss regular academic activities and clinical postings.

Meanwhile, the Sultan Bazar police have registered the case, counselled those involved, and are investigating whether more students were actively involved.



Pawan fulfils ailing fan's wish with personal visit

Also fulfils another wish of Niranjan by promising to arrange a pet dog after learning of the teenager's fondness for animals

WARANGAL

ANDHRA Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday visited the residence of 17-year-old Niranjan in Hanamkonda, fulfilling the young fan's long-cherished wish to meet him.

Niranjan, who is battling a rare genetic disorder that has left him bedridden, was personally comforted by the Deputy Chief Minister during the emotional visit.

Pawan Kalyan enquired about his health, interacted with his parents, and offered spiritual support by presenting Tirupati temple Teertha Prasadam. He also extended financial assistance of Rs.1 lakh towards medical expenses.

Moved by the family's circumstances, Pawan Kalyan directed Jana Sena leaders to help improve the family's livelihood by facilitating a canteen business. He further promised to arrange special prayers at the revered Bhadrakali Ammavari Temple and present a consecrated silver idol of Goddess Bhadrakali to the family.

The Deputy Chief Minister also fulfilled another wish of Niranjan by prom-

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Following the visit, Pawan Kalyan proceeded to the Bhadrakali Temple in Warangal to offer prayers.



Bandi Sanjay urges cooperatives to set up solar plants across TG

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HYDERABAD

UNION Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar called upon cooperative societies across Telangana to take advantage of the Central Government's support and establish solar power plants to generate substantial revenue.

During his visit to Choppadandi in Karimnagar district, he said that a 1 MW solar plant can earn up to Rs 50 lakh per year, making it a highly profitable venture for cooperatives and individuals with adequate land.

The Minister inspected a Jan Aushadhi Kendra during his tour and interacted with staff and beneficiaries. He noted that the centres were providing quality medicines at significantly lower prices and urged people to make full use of them. Later, he visited the newly established



Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar interacts with local farmers and cooperative society members during his visit to a solar power plant at Choppadandi in Karimnagar district on Wednesday

1 MW solar plant on the outskirts of Choppadandi and reviewed details related to project cost, loan structure, and operational capacity. In a media statement, Bandi Sanjay explained that under the PM-KUSUM scheme, the Modi government is actively encouraging cooperatives to set up solar plants.

He said NABARD is offering loans covering over 80% of the project cost, making it easier for socie-

ties to invest. The total cost of a 1 MW plant is Rs 3.80 crore, of which the cooperative must contribute Rs 40 lakh, while Rs 3.40 crore is provided as a loan by NABARD at 4% interest.

He added that cooperatives that repay EMIs on time receive a 3% interest rebate, effectively reducing the loan interest to just 1%. "This is a golden opportunity for cooperatives to secure long-term income and strengthen rural fi-

nancial systems," he said.

The Minister highlighted that the Choppadandi plant is the first such project in the Karimnagar Parliamentary constituency, while four others have been set up in Peddapalli district. He urged cooperatives across the state to adopt this model, noting that DISCOMs purchase power at Rs 3 per unit, ensuring steady revenue.

Bandi Sanjay also clarified that individuals can apply for solar plant loans at 9% interest, with a 3% rebate for timely repayment. He said that setting up a 1 MW plant requires 3 acres of land, and those with available land should apply immediately to benefit from the scheme.

Reiterating the Centre's commitment, he said the government would extend all necessary support to expand solar infrastructure and help rural communities achieve financial stability.

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CHANGE OF NAME

I, SAYED MUBASHSHIRA MUBARAK AHMED (old name) W/O SYED ANWAR ALI, resident of H. No. 4-67, Ranjile, Zaheerabad, Sangareddy District, Telangana, have changed my name as **MUBASHSHIRA ANWAR ALI SYED** (new name) (TH. 34250)

I, CHETHAN BABU CHITTALKAR SUBBARAO R/o. F.No.528, 7 TH BLOCK, MANASAROVAR HEIGHTS, PHASE-2, RTC Oly, Tirumalagiri Sec'bad TS. Changed My Name As **CHITTALKAR CHETHAN BABU**, S/o.Late, Chittalkar Subba Rao (TH. 34250)

I Shahida Banu W/o. Mohammed Faheem R/o. H.No 20-3-554, Jalal Kuncha Hussaini Alam Ts-500064 Change My Name Form Shahida Banu To **SHAHEDA BANU** (TH. 34250)

I Altaf Hussain S/o. Tasauddug Hussain Taj R/o. H.No 20-1-437, Johari Gali Hussaini Alam Ts-500064 Change My Name Form Altaf Hussain To **ALTAF HUSSAIN TAJ** (TH. 34250)

I, SIRISHA KAKARLAPUDI. W/O VIKRAM GOTUMUKKALA R/o SURVEY NO:1009, D-1207, INDIS ONE CITY, 5TH PHASE KPMB, Kukatpally, Medchal-Sangareddy, TS. Changed My Name and Shall henceforth be Known as **"CHANDRA SIRISHA KAKARLAPUDI"** For All purpose. (TH. 34250)

I, Karrahe Gejesh Kumar S/o Ishvr Das Karrahe R/o.F.No. 109, Block C, Bhavyas Tulasi Vanam, Navodaya Oly, Kukatpally, Medchal-Malkajigiri, TS-072, Changed My Name As **Gajesh Ishwardas Karrahe S/o. Ishwardas Harishchandra Karrahe**. (TH. 34250)

I, AGHA ABBAS (OLD NAME), R/O 18-8-245/B/64, Moin Bagh, Edi Bazar, Charminar, Yakutpura Hyd, TS- 500023 TG have Changed My name as **AGHA SYED ABBAS, S/o. Late. AGHA SYED MOHAMMED** (TH. 34250)

I, KHAJIA LILIZY HMINGTHANPUUI, R/O T-39 DAM VENG, NEAR SUB CENTRE, BUNGKAWN, AIZAWL, MIZORAM-796001, CHANGED MY NAME AS **LILIZY HMINGTHANPUUI D/O. K. BIALUA**. (TH. 34250)

I SWATHI GOKARAJU W/O. SANDEEP GOKARAJU, R/O P.NO:88, ROAD NO:10C, MP MLA COLONY, JUBILEE HILLS, HYD, TS, 500033, HENCE FORTH CHANGE MY NAME FROM SWATHI ALLURI TO **SWATHI GOKARAJU** .FOR ALL PURPOSE (TH. 34250)

I, BHASKARA KUMARI BEERA W/o. SHANTHI BHASKAR BEERA R/o.F.NO 301,ELITE CLASSIC RESIDENCY, NAGOLE BANDLAGUDA, HAYATH NAGAR, R R-500068. Do here by My Name Changed as **NALLI BHASKARA KUMARI** (TH. 34250)

I Liyaqath Ali S/O Chirag Ali R/O H.No 8-15-120/66, Mohamaddia Colony, Mailardvepally R R DIST TS-500052 Change My Name Form Liyaqath Ali To **MOHAMMED LIYAQATH ALI** (TH. 34250)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Khadunuri Vanajakshi R/O. 4-91/86/304, Laxmi Nagar Colony, Gandipet, R.R Dist. I have changed my name as **"Vanajakshi G W/O. Khadunuri Chandra Mohan"** (TH. 34250)

I, PANDURANG PAPAYYA R/O H. NO: 4-1-698/A,B T S COLONY VIKARABAD, PIN:501101,TELANGANA,INDIA changed my name as **CHANNA PANDU RANGA S/O PAPAYYA ANKAYA** (TH. 34250)

I, MEERJA SHAHANAJ R/O. H.NO:676/199,PREVILLAGE ESTATE, ROAD NO:4, CHENGICHERLA, Malkajigiri-Medchal, 500092, TS changed my name as **MIRJA SHAHANAJ W/O. ZAHEERUDDIN SHAIK** (TH. 34250)

I, RISHABH A HARITWAL (Old Name), R/O:7-1-216 F.NO.603 ANJANI TOWERS DK ROAD BALKAMPET AMEERPET HYD-500016, TS changed my name as (New Name) **RISHABH ASHWIN HARITWAL, S/O.ASHWIN HARITWAL** (TH. 34250)

I, KASIBHATLA BALAJI GANESH S/O LAKSHMINARAYANA VENKATA KASIBHATLA R/o. 102 SUR BALAJI TOWERS, SINGHJES, RK PURAM, HYD, MALKAJIGIRI-MEDCHAL-500056, TS, changed my name from KASIBHATLA GANESH BALAJI to **KASIBHATLA BALAJI GANESH S/O LAKSHMINARAYANA VENKATA KASIBHATLA** for all purposes. (TH. 34250)

I, PODDATURI PREETHI W/O KATTOORI SANDEEP KUMAR R/o.3-9-35, CENTRAL BANK CLY, L B NAGAR, HYD, MALKAJIGIRI-R.R-500068, TS, changed my name from PREETHI KATTOORI to **PODDATURI PREETHI W/o. KATTOORI SANDEEP KUMAR** for all purposes. (TH. 34250)

I, USHASANDHYA KRISHNACHAITANYA PRABHU W/O KRISHNA CHAITANYA PRABHU R/o. 2-1-349/EB/301, 3RD F.R, B-BLOCK, ENVIRON TOWERS, MAHATMANAGAR CLY, NAGOLE, MALKAJIGIRI-MEDCHAL-500056, TS, changed my name from USHA SANDHYA KATTOORI to **USHASANDHYA KRISHNACHAITANYA PRABHU W/o.KRISHNA CHAITANYA PRABHU** for all purposes. (TH. 34250)

I NEERAJAKSHI R/O H No 2-2-13/A, D D COLONY,BAGH AMBERPET, SECUNDERABAD, JAMA I OSMANIA, HYD TS-500007 AS I HAVE CHANGED NAME **BOBBILI NEERAJAKSHI W/o RAVINDRA REDDY BOBBILI GOPAL** (TH. 34250)

I HURERA AHMED I R/O H.NO.4-2-16/E/2 SAAD BIN MAAZ MASJID RAMAJAH BOWLI MAHABUBNAGAR TS CHANGED MY NAME AS **HURERAH AHMED I W/O KHAJA NAYEEMUDDIN**. (TH. 34250)

