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The Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Thursday approved a series of major welfare, healthcare, employment, and infrastructure initiatives, including the extension of free breakfast and lunch to teachers and staff in government educational institutions, large-scale recruitment for Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals, and administrative approval for the first phase of the Musi Riverfront Development Project. The Cabinet meeting, held at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat, deliberated on several policy matters before taking key decisions aimed at strengthening public services and improving welfare across the

state. One of the significant decisions was to extend the free breakfast and lunch scheme currently available to students in government schools and junior colleges to teachers, lecturers, and non-teaching staff. The decision will benefit nearly 1.5 lakh employees working in government educational institutions across Telangana. The government said the move is intended to improve staff welfare while ensuring teachers remain available on campus throughout the school day, enabling them to devote more time and attention to students. The Cabinet believes the initiative will strengthen the learning environment and further improve the quality of education in government institutions.



CWC Warns of Possible Water Shortage

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The Central Water Commission (CWC) has cautioned Telangana about the possibility of water shortages in the coming months and advised the state government to use available reservoir water judiciously to ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply. In a letter dated June 25, CWC Chairman Anupam Prasad urged the state to prioritize drinking water needs and closely monitor reservoir storage levels to prevent any potential water distress. The advisory comes as part of the commission's weekly assessment of water levels in eight major reservoirs across Telangana.



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Ministers Srinivasa Reddy, Danasari Anasuya (Seethakka), and Adluri Laxman Kumar briefed the media after the meeting and outlined the Cabinet's decisions. The Cabinet also held an extensive discussion on the Union government's proposed 'VBG Ramji' scheme, which is intended to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Ministers said a Cabinet sub-committee headed by Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy had submitted a detailed report on the matter. According to the ministers, the Telangana Legislative Assembly had earlier passed a unanimous resolution opposing the proposed scheme, arguing that it would adversely affect the

rights and interests of rural workers. They stated that despite objections raised by several states, the Centre has decided to proceed with the scheme. The Cabinet resolved to approach the Supreme Court challenging the implementation of the VBG Ramji scheme. However, ministers said the state would simultaneously implement the scheme to ensure that employment guarantee workers do not lose wages or livelihood opportunities while the legal process is underway. In another major healthcare initiative, the Cabinet approved the recruitment of 6,278 doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel for the newly established Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals at

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India, Japan Deepen Strategic Partnership AI Education Standard Unveiled

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India and Japan on Thursday announced a series of landmark agreements covering economic security, artificial intelligence, clean energy, defence cooperation, and advanced technology following bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi. The two leaders held wide-ranging discussions to review and strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, emerging technologies, energy, defence, and people-to-people exchanges, reaffirming their commitment to expanding the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two nations. Addressing a joint media briefing, Prime Minister Modi said India and Japan share complementary economies and a relationship built on mutual trust. "The economies of India and Japan complement each other. From cultural values to modern technology, there is great similarity in our thinking and approach. Above all, the foundation of our relationship rests on unbreakable mutual trust," Modi said. Among the major outcomes of the summit was the adoption of a joint roadmap on economic security aimed at strengthening resilient sup-



ply chains in strategic sectors such as semiconductors, quantum technologies, and advanced materials. The two countries also signed a joint statement on cooperation in artificial intelligence, seeking to combine Japan's technological expertise with India's strengths in software and digital innovation. Modi said the convergence of Japanese precision engineering and Indian software capabilities would provide fresh momentum to AI development and technological collaboration. In the energy sector, the leaders launched the India-Japan Bio-Gas Initiative, under which around 1,000 biogas and organic fertilizer plants

will be established across India. The initiative is expected to promote sustainable energy, improve rural livelihoods, and support environmental conservation. A significant milestone was also achieved in defence cooperation, with India and Japan signing an agreement for their first joint military hardware co-development project. The agreement marks a new phase in bilateral defence collaboration and reflects growing strategic convergence between the two countries. Both leaders witnessed the exchange of several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) covering economic security, clean energy, critical technologies,

research and development, and industrial cooperation. Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi emphasized that Japan remains committed to strengthening economic ties with India through investment and innovation. She said Japan aims to enhance its technological capabilities and supply chains by investing in 17 strategic sectors. Takaichi also praised Prime Minister Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, stating that both countries share the objective of building strong, prosperous economies through long-term investment and technological advancement. The two nations also agreed on a calendar of activities to commemorate the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations in 2027, highlighting the steady expansion of bilateral cooperation across trade, defence, science and technology, education, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. India and Japan elevated their ties to a Special Strategic and Global Partnership in 2014. Since then, bilateral engagement has expanded significantly, supported by more than 70 institutional dialogue mechanisms, making the annual summit a key platform for advancing the strategic partnership between the two countries.

