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TG Sports Academy will come up in 2028: Revanth

Chief Minister promises jobs and cash rewards for athletes winning international medals for the country

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

CHIEF Minister A Revanth Reddy has announced the launch of Telangana Sports Academy in 2028. The Chief Minister reaffirmed that the state government would provide jobs and also cash rewards to the sports aspirants, who win the medals to the country at the international level.

Addressing after launching Young India Physical Education and Sports University at Gachibowli sports district on Thursday, the Chief Minister appealed to the youth to pursue sports as a bright career as the government is ready to provide employment to those who win medals in the international sports events.

Revanth Reddy highlighted that state government was already encouraging high-performing athletes by providing them with both jobs and cash prizes. The youth are the nation's wealth and they must put in 100 per cent effort to achieve the goals in the sports.

The Chief Minister noted that the big worrying factor is India was still lagging behind other countries in winning the



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy unveils the Young India Physical Education and Sports University at Gachibowli, marking a new chapter in Telangana's sports development

medals in the Olympics. The CM attributed lack of good sports policies by one of the main reasons to the poor performance of India in the international sport events.

The Chief Minister praised popular athlete PT Usha for winning many medals in the international events.

Since India is not yet recognised globally as a sporting powerhouse, Revanth

Reddy said that the Telangana government took the initiative of introducing a dedicated sports policy and also launched the Sports University under a public-private partnership model. The state government was already making efforts to host Olympic events in the Telangana state in the future, the Chief minister said.

Kavitha fires ₹1.4K-cr fund salvo against BRS

HANS NEWS SERVICE
HYDERABAD

TELANGANA Rakshana Sena president Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday demanded that the alleged Rs 1,400 crore corruption funds of the BRS be allocated to the families of martyrs (Amaravereeru). The TRS leader said that she would never return to the BRS.

She made these comments during her visit to Kothagudem on Thursday. Addressing a massive gathering, Kavitha made it clear that despite systematic, state-sponsored intimidation, her fight for the people, the martyrs, and the working class of Telangana remains unstoppable.

Striking at the very core of the BRS leadership, Kavitha demanded that the Rs 1,400 crore currently sitting in the BRS party account, which she labelled as illicit proceeds accumulated through systemic corporate quid pro quo; be immediately confiscated and distributed to the families

of Telangana martyrs at Rs 1 crore each. She levelled grave corruption allegations against KTR and Harish Rao, exposing how public assets were systematically traded for corporate favours.

Kavitha exposed how KTR abused his ministerial powers to orchestrate a massive quid pro quo deal with his close associate, Pradeep Constructions, granting illegal building permissions for mega-structures.

She further alleged that Rs 188 crore of these ill-gotten funds were recently used by KTR to acquire 'The Pioneer' English newspaper in a desperate bid to buy out the mainstream media narrative and suppress TRS's grassroots anti-corruption exposés.

Kavitha branded Harish Rao as 'anaconda of corruption' behind the Kaleshwaram and Palamuru Lift Irrigation projects. She lambasted the BRS for continuing to project a leader whose tenure left permanent stains of corruption on the state.

Docs averse to in-service quota in NEET super specialty admissions

HYDERABAD:

The doctors' fraternity opposed the in-service quota in the NEET super specialty examination, arguing that admissions to NEET super specialty (DM/MCH) courses should remain purely merit-based.

Several doctors' bodies have opposed the government's proposal, stating that super specialty courses represent the highest level of medical education, where excellence directly impacts patient care, medical teaching and research.

Opposing the move, the Telangana Senior Resident Doctors Association (TSRDA) said that NEET super specialty admissions should be based solely on merit. The association stated that every candidate appears for the same national-level examination and, once the examination process is common, admissions should also be decided only on merit.

The TSRDA argued that government employment alone should not become a basis for preferential admission into super specialty courses, as it could affect the quality of medical education and healthcare delivery.

The Telangana Junior Doctors Association (T-JUDA) also firmly rejected any proposal to introduce an in-service quota in NEET super specialty (DM/MCH) admissions. The association said that super specialty courses are the pinnacle of medical education and admissions must be based on merit and national ranking. T-JUDA pointed out that the benefit of an in-service quota has already been provided at the NEET-PG level. Extending the same benefit again at the NEET-SS level is neither fair nor justified, it said. The association added that candidates should not receive repeated preferential treatment merely because of government service, especially when all aspirants appear for the same national entrance examination.

CYBERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION				
ALLWYN COLONY CIRCLE - 51				
Newspaper Publication Format				
NIT No.	Name of work/Estimate	Estimate Amount	Start Date/ Last Date & Time for receipts of Bids	Name & Address Officer
NIT No.: 05/CMC/ALC-51/EE/2026-27	Road maintenance works	25.90 Lakhs	13.07.2026 3.00 P.M. to 16.07.2026, 3.00 P.M.	Sri. D. Govardhan Goud, Executive Engineer, CMC, Allwyn Colony Circle - 51, Cell 915429633

FORM-6				
(See sub-rule (1) of rule-19 and section-11(1) of the Act 30/2013)				
Government of Telangana Revenue (LA) Department				
PRELIMINARY NOTIFICATION				
G1/6747/2024 No. G/3092/2024		Dt: 06.06.2026 Date: 06.06.2026		
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector, Nalgonda that a total of Ac. 4.04 1/4 gts of land is required in the Narsapuram Village of Damaracherla Mandal in Nalgonda District for Public purpose, namely, acquisition of land for Bothalipalem-Wadapally Lift Irrigation Scheme near Wadapally (V) Damaracherla (M). Hence, below mentioned lands are notified under Section 11(1) of the Act 30/2013 RFRCT LA R.R. Act 2013.				

S.No.	SY No.	S/D No.	Nature of Land	Type of land	Name of the Enjoyer	SD Area Ac-Gts	Remarks
1	9	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Meshya S/o. Dupya	00-01-25	
2	9	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Meshya S/o. Dupya	00-00-75	
3	9	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Jeena S/o. Bichya	00-04-25	
4	9	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Saikya S/o. Balya	00-00-05	
Total							00-06-25
5	9	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Vagya S/o. Cheena	00-01-25	
6	9	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Medya S/o. Cheena	00-01-25	
7	11	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Ravi S/o. Seva	00-03-50	
8	11	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Mangi S/o. Pandu	00-01-25	
9	11	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Ravi S/o. Seva	00-01-25	
10	11	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Meshya Naik S/o. Cheena	00-01-25	
11	11	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Ravi S/o. Seva	00-01-00	
Total							00-10-75
12	12	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Swamy S/o. Lachu	00-03-00	
13	13	2	Dry	Patta	Malothu Parsha S/o. Mumy	00-06-50	
14	13	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Sharda S/o. Jodya	00-01-50	
15	13	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Ravi S/o. Deva	00-01-00	
Total							00-12-00
16	14	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Swamy S/o. Lachu	00-07-00	
17	14	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Swamy S/o. Lachu	00-04-50	
Total							00-11-50
18	19	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Baasha s/o Bheema	00-02-50	
19	19	2	Dry	Patta	Malothu Jaanusu s/o Mohanrao	00-05-75	
Total							00-08-25
20	20	2	Dry	Patta	Malothu Jaanusu s/o Mohanrao	00-01-00	
21	22	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Basu S/o. Denya	00-03-00	
22	22	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Balaji S/o. Denya	00-02-50	
23	22	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Matrya S/o. Jagya	00-02-25	
24	22	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Balaji S/o. Denya	00-01-25	
Total							00-10-00
25	25	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Samrat S/o Cheena	00-02-25	
26	25	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Amru S/o Sada	00-02-00	
27	24	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Pandu s/o Sada	00-04-75	
28	24	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Ravi s/o Sada	00-04-75	
29	24	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Babu s/o Sada	00-03-50	
30	24	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Sada S/o Sana	00-03-50	
Total							00-12-50
31	25	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Samrat S/o Cheena	00-06-25	
32	25	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Baasha S/o Bheema	00-02-75	
33	25	2	Dry	Patta	Railway Under Bypass	00-02-25	
Total							00-12-00
34	26	2	Dry	Patta	Railway Under Bypass	00-02-25	
35	26	2	Dry	Patta	Rakindi Sandeep S/o Hussain	00-07-25	
36	26	2	Dry	Patta	Rakindi Navene S/o Hussain	00-07-25	
37	26	2	Dry	Patta	Pendim Ramiah S/O Veerapandu	00-02-75	
Total							00-12-25
38	29	2	Dry	Patta	Pendim Ramiah S/O Veerapandu	00-02-75	
Total							00-02-75
39	36	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Balaji S/o Denya	00-00-75	
40	36	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Meshya S/O Sada	00-08-50	
41	36	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Devya S/O Denya	00-08-50	
42	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Cheena S/O Sada	00-07-25	
43	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Amru S/O Sada	00-07-25	
44	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Pandu S/O Sada	00-07-25	
45	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Ravi s/o Sada	00-07-25	
46	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Baabu S/O Sada	00-07-25	
47	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Sada S/O Sana	00-07-25	
48	36	2	Dry	Patta	Belankonda Seetharamulu S/O Veerapandu	00-13-00	
49	36	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Huna S/O Matra	00-03-50	
50	36	2	Dry	Patta	Malothu Annu s/o Bagya	00-04-25	
51	36	2	Dry	Patta	Bhukya Vinod S/O Keshya	00-03-50	
52	36	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Shashya S/O Bheema	00-00-50	
53	36	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Ravi S/O Deva	00-01-00	
54	36	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Krishna S/o. Manya	00-02-00	
55	36	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Peeka S/o. Keshya	00-02-00	
56	36	2	Dry	Patta	Unknown	00-02-00	
57	88	2	Dry	Patta	Islavathi Vagya S/o. Cheena	00-00-75	
58	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Ravi S/O Seva	00-01-00	
59	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Seva Naik S/o. Bichya	00-01-50	
60	88	2	Dry	Patta	Korra Sanjaya S/O. Ravi	00-03-50	
61	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Sura S/O Chandu	00-00-25	
62	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Meshya S/O. Dupya	00-01-00	
63	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Sandhya S/O. Ravi	00-00-75	
64	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Balu S/O. Bheema	00-01-00	
65	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Meshya S/O. Dupya	00-01-50	
66	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Sura S/O. Chandu	00-01-50	
67	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Balu S/O. Lakpata	00-01-50	
68	88	2	Dry	Patta	Dheeravathi Meshya S/O. Dupya	00-04-00	
Total							00-35-75
Total							00-04-25

FORM III				
Summons under sub section (4) of Section 19 of the Act, read with sub-Rule (2A) of Rule 5 of the Debts Recovery Tribunal (Procedure) Rules, 1993 BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II 1st Floor, Triveni Complex, Abids, At: Hyderabad O.A. No. 241 of 2026				
Between: Bank of India Secunderabad Branch ... APPLICANT and M/s. Chaitanya Metal Industries and 8 others ... DEFENDANTS				
To: 1. M/s. Chaitanya Metal Industries, Represented by its Partners, Office at H.No. 5-4-143, Plot No.23, Kamala Nagar, Vanasthalipuram, Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Telangana-500070 (M) 99636219				

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GREATER HYDERABAD MUNICIPAL CORPORATION				
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NIT No.06/EE/Circle-37/KZ/GHM/C/2026-27, Dt: 09-07-2026	2 Nos Maintenance works	Rs. 109.80 Lakhs	2 works Start at 10/07/2026 from 2:00 PM /End at: 13/07/2026 upto 2:00 PM	Executive Engineer, Circle-37, K.Z., GHMC Khairatabad Ph. 9989930414
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India working to become a developed nation: PM

MELBOURNE

INDIA, driven by the vision of "Grow More, Achieve More", is working towards the goal of becoming a developed nation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday, underscoring that the foundation of the country's big dreams and great aspirations is its people.

Speaking at an Indian diaspora event, 'Melbourne meets Modi', also attended by Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, PM Modi said he was delighted that the partnership between the two countries in the areas of education, skills and innovation is deepening and strengthening.

"India of the 21st century is working towards the goal of becoming a developed nation. When one dream is realised, a new one is born. This is an India that believes in 'Grow More, Achieve More'," Modi said, amid cheers from the audience.

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PM Narendra Modi with Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese during a community event, in Melbourne on Thursday

India, Australia unveil new defence declaration

MELBOURNE: India and Australia on Thursday unveiled a new Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation, committing to deepen strategic collaboration across defence, maritime security, cyber technologies, counterterrorism and critical supply chains. **Cont'd on P7**

Oz to fuel India's green future with uranium supply: PM

MELBOURNE: India and Australia on Thursday vaulted their partnership into a highly strategic orbit with the signing of a landmark nuclear energy agreement under which Canberra will supply uranium to fuel New Delhi's civil atomic programme. **Continued on Page 5**

'Terror camps crumbled during Op Sindoor'



MODI TO INDIAN DIASPORA IN MELBOURNE

MELBOURNE: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking to the expat Indian community in Australia's Melbourne today, spoke of India's initiatives to tackle terror, and in this

context, mentioned Operation Sindoor -- air strikes carried out in Pakistan and Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir response to the Pahalgam terror attack. **Continued on Page 5**



US, Iran trade strikes for 2nd night in a row

- ▶ Tehran aims at Kuwait, Bahrain, and Qatar
- ▶ US says it hit 90 targets in Iran on 2nd night

DUBAI: The US and Iran have traded strikes for a second night, as observers report a "dramatic" drop in the number of ships travelling through the Strait of Hormuz since hostilities resumed. The US military says it struck some 90 military targets, some near the Strait. Iranian authorities say 14 people have been killed in the past two days.

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More investments must to spur growth: Revanth

- ▶ CM firm on realising \$3T GDP by 2047
- ▶ Opens 5.6 GW solar facility
- ▶ Breaks ground for 12 GWh battery system plant

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REAFFIRMING the state government's resolve to transform Telangana into a \$3-trillion economy by 2047, Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has emphasised that infrastructure should be strengthened to attract additional investments for ensuring a robust economic growth of the state.

"We are striving to transform Telangana into the num-



ber one state in the country", the Chief Minister said, while acknowledging that the present flow of investments is insufficient to help the state compete globally.

The Chief Minister inaugurated India's state-of-the-art 5.6 GW solar module manufacturing facility of Premier

Energies Limited and attended the ground-breaking ceremony for the proposed 12 GWh battery energy storage system manufacturing facility as well as the 36,000 MT per annum aluminium extrusion & anodization plant at Seetarapur, Shahabad on Thursday. **Continued on Page 5**

Musi rejuvenation project kick-off soon

GOVT ACCORDS SANCTION FOR ₹7,345 CRORE

- ▶ Project gets Rs 4,500-cr ADB loan; Rs 2,845.12 cr grant
- ▶ Zone 1A to cost Rs 3,232 crore
- ▶ Zone 1B estimated to cost Rs 4,113.11 cr

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WORKS relating to the Musi river rejuvenation project are set to begin soon as the state



Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju makes a field visit of Phase I stretch of the Musi Riverfront Development Project covering Osmansagar, Narsingi STP site and Gandhi Sarovar project on Thursday

government on Thursday issued orders, according administrative sanction for over Rs 7,345 crore, including Rs 4,500 crore loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) for taking up the works from Himayatsagar to Babu Ghat under zone 1A and from Osmansagar to Babu Ghat under Zone 1B. The sanction includes a Rs 2,845.12 crore grant from the state government. **Continued on Page 5**



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HC grants bail to Bandi Bageerath in POCSO case

HYDERABAD: The Telangana High Court has granted bail to Bandi Sai Bageerath in a case registered under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

Justice Kalasikam Sujana passed the order on Wednesday in a criminal petition after the accused spent 55 days in judicial custody. The case was registered as Crime No. 684 of 2026 at Petbasheerabad Police Station in Medchal-Malkajgiri district under relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and the POCSO Act.

The case was registered based on a complaint filed by the victim's mother on May 8, 2026. According to the complaint, the 17-year-old girl was allegedly introduced to the petitioner through mutual friends and social media in June 2025. It was alleged that he developed a relationship with her on a promise of marriage and committed repeated offences.

The prosecution alleged that

Court imposes strict conditions after noting balance between personal liberty and fair investigation

the incidents took place at locations, including Golf View Apartments in Nanakramguda, Lux Charan Farm Stay and Ananya Farms in Moinsabad during December 31, 2025 and January 1, 2026. Further allegations included circulation of private photographs and attempts to defame the victim.

Senior counsel T Niranjan Reddy, appearing for the petitioner, argued that his client was innocent and falsely implicated. He submitted that the petitioner had cooperated with the investigation, appeared for questioning, and had earlier complied with conditions imposed during

interim bail granted for examinations.

Public Prosecutor Palle Nageshwar Rao opposed the bail plea, stating that the allegations were serious and that releasing the accused could affect witnesses and the investigation.

Counsel representing the victim's mother also opposed the bail, stating that certain witnesses and evidence were yet to be examined.

The High Court observed that the concerns raised by the complainant could be addressed through strict conditions and ruled that continued detention was not necessary.

The court directed the petitioner to furnish a personal bond of Rs 1 lakh with two sureties. He must report to the police station every Monday for eight weeks or until filing of the chargesheet.

He was also barred from contacting the victim, witnesses, or making any public statements regarding the case.



Rain-battered roads in Cyb'bad give motorists a harrowing time

Damaged roads, hidden potholes and waterlogging leave commuters struggling across Gachibowli, Nallagandla and Tellapur

GOUDA SWIYACHANDRA
HYDERABAD

WITH the onset of the rainy season, the main roads and internal roads of the colonies within the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) area are becoming worse. Due to the intermittent rains, the BT layer has been washed away in many places, resulting in potholes and gravel being exposed.

As rainwater accumulates in the potholes, motorists are unable to estimate their depth, leading to accidents.

In particular, incidents of two-wheeler riders losing control and falling and sustaining serious injuries are increasing day by day. If this is the case now, people are expressing concern that the condition of the city roads is likely to worsen after the heavy rains.

Roads in Serilingampalli zone areas such as Gachibowli, DLF Junction, Nallagandla, Janardhan Reddy flyover, Old MIG Tellapur and the lanes leading to the Old Mumbai National Highway in Cyberabad have been severely damaged.

Employees are facing serious problems due to the formation of potholes on many roads connected to the IT corridor. In the recent light rain, water flowed on the roads in Aminpur and Tellapur



areas and gravel came up, increasing the risk of vehicles slipping. Incidents of two-wheelers losing control and falling down due to failure to notice small potholes are frequently reported. The fact that potholes are not visible due to rainwater increases the severity of the accident.

The situation becomes even more dangerous at night. The risk of collision with vehicles coming from behind is also increasing as motorists suddenly change lanes to avoid potholes.

Traffic jams are also increasing due to the poor condition of roads. Employees and students travelling to offices and educational institutions are reaching their destinations late every day. Locals have expressed concern that emergency service vehicles are also being de-

layed due to traffic congestion and damaged roads.

Sandeep kumar, 26, a resident of Gachibowli, said that special attention be paid to the city's main roads and internal roads of colonies before the monsoon season begins in full force. He demanded permanent repairs with quality BT instead of temporarily filling the potholes.

He suggested strict measures be taken to restore the roads with scientific standards after pipeline, cable and other utility works.

Mohan, 32, an auto driver of UBER, said that the roads in DLF Street, Nallagandla Road and near the Janardhan Reddy Flyover are full of potholes and badly damaged. Every day we have to slow down or take detours to avoid accidents, which waste time and fuel.

Passengers also complain about the bumpy ride, and our vehicles need frequent repairs. We urge the authorities to repair these roads at the earliest to ensure safe and smooth travel for everyone.

An officer of the Sherilingampally zone stated that they have taken note of the issues raised by the residents. The departments concerned have been instructed to take up the necessary works, and they will be completed at the earliest.

Cong govt days in TG numbered; BRS poised for a comeback: KTR

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BRS Working President KT Rama Rao alleged that the Congress government in Telangana had lost public support and claimed that the party's political future in the state was nearing its end.

Speaking at a special review meeting with BRS leaders from the city at the residence of MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav in Jubilee Hills, Rama Rao said that even a survey reportedly commissioned by Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy reflected growing public dissatisfaction with the government's performance and leadership after the completion of half of its term.

According to KTR, the survey suggested that if elections were held immediately, the BRS would secure around 78 Assembly seats and return to power. He further claimed that similar findings had emerged from opinion polls conducted by two media organisations as well as assessments by central and state intelligence agencies.

KTR asserted that many people expressed a desire to see former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao return to office. KTR alleged that the Chief Minister's recent public statements were a reaction to the negative feedback reflected in these surveys. He accused the Congress government of attempting to divert attention from its administrative failures by levelling allegations on issues such as the Kaleshwaram project and the Rythu Bandhu scheme.

He also claimed that the government had failed to fulfil its election guarantees and promises, leading to widespread disappointment among different sections of society. The BRS leader further stated that public confidence in the Congress government had eroded and claimed that the people were increasingly viewing the BRS as the primary alternative, while showing little interest in other opposition parties.

KCR names Vaddiraju Ravichandra as BRS Rajya Sabha Floor Leader

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BRS chief K Chandrashekar Rao on Thursday appointed party MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra as the leader of the BRS Parliamentary Party and floor leader in the Rajya Sabha, replacing KR Suresh Reddy, who recently retired.

Ravichandra, who was earlier serving as the deputy leader of the BRS Parliamentary Party in the Rajya Sabha, has been elevated to the post in recognition of his services to the party and the BC communities, party leaders said.

BRS leaders said KCR had nominated Ravichandra to the Rajya Sabha for a second term considering his contribution to the party. He was initially selected to fill the vacancy created after Dr Banda Prakash Mudiraj moved to the Legislative Council. Later, with KCR's support, Ravichandra was elected to the Rajya Sabha for another term.

The BRS had four Rajya Sabha members — KR Suresh Reddy, D Damodar



Rao, Dr Bandi Parthasaradhi Reddy and Vaddiraju Ravichandra. Following Suresh Reddy's retirement, KCR appointed Ravichandra as the parliamentary party leader.

Ravichandra's current Rajya Sabha tenure will continue until April 2030. He is also a member of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Petroleum and Natural Gas and the Consultative Committee for the Ministry of Coal and Mines.

Expressing gratitude to KCR and BRS working president KT Rama Rao, Ravichandra said he was humbled

by the responsibility entrusted to him. He thanked the party leadership for giving him an opportunity to represent the BC community and serve as the parliamentary party leader.

Ravichandra assured that he would strongly raise the issues concerning Telangana in Parliament and work towards strengthening the party. He also expressed his commitment to the leadership of KCR and said he would strive to support the party's efforts to bring KCR back as Chief Minister for a third term.

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I, SOMVIYA REDDY, R/O. VILLA NO. AW50, MANTRI EUPHORIA, MANCHIREVULA, RANGAREDDY, TS-500075. CHANGED MY NAME AS **PAKALA SOMVIYA REDDY, W/O. PAKALA VENKATA RAJA REDDY.** (TH_34249)

I, Service No.15434869P, Rank: Hav. Name: **KALLURI PEDDA PEERAJAH S/O. KALLURI PEDDA PEERAJAH**, residing at korrapatipalle, Kavalkantla Cuddapah, 516505, Andhra Pradesh, I submit that my Mother name has been Changed from **KALLURI MABUNII**, to **KALLURI MABUNNI** as per Adhar Card for purpose of service records. Vide Affidavit No.41AA 463904 . date:1/07/2026 (TH_34249)

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I, G Bhagyalakshmi, Widow and Daughter of Jc 191017N, Ex-NO Sub.Late, Goure Peddi Krishna Murthy, R/o, Dist: Warangal, Telangana, changed my name from G Bhagyalakshmi to **Sangini Bhagya Laxmi**, vide Affidavit No.BU 316295 dt. 08.07.2026, before SpJ Judicial Magistrate, at L B Nagar. (TH_34249)

I, B Mary Swarupa Rani, W/o, No. 14525980, Ex-NK, Late, Boddu Abraham, R/o, Dist: Medchal-Malkajgiri, Telangana, changed my name from B Mary Swarupa Rani to **Boddu Mary Swarupa Rani**, vide Affidavit No. BU 316296 dt. 08.07.2026, before SpJ Judicial Magistrate, at L B Nagar. (TH_34249)

I, Babu Lal, Father of No. 14682353X, NK, Suresh Kumar Suman, R/o, Dist: Kota, Rajasthan, changed my name from Babu Lal to **Babulal**, vide Affidavit No. 467546 dt. 07.07.2026, before Medchal-Malkajgiri Court, Telangana. (TH_34249)

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The general public at large are hereby informed that my client **MR. SYED MUKARAM HUSSAIN S/O. SYED AHMED HUSSAIN**, have entered into an agreement of sale to purchase all that the Agricultural Land in Survey No. 35703/3 (7 Guntas), 35704/1 (20 Guntas), 35705/3 (7 Guntas), Total Extent 34 Guntas, Pattadar Passbook No. T07150220198, Khatha No. 400, SOMANGURTHY (VILLAGE), PUDUR (MANDAL), VIKARABAD (DISTRICT), TELANGANA-501501, bounded by NORTH: OTHERS LAND (FOREST) SOUTH: BATA (ROAD) EAST: AGR LAND OF GUNI BALAKISTIAH WEST: LAND OF SYED MUSTAFAH HUSSAIN, from GUNI SATHIAH S/O. GUNI RANGAJAH, R/O. H.No. 1-72/2, SOMANGURTHY (VILLAGE), PUDUR (MANDAL), VIKARABAD (DISTRICT), TELANGANA-501501, and have paid substantial earnest money. If any person(s) having any right, title or objection in the said property shall approach the undersigned with all original documents within 5 days failing which, the said transaction will be completed, and no claim or objection of any kind thereafter will be entertained in any manner. **Sd/- SHAIK MUJAHED ALI** Advocate, Cell: 9393260160 Office: H. No. 19-2-395A/1 & 2, Beside Mirri Gun Water Reservoir, Opp. Masjid Hakem Mir Wazir Ali, Qs Fathe Darwaza, Hyderabad-65, Telangana

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MOHAMMED ILYAS AHMED S/O MOHAMMED MANZOOR AHMED (old name), resident of H. No. 3-2-189/20, Ahmed Nagar, Zaheerabad Town & Mandal, Sangareddy District, Telangana, have changed my name as **MOHD ILYAS AHMED S/O MOHD MANZOOR AHMED** (new name) (TH_34249)

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Farmers can now book subsidised urea through Mee Seva Kendras

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FARMERS across the state can now book their subsidised urea through MeeSeva Centres. The Telangana government on Thursday decided to facilitate farmers in easily booking urea without any problems and to maintain transparency.

The Commissioner, Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) - MeeSeva said in a statement that to enhance transparency and ensure timely distribution of urea, the state agriculture department has made urea booking service available

through all MeeSeva Kendras across the state.

The decision was taken as farmers who are unable to book urea through the fertiliser booking app can visit their nearest MeeSeva Kendra and book urea with the help of an operator. IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu will launch the new initiative in collaboration with the agriculture department.

Following the news facility, farmers have to first visit the nearest MeeSeva Kendra with their Pattadar Passbook (PPB) number. The MeeSeva operator will collect the farmer's details

and enter the cultivation area and crop details. Then the farmer will book the required quantity of urea with the fertiliser dealer he has selected. In turn, the Booking ID will be issued immediately after the farmer verifies the OTP sent to the registered mobile number.

However, farmers were informed that the Booking ID obtained through Mee Seva is valid for only 48 hours excluding the date of booking. Upon receiving the booking ID, farmers should contact their selected fertiliser dealer before the booking period ends to purchase urea. The State

Agriculture Department advised farmers to book urea either through the official fertiliser booking app or at Me Seva Kendras. For this, farmers should ensure that the mobile number linked to their Pattadar Passbook is active so they can receive the OTP.

The new facility can be availed by all farmers through MeeSeva at a nominal service fee of just Rs. 10. In case of any queries or assistance, they can contact the nearest Agricultural Extension Officer (AEO), Mandal Agricultural Officer (MAO), or the nearest MeeSeva centre.



Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N Uttam Kumar Reddy chairing a high-level review meeting on El Niño preparedness at the Secretariat in Hyderabad on Thursday

El Niño effect: Uttam prods babus to come out with contingency plans

Uttam Kumar Reddy directs officials to prepare district-wise strategies to protect farmers from rainfall uncertainty

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HYDERABAD

WITH forecasts indicating the possibility of El Niño influencing the current monsoon, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Thursday directed officials to be ready with comprehensive contingency plans to effectively tackle any challenges arising from the weather phenomenon.

Stating that Telangana could not remain immune if El Niño affected the country, the Minister called for seamless coordination among the Irrigation, Agriculture, and Meteorological Departments to minimise risks to agriculture and protect farmers' livelihoods. Chairing a high-level review meeting on El Niño preparedness at the Secretariat, Uttam Kumar instructed officials to prepare detailed contingency plans at both the State and district levels, taking into account rainfall projections, ground-water availability, reservoir storage, irrigation potential

and local cropping patterns. He said every district should be equipped with a clear response strategy to address any adverse impact arising from deficient rainfall or prolonged dry spells.

Following the review meeting, Uttam Kumar Reddy held a video conference with District Collectors and senior officials of the Irrigation, Agriculture and Horticulture Departments, directing them to immediately initiate district-specific preparedness measures and maintain constant coordination at the field level.

Emphasising scientific crop planning, the Minister advised farmers not to depend exclusively on traditional water-intensive crops wherever water availability was uncertain.

Instead, he directed officials to promote suitable alternative crops based on expected rainfall and available irrigation resources. Gram Sabhas, Rythu Vedikas and field-level extension programmes should be extensively utilised to create

awareness among farmers about appropriate cropping choices and climate-resilient farming practices.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also instructed officials to provide transparent information on reservoir storage and water availability so that farmers could make informed cultivation decisions. Agricultural scientists, he said, should ensure that technical recommendations on crop selection and cultivation practices reach every farmer well in advance of critical sowing decisions.

Reviewing the irrigation scenario, the Minister directed the Irrigation Department to keep all infrastructure ready to efficiently store inflows in the Godavari basin, including the Sripada Yellampalli Reservoir, immediately after substantial rainfall is received in the upstream catchments of Maharashtra and Karnataka. He asked engineers to scientifically utilise every available water resource to maximise irrigation potential during the season.

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With 1,800 daily OPD footfall and advanced medical facilities, institute moves towards becoming a premier healthcare hub

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UNION Health and Family Welfare Minister Jaya Prakash Nadda on Thursday said that the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bibinagar, has made remarkable progress within a short span of four years and is set to emerge as a beacon of healthcare excellence in South India.

Reviewing the progress of AIIMS Bibinagar and the pending works since its inception in June 2022, Nadda said the institute has achieved operational status in a record period, reflecting the Centre's commitment to providing accessible and quality healthcare facilities across the country.

Addressing the media after the review meeting, the Union Minister highlighted the expansion of AIIMS institutions under the BJP-led Central government. He said that while the country had only one AIIMS in Delhi during the 20th century, another AIIMS was added at Rae Bareilly between 2004 and 2014. However, after 2014, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 19 new AIIMS in-



Union Minister J P Nadda during a visit to AIIMS Bibinagar on Thursday as part of a review of the institute's expansion and development works

stitutions were established, taking the total number to 23, of which 18 have already been completed. Nadda said that Rs 1,110 crore has been sanctioned for the development of AIIMS Bibinagar. The institute currently has 132 faculty members across nine specialities and is witnessing a daily OPD footfall of around 1,800 patients, indicating the growing trust among people in the region. He said AIIMS Bibinagar has already started providing comprehensive healthcare

services, including in-patient care, emergency services, CT scans, MRI facilities and other advanced diagnostic services. The institute has also introduced e-consultation and telemedicine services, benefiting around 1.56 lakh patients in a short period.

The Union Minister said AIIMS Bibinagar has emerged not only as a healthcare centre but also as a hub for research and community service. The faculty members have published more than 1,156 research papers, while

the institute has conducted 547 medical camps and provided treatment to over 66,000 patients in nearby villages.

He also appreciated AIIMS Bibinagar for establishing the country's first community radio station at a medical institute, which is helping spread health awareness among people at the grassroots level.

Nadda said that 87 per cent of the campus construction work has been completed and the institute is expected to achieve full

operational status by December 2026. He pointed out that converting an existing building constructed in 2008 into a modern AIIMS facility was a challenging task.

Comparing the growth of AIIMS institutions, Nadda said AIIMS Delhi took nearly 20 years to gain recognition, and institutions of such stature require time to mature. However, he expressed confidence that AIIMS Bibinagar would achieve greater heights within a shorter period due to its strong foundation, medical facilities, research activities and dedicated faculty.

He said the Centre has strengthened the healthcare system by linking primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare. Under this approach, 1.85 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs have been connected with people across the country, while the number of medical colleges has increased from 370 to 820.

Nadda expressed confidence that AIIMS Bibinagar would soon become a leading institution in medical education, research and patient care, fulfilling the vision of establishing world-class healthcare facilities in the country.

CM TURNS HOME CHEF



Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy prepares puris for his grandson at his residence in Hyderabad. The CM tweeted that his grandson insisted on having puris made by him in the kitchen.

Furious Surekha wants TPCC to take action against Kadiyam

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TELANGANA Forest and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha has intensified her efforts against turncoat BRS MLA Kadiyam Srihari, demanding action against him. The minister met TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud on Thursday and submitted a complaint seeking immediate action. She is also scheduled to meet Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan on

Surekha explained the issues she has been facing due to Srihari. Responding to her complaint, Goud assured her that he would examine the matter in detail and take appropriate steps after discussions.

The minister stated that she and her husband had visited Kadiyam Srihari's residence in an attempt to resolve the dispute, but the MLA was not willing to settle the issue or reconcile. She said she would



TPCC chief assures examination of complaint and appropriate action after reviewing facts

meet Meenakshi Natarajan on July 14 to discuss the matter further.

Surekha questioned Srihari for holding a meeting with Endowments officials without informing her. She said the officials explained that they had attended the meeting as Srihari had been pressuring them

for the past three months.

She added that she had already brought the issue to the notice of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud. Both leaders, she said, assured her that action would be taken after examining all the facts. The minister also reacted to the issue of donations collected in the name of the Ayodhya Ram Mandir. She said that Lord Sri Rama would punish those who misused his name and exploited devotees for personal gains.

TG PGCET admissions 2026: Registration deadline extended

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THE Telangana PGCET (Other) Admissions Committee-2026 has announced an extension of the last date for online registration and certificate upload for admission to ME, M.Tech., and M.Arch courses. The Admissions Committee Convener, Prof. I. Pan-

duranga Reddy, in a statement on Thursday, said that aspiring candidates can now complete the registration and certificate submission process till July 16.

As per the revised schedule, the list of eligible candidates will be displayed on July 18, and students may send corrections through email. The Phase I web

options window will be open from July 19 to 21. This will be followed by a one day editing window on July 22, and the college wise provisional selection list for Phase I will be published on 26 July.

Prof Panduranga Rao said that the candidates allotted seats should report to their respective colleges for original certificate verification between 27 and 30 July 2026 to complete the final stage of the Phased-1 admissions process.

BRICS TUFS Summit: Roadmap for future-ready workforce

Summit under India's chairmanship to discuss social security, AI transformation, skill development and women's participation

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BRICS Trade Union Forum Summit (TUFS) Chairman S Mallesham said that the forthcoming BRICS TUFS in the city will be a pivotal step towards shaping the future of work in a rapidly changing global landscape.

He said on Thursday that, under India's chairmanship, it will put forward a special agenda highlighting four critical issues for deliberation among member nations. Recognising the vital role of employees' voices, the forum aims to foster multilateral cooperation and social justice in the world's leading emerging economies.

As part of the proposed agenda for the summit, "The universalisation of social security and international portability" will be on the agenda. As migration corridors actively connect several BRICS countries, the continuity of social security benefits for cross-border workers has become increasingly important.

"Building on the 2016 BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Declaration and subsequent discussions," the forum, during the ensuing summit, seeks to advance policies that ensure migrant workers can access and transfer social security entitlements seamlessly, re-



BRICS Trade Union Forum Summit (TUFS) Chairman S Mallesham

gardless of their country of employment, he added. This would provide much-needed stability and protection to the growing migrant workforce within BRICS nations.

Mallesham said the second issue on the agenda is the rapid digital transformation of workplaces driven by artificial intelligence, automation, and digitalisation. Against this backdrop and as the BRICS nations experience significant changes in labour dynamics, "The forum calls for a debate on human-centric technology and the responsible governance of AI in the workplace."

This was with a view to achieving a goal "to ensure that technological advancements respect workers' rights, promote fair employment practices, and are im-

plemented in a way that benefits both businesses and employees. This discussion is particularly timely, given the global debates on balancing innovation with ethical, inclusive policies," he said.

The BRICS TUFS Chairman stated that skill development will also be discussed, as it is emerging as the third focal point. The Forum emphasises the trade unions' proactive role in driving continuous, state-supported acquisition of vocational, sector-specific, and digital skills. "The objective was to address labour shortages and surpluses collaboratively among BRICS members, ensuring that workers are equipped for the demands of the new digital economy." Besides, Mutual recognition of qualifications and the ability to pivot to new skill sets are seen as key to both national and international economic resilience.

Given the overall expectations from the ensuing summit, he said, the forum will reaffirm the bedrock principle of inclusive labour markets by proposing a special discussion on "Women and Future of Work." Equal opportunities for all, irrespective of gender, are essential for social justice and sustainable economic progress. The BRICS Trade Union Forum is committed to gender equality and a more inclusive future of work.

Tadicherla-II coal block a game changer for Singareni: Kishan Reddy

HYDERABAD: Union Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy on Thursday said the Central Government has taken historic decisions to safeguard Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), describing it as the energy lifeline of Telangana and South India and the heartbeat of thousands of local families.

Addressing the media, Kishan Reddy said the activities and livelihoods of nearly 75,000 people directly and around 10 lakh people indirectly across six districts, including the erstwhile Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal and Khammam regions, depend on Singareni.

He recalled the role played by Singareni workers during the Telangana movement and said the Modi government allocated new coal blocks as a recognition of their contribution and sacrifices.

The Union Minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a historic decision to allocate the Tadicherla-II coal block to Singareni by using available legal pro-



Union Minister of Coal and Mines G Kishan Reddy addressing the media in Hyderabad on Thursday

visions. He said the decision was taken after he brought the appeals of various stakeholders, including Labour Congress, communist trade unions, officials, engineers' associations, general managers' organisations, MPs and MLAs, to the Prime Minister's notice beyond political affiliations.

Kishan Reddy said Tadicherla-II has the largest coal reserves among all blocks currently under Singareni's

control. He stated that while the GVR open-cast mine at Sathupalli had 227 million tonnes of reserves, Tadicherla-II has 434 million tonnes of high-quality Grade-8 and Grade-9 coal. Along with the 455 million tonnes available in the Naini block, Singareni now has access to around 795 million tonnes of coal reserves.

He said production of 10 million tonnes annually from Tadicherla would pro-

Union Minister says new coal block will strengthen Telangana's energy security, create jobs and secure long-term stability for SCCL

vide stability to Singareni and ensure Telangana's energy security for nearly 45 years. The project is expected to generate a turnover of around Rs 2.25 lakh crore over four decades, including Rs 1.50 lakh crore from Tadicherla and Rs 75,000 crore from the Naini block.

The Union Minister said Tadicherla would utilise Singareni's existing workforce and provide permanent employment to over 2,000 workers for 45 years. He added that the two coal blocks would create around 3,500 new jobs and boost infrastructure development, including railway networks and road connectivity.

Kishan Reddy also urged the state government to focus on resolving Singareni's financial issues and clear outstanding dues of Rs 54,148 crore. He said the dues include Rs 28,876 crore owed by the Telangana gov-

ernment for electricity supplied by Singareni's thermal power plant and Rs 25,272 crore owed by Telangana GENCO entities for coal supplies.

Criticising the previous BRS government, he alleged that Singareni was treated like a private company and accumulated around Rs 30,000 crore in dues before the government changed. He claimed that the present Congress government added another Rs 24,000 crore to the arrears.

Kishan Reddy said his visit was not aimed at political criticism but at sharing details of the Tadicherla-II allocation, which he described as a major achievement for Singareni and Telangana. He expressed disappointment over Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka's criticism and said he would leave the judgment on those remarks to the people.

Tight job mkt, salary cuts put US-returned desi techies in a spot

Global technology industry is constantly in a state of flux. Artificial intelligence (AI)-led developments are bringing in significant changes in the operating models of technology companies. Improving efficiency has been prompting several tech giants to lay off thousands of staffers.

According to layoff tracker platform-Layoffs.fyi, around 119,000 staffers have lost their jobs across 219 organisations since the beginning of this year. This figure was more than 100,000 in 2025. Leading tech firms including Oracle, Meta, Cisco, and Google among others laid off thousands of employees in the last two years.

A major chunk of these employees was operating out of the US. Given that US has a substantial

number of technology professionals from India, several thousands of them had lost their jobs owing to these mass firings. As the job market in the technology industry remains tight in the US, many of these Indian professionals are not able to get another job immediately in the North American country. Adding to this agony is the strict and unfriendly immigration policy followed by the Trump administration.

Under Trump, the US administration has increased the H1B visa fee, changed the Green Card application rules and discouraged American employees to hire foreign professionals like Indians. Without any way out of the conundrum, many Indian techies are now returning home in their search for new jobs.

According to survey conducted by professional networking platform- Blind, 53 per cent of respondents of the survey said that they had seen colleagues or job candidates return from the US because of visa-related problems. Now, the survey has also found out some interesting dynamics of the current job market. According to it, a significant shift is happening among the US companies as far their management of global workforce is concerned.

It found out that the US companies, which have GCCs (Global Capability Centres) in India, are shifting Indian techies to location back home than replacing them. This step makes immense sense for this US corporations in terms of cost. While Indian techies earn way higher when in US, their sal-

ary gets reduced in India, matching a salary of their colleagues here.

This way, US companies are able to reduce cost and retain the same talent. The survey quoted one Google professional saying that the average pay had fallen in recent months with some US-returned Indian techies drawing as low as one-fifth of their US compensation. So, while these professionals get an immediate respite from visa-related concerns, the financial impact is severe.

The survey also found out that 57 per cent of Amazon employees, 58 per cent of Walmart employees and 55 per cent of Uber staffers in India had had seen colleagues return from the US because of visa issues.

However, not all tech professionals in the US are able to get

jobs in Indian GCCs of their parent organisations. Many are landing in India without a job and are hunting for opportunities here. The survey pointed out that job market in India remained tight despite India being the largest delivery centre for global firms. Openings in the GCCs are there but are fewer in number than a year before. Situation in the IT services companies and large startups is not great either. As an outcome, these technology professionals have to settle for less paying jobs. Meanwhile, entry of these US-returned professionals is making the Indian job market more competitive in the mid to mid-senior levels. Overall, AI has created a great churn in the technology job market with professionals navigating a tight situation both at home and abroad.

LETTERS

Hyderabad cops deserve appreciation

Propos your report, "Hyderabad cybercrime police crack 14 cases, arrest 36 across states," the city police deserve immense praise for dismantling widespread, multi-state cybercriminal networks. Successfully cracking 14 major cases in a single month and recovering nearly ₹49 lakh for victims shows exemplary investigative efficiency. The report highlights a terrifying reality: innocent citizens lost over ₹5 crore to sophisticated scams like digital arrests, trading, and OTP fraud. While enforcement initiatives like C-MITRA and aggressive social media patrolling are highly reassuring, public awareness remains our strongest defence. The government and social platforms must work in tandem to preemptively block fake customer care numbers and malicious APK links to completely neutralize these digital fraudsters.

Andrea Anthony, Hyderabad

Playing the war 'trump' card has failed US

US President Donald Trump's declaration of an end to the truce and his fresh military strikes on Iran came as disappointing, but not unexpected news. It is sad that the prospect of peace has now receded. It does not occur to the President of the 'most powerful nation in the world' that diplomacy is always better than war and war is always a bad thing, a terrible thing. Trump has clearly misjudged Iran's capability to attack the US assets in the Gulf. The US' attempt to gain control of the Strait of Hormuz has met with legitimate resistance by Iran. By now, Trump ought to have realized the folly and futility of war. But then Trump is Trump. How to get it into his thick skull that the use of military force, as against diplomatic means, cannot settle the issues in West Asia is the question that the world is left to grapple with.

G David Milton, Maruthancode

The tug-of-war continues between US, Iran

The end of truce between warring Iran and USA has surprised none. It had started with lack of trust both sides and was being violated few times and now has been declared as terminated abruptly. Both rivals are cautious in their moves and are interested in buying time rather to find solution. The contentious issue that is the strait of Hormuz has remained a non-negotiable thing for both parties. Iran cannot leave its grip on that strait, the step which would weaken it strategically and economically. The USA cannot feel satisfied with its failure in making Iran compliant, that too when its ally Israel is bent upon continuing the war. It's unfortunate that the situation in West Asia has come to square one making energy security of the world still worse.

D V G Sankararao, Vizianagaram

Include non-teaching staff for mid-day meals

It is intriguingly interesting to note that in its endeavour to ensure that the mid day meals served free at the government schools are of good quality, the Telangana government advised that the teaching staff in the school also to have free meals along with the pupils and thereby satisfy about the maintenance of the good quality of such meals catered to the students under such mid day meals scheme. Alas!, the only group left are now those very few of non-teaching staff in such schools. Herein lies, a worthy point to be taken note of by the Management Gurus!

Seshagiri Row Karry, Hyderabad

Ice Shivalingam melts, dampens devotees

The naturally formed ice Shivalingam at the Amarnath cave-shrine has melted considerably just days into the annual pilgrimage. This premature depletion has left lakhs of yatis unable to perform darshan, despite enduring an incredibly grueling journey. These lakhs of devotees travel from far-off corners of the country to undertake the Yatra. The trek is exceptionally difficult, serving as a mentally and physically challenging test of endurance through steep, high-altitude mountain terrain, oxygen-depleted air, and volatile weather. Reaching the holy cave after such an arduous trek only to find the Shivalingam already shrunk has caused profound heartbreak and immense disappointment among the pilgrims who sacrifice so much to get here. While the official Yatra spans 57 days, the early melting means thousands traveling later in the season will miss witnessing the sacred formation, turning their intense physical and spiritual journey into a deep test of faith.

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Future of management careers in the era of AI

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Every July, as new batches of management students walk into B-School classrooms with fresh hopes and excitement, the immense responsibility that higher education carries comes with it. An MBA or any postgraduate programme in management is not just about textbooks, case studies, or exams. It is about shaping their lives, careers, and futures in ways that ripple far beyond the campus. The stories of young graduates prove this time and again, offering lessons worth sharing with a wider audience to prepare well in advance to achieve success.

Resilience in career journeys

Take the case of a graduate who joined a global financial research firm. The job was prestigious, and they successfully completed on-the-job training, but the night shifts took a toll on their health. Instead of resigning themselves to fate, they prepared again, took on a role at a leading private-sector bank, and later moved to a nationalised bank. This journey shows resilience, the ability to adapt, re-strategise, and move forward. In today's uncertain job market, resilience is perhaps the most important skill a graduate can carry with them.

Building portfolios beyond degrees

Another example comes from two graduates who expanded their CVs from a single page to eight, showcasing not just academic achievements but also internships, projects, a business plan, pitches and certifications.

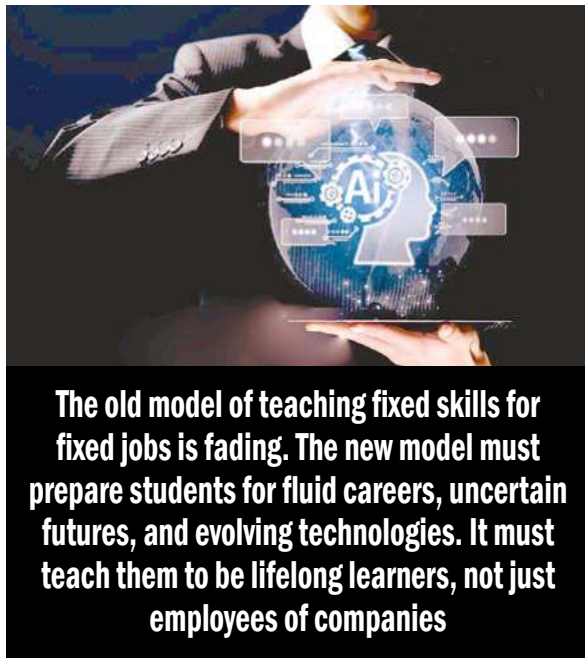
Both secured roles in a Big Four consulting firm, one later pursuing a fully funded PhD while the other continued in corporate life. Their story highlights the importance of building a portfolio of experiences. Employers today are not just looking for degrees; they want evidence of initiative, curiosity, and the ability to learn continuously.

Choosing passion over comfort

Then there are those who choose passion over comfort. Two graduates who were placed at a fintech company left within a year. One transitioned to a global financial services firm; the other to a private-sector bank. Their decision was not about chasing higher salaries but about aligning work with their personal interests. In a world where "quiet quitting" and burnout are becoming common, these choices remind us that career satisfaction often comes from meaning, not money alone.

Success is not linear

A graduate at a multinational investment management firm shared "double good news": a salary hike and a promotion. Another at a consulting firm completed his fast-track training and won a gold medal for outstanding performance. Alumni from earlier batches have moved across analytics, consulting, and international banking institutions, reaching leadership roles, and one is now pursuing certification in the airline industry at a premier Indian Institute of Technology. These journeys show that success is not linear. Careers evolve through experimentation, risk-taking, and some-



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times sheer persistence.

The power of networking

Networking, in particular, is often underestimated. Graduates sometimes believe that grades alone will secure their future. But in reality, conversations, mentorship, and peer learning play a far greater role. Alumni networks are guiding forces of wisdom. A LinkedIn connection today can become a career opportunity tomorrow. In fact, the first assignment for new MBA admits is to connect with alumni online. It is not just a task; it is a habit that will serve them for life.

The future of work and AI

The future of work adds another layer of complexity. Chatbots are already shortlisting CVs and conducting interviews. In the next decade, graduates may find themselves reporting to AI supervisors that allocate tasks, track performance, and even design workflows. At

the same time, AI colleagues will sit alongside them to handle routine analysis, resolve customer queries, or perform compliance checks. Some professionals may even become solopreneurs, running businesses with teams of AI "employees" managing finance, marketing, and operations. The challenge for management graduates is to embrace this reality rather than resist it, and to focus on the uniquely human skills, i.e. empathy, resilience, creativity, that machines cannot replicate.

Embracing uncertainty

At the same time, uncertainty will only grow. The ecosystem ahead will bring double the challenges. Economic cycles, technological disruptions, and global crises will test every professional. But living with discomfort is not a curse; it is a catalyst for growth. Graduates who learn to embrace uncertainty will not just survive; they will thrive.

Balancing technology with humanity

Of course, AI cannot replace lived experiences. It cannot narrate the struggles of someone who worked nights and studied days, or the joy of someone who cracked a tough exam after repeated failures. But AI can help connect people, analyse trends, and open doors. The human element, such as empathy, resilience, and creativity, will remain irreplaceable. That is why management education must balance technology with humanity.

Lessons from contemporary trends

Contemporary examples reinforce this. Consider the rise of gig work platforms where professionals are building careers outside traditional corporate structures, leveraging networks and skills rather than degrees alone. Or look at the startup ecosystem in India, where founders often come from diverse educational backgrounds but succeed through adaptability and networking.

Even global leaders echo these lessons. Satya Nadella of Microsoft often speaks about empathy as a leadership skill. Sundar Pichai of Google emphasises curiosity and continuous learning. These are not abstract ideas; they are practical traits that determine success in volatile environments. Management graduates must internalise them early.

A roadmap for graduates

So what should graduates do? First, talk to people. Learn from experiences, both successes and failures. Second, build networks, not just for jobs but for knowledge and support. Third,

plan careers with flexibility. Ask: Where do I want to be in two years? In five years? And be ready to change the answer as circumstances evolve. Fourth, embrace discomfort. Growth rarely comes from comfort zones. And finally, use technology wisely. Let AI be a tool, not a master.

The role of educators

For educators, the responsibility is equally heavy. We must design curricula that go beyond rote learning. We must encourage projects, internships, and real-world problem-solving. We must mentor students not just for exams but for life. And we must remind them that success is not about one big break but about small, consistent steps.

A message to the new batch

As I reflect on these journeys, I am convinced that management education is at a crossroads. The old model of teaching fixed skills for fixed jobs is fading. The new model must prepare students for fluid careers, uncertain futures, and evolving technologies. It must teach them to be lifelong learners, not just employees of companies.

To the new batch of MBA students, the message is simple: Your degree is not just about classes. It is about conversations, networks, and the courage to embrace uncertainty. Use these two years to build not just a career, but a future that is uniquely yours. And remember, success is not defined by where you start, but by how you adapt, connect, and grow.

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Hindu rate of growth controversy: Is it time for a new name?



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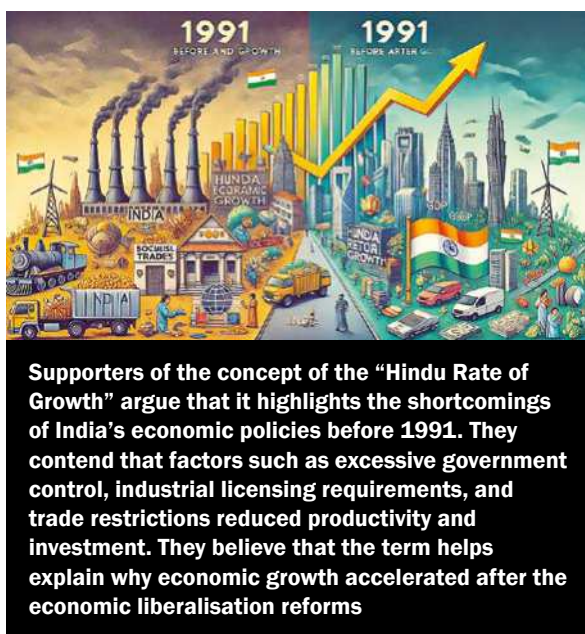
Recently, while speaking on the occasion of the NDA government completing 12 years in office and recalling his record as India's longest-serving continuously elected Prime Minister, Narendra Modi criticized the historical term "Hindu Rate of Growth." He argued that the phrase unfairly linked India's economic sluggishness to Hindu culture.

According to him, the term was used to conceal the failures of past economic policies and that the situation should instead be viewed as the result of the governance and policy decisions of previous governments. Modi suggested that the period of slow economic growth should have been called the "Congress Rate of Growth" rather than the "Hindu Rate of Growth."

Modi stated that the dec-

ades of low growth following independence pushed India into poverty, despair, and a sense of inferiority. He also questioned why the country's current rapid economic growth is not similarly associated with Hindu culture. According to him, this issue reflects the persistence of a colonial mindset in India. He called for greater confidence in India's civilization and cultural heritage. Modi also compared the pre-1991 period with the country's current economic performance. He remarked that economic reforms, innovation, infrastructure development, and policy continuity have transformed India into one of the world's fastest-growing major economies.

In fact, the term "Hindu Rate of Growth" was coined by economist Raj Krishna in 1978. It was used to describe India's relatively slow economic growth from the 1950s through the 1980s. During that period, the country's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at an average annual rate of only about 3-4 per cent. Although the name appears to be related to Hinduism, the term has no connection to the Hindu religion.



Supporters of the concept of the "Hindu Rate of Growth" argue that it highlights the shortcomings of India's economic policies before 1991. They contend that factors such as excessive government control, industrial licensing requirements, and trade restrictions reduced productivity and investment. They believe that the term helps explain why economic growth accelerated after the economic liberalisation reforms

It was simply used to describe the low growth rates that persisted after independence.

According to economists, the main reasons for this slow growth included the License Raj system, extensive government control over industries, restrictions on the private sector, high import tariffs, limits on foreign investment, low productivity, and economic policies that reduced competition. At the same time, rapid population growth meant that

increases in per capita income remained very modest.

In 1991, economic liberalisation reforms were introduced under the leadership of then Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao and Finance Minister Manmohan Singh. These reforms reduced industrial licensing requirements, opened certain sectors to foreign investment, and lowered trade barriers. Participation by the private sector was also encouraged. As a result, India

achieved much higher rates of economic growth in the following decades.

Referring to the term "Hindu Rate of Growth," Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that India should not return to the highly regulated economic policies that existed before 1991. Instead, he stated that reforms, entrepreneurship, and investment are essential for sustaining high economic growth.

However, supporters of the concept of the "Hindu Rate of Growth" argue that it highlights the shortcomings of India's economic policies before 1991. They contend that factors such as excessive government control, industrial licensing requirements, and trade restrictions reduced productivity and investment. They believe that the term helps explain why economic growth accelerated after the economic liberalization reforms. Critics, however, argue that the term is misleading and unfair because it appears to associate slow economic growth with Hinduism, even though the causes of the slowdown were economic and political rather than religious.

They emphasize that, de-

spite the relatively low growth rates, India made significant progress during that period in areas such as industrialization, education, and self-sufficiency. Critics also point out that the phrase may reinforce misconceptions and stereotypes about Hinduism.

Furthermore, some economists argue that colonial legacies, widespread poverty, low savings rates, and global economic conditions also played important roles in limiting economic growth. Therefore, while the term has been useful in historically describing India's economic performance, debate continues regarding its wording and implications.

Many economists believe that more neutral expressions such as "the low-growth period" or "the pre-liberalization growth era" would be more appropriate. They argue that the term "Hindu Rate of Growth" should no longer be used in the future. Replacing it with a more neutral term could promote inclusiveness and reduce the risk of cultural and religious misunderstandings.

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PM Modi changed political culture of India: Nadda

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Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jaya Prakash Nadda said that over the last 12 years the country has witnessed a paradigm shift in politics, democracy, diplomacy and development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Addressing the intellectual meet held under the aegis of the Forum for Nationalist Thinkers, on "Democracy, Diplomacy and Development" here on Thursday, he said, "PM Modi has redefined India's political culture. Earlier, politics was often centred around caste, region, and vote-bank considerations, with governments serving only select sections. Today, democracy truly belongs to every citizen, guided by the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka



Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jaya Prakash Nadda addressing the intellectual meet on 'Democracy, Diplomacy and Development' in Hyderabad on Thursday

Prayas".

Before 2014, democracy was often associated with caste politics, dynastic rule, appeasement, corruption, and non-performance. And, governance was driven more by announcements than implementation, with limited accountability.

However, under Modi's

leadership, Indian politics has undergone a paradigm shift. Merit has replaced dynastic politics, appeasement has given way to "Justice for All," and governance has become implementation-driven, accountable, deadline-oriented, and focused on performance and results.

As a case in point, Nadda

noted that Ayushman Bharat reflects India's commitment to Universal Health Coverage. After the 2015 World Health Assembly, Prime Minister Modi's vision to "think big" led to the launch of Ayushman Bharat-PM-JAY within just nine months, providing Rs 5 lakh annual health coverage to 62 crore people, the world's largest government-funded health insurance programme. In contrast, the Union Minister said that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's math seems very weak. He keeps repeating that the Centre has given nothing to Telangana. "For Congress, this has become a habit. They cannot generate anything on their own, yet they keep surviving on what others provide. We are seeing the same story in Himachal Pradesh too." However, people understand the truth. "A clay pot can boil only once, not again.

Congress' false narrative will not work every time."

Furthermore, the Congress government in Telangana is not functioning for the people. Rather, it has reduced itself to an ATM for the Delhi Congress. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy himself has stated that the Congress will be given Rs 1,000 crore every year. "This is public money, meant for the welfare and development of Telangana, not for serving the political interests of the Congress high command," he added.

Nadda said that from the Kaleshwaram project to the Double Bedroom Housing Scheme, Telangana has already witnessed how corruption and unfulfilled promises have betrayed the people. The Congress government must answer where the people's money is going and why public welfare is being sacrificed to fund politics," he asked.

Farmers told to have Unique IDs to avail benefits under welfare schemes

OFFICIALS WERE INSTRUCTED TO HOLD VILLAGE-WISE SPECIAL REGISTRATION CAMPS TO COVER THE ELIGIBLE

ESA BIN ABDUL REHMAN
RANGAREDDY

THE farmers in Rangareddy district are found busy these days in registering their names in the Farmers' Registry at one hand and running for enrolling their names under SIR programme on the other hand.

The farmers in the district were told to get their names registered in the Farmers' Registry as part of the ambitious digital agriculture mission (AgriStack) jointly introduced by the centre and state governments.

According to officials, registration of names in the Farmers' Registry is mandatory for all the farmers in the district to avail benefits under various welfare schemes and services pertain to agriculture sector. The officials were also told to ensure that every farmer owning land in his or her name and performing agrarian activities must have their names registered in the Farmers' Registry and obtain a unique farmer ID so to avail welfare schemes, investment assistance, crop insurance, subsidies, bank loans and other benefits being extended under agriculture sector.

Additional Collector (Revenue) Chandrababu Naidu, while addressing a review meeting with the officials concerned said officials should ensure



that every eligible farmer in the district must obtain Unique Farmer Identification through enrolment of their names in Farmers' Registry.

To realise this goal, he said, the officials must conduct village-wise special registration camps to help farmers get their names registered using online portal.

The review meeting at the Collectorate complex saw the gathering of Additional Directors of Agriculture (ADAs), Mandal Agriculture Officers (MAOs) and Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs).

"The officials must complete the registration process within the stipulated time leaving no scope for any negligence," the additional collector warned.

The farmers were told to get their Aadhaar cards, mobile number and Pattadar

Passbook along with that while attending the registration camps that help them get their names registered through biometric process.

The additional collector said, "All the benefits under welfare schemes meant for farmers will be processed only through the Unique Farmers Identification issued to the eligible farmers in the future. As such, it is mandatory of every farmer in the district to get their names registered."

The additional Collector suggested the farmers to approach the concerned Agricultural Extension Officer (AEO) and complete the registration process immediately without fail. "The registration service being launched by the agricultural department is completely free and all the farmers should avail the opportunity," said the Additional Collector.

'Cordon and search' operation in Mangar Basti to flush out drug, property offenders

HYDERABAD: With an objective to eradicate illicit drug trafficking and anti-social activities in the city, the Hyderabad City Police executed a massive joint cordon and search operation, named 'Operation Thunderbolt', in the early hours of Thursday in Mangar Basti in Habeb Nagar, and 15 drug offenders and 50 suspect property offenders were taken into custody.

Police also seized illegal items, including 150 sachets of ganja, 32-cough syrup bottles, one kg dry ganja and liquor bottles. According to police, the operation was executed with high tactical precision in Mangar Basti under the guidance of Hyderabad City Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar. The special operation commenced on Thursday at 3:30

am, with over 1,100 police personnel of various wings and forces: The extensive sanitisation sweep involved close coordination among various specialised wings of the city police, including Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW), Task Force, H-EAST, Central Crime Station (CCS), CAR Armed Forces, and Local City Civil Police. Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, DCP Task Force, said during the thorough checks, operating teams successfully identified and took several law-breakers into custody, including property offenders, chain snatchers, habitual offenders, and persons with pending Non-Bailable Warrants (NBW). Additional Commissioners Tafsir Iqbal, (Law & Order) and SM Srinivas (Crimes & SIT), participated, monitored, and provided on-spot direction to the forces. Senior police officials warned that the department will maintain a zero-tolerance approach and clamp down heavily on individuals promoting narcotics, drugs, or disruptive criminal elements, adding that strict criminal cases will be registered against all violators to preserve public peace.

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PM to flag off India's first hydrogen train from Jind on July 17

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is likely to flag off the country's first hydrogen train from the Jind railway station in Haryana on July 17. The train will cover 356 km daily by making two round trips of 89 km each between Jind and Sonapat. It has 682 seats and a total passenger capacity of 2,600. "As of now, we have received confirmation from the PMO that Prime Minister Modi will flag off the hydrogen train from Jind on July 17," a senior railway official said.

India gets world's first once-a-week insulin

Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk launches Awiqli
NEW DELHI: One injection a week instead of one every day. Danish drugmaker Novo Nordisk has launched Awiqli, or insulin icodex, in India -- the world's first once-weekly basal insulin-cutting the annual injection count for diabetes patients from 365 to just 52. Approved for adults with both Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and delivered through a pen device called FlexTouch, the launch makes India the sixth market globally to get the therapy.

Oz to fuel India's green future with uranium supply: PM

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Delivering a joint press conference alongside Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese in Melbourne, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared the atomic breakthrough a transformative catalyst for India's ecological targets. "Australia will supply uranium to India. We have signed an important agreement in the field of nuclear energy. It will give new momentum to our clean energy goals," PM Modi announced. The Prime Minister framed the deepening consensus within a shared geopolitical vision, noting that India and Australia, as "two vibrant democracies, multicultural societies and important ocean powers", share a common worldview that continues to strengthen their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

Beware! SIR scammers on the prowl with OTP frauds

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HYDERABAD

WITH the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of electoral rolls, the District Election Officer and Hyderabad police issued public advisory warning citizens about a rise in fraudulent phone calls made in the name of voter verification.

The advisory warns that fraudsters may impersonate Booth Level Officers (BLOs) or Election Commission officials and attempt to obtain One-Time Passwords (OTPs) from voters under the pretext of updating voter details or verifying names in the electoral roll. DEO RV Karnan has urged citizens not to fall for such scams, clarifying that the Election Commission of India (ECI) and BLOs will never ask voters to share their OTP over phone calls. Citizens have been advised to remain vigilant and refrain from sharing OTPs, bank account details, or any personal information with unknown callers.

The advisory further cautions voters never to share their OTP, bank account details, or any personal information with anyone over phone calls or messages. Citizens have been advised to use OTPs only on official ECI platforms while accessing or verifying voter-related services and never disclose them to any individual.

Hyderabad City police commissioner VC Sajjanar also posted an advisory by stating "Your vote is precious. So is your personal information. Don't let scammers steal your identity in the name of SIR-2026. Remember: No election official will ask for your OTP, never share OTPs or banking details over phone calls, hang up, report suspicious calls to 1930, and spread awareness, and one OTP shared can put your money and personal data at risk.

Authorities advised, in case of receiving such suspicious calls, voters have been advised to immediately disconnect the call, report the incident to the Cyber Crime Helpline 1930 or the nearest police station, and alert family members, friends, and especially senior citizens about the scam, who are often targeted by cyber fraudsters.

The authorities stressed that "One OTP shared can put your bank account and personal information at risk," urging citizens to spread awareness and ensure that their votes and personal data remain secure during the SIR-2026 exercise.

Appealing to the public to remain cautious throughout the SIR-2026 process, the authorities are reminding voters that protecting personal information is as important as protecting their right to vote as also urged citizens to widely share the advisory to help protect fellow voters from cyber fraud.

Heavy monsoon rain wreaks havoc across India

NEW DELHI: The southwest monsoon covered the entire country on Thursday, a day later than its normal date, after advancing into the remaining parts of the north Arabian Sea, Rajasthan, Haryana and Punjab, IMD officials said.

Under the influence of the monsoon, torrential rains unleashed widespread destruction across several parts of the country, inundating roads, uprooting trees and disrupting normal life.

Roads and residential areas remained submerged in several cities, with commuters wading through knee-deep water and traffic crawling on major roads and highways. Trees uprooted by strong winds blocked roads at several places, while flooding disrupted vehicular movement and damaged houses.

Rescue operations also continued at the site of a building that collapsed a day earlier at a waste-to-energy plant in Maharashtra's Pimpri Chinchwad near Pune after

a massive mound of garbage gave way due to heavy rain. One body was recovered on Thursday, while around eight people are still feared trapped under the debris. Nine people have been rescued so far.

Delhi witnessed one of its heaviest spells of rain this season, with widespread waterlogging, uprooted trees and traffic snarls throwing life out of gear. The India Meteorological Department issued a 'red' alert for the day as the Safdarjung, the capital's base weather station, recorded 72.6 mm of rainfall in the last 24 hours that ended at 8.30 am, and Tughlakpur in northeast Delhi's Khajuri received the highest rainfall at 160 mm during this period. Hours of incessant rain spelled chaos on roads, uprooting trees and leaving several areas waterlogged. In Rajasthan, widespread rainfall soaked parts of the state, with the Met department forecasting extremely heavy rainfall in isolated areas of Kota and Bharatpur divisions on Thursday.

'Terror camps crumbled during Op Sindoor'

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Underscoring that "terror camps crumbled during Operation Sindoor," PM Modi said India's initiatives to combat terror have sent a clear message across the world, which is now also witnessing the "capability and credibility of India's defence platforms." During Operation Sindoor, you must have seen the explosions that struck terrorist hideouts. Those explosions have resonated across the world," he said. "When such a decisive strike was carried out against terror camps, didn't it make you feel proud?" he said.

At the same time, he also

highlighted India's governance, tweaking the Sanskrit adage of Athithi Devo Bhaba (a guest is a god) to "Nagarik Devo Bhava (the Citizen is a god)". In this context, he mentioned the key initiatives of the government, including the healthcare system where records are now stored, digi-locker and the current ease of getting passports. In a strong pitch for "Make in India", he said Indian products were gaining recognition worldwide. Indian technology too, he said, is soaring. With the country becoming the world's largest 5G market, work is on to indigenously develop the 6G technology. He added.

Stricter H1B, Green Card rules coming in August, Indians could face more hurdles

NEW DELHI: The Trump administration is preparing a fresh set of immigration rules that could make it more difficult for foreign professionals, students and employers to navigate the US immigration system. The proposed changes cover some of the most popular routes used by Indians to study and work in the United States. Therefore, Indians, who form one of the largest immigrant groups in the US, could especially face more hurdles under proposed changes to the H1B programme, L1 visas and student visas. The proposals are part of the latest Unified Regulatory Agendas released by the US Departments of Homeland Security (DHS), Labor (DOL) and State (DOS). While none of the measures has taken effect yet, they offer the clearest indication of the administration's plans.

India working to become a developed nation: PM

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"We are a nation of 1.4 billion people brimming with aspirations; we are impatient and eager. We are the world's fastest-growing economy, yet we aim to become one of the top three economies in the world as quickly as possible. Because our driving force is 'Grow More, Achieve More,'" he added.

Modi said the mantra of "Nagrik Devo Bhava" has become the guiding principle of governance in India. "The foundation of India's big dreams and great aspirations is its people... We, the People," he said, adding that the government's policies are centred on citizens' welfare.

India, Australia unveil new defence declaration

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By doing this, the two countries seek to strengthen their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and contribute to a free, open and stable Indo-Pacific.

The declaration, adopted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Australian counterpart Anthony Albanese, reaffirms the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership established in 2020 and builds on the foundation laid by the India-Australia Joint Declaration on Security Cooperation signed in 2009.

The two leaders said strategic convergence between India and Australia has accelerated in recent years, with stronger economic ties, closer people-to-people links and enhanced cooperation through bilateral mechanisms such as the Foreign Ministers' Framework Dialogue, the 2+2 Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue and the Defence Ministers' Dialogue. They also highlighted the role of multilateral platforms, including the Quad, in promoting

peace, security and prosperity across the Indo-Pacific. PM Modi is in Australia as part of his three-nation tour.

Expressing concern over growing geopolitical uncertainty and threats to regional peace and stability, the two countries called for the peaceful resolution of disputes in accordance with international law and without the threat or use of force or coercion.

Reaffirming their commitment to a rules-based Indo-Pacific, India and Australia underscored the importance of respecting sovereignty and territorial integrity, ensuring freedom of navigation and overflight under the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and strengthening transparent and inclusive regional institutions.

The declaration also reiterated support for regional organisations, including the Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA), ASEAN and ASEAN-led regional architecture, and the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF).

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US, Iran trade strikes for 2nd night in a row

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Iran reported explosions in several coastal areas and said it targeted US assets in Kuwait, Bahrain and Qatar in response. Iran's foreign ministry denounced the US strikes as a "gross war crime", saying it said targeted civilian infrastructure including railway bridges. In a statement, the ministry described the US administration as "evil and psychopathic" and that it condemned the attacks which have damaged bridges and a railway route connecting Tehran to the city of Mashhad, where the late supreme leader Ali Khamenei is due to be buried at a funeral service later on Thursday.

Musi rejuvenation project kick-off soon

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It does not include the land acquisition costs. The state government grant will come from Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) or the Telangana State Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TSIIC). The Telangana government has proposed to revive the entire Musi River ecosystem through integrated riverfront facelift, urban infrastructure development, environmental improvement and sustainable mobility initiatives.

More investments must to boost growth: Revanth

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Speaking on the occasion, CM asserted that politics should be restricted to election seasons. "Despite facing numerous political allegations, we are working with the goal of developing Telangana to contribute a 10 per cent share to the national economy." Pointing to mounting challenges in the metropolitan cities across the country, the CM said that a slew of measures had been initiated to ensure pollution-free development in Hyderabad.

India has commissioned around 7.5 gigawatt-hours of storage capacity, while more than 140 gigawatt-hours are under construction, awarded, or under tendering. We remain committed to achieving 500GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030 and net-zero by 2070." -Shripad Yesso Naik, Union Minister of State for Power and New & Renewable Energy



BIZ BRIEFS

Choice, NHIS in partnership

Choice International Limited, one of India's leading diversified financial services groups, announced a strategic partnership with NH Investment & Securities Co., Ltd. (NHIS), a leading South Korean financial institution and subsidiary of NH Financial Group, through an investment of Rs 900 crore in Choice Equity Broking Private Limited (CEBPL), the broking & wealth management arm of Choice. This strategic investment marks a significant milestone in Choice's growth journey and reflects the confidence of NHIS in Choice's vision.

MakeMyTrip's OneCircle

MakeMyTrip launched OneCircle, a global rewards program built around the Indian traveller, bringing together a collaborative network of 13,376 accommodation properties including hotels and alternate accommodations across 1,002 cities worldwide onto a single platform. OneCircle brings together a diverse mix of accommodation partners, ranging from independent hotels to homestays and villas, across luxury, premium, and budget segments. Travellers stand to earn a minimum of 10 per cent of their accommodation spend back as reward points on every booking.

EMotorad plans AP plant

EMotorad, India's leading electric cycle brand, is set to build a new manufacturing facility in Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh, as part of the region's Green City Initiative. The company has been allotted a 7-acre site for the plant, a move that advances its goal of making electric mobility accessible to Indians. The project is being carried out with the Kuppam Area Development Authority (KADA), as part of a broader development effort led by IIT Kanpur and KADA.

Tata Power's new initiative

Tata Power launched its EZ Home Automation Solutions in Visakhapatnam, bringing simple, app-based smart home technology electricity savings to households across the city. With Tata Power EZ Home, residents can control lights, fans, air conditioners and other appliances right from their phone - or with a simple voice command via Alexa or Google Assistant.

Biometric UPI payments rise

UPI on-device biometric authentication-based payments accounted for over 611 million transactions in June 2026, with a total transaction value of Rs 25,416 crore, reflecting strong adoption across everyday payment use cases. This feature enables users to authorise UPI payments using smartphone's fingerprint or facial recognition. Sohini Rajola, Executive Director - Growth, NPCI, said, "The growing adoption of biometric authentication reflects the increasing preference among UPI users for payment experiences that are simple and efficient."

Centre waives customs duty on key electronics mfg inputs

MOVE AIMS TO BOOST DOMESTIC PRODUCTION OF DISPLAY ASSEMBLIES, LITHIUM-ION CELLS AND WIRELESS CHARGING COMPONENTS

NEW DELHI

THE government has waived basic customs duty on goods used in the manufacturing of display assemblies, lithium-ion cells and inductor coil modules as it looks to promote domestic production of electronic devices like smartphones, laptops, wearables and smart TVs.

The finance ministry issued three separate notifications giving effect to the basic customs duty (BCD) waiver on the goods used in the manufacture of the three key components used in electronic devices. This exemption is in line with the government's efforts to promote domestic electronics manufacturing under the PLSI scheme. The duty waiver would reduce import dependence and strengthen the electronics ecosystem with local production. The exemptions on inputs used



in display assemblies and inductor coil modules would be valid till March 31, 2029, the notifications said. AMRG Global Managing Partner Rajat Mohan said the government has now consolidated separate customs exemptions for machinery used in the manufacture of lithium-ion cells for mobile handsets and electric vehicles into a single technology-neutral exemption applicable to machinery

used for the manufacture of 'lithium-ion cells'. "This simplifies the customs framework, removes end-use-based distinctions, and significantly reduces compliance and industrial challenges for manufacturers," Mohan said.

The amendment is expected to encourage fresh investments in domestic lithium-ion cell manufacturing by providing greater flexibility to manufacturers operating

integrated production facilities. "The biggest beneficiaries will be battery gigafactories, electric vehicle manufacturers, consumer electronics companies, battery energy storage system (BESS) manufacturers, renewable energy projects, telecom infrastructure providers, data centres, medical device manufacturers, drone manufacturers and industrial automation sectors, all of which increasingly depend on lithium-ion cells," Mohan added. Grant Thornton Bharat Partner and Tax Controversy Management Leader Manoj Mishra said the exemption for inputs used in display assemblies for automotive, medical and industrial applications broadens support beyond consumer electronics, while the relief for inductor coil modules used in wireless charging will benefit smartphone manufacturers adopting advanced features.

Indian embassy pitches deeper economic engagement with Chinese businesses

BEIJING: Indian Ambassador to China Vikram Doraiswami has met senior representatives of various Chinese companies and conveyed the embassy's readiness to facilitate greater economic and commercial engagement with India.

Doraiswami held a luncheon interaction with select Chinese businesses and friends of India on July 7, the Indian Embassy posted on X on Wednesday.

"He exchanged views with company chairpersons and senior representatives, and conveyed the Embassy's readiness to facilitate greater economic and commercial engagement with India," it said. The development comes in the backdrop of China overtaking the US to become India's largest trading partner in 2025-26, with bilateral trade reaching USD 151.1 billion, according to data from the Commerce Ministry.

Corporate revenues surge 11% in Q1 despite West Asia turmoil

NEW DELHI

INDIA Inc's revenue growth accelerated to 11-11.5 per cent year on year in the Q1 FY27, marking the fastest pace in two years, a new report has said.

Strong domestic demand and price hikes offset the impact of higher input costs triggered by the West Asia conflict, helping corporates to maintain strong growth rate, the report from ratings agency Crisil Ratings.

Even as supply disruptions in West Asia pushed up fuel, freight, packaging and feedstock costs, the resilient domestic demand helped companies across sectors to pass on a part of the higher costs to consumers. Sehul Bhatt, Director, Crisil Intelligence said revenue growth in the past two years was powered largely by volume. "But this

time around, pricing was the primary driver, contributing more to revenue growth than volume in sectors such as aluminium, steel, cement, airlines, fertilisers, and gems and jewellery," Bhatt said.

Growth was uneven across industries, but broad-based enough to lift aggregate corporate revenues, he added. India Inc's revenue grew 9.6 per cent in the fourth quarter of FY26. The report was based on Crisil's analysis of more than 400 listed companies across 47 sectors, excluding banking, financial services, and oil and gas.

The automobile sector led revenue growth, at 22-24 per cent year-on-year, supported by GST-led demand, healthy passenger vehicle and two-wheeler sales, stronger commercial vehicle demand, export growth and selective price increases.

Zerodha-Groww rivalry heats up over mutual fund model

Kamath says direct plans remain the lowest-cost option for investors

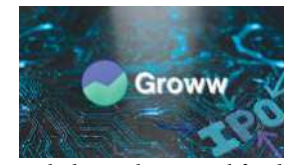
NEW DELHI

ZERODHA founder and CEO Nithin Kamath on Thursday took a swipe at rival platforms on X after Groww, one of India's largest retail brokers by active users, began offering regular mutual funds through its subscription service Groww Prime.

In a social media post, Kamath said many platforms that launched direct mutual fund offerings around the time Zerodha introduced its Coin platform have since "disappeared or pivoted to something else."

Remaining competitors are "rethinking their choice of offering direct plans," he said, adding that "Zerodha will continue to offer direct mutual funds for free."

His remarks followed Bengaluru-based Groww expanding its product mix to



include regular mutual funds on its subscription-based Groww Prime platform. The product, initially launched for a select set of users earlier this year, has now been rolled out to the company's two-core customer base.

Groww had previously offered only direct mutual funds, claiming them to be a low-cost investment option that can generate better long-term returns by eliminating distributor commissions.

Kamath said that Zerodha's pricing philosophy has remained unchanged since it pioneered the discount brokerage model in 2010.

"When we started the discount brokerage model in



STOCK markets recovered on Thursday, with the benchmark Sensex closing higher by 238 points on broad-based buying by investors after a heavy correction in the previous session.

The 30-share BSE Sensex opened higher and jumped further 823.05 points, or 1.07 per cent, to hit a high of 77,326.65 later in the day. The index, however, pared gains due to some profit-taking in the last hour and closed at 76,741.82, up by 238.22 points, or 0.31 per cent.

The 50-share NSE Nifty rose by 80.75 points, or 0.34 per cent, to end at 23,962.80. The broader index hit a high of 24,134.70 before giving up some of the gains at fag-end. Analysts said caution prevailed in the market as the US and Iran exchanged fire for a second consecutive day.

Among Sensex shares, Sun Pharma emerged as the big-

gest gainer, rising by 2.7 per cent. Bharti Airtel rose by 2.15 per cent, lending major support to the benchmark index. Gains in Bajaj Finserv, InterGlobe Aviation, Eternal, Kotak Mahindra Bank and HDFC Bank helped Sensex close in the green.

Infosys emerged as the biggest loser, dropping by 1.8 per cent. Maruti, NTPC and Axis Bank were among the laggards.

TCS shares declined by 0.52 per cent. After mar-

TPTL joins Salesforce to boost manufacturing

HANS BUSINESS HYDERABAD

TRIVENI Power Transmission Limited (TPTL), manufacturer of high-speed gearboxes and engineered power transmission solutions, has announced its collaboration with Salesforce, as part of its broader digital transformation strategy aimed at strengthening customer engagement, enhancing business visibility, and enabling sustainable growth. The collaboration marks a significant milestone in TPTL's journey toward becoming a more connected, data driven, and customer centric organisation. By leveraging Agentforce Sales and Agentforce Service, TPTL aims to unify customer information, improve forecasting, and strengthen collaboration across key business functions. Through this implementation, TPTL will establish a single, integrated platform that enables teams to access real time customer insights, track opportunities more effectively, and make faster, data-backed decisions.

ADB aligns with RBI, pegs FY27 GDP growth at 6.6%

NEW DELHI

ASIAN Development Bank on Thursday lowered India's GDP growth projection to 6.6 per cent as against 6.9 per cent estimated earlier for the current fiscal on concerns of higher energy prices fuelled by the Middle East crisis.

Despite the growth moderation, India still continues to be the fastest-growing major economy in the world.

India's GDP growth forecasts are revised down to 6.6 per cent for FY2026 (ending 31 March 2027) and maintained at 7.3 per cent for FY2027, Asian Development Outlook (ADO) July 2026 said. "The FY2026 (2026-27) forecast is lowered from 6.9 per cent projected in April, reflecting elevated energy prices, which squeeze real incomes.

Growth will be supported

by policy interventions to attract more foreign capital, as well as fuel tax cuts, targeted credit support, strong services exports, and public capital expenditure," it said.

The FY2027 growth forecast remains unchanged from April, underpinned by improved global conditions and export competitiveness gained through trade agreements with various partners, it said.

New-age India aims for \$1-trillion market cap by 2030

NEW DELHI: INDIA'S listed new-age ecosystem is projected to reach USD 1 trillion market capitalisation by 2030, driven by a robust pipeline of companies preparing to tap public markets, according to a report released by strategy consulting firm Redseer on Thursday. The report, Redseer India IPO Report: 2026, said the country currently has around 210 new-age companies that are



IPO-ready over the next 24 months, identified through an assessment of 1,400 firms.

Based on an analysis of more than 300 mainboard IPOs between FY21 and FY26, the report said India's listed new-age companies

currently account for around USD 150 billion in market capitalisation, or about 4.6 per cent of the country's total market value. This share could expand to nearly 11.5 per cent by 2030 under Redseer's base-case scenario.

The report noted that India's IPO market has grown nearly eightfold in terms of proceeds over the past decade, making it the only major capital market to sustain

uninterrupted growth in primary issuances. India now ranks third globally in IPO proceeds.

According to the report, the country's IPO market has also become more resilient due to rising participation by domestic institutional investors, including mutual funds, insurers and pension funds, supported by sustained systematic investment plan (SIP) inflows.

GST wins industry confidence, but compliance hurdles persist

Survey calls for simpler rules, quicker refunds and fewer disputes

NEW DELHI

THE overall sentiment of businesses towards GST remains positive after 9 years of its implementation, but addressing compliance complexities and reducing litigation will be critical to strengthening the ease of doing business and unlocking the full potential of the goods and services tax, a survey said on Thursday.

The KPMG in India-FICCI GST Survey said GST has matured considerably

through greater digitisation and transparency, creating a more unified and efficient indirect tax framework.

Businesses continue to prioritise simplification, certainty, faster dispute resolution, seamless credit flow and technology-enabled compliance as critical areas for reform.

The survey also highlights that businesses continue to seek simplification, certainty, faster refunds, seamless input tax credit flow and more effective dispute resolution as



GST enters its next phase of reform. Enabling unfettered input tax credit flow, correcting inverted duty structures

and enhancing certainty in tax administration.

"Nine years after its introduction, GST stands as a re-

form that has unified India's indirect tax framework and driven transparency and digital adoption.

"Going forward, addressing compliance complexities, enabling unfettered credit flow, correcting inverted duty structures and enhancing certainty in tax administration will be critical to strengthening ease of doing business and unlocking the full potential of GST," the survey said. GST, which subsumed 17 indirect taxes and 13 cesses, was rolled out on

July 1, 2017. About 53 per cent of survey respondents reported that tax administration has evolved towards a more collaborative approach; however, industry feedback on interactions with tax authorities remains mixed, with 47 per cent highlighting variation in interpretation and implementation.

As per the survey, 72 per cent rated GSTAT benches as moderately accessible, while 76 per cent described the GSTAT appeal process and digital platform as moder-

ately effective.

Among future GST reform priorities, respondents identified effective utilisation of GST credits across GSTINs, rationalisation of the ITC framework, and inclusion of oil and gas within the GST framework as key areas.

Resolution of inverted duty structure, including refunds of accumulated credit on input services and capital goods, emerged as a key industry ask to ease working capital constraints and support business competitiveness.



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Scholarships

Scholarship Name 1:	Satya Scholarship Program 2026
Description:	The Satya Scholarship Program 2026, an initiative by Nehru Sidhant Kender Trust, offers 100% tuition fee coverage and accommodation support to meritorious Class 12 graduates from Punjab pursuing 3-5-year undergraduate or integrated master's programmes in Commerce, Engineering, and Medical & Health Sciences at select institutes - ensuring financial barriers do not stand in the way of higher education.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to first-year students in 3 to 5-year undergraduate or integrated master's courses in BBA, B.Com, B.Tech, B.E. (all streams), B.Sc. (Engineering), BCA, B.Arch, MBBS, BDS, BPT, B.Sc. (Nursing), B.Sc. (Allied and Healthcare). Must have passed Class 12 Board Exam from a recognised board in Punjab with at least 60% aggregate. Students from Punjab in 38 selected institutes in Ludhiana or top 50 NIRF-ranked institutions in India are eligible. Annual parental income must not exceed INR 8 lakh; guardian income limits apply for orphans. Applicants must be Indian citizens and not recipients of any other educational scholarship. <p>Note: Preference for girl students, sportspersons, persons with disabilities (PwD), orphans, and children of single parents.</p>
Prizes & Rewards:	100% annual course fee coverage for the entire course duration, with additional support for hostel, accommodation, and meals as per program guidelines.
Last Date to Apply:	30-07-2026
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/SAT3
QR Code:	https://d1e9eg0t05513.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/satya-scholarship-program-20261783398813.png
Scholarship Name 2:	MPOWER Women in STEM Scholarship 2026
Description:	The MPOWER Women in STEM Scholarship 2026 is being offered by MPOWER Financing. It is a fintech company offering student loans to international students, US citizens, and DACA students committed to supporting and recognising the potential of women in science.
Eligibility:	Application is open to women equal to 18 years old or more, enrolled or accepted as full-time students in a STEM degree program at one of the MPOWER's partner universities. Applicants must be an international student legally permitted to pursue studies in the US or Canada, holding a valid US study visa (or DACA status) or a Canadian study permit, as applicable.
Prizes & Rewards:	A scholarship award of up to USD 5,000.
Last Date to Apply:	31-12-2026
Application mode:	Application Online Only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/MPOW1
QR Code:	https://d1e9eg0t05513.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/mpower-women-in-stem-scholarship-20261783398847.png
Scholarship Name 3:	Inlaks Fine Arts Awards 2027
Description:	The Inlaks Fine Arts Awards 2027 is being offered by the Inlaks Shivdasani Foundation, a non-profit organisation to emerging young artists to develop their creative talent.
Eligibility:	Application is open to Indian passport holders or those currently residing in India born on or after 1 January 1996. Applicant must be an emerging artist, a recent graduate/postgraduate in visual arts or a final-year students enrolled in a leading Indian visual arts institute. First-year Master's students are not eligible. Applicants must not hold a similar government scholarship or award during the same period. Previous applicants must submit a new body of work while reapplying.
Prizes & Rewards:	Award worth Rs 3,00,000 for a period of one year.
Last Date to Apply:	15-08-2026
Application mode:	Application Online Only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/IFAA1
QR Code:	https://d1e9eg0t05513.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/inlaks-fine-arts-awards-20271783398833.png
Scholarship Name 4:	Schaeffler India Hope Engineering Scholarship Program 2026
Description:	The Schaeffler India Hope Engineering Scholarship Program 2026 supports female first-year engineering students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds, with special consideration for students with disabilities (PwD). Established in 2019, the program offers selected scholars financial assistance of INR 50,000 per year, along with mentorship support from Schaeffler India professionals to help them succeed academically and build strong engineering careers.
Eligibility:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to female students across India enrolled in the first year of an engineering program at any UGC/state/AICTE-recognised college. Applicants must have secured at least 60% marks in Class 12 (Science stream) in the academic year 2025-26. For PwD applicants, the minimum required marks are 40% in Class 12 (Science stream). The annual parental income of the applicant must not exceed INR 5,00,000. Children of employees of Schaeffler India or Buddy4Study are not eligible. <p>Note: Preference will be given to students with disabilities and students pursuing the following engineering branches: Automobile, Mechanical, Mechatronics, Electrical and Electronics, Electronics and Communication, Production, Instrumentation, Computer Science Engineering & Information Technology</p>
Prizes & Rewards:	Selected students will receive a scholarship of INR 50,000 per year for four years.
Last Date to Apply:	15-08-2026
Application mode:	Online applications only
Short Url:	www.b4s.in/hans/SIHE17
QR Code:	https://d1e9eg0t05513.cloudfront.net/static/images/scho-media/schaeffler-india-hope-engineering-scholarship-program-20261783398824.png



Today is Chronic Disease Awareness Day

Why awareness and empathy matter

Living with a chronic disease can make school life more challenging than it appears. Conditions such as diabetes, asthma, epilepsy, arthritis and autoimmune disorders often require students to balance their studies with regular medication, medical appointments and lifestyle adjustments. While these health conditions may not always be visible, they can affect concentration, attendance, participation in activities and emotional well-being.

For students, awareness about chronic illnesses is just as important as academic success. Understanding that a classmate may need extra support or flexibility helps create a more inclusive and compassionate learning environment. Small acts of kindness, patience and empathy can make a significant difference to someone managing a long-term health condition.

Schools also play an important role by promoting health education, encouraging open conversations and ensuring that students with chronic illnesses have access to the support they need.

Teachers, classmates and parents can work together to reduce stigma and foster a culture where no student feels isolated because of their health.

Chronic Disease Awareness is a reminder that good health education goes beyond textbooks. It teaches students to value empathy, respect individual differences and support one another through life's challenges. By spreading awareness and encouraging understanding, schools can help build caring communities where every student has the opportunity to thrive, regardless of the health challenges they face.

6 habits that turn ambition into leadership success

Who reach the top doesn't rely on chance—they develop the skills, mindset and relationships needed to lead with purpose, resilience and impact

AMNEET KAUR SAHRA

The path to senior leadership is rarely linear and for women, it often comes with an additional layer of complexity. Yet, across industries, women who rise to the top share certain traits that set them apart. These are not innate traits but intentional practices, cultivated over time with purpose and consistency. Here are the key habits that are helping women break barriers and claim their seat at the table.



1. Build Visibility

Competence alone does not get you to the boardroom - visibility does. Women who rise to senior roles understand that their work needs to be seen, not just done. They actively seek opportunities to present ideas, lead initiatives, and contribute to conversations that matter. Building visibility means showing up consistently in spaces where decisions are made and ensuring that the right people are aware of the value you bring.

2. Develop Executive Presence

Executive presence is not about how you look - it is about how you make others feel when you walk into a room. It is the ability to communicate with confidence, command attention, and inspire trust. Women who rise to leadership invest in developing a strong point of view, speak with clarity and conviction, and carry themselves with an authority that is both earned and expressed. Presence is a skill, and like any skill, it can be built.

3. Seek Mentors and Sponsors

Mentors guide you. Sponsors advocate for you. Both are essential. Women who rise intentionally build

Climbing the leadership ladder requires more than talent—it demands intentional action. Women who reach senior leadership roles often cultivate habits that strengthen their visibility, confidence, decision-making and influence. From building executive presence and seeking mentors to embracing challenges, leading collaboratively and continuously upgrading their skills, these practices help navigate workplace complexities and unlock new opportunities. While the journey may not always be straightforward, consistent effort and strategic career choices can accelerate growth. By adopting these leadership habits, aspiring professionals can position themselves for greater responsibility, drive meaningful impact, and confidently take their place in today's evolving corporate landscape

relationships with senior leaders who can offer perspective, open doors, and champion their growth when they are not in the room. Seeking mentors and sponsors is not a sign of weakness - it is a strategic move that accelerates growth and expands access to opportunities that may otherwise remain invisible.

4. Embrace Risks and New Opportunities

Playing it safe has never built an extraordinary career. Women who rise to senior leadership roles are those who raise their hand for the stretch assignment, take on roles they are not fully ready for, and step into discomfort with intention. Every risk taken is a signal to yourself and to others that you are ready for more. The willingness to embrace uncertainty is one of the most powerful accelerators of career growth.

5. Lead Through Collaboration

The most effective leaders do not lead alone. Women who rise to the top understand that leadership is not about having all the answers it is about bringing the right people together to find them. They build strong teams, create psychologically safe environments, and lead with empathy and inclusion. Collaborative leadership is not soft leadership. It is smart leadership, and it is increasingly what organisations need at the top.

6. Continuously Invest in Upskilling

The workplace is evolving faster than ever before. Women who sustain their growth into senior roles are those who never stop learning. Whether it is staying current on industry trends, developing financial acumen, building

digital fluency, or sharpening strategic thinking the commitment to continuous learning signals ambition, adaptability, and readiness for greater responsibility. Upskilling is not a one-time investment. It is a career-long habit.

Final Thought

Rising to senior leadership is not about waiting for permission, it is about showing up prepared, purposeful, and unapologetically ambitious. These habits are not reserved for the few. They are available to every woman willing to practise them, consistently and courageously. The question is not whether you are ready. The question is whether you are willing to begin.

(The author is Founder, Catalyze | HR Leader | Advocate for Women in Leadership)

IMT welcomes diverse PGDM class of 2026 with focus on leadership and sustainability

The Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Ghaziabad has welcomed the Class of 2026 for its flagship two-year full-time PGDM programmes, with the new batch reflecting greater diversity, strong academic credentials and a balanced mix of fresh graduates and working professionals. The incoming cohort has been admitted to the institute's PGDM, PGDM Marketing, PGDM Financial Management, PGDM Banking & Financial Services (BFS), and PGDM Dual Country Programme (DCP) through a comprehensive selection process that assessed academic performance, aptitude and leadership potential.

One of the highlights of this year's admissions is the increased representation of women, who account for 45 per cent of the batch, marking an improvement over the previous year. Students have joined the institute from 23 States and Union Territories, contributing to a geographically diverse learning environment. The cohort also represents a wide range



of academic disciplines, including engineering, commerce, management, arts and science.

IMT Ghaziabad said this multidisciplinary background is expected to encourage collaborative learning and diverse classroom discussions. A significant number of students secured above the 93 percentile in national management entrance examinations, while

the batch includes graduates from several leading colleges and universities across the country. The class also comprises both fresh graduates and candidates with prior work experience, creating opportunities for peer learning through the exchange of industry insights and practical perspectives.

The academic session commenced with orientation programmes featuring

industry leaders from sectors including manufacturing, banking, financial services and human resources. Speakers encouraged students to embrace continuous learning, innovation, resilience and ethical leadership as they prepare for careers in a rapidly changing business environment.

Addressing the new batch, Dr. Barnali Chaklader, Dean (Academics), IMT Ghazi-

abad, said management education must prepare students to navigate digital transformation, sustainability challenges and global business complexities. She noted that the institute aims to provide an industry-relevant and globally oriented learning experience that equips future managers with the knowledge and skills required to create long-term value for organisations and society.



Nobody can question the integrity of the FIFA World Cup match officials. When this happens, it may provoke reactions that lead to threats against them and their families. This is not right. Of course, constructive discussion about decisions will always be part of football, but unfounded allegations have no place in our sport
- Pierluigi Collina, FIFA chief refereeing officer

FIFA CHIEF FACES OLYMPIC RED CARD

GENEVA

FIFA's president Gianni Infantino is being referred to Olympic ethics investigators for a possible breach of political neutrality, a human rights group, after U.S. President Donald Trump helped block a World Cup player's ban.

Trump took credit Monday for FIFA's decision — unprecedented in modern World Cup history — to let United States forward Folarin Balogun play Monday against Belgium despite getting a red card in the team's previous game. A Belgium team clearly fired up by the furor won 4-1 in Seattle.

The IOC cites neutrality among "fundamental principles of Olympism" for sports bodies like FIFA, and has jurisdiction over Infantino since he joined its exclusive group of 100-plus invited members in 2020.

"FairSquare will file a complaint to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) regarding FIFA President Gianni Infantino's repeated breach of political neutrality rules," the

Trump lobbying Infantino on Balogun ban triggers complaint to ethics body

London-based sports and human rights NGO said in a statement Wednesday.

The pledge to file a formal complaint to the IOC Ethics Commission came one day after the Olympic body's president Kirsty Coventry told reporters none had yet been received.

"Obviously if they do they would look into it," Coventry said Tuesday in an online news conference when asked about the Balogun controversy fueled by the Trump administration lobbying FIFA and Infantino.

"Yes, we have been obviously watching everything play out," the IOC presi-

dent had said earlier when asked about interference in field-of-play issues by the World Cup co-host nation, which also will stage the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

FIFA was asked for comment about the complaint to the IOC about its president. Infantino has built close ties to Trump since 2018 when the U.S., Canada and Mexico won a vote to host soccer's World Cup this year.

The FIFA leader has been a regular White House visitor since attending the second Trump inauguration in January 2025 and said in November "we should all support" the president's work as it was "pretty good." Infantino famously created

World Cup Quarterfinals fixture
FRIDAY, JULY 10
France vs Morocco
1:30 am at Gillette Stadium, Foxborough, Massachusetts
SATURDAY, JULY 11
Spain vs Belgium
12:30 am at SoFi Stadium, Inglewood, California

the FIFA Peace Prize given to Trump at the World Cup tournament draw in Washington DC last December. Senior soccer officials said privately creating the peace award was an executive decision by Infantino.



Belgium gets serious for World Cup quarterfinal with Spain after gleefully routing US

CARSON (US)

NO more playful dances. No more taunting social media posts. done celebrating its the host United States at work on extending Cup run on Ameri-

The Red Devils the Los Angeles area on Wednesday with the memory still fresh of their 4-1 thrashing of the Americans in Seattle on Monday. After surviving a test from Senegal with a thrilling comeback and then thoroughly dominating the U.S. in its first two knockout games, Belgium faces its toughest challenge yet against unbeaten Spain in the quarterfinals on Friday.

But this tumultuous World Cup run has sparked something in this Belgian team, goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois believes.

"We gained a lot of confidence, because we knew it was going to be a hard game against America," Courtois said at the LA Galaxy's suburban stadium.

"They're obviously the home team with a full stadium (that's) with them, so it's nice to perform in a good way defensive, offensively, and just play our game."

Belgium went into the U.S. matchup with a world of indignant motivation after star American forward Folarin Balogun's one-game red-card suspension was curiously lifted by FIFA. The Red Devils took it out on an outclassed

American team and then celebrated gleefully, both on the pitch and in the dressing room.

In the most viral moment, many players did the simplistic dance associated with U.S. President Donald Trump and performed by numerous athletes across the sports world in recent months, including American star Christian Pulisic.

Belgium left back Diego Moreira smiled slightly when asked about the meaning of doing the dance after Trump called FIFA President Gianni Infantino to ask for a review of Balogun's red card.

"There are different ways to celebrate different goals," Moreira said through an interpreter. "You can do different dances, and that's what we've done. We just celebrated the win after the game."

Courtois said he wasn't in the dressing room because he was at doping control, so he couldn't comment on the dance.

The Red Devils say they've put that cathartic evening behind them after landing for their second game of the tournament to be played at SoFi Stadium in the Los Angeles area.

Belgium was still in a mood to argue with Americans, however: The team moved its training base on Wednesday with FIFA approval after deciding that its assigned fields at Los Angeles' Loyola Marymount University "did not meet the minimum standards required for our training session," according to a statement from the Royal Belgian Football Association. Belgium will be an underdog against Spain, which has yet to concede a goal in this World Cup. That's fine with the Red Devils, who have played their best soccer of the tournament since their stirring rally from a 2-0 deficit to beat Senegal 3-2.



Egyptian FA "cannot remain silent" about unfair officiating



Egypt head coach Hossam Hassan was furious after Egypt's loss against Argentina

ATLANTA: The Egyptian Football Association (EFA) said Wednesday it "cannot remain silent" after what it believes was unfair and biased officiating in Egypt's 3-2 round of 16 loss against Argentina.

Egypt coach Hossam Hassan and several players criticised the officiating after being left in disbelief as Argentina scored three unanswered goals in 13 minutes to pull off one of the biggest comebacks in World Cup history.

"Defending the rights and interests of the Egyptian national team is not a matter that can be ignored, minimised, or treated as secondary," the EFA said in a statement. "It is a responsibility that we carry with full conviction and determination."

FIFA's chief of refereeing Pierluigi Collina, in a statement

issued later Wednesday, said while constructive discussion about decisions would always be part of football, "unfounded allegations have no place in our sport."

"Nobody can question the integrity of the FIFA World Cup match officials," he said. "When this happens, it may provoke reactions that lead to threats against them and their families. This is not right."

The EFA said that the referee failed to use the Video Assistant Referee (VAR) system appropriately, leading to the loss to Argentina.

Egypt appeared to have netted its second goal in the 58th minute, but a VAR review determined that Marwan Attia had fouled Argentina defender Lisandro Martinez early in the buildup up to the goal.

"Several key incidents raised serious concerns and left profound questions about the consistency and fairness of decisions that directly influenced the course of the game," the EFA statement read.

Collina said "during a competition, we prefer not to focus on specific incidents," but he defended the Attia decision.

TG20 winners trophy tour kicks off Sreenidhi Founder's Day festivities

HYDERABAD: Sreenidhi University welcomed the TG20 Winners Trophy Tour to its campus late on Wednesday, setting the stage for its Founder's Day 2026 celebrations scheduled for July 10. As the title sponsor of the TG20 Tournament, the university hosted the trophy amid enthusiastic participation from students, with the campus buzzing with excitement and sporting spirit.

The trophy tour showcased the institution's vibrant campus culture and underscored its commitment to fostering excellence in academics, sports and overall student development. Large crowds gathered to witness the trophy, celebrating the spirit of competition and teamwork.

The celebrations will culminate on July 10 with Founder's Day, when the university will formally



recognise student achievements and reaffirm its vision of developing globally competent graduates.

Nida Khan granted bail, court flags jail birth trauma

NASHIK

AS it granted bail to a pregnant Nida Khan in a Nashik TCS case, a local court observed that the trauma of giving birth in prison is unbearable for any woman, drawing a comparison with the circumstances surrounding the birth of Lord Krishna.

In his order, Additional Sessions Judge (Nashik Court) K G Joshi, however, noted that the overall investigation shows that Khan, with the help of co-accused, attempted to "brainwash the victim", and tried to change her ideological views and religion. Citing the probe into a sexual harassment and alleged religious conversion case, the order also said that they tried to convince the victim that "there are objectionable stories in the Hindu religion". While the court had granted bail to Khan, who was arrested nearly two months ago, on July 6, the reasoned order was made available on Thursday, with the judge asserting that the FIR clearly mentions Khan's alleged role. The judge allowed her plea, considering the defence argument that she was five months pregnant. "The trauma of giving



birth in a prison like Lord Krishna or the related social stigma is not bearable for anyone," the court said.

"To avoid such an agonising situation and for the welcome and overall welfare of the newborn baby, it would be just and proper to exercise judicial discretion in favour of the applicant-accused," it added. The judge said that keeping the pregnant applicant detained would serve no purpose as the investigation was complete and the charge sheet had been filed.

Besides her pregnancy, Khan's lawyer Rahul Kasliwal also claimed that she was innocent and had been falsely implicated. He sub-

mitted that Khan was highly educated and was previously employed as an "Associate" at TCS before being terminated in April 2026.

Public prosecutor Vijay Gaikwad, along with lawyers Milind Kurkute and Nitin Pandit, appearing on behalf of one of the victims, opposed the bail pleas of Khan and co-accused Danish Shaikh. Their contention was that enough evidence of sexual assault and religious coercion came to the fore during the investigation of the case.

The court allowed Khan's bail on a personal bond of Rs. 75,000 along with one solvent surety of the same amount.

3,000 gas cylinders swept away into river

RAIGAD

TORRENTIAL rainfall and severe flooding in the Khalapur area of Raigad district have triggered a major industrial emergency, with approximately 3,000 gas cylinders from an HPCL bottling plant being swept away into the Patalganga River, officials said on Thursday. The incident occurred at the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) bottling plant located in Chavane, Panvel taluka. As the Patalganga River swelled due to incessant rains in the Khalapur taluka, the strong currents washed away a massive stock of both filled and empty cylinders into the water. Khalapur Police Inspector (PI) Abhijit Bhujbal confirmed the incident, following which the district administration issued an urgent appeal to the public to exercise extreme caution.

Raigad District Collector Kishan Jawale has issued a serious warning to residents living along the riverbanks. "If any gas cylinder is spotted in the river or along its banks, do not touch it under any circumstances, nor should any attempt be made to move it or take it home," the Collector stated. The administration



highlighted the high risk involved, noting that it is impossible to determine the technical condition or the gas content of the cylinders washed away in the flood. Officials warned that any tampering could lead to a catastrophic gas leak or an explosion, potentially resulting in heavy loss of life and property.

"Currently, a search operation for the missing cylinders is being carried out by the administration, the Disaster Management Department, and the concerned company," the administration said.

Citizens have been urged to maintain a safe distance and immediately report any sightings of suspicious cylinders to the local police or the Disaster Management Department.

The search teams are currently monitoring the course of the Patalganga River to recover the missing stock and prevent any untoward incidents.

'Those joining BJP must answer on temple funds theft, NEET leak'

MUMBAI :Shiv Sena (UBT) MLA Aadiya Thackeray on Thursday questioned leaders contemplating a political future with the BJP, asking whether they were willing to realign themselves with a party facing allegations over the Ram Temple donation theft and NEET paper leak. The former Maharashtra minister asserted his outfit will continue to stand up against the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

"Those who are planning or thinking of joining the BJP should answer whether they are joining hands with those accused of embezzling Ram temple donations. Youths are protesting at Jantar Mantar (in Delhi) over the NEET paper leak. Are those who wish to go with the BJP comfortable with the NEET paper leak and the suppression of the Opposition's voice?" he asked while talking to reporters in Vidhan Bhavan premises here. The MLA from Worli in Mumbai was replying to questions over Opposition leaders joining the BJP and a meeting between NCP (SP) president Sharad Pawar and Deputy Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, who heads the Shiv Sena, on Wednesday. Pawar is an ally of the Opposition Shiv Sena (UBT), while Shinde's party is a constituent of the BJP-led ruling Mahayuti coalition.

Flight school pilot leaps to death midair, student lands plane

TOLEDO: A pilot jumped out of the door of a moving plane to his death, leaving the student he was teaching to fly to land the aircraft by herself. Flight instructor Leandro Andrés Bertazzo, 42, was found dead following the incident, which took place in Toledo, central Argentina, according to a statement from the country's public prosecutor.

Bertazzo was on board the Cessna 150 aircraft with a 22-year-old student named Rosario, CNN affiliate TN reported. The student said Bertazzo told her, "You know what you have to do, carry on," before taking off his headset and seatbelt, opening the door and jumping out of the plane, TN reported. Eduardo Álvarez, director of the Flying Parrot Córdoba flying school

where Bertazzo worked, told TN that there were no signs that the pilot was planning to throw himself from the plane.

Bertazzo had gone on a flight with another student earlier that day, Álvarez said. "He made this tragic decision on board an aircraft with another person by his side," he said. "It's impossible to think about it or understand it, but the human mind is so complex." Bertazzo was "a beautiful person with a great smile," said Álvarez. "We are surprised that this has happened."

Opening the door of a plane in mid-air is extremely difficult, explained Álvarez, who compared it to trying to open the door of a car traveling at 200 kilometers an hour (124 miles per hour).





Can thyroid disorders make it harder to conceive?

Thyroid problems are far more common than most women realise, and they can quietly affect fertility, conception, and pregnancy. Getting your thyroid checked early can make a real difference to your chances of a healthy pregnancy

DR. CHAITRA GOWDA K N

Thyroid disorders are one of the most common hormonal issues, affecting women who are in their reproductive years, and they can seriously affect fertility, getting pregnant, and how pregnancy goes overall. The thyroid gland, located in the neck, makes hormones that help run metabolism, energy levels, and the way different organs work, including the reproductive system. When the thyroid hormone levels become off balance, it can disturb that kind of careful hormonal “back and forth” that’s needed for ovulation, steady menstrual timing, and then a successful conception.

Both hypothyroidism (an underactive thyroid) and hyperthyroidism (an overactive thyroid) can make conception more difficult. With hypothyroidism, the thyroid doesn’t produce enough hormones, which then brings symptoms like tiredness, increased weight, feeling unusually sensitive to cold, and also menstrual irregularity. Low thyroid hormones may mess with ovulation, so cycles can get erratic, or become anovula-

tory, which basically means that an egg is not released. If ovulation doesn’t happen in a predictable way, the odds for natural pregnancy tend to drop. Hypothyroidism also can push prolactin levels higher, and this hormone may further dampen ovulation and fertility, kind of in a domino effect, yeah.

Hyperthyroidism, although not as common, can still mess with reproductive health in a real way. When the body is flooded with too much thyroid hormone, periods can get all out of sync, the menstrual flow can be lighter, and ovulation may become less reliable or even wobble. For some women, if hyperthyroidism isn’t treated, conceiving can be harder, and if pregnancy does happen, there may be a higher chance of miscarriage. On top of that, serious thyroid problems can influence egg quality and also the whole setting that an embryo needs for implantation, so it’s not just one piece of the puzzle. Autoimmune thyroid problems kind of deserve extra focus when we talk about fertility. For example, autoimmune thyroiditis happens when the immune system—kind of oddly—

targets the thyroid gland by mistake. Women who have thyroid autoantibodies might see a greater risk of infertility, repeat pregnancy loss, and other pregnancy complications, even if thyroid hormone numbers look “fine” on paper. Some research implies that immune related mechanisms could lower implantation success, and raise the likelihood of early pregnancy failure in certain women.

The link between thyroid health and fertility is a big deal, especially for women who are doing fertility procedures like ovulation induction, intrauterine insemination (IUI), or in vitro fertilization (IVF). A number of studies have suggested that if thyroid issues go untreated, the success chances of assisted reproductive techniques can drop, sometimes quite a bit. Because of this, fertility specialists usually check thyroid performance as part of the infertility evaluation, not as an afterthought but more like a routine step. Bloodwork that measures thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) and free T4, and when it makes sense, thyroid antibodies, can point



to deeper thyroid problems that might be interfering with conception. The good side is that many thyroid-related fertility obstacles can be addressed. For example, women with hypothyroidism are often given thyroid hormone replacement therapy, which works to bring hormone levels back toward normal, and can support steadier ovulation and more regular menstrual cycles.

In a similar vein, hyperthyroidism can be handled using medications and other options depending on what is causing it and how intense it is. After thyroid function is brought under control, a lot of women notice an improvement in fertility, and they may move toward successful pregnancies.

Thyroid health stays important even after conception, you know, it still mat-



ters a lot. In early pregnancy the developing baby, basically relies on the mother thyroid hormones, for brain development and the nervous system side of things. If thyroid problems go untreated during pregnancy, it can raise the chances of miscarriage, preterm birth, pregnancy induced hypertension, having a low-birth-weight baby, and even later developmental concerns. Because of that, women who

are planning a pregnancy should ideally get their thyroid function checked, and brought to a good place before conception.

It also helps to keep monitoring during the pregnancy itself, since the needed thyroid hormone amounts can change quite a bit across trimesters. Women may want to get a medical evaluation if they’re struggling to conceive after several months of trying. Also, if menstrual

cycles are irregular, or if there is a past miscarriage, or if thyroid dysfunction symptoms seem to show up. Catching it early, and then doing the right treatment, can really improve reproductive outcomes and the overall chances of a healthier pregnancy.

(The writer is a Senior Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynecology, Rainbow Children’s Hospital, Sarjapur Road)

Shiny Doshi: Girls in my family didn’t have that liberty



Actress Shiny Doshi looked back on her journey in the entertainment industry and revealed how once even thinking or dreaming of being an actress, was never considered an acceptable career choice for girls in her family.

However, she credited her mother for being the pillar of strength who stood by her through every step of her journey.

Shiny said, “The kind of family that I belong to, we girls didn’t have the liberty to go on screen and act or become a heroine. We didn’t have so much of support back then.”

The actress noted that

times now have changed and families have become far more accepting of careers in the entertainment industry.

“Now, people have become very supportive about it. So, coming here without the support of my family, wherein my mother was the only person who was standing like a rock, and the support that I have received from her, the support that I am where I am today. So, it was a very beautiful journey,” she shared.

Shiny also reflected on her professional growth over the years, and said every project has contributed to her evolution as an actor.

“I have worked with a dif-

ferent team in every show. I have learnt something new from every show. And I have seen a growth from every show, which I feel is very important. And I am very happy to be working with everyone I have worked with till now,” she added.

Talking about the actress’ career, Shiny began her professional journey with the television show ‘Saraswathichandra’ in 2013 and went on to feature in popular shows including ‘Jamai Raja’, ‘Bahu Hamari Rajni Kant’, ‘Laal Ishq’, ‘Shrimad Bhagwat Mahapurani’, ‘Pandya Store’ and ‘Barsatein – Mausam Pyaar Ka’.

She was also seen in the reality show ‘The 50’.

Sudha Reddy commands Paris Haute Couture Week front row



Three days, three couture houses, one very full jewellery box. The Hyderabad-based billionaire and philanthropist returned to Paris Haute Couture Week for the first time since 2022, following her much-talked-about Met Gala look earlier this year, with an estimated \$30 million in personal jewellery across her front-row appearances.

At Giorgio Armani Privé, she wore Look 74 — an iridescent blue jacket with hints of violet and forest green, fitted at the waist in classic Armani style. A crystal-covered Louis Vuitton Capucines bag added shine, but her jewellery stood out most: a 30-carat panther-motif ear piece set fully in diamonds, along with the 23-carat yellow diamond ring and 30-carat rose-cut polki ring she’d worn to the Met Gala. The next day was Elie Saab’s Citrus & Salt collection, and a completely different mood — a strapless gown in citrus tones with delicate floral embroidery. A custom turquoise Elie Saab ear cuff, a rare gesture from the house, and a seashell-shaped Cult Gaia clutch rounded out the look, alongside a 21-carat pigeon-blood ruby ring and a 25-carat emerald ring. Her last stop was Manish Malhotra’s Indian couture debut in Paris. A structured corseted gown with a cropped chocolate-brown jacket, sharp puff sleeves and hand-embroidered 3D floral detailing gave the outfit real weight and texture. Here she wore the standout piece of the week: a custom



75-carat diamond bow necklace inspired by Persian design, paired with a floral diamond hair piece, a 25-carat square-cut diamond ring and a 21-carat round-cut diamond ring. Three houses, three very different looks — Armani’s

restraint, Saab’s romance, Malhotra’s scale — and Reddy matched each one with jewellery and presence to spare. Across all three appearances, she showed that a front-row seat can be its own kind of statement.

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- 1 Permit (5)
- 6 Artist’s stand (5)
- 9 An excuse (7)
- 10 Agreement of aims (5)
- 11 The house of justice? (5)
- 12 Sharply inclined (5)
- 13 Leading lady (7)
- 15 Boxing wins (3)
- 17 Chief Norse deity (4)
- 18 Ancient enemy of Athens (6)
- 19 Peter, Paul or Xavier (5)
- 20 Expose a fraud (6)

- 22 This one’s ___ : I’ll pay the bill? (2,2)
- 24 East Anglian city - “ley” anagram (3)
- 25 Frontiers (7)
- 26 Appear suddenly (3,2)
- 27 Pursue stealthily (5)
- 28 Defamation in writing (5)
- 29 Most weird or bizarre (7)
- 30 Candice’s father (5)
- 31 Expiring (5)

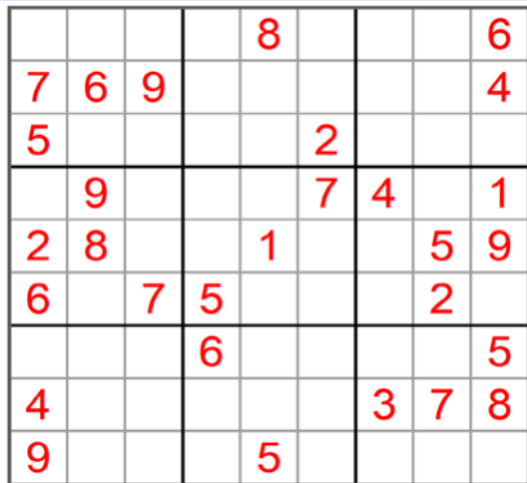
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- 2 Joined (6)
- 3 Alternative (6)
- 4 Lopsided (3)
- 5 Condition (5)
- 6 Extract (7)
- 7 Over or above (4)
- 8 Implant deeply (6)
- 12 Tell-tale (5)
- 13 Throng (5)
- 14 Eleanor of song (5)
- 15 Currency unit of Norway (5)
- 16 Strong boxes (5)
- 18 Nose around (5)
- 19 Variety of pool (7)
- 21 Jubilant (6)
- 22 Peculiarity (6)
- 23 British comic role (2,4)
- 25 Prehistoric chisel-like tool (5)
- 26 Earnest request (4)
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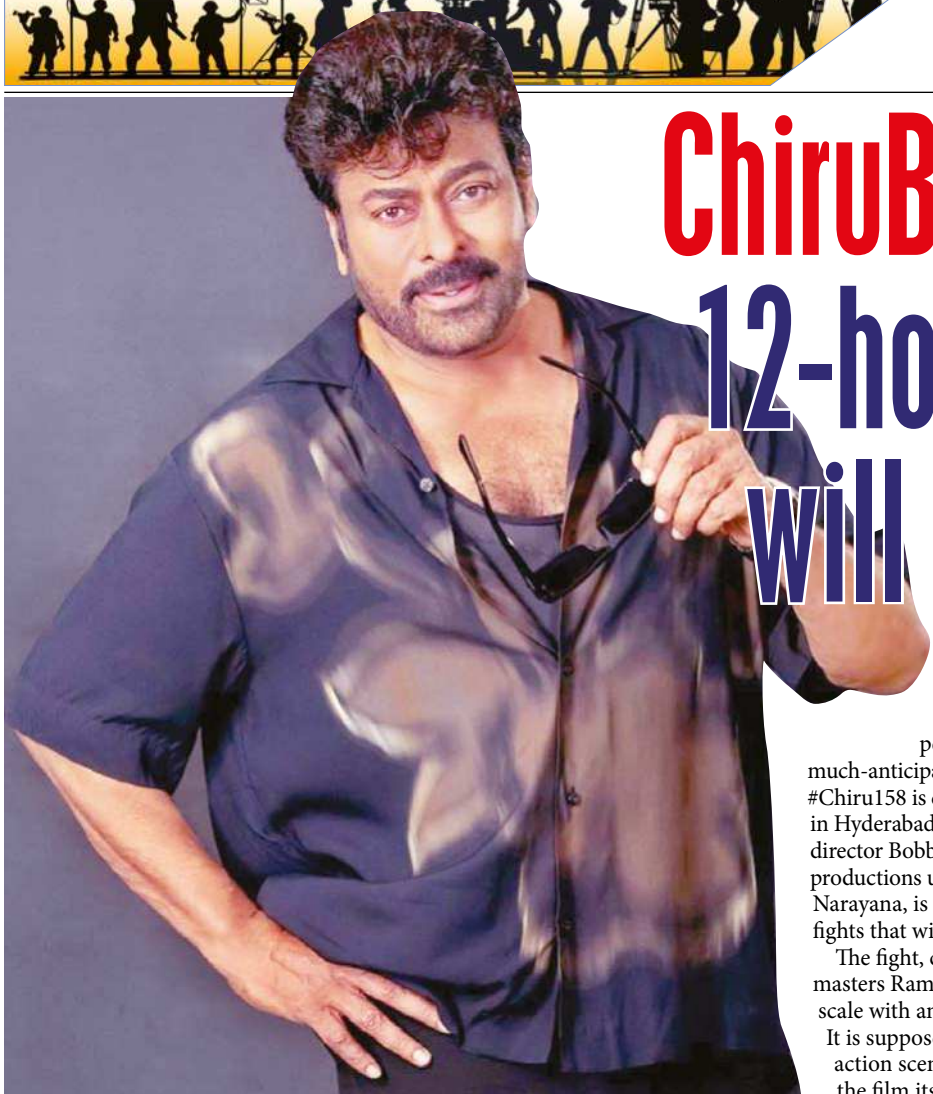


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ChiruBobby2: Chiranjeevi's 12-hour rain action shoot will be major highlight

Once again, the mega star Chiranjeevi is breaking the boundaries with his performance. The shooting of his much-anticipated entertainer #ChiruBobby2 / #Chiru158 is currently happening at full speed in Hyderabad. The film, directed by blockbuster director Bobby Kolli and presented by KVN productions under the banner of Venkat K. Narayana, is in the middle of one of the largest fights that will be seen in the film. The fight, choreographed by renowned stunt masters Ram Lakshman, is mounted on a large scale with an equally large group of fighters. It is supposed to become one of the biggest action scenes both in Chiru's career and in the film itself.

What surprised everybody, though, was Chiranjeevi's involvement in the shoot. It is stated that the actor came to the shoot at 9 am and worked non-stop until almost 9 pm. He managed to do a tremendous amount of work during the 12-hour long shoot, including multiple action scenes. He was especially enthusiastic about this particular fight. His amazing dedication and devotion to work once again proved why Chiranjeevi is one of the best actors in the industry. It is also worth mentioning that soon the makers are planning to release the title teaser of the film. The film features a great team of technicians, including music composer Thaman S, Cinematographer Vijay Karthik Kannan, Production designer Avinash Kolla, and Editor Antony Ruben. Screenplay is written by Kona Venkat, K. Chakravarthy Reddy, Hari Mohana Krishna and Vineeth Potluri, with dialogues provided by Bhanu-Nandu.



Rashmika performs India's first female underwater fight sequence

National Crush Rashmika Mandanna is taking risks for the Pan-India Action entertainer Mysaa, as she prepares to deliver her most physically demanding performance to date. The film directed by debutant Rawindra Pulle and produced by Unformula films is reaching the finish line with a quick pace, while the makers get ready to unveil the first look of the movie soon. It may be noted that one of the core attractions of the film is the underwater action sequence, in which the star performer spends almost 20 hours below the water surface for two days, as she does it all on her own without using a body double for the shot. The makers claim that it is India's first female underwater fight

face-off, which will keep the viewers glued to the edge of their seats. As for the plot, in Mysaa, Rashmika has donned the role of a Gond tribal lady, for which she has done immense hard work and training prior to the commencement of the shoot. Her preparations for the role have stunned everyone, including the technical crew and the action stunt team. The film also stars Rahul Ravindra and Eshwari Rao in the pivotal roles. The cinematography has been brilliantly captured by Shreyaas P. Krishna, while the music has been composed by Jakes Bejoy. Notably, internationally acclaimed stunt choreographer Kecha Khamphak-dee has designed the action portions of the movie.

'Maremma' story moved me deeply: Lyricist Mittapalli Surender

Debutant Madhav (son of popular actor Raghu and nephew of Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja) is coming with In the upcoming village action drama Maremma. The movie directed by Manchala Nagaraju and presented by Moksha Arts production house is all set to allure the Telugu movie buffs with the fascinating storyline and melodious music. Recently in an interaction with media persons, lyricist Mittapalli Surender disclosed that the story of Maremma has moved him deeply. Further adding that he was emotional while listening to the climax narration of the film, he even ended up sobbing alongside the director. The lyricist expressed, "The song Maari, which is about the hero's calf and its emotional bonding with



him, is very special for me. I have spent my childhood days witnessing this kind of bonding between people and animals. I want this song to live forever." Talking about the performance of debutant Madhav, Surender says, "The young hero has indeed gone to great lengths to essay the character of Karni. In fact, I feel the audience will see Karni and not the

man playing him." He also appreciated the efforts of producer Mayur Reddy Bandaru for giving him this opportunity without minding the expenses and complemented the directorial skills of Manchala Nagaraju who has meticulously worked on each and every department, including the lyrics of the film. Surender concluded by mentioning that he has been busy writing some of the most emotional songs for the film Peddi. Further adding that he has also been working on almost ten films and hopes that his work in the films will bring back the legacy of the legendary lyricist Veturi and Chandrabose. He also said that his motive has always been to write songs that can be enjoyed by people of all ages.

Jagapathi Babu's 'Vadala' trailer creates buzz

Versatile hero Jagapathi babu's family thriller 'Vadala' directed by Akella V. Krishna and presented by Kishore Naidu Chirumamilla and Tammarady Bharadwaja under Charitha Chitra Production is all set to hit the theaters on July 17. The movie stars Laya and Hrithika Srinivas in the lead roles and the makers have released the trailer recently which has created quite an impression among the viewers. The trailer introduces Yogi, a loving father figure to his two kids, whose blissful family life is shattered when a young girl falls in love with him, as the mysterious forces start targeting his wife. The thrilling tale delves into the minds of the characters, portraying the intricate psychological game of family secrets revealing a host of startling twists. Shot by noted photographer Chota K Naidu, music composed by Karthik



Kodakandla, well edited by Kotagiri Venkateswara Rao and supported by the compelling story of Lakshmi Bhupal, the film seems to be a treat for the audience. While talking about the film at the trailer launch event, the star himself said that the viewers will witness his different genre in the film. He also added that he had a great opportunity to deliver as the lead hero in the film. Further, he urged the people to watch the films on the big screen to spread positivity. On the other hand, Tammarady Bharadwaja, one of the producers of the film,

said that 'Vadala' will connect with the audience as the film industry is witnessing a paradigm shift at the present time. Meanwhile, the heroine, Laya appreciated the team for giving her an opportunity and said that she is happy to work with Jagapathi Babu once again. The other leading lady of the film, Hrithika Srinivas, said that the film is an incredible opportunity for her. Akella V. Krishna, director of the film, thanked the team for their immense efforts and said that the movie will leave the film lovers glued to their seats after its release on July 17.



'Kotha Cinema' new song celebrates the dreams of aspiring filmmakers

Kotha cinema, a special Telugu movie, has been created by the local Godavarikhani talents and is going to be released soon, presenting almost 100 new faces to Tollywood. Starring Suresh and Rakesh, debut director Azhar directed the film. Mohammed Wasim Akram, Sagi Sudheer Rao, and Yadandla Satish Yadav are the producers of the movie. Recently, a press meet was held in Hyderabad to release the promotional song 'Memu Kuda Cinema Teesinamuro'. The song, which has been composed and tuned by Charan Arjun, narrates the dreams of the young aspirants from



Godavarikhani who wish to make a career in film industry but who do not get the required platform. The function was graced by the presence of Ramagundam MLA Makkann Singh Raj Thakur, producer Madhura Sreedhar Reddy, director Sailu Kampati, actor RK Sagar, etc. Speaking on the occasion, the director said, "It is a message to the people that cinema is not the exclusive preserve of the city and that even in the village, with the local talent, one can make good films." Suresh, a local shopkeeper, and Rakesh, an employee of Singareni,

quickly pointed out that they had participated in the local auditions and grabbed the chance. They called upon the people to support the new talent. Meanwhile, the producer of the film, Madhura Sreedhar Reddy, who also watched the movie, praised the unit for doing a fabulous job. The MLA also congratulated them for their first venture saying that the government would support such films that promote the local talent. He also hoped that it would motivate many young people in Telangana to take up direction and screenplay.

Krithi Shetty stuns with new photoshoot

Krithi Shetty continues to remain in the limelight for her style statements on social media. The actress, whose recent releases LIK and Vaa Vaathiyar failed to make an impact at the box office, was once again flooded with praises after sharing the latest glamorous pictures with fans. Looking stunning in a black backless outfit, the actress stole the hearts of many who complimented her on the latest look. Krithi has been going strong with her style quotient and the latest photo shoot also saw her looking alluring in the bold backless attire. Looking gorgeous, she stunned in the picture with wavy hair, minimal jewelry, and beautiful poses that fetched her massive appreciations on social media. With fans calling her the best-dressed star in South Indian cinema, Krithi is once again being called the best in her industry for the style statements that she makes. Though, the box-office collections are not as expected of her recent releases, Krithi Shetty has been continuously ruling the hearts of the people. In her professional career, Krithi is now eyeing the Genie movie, which is a fantasy entertainer, where she is set to surprise her fans with new looks and style statements.