I, Mohd Ali Khan S/o. Mohammed Ali Khan R/o. 19-3-294/29/3, Vat-tapally Falaknuga Hyd Ts- 500053 Change My Name From Mohd Ali Khan To **MAHMOOD ALI KHAN** (TH. 34250)

I, NIKATH SULTANA W/O MOHAMMED ABDUL SOHIL, R/o H.No: 18-8-244/5, MOIN BAGH, RIYASATH NAGAR, HYD, T.S, have changed my minor daughter name from AAIRAH FATIMA to **AREEBA FATIMA** for all purpose. (TH. 34250)

LOST

I, Garlapati Siva Krishna Goud, R/o H.No: 2-7/1 Yendabettla Nagarkurnool Telangana State Pin-509209, Have Changed My Name As **"Garlapati shiva krishna goud S/o Garlapati Venu Goud"**For Future Purpose. (TH. 34250)

I, Garlapati sharadhamma, R/o H. No: 2-7/1 Yendabettla Nagarkurnool Telangana State Pin-509209, Have Changed My Name As **"Garlapati Sharadha W/o Garlapati Venu Goud"**For Future Purpose. (TH. 34250)

I, Pili Bhavana Sree D/o P. Yadagiri Age-37 Occur: Employee. R/o H.No. 6-43 Road no -7, canara nagar. Peerzadiguda, Boduppal, Medchal-Malkajigiri Rangareddy Dist, Pin-500098, Have Changed My Name As **"Pili Chenchu Laxmi to Pili Bhavana Sree"** For Future Purpose. (TH. 34250)

I, Shaik Femeida w/o. Shaik Mahboob, r/o. 10-5-114/1, FLAT NO 203 IQRA ARCADE, AHMED NAGAR MASAB TANK, ASIF NAGAR, HYDERABAD PIN-500028,TELANGANA, Have Changed my name as **SHAIK FEHMIDA** (TH. 34250)

I, SYED EMRAN S/O. SYED NAZEER MIYA, R/o H. No 2-98, Youth Colony, Serilingampally, Rangareddy, TG-049. Lost my passport while I was traveling from my residence i.e. Hafzeetpet to Miyapur, Passport bearing No. C0241686, If anyone found **9032503188** (TH. 34250)

I, Syed Faizan s/o Syed Maqsood R/o. 18-7-198/A/283/1, Taj Palace, Murad mahal colony, talab katta, Hyderabad - 500002, Hereby I declare I found my passport at my home only while shifting it has been misplaced. My passport No. V2442353. Contact No. **6303153203** (TH. 34250)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MALLAMPALLI ANANDA SWAROOP SATSANGI (Old Name) S/o M. Sambasiva Rao, R/ot Flat #304, Phasani, Saran Nagar Colony, Bolaram, Hyderabad-10, Telangana(as Per AADHAR) Have changed my name to **MALLAMPALLI ANAND SWAROOP SATSANGI (New Name)**. Henceforth I shall be known as **MALLAMPALLI ANAND SWAROOP SATSANGI** for all purposes. (TH. 34250)

CHANGE OF NAME

I, TURKAPALLY KISTAIAH S/O TURKAPALLY NARSIMLU, Resident of H.No. 1-822, Gangapur Vlg Narayankhet Dist.Sangareddy T.G., Trail in my school records, and service records my name has been recorded wrongly as **TURKAPALLY KISTAIAH S/O TURKAPALLY NARSIMLU** but changed my name as **TURKAPALLY KRISHNANA** as per the now I have advice of numerologist and I intend to change my name and surname as **TURKAPALLY KRISHNA S/O TURKAPALLY NARSIMLU** (TH. 34150)

Change of Name

I, Simran Lulla D/o Ramesh, Resident of Flat No. 308, PVR Enclave, Renuka Yellamma Colony, Bachupally, Hyderabad - 500090, have changed my name and shall henceforth be known as **Simran Rameshkumar Lulla** for all purposes. (TH. 47)

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DGP CV Anand and HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath conduct extensive inspections of flood-prone areas in Hyderabad on Wednesday

Admin ratchets up efforts to deal with monsoon challenges in Hyd

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HYDERABAD

THE onset of the monsoon and the recent spell of rains last week that exposed Hyderabad's persistent urban flooding problems, inundating several roads in various areas, appear to have finally forced Telangana state authorities to step onto the ground and review the city's preparedness for the monsoon season.

On the second consecutive day, a high-level team of senior officials led by Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy and Telangana DGP CV Anand conducted extensive inspections of flood-prone areas across the city, assessing drainage bottlenecks, ongoing mitigation measures and pending infrastructure works aimed at preventing a repeat of last year's flood-related disruptions.

After visiting the various flood-prone areas in Cyberabad limits on Tuesday, the team conducted an extensive inspection of flood-prone areas within the Malkajgiri and other vulnerable locations across the city on Wednesday.

The inspection team included HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath, Water Board MD Ashok Reddy, MMC Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, Malkajgiri Police Commissioner B Sumati, along with officials from the HYDRAA, municipal administration, irrigation and police departments.

The officials reviewed flood-prone locations that witnessed severe waterlogging during previous monsoons.

The team assessed the causes of flooding, inspected drainage infrastructure, and

Senior officials led by Sudarshan Reddy and DGP CV Anand inspect vulnerable zones after recent flooding

discussed immediate as well as long-term solutions to safeguard residents during the rainy season.

On Wednesday, the inspection began at Prakashnagar Metro Station and surrounding areas, which have historically experienced significant waterlogging during heavy rainfall.

Ranganath informed the team that major desilting operations in the underground drainage network last year have considerably improved the area's flood resilience.

He noted that the construction of a floodwater retention pond with a storage capacity of 40 lakh litres has helped regulate the large volume of runoff flowing from the Begumpet Airport catchment area.

Ranganath further stated that lowering the water level in Hussain Sagar would substantially ease flooding in the Prakashnagar region and adjoining localities.

They later visited Uppal Cross Roads, where they inspected a floodwater sump with a storage capacity of five lakh litres established to manage stormwater accumulation. At LB Nagar, the team reviewed the condition of flood canals carrying stormwater towards Bairamalgudacheruvu.

Officials observed that the flooding issue in the area could be effectively addressed by constructing a 900-mm flood canal along the main road connecting Chandrapuri Colony and Gunti Jangaiah Colony.

The inspection team also

visited Vanasthalipuram, where they examined flood canal and drainage infrastructure associated with ongoing national highway development works near KLM Fashion Mall.

They inspected underground pipelines laid last year through tunnel-like excavations beneath the Vijayawada Highway. They observed that an additional 1,000-mm pipeline is required to channel large volumes of floodwater originating from FCI Colony, Prasanth Nagar, Abhyudaya Nagar, and Chintalakuntavillage towards the larger Mansoorabadcheruvu.

According to officials, the area faced severe flooding during last year's monsoon. While the installation of a 1.10-metre pipeline has already reduced the problem considerably, the proposed additional line is expected to provide a permanent solution by improving stormwater discharge across the national highway corridor.

Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy directed departments concerned to expedite the proposed works and ensure timely completion before peak monsoon activity.

The DGP directed all departments to remain on high alert throughout the monsoon season and respond swiftly to emergencies; preventing urban flooding and ensuring public safety require sustained coordination among the Police, Municipalities, HYDRAA, Irrigation and other civic agencies.

Viksit Bharat Gram Act to transform Telangana villages into growth engines

GRASSROOTS DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND COMPREHENSIVE CIVIC WELFARE UTILITIES DRIVE MAJOR TRANSFORMATION ACROSS REGIONAL AGRICULTURAL COMMUNITIES

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TELANGANA is set to witness a rural renaissance under the Viksit Bharat Gram Act. Moving away from traditional vulnerabilities, the modern Telangana village will stand as a self-sustaining economic powerhouse. Under the act, modern grain silos and state-of-the-art Rural Skill Development Centres sit harmoniously alongside flourishing agricultural fields, proving that technological advancement and environmental sustainability can coexist seamlessly. Under inclusive governance and participatory democracy, officials said that empowerment of the community where women, elders, and youth actively engage with local administration will be given priority. Rather than a top-down ad-



ministrative mandate, the implementation remains an evolving, democratic dialogue.

The government's decision to accept public suggestions up to June 21, 2026, ensures that the grassroots population remains the primary architects of their own

development. Interactive digital information systems installed at village squares symbolise transparency, bringing real-time policy updates, agricultural schemes, and skill-training schedules directly to citizens. The physical transformation is anchored by a meticulously

planned network of public utilities that directly elevate the human development index of the region. Gram Panchayat buildings are topped with solar panels, demonstrating a commitment to clean energy and ensuring uninterrupted administrative workflows.

As part of preventative healthcare, upgraded Primary Health Centres bring modern medical diagnostics to the doorstep of rural families, reducing out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. Newly installed, community-managed water purification plants stand prominently, safeguarding public health and eliminating waterborne diseases.

The fields are alive with modern tractors and mechanised agricultural tools, shifting the farming paradigm from subsistence to highly profitable entrepreneurship. For researchers and policymakers, this model offers a vital case study in positive rural disruption, proving that robust digital infrastructure combined with public feedback pathways allows rural communities to transition rapidly into centers of regional innovation.

Govt plans four new CMS outlets to improve healthcare delivery

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HEALTH Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha on Wednesday said that the government would set up four additional Central Medicines Stores (CMS) in addition to existing two stores in the CURE area to strengthen the medicine supply system.

The Minister on Wednesday had a high-level review meeting at the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust conference hall in Hyderabad on Wednesday regarding the functioning of Central Medicine Stores (CMS) managed by the Telangana State Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGSIDC).

During the meeting, the Minister directed TGSIDC officials to prepare proposals for the construction of 15 permanent buildings for CMS centres. He wanted the officials to formulate guidelines ensuring transparency in the procurement of medicines, surgical items, reagents, and equipment.