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A Hyderabad-based artificial intelligence training institute, AI Vidya Academy, has launched what it describes as India's first independently authored national standard for AI education, introducing a framework aimed at bringing uniformity and quality benchmarks to AI programmes offered by educational institutions and EdTech platforms. The academy announced the release of the AI Education Standard AVA-AI-EDU-2026 along with the launch of an institutional accreditation programme. According to the academy, the standard establishes comprehensive guidelines covering curriculum design, faculty qualifications, student competency levels, responsible AI practices, and governance. AI Vidya Academy Founder Raj Varma said the rapid expansion of AI courses across India has created significant variations in the quality of education offered by different institutions. "Today, almost every institution claims to offer an AI programme, but there is no common benchmark to define what students should actually learn," he said. "A graduate from one institution may have hands-on experience building AI models, while another may have only studied theoretical concepts, yet both receive similar certi-



ates." The 23-page framework outlines ten curriculum benchmarks ranging from mathematics, statistics, and Python programming to machine learning, generative AI, large language models, AI security, and responsible AI. It also proposes mandatory certification for faculty members teaching AI courses, with recertification every 24 months to keep pace with technological developments. As part of the initiative, the academy has introduced three levels of institutional accreditation—Bronze, Silver, and Gold—requiring progressively higher compliance with the prescribed standards. Institutions seeking Bronze accreditation must ensure all AI faculty members are certified, adopt a responsible AI policy, and establish an AI ethics committee. The framework also incorpo-

rates provisions relating to India's Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, requiring accredited institutions to establish policies governing the use of student data by AI-powered learning systems. Acknowledging that the standard has been developed independently rather than by a statutory regulator, Raj Varma said the initiative is intended to address an immediate need within the education sector. "We are not waiting for regulatory intervention. Industry needs AI-ready professionals today, and educational institutions require clear benchmarks to prepare students accordingly," he said. AI Vidya Academy stated that it currently trains more than 10,000 learners worldwide and believes the new framework can help improve the quality and consistency

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Direct Benefit Transfer Introduced for Fee Reimbursement

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The Telangana government has introduced a Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system for the tuition fee reimbursement scheme from the 2026-27 academic year, ensuring that eligible students receive the financial assistance directly into their bank accounts instead of payments being made to educational institutions. As part of the new mechanism, the government has decided to release ₹250 crore every month to the welfare departments to facilitate timely disbursement of fee reimbursement benefits. The amount will be credited to students in four phases during the academic year. Officials said the first monthly installment of ₹250 crore for June was released to the welfare departments on June 29. The funds will benefit eligible students belonging to Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST), Backward Classes (BC), Minorities, Economically Backward Classes (EBC), and Persons with Disabilities (PwD). According to official sources, monthly releases will continue throughout the academic



year under the revised schedule to ensure that reimbursements are made without delay. The government clarified that while the mode of payment has changed, the funding pattern remains unchanged. For SC students, the state government will bear 40 percent of the tuition fee reimbursement, while the Central government will contribute the remaining 60 percent. For ST students, the state's share will be 25 percent, with the Centre funding the remaining 75 percent. For students belonging to BC, EBC, and Minority communities, the Telangana government will continue to bear the entire cost of tuition fee reimbursement. The new system follows the

issuance of Government Order (GO) No. 9, which aims to streamline the fee reimbursement process and eliminate delays and confusion over tuition fee payments that had affected students and institutions in recent years. Officials said welfare departments have been instructed to ensure the smooth implementation of the DBT mechanism and timely transfer of funds to eligible beneficiaries. The government expects the new system to enhance transparency, improve accountability, and ensure that financial assistance reaches students directly, enabling them to continue their education without disruption.

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The second day of Aeromart Hyderabad 2026 highlighted India's growing ambitions in the global aerospace and space industries, with industry leaders stressing the need to enhance quality, adopt advanced technologies, strengthen manufacturing capabilities, and develop a highly skilled workforce to remain globally competitive. The event featured a series of panel discussions and technical sessions involving leading aerospace companies, technology firms, and industry experts, who emphasized that India's aerospace sector must move beyond increasing production volumes and focus on delivering world-class quality and innovation. The day began with a panel discussion titled "Make in India: Competing on Capability, Quality and Scale," featuring representatives from Capgemini, Dassault Aviation, GE Aerospace, Latecoere, and Axon Cables & Connectors. Panelists discussed the challenges faced by Indian suppliers in becoming key contributors to global aerospace programmes. Speakers noted

that while India's manufacturing ecosystem has expanded rapidly, sustained growth would depend on maintaining stringent quality standards, adopting cutting-edge technologies, and developing the capacity to handle increasingly complex aerospace projects. A session led by Airbus explored the application of artificial intelligence (AI) and operations research in aircraft maintenance and airport operations. Experts demonstrated how AI-driven predictive maintenance, reliability analysis, and data-based planning can reduce operational delays, improve aircraft availability, and enhance airport efficiency. The conference also featured presentations by Aerospace Valley, which highlighted the importance of regional industrial clusters in bringing together manufacturers, research institutions, startups, and government agencies to accelerate innovation and strengthen supply chains. Another session focused on next-generation manufacturing, where industry leaders discussed strategies to build resilient supply chains, meet evolving pro-

Aeromart Focuses on India's Aerospace Growth



duction requirements, and equip the workforce with skills needed for future aerospace programmes. The concluding session examined India's rapidly expanding space sector. Representatives from Ananth Technologies, Dhruva Space, and Apollo Micro Systems discussed the country's transition from manufacturing individual components to developing complete space systems and highlighted emerging commercial opportunities across the space value chain. The discussions built on the inaugural day's France-India and Italy-India aerospace sessions. During those interactions, French

Consul General in Bengaluru Marc Lamy noted that French aerospace companies have partnered with Indian industries for decades, even before the launch of the Make in India initiative. He identified maintenance, training, innovation, and technology partnerships as key areas for further strengthening Indo-French aerospace cooperation. Industry participants agreed that continued collaboration between government, academia, and private industry will be crucial in positioning India as a global hub for aerospace manufacturing, innovation, and space technology.

2BHK Homes Given to Rehabilitated Families

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The Telangana government on Wednesday distributed 125 double-bedroom (2BHK) housing allotment letters to beneficiaries who had previously been involved in the sale of illicit liquor (Gudumba) as part of a rehabilitation initiative aimed at providing dignified housing and encouraging sustainable livelihoods.

The allotment letters were distributed at the Jambagh Sports Complex in the Goshamahal constituency by Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Azharuddin, and Adluri Laxman Kumar. The event was attended by Rajya Sabha MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLAs Raja Singh, Sri Ganesh, and Naveen Yadav, Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar, Hyderabad District Collector Priyanka Ala, and other pub-



lic representatives and officials. Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said the distribution of housing allotment letters reflected the Congress government's commitment to the welfare of economically weaker sections under its 'Praja Palana' (People's Governance) initiative. He said that 125 eligible beneficiaries in the Goshamahal constituency were receiving 2BHK housing allotments as

part of a comprehensive rehabilitation programme for families that had earlier depended on the sale of illicit liquor for their livelihood. Congratulating the beneficiaries, the minister urged them to embrace the opportunity to begin a new chapter in their lives. Ponnamp Prabhakar observed that during the previous administration, many double-bedroom houses were built on the outskirts of Hyderabad, making

it difficult for beneficiaries to continue their livelihoods within the city. He said the present government intends to address this concern by constructing houses closer to where people work. The minister announced that Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy had already inspected sites for the construction of one lakh Indiramma houses within Hyderabad city. He added that the government aims to identify suitable land in every Assembly constituency and begin construction so that beneficiaries can remain close to their workplaces and essential services. Highlighting other welfare measures introduced by the state government, Ponnamp Prabhakar said the Praja Palana government has distributed new ration cards, is supplying fine-quality rice to eligible families, and has implemented the scheme providing 200 units of free electricity to

households. Describing Gudumba as a social menace that negatively affects families and society, the minister said the government's approach is focused on rehabilitation rather than punishment. He noted that many families had turned to illicit liquor production due to economic hardships, and the government is now helping them transition to lawful occupations by providing housing and opportunities for a better future. Reaffirming the government's commitment under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Ponnamp Prabhakar said the highest priority is being given to the welfare of the poor, social justice, and the upliftment of marginalized communities. He appealed to beneficiary families to leave their past behind, pursue legal means of livelihood, educate their children, and contribute positively to society.

Tribal MLAs Seek More Welfare Measures



Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

A delegation of Adivasi and tribal legislators on Thursday met Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the State Secretariat and urged the government to strengthen welfare and development initiatives in tribal and Agency areas across the state. The delegation, led by Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Seethakka, submitted a memorandum to the Chief Minister highlighting several key demands aimed at improving housing, education, irrigation, and administrative support for tribal communities.

Among the major demands placed before the Chief Minister was the allocation of an additional 2,000 Indiramma houses to each Assembly constituency located in Agency areas. The legislators said the existing allocation was insufficient to meet the housing needs of eligible tribal families and requested the government to enhance the number of sanctioned houses.

The MLAs also urged the Chief Minister to implement the Indira Giri Jal Vikasam scheme alongside the issuance of title deeds for Podu lands. They said that while granting land ownership rights to tribal farmers is an important step, it should be complemented with irrigation facilities and infrastructure to enable beneficiaries to cultivate their land productively and improve their livelihoods. Education was another major issue discussed during the meeting. The legislators requested the government to upgrade Tribal Ashram Schools to the Intermediate level, enabling tribal students to continue their higher secondary education with-

out having to travel long distances or discontinue their studies. They said the move would improve educational opportunities and help reduce dropout rates among students in remote tribal regions.

The delegation further sought the strengthening of the Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs), stating that these institutions play a vital role in implementing welfare programmes and development projects in tribal areas. They requested the government to provide additional resources and administrative support to enhance the effectiveness of ITDAs in addressing the needs of tribal communities. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is understood to have assured the delegation that the government remains committed to the welfare and development of tribal populations and would examine the proposals submitted by the legislators.

The meeting was attended by MLAs Jare Adinarayana (Ashwarapeta), Payam Venkateswarlu (Pinapaka), Koram Kanakajiah (Yellandu), Tellam Venkat Rao (Bhadrachalam), and Vedma Boju (Khanapur), who represented their respective constituencies and highlighted region-specific concerns.

Ministers Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Adluri Laxman Kumar, and Mohammed Azharuddin also participated in the meeting, reaffirming the government's focus on addressing the developmental requirements of tribal and Agency areas through targeted welfare programmes and infrastructure initiatives. The discussions are expected to pave the way for enhanced support to tribal communities in the coming phases of the state's welfare and development agenda.

Government Appoints New PACS Committees

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has appointed alternative non-official Person-in-Charge (PIC) committees for 14 Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) across the state to ensure the uninterrupted functioning of cooperative institutions until elections are conducted, Agriculture and Cooperation Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao announced on Thursday.

According to the minister, the appointments have been made under the provisions of the Telangana Cooperative Societies Act. The newly constituted committees will function for six months, until elections to the respective cooperative societies are held, or until the government issues further orders, whichever is earlier. The decision follows a comprehensive review conducted by the Special Commissioner and Registrar of Cooperative Societies, who submitted a detailed report on the func-

tioning of the affected PACS. The report identified several administrative and financial shortcomings, prompting the government to replace the existing committees.

Among the major deficiencies cited were significant delays in loan recovery, failure to prepare lists of loan defaulters, inadequate efforts to recover outstanding dues, failure to address audit objections, poor attendance of management committee members at meetings, administrative irregularities, and functioning that was found to be contrary to the objectives of the cooperative movement. Based on these findings, the government concluded that allowing the existing committees to continue would adversely affect the cooperative credit system and hinder the effective delivery of services to farmers. Tummala Nageswara Rao said the government is also in the process of reorganizing Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies across Telangana. Since the reorga-



nization exercise is still under consideration, it is not feasible to conduct elections immediately. To avoid disruption in cooperative activities during this transitional period, the government decided to appoint alternative Person-in-Charge committees.

The minister emphasized that the primary objective is to ensure that essential services provided by PACS-

including the distribution of crop loans, fertilizers, certified seeds, and other agricultural inputs-continue without interruption during the ongoing kharif season.

The newly appointed Person-in-Charge committees will take charge of PACS at Manakondur, Tadikal, and Metpalli in Karimnagar district; Aminabad, Khanapur, Mahmadaipur, Mandapalli, Suripalli, Redlavada,

Chennaraopet, Gurijala, and Narsampet in Warangal district; and Kulkacharla and Parigi in Vikarabad district. The minister said the committees would immediately assume responsibility for the administration and day-to-day management of their respective cooperative societies while ensuring transparency and efficiency in operations.

Tummala Nageswara Rao also directed the Special Commissioner and Registrar of Cooperative Societies to take all necessary follow-up measures for the smooth implementation of the government's orders and to closely monitor the functioning of the newly appointed committees.

He reiterated that the government remains committed to strengthening the cooperative sector and ensuring that farmers continue to receive timely financial assistance, agricultural inputs, and other services through an efficient and accountable cooperative network.

97 Families Receive 2BHK House Allotments

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government on Wednesday distributed 2BHK housing allotment letters and house keys to 97 beneficiaries from the Malakpet Assembly constituency as part of its ongoing housing initiative aimed at providing permanent shelter to economically weaker sections. The allotment ceremony was held at the Afzal Nagar Community Hall in Musarambagh, where Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, and Mohammed Azharuddin handed over the allotment letters to the beneficiaries. The event was attended by Malakpet MLA Ahmed Bin Abdullah Balala, Fisheries Corporation Chairman Mettu Sai Kumar, Malakpet Market Committee Chairman Srinivas, Hyderabad District Collector Priyanka Ala, and several senior officials and public representatives. Speaking on the occa-

sion, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar said the beneficiaries had been waiting for housing for several years and expressed satisfaction that the government was finally handing over allotment letters and house keys to 97 deserving families.

He announced that 3,500 Indiramma houses had already been sanctioned to the Malakpet constituency in the first phase of the housing programme. The government, he said, has also set an ambitious target of constructing one lakh houses across Hyderabad by identifying 50 suitable locations within the city. The minister stated that the objective is to build houses in areas where employment opportunities are available so that beneficiaries can continue their livelihoods without being displaced to distant locations. He added that Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy has already identified 50 sites where construction



of the proposed one lakh houses will begin.

Ponnamp Prabhakar said the Congress government's primary objective is to provide Indiramma houses to poor families and ensure that every eligible household has access to safe and permanent housing. He congratulated the beneficiaries receiving homes and wished them a better future. The minister also announced that all families affected by the Musi River rehabilitation project would be provided with

2BHK housing allotment letters as part of the government's rehabilitation efforts. He said the Telangana government is implementing the Indiramma housing programme at a rapid pace by identifying land in several locations and expediting construction work. As the district in-charge minister, Ponnamp Prabhakar said he is closely coordinating with the district administration to complete housing projects on schedule and hand them over to beneficiaries without

delay. He noted that Hyderabad continues to witness large-scale migration from rural areas, increasing the demand for affordable housing. Providing homes for the poor, he said, remains one of the government's highest priorities. Emphasizing the government's long-term vision, the minister said available government land would be effectively utilized to fulfill the dream of homeownership for every eligible family. Recalling that previous Congress governments had built houses for lakhs of poor families, he said the present administration is committed to carrying forward that legacy. Inspired by the vision of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the government will continue implementing welfare programmes focused on land, housing, and livelihoods while ensuring that every eligible poor family receives a home in a phased manner.

Kavitha Targets State Government



Adilabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLC Kalvakuntla Kavitha on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Telangana government over the treatment of Telangana movement activists, alleging that the Congress had failed to fulfill its promises and was suppressing democratic protests. Addressing a protest programme organized in support of movement activists, Kavitha claimed that governments which suppress activists do not last long and remarked that "the countdown to Revanth Reddy's government has begun." She demanded that the state government immediately fulfill its election promise of allotting 250-square-yard residential plots to eligible Telangana movement activists. According to Kavitha, the protesters were staging a peaceful demonstration when police allegedly detained and removed them.

Criticizing the police action, she questioned the manner in which women protesters were handled and called upon the Director General of Police (DGP) to explain under

which rules women could be dragged away during protests.

Kavitha said the Constitution guarantees every citizen the right to peaceful protest and asserted that curbing democratic rights was against the spirit of democracy. She added that Telangana itself was achieved through a people's movement and that attempts to silence activists would not be accepted by the public.

The BRS leader also accused the government of focusing on action against opposition leaders and activists instead of addressing issues concerning farmers, unemployed youth, and women. She warned that if public grievances continued to be ignored, people would deliver their verdict at the appropriate time.

Former Boath MLA Rathod Babu Rao, BRS leaders, local representatives, and party workers participated in the protest. Kavitha's remarks are expected to further intensify the political confrontation between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over issues concerning Telangana movement activists.

Debate Row Escalates as BRS Leaders Detained, Congress-BRS War of Words Intensifies

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Political tensions in Telangana intensified on Thursday after senior BRS leaders, led by former minister Harish Rao, were detained by police while attempting to proceed to Gun Park for what they described as an open debate on state debt and alleged corruption in the Education Department. The developments triggered a fresh exchange of accusations between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS. Addressing the media while being taken into police custody, Harish Rao alleged that the government

was preventing the opposition from presenting facts before the public. He asserted that the BRS was ready to produce documentary evidence regarding Telangana's debt and debate allegations of corruption in the Education Department. "We are prepared to present the debt figures if challenged and discuss corruption in the Education Department. Whenever we attempt to come forward, the government stops us. Three ministers are not even answering our phone calls. Even if the police block us, we will expose the truth before the people of Telangana with the

media as witness," Harish Rao said. According to BRS leaders, police repeatedly changed the route of the vehicle carrying Harish Rao and other party leaders without revealing their destination. They alleged that the convoy was driven around Hyderabad for nearly an hour before the leaders were finally shifted to the Kanchanbagh Police Station. Former minister Srinivas Goud criticized the police action, claiming that the detained leaders were made to sit outside in the scorching sun near the station premises. He questioned why the government was avoiding a public discus-

sion despite repeatedly issuing challenges to the opposition. BRS leader R.S. Praveen Kumar also accused the government of suppressing dissent and declared that the party would continue its protest regardless of how long it took. He alleged that the ruling Congress had resorted to police action after being confronted with allegations of corruption. Later, senior BRS leader and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav visited Harish Rao and other detained leaders at the Kanchanbagh Police Station and launched a sharp attack on the Congress government. Talasani alleged

that the Congress government had borrowed nearly 74 lakh crore in its two-and-a-half-year tenure without delivering significant development. He credited the previous BRS government under former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) with establishing residential schools, medical colleges in every district, and implementing major welfare initiatives. He further questioned the rationale behind Harish Rao's detention, stating that the former minister had merely responded to an invitation from Congress ministers for a public debate at Gun Park.

Ponnam Challenges Opposition to Open Debate on Gurukul Allegations

Hyderabad, July 02 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Wednesday strongly rejected allegations of corruption in the procurement process for Gurukul (residential) schools and challenged Opposition leaders to produce evidence to support their claims. Accompanied by Ministers Adluri Laxman Kumar, Mohammed Azharuddin, and other senior Congress leaders, Ponnam addressed the media at Gun Park near the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial, asserting that the government was prepared for an open and transparent discussion on the issue. Responding to allegations made by BRS leaders, including former ministers Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), as well as Bharat Rashtra Samithi MLC RS Praveen Kumar, Ponnam said the figures being quoted by the Opposition were mislead-

ing and factually incorrect. He stated that the total value of procurement related to the Gurukul schools was ₹1,143 crore, of which ₹687.77 crore was awarded through tenders while ₹455.23 crore was routed through public sector undertakings. "When the total procurement itself is ₹1.143 crore, how can anyone allege corruption worth ₹2,000 crore or ₹3,000 crore?" he questioned. The minister said the government was ready to face scrutiny and challenged the media at Gun Park near the Telangana Martyrs' Memorial, asserting that the government was prepared for an open and transparent discussion on the issue. Responding to allegations made by BRS leaders, including former ministers Harish Rao and K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), as well as Bharat Rashtra Samithi MLC RS Praveen Kumar, Ponnam said the figures being quoted by the Opposition were mislead-



while Ponnam was active in student politics. He maintained that political allegations should be backed by facts rather than rhetoric. Questioning criticism over procurement of uniforms, Ponnam asked whether students belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and minority communities did not deserve quality clothing. Referring to Mafatlal, the company supplying fabric, he asked why the issue was being politicized and whether the company had any connection with the present government. The minister further alleged

that irregularities had occurred during the previous BRS government's tenure and announced that the three ministers would write to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy seeking an inquiry into the functioning of the Social Welfare Department during the last ten years. He claimed the investigation would examine procurement and administrative decisions taken under the previous regime. Defending the Congress government's governance model, Ponnam said the administration was committed to "Prajapalana" and ensuring justice for the poor

through transparent procedures. He alleged that during the previous government, hundreds of residential schools functioned in private buildings linked to influential persons, whereas the present administration was clearing pending dues through the Green Channel system. Reiterating his challenge, Ponnam said the Congress government had nothing to hide and would not retreat from a public debate. "If the Opposition proves corruption with evidence, we are prepared to publicly apologise and resign from our ministerial posts," he declared. He concluded by urging former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao and senior BRS leaders participated in a discussion inside the Legislative Assembly, stating that the government remained confident of its transparency and was prepared to answer every allegation with facts and official records.

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Sanathnagar, LB Nagar, and Alwal, along with the proposed super-specialty hospital in Warangal. The government also decided to develop these hospitals on the lines of the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), with the objective of expanding access to advanced healthcare services across Telangana. To improve healthcare accessibility, the Cabinet approved the issuance of Letters of Credit (LOCs) from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) for patients receiving treatment at these hospitals. The move is expected to ease the financial burden on economically weaker sections requiring specialized medical care. The Cabinet also granted administrative approval for the first phase of the Hyderabad Musi Riverfront Development Project. The initial phase will cover a 21-kilometre stretch up to Gandhi Sarovar and has been allocated ₹7,345 crore. Ministers said the tendering process for the project would begin shortly. The riverfront development project is expected to improve urban infrastructure, enhance environmental sustainability, and create public recreational spaces along the Musi River while addressing issues related to river conservation and flood management. The Cabinet reiterated the government's commitment to implementing welfare-oriented reforms, strengthening public infrastructure, improving healthcare delivery, and enhancing educational facilities as part of its broader development agenda for Telangana.

AI Education Standard Unveiled

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The academy has opened applications for the first accreditation cycle, scheduled for October 2026, and expects engineering colleges, business schools, universities, and EdTech providers to participate. The initiative comes amid growing demand for skilled AI professionals, with industry experts frequently highlighting the gap between academic training and workforce requirements in the rapidly evolving field of artificial intelligence.

CWC Warns of Possible Water Shortage

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The CWC expressed particular concern over the Singur Reservoir on the Manjira River, which is currently undergoing repair works. According to the commission, the reservoir had a storage level of only 4.52 thousand million cubic feet (tmc ft) as of June 25, significantly lower than the normal storage of around 11 tmc ft expected during this period. Officials have been advised to utilize the available water in the Singur reservoir prudently and efficiently while taking necessary measures to conserve supplies until storage levels improve. The commission also recommended continuous monitoring of all reservoirs across the state to enable timely interventions if water availability declines further. The Singur Reservoir plays a crucial role in supplying drinking water to Hyderabad, providing nearly 75 million gallons of water per day. Large parts of western Hyderabad, including Cyberabad, the Financial District, and several surrounding localities, rely heavily on the reservoir for their daily water requirements. The CWC further emphasized that any existing tribunal awards or court directives governing the utilization of reservoir water must be strictly followed while managing water resources. The advisory highlights the importance of careful reservoir management amid fluctuating rainfall patterns and growing urban demand. With Hyderabad's population continuing to expand, officials are expected to focus on efficient water management strategies to ensure adequate drinking water supplies throughout the season while minimizing the risk of shortages.

Ramchander Rao Marks One Year as BJP Chief

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Telangana BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao on Thursday expressed gratitude to the party leadership and cadre as he completed one year in office, reaffirming his commitment to strengthening the party and working towards the formation of a BJP government in the state. In a message posted on X, Ramchander Rao reflected on his first year as the state president, stating that every minute and every second of the past year had been devoted to the guiding principle of "Nation First, Party Next, Self Last." He thanked the Telangana BJP family for extending unwavering support throughout his tenure and acknowledged the collective efforts of party leaders and workers in expanding the party's presence across the state. "I sincerely thank the entire Telangana BJP Parivar for standing with me and supporting me at every stage of this journey," he said. Ramchander Rao also expressed gratitude to the party's Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly, Members of the Legislative Council, senior leaders, office-bearers, and grassroots karyakartas, crediting them for the organization's achievements over the past year. He said the progress made during the year was the result of teamwork and the dedication of thousands of party workers committed to the BJP's ideology and public service. Looking ahead, the Telangana BJP chief said the journey had only just begun and that the party's larger goal was to establish a "Double Engine Sarkar" in Telangana under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Ramchander Rao expressed confidence that, with the continued support of the people and the commitment of BJP workers, the party would further strengthen its organizational network and emerge as a strong alternative in Telangana politics. He reiterated that the BJP would continue to work for development, good governance, and the welfare of all sections of society while preparing for the challenges and opportunities ahead.



Bandi Sanjay Dares Congress, BRS to Public Debate

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Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Thursday launched a scathing attack on both the Congress and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), accusing the two parties of indulging in political theatrics instead of addressing the real concerns of the people. He challenged both parties to an open public debate on issues including alleged corruption, irregularities in Gurukul school tenders, Telangana's debt burden, and governance. In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Bandi Sanjay mocked the ongoing political exchanges between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS, likening their conduct to a reality television show. "Your theatrics are reminiscent of the Bigg Boss show. The acting by Congress and BRS leaders is remarkable. You rehearse every week and compete fiercely to perform your roles. If there were an Oscar for lying, both parties would deserve it," he said. Questioning the political narrative of both parties, the Union Minister asked whether they believed the people of Telangana could be misled by such exchanges.



Government Debt Row Escalates

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The political war of words between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS intensified on Wednesday after Telangana Minister Jupally Krishna Rao challenged senior BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and T. Harish Rao to join him at the Gun Park Martyrs' Memorial for a public debate on the state's financial condition. Responding to remarks made by KTR regarding the Congress government's handling of the state's finances, Jupally said he had merely presented facts about the financial situation inherited from the previous BRS administration. He alleged that the BRS government had accumulated debts exceeding ₹7 lakh crore dur-

ing its ten-year rule in Telangana. The minister asserted that his statements were based on official records and financial data rather than political rhetoric. According to him, the Congress government has been transparent in highlighting the fiscal challenges it inherited after coming to power and is committed to placing facts before the people. Referring to Harish Rao's response to his remarks, Jupally said the senior BRS leader had announced that he was prepared to come to the Gun Park Martyrs' Memorial. The minister welcomed the proposal and extended the invitation to both Harish Rao and KTR, saying they should appear together instead of respond-



ing separately. "I am also coming to the Gun Park Martyrs' Memorial. Let both the uncle and nephew come together. I will answer their challenge with facts in front of the people," Jupally said while addressing the media. The minister questioned why the two senior BRS leaders

were making separate statements on the issue and urged them to participate in a face-to-face discussion at the historic venue. He maintained that the debate should be conducted openly so that the public could judge the claims made by both sides. Jupally reiterated that the Congress government has

nothing to hide regarding the state's finances and is ready to explain its position with documentary evidence. He said the people deserve clarity on Telangana's debt burden and the financial decisions taken over the past decade. The exchange marks the latest episode in the growing political confrontation between the Congress and the BRS, with both parties trading allegations over governance, fiscal management, and the state's economic health. As both sides continue to challenge each other's claims, attention is now focused on whether the proposed public face-off at the Gun Park Martyrs' Memorial will take place and further intensify the political debate in Telangana.

Ponguleti Hits Back at BRS Criticism

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy on Thursday launched a sharp attack on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), accusing the opposition party of resorting to intimidation and making baseless allegations against the Congress government. He asserted that the ruling Congress would not be deterred by what he described as the "hooliganism" of the BRS and warned that the party risked losing even its status as the principal opposition if it continued with its current political approach. Speaking to media representatives on the sidelines of a public event, Ponguleti said BRS leaders were behaving as though they were still in power despite the people's

verdict in the Assembly elections. He alleged that leaders of the previous government, who were facing accusations of large-scale financial irregularities during their decade-long rule, were attempting to divert public attention by making unfounded charges against the present administration. The minister claimed that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with Congress ministers and MLAs, had already exposed the alleged irregularities of the previous BRS government on the floor of the State Assembly. Despite this, he said, the opposition continued to nurture hopes of returning to power while leveling "reckless and baseless" accusations against the Congress government. According to Ponguleti, the BRS was trying to tarnish the image of the Congress gov-



ernment by attributing to it the same practices that, he alleged, had characterized the previous administration's ten years in office. He described it as unreasonable for the opposition to demand the resignation of a government that had been elected with a five-year mandate and had completed only about two and a half years in office. "The people of Telangana and the country have already delivered their verdict. It is illogical to expect an elected government to step down

midway through its tenure based on politically motivated allegations," the minister said. Responding to corruption charges made by BRS leaders, Ponguleti dismissed the allegations as exaggerated and lacking credibility. He said it was "absurd" to claim that corruption worth three or four times the value of government tenders had taken place in every department. Such statements, he argued, only exposed the opposition's frustration and weakened its credibility

before the public. The minister also referred to a recent political challenge exchanged between leaders of the Congress and the BRS. He alleged that Congress ministers had accepted the challenge and reached the designated venue for a discussion, but the BRS leaders failed to appear. According to Ponguleti, the ministers waited for nearly an hour, addressed the media, and then left. He further stated that the Congress government was prepared to respond to all issues in the Assembly and would participate in discussions whenever scheduled. Reiterating the government's confidence, Ponguleti said the Congress would continue focusing on governance and welfare while countering what he termed "politically motivated misinformation" spread by the opposition.

Harish Rao Accuses Government of Dodging Debate

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

BRS Deputy Floor Leader and former Finance Minister T. Harish Rao on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the Congress government, alleging that it had backed out of a public debate on the state's finances and was attempting to shield itself from scrutiny over alleged irregularities in government tenders. Addressing a press conference, Harish Rao claimed that the ruling Congress had issued repeated challenges to the BRS but failed to honour them. Referring to the recent political exchange with Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, he said the minister had publicly alleged that the previous BRS government had left behind debt of ₹8 lakh crore but later revised the figure to ₹7 lakh crore. "Yesterday they claimed the debt was ₹8 lakh crore, and today they are saying ₹7 lakh crore. If Jupally Krishna Rao

has any sense of honour, he should resign for making contradictory statements," Harish Rao said. He maintained that both he and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) was present at Telangana Bhavan and ready for a discussion, but the Congress leaders did not turn up. According to him, the government instead used the police to prevent the proposed interaction. Harish Rao alleged that he, along with BRS leaders R.S. Praveen Kumar and Koppula Eshwar, had assembled documentary evidence relating to alleged irregularities in Gurukul school tenders and procurement contracts. However, he claimed that when the BRS leaders attempted to proceed to the Somajiguda Press Club for the discussion, police prevented them from doing so. The former minister accused the government of using law enforcement as a shield to avoid answering allegations



of corruption. He also claimed that ministers who had been invited for the discussion, including Adluri Laxman, Mohammed Azharuddin and Ponnam Prabhakar, neither attended nor responded to phone calls. Harish Rao further alleged that irregularities had occurred in tenders for the procurement of groceries and food supplies for residential schools. He claimed that palm oil, sunflower oil and other essential commodities were purchased at inflated prices, causing substantial financial loss to the exchequer. He also questioned the cancellation of notebook pro-

curement tenders, alleging that the move had delayed the supply of notebooks to students. The BRS leader also accused the Congress government of ignoring the interests of handloom weavers and Dalit entrepreneurs. He said that Government Orders issued during the BRS regime had reserved uniform supply contracts for agencies such as TESCO and LIDCAP to support handloom workers and marginalized communities. According to him, the present government had bypassed those provisions by awarding contracts to private firms, prompting legal challenges. Harish Rao claimed that the High Court had directed the government to consider the welfare of handloom weavers while implementing procurement policies. He alleged that despite representations from stakeholders and even a letter from Minister Konda Surekha, the government

failed to protect the interests of traditional weavers. He further alleged that promises made in the Congress party's Chevella Declaration regarding reservations for SC and ST communities in government tenders had not been implemented. The former minister also criticized the reduction of security cover for BRS leader R.S. Praveen Kumar alleged that the transfer of his wife, a government employee nearing retirement, was politically motivated. Concluding his address, Harish Rao said the BRS would continue to raise issues concerning the welfare of nearly six lakh students studying in residential educational institutions and demand transparency in government procurement and tender processes. He reiterated that the opposition was prepared for a public debate on these issues whenever the government was willing to participate.

Young Shooter Ishitha Eyes Team India

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Fourteen-year-old shooter Ishitha Sri Krishna Telu has emerged as one of Telangana's promising young sporting talents, earning recognition at the state and national levels with a series of impressive performances. A Class 10 student, Ishitha has consistently excelled in rifle shooting competitions and has now advanced to the selection trials for a place in the Indian shooting team. Daughter of Radhakrishna and Shirisha, Ishitha began making her mark in competitive shooting at a young age. In 2023, she won a gold medal in the Open Sight category at the CISCE Regional Championship held in Guntur. She continued her



impressive run by securing another gold medal in the Peep Sight category at the CISCE Zonal Championship in 2025.

At the IX Telangana State Rifle/Pistol Shooting Championship held in Hyderabad in

2023, Ishitha claimed a bronze medal in the Youth Women's .177 Open Sight 10m Air Rifle event after scoring 342 out of 400. Her consistent improvement was evident at the XI Telangana Rifle/Pistol Championsh

ip in Hyderabad in 2025, where she scored 372/400 to qualify for the Pre-National Championships. She further strengthened her credentials by recording 375/400 at the 16th South Zone Shooting Championship in Tiruchirappalli, earning qualification for the national-level competition. One of her biggest achievements came at the 68th National Rifle Shooting Championship (2025) in Bhopal, where she scored 603.9 to qualify for the Team India selection trials. She then advanced to Trials 5 and 6 after registering scores of 610 and 610.9 in Selection Trials 3 and 4, underlining her growing consistency at the highest domestic level. Most recently, Ishitha added two silver medals to her

achievements at the XII Telangana State Rifle/Pistol Championship (2026) in Hyderabad, scoring an impressive 393 out of 400. Her remarkable performances across multiple championships have earned her admiration from the sporting community. Coaches and sports enthusiasts believe that with continued dedication and training, Ishitha has the potential to represent India at international competitions and bring laurels to the country. As she continues her journey in competitive shooting, the young athlete stands as an inspiring example of talent, discipline, and determination, with her sights firmly set on wearing the Indian colours on the global stage.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Offers Temple Prayers

Kukatpally, July 2 | TPN Bureau

TPCC President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Thursday visited the Nalla Pochamma Temple in Allapur division of the Kukatpally constituency to participate in the idol consecration celebrations. During his visit, Mahesh Kumar Goud offered special prayers to the presiding deity and sought the blessings of the Goddess. He was accorded a warm welcome by temple authorities, local public representatives, and devotees, who received him amid the religious festivities. Speaking on the occasion, the TPCC chief said he prayed for the peace, prosperity, good health, and long life of the people of Telangana. He expressed hope that the divine blessings of Goddess Nalla Pochamma would bring happiness and harmony to every family in the state. The temple witnessed a large gathering of devotees participating in the consecration rituals and other religious ceremonies, making the event a spiritually significant occasion for the local community.



Vakiti Srihari Invited to Delhi Bonalu

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Sports, Dairy Development, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries, and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari has been invited to attend the three-day Bonalu celebrations to be held in New Delhi from July 20, showcasing Telangana's rich cultural heritage and traditions.

The invitation was extended on Thursday by G. Arvind Kumar Goud, Chairman of the Lal Darwaza Simhavahini Sri Mahankali Temple Committee, during a meeting with the minister at his residence in the Ministers' Quarters. On the occasion, the temple committee chairman felicitated Vakiti Srihari with a traditional shawl and formally presented the invitation for the Delhi Bonalu celebrations. Responding to the invitation, the minister thanked the committee members and assured them that he would participate in the celebrations. He appreciated the efforts of the temple committee in promoting Telangana's cultural and religious traditions in the national capital and said such events help strengthen the state's cultural identity among people living outside Telangana. Several members of the temple committee and public representatives were present during the meeting, including former Temple Committee Chairman K. Venkatesh, Treasurer G. Harish Goud, A. Badrinath Goud, J. Rajesh Goud, A. Bharat Kumar, Dasharath Sapnekar, Sudhir Goud, and Congress leader D.L. Narasimha Goud, among others. The Delhi Bonalu festival is expected to attract devotees and members of the Telangana community from across the country.



Gang Busted for Smuggling Marijuana by Speed Post

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad Police have busted an interstate drug trafficking network that allegedly supplied marijuana across the country through Speed Post and private courier services, arresting one key accused and uncovering a sophisticated operation with an annual turnover estimated at ₹4-5 crore. Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Hyderabad Police Commissioner C.V. Anand said the operation was carried out jointly by the H-FAST unit and Gudimalkapur police. The arrested accused, identified as Satyam Mishra, a native of Jharkhand, is alleged to have played a key role in organizing the door-to-door supply of

marijuana through the postal network. According to the Commissioner, