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CM Revanth Reddy Extends Best Wishes to NEET Aspirants

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy conveyed his heartfelt wishes to all students appearing for the NEET examination...



confidence that students from Telangana would excel and secure admission into prestigious medical institutions across the country.

state government has arranged free travel in RTC buses for students appearing for the examination.

and timely arrival, he said, would help candidates avoid unnecessary stress and concentrate fully on the examination.

CM Revanth Reddy Pays Rich Tributes to Prof. K. Jayashankar

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid heartfelt tributes to Kothapalli Jayashankar, widely regarded as the architect of the Telangana movement...



rations of the people of Telangana and consistently highlighted the injustices faced by the region after its

merger with Andhra Pradesh. He recalled that Jayashankar had opposed the merger of the erstwhile

Hyderabad State with Andhra State and spent nearly six decades advocating for a separate Telangana.

added that the formation of Telangana stands as a testament to the vision and perseverance of leaders like him.

Kishan Reddy Hails Grand Yoga Mahotsav



Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy said Hyderabad has created a unique tradition by organizing a special "24-Hour Countdown" event ahead of International Yoga Day for the past seven years.

zens. According to Kishan Reddy, thousands of people enthusiastically took part in the event, demonstrating the growing popularity of yoga among people of all age groups.

Governor Shukla Calls Yoga a Way of Life

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said yoga is much more than a physical exercise and described it as a holistic way of life that promotes health, mental well-being, and spiritual balance.



has guided people towards healthy living, inner peace, and self-discipline for thousands of years.

taking yoga to the global stage, leading to the United Nations recognizing June 21 as International Yoga Day.

Telangana Plans Petrol Bunks, Solar Plants for Women SHGs: Minister Seethakka

Nalgonda, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply and Women & Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Saturday said the state government is committed to strengthening women economically and transforming them into key drivers of Telangana's development.



independence. She said special SHGs are also being formed for women above the age of 60, ensuring that elderly women who were previously outside the self-help group network can benefit from government support and livelihood initiatives.

empowerment, Seethakka said interest-free loans of up to RS.5 lakh have been provided to SHG members.

World to Celebrate 12th International Yoga Day with Global Events



Amaravati, June 21 | TPN Bureau

International Yoga Day 2026 will be observed across the world today, marking the 12th edition of the global initiative dedicated to promoting yoga and holistic well-being.

yoga into everyday routines rather than limiting it to a symbolic annual observance.

CM Revanth Reddy Writes Again to Kishan Reddy on Hyderabad Metro Issues

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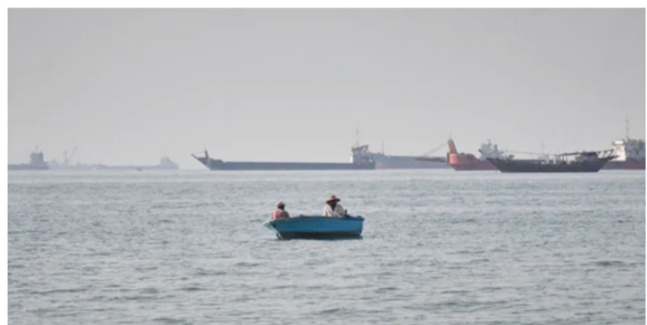
Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has once again written to Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, seeking his intervention to resolve pending issues related to the Hyderabad Metro Rail project and facilitate a meeting with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.

Chief Minister plans to present detailed proposals related to the Metro Phase-II expansion, metro takeover-related matters, and financing arrangements involving the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC).

In his latest letter dated June 20, the Chief Minister reiterated the concerns he had raised in an earlier communication sent on June 16 regarding the future expansion and financial requirements of the Hyderabad Metro Rail network.

The Chief Minister stressed that timely intervention by the Centre would help accelerate the implementation of crucial metro projects aimed at improving urban mobility in Hyderabad and supporting the city's growing transportation needs.

Iran Re-Closes Strait of Hormuz Amid Regional Tensions



Tehran, June 20 | TPN Bureau

A significant development unfolded in West Asia on Saturday as Iran announced the closure of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, citing alleged violations of the recent ceasefire agreement by the United States and Israel.

current circumstances. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's most vital maritime routes, serving as a key passage for global oil and natural gas shipments.

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Highlights Benefits of PM-KISAN at Jammikunta Event

Karimnagar, June 20 | TPN Bureau
Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar said that 92 percent of beneficiaries are effectively utilizing funds received under the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi scheme, contributing to increased agricultural productivity and farmer incomes. Speaking at the 23rd installment release programme of PM-KISAN held at the Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in Jammikunta, Karimnagar district, Bandi Sanjay participated as the chief guest and

virtually attended Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address during the nationwide fund release event. The Minister stated that since the launch of PM-KISAN in February 2019, more than 75 lakh crore has been transferred directly into farmers' bank accounts without interruption. He said that over 9.44 crore farmers across the country are benefiting from the scheme and that 718,880 crore was released under the latest installment. Citing a NITI Aayog study, Bandi Sanjay said that 92 per-



cent of farmers use the assistance for agricultural needs such as purchasing seeds, fer-

tilizers, and pesticides, while 85 percent reported an increase in farm income. He described the scheme as a major success in strengthening the rural economy. The Minister highlighted several initiatives undertaken by the Modi government for farmers, including a five-fold increase in the agricultural budget since 2014, the creation of a 71 lakh crore Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, and an allocation of 71.4 lakh crore for agriculture and farmer welfare in the 2026-27 Union Budget. He also noted that the Centre

has issued over 25 crore Soil Health Cards, expanded Kisan Credit Card coverage, and enhanced the agricultural loan limit to 75 lakh. Referring to fertilizer subsidies, he said the government spends nearly 712 lakh crore to ensure farmers receive fertilizers at affordable rates. Bandi Sanjay urged farmers to gradually reduce chemical fertilizer usage and adopt natural farming practices, emphasizing that sustainable agriculture would improve soil health, enhance food quality, and benefit public health in the long run.

BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar Reviews Hostels



Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BC Welfare Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar held a comprehensive review meeting at Praja Bhavan with District BC Development Officers, Assistant BC Development Officers, and Deputy Directors of BC Study Circles to assess the performance of welfare institutions and discuss measures to improve educational outcomes and welfare delivery. The meeting was attended by BC Welfare Advisor V. Hanu mantha Rao, Commissioner Balamaya Devi, senior officials Mallaiah Battu and Alok Kumar, BC Study Circle Director Mamidi Harikrishna, and other departmental officers. Reviewing the performance of BC hostels, the Minister examined Class 10 and Intermediate examination results and directed officials to implement focused measures to improve academic performance in the coming academic year. He stressed the need for reforms in BC Study Circles and instructed officials to provide quality coaching for upcoming recruitment notifications, including UPSC, Group services, police constable examinations, and skill development programmes. Ponnamp Prabhakar directed officials to conduct parent-teacher meetings in hostels, distribute welcome kits to students, increase hostel enrolment, and ensure cleanliness in hostel premises. He emphasized maintain-

ing hygienic kitchens, dining halls, toilets, and bathrooms while ensuring the supply of nutritious food as per the prescribed diet menu. The Minister also instructed officials to prepare academic and health profiles for every student and conduct regular medical check-ups. He stressed the importance of counselling sessions to address examination stress, boost self-confidence, and support students' mental well-being and personality development. Stating that education is the key to social advancement, Ponnamp Prabhakar said studies have shown that higher educational attainment plays a crucial role in improving the socio-economic status of families. He urged hostel authorities to help students set clear goals and work systematically towards achieving them. The Minister announced that he would personally tour districts and inspect hostels. He directed district officers to submit monthly reports by the fifth of every month and ensure there are no pending applications under the Kalyana Lakshmi scheme. He also instructed officials to coordinate with district collectors on welfare programmes, organize caste-based occupation exhibitions during the Bonalu festival, and hold meetings with BC public representatives across all 33 districts to discuss welfare initiatives and development programmes.

Minister Jupally Krishna Rao Reviews Irrigation Projects

Nagarkurnool, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Tourism, Culture and Excise Minister Jupally Krishna Rao chaired a review meeting on the progress of irrigation projects and land acquisition works in the Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituency at the district Collectorate on Friday. The meeting focused on expediting ongoing irrigation project works, resolving land acquisition issues, and ensuring timely completion of projects aimed at strengthening agricultural infrastructure and water availability in the region. State Planning Commission



Vice-Chairman Dr. Jillella Chinna Reddy, Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, and

MLAs Dr. Vamshi Krishna, Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, and Rajesh Reddy participat-

ed in the review. Senior district officials, including Nagarkurnool Collector Hemanth Keshav Patil, Wanaparthy Collector Adarsh Surabhi, and Gadwal Collector Rizwan Basha Shaik, also attended the meeting along with officials from the Irrigation and Revenue Departments. During the review, discussions were held on the status of ongoing irrigation works, land acquisition processes, and coordination between departments to address pending issues. The Minister emphasized the importance of completing irrigation projects on schedule to pro-

vide reliable water resources for farmers and support agricultural growth in the region. Officials presented updates on project implementation and outlined measures being taken to accelerate work and resolve bottlenecks. The meeting also reviewed district-wise progress and strategies for ensuring effective execution of irrigation infrastructure projects. The review reflects the state government's focus on strengthening irrigation facilities and enhancing water security for farming communities across the Nagarkurnool Parliamentary constituency.

Minister Seethakka Calls for Child Marriage Free Telangana at State Review Meeting

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

A state-level review meeting on the implementation of Mission Vatsalya and Saksham Anganwadi programmes was conducted under the aegis of the Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (TGSCPCR) on Friday. The meeting was chaired by Seetha Dayakar Reddy, Chairperson of the Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Telangana Minister for Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, Rural Water Supply, and Women & Child Welfare Danasari Anasuya Seethakka attended as the chief guest and outlined various

welfare initiatives being implemented by the state government for the benefit of women and children. Addressing the gathering, Minister Seethakka stressed the need to eliminate child marriages, which continue to occur in some regions. She urged officials and staff of the Women and Child Welfare Department to work proactively toward making Telangana a child marriage-free state. The minister also emphasized strengthening child protection mechanisms and called for extensive awareness campaigns to prevent child abuse and reduce offences under the Protection of Children from Sexual



Offences (POCSO) Act. Anita Ramachandran, Chief Secretary of Telangana, participated in the meeting and advised officials to ensure the effective implementation of policies and welfare pro-

grammes aimed at improving the lives of women and children. She encouraged officers to utilize their full potential in delivering services and achieving programme objectives. The review meeting was attended by N. Moti, District Women and Child Welfare Officers (DWOs), District Child Protection Officers (DCPOs), and members of the Telangana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights. Commission members Mairipalli Chandana, Bandi Aparna, Kancharla Vandana Goud, Premalata Agarwal, Gogula Saritha, and Burka Vachan Kumar were also present. The meeting reviewed ongoing child welfare initiatives and discussed measures to strengthen child protection and welfare services across Telangana.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Reviews Rajiv Gandhi Lift Irrigation Project Works



Huzurnagar, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday inspected the ongoing construction works of the Rajiv Gandhi Lift Irrigation Scheme at Bugga Madaram village in Chinthalapalem mandal of Huzurnagar constituency in Suryapet district. Following the inspection, the Minister addressed a gathering of farmers and reviewed the progress of the project with officials. The Rajiv Gandhi Lift Irrigation Scheme has been sanctioned with an administrative approval of 7394.10 crore, while construction works worth 7319.87 crore are currently underway. The project is designed to provide irrigation water to approximately 14,100 acres of agricultural land across several villages in Mellacheruvu, Chinthalapalem, Huzurnagar, Kodad, and Chilkur mandals. Officials informed the Minister that the project will lift 236 cusecs of water from the Krishna River to a height of 122 metres using a modern pumping system. The scheme includes four high-capacity pumps of 4.40 MW each and three vertical turbine pumps to ensure efficient water distribution to farmlands.

During the review, officials reported significant progress in various components of the project. Of the 21.8-kilometre pressure main pipeline, fabrication work for 14 kilometres has already been completed, while six kilometres of pipeline work have been laid. Excavation work for the pump house, which has a depth of 35.30 metres, has reached 34.50 metres. Earthwork is also progressing on the 1,300-metre approach channel, with 400 metres completed so far. The Minister was informed that compensation amounting to 715.57 crore has already been paid for the acquisition of 35 acres and 30 guntas of land required for the project. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to complete the works on a war footing and accelerate construction to ensure that farmers receive irrigation benefits at the earliest. He stated that the state government is committed to completing the project within the stipulated timeframe and providing reliable irrigation support to farmers in the region. The inspection was attended by Suryapet District Collector Tejas Nandlal Paware, Superintendent of Police Narasimha, SE Nagab hushanam, EE Ramkishore, and other officials.

Bhatti Vikramarka Reviews Plan to Supply Vijaya Milk to 2.7 Million Students



Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau
Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka discussed milk consumption patterns, procurement mechanisms and payment systems. Bhatti Vikramarka instructed officials to conduct field-level surveys to determine the exact number of milk-producing animals in the state and assess actual milk production. He asked them to submit a detailed report at the next review meeting to facilitate informed policy decisions. Emphasising farmer welfare, the Deputy Chief Minister said there must be a transparent pricing policy for milk procurement and that farmers should receive payments without delay. He directed welfare departments to transfer payments for milk sup-

plied to schools directly to the concerned agencies to prevent any backlog in payments to dairy farmers. He noted that dairy farming remains a major source of livelihood for rural families and said prompt payments would strengthen their economic condition and encourage continued participation in the dairy sector. Bhatti Vikramarka also called for the adoption of modern technologies and best practices to increase milk production and improve profitability. He said the government aims to expand livelihood opportunities for farmers through dairy development, making the sector a strong supplementary source of income alongside agriculture.

Telangana Emerging as India's Public Health Capital: Bhatti Vikramarka

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka said that the health of citizens is the most important indicator of a nation's development and emphasized that accessible, affordable healthcare for all remains the core objective of the Telangana government. Addressing the India Health Summit as the chief guest, he interacted with medical experts, leading healthcare professionals, hospital administrators, and representatives from the pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and digital health sectors. Bhatti Vikramarka observed that illness often pushes entire families into financial distress, wiping out years of savings within a short period. He stressed that healthcare should never be a privilege reserved for a few and that even the poorest citizen must be able to access quality medical treatment without fear of financial burden. Highlighting India's healthcare journey, the Deputy Chief Minister recalled the contributions of former Prime Ministers including Jawaharlal Nehru, who established premier institutions such as AIIMS, Indira Gandhi, who launched the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS), Rajiv



Gandhi, who strengthened immunization efforts, and Dr. Manmohan Singh, under whose leadership the National Rural Health Mission expanded rural healthcare access through ASHA workers. He also praised the late Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy for introducing the Aarogyasri scheme, which provided life-saving medical support to poor families requiring expensive treatments. According to him, such initiatives reflect the commitment to ensuring that poverty never becomes a barrier to healthcare. The Deputy Chief Minister emphasized that advancements in telemedicine, medical technology, diagnostics, and digital healthcare must reach marginalized communities and not remain con-

finied to corporate institutions. He advocated a shift from an "illness-care" model to a "wellness-care" approach focused on prevention, noting that preventive healthcare is more effective and economical than treatment after disease strikes. Declaring that Telangana is steadily evolving into India's Public Health Capital, Bhatti Vikramarka said the state is strengthening district hospitals, expanding medical education, and promoting nursing and paramedical sectors. With Hyderabad's strong pharmaceutical ecosystem, Medical Devices Park, IT capabilities, and supportive government policies, Telangana is well-positioned to become a global hub for healthcare innovation and excellence in the coming decade.

KTR Discusses Regional Growth at CorporateConnections Leadership Forum

Hyderabad, June 19 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao participated in a thought leadership session hosted by CorporateConnections AP & Telangana, where entrepreneurs, business owners, and industry leaders gathered to discuss the future of regional growth, innovation, and economic competitiveness. The event, titled Momentous Hyderabad, brought together a curated group of business leaders from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana to explore the factors that will shape sustainable economic development in the coming decade. Discussions focused on attracting talent, fostering innovation, encouraging entrepreneurship, and creat-



ing an ecosystem conducive to long-term growth. Addressing the gathering, K.T. Rama Rao said regions that aspire to lead in the future must create conditions that attract skilled talent, encourage innovation, and support enterprise. He emphasized that meaningful

conversations between business leaders, policymakers, and investors are essential to building a strong and competitive regional economy. CorporateConnections, an invitation-only global business networking organization, comprises accomplished entrepreneurs,

founders, promoters, and executives who play a significant role in driving economic activity and employment generation. The AP and Telangana chapters include leaders whose organizations contribute substantially to the region's business landscape and economic progress. Speaking on the occasion, National Directors Nihar Yerubandi, Ajay Manchukonda, and Ananth Badhe highlighted the importance of providing a platform where business leaders can exchange ideas, gain fresh perspectives, and engage with emerging trends that are shaping industries and markets. They noted that while information is widely accessible, opportunities to engage in

high-quality discussions with peers and thought leaders remain valuable. Through its quarterly Momentous platform, CorporateConnections aims to facilitate such interactions and encourage strategic thinking beyond day-to-day business operations. Organizers said the participation of K.T. Rama Rao reflected the significance of the discussion and underscored the growing importance of collaboration between government, industry, and entrepreneurs. The next edition of the Momentous leadership forum is scheduled to be held in Visakhapatnam, continuing the dialogue on innovation, investment, and regional development.

Governor Shukla Calls Yoga a Way of Life

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movement that transcends national boundaries, languages, and cultures. The Governor emphasized that in today's fast-paced world, where stress and lifestyle-related challenges are increasing, yoga serves as a powerful tool for maintaining physical fitness and mental resilience. He said it helps individuals develop self-confidence, discipline, and positive thinking. Highlighting India's cultural legacy, Shukla said the nation's true strength lies not only in economic growth and technological advancement but also in its values, traditions, and heritage. He pointed to the growing global recognition of India's cultural and spiritual contributions, including UNESCO World Heritage Sites, classical languages, and heritage preservation initiatives. The Governor also referred to the increasing popularity of spiritual tourism and the revival of important pilgrimage centres across the country. He said these efforts reflect India's commitment to preserving its cultural roots while progressing towards modernization. Calling upon citizens to make yoga a daily practice, Shukla urged people to embrace healthy living and pass on India's rich cultural values to future generations. He said yoga can contribute significantly to building a healthier, stronger, and more harmonious society.

Telangana Plans Petrol Bunks, Solar Plants for Women SHGs: Minister Seethakka

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living standards. The minister also noted that out of the 67 lakh women associated with SHGs in Telangana, nearly 12 lakh women were previously illiterate. Through the government's "Amma Ki Aksharamala" literacy programme, around six lakh women have attained education equivalent to the Class 10 level, enabling them to participate more actively in social and economic development. Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said the government's welfare initiatives are aimed at making one crore women financially empowered. He added that several welfare schemes are being implemented with women at the center of development policies. During the event, Telangana State Women's Cooperative Development Corporation Chairperson Bandru Shobha Rani said the government is focusing extensively on women's welfare through multiple programmes. The minister also distributed a RS. 50-crore Sreenidhi bank linkage cheque to 194 Self-Help Groups. Earlier, Seethakka participated in a housewarming ceremony for beneficiaries of Indiramma Housing Scheme. Government Whip Beerla Ilaiah and other officials were present.

N. Ramchander Rao Highlights Modi Government's 12-Year Journey at Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sammelan

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday addressed the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Sammelan organized in Begum Bazaar to commemorate 12 years of the Narendra Modi-led government at the Centre. The event brought together BJP leaders, party workers, and members of the public to reflect on the achievements and governance initiatives undertaken during the past decade. Addressing the gathering, Ramchander Rao described Prime Minister Narendra Modi as one of the country's most dedicated leaders, stating that he has devoted every moment of his life to serving the nation under the guiding

principle of "Rashtra Pratham" (Nation First). He said Modi's commitment to public service and development has earned him the trust and support of millions of Indians. The Telangana BJP chief expressed confidence that the Prime Minister would continue to enjoy strong public support in the future. He noted that Modi has been repeatedly elected with overwhelming mandates and has emerged as a leader with a nationwide appeal cutting across regions and communities. Drawing a comparison between the BJP-led government and the previous Congress-led UPA administration, Ramchander Rao alleged that the UPA era was



marked by major corruption scandals, including the 2G spectrum and coal allocation cases. In contrast, he said, the Modi government has focused on transparent governance, accountability, and efficient delivery of public services. Highlighting India's economic progress, he stated that the country has transformed

from being viewed as a developing economy into the world's fourth-largest and one of the fastest-growing major economies. He attributed this growth to reforms, infrastructure expansion, digital transformation, and investor-friendly policies implemented over the last 12 years. Ramchander Rao also emphasized the success of welfare schemes launched by the Centre. Referring to the Jan Dhan Yojana, he said millions of previously unbanked citizens were brought into the formal banking system. He added that direct benefit transfer mechanisms have ensured that welfare funds reach beneficiaries directly without middlemen, improving transparency and reduc-

ing leakages. Speaking about India's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, he said the country successfully vaccinated its population while also supplying vaccines to several nations, showcasing its global leadership and humanitarian commitment. The BJP leader further stated that the Centre had provided more than 713 lakh crore to Telangana over the past 12 years for various development and welfare initiatives. Concluding his address, he said the Modi government's tenure represented 12 years of good governance, development, and inclusive growth, and reaffirmed the party's commitment to building a "Viksit Bharat" in the years ahead.

BRS Demands CM's Resignation Over Farmer Distress and Procurement Failures

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Senior BRS leaders on Saturday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, alleging that it had failed farmers on multiple fronts, including crop procurement, loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa assistance, fertilizer supply, and insurance benefits. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, former Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy accused the government of betraying promises made to the farming community and demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy either resign or apologize to farmers. The BRS leaders alleged that despite assurances made during the elections, the Congress government had failed to procure crops efficiently, forcing farmers to wait for weeks at procurement centres. They claimed that procurement targets were repeatedly revised



downward and that delays in weighing and payments caused severe hardship to cultivators. Niranjan Reddy said that when Congress was in the opposition, its leaders had promised to purchase every grain produced by farmers and ensure better prices. However, he alleged that after assuming power, the government had failed to fulfil those commitments. The BRS also accused the state government of restricting bonus payments on paddy varieties and creating confusion among farmers regarding crop cultivation and procurement policies. The party further alleged that pending Rythu Bharosa payments, incomplete loan waivers, and delays in crop insurance measures had pushed the

agricultural sector into crisis. BRS leaders claimed that thousands of farmer families were yet to receive benefits under farmer welfare schemes and questioned the government over pending insurance claims. Criticizing fertilizer management, the opposition party said farmers were facing difficulties in accessing urea and other inputs. The leaders also accused the government of neglecting major irrigation projects and failing to utilize existing infrastructure effectively for the benefit of farmers. Former Minister Gangula Kamalakar and MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy were among those present at the press conference. The BRS asserted that it would continue to raise issues affecting farmers and hold the government accountable for what it described as unfulfilled promises and policy failures in the agriculture sector.

Govt Whip Dr. Balmoor Venkat Warns Against BJP MP Tejasvi Surya's Visit to Telangana

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Government Whip Dr. Balmoor Venkat on Friday warned that BJP MP Tejasvi Surya would face protests if he visits Telangana without apologising for his alleged remarks comparing the state to Pakistan. Addressing a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Dr. Balmoor Venkat alleged that Tejasvi Surya's comments had hurt the sentiments of the people of Telangana and reflected the mindset of the BJP towards the state. He said BJP leaders had neither condemned nor distanced themselves from the remarks made in Parliament. The Government Whip questioned the BJP's decision to invite Tejasvi Surya to Hyderabad for the proposed "Namam Gen Z Conclave," stating that the BJP must first seek an unconditional apology from the MP before organising any event in Telangana. He warned that Congress workers and Telangana youth would strongly oppose the visit if no apology was offered. "Telangana is built on emotion, self-respect and a long struggle for statehood.

Any attempt to insult the sentiments of Telangana people will not be tolerated," he said. Dr. Balmoor Venkat also accused the BJP of trying to engage with Gen Z youth despite, according to him, failing to address issues affecting students and unemployed youth across the country. He alleged that the BJP government had harmed the interests of young people through various policies and controversies, and claimed that the youth were increasingly raising their voice against the ruling party at the Centre. The Congress leader said Telangana's people would not remain silent when their identity and sentiments are undermined. He reiterated that Tejasvi Surya should apologise to the people of Telangana before participating in any public programme in the state. The remarks come amid a political row over statements attributed to the BJP MP, with Congress leaders demanding clarification and an apology, while tensions continue to escalate ahead of proposed youth-focused political events in Hyderabad.

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

A Satyagraha protest was organized at Gandhi Bhavan under the banner of the Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sangathan to protest the rejection of the Rajya Sabha nomination of Telangana Congress in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan by the Election Commission. The protest drew participation from senior Congress leaders, elected representatives, office-bearers, and party workers, who expressed solidarity with Meenakshi Natarajan and condemned the decision to reject her nomination. The programme was attended by TPCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, Rajiv Gandhi Panchayat Raj Sangathan All India Chairman Sunil Panwar, and AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant, who extended their support to the protest and addressed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion, Congress leaders termed the rejection of Meenakshi Natarajan's nomination as unjust and said the party would continue to raise its voice through democratic means. They emphasized that the Congress remains committed to protecting democratic values and constitutional principles. The leaders also highlighted



Meenakshi Natarajan's longstanding contribution to the Congress party and public life, stating that she has played an important role in strengthening the organization and guiding party activities in Telangana. Government Whip Adi Srinivas, MLA Naveen Yadav, several District Congress Committee presidents, corporation chairpersons, senior Congress leaders, public representatives, and office-bearers of affiliated organizations participated in the Satyagraha. Party workers gathered in large numbers at Gandhi Bhavan and expressed their solidarity with the Congress leadership. The participants reiterated their commitment to continue democratic protests and legal efforts regarding the issue. The programme concluded with Congress leaders calling for unity among party cadres and stressing the importance of safeguarding democratic institutions and electoral processes.

KTR Demands Procurement of Every Grain

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on the Telangana government, accusing it of abandoning farmers and failing to honour promises made before the Assembly elections. Addressing a media conference at Telangana Bhavan, KTR said the Congress government had "betrayed" the farming community by scaling back crop procurement commitments and failing to implement key welfare assurances. KTR alleged that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had promised to procure every grain produced by farmers while in the opposition but was now refusing to do so after coming to power. He demanded that the government either ensure procurement of all crops or apologise to the farming community. "If crops are not procured, farmers should hold Congress leaders account-



able and question them directly," he said. The BRS leader claimed that while the previous BRS government procured record quantities of paddy and other crops, farmers under the Congress regime were being forced to wait for weeks at procurement centres. He alleged that procurement targets had been repeatedly reduced and that delays were causing severe hardship to cultivators. KTR also criticised the government over pending farmer welfare commitments, including loan waivers, Rythu Bharosa assistance, crop insurance and farmer insurance benefits. He alleged that thousands of farmer insurance claims remained pending due to the govern-

ment's failure to pay premiums on time. Expressing concern over fertilizer availability, KTR said farmers were facing difficulties in accessing urea despite the ongoing agricultural season. He further accused the government of creating confusion over bonus payments for fine varieties of paddy and restricting eligibility to a limited number of varieties. The BRS leader also criticised the state government for not fully utilising major irrigation projects such as Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and delaying the completion of the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme. He alleged that these decisions were adversely affecting Telangana's agricultural sector. KTR asserted that the BRS would continue its agitation in support of farmers and warned that the people would hold the government accountable for what he described as anti-farmer policies.

BJP Telangana President Demands Probe into Singareni Coal Scam

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao on Saturday accused the Congress-led Telangana government of attempting to divert attention from the alleged Singareni coal scam by targeting Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy with what he described as false allegations. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state headquarters in Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao alleged that nearly 4.5 million metric tonnes of coal had gone missing from Singareni Collieries and demanded a transparent investigation into the matter. He questioned why a BJP fact-finding team led by the party's floor leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy, along with MLAs and MLCs, was prevented from



visiting the site. He pointed out that the Telangana government holds a 51 percent stake in Singareni Collieries, while the Centre holds 49 percent. Despite the Centre's stake, he said administrative and financial powers remain with the state government, making it responsible for addressing the allegations. He added that Kishan Reddy had formally written to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy

seeking a thorough inquiry into the issue. The BJP leader also criticized the state government over the condition of public education. He alleged that government schools lack basic infrastructure, including classrooms, toilets, and teaching resources, and claimed that textbooks and uniforms had not been supplied despite the academic year being underway. He urged the government to

increase allocations for the education sector and address vacancies in key administrative positions. Ramchander Rao further questioned the status of the 71,000 crore funding promise made to Osmania University, alleging that hostel facilities at the university are in poor condition and require urgent attention. He called for the reconstruction of hostels at both Osmania and Kakatiya University. The BJP leader also accused the state government of delaying paddy procurement and urged it to focus on fulfilling promises made to farmers. He called on youth, women, and professionals to support the BJP and contribute to the nation's development under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership.

Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekanand Alleges Congress Betrayed Farmers

Quthbullapur, June 20 | TPN Bureau

BRS Legislature Party Whip and Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekanand on Friday accused the Telangana government of failing the farming community despite making several promises before the elections. Addressing a press conference at the BRS party office in Chintal, he alleged that the Congress government was subjecting farmers to severe hardship under the guise of public welfare governance. Vivekanand said the government had come to power on the strength of promises made to farmers but had failed to fulfill them. He alleged that apart from renaming the previous "Rythu Bandhu" scheme as "Rythu Bharosa," the government had not provided any additional benefits



to the farming community. The MLA criticized the implementation of the farm loan waiver scheme, claiming that while the government had widely publicized the initiative, only a small number of farmers had actually received relief. He stated that in the Quthbullapur constituency, only 13 out of nearly 600 farmers had benefited from the loan waiver program. He further

alleged that the government had failed to ensure adequate supplies of urea and had not implemented a comprehensive farmer insurance scheme. According to him, farmers across the state were facing increasing difficulties due to a lack of timely support and welfare measures. Recalling the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, Vivekanand said the previous BRS gov-

ernment had provided seeds and fertilizers on time, procured paddy from farmers, and extended various forms of support to the agricultural sector. He credited the former administration with helping Telangana emerge as one of the country's leading grain-producing states. Demanding the restoration and effective implementation of the farmer insurance scheme, the MLA said families of farmers who die unexpectedly should receive immediate financial assistance. He warned that the BRS would continue to raise farmers' issues and intensify its agitation if the government failed to address their concerns. Several former corporators, BRS division presidents, and party leaders attended the press conference.

BRSV Submits Memorandum to Quthbullapur MEO Over School Fee Hike

Quthbullapur, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the BRSV student wing on Friday submitted a memorandum to Quthbullapur Mandal Education Officer (MEO) Gemini Kumari, demanding immediate action against private educational institutions for allegedly imposing excessive fees on students and burdening poor and middle-class families. The memorandum was submitted during a programme organized by the BRS student wing in the Chintal division. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders alleged that private schools were turning education into a commercial enterprise by continuously increasing fees without proper regulation. They stated that providing quality education to every student is the responsibility of the government and expressed concern that rising school fees were making education increasingly inaccessible to economically weaker sections. According to the student leaders, private schools were collecting hefty



fees from kindergarten to high school levels and imposing additional charges for books, uniforms, and transportation, placing significant financial pressure on parents. The leaders said that many daily wage workers, employees, and middle-class families aspire to provide quality education to their children but are struggling to do so because of the escalating costs. They urged education department officials to closely monitor private educational institutions and implement measures to regulate fee structures. Warning of intensified protests if the issue remains

unresolved, the BRSV leaders said they would launch large-scale agitations under the student wing's banner to protect the interests of students and parents. They also raised concerns about the condition of government schools, alleging that several institutions lack adequate classrooms, drinking water facilities, toilets, furniture, and other essential infrastructure. Strengthening government schools and providing a better learning environment for students should be a priority, they said.

The memorandum called for immediate intervention by the education department to address both the issue of unregulated private school fees and the shortage of basic facilities in government schools. Among those who participated in the programme were Nishanth, Ravi Kiran, Raju Yadav, Jai Krishna, Sai Prasad Chintu, Sai Ram Goud, Surya Teja, Eswar, Prabhas, Roshan, and other BRSV activists.

Pallavi Engineering College Hosts US Delegation for Academic Collaboration Talks

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Pallavi Engineering College hosted a delegation from St. Francis College, USA, on Friday to explore opportunities for international academic collaboration, student advancement, and research partnerships. The visiting delegation included Dr. Michelle Steven, Associate Dean of Graduate Education, and Dharmatej Devapoojula, International Admissions Specialist. The representatives engaged in detailed discussions with the management and faculty of Pallavi Engineering College on a range of academic initiatives.



The talks focused on higher education opportunities for students, international progression pathways, collaborative research projects, stu-

dent and faculty exchange programmes, hands-on learning initiatives, and the development of technical skills. Both institutions explored avenues to strengthen global exposure and academic excellence through future partnerships. During their visit, the St. Francis College representatives toured the college's laboratories and infrastructure facilities and interacted with faculty members and stu-

dents. They appreciated the institution's commitment to quality technical education, the talent displayed by students, and the research-oriented academic environment on campus. The two institutions also exchanged academic reports and curriculum details while discussing the feasibility of curriculum exchange programmes and other long-term collaborative initiatives. Officials from both

sides expressed optimism about establishing a strong and mutually beneficial international partnership in the coming years. The programme was attended by Dr. J.B.V. Subrahmanyam, Director of Pallavi Engineering College; Dr. M.B. Raju, Principal; Dr. R. Prashanth Kumar, Vice Principal; management representative Birelli Kamalakar Rao; programme coordinator Dr. A. Sai Harish; along with heads of departments, faculty members, and students. Representatives from both institutions noted that the discussions had laid a strong foundation for future international educational cooperation and could open new academic and professional opportunities for students and faculty alike.

St. Francis Girls High School Celebrates International Yoga Day

Secunderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

St. Francis Girls High School in Secunderabad celebrated International Yoga Day with enthusiasm, promoting the importance of yoga for physical health, mental well-being, and a balanced lifestyle. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Principal Reverend Sister Gracy Mendonca and ANO I/O A. Christina Nirmala. Yoga trainers Jaya Surya from the Decathlon Erram anil team and school alumna Shruti led the session, demonstrating various yoga postures and explaining their health benefits to participants. The event witnessed active participation from nearly 100 NCC cadets, around 400 students, teachers, and non-teaching staff members. Participants enthusiastically performed yoga exercises and learned about the role of yoga in improving fitness, concentration, flexibility, and overall well-being. Organiser Prasanna



highlighted the importance of incorporating yoga into daily life, stating that regular practice contributes significantly to physical fitness, mental peace, and healthy ageing. Students were encouraged to adopt yoga as a lifelong habit to maintain a healthy and stress-free lifestyle. As part of the celebrations, participants were presented with certificates, Decathlon shopping discount coupons, and refreshments. The initiative aimed to create greater

awareness about the benefits of yoga and inspire students to embrace healthy living practices. Teachers, students, NCC cadets, and staff members of St. Francis Girls High School took part in the programme, making the International Yoga Day celebrations a memorable and meaningful event. The event reinforced the message that yoga is a powerful tool for achieving a healthier body, a calmer mind, and a happier life.

Chilkaiguda ACP K. Shashank Reddy Urges Vigilance Against Cyber Crimes

Secunderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Chilkaiguda Division ACP K. Shashank Reddy conducted a cybercrime awareness programme on Saturday to educate the public about the growing threat of online frauds and cyber offences in the Warasiguda Police Station limits. Addressing the gathering along with Warasiguda SHO Rajender Goud, the ACP advised citizens not to respond to messages, links, or video calls from unknown individuals. He cautioned people against sharing personal information, bank account details, OTPs, or other sensitive data with strangers. Shashank Reddy stressed the importance of verifying the identity of indi-



viduals before transferring money or engaging in online financial transactions. He noted that cybercriminals often use deceptive tactics to gain the trust of victims and steal money or personal information. The ACP informed participants that victims of cyber fraud

should immediately report incidents through the national cybercrime helpline 1930 during the "golden hour," the crucial period immediately after a fraud occurs. Prompt reporting, he explained, enables authorities to initiate action quickly, register a Zero FIR if required, and for-

ward the case to the concerned police station for investigation. He further stated that timely reporting improves the chances of freezing fraudulent transactions and, subject to legal procedures and court orders, recovering lost funds. The police officials urged citizens to remain alert while using digital platforms and to spread awareness among family members, friends, and neighbours to prevent cybercrime incidents. The awareness programme was attended by ACP K. Shashank Reddy, SHO Rajender Goud, police personnel, and local residents. The initiative aimed to strengthen public awareness and encourage responsible online behaviour in an increasingly digital world.

Secunderabad DCC General Secretary Ryala Rajender Yadav Extends Financial Aid to Student

Secunderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Ryala Rajender Yadav, General Secretary of the Secunderabad District Congress Committee (DCC), provided financial assistance to a financially disadvantaged student to support his education. The beneficiary is the son of Congress leader Lakshmi from Mettuguda. The assistance was extended to help the student continue his studies without financial hardship and pursue his academic goals. Speaking on the occasion, Congress leaders highlighted the importance of supporting students from economically weaker sections and ensuring that financial constraints do not become a barrier to education. They noted that encouraging education



through such initiatives can help create better opportunities for deserving students. Several Congress women leaders, including Pushpamma, Sravanthi, and Sujatha, participated in the programme and conveyed their best wishes to the student for a successful academic future. The leaders appreciated the gesture and stated that

extending support to underprivileged students is a meaningful contribution toward social development and educational empowerment. The programme concluded with participants expressing hope that more individuals and organizations would come forward to assist deserving students and help them achieve their educational aspirations.

BRS Alleges Congress Failed to Implement SC, ST Declaration Promises

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Senior BRS leaders on Friday accused the Congress government of failing to fulfill promises made to Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) under the Chevella SC-ST Declaration and alleged that welfare measures introduced during the previous BRS regime had been neglected. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, former minister Koppula Eshwar said the Congress government had misled SC and ST communities with assurances that remain unimplemented. He announced that BRS would write to Mallikarjun Kharge

seeking clarification on the status of the SC-ST Declaration announced at the Chevella public meeting before the Assembly elections. Eshwar alleged that key promises, including financial assistance under the proposed Ambedkar Abhaya Hastham scheme, enhanced reservations for SCs and STs, housing benefits and land rights, had not been delivered. He claimed that the Congress government had failed to continue several welfare initiatives introduced during the tenure of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, including the Dalit Bandhu scheme. The former minister also

criticised the implementation of the Indiramma housing programme, alleging that the pace of construction was slow and that beneficiaries were facing difficulties. He further claimed that fee reimbursement dues for SC and ST students remained pending and accused the government of neglecting welfare hostels, study circles and educational institutions. Former MP Maloth Kavitha alleged that the Congress government had failed to improve the lives of SC and ST families despite being in power for over two years. She demanded answers on reservation benefits, educational support and land-related issues affecting disadvan-

tagged communities. Former MLA Rasamayi Balakishan also criticised the government, alleging that several promises made to Dalits and tribal communities had not been fulfilled. He urged SC and ST communities to question the government on welfare commitments and reservation-related assurances. Several senior BRS leaders, including former Deputy Chief Minister T. Rajaiah and former legislators, attended the press conference. The party said it would continue to raise issues concerning SC and ST welfare and demand implementation of promises made by the Congress government.

Minister Mohammed Azharuddin Attends Indira Mahila Shakti Saree Distribution Programme

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Public Enterprises and Minority Welfare Mohammed Azharuddin participated in the Indira Mahila Shakti Saree Distribution Programme held at Banjara Bhavan in Banjara Hills, Hyderabad. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is implementing several welfare initiatives aimed at empowering women and improving their socio-economic status. He stated that the government remains committed to the economic, educational, and social advancement of women across the state. A large number of women

beneficiaries received sarees under the Indira Mahila Shakti programme. The initiative is aimed at supporting women's welfare and strengthening their participation in society through various government-backed schemes. The event was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, MLC Venkat Balmore, senior government officials, corporation chairpersons, public representatives, local leaders, party workers, women representatives, and beneficiaries. Speakers at the programme appreciated the government's efforts to promote women's welfare and empowerment through targeted schemes and social support initiatives.

They emphasized the importance of ensuring that welfare benefits reach deserving beneficiaries across all sections of society. Following the distribution programme, Minister Mohammed Azharuddin and other public representatives interacted with beneficiaries and listened to their concerns and suggestions. They reiterated the government's commitment to implementing policies and programmes aimed at improving the quality of life and opportunities available to women throughout Telangana. The programme concluded with beneficiaries expressing appreciation for the initiative and the support extended through the Indira Mahila Shakti scheme.

MP Etela Rajender Inaugurates Football Ground at Pallavi International School

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Pallavi International School, Thumukunta, celebrated International Yoga Day and World Music Day while also inaugurating its new football ground in a grand event held on June 20. The newly developed football ground was inaugurated by Etela Rajender, who performed the ceremonial first kick and addressed students on the theme, "Education with Values and Ethics." He emphasized the importance of discipline, character, and sportsmanship in shaping responsible citizens and future leaders. The event was attended by several distinguished guests, including Shobana Sadagop an, Victor Amalraj, Ranjana Dubey, Chairman of



the DPS and PGOS Group of Schools Malka Komaraiha, and Director Dr. Sankuri Karthik. Students, teachers, and parents enthusiastically participated in yoga demonstrations that highlighted the importance of physical and mental well-being. The World Music Day celebrations featured vibrant musical and cultural performances, creating a festive atmosphere on campus. The inauguration of the football ground underscored the school's commitment to promoting sports and physical fitness alongside academic achievement. School authorities said the

new facility would provide students with enhanced opportunities to develop teamwork, leadership, and athletic skills. Addressing the gathering, Principal Dr. Sucharitha Roy expressed gratitude to the management, guests, parents, staff, and students for their support. She reiterated the institution's vision of nurturing well-rounded individuals through a balanced focus on academics, sports, arts, values, and life skills.

The combined celebration reflected the spirit of holistic education and marked a significant milestone in the school's journey. The event concluded with the message: "A New Field, A New Spirit, A Brighter Future."

S.B. Srinivasa Chary Elected LIAFI Secretary General at National Meet

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

The National General Body Meeting of the Life Insurance Agents Federation of India (LIAFI-1964) concluded successfully in Hyderabad, drawing around 3,500 life insurance agents, representatives, and leaders from across the country. During the elections held after the meeting, Satinder Singh Kala of Delhi was unanimously elected as National President, while S.B. Srinivasa Chary of Hyderabad was chosen as Secretary General. Singarapu Srinivas was elected National Vice-President, and Boddupalli Sriram was elected National Treasurer. The newly elected office-bearers were felicitated by Koutike Vithal, India's leading Chief Life Insurance Advisor, former CLIA Chairman, and Co-Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the LIAFI-1964 National General Body Meeting. He congratulated the leaders and appreciated their commitment to strengthening the



the federation. The occasion also coincided with the birthday of S.B. Srinivasa Chary. He was honoured with a grand felicitation at the event, where leaders praised his dedication and tireless efforts in organizing the national conference over the past two months. The felicitation programme was attended by Secunderabad Division President P. Ramaswamy, General Secretary D. Sunil Kumar, Central Vice-President of Women Empowerment Wing E. Hemalatha, Zone Vice-

President A. Vijayalakshmi, A. Rani Padmaja, and several other leaders. In his address, Koutike Vithal emphasized the need for every member to understand the history, objectives, and policies of LIAFI-1964. He called for enhanced training programmes for life insurance agents, better facilities for club members, and expansion of primary membership across branches. He also advocated insurance coverage for primary members, stronger welfare measures, and efforts to safeguard agents' rights through suitable legislative reforms. Stressing the importance of organizational growth, he urged agents to contribute to the development of the Life Insurance Corporation of India and work towards expanding the federation's future initiatives. The national conference served as a significant platform for strengthening unity among life insurance agents and outlining the federation's future roadmap.

Rajya Sabha MP Dr. K. Laxman Participates in Community Lunch, Highlights Modi Government's Achievements

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Rajya Sabha MP K. Laxman visited the residence of BJP karyakarta Bala Swamy, a respected member of the Kuruma community, and participated in a traditional Bonthi Bhojanam (community lunch) with his family on Friday. The visit was aimed at strengthening ties with members of the Backward Class (BC) communities and recognizing their contribution to society. During the interaction, Dr. Laxman spent time with family members and discussed various social and community-related issues. Following the community lunch, the BJP leader



addressed a press conference where he highlighted the achievements of the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi over the past 12 years. As part of the programme, Dr. Laxman distributed special booklets detailing key initiatives, reforms, and welfare measures implemented by the Modi government. The publications were handed over to representatives of various Backward Class communities. Speaking on the occasion, he

said the Centre's policies have focused on inclusive development, social empowerment, economic growth, and improving opportunities for marginalized sections of society. He emphasized that the government remains committed to the welfare and advancement of BC communities across the country. Representatives from different BC organizations, BJP leaders, and local community members attended the event. The programme concluded with participants expressing appreciation for the outreach initiative and discussing ways to further strengthen community development and public awareness about government welfare schemes.

Nakrekal Sees Push for Rural Development

Nakrekal, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukender Reddy and Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said development activities are progressing rapidly across the Nakrekal constituency, with a focus on education, healthcare, and public welfare. The leaders made the remarks while participating in a series of development programmes in Urumada village on Friday. They, along with Government Whip and Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham, inaugurated a newly constructed Anganwadi building built at a cost of ₹15 lakh and a village library building constructed with an expenditure of ₹5 lakh. Addressing the gathering, the leaders said the state government is committed to strengthening educational infrastructure in rural areas. They noted that modern Anganwadi centres play a crucial role in providing a better learning environment for children during their formative years. They also stressed the importance of establishing libraries at the village level to encourage reading habits and promote knowledge among youth.



Highlighting the government's focus on social welfare, the leaders said education and healthcare remain key priorities in the state's development agenda. They emphasized that investments in these sectors contribute significantly to the overall progress of rural communities. Later, Gutta Sukender Reddy and Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy inaugurated a free eye treatment and cataract screening camp organized by the Gutta Venkat Reddy Memorial Trust. The camp was aimed at providing accessible healthcare services to residents of rural areas, particularly those who may not have

easy access to specialized medical treatment. The leaders appreciated the efforts of charitable trusts and voluntary organizations in supporting public health initiatives. They said such programmes complement government efforts and help ensure that quality healthcare reaches economically weaker sections of society. Residents, local public representatives, officials, and beneficiaries participated in the programme. The leaders reiterated their commitment to accelerating development works and improving the quality of life in villages across the Nakrekal constituency.

KTR Blames Congress for Farmer Distress

Adilabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

K. T. Rama Rao on Saturday visited the family of farmer Pandurang from Ponn village in Sirikonda mandal of Adilabad district, who allegedly died by suicide after failing to sell his jowar crop at the promised Minimum Support Price (MSP). KTR expressed solidarity with the bereaved family and announced financial assistance of ₹3 lakh on behalf of the BRS party. Addressing the media after meeting the family, KTR alleged that the Congress government's failure to procure crops and provide adequate support had pushed farmers into severe distress. He claimed that Pandurang had waited for nearly a month at the market yard expecting the government-announced MSP of ₹3,720 per



quintal for his produce but was unable to secure a fair price. KTR further alleged that the farmer was forced to consider selling his produce in the private market at significantly lower rates and faced administrative hurdles during procurement. He termed the incident a reflection of the agrarian crisis prevailing in the state. Demanding immediate relief, KTR urged the government to announce an ex gratia payment of ₹25 lakh to Pandurang's family and take responsibility for the future of his three children. He also called for government employment opportunities for the children as a measure of long-term support. The BRS leader accused the Congress government of failing to implement key promises made to farmers, including

loan waivers, bonus payments on crops, and timely disbursement of farmer welfare benefits. He alleged that several farmer insurance claims remain pending and criticized the government's handling of the agriculture sector. Appealing to farmers across Telangana, KTR urged them not to lose hope or take extreme steps. He encouraged them to raise their concerns democratically and demand accountability from elected representatives. Reiterating BRS support for the farming community, he said the party would continue its fight against what it described as anti-farmer policies. Former ministers Prashanth Reddy and Jogu Ramanna, along with several legislators and party leaders, accompanied KTR during the visit.

Minister Komatireddy Inaugurates Indiramma House



Nalgonda, June 20 | TPN Bureau
Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy inaugurated an Indiramma house in Kurampally village on Saturday, highlighting the state government's commitment to providing housing for the underprivileged. The newly constructed house belonging to Orsu Yashwant Kumar Chaitanya was formally inaugurated by the minister with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The event was organised at the invitation of village Sarpanch Orsu Pentaiah and witnessed enthusiastic participation from local residents and Congress party workers. Speaking on the occasion, the minister emphasized the government's efforts to ensure that eligible families receive quality housing facilities under welfare programmes. He appreciated the cooperation of local representatives and villagers in supporting development initiatives in the region. Several public representatives attended the programme, including Burri Chaitanya Srinivas Reddy, former Kanagal ZPTC Srinivas Goud, Deputy Sarpanch Srilam Lakshma Reddy, ward members and other local leaders. Villagers expressed happiness over the completion of the house and thanked the government for extending housing benefits to deserving families. The programme concluded with local leaders conveying gratitude to all those who contributed to the successful organisation of the event.

Minister Launches SITA to Modernize Temple Administration

Hyderabad, June 20 | TPN Bureau

Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha inaugurated the State Institute of Temple Administration (SITA) at the Endowments Department headquarters in Boggulakunta, Hyderabad, marking a significant step toward modernizing temple governance and strengthening administrative capacity across the state. Addressing officials, priests and employees, the minister said SITA would play a transformative role in enhancing temple administration through professional training, skill development and the adoption of modern management practices. She expressed confidence that the institute would help Telangana emerge as a national model in temple administration and governance. Konda Surekha emphasized that the successful implementation of welfare and development initiatives in temples depends on close coordination between priests and department employees. She described the revival of SITA, after



remaining largely inactive since the formation of Telangana, as a reflection of the commitment of the government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy toward strengthening religious institutions. The minister said SITA would conduct specialized training programmes for temple staff at all levels, focusing on administration, protection of temple properties, revenue management, technology adoption, Agama Shastras, rituals and traditional practices. She noted that these efforts would bring greater efficiency, transparency and professionalism to temple

management across the state. As part of the event, the Endowments Department also announced a series of employee welfare measures. Promotion orders were handed over to 38 temple employees, including promotions from Grade-III to Grade-II positions and appointments under the transfer of service category as senior assistants. Retired employees also received financial benefits under the Archaka and Other Employees Welfare Fund Trust, reflecting the department's focus on staff welfare. Endowments Department Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaier, Director M. Hanumantha Rao, SITA Director Chilakapati Vijaya Raghavacharyulu, senior officials, priests and representatives of various religious organizations attended the programme. The minister called upon priests and employees to work with dedication and commitment to transform Telangana into a spiritually vibrant state while preserving and promoting its rich temple heritage.

BRS Leaders Lay Siege to MRO Office Over Alleged Encroachment of Government Land



Secunderabad Cantonment, June 20 | TPN Bureau

BRS leaders on Saturday staged a protest outside the MRO office, demanding that the government protect nearly eight acres of government land in Survey No. 157/1 at Boinpally-Cantonment and utilize it for the construction of 6,000 Indiramma houses for the poor. Leading the protest, BRS Membership Registration In-Charge Dr. Manne Krishank alleged that the land, valued at nearly ₹800 crore, has been recorded as government property in official records for decades. He said the site should be preserved for public welfare projects rather than being allowed to fall into the hands of private interests. Krishank claimed that lead-

ers of the Congress party had earlier proposed the construction of 6,000 Indiramma houses on the same land but were now remaining silent on the issue. He accused the state government of failing to safeguard public property and alleged that attempts were being made to hand over the land to encroachers. The BRS leader further stated that when encroachment attempts were made on the land in August 2023, the then administration had acted swiftly. According to him, the MRO filed a complaint and an FIR was registered by the local police station, helping protect the government land at the time. Criticizing the present government, Krishank alleged that authorities were not taking adequate measures to

defend the land legally. He demanded that the government fight the matter in court and ensure that the property remains under public ownership. The protesting leaders emphasized that the land should be used for housing the poor instead of commercial projects. They warned that the party would intensify its agitation if the government failed to act and protect the property. Among those who participated in the protest were Nivedita, former Corporation Chairman Gajjala Nagesh, former Cantonment Board members Jakkula Maheshwar Reddy, Anita, Nalini, Kiran, Pandu Yadav, Shyam Kumar, T.N. Srinivas, and several other BRS leaders and activists.

Editorial



Yoga for All, Not Just for Records

There is no doubt that yoga is beneficial for physical and mental health. The efforts of the Government of India and various state governments to promote yoga and create awareness among the public deserve appreciation.

However, an important question remains unanswered: Is yoga truly reaching the common people, or is it largely confined to the middle class and government-sponsored events?

In many places, government employees, local body staff, and members of various welfare groups are mobilised to ensure large attendance at Yoga Day programmes. Such participation may help create impressive statistics, but it does not necessarily reflect voluntary public involvement.

The focus should shift from one-day events to long-term accessibility. Governments should encourage the establishment of yoga training centres and integrate yoga education into schools, colleges, and community institutions.

At a time when education and skill development are increasingly moving into the private sector, the government has a greater responsibility to ensure that yoga remains a public health initiative rather than a privilege for a few.

Editor

Where Is the Culture of Independent Film Viewing in the Telugu States?

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When we think of cinema, what usually comes to mind are massive budgets, star heroes, hundred-core box-office collections, profits, and losses. Yet, running parallel to this mainstream current is another creative stream that has never ceased to flow: Independent Cinema.

Many of the finest filmmakers in Indian cinema emerged from the tradition of independent filmmaking. From masters such as Satyajit Ray, Shyam Benegal, and Adoor Gopalakrishnan to contemporary directors like Anurag Kashyap, Rima Das, and Chaitanya Tamhane, independent cinema has continually enriched Indian filmmaking with new languages of expression and new aesthetic sensibilities.

Films produced outside the control of major studios and corporate production houses are generally regarded as independent films. They are often characterized by modest budgets, personal and original storytelling, new actors and technicians, regional realities, local cultures, and above all, creative freedom.

A close look at Indian cinema over the past decade reveals an interesting development. Amid the frenzy surrounding big-budget spectacles and pan-Indian blockbusters, small and independent films have quietly carved out a distinctive space

for themselves. Once confined largely to film festivals, independent cinema is now attracting audiences across the world.

When we consider the state of independent cinema in Telugu, the picture is both challenging and hopeful. The industry continues to revolve largely around heavy investments and a star-driven system. Yet significant changes are visible. Digital technology has enabled young filmmakers to produce films at relatively low cost. Streaming platforms, too, have provided some relief.

Even when theatrical releases remain inaccessible, OTT platforms have emerged as alternative avenues. They have expanded opportunities for smaller films to reach audiences. In truth, Telugu society still holds an immense reservoir of untold stories. The social transformations following the Telangana movement, the lives of migrant workers, the agrarian crisis, the impact of urbanization, Dalit and Bahujan experiences, women's lives, and the cultures of small towns all offer fertile narrative landscapes for independent cinema.

The success of Malayalam cinema provides an important lesson. It has been demonstrated that even without extravagant budgets, compelling stories and honest storytelling can resonate with audiences worldwide. Similar possibilities exist in Telugu cinema. Films rooted in the life, language, culture, folklore, and regional histories of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have the potential to earn both national and international recognition.



Yet formidable obstacles remain. Lack of investment, limited access to theatres, rising promotional costs, the overwhelming dominance of the star system, and the decline of the once-vibrant film society movement continue to impede growth. To make matters worse, meaningful government support is largely absent in both Telugu states.

Without adequate exhibition spaces, is it truly possible to build a culture of film viewing today?

Independent Telugu cinema is only beginning its genuine journey. There is no shortage of stories. There is no shortage of talent. What is needed are appropriate platforms, institutional support, and the courage to nurture alternative voices. Just as Bengali cinema once transformed the language of Indian cinema, and Malayalam cinema later redefined it, independent Telugu cinema—grounded in the lived realities of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh—has the potential to write a new chapter in Indian film history.

Big films may conquer the

market; independent films conquer time.

Yet the venues for screening meaningful independent cinema have steadily disappeared. In cities such as Hyderabad, Warangal, Karimnagar, Visakhapatnam, and Vijayawada, government-supported spaces, private cultural centres, and voluntary organizations that once provided platforms for serious cinema have become increasingly scarce. Governments remain largely indifferent while extending generous concessions and additional screenings to commercial films.

There are, however, a few encouraging examples. Recently, the Mumbai Academy of the Moving Image (MAMI) began organizing weekly screenings, pairing independent feature films with short films. Beyond film festivals, however, stable institutional platforms for independent cinema remain rare across the country. Only a handful of films find their way onto streaming services; countless others disappear without recognition.

At the same time, some or-

ganizations continue their efforts to connect Indian audiences with the heritage of world cinema. The Film Heritage Foundation screens restored classics every Thursday at Mumbai's Regal Cinema. For the past fifteen years, Vikalp has been presenting politically conscious films on the last Friday of every month at Prithvi House in Mumbai. The National Film Archive of India in Pune and the National Museum of Indian Cinema in Mumbai conduct regular Saturday screenings.

Yet even these initiatives have not succeeded in building a sustained culture of cinema appreciation. Culture cannot exist without a critical and informed viewing practice.

That is why both Telugu state governments, cultural institutions, educational bodies, and the public must awaken to the importance of nurturing a genuine culture of independent film viewing. Only then can cinema become not merely entertainment, but a meaningful medium of social reflection, cultural dialogue, and artistic freedom.

PEACE IS THE GREATEST VICTORY

Humanity's future depends not on who wins wars, but on how wisely nations avoid them

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The recent easing of hostilities involving the United States, Iran and the wider Middle East region is a welcome development for humanity. After months of military confrontation, threats, uncertainty and disruption, the move towards dialogue and de-escalation offers a ray of hope not only for the people of the region but also for the entire world.

For decades, the Middle East has remained one of the world's most sensitive regions. Any conflict involving Iran, Israel or the United States has consequences far beyond national borders. Oil prices fluctuate, global markets become unstable, trade routes are disrupted and ordinary families across the world feel the impact through rising costs of fuel, transportation and essential commodities.

The Strait of Hormuz, through which nearly one-fifth of the world's oil and gas supplies pass, is a critical artery of the global economy. During the recent conflict, disruptions in this strategic waterway created anxiety in international markets and affected global shipping. Although efforts are underway to restore normalcy, the episode once again demonstrated how regional conflicts can quickly become global concerns.

What makes modern wars particularly tragic is that they occur at a time when humanity possesses unprecedented scientific and technological capabilities. We have artificial intelligence, advanced medical technologies, reusable rockets, quantum computing and ambitious plans for space exploration. Yet, despite these achievements, nations continue to spend enormous resources preparing for and fighting wars. According to the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), global military expenditure reached approximately US \$2.887 trillion in 2025, which is roughly 250 lakh crore at current exchange rates. This is the highest military expenditure ever recorded and marks the eleventh consecutive year of growth. To put this figure into perspective, 250 lakh crore is several times greater than the annual budgets of many developing nations combined. Imagine the transformation that could occur if even a fraction of this amount were invested in education, healthcare, poverty alleviation, climate action and scientific research.

The contrast is striking. While the world spends astronomical sums on weapons and warfare, hundreds of millions of people continue to struggle with poverty, unemployment, inadequate healthcare and lack of quality education. The challenge before humanity today is not a shortage of resources, but the manner in which those resources are prioritised.

The recent conflict also offers an important lesson for all parties involved, including Iran, Israel and the United States. Military victories are often temporary, but the consequences of war can last for generations. Destroyed infrastructure can be rebuilt. Economies can recover. Yet lives lost can never be restored, and the psychological scars borne by families and children may persist for decades. History repeatedly demonstrates that lasting peace is rarely achieved through military force alone. Durable solutions emerge through negotiation, diplomacy, mutual respect and sustained dialogue. The end of active hostilities should therefore not be viewed merely as a ceasefire but as an opportunity to address deeper concerns through peaceful means. India's timeless philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam"—the world is one family—offers a valuable message in the present context. In an increasingly interconnected world, the security and prosperity of one nation are closely linked to those of others. Cooperation ultimately produces greater benefits than confrontation. The role of global leaders is therefore crucial. They must recognise that true strength lies not in the ability to wage war but in the wisdom to prevent it. Statesmanship is demonstrated not by escalating conflicts but by resolving them. The world needs more bridge-builders and fewer battle-builders.

The media too has an important responsibility. News organisations should inform, educate and encourage thoughtful public discourse. While conflicts must be reported truthfully, peace initiatives and diplomatic successes deserve equal attention. Societies progress when public opinion supports dialogue rather than division.

Educational institutions can also contribute by promoting values such as tolerance, empathy, conflict resolution and global citizenship. Future generations must be equipped not merely with technological skills but also with the emotional intelligence necessary to build a more harmonious world. The recent de-escalation involving the United States and Iran deserves appreciation. Equally important is the hope that Israel, Iran, the United States and other stakeholders in the region will continue to pursue peaceful engagement and avoid actions that could reignite tensions. The people of all nations involved deserve security, prosperity and peace.

Humanity has learned how to split the atom, reach the Moon and explore the frontiers of space. Our next great achievement should be far simpler and far nobler: learning to resolve conflicts without war. The guns may fall silent through agreements. True victory, however, will come only when trust replaces suspicion, dialogue replaces hostility and peace becomes a permanent choice rather than a temporary pause.

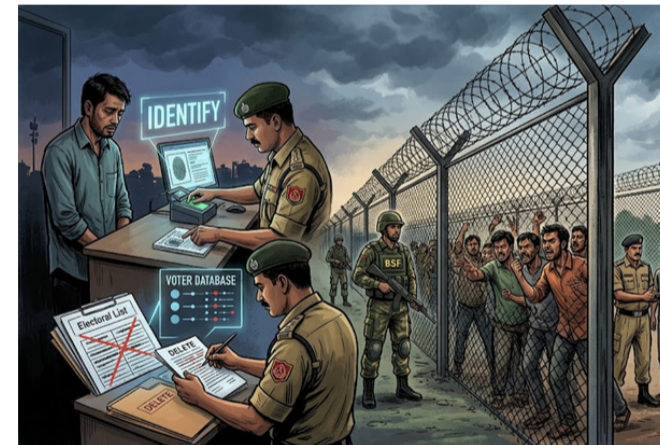
War demonstrates power. Peace demonstrates wisdom. (The Author is a Consultant Psychologist, Rehabilitation Professional (RCI), Academic & Research Mentor, and Guinness, Asia, Limca and India Book Records Holder.)

India's Anti-Infiltration Strategy: 3D Policy

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India has the highest number of illegal immigrants in the world. The problem of illegal immigrants is a hindrance to the development of any country. It has been observed that the Hindu population of India has decreased from 84 per cent to 79 per cent between 1951 and 2011. It is noteworthy that the Muslim population in India has increased from 9.8 per cent to 14.2 per cent during the same period. The Hindu civil society is following the slogan of one or two children by observing family planning, and is causing the Hindu population to decline remarkably. In the Muslim society, the fertility rate is increasing without following family planning, polygamy and each couple/wife has 5 to 10 children, and also their population in India has increased drastically due to illegal infiltration from neighbouring countries like Bangladesh, Pakistan, Myanmar, and Burma. It is estimated that there are at least 2 crore illegal immigrants in India today. Due to illegal infiltration from neighbouring countries, the population of Muslims is increasing significantly in the border states/districts of the country. It has

been confirmed that the main reason for the increase in the Muslim population in Assam to 29.6 per cent and in West Bengal to 70 per cent is illegal infiltration. Undesirable incidents such as exploitation of the country's resources, increasing the economic burden, creating national security problems, and influencing national decisions are taking place due to illegal infiltration.

Difference between Refugees and Infiltrators:

There is a big difference between refugees and infiltrators. Refugees come to India in a helpless state to save their religion and lives. Infiltrators enter India for economic or other anti-national reasons. It is known that the number of Bangladeshis who have illegally entered India from Bangladesh over the last two decades is in crores. Today it is clear that during Didi's immoral and anti-national regime in West Bengal, Bangladeshi Muslim citizens were welcomed with a red carpet at the borders and huge industries were opened to give them Aadhaar, voter ID and ration cards freely. These infiltrators have become leeches and have been committing evil deeds that

have weakened Mother India by sucking its blood and becoming the reason for the victory of the TMC party. We are seeing the BJP winning West Bengal with a huge majority in the May 4, 2026, elections, exposing the TMC's rowdy rule. The public anger is so high that TMC leaders are not even able to walk in the open market today.

3D Policy of the Government of India:

The "3D Policy" is being implemented to identify the infiltrators, delete their names from electoral files and deport them to their native country. The "3D policy" has been introduced under the CAA to prevent illegal immigration from neighbouring countries and to deport illegal immigrants. The central government is implementing the 3D policy "Detect, Delete, Deport" for infiltrators into India from neighbouring countries. The 3D principles are being implemented to identify illegal immigrants, remove them from the Indian voter list or other official documents, and send them to their own countries. Today, there is a tense atmosphere on the Bangladesh border. Along with clashes between our BSF and the Border Guard Bangladesh Forces, Bangladeshi citizens are also backing the infiltrators and getting into fights with our BSF. The construction of a barbed wire fence is being carried out at a rapid pace along the 4,092 km border between India and Bangladesh to prevent illegal infiltration, smuggling and trafficking. It is noteworthy that the Border Guard Bangladesh Forces, as well as the people of the border area, are trying to create serious obstacles for our BSF forces during this fence construction work. It is important to understand that infiltration is not a political issue; it is a national issue. It is important to know that illegal immigration has negative impacts on religious, social and demographic patterns.

Prime Minister Modi Extends Warm Birthday Wishes to President Droupadi Murmu



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday extended heartfelt birthday greetings to the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, praising her inspiring journey and unwavering commitment to public service.

In a message shared on social media platform X, the Prime Minister lauded President Murmu for her courage, simplicity, humility, and dedication

to the nation. He said her life story continues to inspire millions of people across the country and serves as a powerful example of perseverance and service.

"Warm birthday greetings to the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu Ji. Her journey, marked by courage, simplicity, humility and unwavering commitment to public service, continues to inspire

people across the country," Prime Minister Narendra Modi wrote. Highlighting her distinguished public life, the Prime Minister noted that President Murmu has served the nation with dedication and distinction over several decades. He particularly appreciated her concern for the welfare of underprivileged and marginalized communities, describing her efforts as a reflection of her deep commitment to inclusive development. The Prime Minister stated that President Murmu's steadfast dedication to India's progress and development remains a source of motivation for people from all walks of life. He emphasized that her leadership and service have strengthened democratic values and inspired greater participation in nation-building. President Murmu, who made history by becoming India's first tribal President and the country's second woman President, has often been recognized for her contributions to social welfare, education, and the empowerment of

disadvantaged sections of society. Her rise from humble beginnings to the highest constitutional office in the country has been widely regarded as a symbol of India's inclusive democracy.

Expressing his best wishes, Prime Minister Modi prayed for her long and healthy life dedicated to the service of the nation. He also mentioned that he looked forward to meeting the President later in the day at an official programme in the state of Odisha, with which President Murmu shares a deep personal and political connection. Birthday greetings poured in from leaders, public representatives, and citizens across the country, recognizing President Murmu's contributions to public life and her commitment to social justice and national development. As the nation celebrates her birthday, many have hailed President Murmu's remarkable journey as an enduring inspiration and a testament to the strength of India's democratic ideals.

Tharoor Backs PM Modi on Sailors' Safety Issue, BJP Targets Rahul Gandhi



Congress MP Shashi Tharoor has sparked fresh political debate after backing Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his discussions with US President Donald Trump on the safety of Indian seafarers amid escalating tensions in the Middle East.

Speaking about the bilateral meeting held on the sidelines of the G7 Summit, Tharoor said Prime Minister Modi had clearly conveyed India's concerns regarding civilian sailors operating in conflict zones. He emphasized that commercial seafarers should never become targets during wartime.

"PM Modi made his point clear both in the public and private meetings with the President. It is important to convey the message that in wartime, civilian sailors on commercial ships should not be targets of combat. They are not soldiers," Tharoor said.

The Congress leader further highlighted the risks faced by Indian sailors working on merchant vessels in the Gulf region.

He stressed that even if ships are suspected of violating blockades, authorities should adopt measures other than military strikes that could endanger civilian lives. His remarks came days after the Congress party criticized Prime Minister Modi for allegedly remaining silent on the deaths of three Indian seafarers who were reportedly killed in a US strike on a merchant vessel in the Gulf of Oman. The opposition had questioned why the Prime Minister did not publicly raise the issue or seek an apology from Washington during his meeting with President Trump.

Tharoor's endorsement of the Prime Minister's position quickly drew a political response from the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party. BJP spokesperson Pradeep Bhandari claimed that Tharoor's comments had exposed contradictions within the Congress party and indirectly challenged the stance taken by Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi. In a social media post,

Bhandari said Tharoor's praise of Modi's diplomacy demonstrated that national interest transcends party politics. The BJP has repeatedly highlighted Tharoor's statements in recent months whenever they have diverged from the Congress leadership's criticism of the government.

During the meeting, Prime Minister Modi reportedly raised concerns about the safety of Indian seafarers working across the Gulf region, including areas near the Strait of Hormuz, noting that thousands of Indians depend on maritime employment. Ensuring their security, he said, remains a key priority for India amid ongoing regional instability. The episode has once again placed Tharoor at the center of a political controversy, with his remarks triggering debate within opposition circles while providing fresh ammunition for the BJP in its attacks on Rahul Gandhi and the Congress leadership.

Students Demand Accountability at Jantar Mantar

Hundreds of students and supporters gathered at Jantar Mantar on Saturday as the youth-led Cockroach Janata Party staged its second major protest against alleged examination irregularities, paper leaks, and delays affecting students and job aspirants across the country.

The demonstration witnessed a significant turnout, with protesters carrying placards and raising slogans demanding greater accountability from the government over the conduct of competitive examinations. Security arrangements were intensified in the area, with heavy police deployment to maintain law and order during the gathering. The protest was organized following a call by CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke, who had urged participants to bring "thali and chamach" (plates and spoons) as symbols of protest. Demonstrators responded by banging the utensils, creating a loud display intended to draw attention to what they described as the

growing concerns of students and examination aspirants.

Throughout the event, protesters raised slogans demanding accountability for alleged lapses in examination management. Calls for the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan were also heard, reflecting dissatisfaction among sections of students over the handling of examination-related issues.

Arriving at the protest venue amid loud cheers from supporters, Dipke reiterated the group's commitment to addressing the concerns of students. "We are here to solve today's students' problems," he told the gathering, emphasizing the need for reforms to ensure fair and transparent examination processes.

Ahead of the demonstration, Dipke had addressed an open letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the government to fix responsibility for alleged failures that have affected students across the country. While the letter focused on accountability, the organiza-



tion has consistently called for action against officials responsible for examination-related controversies.

The June 20 protest follows a similar demonstration organized by the group at Jantar Mantar earlier this year. During that event, participants voiced concerns over alleged paper leaks, examination cancellations, recruitment delays, and uncertainty faced by students preparing for competitive tests.

The issue of examination integrity has become a major concern

among students in recent years, with repeated allegations of question paper leaks and procedural lapses affecting several recruitment and entrance examinations. Student groups argue that such incidents undermine merit-based selection and create uncertainty for millions of aspirants.

Saturday's protest highlighted continuing demands from students for transparent examinations, timely recruitment processes, and stronger safeguards to prevent irregularities in the future.

Amit Shah Backs Shinde, Targets Uddhav



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Uddhav Thackeray, accusing him of aligning with the Congress for political survival and attempting to turn infiltrators into a vote bank. Addressing a public gathering in Kolhapur, Shah asserted that India would not tolerate illegal infiltration and reiterated the government's commitment to identifying and deporting those residing in the country unlawfully.

In a significant political

statement, Shah also declared that there is now only one Shiv Sena led by Eknath Shinde, signaling the Bharatiya Janata Party's strong backing for the Shinde faction amid growing turmoil within Shiv Sena (UBT).

"Earlier, people used to refer to the Shinde faction separately. Now there is no faction. There is only one Shiv Sena, and it is headed by Eknath Shinde," Shah said, drawing loud applause from supporters. His remarks come at a crucial

time for the Thackeray-led faction, which is reportedly facing an internal crisis. Political circles in Maharashtra are abuzz with speculation that at least six Lok Sabha MPs from Shiv Sena (UBT) may rebel and cross over to the ruling Shiv Sena led by Shinde. Such a development could further weaken Uddhav Thackeray's position and strengthen Shinde's claim as the principal inheritor of the party's political legacy.

Targeting the opposition, Shah accused Congress and its allies of pursuing vote-bank politics by supporting illegal immigrants. "These Congress leaders and Uddhav ji, who is sitting in the lap of Congress, want to survive by turning infiltrators into a vote bank," he alleged.

The Home Minister stressed that national security and demographic concerns cannot be ignored for electoral gains. "This country is not a dharmshala. Only those who belong to this country will live here," he

said, adding that the government remains committed to protecting India's borders and sovereignty.

Shah further asserted that every infiltrator would be identified and expelled in accordance with the law. His comments are likely to intensify political debates over immigration, citizenship, and national security ahead of upcoming electoral contests.

The speech also highlighted the BJP-led alliance's efforts to consolidate support in Maharashtra by projecting Shinde as the undisputed leader of Shiv Sena. With the possibility of further defections from Shiv Sena (UBT), the state's political landscape appears poised for another significant realignment.

Political observers believe Shah's remarks signal a renewed push by the ruling alliance to strengthen its position while putting additional pressure on Uddhav Thackeray's camp.

India to Host BRICS Security Advisers' Meet, Cyber Threats High on Agenda



India will host the BRICS National Security Advisers' Meeting on June 22 and 23, bringing together top security officials from member nations to discuss emerging global security challenges, with a special focus on cyber threats, digital security, and technological risks.

The two-day meeting will be chaired by Ajit Doval under India's chairmanship of the BRICS grouping. The gathering is expected to provide a significant platform for member countries to exchange views on evolving security concerns that increasingly extend beyond traditional military and geopolitical issues.

According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the meeting will be held under the theme, "Non-traditional security challenges confronting the world today." National Security Advisers and senior delegates from BRICS countries will deliberate on a wide range of

emerging threats affecting national and international security.

A major focus of the discussions will be the growing impact of technological advancements on global security. Participants are expected to examine challenges related to cyberattacks, information security, protection of critical digital infrastructure, and vulnerabilities created by rapidly evolving technologies. With governments worldwide facing increasing cyber risks, the meeting is expected to emphasize the need for stronger international cooperation and coordinated responses.

The deliberations come at a time when concerns are rising globally over the misuse of emerging technologies, including artificial intelligence and sophisticated digital tools. Security experts have warned that such technologies, while beneficial, can also be exploited for cyber warfare, disinforma-

tion campaigns, and attacks on critical infrastructure. BRICS nations are likely to discuss strategies for enhancing resilience against these threats and improving information-sharing mechanisms.

The advisers will also review the outcomes of recently concluded BRICS Joint Working Groups on Counter-Terrorism and Security in the Use of Information and Communication Technologies. These working groups have been tasked with developing collaborative approaches to tackle cross-border terrorism, cybercrime, and other technology-driven security challenges. Counter-terrorism cooperation is expected to remain a key pillar of the meeting. Delegates are likely to discuss intelligence-sharing, capacity-building initiatives, and measures to address the growing use of digital platforms by extremist and terrorist networks.

India's hosting of the event highlights its active role in shaping the security agenda of BRICS, a bloc that has gained increasing geopolitical importance in recent years. The outcomes of the meeting are expected to contribute to broader BRICS efforts aimed at promoting peace, stability, and collective responses to emerging global security challenges. The discussions are also expected to reinforce the bloc's commitment to multilateral cooperation in addressing the complex security issues of an increasingly interconnected world.

TVK Eyes AIADMK Support

The ruling Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK) intensified its efforts to expand its political base on Saturday as several prominent leaders and grassroots workers from the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam joined the party in a high-profile induction event. Among those who formally joined TVK were former AIADMK minister Gomathi Srinivasan, four former MLAs, noted film director R. V. Udhayakumar, and actor Mansoor Ali Khan. The event also witnessed the entry of several AIADMK functionaries

from district and grassroots levels, signaling a growing political realignment in the state. Welcoming the new entrants, TVK minister Aadhav Arjuna claimed that a large section of AIADMK workers had begun shifting their allegiance to the ruling party. He asserted that nearly 90 percent of AIADMK cadres were moving toward TVK and emphasized the need for unity among workers who share similar political objectives. "TVK and AIADMK have the same objective. Let us work together. TVK is not a party

that offers positions in exchange for joining. Those who work patiently and sincerely will be recognized at the appropriate time," Arjuna said while addressing party members. The TVK leader further alleged that AIADMK's association with the ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam had disappointed many party workers and supporters. According to him, such political alignments were contrary to the ideals of former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. G. Ramachandran, popularly known as MGR.

"AIADMK cadres are disheartened. That is why they have started moving towards TVK. Our immediate focus is the upcoming local body elections, and we are determined to secure victory in 99 percent of the seats. The combined strength of AIADMK and TVK cadres is unmatched in Tamil Nadu. No power can match this unity," he said. One of the most notable entrants, Gomathi Srinivasan, served as a minister during the MGR administration between 1980 and 1987. Her induction is being viewed as a symbolic



boost for TVK as it seeks to attract leaders associated with the AIADMK legacy.

The latest development comes after four AIADMK MLAs had earlier resigned and joined TVK, triggering speculation about

growing dissatisfaction within the opposition party. However, AIADMK leaders have dismissed such concerns, maintaining that the party remains a formidable political force and cannot be weakened by defections. With lo-

cal body elections approaching, the movement of leaders and cadres between parties is expected to intensify, making political alliances and grassroots support crucial factors in shaping Tamil Nadu's electoral landscape.

Trump Praises Netanyahu Amid Reports of Tensions Over Iran Peace Deal



US President Donald Trump has publicly praised Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, calling him a "warrior prime minister," even as reports suggest growing tensions between the two leaders over Israel's military operations in Lebanon and the future of a US-backed peace arrangement with Iran.

Trump described his relationship with Netanyahu as strong but suggested that it required careful management. "It's good, but we have to keep him a little bit sane," he remarked, while expressing confidence in his ability to influence Israeli military decisions in the region.

widely viewed as important to his political survival. Meanwhile, diplomatic efforts to preserve regional stability continue.

Israel and Hezbollah recently agreed to a ceasefire after a series of deadly exchanges in Lebanon threatened to derail a broader agreement aimed at reducing tensions involving Iran. The truce was reportedly facilitated by mediators from the United States and Qatar.

The developments underscore the delicate balance between military realities and diplomatic efforts as global powers seek to maintain stability in the Middle East.

US and Iran Resume Diplomatic Push as Top Officials Head to Switzerland

Fresh diplomatic efforts to stabilize relations between the United States and Iran are underway as senior officials from both countries prepare to hold talks in Switzerland following recent tensions in the Middle East.

The planned talks come after previously scheduled negotiations in Switzerland were postponed amid escalating violence in Lebanon involving Hezbollah and Israeli forces.

The diplomatic engagement follows a turbulent period in the region. Earlier this week, Washington and Tehran signed an agreement intended to end

months of hostilities that began on February 28. The conflict, which involved US-Israeli military operations against Iranian targets, significantly heightened tensions across the Middle East and raised concerns about the possibility of a broader regional war.



and neighboring countries. International observers view the meeting as a crucial test of both sides' commitment to diplomacy.

The choice of Switzerland as the venue reflects its long-standing role as a neutral platform for sensitive international negotiations.

Analysts believe the outcome of the talks could have far-reaching implications for regional stability, energy markets, and international security.

As global attention turns to Switzerland, diplomats from both nations face the challenging task of translating recent agreements into lasting peace and stability in one of the world's most volatile regions.

Qatar-Gifted Jet Set to Join US Presidential Fleet



The United States Air Force has officially inducted a new aircraft into its presidential fleet, a highly modified Boeing 747-8i known as the VC-25B Bridge aircraft.

The aircraft has attracted international attention due to its unique origin and estimated value of nearly \$400 million. Initially configured as a VVIP transport for Qatar's ruling House of Thani, the aircraft was later gifted to the United States and adapted for presidential use.

According to the US Air Force, the VC-25B Bridge aircraft is intended to support the aging fleet of presidential aircraft currently used by President Donald Trump.

service since the early 1990s and require increasingly extensive maintenance.

The new aircraft is expected to serve as a "bridge" solution until Boeing completes the development and delivery of the long-awaited permanent VC-25B replacements.

US Air Force Secretary Troy Meink emphasized that safety and reliability remain top priorities. He stated that the project demonstrates the Air Force's ability to accelerate delivery while maintaining the strict standards required for presidential transport.

One of the aircraft's distinguishing features is its luxurious interior, which was originally designed for royal travel. Instead of completely redesigning the cabin, officials retained much of the premium layout, including high-end furnishings and executive accommodations.

helped reduce costs and speed up the modification process.

Despite preserving elements of the luxury interior, extensive security upgrades have been installed. The aircraft now includes advanced secure communication systems, enabling the President to conduct government operations while airborne.

Officials expect the aircraft to make its public debut soon, with plans reportedly being considered for participation in Independence Day flyovers in Washington, D.C.

The addition of the VC-25B Bridge aircraft marks a significant upgrade for the US presidential fleet while providing a temporary solution until the next generation of Air Force One aircraft becomes operational.

Five Killed in Southern Lebanon Strikes Hours After Israel-Hezbollah Ceasefire

At least five people were killed in a series of Israeli airstrikes and drone attacks in southern Lebanon on Saturday, according to Lebanese state media, only hours after a ceasefire agreement between Israel and the Iran-backed Hezbollah came into effect.

The reported attacks have raised concerns about the durability of the truce, which was brokered following days of escalating hostilities that threatened to further destabilize the Middle East.

Members of Bangladesh's Hindu community staged a large torchlight procession in Dhaka on Friday, protesting the alleged desecration of a statue of Lord Ram at a temple construction site in northern Bangladesh.

The protest was organized following allegations that a group of individuals placed a shoe on a statue of Lord Ram under construction in Palashbari, an act that community leaders described as deeply offensive to Hindu religious sentiments.

However, the latest violence has cast doubt on the stability of the ceasefire and heightened fears of renewed conflict.

Residents in southern Lebanon described a tense atmosphere as explosions were heard across several areas despite expectations that hostilities would cease.



Emergency teams and local authorities reportedly rushed to affected locations to assist victims and assess the extent of the damage.

The latest incident underscores the fragile nature of ceasefire agreements in conflict zones, where mistrust and military tensions often remain high even after formal understandings are reached.

at preventing further escalation.

International mediators, including officials from the United States and regional partners, are expected to closely monitor developments in the coming days.

As the situation unfolds, the deaths reported in southern Lebanon serve as a reminder of the human cost of ongoing regional conflicts and the challenges involved in achieving lasting peace and stability.

Bangladesh Hindus Protest Alleged Desecration of Lord Ram Statue



Friday's torchlight procession was not the only demonstration held over the issue.

Earlier in the day, two separate factions of the Hindu Mahajot organized protest programs in Dhaka. One group staged a human chain in front of the National Press Club, while another held a press conference at the Dhaka Reporters Unity.

Participants at both events condemned the alleged insult and called for stronger measures to protect religious sites and symbols.

Meanwhile, the National Committee for Puja Celebrations has announced a nationwide protest program on Saturday to express solidarity with those affected by the incident.

The controversy has sparked widespread discussion among community leaders and activists, who say the response of law enforcement in the coming days will be closely watched.

Massive Fire Guts Luxury Resort in Dominican Republic, Nearly 1,700 Tourists Evacuated

A massive fire swept through a luxury beachfront resort in the Dominican Republic on Friday, causing extensive damage and forcing the evacuation of nearly 1,700 tourists.

The fire broke out at the Viva Dominican Beach by Wyndham, a well-known vacation destination located in Bayahibe on the country's southeastern coast.

Emergency officials reported that approximately 1,690 guests were safely evacuated from the resort as firefighters battled the rapidly spreading flames.

Local media reports indicated that an Italian tourist died during the incident, while several other guests required medical treatment.

victim or the extent of injuries sustained by those affected.

Authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the incident. Fire experts and local officials are expected to examine the damaged site once conditions are deemed safe.

Despite the extensive destruction, officials confirmed that the

nearby Viva Wyndham Dominicanus Palace, another resort operated by the same hospitality group, was not affected by the blaze and continues to function normally.

The incident has raised concerns about fire safety standards at tourist facilities, particularly those using traditional construction materials.

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sort operators are working with local authorities to assist displaced guests and coordinate alternative accommodation.

Assessing the full extent of the damage, and determining what triggered one of the most significant resort fires in the country in recent years.



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India Should Boost Economic Self-Reliance, Says Kotak

India needs to embark on a "new independence movement" aimed at reducing its dependence on foreign capital, defence imports, energy supplies and advanced technologies, according to a new report released by Kotak Institutional Equities.

The report argues that rapidly changing global geopolitical realities, rising protectionism, resource nationalism and increasing restrictions on technology transfers are reshaping the international economic landscape. In such an environment, it says, India can no longer rely heavily on imports and external financing to sustain long-term economic growth.

According to the study, strengthening domestic manu-

facturing capabilities and enhancing self-reliance have become economic imperatives rather than policy choices. The report notes that global supply chains are becoming increasingly fragmented as countries prioritize national security and strategic interests over economic integration.

"India has been managing its high external dependencies through imports. However, the option of imports is becoming narrower, which necessitates more radical policy actions to reduce external dependencies," the report stated.

The analysis highlights India's continued reliance on external sources in several critical sectors, including defence equipment, energy resources,

advanced technologies and foreign investment. Analysts argue that reducing these dependencies will require significant policy reforms, increased industrial competitiveness and sustained investment in domestic production capabilities. The report points out that India recorded an average trade deficit of 6.4 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) between FY2016 and FY2026. During the same period, the country's current account deficit averaged around 1 percent of GDP. While these figures have remained manageable, the report warns that changing global conditions could expose vulnerabilities in India's economic model.

Particular concern has been

expressed regarding India's dependence on software exports and remittances from overseas workers. The report suggests that emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence could disrupt traditional service sectors, potentially affecting employment opportunities and export revenues that have long supported India's external balance.

Despite advocating greater self-reliance, the report acknowledges that reforms aimed at increasing competition and reducing trade barriers may create short-term challenges for businesses. Increased competition could place pressure on corporate profits and may affect stock market performance in the near term.

However, the report argues that such measures are necessary to build globally competitive Indian enterprises capable of succeeding in a rapidly evolving international marketplace. It emphasizes that stronger domestic industries would enhance economic resilience, create employment opportunities and reduce exposure to external shocks.

The findings come at a time when many countries are reassessing their economic strategies amid geopolitical tensions, supply-chain disruptions and growing concerns over economic security. For India, the report concludes, achieving greater self-reliance in strategic sectors will be critical to sustaining growth and



strengthening its position in the global economy. Analysts believe the recommendations could contribute to ongoing

policy discussions on industrial development, technological innovation and long-term economic competitiveness.

US-Iran Truce Lifts Sentiment, Future Outlook Unclear



Global financial markets rallied this week following reports of a ceasefire agreement between the United States and Iran, easing investor concerns over a wider conflict in the Middle East and triggering a decline in oil prices. However, analysts at Jefferies have cautioned that significant uncertainty remains regarding the durability of the agreement.

In a report titled "The Art of Capitulation," Jefferies strategist Christopher Wood said the reported ceasefire has been welcomed by investors as it reduces the immediate risk of disruptions to global energy supplies and international trade routes.

The easing of geopolitical tensions helped boost sentiment across major stock markets, while crude oil prices retreated amid expectations of reduced supply risks from the Middle East. Investors viewed the agreement as a positive step toward restoring stability in one of the world's most strategically important regions.

According to the report, the ceasefire arrangement reportedly includes significant concessions to Iran, including access to billions of dollars in previously frozen assets and the possibility of sanctions relief during a 60-day negotiation period. If implemented, Jefferies believes the agree-

ment could mark a major shift in US policy toward Iran and signal a change in Washington's traditional approach to the region. The report notes that the development comes at a politically sensitive time for US President Donald Trump. According to Jefferies, recent opinion polls have indicated growing public dissatisfaction with the administration, particularly regarding economic issues. The analysis suggests that easing tensions abroad could help improve market confidence and reduce pressure on the White House.

Despite the positive market reaction, Jefferies remains cautious about the long-term

prospects of the ceasefire. The report argues that any agreement perceived as excessively favourable to Iran could face opposition from sections of Washington's security and foreign policy establishment.

Analysts also warn that the ceasefire could reshape regional alliances and alter the balance of power in the Middle East. Such changes may generate resistance from key stakeholders who have traditionally supported a tougher stance toward Tehran. Market participants are therefore closely monitoring diplomatic developments and the implementation of the agreement. Any signs of renewed tensions could quickly reverse recent gains in financial markets and reignite volatility in energy prices.

The ceasefire has undoubtedly provided short-term relief to investors and policymakers concerned about regional instability. However, Jefferies believes that the true test will come during the negotiation period, when both sides must translate the agreement into a sustainable framework for peace.

Until then, analysts say global markets are likely to remain sensitive to developments in US-Iran relations, balancing optimism over diplomacy with caution about the challenges that lie ahead.

SpaceX IPO Sparks ETF Rally as US Leads Global Markets



The highly anticipated initial public offering (IPO) of SpaceX has triggered massive investor interest, with newly launched SpaceX-linked exchange-traded funds (ETFs) generating an estimated \$8.2 billion in trading volume within just three days, according to a report by Jefferies.

The investment bank said the strong response reflects not only enthusiasm for SpaceX but also broader changes in global equity markets that are enabling large newly listed companies to gain faster access to major stock indices.

According to Jefferies, 11 leveraged single-stock SpaceX ETFs launched on June 15 accumulated approximately \$638 million in assets by June 17 while recording a combined trading volume of \$8.2 billion. The figures underscore the extraordinary demand among investors seeking exposure to one of the world's most closely

watched private companies.

Among the newly launched products, the Leverage Shares 2X Long SpaceX Daily ETF emerged as the most actively traded, generating more than \$3 billion in trading volume during its first three days. Another notable product, the Defiance Daily 2X Space ETF, was converted from a broader space-sector fund into a leveraged SpaceX-focused vehicle on the day of the IPO. Trading in the fund was briefly halted after unusually high activity, with volume reaching \$50 million within hours of launch.

Jefferies described the SpaceX IPO as a landmark event for the asset management industry, citing significant rule changes introduced by major index providers. These modifications allow newly listed mega-cap companies to be included in benchmark indices much sooner than under previous

methodologies. The report estimates that SpaceX could account for between 0.25 percent and 0.6 percent of the MSCI All Country World Index, depending on the free-float adjustment applied by index providers. Such a weighting would make SpaceX an influential component of portfolios managed by institutional investors around the world.

Jefferies also noted that the development could further increase the dominance of US equities in global benchmarks. The United States currently represents approximately 62.9 percent of the MSCI All Country World Index, reflecting the growing concentration of market value among large American technology and innovation-driven companies.

Market analysts say the rapid inclusion of mega IPOs into global indices has significant implications for passive investment strategies, as index-tracking funds are often required to purchase shares of newly added companies. This can increase demand for such stocks and further strengthen their influence on global markets.

The SpaceX listing is widely viewed as one of the most significant market events of the year and could reshape investment flows across international equity markets in the months ahead.

Accenture Warning Triggers IT Selloff; Nifty IT Slumps Over 6%



Indian information technology stocks witnessed a sharp selloff on Friday after global IT services giant Accenture lowered its revenue growth outlook and issued weaker-than-expected guidance, raising concerns about the pace of recovery in the technology sector.

The decline dragged the Nifty IT Index down by as much as 6.4 percent during intraday trading, its lowest level since April 2023. The index significantly underperformed the broader market, with the benchmark Nifty 50 falling less than 1 percent during the session.

Leading the losses were Infosys and Mphasis, which dropped around 8 percent each. Shares of Tata Consultancy Services, Tech Mahindra, and Persistent Systems fell nearly 7 percent. Other major losers included HCL Technologies, LTIMindtree, and Coforge, which declined about 6 percent each.

The sharp correction followed a more than 14 percent drop in Accenture's shares on Wall Street after the company narrowed its fiscal 2026 revenue growth guidance from 3-5 percent to 3-4 percent. Accenture attributed the weaker outlook partly to geopolitical ten-

sions in West Asia and delays in the closure of two major contracts.

The company also indicated that the demand environment remains mixed. While artificial intelligence-driven transformation projects continue to generate strong interest, discretionary spending remains subdued and clients are taking longer to finalize investment decisions.

Accenture disclosed that its West Asia operations experienced a direct revenue impact of approximately \$100 million during the third quarter, while sectors such as automotive faced additional pressure from

higher energy costs and economic uncertainty.

Brokerage firms believe the commentary has important implications for Indian IT companies, which derive a significant portion of their revenue from global clients. Analysts at Nomura said the ongoing conflict in West Asia could affect revenue growth and deal bookings for Indian IT firms during the first half of FY27.

Despite the near-term concerns, brokerages remain optimistic about the long-term prospects of the sector. Growing demand for artificial intelligence, cybersecurity solutions, and digital transformation services is expected to support future growth. Analysts also noted that large deal wins continue to provide a positive foundation for the industry.

Market experts, however, cautioned that a broad-based recovery in IT spending may take longer than expected. They expect growth to remain gradual through FY27 as companies navigate global economic uncertainty, delayed spending decisions, and evolving technology investment priorities.

The latest selloff highlights investor sensitivity to global demand signals and underscores the challenges facing the technology sector despite strong momentum in emerging areas such as AI and cyber security.

Stocks End Week Higher as Investor Sentiment Improves



Indian benchmark equity indices extended their gains for a second consecutive week, supported by falling crude oil prices, renewed foreign institutional investor (FII) inflows, a strengthening rupee, and sustained buying by domestic institutional investors (DIIs). The positive factors helped offset weakness in information technology stocks and kept overall market sentiment upbeat. For the week, the BSE Sensex climbed 1,274.95 points, or 1.68 percent, to close at 76,802.90, while the Nifty 50 gained 390.20 points, or 1.65 percent, ending the week at 24,013.10. Market participants attributed the rally to easing geopolitical concerns following positive developments in the Middle East, which

contributed to a decline in crude oil prices. The improvement in global risk sentiment encouraged foreign investors to return to Indian equities after weeks of cautious positioning. Foreign Institutional Investors turned net buyers during the week, purchasing equities worth 3,386.33 crore. Domestic Institutional Investors continued to provide strong support, investing 7,107.89 crore in the market. The combined buying activity helped lift overall market capitalization and strengthened investor confidence. The total market capitalization of companies listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange increased by approximately 15.53 lakh crore during the week. Among the major contributors to this

gain were Bharti Airtel, Bajaj Finance, Trent, and Reliance Industries, which recorded significant increases in market value.

Broader markets outperformed the benchmark indices. The Nifty Midcap 100 index surged nearly 3 percent, driven by gains in companies such as Bharat Dynamics, GE Vernova T&D India, Kalyan Jewellers, and Yes Bank. The Nifty Smallcap 100 index performed even better, rising 3.2 percent during the week.

Sector-wise, all major indices ended in positive territory except the IT sector. The Nifty IT Index declined 1.3 percent following concerns over global technology spending after weak revenue guidance from Accenture. Indian IT giants Infosys and Tata Consultancy Services witnessed pressure, contributing to a reduction in their market capitalization. Meanwhile, the defence, consumer durables, realty, and capital markets sectors emerged as standout performers. The Nifty India Defence Index rose 6.5 percent, while Consumer Durables gained 6.4 percent and Realty advanced 5.5 percent. The Indian rupee also strengthened significantly, appreciating by 78 paise to close at 94.33 against the US dollar. Analysts believe that continued foreign inflows, stable oil prices, and domestic economic resilience could help maintain positive momentum in the coming weeks.

Infant Hospitalised After Parents Use Vegetable Juice in Baby Formula

A three-month-old baby in China was rushed to intensive care after suffering severe health complications caused by consuming infant formula prepared with vegetable juice instead of water. The incident has sparked concern among parents and prompted medical experts to reiterate the importance of following proper feeding guidelines for infants.

According to reports, the baby was admitted to a hospital in Guangdong province after developing alarming symptoms shortly after being fed. The infant's skin and lips turned purple, and he experienced difficulty breathing, prompting his

parents to seek emergency medical assistance. Doctors later diagnosed the child with nitrite poisoning, a potentially dangerous condition that can affect the body's ability to transport oxygen through the bloodstream.

Medical experts revealed that the parents had mixed baby formula with vegetable juice because they believed it would provide additional nutrition compared to plain water. However, doctors explained that boiling vegetables for long periods can produce elevated levels of nitrites in the resulting liquid. When consumed by infants, these compounds can pose serious health risks.

The baby's condition required immediate treatment, and he remained under medical observation for two days before making a full recovery and being discharged from the hospital. Physicians described the outcome as fortunate, noting that prompt medical intervention helped prevent more serious complications.

Doctors emphasized that infants are particularly vulnerable because their digestive systems and kidneys are not yet fully developed. As a result, their bodies cannot effectively process high concentrations of nitrates and nitrites. Once nitrates enter the bloodstream,

they interfere with hemoglobin's ability to carry oxygen, leading to symptoms such as bluish or purple discoloration of the lips, skin and fingernails, as well as breathing difficulties.

The incident has become an important reminder about safe infant feeding practices. Pediatric specialists stressed that baby formula should always be prepared strictly according to the manufacturer's instructions, using clean warm water. Substituting water with vegetable juice, fruit juice, rice water, soups or other liquids can alter the nutritional balance of the formula and may expose babies

to harmful substances.

Healthcare professionals also urged parents to familiarize themselves with the warning signs of nitrite poisoning and seek immediate medical attention if symptoms such as unusual skin discoloration, lethargy, breathing problems or feeding difficulties occur.

The case highlights how well-intentioned decisions can sometimes lead to unexpected health risks. Medical experts hope the incident will increase awareness among caregivers about the importance of following established infant nutrition guidelines and consulting healthcare professionals before



making changes to a baby's diet. Proper preparation of infant formula remains one of the

most important steps in ensuring the health and safety of newborns and young children.

New Tax Regime: Top Benefits for Salaried Employees



Many salaried employees believe that opting for India's new tax regime means giving up nearly all tax-saving opportunities. While the simplified system has removed several popular deductions and exemptions, tax experts point out that a number of important benefits still remain available. Understanding these provisions can help taxpayers reduce their tax burden and improve financial planning.

One of the biggest advantages under the new regime is the enhanced standard deduction. The government has increased the deduction from 50,000 to 75,000 for salaried individuals. This benefit is automatic and

does not require any investment, documentation, or proof of expenditure. It directly reduces taxable income, making it one of the simplest tax-saving measures available.

Another significant opportunity lies in employer contributions to the National Pension System (NPS). Under current rules, employer contributions of up to 14 percent of an employee's basic salary can qualify for tax benefits. For higher-income earners, this can result in substantial tax savings while simultaneously building a retirement corpus. Many organizations are increasingly incorporating NPS contributions into salary structures to

maximize tax efficiency.

Salaried professionals should also pay attention to reimbursements received for official expenses. Contrary to popular belief, genuine business-related reimbursements remain tax-free when properly documented. Expenses such as internet bills, mobile phone charges, and travel costs incurred for official work can be reimbursed by employers without attracting tax, provided they are supported by valid records and receipts.

Homeowners with rental properties can also continue to enjoy certain tax advantages. Although the new tax regime has removed interest deductions for self-occupied homes, landlords can still deduct home loan interest from rental income earned from leased properties. This provision helps reduce taxable rental income and provides relief to property investors.

Perhaps the most significant benefit for middle-income taxpayers comes through the rebate available under Section

87A. Resident individuals with net taxable income up to 12 lakh can effectively eliminate their tax liability through this rebate. In addition, marginal relief provisions ensure that a slight increase in income does not result in a disproportionately higher tax burden, protecting taxpayers from sudden jumps in tax payments.

The new tax regime was designed to simplify taxation and reduce dependence on multiple deductions. However, that does not mean tax planning has become irrelevant. By taking advantage of the standard deduction, employer NPS contributions, official expense reimbursements, rental property benefits, and Section 87A rebates, salaried employees can still save a considerable amount of money.

As India's tax system continues to evolve, awareness of these remaining benefits can help taxpayers make informed financial decisions and maximize their take-home income while remaining fully compliant with tax regulations.

Passenger Alleges Poor Service, Meal Shortage on Singapore-Delhi Flight

A Singapore Airlines flight from Singapore to Delhi has sparked discussion on social media after an Indian passenger complained about delays, limited meal availability and unsatisfactory customer service during the journey. The incident came to light after the traveler shared his experience online, prompting a response from the airline.

The passenger, identified as Kartik from Haryana, claimed that flight SQ406 departed about an hour behind schedule. According to him, passengers were required to remain seated inside the aircraft for nearly 60 minutes before take-off, during which he alleged that the air-conditioning system was not functioning adequately, causing discomfort for those on board.

Kartik further stated that problems continued when meal service began. He alleged that vegetarian and chicken meal options were exhausted within minutes, leaving only fish and lamb meals available for several passengers. The situation reportedly created frustration among travelers, particularly those with dietary preferences or restrictions.

The passenger said the experience was especially difficult for his wife, who follows a vegetarian diet. According to his account, she requested an extra bread roll after discovering that no suitable vegetarian meal remained. He claimed the



cabin crew declined the request despite the circumstances. Kartik also alleged that the crew cited meal allocation policies and informed them that additional bread could not be provided.

While acknowledging that he and his wife had not booked special meals before the flight, Kartik argued that a premium international airline should have been better prepared to accommodate passenger needs. He expressed disappointment with what he described as a lack of flexibility and customer care.

One positive aspect of the incident, according to Kartik, came from a fellow passenger who stepped in to help. He said another traveler questioned the crew about the refusal to provide extra bread and eventually shared part of his own meal so that Kartik's wife would have something to eat. The gesture earned appreciation online, with many users praising the passenger's

kindness.

Kartik also criticized the airline's overall handling of the situation, claiming that several other vegetarian passengers appeared dissatisfied with the available meal choices. His social media post quickly attracted attention and generated debate among travelers about airline catering practices and customer service standards.

Responding to the criticism, Singapore Airlines expressed regret over the inconvenience caused. The airline explained that passengers requiring special meals are advised to request them at least 24 hours before departure so catering teams can make the necessary arrangements. The carrier also apologized for the passenger's experience.

The incident has reignited conversations about airline meal planning, passenger expectations and the importance of accommodating diverse dietary requirements on international routes.

30-Year-Old Techie With ₹20 Lakh Salary Seeks Wealth-Building Advice After Savings Hit Zero

A 30-year-old software professional earning 20 lakh per annum has sparked a discussion online after revealing that he currently has no personal savings despite a stable income and no outstanding loans. The techie turned to social media seeking guidance on how to start building wealth from scratch.

In a Reddit post, the man explained that he comes from a low-income family and is the sole breadwinner. He said a major portion of his earnings was recently spent on renovating his family home, a project that cost nearly 14 lakh and was completed without taking any loans. The software engineer admitted that he has no invest-

ments, insurance policies, or financial plans in place. Concerned about the uncertain job market and economic volatility, he asked fellow users for advice on creating long-term financial security beyond relying solely on his salary.

The post quickly gained attention, with many users offering practical financial suggestions. Several recommended purchasing term insurance as the first priority, especially since he supports his family financially. Others advised him to build an emergency fund covering at least six months of expenses before considering investments. Many users also suggested investing regularly in low-cost index funds and fo-



cus on career growth and upskilling to increase future earning potential. Some praised the techie for supporting his family and completing a major home renovation without debt, noting that his financial situation was not as dire as he believed.

Financial experts often recommend a step-by-step approach for individuals starting from zero savings, including insurance coverage, emergency funds, disciplined investing, and continuous skill development to build long-term wealth.

'Same Rent, Better Lifestyle': Indian Couple Explains Move to Thailand



An Indian couple living in Thailand has gone viral on social media after sharing why they decided to relocate from India, saying the move has significantly improved their quality of life despite paying rent comparable to that in major Indian cities.

In an Instagram post, Shreya and Amit said that while India will always remain home, they found daily life in Thailand more comfortable and less stressful. According to the couple, the cost of renting a home is similar to that in Tier-1 Indian cities, but the overall lifestyle benefits are noticeably better.

The couple highlighted several advantages, including reduced traffic congestion, improved work-life balance, and a greater sense of personal safety. Shreya noted that as a woman, she feels more comfortable walking home late at night without constantly worrying about her safety. They also pointed out that although Thailand does not offer ultra-fast delivery services similar to those available in India,

the abundance of nearby convenience stores makes them largely unnecessary. The pair said they spend less time commuting and more time working, walking, and enjoying time together. Their post resonated with many social media users, with several expressing admiration for Thailand's infrastructure, cleanliness, and relaxed lifestyle. Others shared their own experiences of visiting or relocating to the Southeast Asian nation, with some saying they too had considered making a similar move.

However, a few users mentioned that while Thailand offers many lifestyle benefits, Indians living there may occasionally miss the convenience and variety of Indian cuisine.

The discussion has reignited conversations about quality of life, urban infrastructure, safety, and work-life balance, with many netizens comparing living conditions in India's metropolitan cities with those in popular destinations across Southeast Asia.

Father's Day 2026: Meaningful Ways to Celebrate the Man Who Shaped Your Life

Father's Day 2026 will be celebrated on June 21, offering families an opportunity to honor fathers and father figures who have played an important role in their lives. Observed on the third Sunday of June each year, the occasion is dedicated to recognizing the love, sacrifices, guidance, and support that fathers provide throughout their children's lives.

The celebration traces its origins to the early 20th century and is widely associated with Sonora Smart Dodd of Washington State in the United States. Inspired by her father, a Civil War veteran who single-handedly raised six children after the death of his wife, Dodd campaigned for a day dedicated to fathers, similar to Mother's Day. Over time, the observance gained popularity and is now celebrated across many countries worldwide.

While gifts remain a popular part of the occasion, the true essence of Father's Day lies in spending meaningful time together and expressing gratitude. One of the simplest yet most cherished ways to celebrate is by setting aside time for heartfelt conversations. Whether it is sharing a cup of coffee, going for a walk, or enjoying a family dinner, quality time often becomes the most memorable gift. Thoughtful presents can also make fathers feel appreciated. Personalized gifts such as custom mugs, photo frames, greeting cards, or items related to their hobbies can add a personal touch. Technology gadgets, wallets,



books, or accessories are also popular choices for those looking to surprise their fathers. Creative gestures often leave a lasting impact. Handmade artwork, letters, or memory scrapbooks filled with family photographs and messages can become treasured keepsakes. Such gifts reflect effort, emotion, and appreciation beyond their monetary value.

For those who enjoy cooking, preparing a father's favorite meal can be a wonderful way to celebrate. A home-cooked breakfast, lunch, or dinner allows families to come together and create special memories. Pairing the meal with meaningful conversations can make the occasion even more memorable.

Father's Day is also a time to reflect on the wisdom and inspiration fathers provide. Many famous quotes capture the essence of fatherhood, highlighting qualities such as strength, guidance, protection, and unconditional love. Whether through words, gifts, or simple acts of kindness, the day serves as a reminder to acknowledge the important role fathers play in shaping lives.

As Father's Day 2026 approaches, families across the world are preparing to celebrate the men who have stood by them through every challenge and success. More than any gift, genuine appreciation, love, and time spent together remain the greatest tribute a child can offer a father.

Jaiswal's Century Powers India to 3-0 Sweep Over Afghanistan

India completed a dominant 3-0 clean sweep of the ODI series against Afghanistan with a comprehensive nine-wicket victory in the third and final match at the Chepauk Stadium on Saturday. A brilliant unbeaten century from Yashasvi Jaiswal and a five-wicket haul by Prasidh Krishna were the highlights of India's emphatic win.

After winning the toss, Afghanistan chose to bat first but struggled against India's disciplined pace attack. Prasidh Krishna ripped through the top order, claiming five wickets for just 23 runs and reducing the visitors to 36/4 inside the first 10 overs. Captain Hashmatullah Shahidi then led a spirited recovery with a superb 102 off 131 balls, featuring 13 boundaries and a six. Azmatullah Omarzai supported him well with a fighting 50 from 56 deliveries.

The pair stitched together a crucial 105-run partnership for the fifth wicket to revive Afghanistan's innings. However, regular wickets in the latter stages prevented them from posting a bigger total, and they were eventually bowled out for

218 in 44.2 overs. Gurnoor Brar, Prince Yadav and Harsh Dubey chipped in with a wicket each.

India's chase began in aggressive fashion as openers Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal dominated the Afghan bowlers from the outset. Jaiswal reached his half-century in just 38 balls, while Rohit completed his fifty off 47 deliveries. The duo added a commanding 170 runs for the first wicket, effectively taking the game away from Afghanistan.

Rohit was eventually dismissed for a fluent 79 off 69 balls, including nine fours and three sixes. Jaiswal, however, continued his assault and brought up his century in 83 balls. The left-hander remained unbeaten on 110 from just 86 deliveries, smashing 14 boundaries and three sixes.

Shreyas Iyer provided calm support at the other end as India comfortably chased down the target in only 28.4 overs, finishing at 219/1.

Earlier in the match, Rohit also equalled a rare Indian ODI fielding record by taking three catches off the bowling of a single bowler, Prasidh Krishna.

With a dominant all-round



display, India sealed the series in style, while Jaiswal's match-

winning century and Prasidh's devastating spell ensured a

memorable finish to the contest.



India Eyes Formula 1 Return by 2028 with New Motorsports Push

India is making a determined effort to bring Formula 1 racing back to the country, with the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports reportedly targeting the return of the prestigious motorsport event by the end of 2028. To support this ambitious goal, the ministry has established a dedicated task force that will oversee the development and promotion of motorsports nationwide.

The newly formed task force is expected to closely monitor the growth of motorsports in India and submit periodic recommendations to the government. Its objective is to strengthen the country's motorsport ecosystem and create a roadmap for hosting major international racing events. The initiative reflects the government's broader vision of diversifying India's sporting landscape and enhancing its global sporting profile.

The push gained momentum following discussions between officials from the Federation of Motor Sports Clubs of India (FMSCI) and senior representatives of the Sports Ministry. FMSCI President Arindam Ghosh revealed that the federation is actively working toward bringing Formula 1 back to India while also exploring opportunities to host MotoGP and a round of the World Rally Championship (WRC) in the coming years.

Meetings involving government officials, motorsport authorities and potential stakeholders reportedly focused on developing world-class infrastructure, attracting international organizers and creating opportunities for Indian racers to compete at the highest level. A major emphasis was placed on nurturing young talent and

building a sustainable motorsport culture capable of supporting future champions.

The renewed interest in motorsports comes at a time when Indian racers are making their presence felt on the international stage. At the recent FMSCI Annual Awards ceremony in Bengaluru, national champions from various disciplines were honored for their outstanding achievements. More than 130 awards were presented across multiple categories, recognizing excellence in both two-wheeler and four-wheeler racing.

Several young karting stars were celebrated for their performances, while Indian competitors who achieved notable success in international rallying and circuit racing were also facilitated. Their achievements have highlighted the growing depth of talent emerging from the country and reinforced the need for greater investment in the sport.

For motorsport fans, the prospect of Formula 1 returning to India has generated significant excitement. The country last hosted an F1 Grand Prix more than a decade ago, and its return would mark a major milestone for Indian sports. Along with MotoGP and WRC events, Formula 1 could attract global attention, boost tourism, encourage investment and inspire thousands of aspiring racers.

With government backing, federation support and increasing stakeholder interest, India appears committed to reclaiming its place on the international motorsport calendar and establishing itself as a key destination for world-class racing events.

Neymar Set for Brazil Return Ahead of Crucial World Cup Clash with Scotland

Brazilian football superstar Neymar is on the verge of making his much-awaited return to the FIFA World Cup after recovering from a right calf injury. The news has brought excitement among football fans worldwide, with Brazil head coach Carlo Ancelotti confirming that the experienced playmaker is expected to be available for the team's final Group C clash against Scotland.

Neymar has missed Brazil's first two matches of the tournament, including the convincing 3-0 victory over Haiti. Despite his absence, the five-time world champions have managed to maintain their momentum and remain among the tournament favorites. However, the possible return of Brazil's biggest star is expected to significantly strengthen the squad as the competition moves into its crucial stages.

According to Ancelotti, Neymar will continue individual

recovery sessions before gradually rejoining full team training. The coach expressed confidence that the veteran midfielder will be fit enough to feature against Scotland, a match that could play an important role in deciding Brazil's final position in the group standings.

At 34, Neymar remains one of the most influential footballers in Brazil's rich football history. He is the country's all-time leading goal scorer with 79 goals in 129 international appearances, surpassing several legendary names who have worn the famous yellow jersey. The ongoing tournament marks his fourth FIFA World Cup campaign, adding another chapter to an already remarkable international career.

The injury setback occurred while Neymar was representing Brazilian club Santos in May. Since joining the national team's World Cup camp, he has

been undergoing a carefully monitored rehabilitation program. Medical evaluations reportedly showed encouraging progress, allowing Brazil's coaching staff to prepare for his return to competitive action.

Neymar's inclusion in the World Cup squad had sparked considerable debate among football analysts and supporters. The forward has faced several injury struggles in recent years, most notably the serious ACL injury he suffered during a World Cup qualifier in 2023. Questions were raised about his fitness and ability to perform at the highest level once again.

However, Neymar has shown promising signs since returning to club football. Playing for Santos this season, he has contributed four goals and two assists in eight matches, demonstrating that his creativity, vision and attacking instincts remain intact.



Brazil will now hope Neymar's comeback can provide additional firepower as the tournament enters a decisive phase. His experience, leadership and match-winning ability could prove invaluable in the team's quest for another

World Cup title. Football fans across the globe will be eagerly watching his return, hoping to witness one of the game's greatest talents back on the biggest stage, leading Brazil's pursuit of international glory once again.



Matias Galarza Creates World Cup History with Fastest Goal of FIFA World Cup 2026

Paraguay midfielder Matias Galarza has written his name into FIFA World Cup history after scoring the fastest goal of the 2026 tournament during his country's crucial Group D clash against Türkiye. The Paraguayan star struck just 65 seconds after kickoff, breaking the tournament record and providing his team with the perfect start in a match that carried enormous significance.

The historic moment came when Galarza unleashed a sensational long-range effort that left the Turkish defense stunned and the goalkeeper with little chance of making a save. The early strike immediately shifted momentum in Paraguay's favor and energized both the players and supporters in a must-win contest.

What makes the achievement even more remarkable is that the previous record had been established only a few hours earlier. Morocco midfielder Ismael Saibari had set the benchmark by scoring after just 72 seconds in his team's match against Scotland. However, that record proved short-lived as Galarza's thunderous effort shaved seven seconds off the mark and became the fastest goal of the tournament. The goal was more than just a personal milestone. Paraguay entered the match under pressure, knowing that a positive result was essential to keep their World Cup campaign alive. Galarza's early breakthrough gave the South American side confidence and allowed them to dictate the tempo from the opening stages. His strike ultimately

became a defining moment in Paraguay's victory and their fight for a place in the knockout rounds.

Football experts and fans around the world were quick to praise the midfielder's composure and technique. Scoring within the opening minute of a World Cup match is a rare accomplishment, but doing so with such a spectacular effort in a high-pressure encounter made the goal even more memorable. Social media was flooded with reactions celebrating one of the tournament's standout moments.

The FIFA World Cup 2026 has already produced several dramatic matches, stunning upsets and unforgettable performances, but Galarza's record-breaking strike is certain to remain among the competition's defining highlights. It showcased not only individual brilliance but also the excitement and unpredictability that make the World Cup the biggest stage in football. For Paraguay, the victory over Türkiye represented a crucial step forward in their campaign. For Galarza, it was a career-defining moment that secured a place in World Cup history. His name will now forever be associated with one of the fastest goals ever scored in football's most prestigious tournament.

As the competition moves toward the knockout stages, Galarza's stunning 65-second strike remains one of the most talked-about moments of FIFA World Cup 2026 and a reminder that history can be made in the blink of an eye.

Hardik Pandya Ruled Out Again



India have suffered another setback ahead of the upcoming ODI series against England, with star all-rounder Hardik Pandya reportedly unavailable due to ongoing fitness issues. The dynamic cricketer has not yet regained full match fitness and is understood to be unable to bowl

at the intensity required for 50-over cricket, forcing selectors to keep him out of contention.

Hardik's injury troubles began during IPL 2026 while representing Mumbai Indians, when he experienced recurring back pain. Since then, he has been undergoing rehabili-

tation at the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Recent reports had suggested encouraging progress, especially after he successfully completed extended bowling sessions and appeared close to returning to international cricket.

However, just as hopes of a comeback were rising, Hardik

suffered another setback. During his rehabilitation process, he reportedly sustained a quadriceps muscle injury, which further delayed his recovery. The injury is believed to have occurred due to the increased workload associated with fitness tests and bowling practice as he attempted to regain full match readiness.

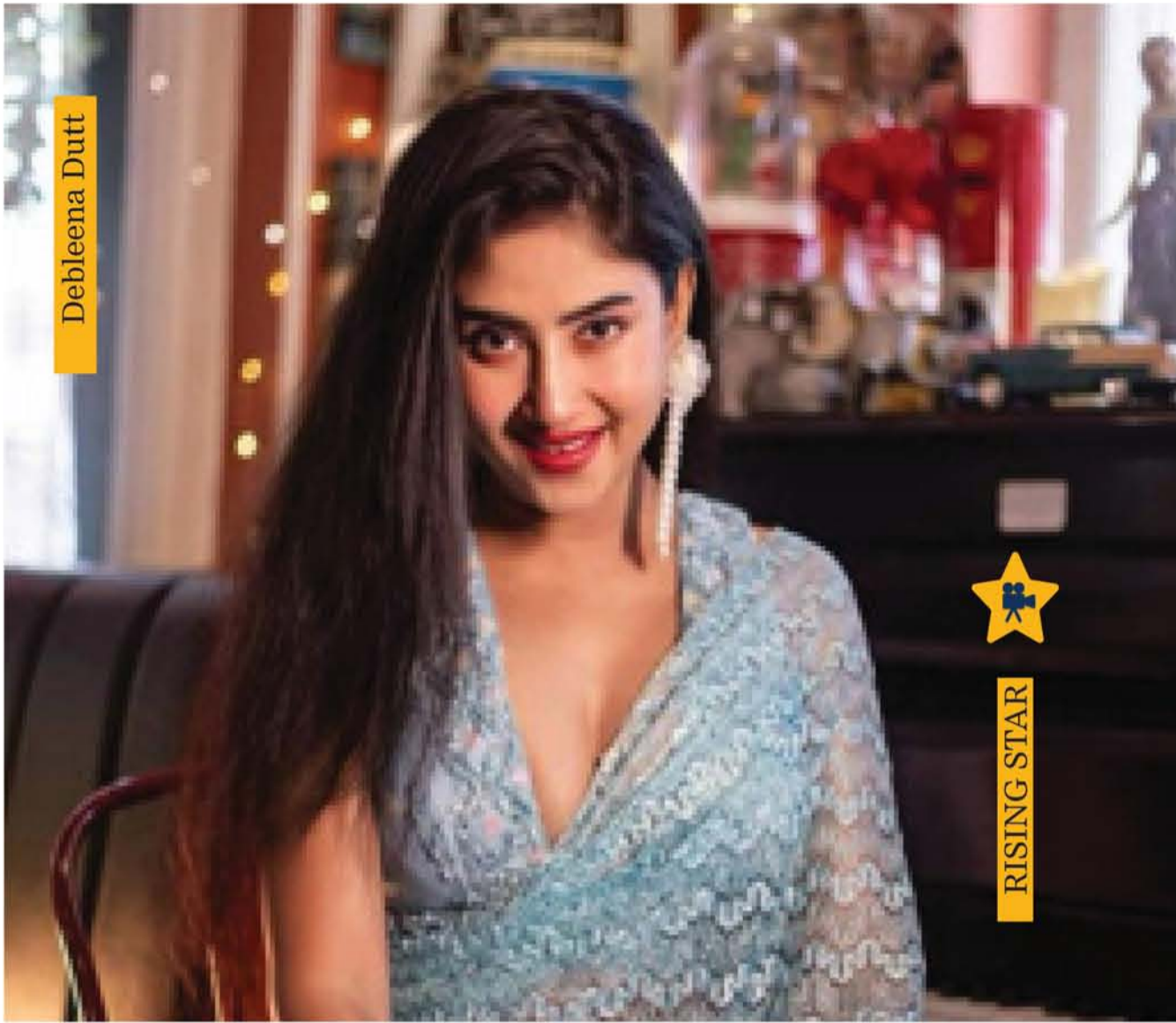
Hardik remains one of India's most valuable all-rounders because of his ability to influence games with both bat and ball. His aggressive batting in the middle order and knack for picking up crucial wickets make him a key component of India's limited-overs setup. Whenever he is available, he provides balance and flexibility that few players can match.

India experienced similar challenges after Hardik's injury during the 2023 ODI World Cup. The team struggled at times to find the ideal combination in his absence, highlighting just how important he is to the squad. His latest fitness concerns have once again raised questions about India's all-round options ahead of major international tournaments. With the 2027 ODI World Cup in South Afri-

ca on the horizon, the Indian team management is taking a cautious approach. The primary objective is to ensure Hardik returns fully fit and remains available for long-term assignments rather than rushing him back into action. Selection committee chairman Ajit Agarkar has also emphasized the importance of carefully managing the all-rounder's workload.

Given Hardik's recurring injury history, the team management has intensified its search for reliable backup options. Young all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy has emerged as one of the leading candidates being groomed for a larger role in the future. The management reportedly views him as a promising prospect who could provide cover whenever Hardik is unavailable.

While India would have preferred to have one of its biggest match-winners available for the England series, the focus now remains on ensuring Hardik's complete recovery. Fans and team officials alike will hope the star all-rounder returns stronger and fully fit for the challenges that lie ahead.



'Hreem' Teaser Unveiled, Promises a Chilling Horror-Mystical Thriller

The teaser of the upcoming horror-mystical thriller Hreem was unveiled in Hyderabad, generating excitement among movie lovers and industry circles alike. Starring Pawan Tata and Chaminda Varma in the lead roles, the film is directed by Rajesh Ravuri and produced by Shiva Mallala under the direction of Sujatha Mallala.

The teaser launch event witnessed the presence of several prominent personalities from the film industry, who appreciated the film's concept, visuals and technical quality. The guests lauded the passion and commitment shown by the makers in bringing a unique horror-thriller experience to audiences.

Speaking on the occasion, the filmmakers expressed confidence that Hreem would stand out for its intriguing storyline, strong performances and gripping presentation. The film combines elements of horror, mystery, suspense and emotion, offering audiences a fresh cinematic experience.

The cast includes seasoned actors such as Tanikella Bharani, Rajeev Kanakala, Banerjee, Bhadram and Rajashekar, who play pivotal roles in the narrative. The team believes the presence of experienced performers



has added depth and authenticity to the film.

Lead actors Pawan Tata and Chaminda Varma said the project offered them challenging roles and valuable opportunities to showcase their acting abilities. They praised the director's vision and the support extended by the production team throughout the making of the film.

Director Rajesh Ravuri thanked the cast and crew for their encouragement and cooperation, stating that every department worked with dedication to deliver quality content. He described Hreem as a film driven by a unique concept that blends supernatural elements with engaging storytelling.

Producer Shiva Mallala, who has a long association with journalism, said the project was born

out of a strong belief in the story and the talent of the team. He revealed that the film was produced on a controlled budget without compromising on quality and credited the entire cast and crew for their collective effort.

The film features music by Marcus M, cinematography by Aravind, editing by Y.S.S. Shivaprakash and VFX supervision by Raj Pawan Kommoju. With nearly twenty minutes of graphics work and a technically strong production team, the makers are confident of delivering a visually engaging experience.

The release date of Hreem is expected to be announced soon, with the team expressing optimism that the film will connect strongly with audiences and emerge as a successful venture at the box office.

'Good Films Always Find Their Audience': Chidambaram as 'Balan: The Boy' Celebrates Success

The team of Balan: The Boy recently celebrated the film's successful theatrical run with a grand success meet, marking a significant achievement for the multilingual drama that has won hearts across the country. Jointly produced by KVN Productions and Thespi-an Films, the movie is directed by Chidambaram, the filmmaker who earned nationwide acclaim with Manjummel Boys. The story was penned by Jithu Madhavan and has been praised for its emotional depth and realistic portrayal of human relationships.

Released in Hindi, Malayalam, Telugu, Kannada and Tamil, Balan: The Boy has emerged as a successful venture, drawing appreciation from audiences and critics alike. The film's touching narrative, relatable characters and sincere performances have generated strong word-of-mouth publicity, helping it connect with viewers across different regions and languages.

Speaking at the success meet, director Chidambaram expressed gratitude to audiences for embracing the film and supporting content-driven

cinema. He said that today's moviegoers are willing to cross language barriers when a story resonates emotionally. According to him, the success of Balan: The Boy is proof that good films will always find their audience, regardless of the language in which they are made.

The filmmaker revealed that the story was inspired by real-life experiences and by individuals who often go unnoticed in everyday life. He said such characters exist around us, and the film attempts to bring their stories to the forefront. Chidambaram also shared his admira-

tion for Telugu cinema and disclosed that discussions are already underway for a future Telugu-language project.

Producer Shailaja Desai Fenn described the film as a landmark achievement for Thespi-an Films, as it marks the production house's debut venture. She credited the success to the trust and collaboration among the cast, crew and production partners, adding that the journey had been both challenging and rewarding.

The event also featured interactions with the cast. Child artists Muhammad Zinan and

Adhishesan thanked audiences for appreciating their performances and supporting the film. Actress Farzana Palathingal expressed happiness over the positive response to her debut role and praised the strength of the script and storytelling. Actor Jean Paul Lal said he felt fortunate to be part of a film that had connected with audiences across multiple languages.

Featuring performances by Adhishesan, Farzana Palathingal, Muhammad Zinan, Tovino Thomas and Jean Paul Lal, Balan: The Boy has established



itself as a memorable cinematic experience. Its success highlights the growing demand for meaningful, emotionally rich

storytelling and reaffirms the belief that quality cinema continues to thrive in today's competitive film landscape.



Actor Vishal has intensified excitement surrounding his upcoming magnum opus Makutam with the release of its powerful

first single, Rise of Linga. The high-energy track serves as a character anthem, introducing Vishal's role in a grand and im-

'Rise of Linga' Sparks Excitement for Vishal's Makutam

pectful manner while offering audiences a glimpse into the film's intense and action-packed world.

Following the commercial success of Mark Antony and Madha Gaja Raja, Vishal is stepping into a new phase of his career with Makutam, a project that marks his directorial debut. Produced on a lavish scale under the prestigious Super Good Films banner, the film holds special significance as the production house's 99th venture. The project has also gained emotional importance following the passing of veteran producer RB Choudary, making it a memorable undertaking for everyone associated with the film.

Since its announcement, Makutam has generated considera-

ble anticipation through its ambitious scale and striking promotional content. The recently released teaser heightened expectations, and now the first song has further amplified the buzz among fans and movie enthusiasts.

Composed by GV Prakash Kumar, Rise of Linga is packed with pulsating beats, energetic rhythms and a rugged gangster-rap style that perfectly reflects the larger-than-life persona of the protagonist. The song portrays Linga as a fearless and dominant force whose presence commands attention and respect. Powerful lyrics celebrate the character's courage, authority and influence, making the track a fitting introduction to the central figure of the story.

One of the standout aspects of the song is Vishal's participation as a vocalist. Joining GV Prakash Kumar and V7H, the actor lends his voice to the track, adding authenticity and intensity to the performance. Their energetic rendition transforms the number into more than just a promotional song, making it an extension of the character itself.

The release of Rise of Linga has given audiences a clearer

idea of the film's tone and scale. The song's explosive presentation, combined with its dynamic music and visuals, reinforces the makers' intention to deliver a high-voltage cinematic experience.

Apart from Vishal, the film features a strong supporting cast including Anjali, Dushara Vijayan, Thambi Ramaiah and Arjai in key roles. The technical team includes cinematographers

Richard M Nathan and Abinandhan, editor NB Srikanth and production designer G Durairaj.

With production entering its final stages and musical promotions now underway, Makutam is steadily building momentum ahead of its planned theatrical release in July. The response to Rise of Linga suggests that audiences are eagerly waiting to witness Vishal's ambitious directorial venture on the big screen.

Shahid Kapoor Upset Over 'A' Certificate for 'Cocktail 2'



Bollywood star Shahid Kapoor has openly expressed his disappointment over the censor board awarding an 'A' certificate to his latest film Cocktail 2. The romantic emotional drama, which features Rashmika Mandanna and Kriti Sanon in lead roles alongside Shahid, recently hit theatres amid considerable buzz and expectations.

Reacting to the certification, Shahid said he was unable to

understand the reasoning behind the decision. According to the actor, Cocktail 2 is a clean and wholesome entertainer with no vulgar, objectionable or excessively bold scenes. He maintained that the film was designed to appeal to family audiences and contains a balanced mix of emotions, relationships, romance and light-hearted moments.

Shahid stated that the movie revolves around the lives of

three individuals and explores their emotional journeys in a sensitive and entertaining manner. He emphasized that audiences would not find a single scene that could be considered inappropriate for family viewing. The actor noted that he was genuinely surprised by the 'A' rating and felt the film deserved a more accessible certification.

The certification has sparked discussion among moviegoers and industry observers, with many expressing curiosity about the factors that led to the board's decision. While the exact reasons behind the rating remain unclear, Shahid's comments have brought the issue into the spotlight and generated further conversation around the film.

Despite the controversy surrounding the certificate, Cocktail 2 has opened strongly at the box office. The makers announced that the film collected approximately 13 crore worldwide on its first day, indicating a positive response from audiences. Trade analysts believe the film could witness even

stronger collections over the weekend as word-of-mouth publicity continues to build.

One of the major attractions of the film is the fresh combination of Shahid Kapoor, Rashmika Mandanna and Kriti Sanon. Their pairing has generated significant excitement among fans, contributing to the film's strong opening. The movie's promotional campaign, music and emotional storyline have also helped create interest among audiences across different age groups.

Industry experts point out that box-office performance often depends more on audience acceptance than certification. Going by the initial response, Cocktail 2 appears to have connected with viewers despite the rating controversy.

As discussions over the 'A' certificate continue, the film is enjoying a promising start at the ticket counters. The coming days will reveal whether the positive opening translates into sustained success, but for now, Cocktail 2 has managed to keep itself firmly in the spotlight.



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