To further enhance transparency in the tendering process, the Minister ordered



Health Minister C Damodar Raja Narasimha conducts a review meeting on medicine procurement and storage systems at the Rajiv Aarogyasri Health Care Trust conference hall in Hyderabad on Wednesday

the formation of three additional committees, bringing the total number of committees to five. The Minister directed the organisation's MD, Gaurav Uppal, to immediately transfer officials, who have been working in the organisation for a long time. He ordered the immediate appointment of nodal officers to regularly monitor the procurement of medicines, equipment, and civil works undertaken by TGSIDC for the Directorate of Medical Education (DME) and Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) hospitals. Minister instructed of-

ficials to conduct a mandatory monthly review of medicines, equipment, surgical items, and reagents procured through tenders by TGSIDC. The Minister directed officials to prepare and maintain a standard equipment list for hospitals at all levels, including Primary Health Centres, Community Health Centres, Area Hospitals, and District Hospitals. Raja Narasimha stated that this measure would ensure uniformity across hospitals at all levels.

During the review, he affirmed the government's support for hemophilia patients and directed officials to pro-

vide the necessary monthly medication to them free of cost.

The Minister clarified that these medicines should be made available to patients through Government General Hospitals (GGH). Corporation officials informed the Minister that emicizumab, a medication used for hemophilia-A patients, was currently available at Osmania, Gandhi, and Niloufer hospitals. Minister directed officials to take measures to ensure the drug is also made available at the Government General Hospitals in Khammam and Warangal.

Cong PR wing set to resort to Gandhigiri protest on June 20

HYDERABAD: The Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sangathan, Telangana, has announced a 'Satyagraha' protest at Gandhi Bhavan on June 20 to condemn the rejection of the Rajya Sabha nomination of Telangana Congress In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan.

According to a statement issued by Rachamalla Sideswar on Wednesday, the protest is being organised against what the Congress terms the Election Commission's decision to reject Natarajan's nomination. The organisers appealed to party leaders, workers and supporters to participate in large numbers and make the protest a success.

The Satyagraha, aimed at upholding democratic values and expressing solidarity with the party's stand on the issue, will be held at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad from 10 am to 3 pm on June 20.

Congress leaders are expected to attend the programme and voice their concerns over the developments surrounding the Rajya Sabha nomination. The organisers called upon party cadres from across the state to join the protest and demonstrate their commitment to democratic principles.

HEAPS OF TRASH TROUBLE COMMUTERS



LBS Nagar-Fatehnagar



Fatehnagar



Balanagar

Overflowing garbage bins and heaps of waste spill onto a busy roadside near Balanagar in Hyderabad, raising sanitation concerns and health hazards to commuters

Photos: Adula Krishna and Ch Prabhu Das



Balanagar

Revanth will go Hitler way, says Harish Rao

BRS Deputy Leader alleged widespread corruption in student fee reimbursements and welfare distribution systems

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BRS Deputy Leader T Harish Rao on Wednesday said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who claims Hitler as his inspiration, would meet the same fate as Hitler. Rao made these comments while participating as the chief guest at the BRS Membership Enrollment and SIR Awareness Meeting held in Husnabad, Siddipet. Harish Rao recalled the contribution of senior leader Captain Lakshmikantha Rao, who stood alongside KCR during the Telangana movement and was arrested at Alugunur crossroads while participating in the struggle. Harish Rao said Husnabad had always enjoyed a special place in KCR's heart and has historically been the launchpad for many important political campaigns.

He noted that the region played a crucial role in the early growth of the party and later benefited from several developmental initiatives under the BRS government,



including the establishment of the Husnabad Revenue Division, SP and DSP offices, Electricity DE office, a full-fledged RTC depot, the Gouravelli Project, and the development of Gandhi Mahasamudram tank. Referring to the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls, Harish Rao urged party workers to remain vigilant and ensure that genuine voters are not excluded from the electoral process. Harish Rao stated that while BRS leaders resigned from their positions and made genuine sacrifices for Telangana statehood, Revanth Reddy only indulged in political drama. He alleged that when the

movement demanded resignations, BRS legislators submitted originals, whereas Revanth Reddy resorted to theatrics by submitting photocopies. Rao further alleged that while fee reimbursements payments for poor students were being delayed, contractors continued to receive payments because commissions were involved, calling it commission mode governance.

Responding to remarks allegedly made by the Chief Minister about his height, Harish Rao said personal attacks would not divert attention from pending farmer assistance, crop bonuses, and unfulfilled promises.

Govt’s U-turn on Harappan ‘Dancing Girl’ is quite baffling

MORAL policing begins quite early these days. Now, sanskari commissars ensured that Class 9 students didn’t see the iconic ‘Dancing Girl’ of Mohenjo-daro in its present form—with the torso uncovered. For decades, school students have seen the artefacts of the Indus Valley Civilisation, including the Dancing Girl, in the textbooks published by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), an autonomous organisation established by the government in 1961. Its primary objective, its website says, was to assist and advice the Central and state governments on policies and programmes for qualitative educational development. Accordingly, its duties include preparation and publication of

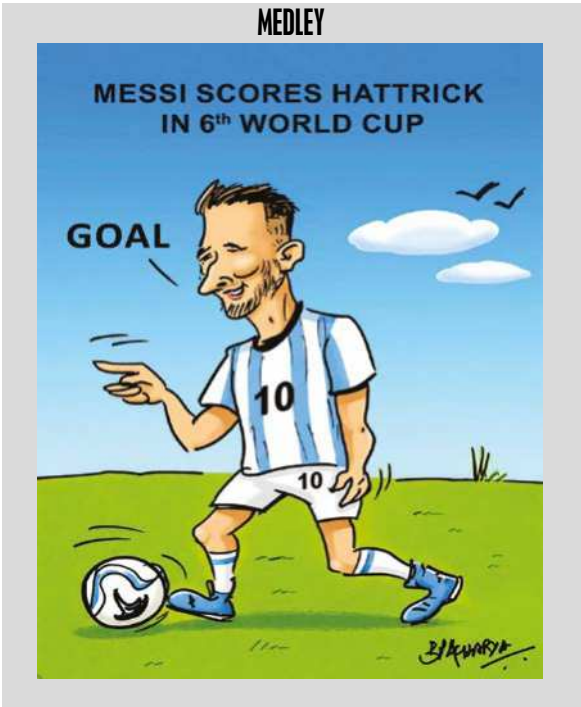
“model textbooks, supplementary materials, newsletters, journals, and educational kits, multimedia digital content, and other educational materials.” What kind of “model textbook” can preach moral policing over accurate presentation of facts and visuals? This was not the first time that sanskaris have objected to the famed bronze figurine, but their objections were reportedly brushed aside by “some government expert.” Still, the retouched photograph is featured in the opening chapter, ‘History of Arts,’ of Madhurima, the new arts education textbook for Class 9. In the doctored image, the figurine’s torso was shaded from the shoulders down. Historian Michel Danino, who headed the textbook development committee

for NCERT’s new Class 6 social science books, had told a newspaper last month that the NCERT was against placing the Dancing Girl on the opening page of a chapter on Indus Valley Civilisation. Danino, who is no longer a member of the committee, said “shading of her [Dancing Girl’s] trunk is an act of censorship; unless we wish to return to Victorian morality, such prudishness is misplaced—should students, then, be barred from entering the National Museum, where the original figurine is housed, not to speak of many semi-nude or nude statues of goddesses, apsaras, etc.?” He expressed indignation at the creation of “a fake artefact which exists nowhere. That is just not done.” He is wrong: it is done in India—not

merely done, but disturbingly normalised. Shading of the Dancing Girl’s torso is not an isolated lapse in judgement; it belongs to a long and growing tradition of sanitising history to suit contemporary notions of propriety. Instead of allowing students to encounter the past on its own terms, institutions entrusted with education are recasting it through the lens of present-day moral anxieties. The result is neither history nor pedagogy, but a carefully curated fiction.

The irony is difficult to miss. The same civilisation whose achievements are celebrated in textbooks is deemed unsuitable for students when represented through one of its most famous artefacts. A bronze figurine created nearly

4,000 years back is altered because modern gatekeepers fear that young readers may see what generations of scholars, museum visitors and school-children have seen without scandal. The artefact survives; only its representation is censored. Such interventions reveal a troubling lack of confidence in both students and teachers. If adolescents can study wars, famines, social hierarchies and political violence, surely, they can also view an ancient sculpture in its original form. To suggest otherwise is to confuse education with protectionism and learning with moral supervision. Thankfully, the government has decided to restore the original Harappan Dancing Girl in textbooks. At least, for now.



FASTING ACROSS RELIGIOUS FAITHS



TALKING OF MANY THINGS

IN the Vedas ‘vrata’s or ‘noma’s are religious rituals, vows, or observances aimed at fulfilling a desire, seeking blessings, ensuring family welfare, to attain specific goals such as health, wealth, prosperity or overcoming adversity. They involve specific, ritualized restrictions, such as avoiding certain foods on specific days, strict adherence to certain customs and vows, or a ‘sankalpam’, to gain spiritual merit. They primarily serve to align the individual with cosmic order, purify the mind and body, and foster discipline through voluntary sacrifice. They also represent a divine ordinance acting as a binding commitment to ethical conduct and spiritual focus, often involving fasting or specific ascetic practices to propitiate deities.

Such rituals call for spiritual discipline and lead to purification, adherence to divine laws and atonement, or ‘prayaschitta’, to neutralize past sins, negative karma, or to overcome defects in one’s life. By sacrificing comforts such as food, the devotee creates a closer connection with the Almighty, thus fostering gratitude and devotion. In Vedic literature, Agni is often termed vratapā protector of the vrata, indicating that these observances ensure orderly behav-

iour and divine protection.

A ‘mauna vrata’ is one form of such rituals. It is a spiritual and intentional vow of silence rooted in Indian traditions, where an individual abstains from speaking for a set period to cultivate inner peace, self-discipline, and introspection. It aims to reduce external stimuli, conserve mental energy, and achieve clarity of thought by turning one’s focus inward.

Such a vow, however, is generally not permissible in Islam, and is considered an innovation or ‘bid’ah’. The Holy Quran, no doubt, mentions a fast of silence observed by Maryam, an ardent devotee of Allah and the only woman mentioned by name in that scripture, who is recognized as a paragon of purity, piety, and submission to Allah. That practice, however, was for previous generations and was cancelled by Prophet Muhammad, who emphasized that abstaining from permissible speech is not an act of obedience.

The religious scriptures of major faiths contain many references to such practices. For instance, Parvati, the principal Hindu Goddess of love, beauty, marriage, children, and devotion, who is the consort of Lord Shiva, represents the divine feminine energy, or ‘Shakti’ that balances Shiva’s asceticism. She began to be known as ‘Aparna’, or without leaves, because of the extreme penance she undertook to marry Lord Shiva, during which she gave up all food, including leaves. The name signifies her intense dedication and sacrifice, establishing her as a model of devotion.

Likewise, ‘Varalakshmi’ vrata is a significant Hindu puja, observed on the second Friday of the ‘Shravana’ month. It is

While a vrata covers a wide range of ritual vows in Hinduism, the Christian approach is centered on voluntarily humbling oneself before God through fasting, prayer, and sacrifice to focus on spiritual growth. The Islamic equivalents of vrata are generally called ‘Sawm’ or fasting or ‘Siyam’.

dedicated to Lakshmi, the Goddess of wealth and prosperity, to whose boon granting form, married women fast and pray, for the well-being, health, and longevity of their husbands and children.

In ‘Maha Bhagavata’, Satyabhama, one of Lord Krishna’s consorts, is famously known for her beauty and immense wealth. She believes that she holds the absolute highest place in Krishna’s heart and wants to ensure that she would have Lord Krishna as her husband in every birth. The celestial musician and an ardent devotee of Lord Vishnu, Sage Narada, informs her that in her current birth, she has Lord Krishna as her husband on account of her good fortune. To continue to have that fortune in all her future lives, she performs a special vow, which involves gifting Krishna to Narada and then trying to buy him back. Satyabhama tries to weigh Krishna against all her wealth, jewels, and gold, but the scales continue to remain lower on Krishna’s side. It is only when she stops being proud and asks for help, and when a single Tulasi leaf is placed, with pure devotion, on the scale by Rukmini, consort of Krishna, and the first Queen of ‘Dwaraka’, the Kingdom of Krishna, and the embodiment of Goddess Lakshmi, that the scales balance. The message conveyed is that Krishna can be pleased only with sincere devotion, or ‘bhakti’, but not with wealth.

Also in the Hindu mythology is described the tale of how

the severe and intense penance of the venerated Sage Vishwamitra, characterised by decades-long austerity and aimed at surpassing Sage Vashistha, transforms him from the powerful warrior King Kaushika to a revered ‘Brahmarshi’, the penance involves overcoming massive temptations, including Apsaras, or celestial nymphs, Menaka and Rambha, before finally mastering his anger and ego to attain supreme spiritual status. Yet another example can be found in Ramayana. Ravana, the ten-headed demon king of Lanka and an ardent devotee of Lord Shiva, performs an intense penance to Lord Brahma and Lord Shiva to gain immense power, knowledge, and invincibility. He sacrifices his ten heads, which grow back each time, symbolizing his dedication. This devotion grants him boons, making him a dominant ruler, a master of scriptures, and the possessor of the Celestial Weapon, ‘Chandrarhas’.

Turning to Christian equivalents of such rituals, we find that the equivalent of a vrata is found in the spiritual disciplines of fasting and abstinence.

For example, ‘Lent’, the 40-day period before Easter, beginning on ‘Ash Wednesday’, is somewhat like a long-term vrata, involving abstinence, fasting, increased prayer, and acts of charity. The fasting is designed to foster self-denial, focus on prayer, and draw closer to God. Denying oneself food entirely for a period to focus on spiritual matters, is on the lines of Jesus’

40 days in the wilderness. Likewise, a ‘vow’ is a personal, voluntary promise made to God, such as committing to a season of fasting, a specific prayer routine, or abstaining from a habit.

Some examples are, the ‘Daniel Fast’, which is a common practice based on the Bible where individuals abstain from rich foods, such as meat, dairy or wine, for 21 days, consuming only vegetables and water and the ‘Ember Days’, which are traditional days of prayer and fasting which occur quarterly.

In summary, while a vrata covers a wide range of ritual vows in Hinduism, the Christian approach is centered on voluntarily humbling oneself before God through fasting, prayer, and sacrifice to focus on spiritual growth.

The Islamic equivalents of vrata are generally called ‘Sawm’ or fasting or ‘Siyam’. Like the Hindu custom, Islamic fasting involves abstaining from food, drink, and sexual activity, from dawn until sunset to cultivate self-control, piety, and devotion to God. Examples include, ‘Ramadan’, also known as ‘Ramzan’, or obligatory fasting. The month-long fast during Ramadan is the most significant form of worship, to a mandatory, universal vow observed by all able Muslims. Several other fasts are also undertaken, such as ‘Sunnah’ fasts, or recommended vows, which are voluntary fasts, like the Hindu ‘Kanya Vratas’ or vows for desire. ‘Shawwal’, or fasting six days after Ramadan, observing the ‘Ashura’, or fasting on the 10th of Muharram. In addition, ‘Kaffarah’ or expiation fasts undertaken to make up for breaking a previous fast or as a penalty for certain transgressions and ‘Nazar’ vows, or specific voluntary fasts a person

promises to keep if a particular wish is fulfilled are also known. Fasting on Mondays and Thursdays is highly recommended by Prophet Muhammad.

A lighthearted tale now, to lighten the mood. The story goes that a representation was made by Chitrugupta, record keeper of Yama, the Hindu God of Death, Justice and Afterlife, to Lord Brahma, the God of Creation, and the first deity of the Holy Trinity or ‘Trimurti’s, along with Vishnu and Shiva, about the embarrassing consequences of the Varalakshmi vrata. The gist of the grievance was that on account of the observance of the ritual, women were succeeding in getting the same husband for seven successive births. The women were happy. Not so, however, their husbands because men, by nature, would like a different wife in each birth. Lord Brahma was in a dilemma, as the vrata was an ancient tradition, regarded holy and desirable. Chanakya, the legendary Indian philosopher, teacher, economist, and royal strategist, known for masterminding the establishment and celebrated famously for his sharp political wisdom, was summoned to assist in the resolution of the crisis. The brilliant Chanakya, as always, came up with a novel and unique solution and suggested that Lord Brahma insist that the boon would be granted to women only on the condition that the mothers-in-law also would be the same in all the births! The ladies observing the tradition, understandably, refused to accept the condition. Both parties, men, and women were happy, not to mention Lord Brahma!

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LETTERS

The Rs 1,600 crore SCCL black hole

Accountability can no longer wait as a staggering, cavernous discrepancy given that nearly 40 lakh tonnes of coal, valued at an estimated ₹1,600 crore, have vanished into thin air from the stockyards of the state-run Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL). It came to light after physical inspections of several mining sites reportedly revealed empty, dusty stockyards, directly contradicting official records that boasted of substantial reserves. The opposition was quick to accuse the Congress-led state government of presiding over, or turning a blind eye to, large-scale irregularities and the potential illegal diversion and black-marketing of a vital national resource. In governance, silence is rarely interpreted as neutrality; more often, it is read as complicity or paralysis. As the controversy snowballs, the Telangana government’s lack of a detailed, transparent response is only fuelling the narrative of a systemic cover-up. SCCL is a critical pillar of Telangana’s industrial and energy backbone. When a resource as heavily regulated and physically massive as coal disappears on this scale, it points to either a catastrophic failure of internal audit mechanisms or a deeply entrenched, highly coordinated network of illicit siphoning. The state leadership must act swiftly to clear the air, because in a democracy, the smoke from such a political storm will not dissipate until the truth is unearthed.

Calicut Krishnan Ramanathan, Ghaziabad-201001

Need to diversify fuel sources

THIS is further your editorial ‘India must diversify fuel supply chains despite US-Iran MoU’ (THI June 17). It rightly calls for diversifying fuel supply chains, but the larger lesson is to diversify fuel sources. Dependence on imported oil leaves nations vulnerable to geopolitical tensions, shipping disruptions and price volatility. India should accelerate investments in solar, wind, tidal and geothermal energy, which are clean, green, neat, renewable and effectively inexhaustible. Every unit of energy generated domestically strengthens energy security while reducing pollution and import bills. The most durable solution lies in expanding indigenous renewable energy capacity and reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

Harsh Pawaria, Rohtak

EU is bang on: Strait of Hormuz

The editorial ‘India must diversify fuel supply chains despite US-Iran MoU’ prudently points out the need for India to be in its guard in expanding energy sources, notwithstanding the MoU being signed between the US and Iran facilitating the reopening of the Strait of Hormuz. One prominent point that stands out is that Israel is not a willing entity to this deal. It is quite clear that the MoU is more on Iranian terms as the US wants to end the war in a hurry despite Israel’s consternation. India must think in terms of more fuel storages being built to tide over any future crisis. Meanwhile, the EU’s view that the Strait of Hormuz must be a free and unhindered sea route without any toll or restrictions is a level-headed proposition that the world wants urgently.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Cabinet expansion decision rests with high command: Ahmed

BENGALURU: Amid growing political buzz over the Legislative Council elections and the much-anticipated Cabinet expansion in Karnataka, senior Congress leader and former minister Zameer Ahmed Khan met former MP D.K. Suresh in Bengaluru on Wednesday, triggering fresh speculation in political circles.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Zameer Ahmed said the Congress is a high-command-driven party and all decisions regarding Cabinet expansion will be taken by the party leadership. “I was expecting a ministerial berth in the first list, but it did not happen. I am hopeful of finding a place in the second list. Even if that does not happen, I have no disappointment. I have never publicly demanded a ministerial position.

My supporters have staged protests seeking representation for me, which is natural,” he said. Rejecting reports of dissatisfaction, Zameer asked reporters whether his face reflected any disappointment. He also highlighted his proximity to the party leadership, stating that he had actively campaigned for the Congress during elections in Kerala and Telangana. On the upcoming Legislative Council election, Zameer expressed confidence about the Congress securing victory. Referring to the Congress Legislature Party meeting held at a resort in Bidadi, he said around 140 legislators were united behind the party candidates. “We are fully united. Even if 28 legislators vote for a candidate, victory is assured.

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

Merit or birthright? Why Telangana’s ‘local only’ judge demand threatens impartial justice

CHOLLETI

An extraordinary general body of the Telangana High Court Bar Association (THCBA) on Monday passed a resolution requesting that the High Court and the Supreme Court collegium prioritise practising advocates “belonging to Telangana origin only” when recommending names for elevation to the High Court. The resolution invokes themes that resonate across India — representation, social justice and the value of lawyers who have sustained practice in a particular High Court — and raises fundamental legal and constitutional questions about who may be considered for judicial office and how the collegium should weigh ‘locality’ against merit and other legitimate criteria.

The resolution and the rationale:

According to the association’s extraordinary meeting and subsequent resolution, the request calls for the collegium to follow principles of social justice and ensure that elevation to the bench gives “proper representation to all the sections of people,” by prioritising advocates of Telangana origin, who practise in the Telangana High Court. The association’s stated concerns are familiar: local advocates are thought to have better knowledge of regional laws, languages, social contexts and institutional practices. Long standing practitioners claim an established relationship with the court and its litigational culture. And a perception exists that too many judicial vacancies are filled by outsiders or by candidates perceived as less connected to local bar and bench communities. These are legitimate policy concerns that speak to questions of trust, accountability and the bench’s social composition.

The Legal framework:

The constitutional text sets the outer bounds of eligibility. Article 217 requires a person to have been an advocate of a High Court for at least 10 years to be qualified for appointment as a High Court judge. Article 124 sets similar eligibility for the Supreme Court. These articles impose nationality and experience thresholds but are silent on place of origin or state of enrolment beyond the requirement of practice at a High Court. The Collegium process and the Memorandum of Procedure (MoP) — the procedural matrix evolved by the Supreme Court and used by High Court collegia — stress merit, integrity, standing at the Bar, experience, published judgments and encourage regard for social diversity and representation. The MoP contemplates weight being given to professional standing and to consultative inputs from the local bar and judges. It does not, however, endorse categorical exclusion of candidates who are not of a particular state origin.

Precedents and bar-level pushback around locality demands:

Demands by bar associations and local bodies for prioritising local practitioners are not new. Reports show that bar bodies in different jurisdictions in India have protested proposals to elevate advocates, who do not practise regularly before a particular High Court, or asked that local counsel be given preference. Some associations have even threatened abstentions or abstaining from work when they believe consultative norms were ignored. Conversely, proposals to elevate advocates from the Supreme Court or advocates who practise mainly outside a High Court’s rolls have also drawn objections. These episodes demonstrate a recurring tension: local bars

want a say and protection for home-grown talent; collegia seek to balance merit, representation and institutional needs.

Legal and constitutional objections to ‘TG-only’ rule:

A categorical rule that only advocates of Telangana origin may be considered presents myriad problems. First, it risks conflict with equal treatment norms and the constitutional commitment to non-discrimination — appointments must be open to all who meet the constitutional eligibility criteria. Second, the constitution’s experience thresholds refer to practice in a High Court. They do not confer a right to geographic exclusion. Third, limiting the pool to state origin advocates may curtail merit: the collegium system, for all its scrutiny, seeks candidates with outstanding ability and temperament. Artificially narrowing that pool could compromise overall judicial quality. Fourth, such a rule may undercut impartial justice by introducing parochial pressures into what is designed to be a consultative but expert process. Finally, the practicalities of modern legal practice — interstate mobility, Supreme Court practice, multi-jurisdictional litigation — mean many of the best candidates have diverse practice footprints that transcend state borders. Constitutional text and the MoP do not support a parochial quota. They permit, instead, a nuanced approach that properly values local experience as one of several factors.

Weighing local practitioners:

That said, the association’s concerns have merit when framed as preferences rather than inflexible rules. Local practitioners often bring deep familiarity with state statutes, local languages and socio



legal context — qualities that improve judicial access and legitimacy. Where a High Court has a sustained deficit in representation by persons from particular social classes, castes, genders or regions of the state, active attention to homegrown candidates can promote social justice and public confidence. The collegium legitimately considers representational balance. The MoP expressly mentions social diversity and dispersal as considerations. The answer is not categorical exclusion but calibrated prioritisation: clearer consultative engagement with the local bar, well publicised shortlists that include local talent, and affirmative outreach to underrepresented communities within the state.

Practical recommendations to reconcile local claims and constitutional norms

A balanced way forward would preserve collegial independence while responding to legitimate local anxieties:

The High Court Collegium should publish general criteria it emphasises in each round (e.g., representation, local experience) and record consultative inputs from the bar — without compromising confidential elements of the vetting process.

Rather than an exclusionary demand, the bar association could submit a ranked shortlist of local advocates with verified credentials and judgments for the collegium’s consideration; this preserves the collegium’s final discretion while ensuring local talent is visible.

The MoP could be clarified —

Deal not final: Trump

Changes tune on Tehran ■ Threatens to drop bombs

EVIAN-LES-BAINS

JUST as things were looking up for the peace efforts in the Middle East, US President Donald Trump on Wednesday crushed hopes again, with fresh warnings to Iran. During his remarks at the G7 Summit in France, Trump said that no deal had been finalised with Iran and warned he would resume “dropping bombs” and go back to shooting if Tehran did not abide by its obligations.

Trump clarified that only a memorandum of understanding was in the works, and that no deal had been



finalised. "If I don't like it, we will go back to shooting at them," Trump said, adding: "If they don't behave, we'll go right back to dropping bombs right smack in the middle of their head." He made the remarks sitting alongside Egyptian President

Abdel Fattah al-Sisi.

Trump further trained guns at Islamic Republic of Iran for “misbehaving for 47 years”. The sentiment Trump expressed in his latest remarks was much harsher than what he earlier said at the same G7 gathering. He had called the potential deal a very “powerful document”, announcing that its content could be out “pretty soon”.

His remarks come just days ahead of an agreement expected to be signed in Switzerland on Friday. Vice President JD Vance and Iran's parliament speaker, Mohammad Baqer Qalibaf are reportedly set to attend.

Uddhav Sena stares at split

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Late on Tuesday, Sena (UBT) parliamentary party leader Arvind Sawant wrote to Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, requesting him not to entertain any claim seeking recognition of a separate group or a merger with another political party by the defecting MPs. Sawant said the party's claim that Shiv Sena (UBT) represents the “real Shiv Sena” remains sub judice before the Supreme Court and that his letter was being written without prejudice to that claim. He was responding to reports that certain MPs elected on the Sena (UBT)'s symbol had either approached, or were contemplating approaching, the Speaker seeking recognition as a separate group or merger with another political party within the Lok Sabha.

'If India is attacked, we will be there for Modi'

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I can tell you this: without even having a contract – we don't have a formal [mutual defence] contract; you have to have the right contract – but if they were attacked, we would be there to help.” In a light-hearted remark, Trump later said the United States would be there to support India under PM Modi's leadership and then later joked and said that the situation might be different under a different leader.

Keep Hormuz open: Modi

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“We met in Washington last time... since then we've been moving forward together. It is a joy for us that our teams are working together, we're moving forward at a fast pace”, Modi said. Trump described the meeting as “great” as heaped praise on Modi. “I think India plays a big role in everything as long as he (PM Modi) is the leader. India is going to play a big role”, Trump said in response to a question on whether New Delhi has a role to play in West Asia. “As long as I am at the White House, India has a friend in the US”, he said, answering a question on the strain in India-US

ties. Responding to a question on the Indian seafarers killed in the conflict zone, Trump said he had been briefed about the incident and added that efforts were underway to address the issue. “I heard about that. It is a rough profession. We (PM Modi and him) are reworking it at it,” he said.

India had protested the attacks after the vessels carrying the Indian crew was attacked thrice within a week as ministry of external affairs had summoned US envoy in Delhi.

India has been pressing the United States for months for a Trump trip, potentially as part of a meeting including Japan and Australia.

Samajwadi split next?

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“A major split is going to happen in the Samajwadi Party. Ram Gopal Yadav has submitted a letter to Union Home Minister Amit Shah ji. Everyone in Uttar Pradesh knows who the mastermind behind the mining scam and Gomti River Front scam is. As the noose tightens, the SP is getting anxious,” the post in Hindi stated. Forget Maharashtra and Bengal— the entire SP is sitting ready to join the BJP, Rajbhar added

in the post. Responding to the claims, Samajwadi Party supremo took a sharp dig at the Uttar Pradesh minister, questioning his statements and motives. BJP engineered splits in many parties, poached SP MLAs, MLCs in Uttar Pradesh before, Akhilesh Yadav reportedly said. On Rajbhar's remark, Akhilesh Yadav said, “Dana aur gana kab tak chalega yeh afsana (how long will their 'benefits and songs' continue)”.

‘A total killer, a tough trader’

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“As long as I am President, they (India) have a great friend in the White House...Everyone here loves India, and they have tremendous respect for this (PM Narendra Modi) man,” he added. “People say he's such a nice man. I said he's very tough. He's a tough trader, and he loves the Indian people, but he also loves the USA. We had 'Howdy Modi' in Houston. The stadium was full... We'll be going to India sometime in the future,” Trump said. In a potent remark, Trump, putting on display his bonhomie with the Indian leader, said his country would come to India's help should any country attack it. He, however, put a condition: PM Modi should be the leader. “I think it is a great relationship...If they were attacked, we would be there to help them...If anybody attacks that man, we are going to be there...If they are attacked and he (PM Modi) is the leader, we are going to be there to help,” he said.



India's defence production surges to Rs 1.78 lakh cr in 2025-26

NEW DELHI: India's annual defence production touched an all-time high of Rs 1.78 lakh crore in the financial year 2025-26, the defence ministry said on Wednesday. The milestone represents a 15.6 per cent growth over the previous fiscal year's output of Rs 1.54 lakh crore and a staggering 110 per cent increase since 2020-21 when the figure was Rs 84,643 crore, it said. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said the “remarkable rise” in India's defence production in recent years is the result of the collective efforts of the Department of Defence Production and all other stakeholders. “This upward trajectory is a clear indicator of the country's expanding defence industrial base,” he said. “With sustained policy support, several new initiatives, increased private sector participation, and growing export capabilities, the defence production sector is poised for continued acceleration in the years ahead,” he said.

Telegram moves Delhi HC against govt curbs

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As the matter came up before a vacation bench of Justice Tejas Karia, Telegram's counsel claimed the curbs were illegal, but Solicitor General (SG) Tushar Mehta defended the government action, saying the platform was being misused and he would reveal “something shocking” on Thursday. The court adjourned the hearing to Thursday and issued notice to the Centre. During the hearing, Telegram's counsel questioned the legality of the

government order blocking the platform.

He said that over 150 million users had been affected by the Centre's action on Tuesday. SG Mehta sought an adjournment, saying that he had not put several things on record. “If the court posts the matter for Thursday, then there is something shocking I can show. One channel starts, it is prohibited, and then another is started. And with a QR code, you can make a payment. This is continuous,” he said.

Meta starts charging for Instagram, Facebook & WhatsApp

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These business plans are being tested in Saudi Arabia, Morocco, Thailand and Bangladesh first. Importantly, none of this replaces the existing Meta Verified subscription. According to the experts, subscriptions could bring in \$20 billion of high-margin revenue annually by 2030. Deutsche Bank notes subscriptions could deliver as much as \$15.6 billion of additional revenue next year. According to company data, 97.6% of Meta's revenue last year came from advertising, an alarming sign of the lack of progress it's made in growing beyond its core business in the last two decades since its founding.

TPS will instil confidence in public edu system: CM

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The Chief Minister affirmed that the government would establish a TPS in every Assembly constituency to provide quality education and train students in sports to produce India's talented sports persons in the future.

Addressing a public meeting after inaugurating the maiden Telangana Public School at Arutla in Manchal mandal of Rangareddy district on Wednesday, the Chief Minister asserted: “Telangana's future does not lie in glass-embellished palaces or colourful walls. We firmly believe it lies within the classrooms.”

“We are strengthening government schools based

on the recommendations of the Education Commission. In all, 1,814 students have already enrolled in the Arutla Telangana Public School. It is matter of pride that ‘No Admission’ board had to be put up at a government school in view of the huge rush for admission,” he said.

The Chief Minister mentioned that, as part of a move to nurture talented students, the government has initiated steps to strengthen the government schools. The establishment of Telangana Public Schools was a sincere effort to revive the “abandoned public education system.

Revanth Reddy observed that many great leaders and

officials studied in government schools. Former Prime Minister PV Narasimha Rao and himself also studied in government schools. The Chief Minister suggested that students must excel in education so that parents can live with self-respect. The Chief Minister emphasised that every student should perform in their studies aiming to become IAS, IPS officers and future political leaders.

The Chief Minister warned his political rivals that they could lose their opposition status in the next Assembly elections if they do not stop making false allegations against the state government.

‘We're most famous couple’

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While the audio isn't very clear, PM Modi appeared to refer to their popularity on social media to Meloni. To this, the Italian Prime Minister said, “Yes, we are the most famous couple on Instagram”.

This came nearly a month after PM Modi, during his trip to Rome, gifted Meloni a packet of Parle's Melody toffee - in reference to the viral ‘Melodi’ term. Sharing the video of PM Modi's ‘sweet’ gesture on her social media accounts, Meloni wrote, “Thank you for the gift”.

The post featured both PM Modi and Meloni holding a packet of the popular Indian candy, known by its ‘very,

very chocolaty’ tagline, as they laughed over the cheerful internet trend. In the clip, the Italian Prime Minister says, “Prime Minister Modi brought as a gift a very, very good toffee.” “Melody,” then said PM Modi. ‘Melodi’ - a blend of Meloni and PM Modi's names - began as an internet joke after their bilateral meeting in 2023. The term, often used in many viral clips and memes depicting warm, unscripted moments between the two leaders at multilateral summits, has racked up millions of views.

Meloni had used the term in a post first in 2024, along with a selfie with PM Modi. “Hi friends, from #Melodi,” she had

posted on X. In June 2025, she posted a selfie video with PM Modi from their G7 Summit interactions and captioned it as: “Hello, from the Melodi team.” Since then, similar interactions at global events have reinforced the perception of a warm personal chemistry between the two leaders.

However, the PM Modi-Meloni bond is not a mere photo opportunity; it is a foreign policy in motion. Italy has emerged as India's most consequential global partner, with both nations working towards the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) that anchors Rome as Europe's gateway to the Indo-Pacific.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FORM NOVI (A) [Under the Act the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No.30 of 2013) and Act No.22 of 2018 of Andhra Pradesh] PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION

Rc.No. 332/2026

Dt: 27-05-2026

Whereas it appears to the District Collector, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi that, the lands situated in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi and specified in the schedule below are needed for establishment of Industrial park in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal, notice to that effect is hereby given to all to whom it may concern in accordance with the Act the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30 of 2013) and Act No.22 of 2018 of Andhra Pradesh.

The Zonal Manager, APIIC, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi has submitted requisition in Form-A (1) seeking exemption of the provisions of Chapter-II and Chapter-III under Section 10A of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2018 (Act No.30 of 2018) for the proposed land acquisition for APIIC for establishment of Industrial park in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal.

Accordingly, the Collector & District Magistrate, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 10A of the said Act, has issued orders in Form-A(2) exempting the provisions of Chapter-II and Chapter-III of the Act for the proposed land acquisition for establishment of Industrial park in Brahmanpalli Village of Puttaparthi Mandal, vide District Gazette No.20/SSSD/2026, dated. 08.04.2026. Hence, the provisions selecting to Social impact Assessment are not applicable to the present acquisition.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 12 of the Act, (30/2013), the District Collector, Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi hereby, designates the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttaparthi, his staff and workmen to exercise the powers conferred under the Act the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act No. 30 of 2013) and Act No.22 of 2018 of Andhra Pradesh. Under section 11(4) of the Act, (30/2013), no person shall make any transaction or cause any transaction of land i.e., sale / purchase etc., or create any encumbrances on such land and from the date of this notification without the prior approval of the Collector, Sri Satya Sai District Puttaparthi.

Objections to the acquisition, if any, may be filed by the person(s) interested within 60 (sixty) days from the date of publication of this Notification as provided under Section 15 of the Act before the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttaparthi, Sri Satya Sai District.

The persons interested may submit their willingness for settlement of the proceedings by negotiation in Form-E-I (Land Owners); and in Form-E-II by the persons interested other than the land owners to the Revenue Divisional Officer, Puttaparthi.

SCHEDULE

Mandal: Puttaparthi Village: Brahmanpalli

Sl. No	Sy.No	Total Extent (Acr es)	Extent under Acquisition (Acres)	Name and Address of the Person Interested	Boundaries				Trees, Structures ect.,
					North (S.No)	South (S.No)	East (S.No)	West (S.No)	
1	1-2A2	2.23	2.23	Title Not Confirmed	Road	1-2B	2	4	-
2	116	13.74	1.78	B.H. Hemadri Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	Neem Tree-1
3			1.79	B. Guru Prasad Reddy S/o Narayana Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	Neem Tree-4 Pipe Line-480 Meters
4			2.35	K. Sambhi Reddy S/o K. Seetha Rami Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
5			1.41	K. Nagi Reddy S/o K. Muni Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
6			0.62	Seethana Jagannath Reddy S/o Seethana Pakkiri Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
7			0.8	Veluri Venkata Chakravarthi Naidu S/o Veluri Hanumantha Naidu	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
8			1.42	K.Nagi Reddy S/o K.Muni Reddy	4	Beedu palli Village	4	Beedu palli Village	-
Total			12.40						

Palce: Puttaparthi Date: 27.05.2027 RC.No. LA/APIIC/C-32831/2025 Dated: 08.06.2026

Sd/- District Collector
Sri Sathya Sai District, Puttaparthi



Competitive exams may soon come with a nationwide lockdown

Modi flags concerns over impact of West Asia crisis

EVIAN-LES-BAINS: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday proposed a framework to boost connectivity and trade by combining the strengths of the G7 nations, India and the Global South even as he flagged concerns over long-lasting consequences of the West Asia crisis on developing countries. The Prime Minister floated the proposal for setting up the International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade (IMPACT) while speak-

ing at an outreach session of the G7 summit in this French commune. Modi emphasised that modern economic growth cannot be measured solely by trade volume or GDP numbers and that the true value of progress lies in its direction, and who ultimately benefits from it. The impact of the West Asian crisis on fuel, fertiliser, and food supply chains will have long-lasting consequences for the Global South, Modi said, adding the most vulnerable countries should

not bear the burden of geopolitical crises. “If we truly want to strengthen international solidarity, the most vulnerable countries should not bear the burden of these crises alone,” he said. “Our international financial institutions must create support mechanisms that help developing countries absorb these shocks and maintain their economic resilience,” Modi said. The Prime Minister said the new framework to help the Global South can be modelled on the ambitious

IMEC or India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor initiative. “Drawing inspiration from the IMEC vision, we can work on connectivity projects with countries in Africa, Latin America, and the Pacific Islands,” he said. Combining the capital of the G7, India's talent, and the ownership of countries in the Global South, we could consider creating the International Mobilisation Partnership for Accelerating Connectivity and Trade, or IMPACT, he said.

TG govt braces for de-siltation of irrigation projects

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For, the Irrigation Department has belatedly found that delay in de-siltation poses a big threat to the projects during heavy inflows in the monsoon season. So, the Irrigation wing will undertake a detailed study of de-siltation models being implemented in other states and examine best practices that could be adapted to Telangana's conditions. A study of the national framework and guidelines issued by the central government on reservoir de-siltation and sediment management would also be done before the start of the works. At a high-level meeting, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy observed that the cost of delayed action could be enormous. He pointed out that severe flooding in Punjab last year inundated 16 of the state's 22 districts, forcing the government to spend nearly Rs 2,000 crore on flood-related damages and compensation. A substantial portion of such expenditure could have been avoided through timely preventive measures, including systematic de-siltation and restoration of drainage and storage capacities, he opined.





Emotional availability is the new attraction: The rise of affectional dating

ASKARI JAFFER

Cool indifference, mystery, and emotional distance were once rewarded in the dating culture. The less invested you were, the more desirable you seemed. But that dynamic has quietly collapsed. Daters have come a long way, and they have emotionally matured. Modern singles are no longer chasing emotionally unavailable matches. 8 out of 10 single men and women from metros and suburbs explained that dating someone who isn't emotionally available for you can leave you feeling drained, confused, and constantly looking for clues and overanalysing every interaction trying to figure out whether they are in it for the long haul. Today, users are attracted towards emotional openness, consistent effort, and intentional communication. The new-age daters call it Affectional Dating.

Ravi Mittal, the Founder and CEO of India's most popular dating app

QuackQuack, commented, "Emotional availability came out as the strongest action trigger among the Tier 1, 2, and 3 daters in the last two years. From our surveys, we have noticed that more than 55% users lose interest in their match if they are emotionally aloof during the initial days of chatting. That "too cool to care" really doesn't work in modern dating. It's a major reset in online dating. Honestly, this is one of the reasons why the number of intentional matches on online dating platforms has risen."

End of the "Cool And Unbothered" Era

Less is more; that's not a concept the dating world believes in anymore, at least not when it comes to emotional availability. Dating advice has revolved around "no double texting," maintaining emotional distance during the early stages, and keeping an air of mystery to let the spark live longer. But after years of getting stuck in exhausting situationships and decoding dry texts, daters today have

The era of playing "cool and unbothered" in dating is fading, as modern singles increasingly value emotional openness, consistency, and genuine connection over mystery and emotional distance. A new trend called Affectional Dating is reshaping relationships, with daters prioritising vulnerability, intentional communication, and emotional availability from the very beginning

a brand new approach, and it is all about wearing your heart on your sleeve. More and more dating app users are prioritising their match's degree of emotional availability and intentionality over fleeting physical traits.

Vulnerability is not "Too Much."

There's a notable shift in how conversations are progressing on dating apps. Users might be taking their time to commit, but they are not afraid to open up early. Within the first 2 weeks of chatting, most daters already

start discussing emotional expectations, mental health management, baggage from past experience, boundaries, and even their relationship needs. This might have seemed too vulnerable too soon a few years back, but with the changing dating style, emotional openness from the beginning is becoming the norm. Over 41% of men and women in their 20s shared that pretending to be emotionally unaffected at all times and trying to keep up the wall while connecting with someone is exhausting.



Comeback of Affection

Five years back, showing affection openly was almost reduced to being cringe. People were cautious about when and where they are

being affectionate, especially on dating apps where connections happen virtually and one wrong move can make you seem unnecessarily clingy or needy. Most daters

would intentionally play cool to hold the upper hand in the connection. But the mentality has shifted dramatically in the last two years, when online matches are more

openly expressing their interest without worrying if they come off "desperate." The rise of Affectional Dating makes it easier for people to be their authentic selves.

LOOK OUT

Meet the artisans



Some art forms don't belong in museums. They belong in homes, in daily conversations, and in the hands of people who appreciate the story behind the object.

MAATI – The Crafts School, an initiative by Kadam India supported by the Tata Trusts, is bringing an immersive two-day showcase to Hyderabad in partnership with Mysore Saree Udyog. The exhibition celebrates the living traditions of hand-painted Madhubani art alongside contemporary Bihar craftsmanship. This curated exhibit is designed for textile connoisseurs, art and culture tastemakers, conscious textile retailers, architects, interior designers, collectors, and anyone drawn to authentic legacy artistry.

The heart of the showcase is four women artisans traveling from MAATI's clusters in Madhubani and Darbhanga.

This is a rare opportunity to meet the makers and engage directly with their creative processes and explore handcrafted textile collections that bridge generations of visual memory with contemporary living.

Beyond design, the exhibition carries a real-world urgency.

MAATI works in regions of Bihar where

MAATI showcases Madhubani art and contemporary Bihar crafts in Hyderabad

recurring climate and environmental challenges threaten traditional ways of life year after year.

By creating direct market access and nurturing independent creative enterprises, the initiative supports artisan communities in building long-term, climate-resilient livelihoods.

The event offers a unique platform for Hyderabad's art, design, and textile community to engage with authentic handcrafted traditions while supporting artisan-led enterprises and the preservation of India's rich cultural heritage.

Dates: 19th and 20th June 2026.

Venue: MSU Store, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad.



Women led startups at India's first SHElterTech Accelerator organised by We Hub

WE Hub concludes India's First SHElterTech accelerator

WE Hub, India's first state-led nodal agency for women entrepreneurs, has successfully concluded the SHElterTech Acceleration Program, a first-of-its-kind initiative designed to position women founders at the forefront of innovation in the housing and construction sector. Implemented in partnership with the Terwilliger Center for Innovation in Shelter (TCIS), specialised center within the global nonprofit organisation Habitat for Humanity International, the program culminated in a Cohort Showcase and Industry Networking Meet that brought together Telangana's leading real estate developers, CSR foundations, architects, institutional investors and government stakeholders.

The closing ceremony was graced by VP Gautham, IAS, Managing Director, Telangana Housing Corporation Limited (THCL), as the Chief Guest.

The cohort featured innovative startups including Q Gen-Next Sustainable Technology Pvt. Ltd., Hubeco Green Ventures Pvt. Ltd., C-DISC Technologies Pvt. Ltd., Structural Integrated Panels Pvt. Ltd., Greenbanana Environment Solutions Pvt. Ltd., and ECOSTP Technologies Pvt. Ltd.

Addressing the gathering, VP Gautham, IAS, said: "The Government of Telangana is committed to expanding

affordable housing in urban areas and improving the quality of homes in rural communities. Achieving this vision requires smarter construction solutions that reduce costs, improve efficiency and shorten project timelines. Startups are critical partners in this journey. The innovators in this cohort are solving real-world challenges and developing practical solutions that can make a meaningful impact. We are ready to work with them."

SHElterTech was conceptualised to address a critical gap identified through the SHElterTech Gender Analysis Study, which found that women entrepreneurs in the housing and construction sector often face barriers not in technical expertise or ambition, but in accessing markets, capital and industry networks.

In response, WE Hub designed a focused Growth and Market Activation Program aimed at creating tangible business opportunities through customer pilots, strategic partnerships, investment access and regulatory support.

The cohort showcased a diverse range of innovations spanning modular construction systems, zero-excitation foundations, passive cooling technologies, sustainable building materials and nature-based water treatment solutions. These innovations align closely with Telangana's vision of creating faster,

greener and more sustainable housing infrastructure.

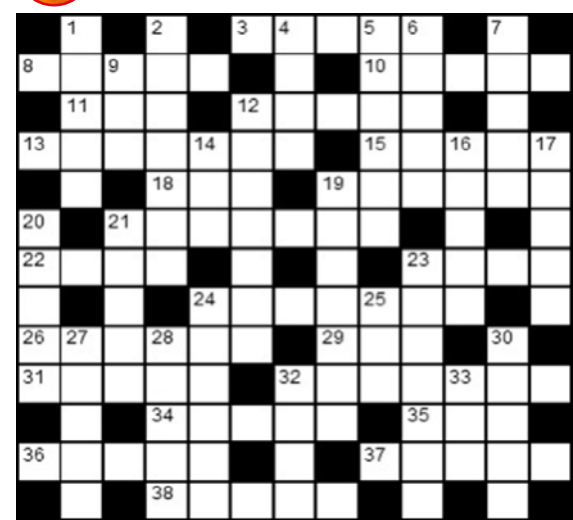
A key highlight of the program was structured business matchmaking, enabling founders to engage directly with enterprise buyers, developers, CSR partners and investors, transforming networking opportunities into potential pilot projects and commercial partnerships.

Reflecting on the program's impact, Sita Pallacholla, CEO, WE Hub, said: "Women founders in the housing sector consistently told us that while they had the capability and innovative solutions, they lacked access to customers, capital and decision-makers. Bridging that gap is exactly why WE Hub exists. SHElterTech demonstrates what becomes possible when women entrepreneurs are provided with the right ecosystem, opportunities and connections to scale."

The event was also attended by Soumya Chanda, Executive Director, Vasavi Group, along with representatives from leading real estate firms, investors and ecosystem partners.

With the successful completion of SHElterTech, WE Hub reinforces its commitment to fostering inclusive innovation and ensuring that women-led enterprises play a pivotal role in shaping Telangana's housing sector, economic growth and sustainable development.

CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Pale green mosslike lichen (5)
 - Around (5)
 - A dolt or a dullard (5)
 - Automated online program (3)
 - Moist (5)
 - A word that means the same (7)
 - Jewel, trinket (5)
 - Large (3)
 - Sacrificial tables (6)
 - Entourage (7)
 - One feeling remorseful or one who is regretting? (4)
 - Just (4)
 - First (7)
 - Petroleum byproduct (6)
 - Our country, abbr. (3)
 - Former French coin (5)
 - Power to convince (7)
 - Italian city (5)
 - Yes for Yves? (3)
 - Ringo ___ of the Beatles (5)
 - Babble (3,2)
 - English county (5)

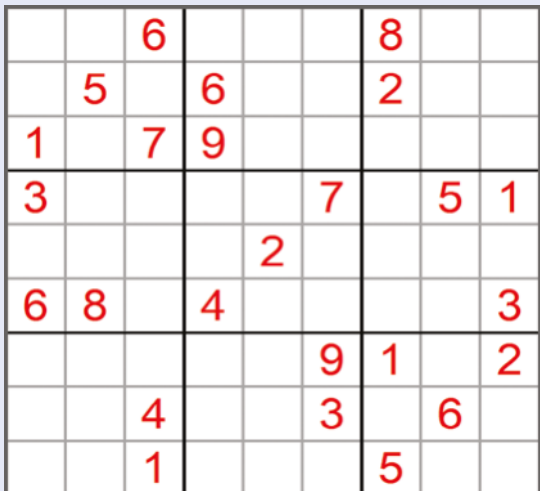
DOWN

- Fortune-teller (5)
- 10th month (7)
- Shanty town (4)
- Fit to eat (6)
- Check accounts (5)
- Participant (5)
- Harry Potter's best friend (3)
- Sanitary principles (7)
- The egg of a parasitic insect, esp. of a louse (3)
- Mud hut (5)
- Moneylending (5)
- Public sale (7)
- Suffering (5)
- Amitabh's leading lady in many a movie (5)
- Actors don't die they just ___? (4,3)
- Brings upon oneself (6)
- Suffix to denote continuation? (3)
- Veracity (5)
- Cave (5)
- Offspring (5)
- Refer to (4)
- Religious sister (3)



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‘The Odyssey’ India premiere

Christopher Nolan, Matt Damon and Tom Holland to visit Mumbai



India is set to witness a landmark cinematic event as acclaimed filmmaker Christopher Nolan will visit Mumbai this July for the Indian premiere of his highly anticipated



mythological action epic ‘The Odyssey’. Joining the Academy Award-winning director will be Hollywood stars Matt Damon and Tom Holland, along with Oscar-winning producer Emma



Thomas. In a major recognition of the Indian market, Universal Pictures International has included Mumbai as an official stop on ‘The Odyssey’s global premiere tour, alongside

prominent international cities such as London, Paris, and New York. Notably, this marks the first-ever Christopher Nolan film to have its premiere in India, underlining the growing significance of the country in the global entertainment landscape.

The grand premiere is scheduled to take place at PVR Icon IMAX, Phoenix Palladium, Mumbai. The film is slated for a worldwide theatrical release on July 17, with advance IMAX ticket bookings already open across India.

‘The Odyssey’ is being hailed as a technological milestone in filmmaking. Shot across multiple international locations, it is the first feature film in cinema history to be filmed entirely using IMAX cameras. The production utilizes newly developed IMAX film technology, promising an immersive large-screen experience for audiences worldwide.

Written and directed by Christopher Nolan, the film reimagines Homer’s legendary tale of Odysseus and his decade-long journey home following the fall of Troy. The project boasts an impressive ensemble cast featuring Matt Damon, Tom Holland, Anne Hathaway, Robert Pattinson, Lupita Nyong’o, Samantha Morton, Zendaya, and Charlize Theron. Produced by Emma Thomas and Christopher Nolan under their Syncopy banner, ‘The Odyssey’ is among the most anticipated global releases of the year.

The Mumbai premiere is expected to become one of the biggest Hollywood events ever hosted in India, bringing together international cinema icons and Indian movie enthusiasts on a historic occasion.



Rakul Preet Singh focuses on growth, meaningful roles over stardom

Actress Rakul Preet Singh says her priority remains professional growth and meaningful storytelling as she continues to evolve in a career spanning multiple film industries. The actress recently opened up about her approach to acting, fame, and the growing influence of social media on performers.

According to Rakul, audience appreciation is the greatest reward for any actor, and she believes success should be measured by the impact of one’s work rather than celebrity status. She emphasized that while stardom is gratifying, her primary focus has always been on delivering memorable performances and being

part of stories that resonate with viewers.

Reflecting on her journey in cinema, Rakul revealed that she consciously chooses projects that challenge her creatively. The actress said she does not want to be confined to a specific image or genre and instead looks for opportunities that help her discover new dimensions of her craft. She believes every film should contribute to her growth as an artist and offer valuable learning experiences.

The actress also shared her perspective on social media and its effect on actors. Rakul noted that when she entered the industry, social media was not as influential as it is today. However, she feels that the digital space has

become increasingly powerful, particularly in recent years.

While acknowledging that online opinions can affect newcomers, Rakul advised actors to remain focused on their work and avoid getting distracted by constant commentary on social platforms. She stressed that paying excessive attention to online chatter can be counterproductive and may negatively impact an artist’s confidence and performance.

With a strong belief in authenticity and continuous learning, Rakul Preet Singh continues to shape her career around meaningful cinema and personal growth, reinforcing her position as one of the industry’s versatile performers.



‘The India Story’ poster unveils Kajal Aggarwal as a fierce lawyer

The makers of ‘The India Story’ have released the film’s first official poster, offering a powerful glimpse into a socially relevant courtroom drama centered on the alarming issue of food adulteration. Backed by Zee Studios in association with MIG Production & Studios, the film is gearing up for a worldwide theatrical release on July 24, 2026.

The newly unveiled poster features Kajal Aggarwal in the role of a determined lawyer, while Shreyas Talpade appears as a distressed father fighting for justice. A young girl portrayed as his daughter is also featured prominently, highlighting the emotional core of the narrative.

Adding to the intrigue, the poster showcases the iconic Bombay High Court in the backdrop, along with a pesticide cylinder placed inside a courtroom witness box. The imagery strongly hints at a legal battle linked to food contamination and its devastating impact on ordinary families.

Directed by Chetnan DK and written and produced by Sagar B. Shinde, ‘The India Story’ aims to spotlight a major public health concern that affects millions but often receives limited attention. By combining emotional storytelling with legal drama, the film seeks to raise awareness about the dangers of food adulteration and its long-term consequences.

The project will be released in Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil, expanding its reach to audiences across the country. The film’s technical crew includes cinematographer Nishant Bhagwat, music composer Mangesh Dhakke, editor Ashish Mhatre, lyricist Shakeel Azami, and sound designer Anmol Bhawe.

With its socially relevant theme, compelling characters, and thought-provoking premise, ‘The India Story’ is emerging as one of the most anticipated issue-based dramas of 2026.

Hrithik Roshan cameo adds excitement to ‘Alpha’

The newly released ‘Alpha’ trailer has significantly raised expectations for the upcoming action thriller, offering audiences a more impactful glimpse into the film than its previously released teaser. With the movie scheduled to arrive in theatres on July 3, the latest promotional material has successfully reignited interest and generated fresh momentum ahead of release.

Following a teaser that received a mixed response from viewers, the makers appear to have struck the right chord with the trailer. Packed with high-octane action sequences, stylish visuals, and stronger emotional undertones, the trailer presents a much more compelling picture of what audiences can expect from the film.

Leading the charge is Alia Bhatt, who impresses in a powerful action-oriented role.

The actress showcases a confident and intense screen presence, highlighting a new dimension to her on-screen persona. Sharvari also leaves a strong impact, with her action scenes emerging as one of the major highlights of the trailer.

Adding further intrigue is Bobby Deol, whose character appears menacing and formidable. His commanding presence enhances the suspense surrounding the film’s narrative. Veteran actor Anil Kapoor also plays a significant



role, bringing additional depth and gravitas to the ensemble cast.

One of the trailer’s biggest crowd-pleasing moments is the tease of a special appearance by Hrithik Roshan. The brief glimpse of the superstar has already become a major talking point among fans, strengthening the connection between ‘Alpha’ and the expanding YRF Spy Universe.

With expectations riding high, ‘Alpha’ is considered one of the most important upcoming projects from Yash Raj Films. Industry observers believe the film’s box-office performance could influence the future trajectory of the studio’s ambitious spy franchise.

If the teaser left audiences wanting more, the trailer has successfully delivered the excitement and scale many were hoping for, setting the stage for a highly anticipated theatrical release.

Pragya Jaiswal’s photoshoot gains traction

Actress Pragya Jaiswal continues to command attention on social media despite not having a film release scheduled this year. The actress, known for her elegant fashion choices and strong online presence, has once again become the center of discussion with a stylish new photoshoot that is rapidly gaining traction among fans.

The latest photographs showcase Pragya in a contemporary fashion ensemble featuring a lace bralette paired with a light blue oversized shirt. Complementing the look are white denim shorts that have become a major talking point on social media. The relaxed styling and modern fashion approach have earned appreciation from followers, with many praising her effortless sense of style.

Captured beside a sunlit window, the photos highlight the actress’s confidence and natural charm. Her minimal makeup, soft hairstyle, and understated accessories add to the overall appeal, creating a sophisticated yet relaxed look. The visuals reflect a blend of glamour and simplicity that has resonated strongly with fashion enthusiasts.

While fans continue to await updates regarding her upcoming film projects, Pragya has successfully remained in the spotlight through her active social media engagement. The actress frequently shares glimpses of her fashion shoots, travel experiences, and lifestyle moments, helping her maintain a strong connection with her audience.

Over the years, Pragya Jaiswal has built a reputation not only for her performances on screen but also for her evolving fashion choices. Her latest photoshoot further reinforces her status as one of the most stylish actresses in the industry.

Although there are no immediate movie releases on the horizon, the actress continues to make headlines through her fashion-forward appearances, proving that her popularity extends well beyond the silver screen.



‘Cocktail 2’ revives iconic song ‘Tum Hi Ho Bandhu’ with a new twist

As the release of ‘Cocktail 2’ draws closer, the makers have unveiled a refreshed version of the iconic chartbuster ‘Tum Hi Ho Bandhu,’ bringing back one of Bollywood’s most-loved party anthems for a new generation of listeners. The recreated track is expected to play a key role in the film’s music album and has already generated considerable excitement among fans.



Actor Shahid Kapoor, who headlines the sequel, shared the song on social media with a playful message announcing the film’s arrival. The much-awaited romantic entertainer is scheduled for a theatrical release on June 19. Originally featured in the 2012 blockbuster ‘Cocktail,’ ‘Tum Hi Ho Bandhu’ became an instant sensation. The song was composed by Pritam, penned by Irshad Kamil, and sung by Kavita Seth and Neeraj Shridhar. It was picturized on Saif Ali Khan, Deepika Padukone, and Diana Penty. For the sequel, music producer Abhijit Vaghani has recreated the track with contemporary arrangements while preserving its original spirit. He revealed that the goal was to retain the song’s timeless energy while introducing modern musical elements that appeal to today’s audiences. The release of the revamped anthem follows the launch of other tracks from the film, including ‘Tujhko,’ ‘Vallah,’ ‘Mashooqa,’ and ‘Jab Talak,’ all of which have contributed to the growing buzz around the project. Serving as a spiritual successor to the original romantic drama, ‘Cocktail 2’ aims to recreate the magic of its predecessor while presenting a fresh story for audiences. With the return of ‘Tum Hi Ho Bandhu,’ the film has added another nostalgic element to its promotional campaign, further raising expectations ahead of its release.