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RSS has decided it knows truth of 1.5 bn people: Rahul
Launching a sharp ideological attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused the organisation of attempting to impose its version of the "truth" on 1.5 billion.

Mitigating adverse impacts of Artificial Intelligence
The AI for Good Global Commission is a high-level international commission established with the support of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was officially launched during the AI for Good event.

Bulls storm back after 7-day rout
Benchmark equity indices bounced back on Thursday, with the Sensex climbing 628 points and the Nifty snapping its seven-day losing streak as easing global bond yields fueled a stock rally worldwide.

'Killer/KillR' release date creates buzz
The makers of the sci-fi thriller Killer/KillR have announced October 17 as the worldwide theatrical release date of the film which will witness the grand opening on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadashami.

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WINDOWS

Bapu's manuscript sold for record Rs 16.2 crore

NEW DELHI: A collection of 688 autographed reflections by Mahatma Gandhi on truth, ahimsa, and service among other subjects to his close associate and freedom fighter Anand T Hingorani was sold for Rs 16.20 crore at a Saffronart auction, setting the world record for an Indian historical document sold at an auction. Written over a span of two years after the death of Hingorani's wife Vidya, the daily handwritten messages of guidance, reflection, and encouragement were later compiled into a book titled "A Thought for the Day" and stand among the most intimate surviving records of correspondence between the two. The auction, "Gandhi: From the Collection of Anand T Hingorani", featured 86 lots of letters, manuscripts, photographs and personal objects associated with Gandhi.

PM's degree row: HC to hear case on September 29

NEW DELHI: The Delhi High Court on Thursday listed for hearing on September 29 appeals by RTI applicants against an order refusing disclosure of details of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's bachelor's degree. "At request made on behalf of the appellant, list on September 29," a bench of Chief Justice D K Upadhyaya and Justice Tejas Karia said after a request was made to take up the case after a few other matters. The appeals challenge a single judge's August 2025 order that set aside a Central Information Commission (CIC) decision directing disclosure of Modi's degree. Counsel for the appellant on Thursday said on the earlier occasion, the court had granted time to the Delhi University to file objections to the delay in filing of the appeals.

Alamgir becomes Bangladesh's new President

DHAKA: Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir, a longtime secretary general of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and a close ally of former premier Khaleda Zia, was on Thursday elected as the country's new President in the first contested poll for the post in 35 years.

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MASTER PLAN 2047: 40L more houses in Capital

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

NEW Delhi: Delhi has unveiled its long-term development blueprint, the Master Plan for Delhi 2047 (MPD-2047), aimed at transforming the national capital into a more connected, sustainable and economically vibrant global city while preparing for a projected population of 3.2 crore by 2047. Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar unveiled the plan on Thursday in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Lieutenant Governor Taranjit

Singh Sandhu. The blueprint is aligned with the Centre's "Viksit Bharat @ 2047" vision.

Prepared by the Delhi Development Authority (DDA), the plan adopts an infrastructure-led growth model, directing development towards areas with existing or planned roads, public transport, water supply and digital connectivity.

Housing is a major focus, with Delhi expected to require nearly 40 lakh additional residential units by 2047. The DDA plans to address the demand through land pooling and redevelopment, including

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around Metro stations and major transport corridors; a 138-hectare Education Hub in Narela to promote education, technology and entrepreneurship; AI-enabled planning and digital land management for greater transparency and efficiency



higher-density development around transport corridors.

Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) will

integrate housing with public transportation,

particularly around metro stations and major corridors. The plan also proposes economic corridors and industrial clusters to attract investment and generate employment. A 138-hectare Education Hub in Narela is envisaged as a centre for education, technology and entrepreneurship.

The blueprint seeks to improve living conditions in slums and JJ clusters through in-situ redevelopment, allowing residents to remain close to their existing communities. Unauthorised colonies will also be integrated into the formal urban structure through regularisation and

improvements in roads, sewerage and civic amenities.

Environmental sustainability is another major pillar. The plan promotes green-blue infrastructure, restoration of Yamuna floodplains, urban forests and ecological corridors. Delhi's green cover, currently around 22 per cent, is to be strengthened.

Transport planning will prioritise public transport, pedestrians and cyclists over private vehicles. Expansion of the MRTS and RRTS is expected to improve connectivity with NCR cities such as Meerut, Panipat and Karnal.



Sajjan serving lifer in 1984 riots case dies

HANS NEWS SERVICE
NEW DELHI

FORMER Congress MP Sajjan Kumar, who was serving life sentence in connection with the 1984 anti-Sikh riots, died at Safdarjung Hospital here on Thursday.

According to the hospital, Kumar, aged 84 years, was brought to the medical facility by police with altered sensorium.

"Sajjan Kumar, aged 84 years, was brought to VMMC and Safdarjung Hospital by police with altered sensorium around 11 am. He was immediately admitted and resuscitation measures were initiated," the hospital said in a statement.

"Despite providing all necessary medical and life-support measures, he could not be saved and passed away at 12:30 pm," it said.

"He was a known case of high blood pressure and Parkinson's disease and had a history of multiple hospital admissions in the past," the statement said. He was lodged in Tihar Jail. Kumar, a three-time Lok Sabha member, represented the Outer Delhi constituency and had been a prominent Congress leader. He resigned from the party after his 2018 conviction. He was serving multiple life sentences after his conviction in cases linked to the 1984 anti-Sikh riots in Delhi.

NEET protest: Top court forms panel to probe police excesses

SC asks the Committee to undertake a continuous and periodic assessment of the issues and submit its interim findings periodically

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NEW DELHI

THE Supreme Court has formed a five-member high-powered committee headed by former top court judge Justice R Subhash Reddy to examine allegations of police excesses against student



protesters in Delhi recently and violence against police personnel.

A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana said the committee would also comprise former Punjab and Haryana high court Chief Justice Ravi Shankar Jha, former Delhi high court Judge Justice

Shalinder Kaur, former CBI director Rishi Kumar Shukla and retired Meghalaya DGP L R Bishnoi.

"This HPEC (High-Powered Enquiry Committee) has been constituted bearing in mind a wide variety of considerations, including the individual expertise and experience of each of

its members, as well as the diversity of the Committee, among other factors.

It asked the Committee to undertake a continuous and periodic assessment of the issues and shall submit its interim findings periodically.

"We are confident that the recommendations of the HPEC will be of invaluable assistance to this Court, and the Committee will be able to undertake a comprehensive assessment of all such issues as merit due contemplation," the bench said.

The top court clarified that as a matter of abundant caution, the enquiry undertaken by the HPEC shall not be a one-time exercise.

Shivakumar seeks 543 LS seats, 1971 Census

HANS NEWS SERVICE
CHENNAI

KARNATAKA Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Thursday urged the Southern Zonal Council to adopt a resolution asking the Union government to honour the 1971 census for delimitation, retain 543 Lok Sabha seats for 25 years and fit women's reservation within the existing seats, while also touching upon inter-state river disputes where he stated "water must not divide us."

The meeting was chaired by Union Home Minister Amit



Shah and attended by CMs of Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Andhra Pradesh, C Joseph Vijay, VD Satheesan and N Chandrababu Naidu, among others.

His remarks on water comes at a time when Karnataka and neighbouring Tamil Nadu are locked in a

bitter dispute over the sharing of the inter-state Cauvery river. Further, he also made a strong pitch for greater fiscal and political equity for the southern states, calling for "fairness in funds, fairness in voice and fairness in the respect owed to the states that power this economy." Shivakumar noted that south was the "engine of the Indian economy", with the five southern states accounting for nearly 33 per cent of the country's GDP despite having about 20 per cent of its population.

Rs 20 sugar shock in 17 days: Kejriwal blames E20 policy

Govt caps sugar stock for bulk consumers ahead of festival season, claims Food Minister Pralhad Joshi

PURNA SINGH
NEW DELHI

AAM Aadmi Party National Convenor Arvind Kejriwal has blamed the Modi government's ethanol policy (E20) for a sharp rise in sugar prices, claiming that retail prices have increased by nearly ₹20 per kg in just 17 days, from around ₹46 to ₹65.

Kejriwal alleged that diverting sugarcane for ethanol production had reduced sugar availability and pushed up prices. He questioned the government's decision to promote ethanol blending in petrol, saying the policy was aimed at reducing crude oil imports



and saving foreign exchange but could now force India to spend foreign exchange on importing sugar.

He alleged that India, once

a major sugar-exporting country, was now facing a situation where imports could become necessary. "They said ethanol blending

would save foreign exchange spent on importing oil. Now we are being forced to spend the same foreign exchange on importing sugar," he said.

The Centre imposed a stockholding limit on bulk consumers of sugar, amid concerns over rising prices due to tight supplies ahead of the festival season.

Food Minister Pralhad Joshi, announced that bulk consumers using more than 10 tonnes of sugar a month will not be allowed to hold stock beyond what they would consume in 15 days.

The order will come into force from September 1 and remain in effect till November 30.

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Yogi seeks overhaul of Sarvodaya schools, timely scholarships

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LUCKNOW

UTTAR Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday called for a comprehensive overhaul of the management and functioning of Jai Prakash Narayan Sarvodaya residential schools and directed officials to expedite the recruitment of teachers against vacant posts, officials said.

Chairing a review meeting of the Social Welfare Department in the presence of Minister Asim Arun, Adityanath directed officials

to frame clear rules for the schools and initiate steps for setting up a society to ensure more systematic management and functioning of the institutions, according to an official statement.

The review meeting comes as Uttar Pradesh witnessed a series of Gen Alpha student protests in recent weeks, with schoolchildren taking to the streets and even approaching district collectorates to press for basic amenities, infrastructure improvements and other demands in Lucknow, Kannauj, Unnao, Fatehpur,

The review meeting comes as UP witnessed a series of Gen Alpha student protests in recent weeks, with schoolchildren taking to the streets and even approaching district collectorates to press for basic amenities, infrastructure improvements in many parts of the state

Hamirpur, Mahoba and Azamgarh, among other places. In Lucknow, students raised concerns, including over shortage of teachers in government-run residential schools twice within a week, by blockading road traffic amid rains.

The chief minister sought information on the availability of teachers and other staff, facilities being provided to students and the overall management of the schools, the statement said. The meeting was informed that the number of the Social Welfare

Department-run Jai Prakash Narayan Sarvodaya schools in Uttar Pradesh has increased from 93 before 2017 to 103 in 2025-26. Of these, 59 are affiliated with the CBSE and 44 with the Uttar Pradesh Board, it stated. Adityanath directed officials to speed up the process of filling vacant teaching posts and ensure adequate human resources in accordance with students' academic requirements. Further, the chief minister also directed officials to verify applications of eligible elderly people who have not yet received old-age

pension and ensure that they are brought under the scheme at the earliest. "Eligible elderly people should not have to wait unnecessarily," he said, stressing that the process from verification of applications to sanctioning of pension should be completed within a stipulated timeframe.

The meeting was informed that the number of beneficiaries under the National Old Age Pension Scheme has increased from 37.47 lakh in 2017-18 to 67.50 lakh in 2025-26. Around 11.50 lakh new applications are currently pending.

Bank staffer kills wife, sister before shooting himself

Waterlogging suspends train services at Rambagh station

HANS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW

A bank employee allegedly shot dead his wife, a bank official, and his sister before shooting himself in the Gomti Nagar area here around 12:15 pm on Thursday, police said. In a WhatsApp status posted before killing himself, the accused Manas Mishra alleged that he killed his wife because she had "betrayed" him.

The incident occurred outside an ICICI Bank branch in Gomti Nagar, where the woman, identified as Divya Mishra (37), worked as a relationship manager. According to police, she was in her car when her husband, Manas, who was allegedly waiting in an autorickshaw, called

her outside and shot her before fleeing the spot.

Police said the accused was reportedly experiencing marital discord with Divya. ADCP (East) Amol Murkut, who reached the bank following the incident, said the woman had worked there for the past three or four years.

"The deceased woman's co-workers at the bank identified the attacker as her husband," said the officer. Police said the accused was subse-

In a WhatsApp status posted before killing himself, the accused Manas Mishra alleged that he killed his wife because she had betrayed him

quently traced to the Husaria area, where he allegedly shot his sister Sheeba Bajpai before turning the weapon on himself.

Lucknow Commissioner of Police Tarun Gauba also reached the crime scene and took stock of the situation. Police said the investigation was underway and forensic

teams were examining evidence from the spots linked to the shootings. Pragma, a journalist and YouTuber, also posted on social media that the ICICI Bank employee who was shot was her sister.

"I just came to know that my sister has been shot at in Gominagar... May God save her," she said in a post

tagging the Lucknow police commissionerate and the Uttar Pradesh director general of police. Before the incident, Manas wrote on WhatsApp status that he intended to kill himself and his sister, and alleged that Divya's sister, Pragma, and her husband Bharat Yadav knew everything about the matter.

HANS NEWS SERVICE
PRAYAGRAJ

TRAIN operations originating and terminating at North Eastern Railway's Rambagh station here have been temporarily shifted to Jhunsi station due to waterlogging on the tracks after heavy rains in the city, officials said on Thursday. North Eastern Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Sumit Kumar told PTI that waterlogging at Rambagh station had forced the temporary shifting of operations of trains originating and terminating there to Jhunsi. "Prayagraj city is flooded following heavy rainfall over the last 24 hours.

Rambagh station is located in a low-lying area and water has accumulated in its yard. Efforts are being made to drain the water, but it is flowing back," Kumar said. He said four passenger trains that normally originate and terminate at Rambagh were, for the time

being, being operated from Jhunsi. North Central Railway Chief Public Relations Officer Shivam Sharma said there was no report of waterlogging at Prayagraj Junction, Naini and Prayagraj Chheoki stations and trains were running as per schedule. Heavy rain has also led to waterlogging in several low-lying areas of the city, including areas around the Sangam such as Alopibagh, Daraganj, Allahpur, Sobatiyabagh and George Town.

At some places, water has entered ground-floor houses, with residents reporting difficulties due to the inundation. Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday also targeted the Uttar Pradesh government over the situation, sharing on X a photograph showing waterlogging at a house in Prayagraj.

"These are serious conditions in Prayagraj. Anyone else, after swallowing Rs one lakh crore in the name of Prayagraj's development, would be so ashamed on seeing thousands of houses in this waterlogged condition that they would leave power," Yadav said in the post.

Murder case filed against 6 cops over jeweller's death

Dispute over samosas: Customer assaulted

HANS NEWS SERVICE
SHAHJAHANPUR

A murder case has been registered against six policemen in connection with the death of a 65-year-old bullion trader whose body was found at a neighbouring house under construction after police conducted a raid at his residence, officials said on Thursday.

The FIR was registered at Nigohi police station on Wednesday evening on a complaint by the deceased's wife, naming four policemen posted at Malihabad in Lucknow and two personnel from the local Nigohi police station, Additional Superintendent of Police (City)

Devendra Kumar said. The deceased, Umesh Gupta, was taken to the roof by the police during the raid and thrown from there, resulting in his death, his wife Shanti Devi alleged in her complaint.

She also alleged that the policemen had been extorting money from her husband and had developed animosity towards him after she complained to senior officials. She further alleged that the

policemen killed her husband and took away jewellery kept in the house.

On Wednesday morning, she had told reporters that she did not know how her husband died but held the police responsible for his death. Kumar said a theft case had been registered at Malihabad police station in Lucknow last year in which Gupta, a resident of Shahjahanpur, was named as an accused. The Malihabad police team had come to Nigohi (Shahjahanpur) with a court warrant, while the local police personnel accompanied them to assist in the raid at Gupta's house around 3 am on Wednesday, he said.

HANS NEWS SERVICE
VARANASI

A case has been registered against five people based on a customer's complaint after he alleged that the eatery owner assaulted him when he asked for hot samosas instead of cold ones, at a shop in Jalupura market here, police said on Thursday.

The Chaubeypur police station registered the case last Friday based on the court's orders, five months after the complainant approached the judiciary. Advocate Shiv Shankar Singh, who is also the complainant in the matter, said, "I had gone to Chandauli in February for

some work and stopped at a shop in Jalupura market while returning. I ordered two samosas and two pieces of barfi from a shop owned by Guptaeshwar Singh." After receiving the samosas, Singh complained that they were cold and asked the shop employees to heat them.

This led to an argument between him and the employees, after which he asked them to call the shop owner, he said. When Guptaeshwar Singh arrived, an argument broke out again over the demand for hot samosas. Singh

alleged that the shopkeeper told him, "Are you the collector that you should be given hot samosas?"

He alleged that the shopkeeper and others accompanying him then assaulted him. Singh said he approached the local police and later the police commissioner's office but received no relief, so he moved the court. According to police, the case has been registered under BNS sections 19(2), 115(2) (voluntarily causing hurt), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace), 35 (criminal intimidation), among others. Police said an investigation into the case is underway.

Cong MLAs boycott Raj Assembly proceedings

Skipped CWC meet to appear in exam: Channi

HANS NEWS SERVICE
JAIPUR

CONGRESS MLAs boycotted proceedings on the first day of the Monsoon session of the Rajasthan Assembly on Thursday over the issue of restrictions on the entry of outsiders in government schools across the state. Speaker Vasudev Devnani expressed disappointment over the absence of opposition members from the House and appealed to them to participate in the proceedings.

Government Chief Whip

Jogeshwar Garg and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Jogaram Patel also criticised the Congress legislators for staying away from the House. After obituary references and some legislative business, the proceedings were adjourned till Friday. Congress MLAs staged a protest outside the House over the restrictions on entry of outsiders in government schools and demanded the resignation of Education Minister Madan Dilawar.

The Congress legislators, led by Leader of Opposition

Tika Ram Jolly, marched from the Poddar School for Deaf and Mute towards the Assembly. The protesters alleged that the state government was trying to prevent the public and media from highlighting the condition of government schools. Police stopped Congress MLAs with barricades and a brief scuffle broke out between the protesters and police personnel, with some Congress leaders climbing onto the barricades. The legislators subsequently sat on a dharna outside the Assembly.

HANS NEWS SERVICE
CHANDIGARH

FORMER Punjab chief minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Thursday said party high command allowed him to skip the Congress Working Committee (CWC) meeting as he was to appear in an examination at Panjab University here. The meeting of the CWC, the party's highest decision-making body, was held in Delhi.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge, senior party leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi and several top leaders and special invitees besides all four chief ministers of Congress-ruled states attended the marathon meeting held in the aftermath of the students' agitation on paper leaks

and the Ram temple donations row. Channi, who is the sitting MP from Jalandhar, holds a PhD in

political science from Panjab University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration. He has also expressed interest in further research in the area of public policy reforms.

Replying to a question on skipping the CWC meeting, Channi said, "I had sought written permission from the party high command that I won't be able to attend the meeting on Wednesday." "Had I missed my paper, my degree would have been delayed by a year. And due to this, the research work, which I want to pursue, would have also got delayed," he told reporters on the Panjab University campus here. Speaking about the master's course, Channi said, "Today was my last exam of Masters in Public Administration. I want to undertake research in policy reforms and will pursue a PhD programme in this regard from Panjab University here".

Maya backs Gen Alpha protests, urges govts to address basic needs

HANS NEWS SERVICE
LUCKNOW

BSP supremo Mayawati on Thursday backed recent protests by Gen Alpha schoolchildren over basic amenities and infrastructure, saying it is a matter of "great sorrow and concern" that students are being forced to take to the streets to demand facilities needed for elementary education. In a post on X, Mayawati said "Gen Alpha", and particularly schoolchildren and their parents, are not only concerned about getting a good educa-

tion for a better future but have been continuously struggling for it. "The bitter ground reality of the deteriorating condition of schools across the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh and the states of north India, has made them extremely vocal," the former chief minister said. She said Gen Alpha students are participating "in large numbers and with full enthusiasm" in the nationwide 'School Thik Karo' campaign of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP).

"It is a matter of great sorrow and concern that inno-

'The bitter ground reality of the deteriorating condition of schools across the country, especially in Uttar Pradesh and the states of north India, has made them extremely vocal'

cent boys and girls, whose days are meant for laughing, playing, reading and writing, are being forced to struggle on the streets even for basic facilities for their elementary school education," the BSP chief said. Mayawati said education, particularly school education, has always been a matter of special concern for the Bahujan Sa-

maj because of B R Ambedkar's call to "educate".

She said the BSP governments in Uttar Pradesh under her leadership had given "full attention" to the interests, welfare and education of deprived and exploited sections so that families could lead a life of self-respect and equality with access to livelihood and education in accordance

with the Constitution. Instead of paying adequate attention to improving the government school system, all governments have largely ignored it, Mayawati charged. She alleged that a "conspiracy" is being pursued to make the entire government education system largely ineffective, just as the reservation system for these sections has been made ineffective. "Thousands of government schools are also being closed in this process, which the BSP has continuously opposed," she said. Mayawati said the short-

age of basic amenities such as school buildings, teachers, drinking water, toilets and cleanliness has now made Gen Alpha highly vocal and led them to launch protests. Uttar Pradesh has witnessed a series of student protests in recent weeks, with schoolchildren taking to the streets and even approaching district collectorates to press for basic amenities, infrastructure improvements and other demands in Lucknow, Kannauj, Unnao, Fatehpur, Hamirpur, Mahoba and Azamgarh, among other places.

Tech should empower retail investors to avoid risks

TECHNOLOGY has brought in a paradigm shift in the investors' behaviour in recent years. India has seen a surge in number of participants investing in equities. As per latest available data, the country has more than 21 crore demat accounts by the end of December, 2025. Though multiple demat accounts are being held by individual investor, still the number is higher as compared to a decade back. And such surge in demat account has been possible due to faster and easier demat account opening process.

The whole process has now been undertaken through technology-powered solutions. From eKYC to digital onboarding, now a person can complete the whole process without a physical visit to any financial institution. In addition, fintech startups like Zerodha and Groww have made stock investment extremely easier. The advent of discount brokerage firms has literally moved stock investment into the palms of investors.

Now, crores of investors invest in equities through the mobile apps of brokerage firms. While technology has created a culture of equity investing, it has also prompted lakhs of retail investors to do risky trading. A cursory look at these statistics will make this amply clear. In last financial year (FY26), losses incurred by retail investors in India's equity derivatives market stood at Rs 91,685 crore (around \$9.61 billion). Though it was a decline of around 18 per cent year-on-year basis, close to \$10 billion loss is not a small amount in any measure. These losses could have been

gainfully employed elsewhere by retail investors, which would have helped country's economic growth. In earlier years, losses were higher as compared to FY26.

After the market regulator, Sebi introduced various new norms, discouraging retail investors to trade in future & options (F&O), losses have declined in FY26. And technology-powered trading apps is one of the major factors behind such surge in derivative trading by retail investors.

In future and options trading, which is considered as one of the risky trading instruments in the equities; retail investors are competing against large institutional investors like big banks, NBFCs, pension funds and others. These institutional investors not only have better information sources,

but also are powered by cutting-edge technology tools. For instance, algo trading is a widely known practice by institutional investors, where the computer programme automates the trade based on the parameters given. Here, trades are executed in fraction of seconds. Compare this with the kind of trading undertaken by retail investors. This puts retail investors at a distinct disadvantage. With the increasing adoption of artificial intelligence (AI), the speed and accuracy of trades undertaken by institutional investors have increased manifold. So, though technology-powered brokerage firms' apps enable a retail trader to execute a trade, it can't possibly match with an AI-powered platform used by a big investor. Moreover, AI has increased the chances of market

manipulation. For instance, AI can help in creating misleading information about a company or stock or on overall market, which can then be posted in social media platforms. Market manipulators then try to amplify the reach of such posts to trap the retail investors. So, risks have aggravated after the advent of AI-kind of new age technology.

It can be said that technology has emerged as both a boon and a bane for Indian retail investors. In this contest, it will be better if technology can be leveraged to make well-informed decisions about a stock, do research about the market, and undertake hassle free investment than to dabble in risky derivative trade or to get trapped through technology-driven market manipulation tactics.

LETTERS

'Blanket clemency' for CJP

THIS is further to your editorial 'Govt should pronto drop cases against Jantar Mantar protestors'. There are no two views about genuine student protesters at Jantar Mantar who were involved in violent rioting with the police be granted one time pardon, and the police cases against them be quashed. But, there must be genuine remorse on their part, not to repeat the act in future protests, hoping for a similar reprieve. The CJP agitation, if enacted solely on the strength of students, without any out side anti-social elements being part of it would have been a success; in which the general public too would have extended their spontaneous support. But, needless shortcut methods were adopted involving ruffians with criminal elements to be part of the movement in order to intimidate the police. The acts of such characters were amply evident on the ground when the policemen were attacked and the vehicles vandalised. The blanket clemency on accused in the Jantar Mantar incident will further embolden the students who are on a warpath. The government must be tough on those elements involved in the crime; but be considerate of students, whose careers are at stake if a police complaint is filed against them.

S Lakshmi, Hyderabad

RSS members in NCERT panel

WHILE the din over irregularities in the conduct of national examinations, particularly NEET by the National Testing Agency (NTA), and the student protests that followed may be dying down, another matter of serious concern has emerged. It is reported that the NCERT has reconstituted the Textbook Development Team for Classes 11 and 12 Political Science, with at least four members having direct or indirect links with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). There have long been allegations that some CBSE textbooks reflect RSS ideology, distort history, and glorify Hindutva figures who had little or no role in India's Freedom struggle. The new panel is reportedly tasked with reviewing textbooks and integrating themes such as cultural rootedness and Indian Knowledge Systems. Given the availability of eminent scholars and academics in education and political science, why were individuals reportedly associated with the RSS chosen for such an important task? One cannot help wondering whether this is part of a deliberate attempt to reshape the political narrative presented to future generations.

Tharcius S Fernando, Chennai

TN CM should act fast on DMK 'misrule'

THE Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay said he had evidence of corruption in the previous DMK Government, and would reveal it when necessary. The people of State have every right to clear the cloud by the CM since the matter is concerning much and involves public money. The Chief Minister has sworn an oath to faithfully and conscientiously discharge his duties and to do right to all people in accordance with the Constitution and the law, without fear or favour. If he possesses credible evidence of corruption committed under the previous government, does that constitutional oath permit him to simply keep the evidence "on his table" and wait indefinitely for a politically convenient time? The oath may not require him to disclose every piece of evidence publicly before due process. But it surely requires him to act upon credible evidence through the lawful constitutional and investigative mechanisms available to the State. Otherwise, allegations of corruption risk being reduced to political rhetoric while potential offences involving public money remain uninvestigated. If the evidence exists, let the appropriate authority investigate it, let those responsible answer it, and let the law take its course.

A P Thiruvadi, Chennai

T N largesse could be contagious

PROPOS, "A car, driver and Rs 1L allowance: TN MLAs' windfall from CM Vijay," (THI, Aug 20). The reported decision of the Vijay-led TVK government to provide cars, ₹75,000 monthly allowance to each of Tamil Nadu's 234 MLAs, and another ₹25,000 for an assistant deserves strong public criticism. Such a generous package raises serious questions about priorities and financial responsibility. At a time when citizens demand better roads, healthcare, education, jobs and basic services, public money should not be spent on expanding political privileges. Elected representatives enter public life to serve people, not to treat politics as a source of comfort and personal benefits. Moreover, such concessions could set a dangerous precedent, with legislators in other States demanding similar facilities. Governments must promote austerity, accountability and responsible spending.

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BENGALURU ONLINE

Viral video puts woman police officer in spotlight

BENGALURU: A video allegedly showing a woman police officer engaging in an inappropriate conversation with a jailed inmate through a WhatsApp video call has gone viral on social media, triggering controversy within the police department. The officer featured in the video has now approached the Cubbon Park police, alleging that the footage was recorded and circulated without her consent.

According to the complaint, the officer had been acquainted with a rowdy-sheeter identified as Dharma several years ago. She allegedly spoke to him through a video call, during which he recorded the conversation. The officer has alleged that Dharma subsequently shared the recording with another rowdy-sheeter, Saikumar, who circulated it on social media.

The officer has sought action against Dharma, Saikumar and others allegedly involved in making the video public. She has claimed that the circulation of the footage has damaged her reputation and caused considerable embarrassment. In her complaint, the officer stated that she was working as an officer in charge of security at a Metro station. She also referred to her family and social standing while seeking legal action against those responsible for circulating the video.

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Mitigating adverse impacts of Artificial Intelligence



DR P SUBRAMANYACHARY

THE AI for Good Global Commission is a high-level international commission established with the support of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was officially launched during the AI for Good event held in July 2026. The Commission comprises 44 founding commissioners and members, including heads of state, chief executive officers (CEOs) of leading global companies, technology experts, and representatives of international organizations.

The Commission is co-chaired by Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda, and Marc Benioff, Chairman and CEO of Salesforce. Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), serves as the Vice-Chair. From India, Mukesh Ambani, Sunil Bharti Mittal, and Lakshmi N. Mittal have been appointed as founding members of the Commission.

The inaugural meeting of the AI for Good Global Commission was held on July 8 in Geneva, Switzerland. Although the Commission's first meeting took place on that day, it formed part of the broader AI for Good Global Summit 2026, which was held from July 7-10. The four-day summit featured more than 300 sessions, including conferences, exhibitions, training workshops, demonstrations, and high-level discussions.

The deliberations focused primarily on AI governance, technological innovation, and

the role of artificial intelligence in achieving sustainable development, along with strategies to maximize AI's benefits while mitigating its potential risks and adverse impacts.

More than 40 founding commissioners participated in the inaugural meeting of the AI for Good Global Commission. During the meeting, the Commission adopted several key resolutions. Among the most significant were strengthening trustworthy and ethical AI governance and expanding global access to artificial intelligence, with particular emphasis on the needs of developing countries. The Commission also resolved to promote international collaboration among governments, industries, academic and research institutions, civil society organizations, and international organizations.

It emphasized the effective use of AI to help achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in critical sectors such as healthcare, education, climate change, and agriculture. Another key priority identified by the Commission was reducing the digital divide by investing in digital infrastructure, skill development, and capacity building.

In addition, the Commission reaffirmed that the development of human-centric artificial intelligence that safeguards human rights, promotes inclusiveness, and enhances public welfare is of paramount importance. It further emphasized that its primary objective is to ensure that the benefits of AI are shared equitably by all countries and all sections of society. However, the AI for Good Global Commission is not a regulatory body. Rather, it serves primarily as an advisory and coordinating platform. Consequently, for its recommendations to have a meaningful and lasting impact, they must be adopted and implemented by national governments and other relevant institutions around the world.



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AI: Impact on employment and sustainable development

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is bringing about significant transformations in the global economy. Its impact is particularly evident in the areas of employment and sustainable development. According to the Future of Jobs Report 2025 published by the World Economic Forum (WEF), AI and other emerging technologies are expected to create approximately 170 million new jobs worldwide by 2030.

At the same time, around 92 million jobs are projected to disappear, leading to major changes in the global labour market. Routine and repetitive tasks in sectors such as manufacturing, customer service, administration, and data processing are particularly vulnerable to auto-

mation. As a result, millions of workers will need to undergo re-skilling and upskilling to adapt to the changing nature of work. According to estimates by the International Labour Organization (ILO), nearly one-quarter (25%) of global employment is likely to be affected by generative AI.

Clerical and administrative occupations, in particular, are expected to experience the greatest impact due to the increasing automation of routine office tasks. If the benefits of AI are concentrated primarily among highly skilled workers and technology-driven enterprises, there is a significant risk that income inequality will widen further.

Therefore, governments, industries, and educational institutions must work together to ensure that the gains from AI are distributed more equitably through inclusive policies, workforce development, and access to digital skills.

From the perspective of sustainable development, AI systems require large-scale data centres that consume substantial amounts of electricity and water for their operation and maintenance. If these facilities are not powered by renewable or clean energy sources, they can place additional pressure on the environment and contribute to higher carbon emissions.

Developing countries may also face significant challenges due to limited digital infrastructure and a shortage of AI-related skills, increasing the risk of falling behind in the global digital economy. This could further widen the technological and digital divide between developed and developing nations. At the same time, the responsible and ethical use of AI offers immense opportunities.

AI can improve energy efficiency, enable more accurate climate change forecasting, enhance the accessibility and quality of healthcare services, and increase agricultural productiv-

ity through precision farming and data-driven decision-making.

Therefore, it is essential to implement effective AI governance, strengthen quality education, promote skill development, and invest in reskilling and upskilling initiatives. These measures are crucial to ensuring that the benefits of AI are inclusive, sustainable, and contribute positively to long-term economic and social development.

Significance of AI for Good Global Commission for India

The AI for Good Global Commission is of great significance to India. It supports the development of responsible and ethical artificial intelligence, promotes digital inclusion, and helps the country effectively address the economic and social challenges arising from the rapid adoption of AI.

India's AI ecosystem is expanding rapidly. Recognizing its strategic importance, the Government of India approved the IndiaAI Mission in 2024 with a budget of ₹10,371.92 crore. The mission aims to strengthen AI infrastructure, skill development, innovation, and research, thereby positioning India as a global leader in artificial intelligence. AI has the potential to deliver substantial benefits across several key sectors in India, including healthcare, agriculture, education, disaster management, and public service delivery.

In particular, the Commission can support India by: Promoting ethical and trustworthy AI standards, strengthening international cooperation on AI governance and innovation, enhancing cybersecurity and digital resilience and facilitating access to global best practices in AI development and regulation.

Furthermore, the Commission can help developing countries, including India, bridge the digital divide by encouraging equitable access

Why Lenin still remains relevant in modern times



ANJANI KUMAR

WHEN a special show was organised for screening of the new super hit movie of Akkineni Akhil – Lenin – at a private theatre, there was much excitement in the air. A select few were invited to watch the movie. It was an elite gathering of Hyderabad. The Akkinenis played a perfect host.

As the movie started, it was clear that the genes of the legendary Nageswara Rao and the ever-green Nagarajuna was speaking loudly in the outstanding performance of this young hero. The maturity of Akhil's acting skill and his successful effort to live in the role of a rural young man was

appreciated by all. Akhil has graduated from a hero to a fine artist now.

As violence depicted the prevailing mood of the Indian filmdom, earlier epitomised by Dhurandhar, one wonders if cinema represents the thought process of the contemporary society. If it does, then we need to do introspection about our society. The chat with Amla on the subject of violence in society and its impact on movies was interesting. Bhagyashri and Akhil together sparked a good on screen chemistry.

As we watched the movie, something which struck me was the title of the movie – Lenin. Man searches deep meaning in everything. During the interval while conversing with Akhil and Amla (whom age refuses to touch) the title Lenin was discussed. This part of the country has fascination with this name as there are many Lenin Babus here.

It was understandable in the decades of our independence and thereafter, when young



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boys were named after global leaders like Gandhi, Lenin, Stalin, Bose, Nehru, Patel, and other icons of those periods. But now in the third decade of the 21st century choosing Lenin as title of a movie has perhaps a special significance.

When the name Lenin appeals to us even after 100 years of Vladimir Lenin's death, it conveys many meanings. The irony of history is that Lenin and Mahatma Gandhi were contemporaries. Lenin brought the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, and Gandhi came to India from South Africa in 1915 after spending 21 years there. Both giants in their own way in liberating their respective countries from the then existing decadent systems.

Russia under the Tsar had

stagnated as a country and as a civilization. India under the British exploitative rule had transformed itself from being the richest country in the world to one of the poorest country in just 200 years. Inequality was the hallmark of both the countries when Lenin and Gandhi took the reins of leadership.

The closest Gandhi came to Russia was through Leo Tolstoy in whose name he had developed a farm in South Africa. Tolstoy's quote: "There is only one thing in this world which is worth dedicating all your life is creating more love and breaking barriers between people" impacted Gandhi all throughout.

Lenin and Gandhi with their diametrically opposite pathways of Ahimsa versus

the Communist violent revolution, brought an end to an exploitative system. India and Russia threw away their respective existing yokes. The Tsarist Russia and the British India primarily represented an unequal society where the few were exploiting the toiling masses. Lenin like Gandhi had kindled a ray of hope with an underlining principle of equality.

When Lenin carried forward the slogan "workers of the world, unite", it was a global message for unity and struggle against oppression and inequality. Has this slogan lost its relevance now? The Gen Z have to find an answer to this.

While Gandhi remains father of our nation, Russia threw away the communist path in the early 1990s. Gandhi too is facing difficulties as many scholars of WhatsApp University find it fashionable to criticise the Mahatma before whom the world leaders still bow with utmost reverence. India still has to discover a better export than Gandhi.

The misdeeds and purges

of Stalinist regime, and the failure of Soviet economy to modernise could not be attributed to Lenin. USSR failed as a State not because of the concept of Lenin but because of the application of a faulty state repressive policy. So far as the inequality in any society looms large, so far as the few controls the vast wealth of the nation, depriving the majority to struggle for daily bread and butter, Lenin would remain relevant.

These names would keep lurking in our minds and would compel the State for a real socialistic pattern of governance and society. It would yearn us to go beyond token doles but a systemic reform within a time bound limits. Giants like Lenin and Gandhi would remain icons of selfless service and inspiring leadership. Such title of a super hit movie reminds us of the harsh realities of economic disparity and an urgent need to address the issue.

(The author is a former Director General of Police, Telangana.)

Council passes 10 Bills amid YSRCP uproar

- Oppn seeks debate on Mega DSC, sports quota
- Chairman adjourns House twice as YSRCP members stage protest
- Bills on municipal laws, higher education and ease of doing business cleared



tation.

Meanwhile, the Chairman administered the oath to the newly nominated MLC under the Governor's quota, Vadde Dalavayi Rama Devi. With the Opposition continuing its protest, the Chairman adjourned the House for a second time at 11.50 am.

Even after the House was adjourned, the YSRCP members continued their agitation by sitting on the floor of the well, demanding a discussion on Mega DSC-2025, implementation of the sports quota and the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh.

The Council resumed at 12.44 pm, after which the Chairman asked Ministers to introduce the 10 Bills passed by the Assembly. The Council passed the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Laws (Third Amendment) Bill, 2026, introduced by Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P Narayana. It also passed the Andhra Pradesh Public

Libraries (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Regulation) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Andhra Pradesh State Educational Institutions (Reservation in Teachers' Cadre) (Amendment) Bill, 2026, and the Andhra Pradesh Skills Universities (Establishment and Regulation) Bill, 2026, introduced by HRD Minister Nara Lokesh.

The Council further passed the Andhra Pradesh Omnibus (Speed of Doing Business) Bill, 2026, introduced by Law and Justice and Minority Welfare Minister NMD Farooq.

The other two Bills were the Andhra Pradesh Transplantation of Human Organs (Amendment) Bill, 2026 and the Andhra Pradesh Payment of Salaries and Pension and Removal of Disqualifications (Amendment) Bill, 2026. After completing the listed business, Chairman Koyye Moshen Raju adjourned the Council sine die.

Health centres' buildings on fast-track, says Satya Kumar

- Only 57 doctor posts vacant in PHCs; 1,143 centres already in own buildings
- 4,500 village health centre buildings under construction; 41 tests offered through Sanjeevani Digital Health



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ANDHRA Pradesh is accelerating construction of dedicated buildings for Primary Health Centres (PHCs), Urban PHCs and Village Health Clinics to strengthen primary healthcare, health minister Y Satya Kumar Yadav told the Assembly on Thursday.

He said 1,143 of the state's 1,231 PHCs are already functioning from their own buildings. Of 88 newly sanctioned buildings, 13 have been completed. Of 140 dilapidated PHCs identified for replacement, 118 have been rebuilt and 22 are under construction. Another 948 PHC infrastructure projects have been completed, while 100 more buildings are proposed with 15th Finance Commission funds.

Of 43 buildings being constructed through the Roads and Buildings Department, 14 are complete and 29 are under construction. Another 57 are at the tender stage.

The minister said more than 600 appointments had been made in PHCs over the past two years. Only 57 doctor posts remain vacant, and these would be filled soon.

Of the 560 Urban Primary Health Centres, 175 are functioning from government buildings. The government has sanctioned buildings for the remaining 385 centres. Of these,

327 have been completed and handed over, while 55 are under construction. Three cases are pending in court. With this, 502 UPHCs have dedicated buildings, while 55 continue to function from rented premises.

Satya Kumar said the previous government had built only 3,105 dedicated buildings for Village Health Clinics, Ayushman Arogya Mandirs and Health and Wellness Centres under schemes including the 15th Finance Commission, NHM and PM-ABHIM.

Since the coalition government took office, construction of more than 4,500 buildings has been taken up with Central support. The Panchayat Raj Department is executing the works. He said Community Health Officers would also be recruited wherever required.

The minister said the government had launched Sanjeevani Digital Health to provide patient-centric services. The platform will facilitate 41 types of tests at patients' doorsteps, along with health profiling, follow-up care, appointments, medicines and digital health records.

URBAN INFRA UPGRADE GETS Rs 7,469 cr BOOST

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THE state government has sanctioned Rs 7,469.46 crore for an urban infrastructure programme covering roads, drainage, parks, street lighting and central medians across the state's 123 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs).

The sanction includes Rs 5,500 crore for capital works and Rs 1,969.46 crore towards interest over 10 years under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). The latest programme is aimed primarily at closing the state's remaining 4,388-km urban road gap.

The road works will be taken up along with drainage and other civic infrastructure rather than as standalone projects.

The government said the wider urban infrastructure pipeline now stands at about Rs 40,743.67 crore across 123 ULBs. Of this, 514 projects worth Rs 15,274.21 crore are under implementation through AMRUT 2.0, AIIB and UIDF, while another Rs 25,469.46 crore is being

- Rs 5,500 cr earmarked for roads, drainage, parks, streetlights and medians across 123 ULBs
- Programme targets the remaining 4,388-km urban road gap through integrated civic works

taken up through UIDF, the Urban Challenge Fund and HAM.

The programme excludes nearly Rs 80,000 crore of infrastructure projects under implementation in the CRDA region, officials said.

Of the Rs 5,500 crore capital component, Rs 4,655.82 crore will go towards roads with drains, Rs 509.12 crore for parks, Rs 247.28 crore for street lighting and Rs 87.78 crore for central medians.

The state has assessed its urban road network at 25,626 km. Of this, 21,238 km, or 82.9 per cent, has already been improved, leaving 4,388 km for the latest intervention. Detailed project reports cover 4,388 km of roads, 541 parks,

20,340 street-lighting points and 1,186.56 km of central medians.

Under the financing model, Rs 2,200 crore will be provided upfront through LRS/BPS funds, while the concessionaire will finance Rs 3,300 crore. The latter will be repaid over 10 years in 40 quarterly instalments through an escrow mechanism linked to identified urban revenues. The concessionaire will also maintain the assets for 10 years.

The government has prepared Gap Assessment Reports and Infrastructure Investment Plans for all 123 ULBs, identifying requirements up to 2029. The assessment found gaps of 724 MLD in water-treatment capacity, 9,608 km in water-distribution networks, 1,443 MLD in sewage treatment, 19,081 km in underground drainage, 23,612 km in storm-water drainage and 4,388 km in roads.

Minister P Narayana said the government was moving away from piecemeal works towards



integrated urban planning. "Roads cannot be planned separately from drainage, drinking water, sanitation, lighting and public spaces," he said. Principal secretary S Suresh Kumar said the urban programme also includes a major push on greenery and sanitation. Officials said 58 new parks have been developed and 110 existing parks refurbished, with another 45 under development. About 4.43 lakh saplings have been planted along 2,165 km of urban roads under the Harithandhra programme.

The government is also expanding scientific waste

processing. Work orders have been issued for 108 integrated solid-waste facilities with a combined capacity of 5,385 tonnes a day.

Eight facilities were inaugurated in July, with 66 targeted to become operational by October. Four Waste-to-Energy projects are under implementation at Kakinada, Kadapa, Kurnool and Nellore. Six Compressed Bio-Gas plants are also being developed. Officials said 143 lakh metric tonnes of legacy waste has been cleared against an estimated 157 lakh tonnes.

Kapu Corpn benefits 51.56 lakh in two years

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THE alliance government has benefited 51,56,172 people through various schemes of the Kapu Corporation, spending Rs 11,285.72 crore during its first two years in office, BC, EWS welfare, handlooms and textiles minister S Savitha said. The minister gave this information in the Legislative Council on Thursday in response to a question raised by MLC Thota Trimurthulu on the funds allocated to the Kapu Corporation and the number of beneficiaries since the alliance government came to power.

Savitha said a chairperson had been appointed to the Kapu Corporation and funds were being allocated every year for the development of the Kapu community. She also detailed the expenditure under different budgets.

In 2024-25, the government allocated Rs 4,646.99 crore and spent Rs 4,440.25 crore, benefiting 9,55,144 people. In 2025-26, Rs 4,924.28 crore



was allocated, of which Rs 4,360.28 crore was spent, benefiting 20,63,907 people. For 2026-27, Rs 5,012.10 crore was allocated. So far, Rs 2,485.19 crore has been spent, benefiting 21,37,121 people, the minister said.

Pawan signals bigger Jana Sena share in local polls

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JANA Sena Party (JSP) chief and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has signalled that his party will seek a significantly larger share of seats in the forthcoming urban local body elections, responding to growing demands from the cadre for greater political space within the NDA alliance. At a meeting of the Jana Sena legislative wing on Assembly premises on Thursday, Pawan Kalyan discussed the party's performance during the recent Assembly session before turning to preparations for the municipal and municipal corporation elections. Party MLAs and MLCs conveyed the strong sentiment among Jana Sainiks that the party should contest substantially more seats this time. During the 2024 elections, Jana Sena contested only 21 Assembly and two Lok Sabha seats as part of the NDA alliance, making what Pawan has repeatedly described as strategic sacrifices to defeat the then YSRCP government.

Bhu Bharati will permanently resolve farmers' land issues, says Ponguleti

Its implementation will be referendum on our government's performance, he asserts

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SATHUPALLI (KHAMMAM)

REVENUE Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Thursday said implementation of the State government's Bhu Bharati land legislation would serve as a referendum on its performance in the next elections.

Addressing a meeting of farmers on the sidelines of a land re-survey at Bethupalli revenue village in Sathupalli Assembly constituency, the Minister said the government was committed to providing permanent solutions to land-related problems and preventing irregularities in land records.

"The implementation of Bhu Bharati will be the referendum for our government's performance in the coming elections. We said this when the law was introduced and we stand by the same com-



mitment even today," he said. He said the Bhu Bharati Act was aimed at providing a permanent solution to land-related problems of farmers and ensuring protection of genuine land rights.

The Minister said nearly 6,000 acres had already been re-surveyed in Bethupalli revenue village, which has a total extent of 12,047 acres.

He said the re-survey was being conducted using modern technology, with precise coordinates and maps being prepared for each land parcel. Farmers would be given 30 days to raise objections after completion of the survey and final rights would be recorded only after resolving the grievances.

Bhudhaar cards, similar to

Aadhaar cards, would subsequently be issued to landholders, he said.

Reddy directed officials to protect access roads to agricultural fields and ensure that such roads were not recorded as private land. He also ordered protection of ponds by clearly demarcating their boundaries and taking necessary measures to pre-

vent encroachments.

The government has selected 70 villages in each district in the first phase of the re-survey and aims to complete the survey of agricultural and abadi properties across Telangana within the next 18 months, he said.

The minister warned of strict action against attempts to illegally regularise 22-A lands and said the government would not permit land grabbers to use poor people as a front to regularise illegally acquired properties.

Reddy said land was an emotional issue for farmers and not a political one, adding that protecting the interests of genuine farmers was the government's responsibility. District Collector Divakara TS said the revenue machinery would work at the field level to examine and resolve land-related grievances in accordance with rules.

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Train No. 01701		STATIONS	Train No. 01702		
Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
----	20.20	Jabalpur Jn.	09.30	----	
21.35	21.40	Katni Murwara	06.10	06.15	
22.55	22.57	Damoh	04.40	04.42	
00.15	00.20	Saugor	03.30	03.35	
05.50	05.55	Virangana Lakshmi Bai Jhansi Jn.	00.05	00.10	
07.30	07.35	Gwalior Jn.	22.25	22.30	
08.50	08.52	Dholpur Jn.	21.18	21.20	
09.30	09.35	Agra Cantt	20.30	20.35	
11.10	11.15	Mathura Jn.	19.35	19.40	
11.43	11.45	Kosi Kalan	17.50	17.52	
14.25	----	Hazrat Nizamuddin	----	15.45	

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Arr.	Dep.		Arr.	Dep.	
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23.05	23.07	Indargarh Sumerganj Mandi	17.53	17.55	
23.48	23.50	Sawai Madhopur Jn.	17.28	17.30	
00.35	00.37	Gangapur City	15.55	15.57	
01.05	01.07	Shri Mahaveerji	15.10	15.12	
01.18	01.20	Hindaun City	14.55	14.57	
01.40	01.42	Bayana Jn.	14.20	14.22	
02.18	02.20	Bharatpur Jn.	13.23	13.25	
04.20	04.25	Mathura Jn.	12.30	12.35	
07.00	----	Hazrat Nizamuddin	----	09.00	

Days of Run: 09803 Ex Kota Jn. on 22.08.2026, 24.08.2026 & 26.08.2026 & 09804 Ex Hazrat Nizamuddin on 23.08.2026, 25.08.2026 & 27.08.2026.
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BWF World Championships

Sindhu, Ayush bow out; Treesa-Gayatri into last 8

NEW DELHI: India suffered a big blow at the World Championships as PV Sindhu and Ayush Shetty faced contrasting defeats in the pre-quarterfinals, bringing the country's singles campaign to an end here on Thursday.

Two-time Olympic medalist Sindhu's hopes of winning an unprecedented sixth World Championships medal ended with a gruelling 11-21 21-15 17-21 loss to China's world No. 3 Wang Zhi Yi, who battled severe cramps in both legs to advance to the quarterfinals.

Earlier, Shetty suffered a tame 19-21 11-21 defeat against Indonesian nemesis Alwi Farhan in the men's singles pre-quarterfinals.

The 21-year-old Shetty, who had created a flutter by stunning defending champion and world No. 1 Shi Yu Qi in the opening round, went down to world No. 12 Farhan. It was his



fifth defeat in eight meetings against the 11th-seeded Indonesian, bringing the curtains down on India's men's singles campaign.

Lakshya Sen had bowed out of the premier tournament on Wednesday.

Earlier in the day, India's women's doubles pair of Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand moved a step closer to a medal by reaching the quarterfinals with a straight-game win over Japanese seventh seeds

Rin Iwanaga and Kie Nakamishi.

The unseeded Indian pair, on a comeback trail after Treesa recovered from an injury, produced a dominant performance to outwit the world No. 7 Japanese pair 21-16 21-12 in a one-sided contest.

It was the first quarterfinal appearance by an Indian women's doubles pair at the World Championships since Jwala Gutta and Ashwini Ponnappa achieved the feat in 2015.

Chakraborty starts with win, Vignesh held to draw

MUMBAI: Top seed Mayank Chakraborty began his campaign with an impressive win while two leading contenders -- Vignesh Advait Vemula and Akhilbhai Imangali -- were held to a draw by lower-rated opponents in the Asian Junior Classical Championship here on Thursday.

Vignesh was forced to share the point with Neemay Bhanushali, while Imangali of Kazakhstan was held by Rishaan Jain.

The opening round in the girls' section, however, produced a couple of notable upsets. Swara Lakshmi S. Nair

was held to a draw by Vakcheri Mohitha despite enjoying a significant rating advantage, while Aadya Gowda scored an impressive victory over the higher-rated WFM Mrittika Mallick.

Another surprise result saw Liliya Belaya of Uzbekistan defeat the higher-rated Archita Agrawal of India. The Open Championship has attracted a strong field of 85 players representing nine federations.

The tournament features six International Masters and eleven FIDE Masters, making it one of the strongest junior events in Asia. Leading the field

is top seed International Master Mayank Chakraborty of India, rated 2500.

The girls' championship has attracted players from seven federations. The top three seeds, WFM Pratitee Bordoloi of India, WFM Mariya Kholavko of Kazakhstan and WFM Shohradova Lala of Turkmenistan, opened their campaigns with convincing victories to move into the lead group after the first round.

The championship was inaugurated by Grandmaster Vidity Gujrathi, who has been named a recipient of the prestigious Arjuna Award.

"Modern pop singers, if they are asked to do classical singing, ragas, then it will be very difficult. But these people are doing that. It is a mystery to me that the generation of IPL, the generation of T20, how do they play such good Test cricket? In both game of ball and game of gain.

- Sanjay Manjrekar

FIH Women's World Cup

India enter round 2 after goalless draw with England

AMSTELVEEN: The Indian women's hockey team advanced to the second round of the FIH World Cup after being held to a goalless draw by England in their final Pool D match here on Thursday, surviving a dozen penalty corners and late pressure.

India, who needed only a draw to progress, finished second in the pool with one win and two draws from three matches. China topped the group after beating South Africa 5-1 earlier in the day.

The result, however, masked a below-par performance from India, who struggled with passing, ball control and penalty-corner execution. They earned six



penalty corners but failed to convert any, with Deepika and Navneet Kaur unable to make their opportunities count.

India's goalkeepers Savita Punia and Bichhu Devi stood out, particularly as England earned as many as 11 penalty

corners during the match. Bichhu produced the crucial save with just 30 seconds remaining, diving to her left to deny England and preserve India's qualification.

India and China will carry one point each in the second round. India started aggres-

sively and earned three penalty corners in the opening 15 minutes. Their first chance came in the fourth minute when Sunelita sent the injection, but Navneet's attempt appeared to have gone in off Ishika's stick, resulting in the goal being disallowed.

Navneet's attempt from India's second penalty corner went wide before Deepika failed to find the target with the third.

England responded with counter-attacks and earned their first penalty corner in the 10th minute. Sunelita produced an excellent save to deny Sophie Hamilton's drag-flick, while Jyoti cleared the danger.

Hyderabad District Athletics Meet tomorrow

HYDERABAD: The Hyderabad District Athletic Association will conduct an Athletics Meet-cum-Selections at Gymkhana Grounds, Secunderabad, on August 22, 2026, from 9 am. Competitions will be held for boys and girls in Under-14, Under-16, Under-18 and Under-20 categories, featuring track and field events, including triathlon, pentathlon, heptathlon, race walk, jumps and throws. Interested athletes can register by contacting P. Tejeshwar at 8374715899.

TG State Under-17 Chess C'hip from Aug 22 HYDERABAD

THE Telangana State Under-17 Chess Championship 2026 will be held on August 22 and 23 at Vikas Concept School, Bachupalli, Hyderabad.

The top two players in the boys' and girls' categories will represent Telangana at the upcoming National Under-17 Chess Championships.

Players born on or after January 1, 2009 are eligible. Registration closes on August 21.

Entries can be made through chess.telangana.com or by contacting 7337578899 /7337399299. No spot entries will be accepted.

RSS has decided it knows truth of 1.5 bn people: Rahul

NEW DELHI

LAUNCHING a sharp ideological attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS), Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi on Thursday accused the organisation of attempting to impose its version of the "truth" on 1.5 billion Indians, stating that only individuals have the right to define their own paths.

Speaking at the "Hara Bharat Swaraj: A Tribute to Rajiv Gandhi's Vision" programme in the national capital, Gandhi contrasted the RSS's philosophy with Mahatma Gandhi's concept of 'Swaraj' (self-rule).

"What Gandhiji was saying was that every living being is a unique entity with their own path towards the truth. I cannot tell you what your truth is. Today, the ideological battle in India is precisely that. It is not fundamentally about environment, politics, or free media--those are symptoms. The real fight is that a small group of people have decided, because they control the system, that



they know the truth of everyone in this country. That is my problem with the RSS: the RSS has decided that they know the truth of 1.5 billion people. And I say, no. Only 1.5 billion people can know their own truth," Rahul Gandhi asserted.

"And I say, no. Only 1.5 billion people can know their own truth. Even I cannot do that. If I begin to believe that I know your truth, I would be a madman. Because I am not you. I haven't faced what you've faced; I haven't seen what you've seen; I haven't dealt with what you've dealt with. I don't have the same parents, the same friends, or the same life. So how can I

say that I know your truth?" he added.

Noting how Mahatma Gandhi's autobiography was titled 'My Experiments with Truth', and not 'The Truth', he further said, "Please notice, Gandhiji's book was not called 'The Truth' or 'My Understanding of the Truth'. It was titled 'My Experiments with Truth'. I have experiments with my truth; you have experiments with your truth."

Rahul Gandhi further accused the BJP and RSS of creating a sense of exclusion among various communities, stating that such actions are harming "Bharat Mata." (ANI)

Ministers' dogs get better facilities: Dipke on govt schools

LATUR: Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) convener Abhijeet Dipke on Thursday said Maharashtra School Education Minister Dada Bhuse should resign, claiming government schools are in a pitiable condition and that even "ministers' dogs get better facilities" than students.

Dipke, whose group launched the 'School Thik Karo' (improve government schools) campaign last week, visited a Zilla Parishad school at Ujani village in Latour's Ausa tehsil. Later, talking to reporters, he said elected representatives and ministers must be held accountable for the condition of schools, many of which continue to lack basic facilities such as proper classrooms, benches, toilets and safe access roads.

Students in some schools



were being treated "worse than animals", he alleged.

"It is a question of students' lives. When political leaders are not doing anything for students, why should people vote for them? Do people vote for them so that they can only travel in helicopters? People should see in what conditions their children are studying. The dogs of these ministers get better facilities than this," he said.

Dipke also asked people to force the leaders of political parties to work for education first and then come to seek votes.

Ganga nears danger mark in Varanasi, boat services suspended

VARANASI: The water level of the Ganga river has been rising steadily in Varanasi, prompting the administration to suspend boat operations as a precautionary measure, officials said on Thursday. ACP Atul Anjan Tripathi said the water level of the river stood at 68.35 metres on Thursday and was steadily moving towards the danger mark of 71.26 metres.

"Lakhs of devotees are visiting Varanasi during the month of Sawan. Keeping their safety in mind, boat operations have been suspended as a precautionary measure," Tripathi said.

He said a decision on resuming boat operations would be taken once the water level and the flow of the river return to normal.

RTOs quiz taxi, auto drivers in Marathi, notices sent

MUMBAI: Taxi and autorickshaw drivers in Maharashtra are being put through a 16-question test after the transport department launched a statewide drive on Thursday to check their working knowledge of Marathi.

Teams from Regional Transport Offices (RTOs) are issuing one-month notices to those unable to answer satisfactorily and warning that their badges would be suspended if they fail a subsequent test, officials said.

"Mala CNG bharayche aahe. Thode thambave lage!" (I need to fill up with CNG, we'll have to stop for a while); "majhi rickshaw/taxi sharingchi aahe" (my auto/taxi is a shared one); and "meter chalu kele aahe" (have started the meter) are among the routine responses that officials expect from the drivers.

The exercise, announced by



Maharashtra Transport Minister Pratap Sarnaik on Wednesday, is being conducted as part of the state government's move to make working knowledge of Marathi mandatory for drivers of taxis, autorickshaws and app-based cabs.

A senior RTO official said a 16-question questionnaire was received from the Transport Commissioner's office and was based on the Marathi language training imparted to taxi and autorickshaw drivers by the Konkani Sahitya Parishad, which ended on Independence Day. (PTI)

China destroys residential quarters of monks in Tibet

Serta (Tibet) : China has intensified security restrictions at Larung Gar in Serta, with large numbers of troops deployed inside the religious encampment as authorities continue demolishing residential quarters used by monks, nuns and lay practitioners, Tibet Times reported.

According to Tibet Times, access to Larung Gar has been sharply restricted since the demolition drive began, with a checkpoint on the main access road allowing only a limited number of local residents and tourists to enter under strict supervision. Visitors are reportedly required to use public transport arranged through the checkpoint and are prevented from moving freely around the encampment.

A source cited by Tibet Times said tourists and pilgrims travelling from within



Tibet and other parts of China are now being barred from entering the settlement. Those permitted to enter are confined to designated areas, while troops and security personnel monitor the movements of visitors, residents, and monastics.

The report further said drone photography and filming, previously permitted for those holding authorisation, have been prohibited since the demolitions began last month. Military personnel and plainclothes officers have

allegedly been deployed for both overt and covert surveillance, with monks, nuns, residents, and visitors facing increased scrutiny.

According to Tibet Times, the demolition of residential quarters began on July 13 and has continued despite earlier appeals by the monastic administration. Chinese authorities had previously cited overcrowding and safety concerns while seeking to demolish structures around the Gyutrul Lhakhang area.

Tarun Tejpal challenges rape conviction in SC

NEW DELHI

Tarun Tejpal challenges Bombay High Court's rape case conviction order in Supreme Court days after Goa's 'life term' plea.

The Goa government had approached the Supreme Court seeking the maximum sentence for former Tehelka editor Tarun Tejpal in a rape case, arguing that the passage of time cannot

be a reason for imposing a lesser sentence in such a serious offence, Advocate General Devidas J Pangam said on Wednesday.

He said the government filed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) before the Supreme Court against the quantum of sentence imposed in the case.

The Goa bench of the Bombay High Court on August 6 convicted Tejpal

and sentenced him to 10 years in prison for raping a former colleague, overturning his 2021 acquittal in a decade-old case.

On September 29, 2017, Tejpal was charged under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including rape, sexual harassment, and wrongful confinement. However, he pleaded not guilty.





Viswanath & Sons: Venky Atluri speaks about Suriya's belief and movie's Rs 150 cr success



Viswanath & Sons, the family entertainer starring Tamil hero Suriya and Mamitha Baiju, saw a spectacular opening after its release on August 14, 2026. The film directed by Venky Atluri has earned over Rs. 150 crore at the worldwide box office in four days. It has seen great response from the audience for its humor, sentiment, and family-centric theme.

Venky Atluri said that he is overwhelmed by appreciation for the film. The director also said Surya was immediately roped in for the project because he narrated it to him. Surya was open to

doing a family entertainer at this stage in his career, said Atluri. Plus, he pushed the team to keep the narration straightforward and avoid commercialism.

The Tholiprema director stated that his idea for this project, which was conceived in 2022, was to create a film about a man turning 40 without getting married. He also noted that the film's purpose is to explain why the protagonist behaves the way he does rather than cast him as a villain.

Furthermore, Venky Atluri stated that constructing a big house set for the film was challenging. He added that it had to be something extraordinary, and he complimented production designer Banglan and cinematographer Nimesh for their excellent work on the film.

Moreover, Atluri stated that Trivikram Srinivas saw the film and enjoyed it. He further stated that the filmmaker suggested no changes to the project after seeing it, and it was

surprising because Trivikram and Mani Ratnam were Atluri's boyhood heroes. In addition to Suriya, Venky Atluri signed Mamitha Baiju after seeing the actress in Premalu. Atluri revealed watching her perform comedy in Tamil was a treat for him. Her Tamil skills and great sense of humor made him decide to cast her in the film. In addition, it is reported that "Viswanath & Sons" have been produced by Suryadevara Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under Srikara Studios banner in association with Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas.



‘Manasa Vacha’

from ‘EPIC’ is a soulful melody

The makers of the upcoming youth romance entertainer **EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER** have released the third single from the film titled **Manasa Vacha**, a beautiful soulful melody that delves deep into the emotions of love, longing and relationships.

Rendered in a melodious voice by legendary singers **KS Chithra & SP Charan**, the song is composed by **Hesham Abdul Wahab** while **Sri Harsha Emani** has penned down the beautiful lyrics that reflect the emotions of the lead pair played by **Anand Deverakonda** and **Vaishnavi Chaitanya**.

The beautiful pictorial narration of the song revolves around the emotions of the lead pair while also reflecting the onscreen relationship between them. The composition by **Hesham Abdul Wahab** along with the enchanting voices of **KS Chithra** and **S. P. Charan** create a unique soulful blend.

EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER, a youthful romance entertainer, directed by **Aditya Haasan** and produced by **Suryadevara Naga Vamsi**, **Sai Soujanya**, under **Sithara Entertainments**, **Fortune Four Cinemas** presents **Srikara Studios**.

With a beautiful romantic theme, the film has been creating waves with the audience and we expect that the latest single **Manasa Vacha** will contribute to it. The makers are rolling out the promotions for the film in gradual manner which will eventually reach its peak on the release day.

EPIC – FIRST SEMESTER slated to release globally on **September 11, 2026**.



similarity with Kerala. She has a particular fondness for the song "Yalo Yalo".

With Ravi Teja, Priya Bhavani Shankar and baby star Nakshatra at the helm of the emotional family drama, **Irumudi** promises to deliver a compelling tale of family, action and drama.

‘Irumudi’ baby star Nakshatra shares her excitement over playing Ravi Teja's daughter

Baby Nakshatra makes her Telugu debut with the much-anticipated **Irumudi**. The young girl has expressed her delight to play the daughter of **Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja** in **Shiva Nirvana's** directorial venture and she is confident that the audience will connect to this emotional family entertainer.

Starring **Ravi Teja** in a lead role, the film also marks the debut of **Priya Bhavani Shankar** in Telugu cinema. This family genre movie produced by **Mythri Movie Makers** is all set to release on **August 21 st**.

Speaking about her role in the film, Nakshatra said, "I play the daughter of **Ravi Teja** in the film while **Priya Bhavani Shankar** plays my mother. Both **Ravi Teja** and **Priya** were extremely supportive and helped me a lot during the shoot. Interestingly, I have dubbed my own songs for the movie."

The thirteen years old actress who was from Kerala, has starred in 6 films in kannada, Malayalam and Tamil and studied 7th standard said that she got signed by the director **Shiva Nirvana** who saw her Instagram reel. She also added that working with legend **Ravi Teja** was an incredible experience and **Vikramarkudu** is his favorite film. Nakshatra thanked the parents and teachers for encouraging her and made her pursue studies and acting career.

Nakshatra also said that shooting in **sileru**, which is the shooting location of **Irumudi** was nostalgic for her as it had

Audience of every age group will enjoy ‘Rambha Urvashi Menaka’: Director Chandra Mohan Chintada

WAllari Naresh's much anticipated comedy entertainer, **Rambha Urvashi Menaka**, is all set to hit the screens this September 4 globally. The director, **Chandra Mohan Chintada**, said that the movie is the total entertainment package for all age groups.

Reportedly, the film, which has released its first lookers including teaser and song **Naa Kanti Maa Kanule**, is produced by **Rajesh Danda** along with **Nimmakayala Prasad** banner under **Annapurna Studios** and **Hasya Movies**. While talking about the movie, the director said, "Rambha Urvashi Menaka is an interesting story of an aspiring hero who wishes to establish himself in his village and stumbles upon a mysterious book belonging to **Rambha**, **Urvashi** and **Menaka** and lands up in a hilarious fantasy world."

The film has **Allari Naresh's** comedy and has a massive 25 minutes embedded as a surprise episode. But there is no vulgarity and adult humor in it," he added.

Moreover, **Chandra Mohan** stated that the movie is a total family entertainer.

The film also stars **Vennela Kishore**, **Senior Naresh** and **Srinivas Reddy** apart from the heroines **Surabhi**, **Raashi Singh**, **Prisha** and **Vishnupriya**. With 35 minutes of CG, the massive fantasy comedy is said to be a treat for the audiences as they would witness **Allari Naresh's** comic talent in full swing. The music is composed by **Chetan Bharadwaj**, and the makers are confident that the film will see **Allari Naresh** coming back in full-fledged entertaining avatar.



‘Killer/KillR’ release date creates buzz

The makers of the sci-fi thriller **Killer/KillR** have announced **October 17** as the worldwide theatrical release date of the film which will witness the grand opening on the auspicious occasion of **Vijayadashami**. Starring **Jyothi Poorvaj**, **Poorvaaj** in lead roles, the movie has been creating a lot of speculations in the media and social circles with some interesting glimpses.

Presented by **Urveesh Poorvaj**, with blessings of **Dhyanam Nannagaru**, this **Poorvaaj** directorial venture produced by **Poorvaaj** and **Padmanabha Reddy A.** under **Think Cinema** and **AU & I Studios** banners is all set for its release soon. The film features **Manish Gilada**, **Chandrakanth Kollu**, **Vishal Raj**, **Archana Ananth** and **Gautham Chakradhar Koppishetti** in pivotal roles. The latest released glimpse of **Killer/KillR** on the occasion of **Vijayadashami** hints at **Dr. Poorvaaj**, the greatest genius scientist of India to whom an alien from the different dimension communicates on the day of the film's release informing him about sending a space-ship to save the mankind.

With the line "Our future is that alien's past", the glimpse leaves lot of questions about the movie's story-line regarding what is actually coming for humans to be saved

and what exactly the alien has up his sleeve for them. As it wraps up, the intriguing statement of "On October 17, we will decide your destiny" leaves the audience wanting more of the film.

Apart from the theatrical release, **Killer/KillR** is also gearing up for an overseas release with **OMG Pictures** entertaining the international distribution rights to this sci-fi thriller across **US, Europe, Canada, Arab, Malaysia, New Zealand** and **Russia**.



‘Kingdom’ fame Venkatesh VP turns hero with Ruudransh Celluloids new film

Following the blockbuster success of **K-Ramp**, **Ruudransh Celluloids** is all set to release their third production, with working title **D.G.P.**, starring **Kingdom** fame **Venkatesh V.P.** The movie will be produced by successful producer **Bommak Shiva** and directed by **Suresh Tej** under the guidance of **Dheeraj Nyathi**.

The makers celebrated the actor's birthday by announcing big news regarding the film as they shared hilarious video with the caption "Meet the hero



of our project".

In the video, producer **bomaak shiva** and director **sushreth tej** approach the actor at his restaurant in **Thiruvananthapuram** while he is busy taking orders. When the producer asks him to join their film, the

actor is surprised to hear that they wanted him for a villain's role but as they proceed to inform him that they actually want him to play the lead, the actor's confusion turns out to be amusement.

The actor is thrilled to

know that he is offered the lead role and gets more excited as he listens to the plot of the film. The announcement video manages to capture all these developments in the form of a funny video, giving a sneak peek into the project's trailer. **Venkatesh VP** is a well-known face in the malayalam television and film industry. He had gained immense popularity for his role as **Murugan** in **Vijay Deverakonda** starrer **Kingdom**. Additionally, the actor is also the co-founder of a restaurant start-up called **Suda Suda Idly**.

‘Ameer Log’ team looks confident ahead of release

The team of **Ameer Log** has been riding high on the waves of positivity after the film's premieres. The Telugu film, marking **Madhavi Reddy Soma's** first production venture under **Awwal Number Production**, is all set for a grand release on **August 21** via **Rana Daggubati's Spirit Media**. Directed by **Ramana Reddy Soma**, the film stars **MC Hari**, **Manoj** and **Sashidhar** along with **Vedha Jalandhar**, **Ravan Nittoor**, **Vishwender Reddy** and **Sai Yogi**. At the event, the cast and crew expressed their confidence that the "Telangana-ness", sentiment and unique presentation of the film would strike a chord



with the viewers.

They said that positive response to the film's premieres has emboldened them in their belief. **Ramana Reddy Soma** said that **Ameer Log** was a "unique exercise" and that the film captured the spirit of **Hyderabad**. **MC Hari** lauded the work put in by technicians, specially

editor **Rohith** and music director **Snaran** while **Manoj** felt that the movie encapsulated the spirit and culture of **Telangana**. **Vedha Jalandhar** said that the film had innocence, simplicity and emotions.

Manohar Reddy and **Sai Yogi** also spoke about the overwhelming response

that the film has been getting post premieres in the neighbouring states of **Andhra Pradesh** and **Telangana**. With the word of mouth for the film being very positive, makers of **Ameer Log** are expecting similar kind of positive reaction from the audience on **August 21**.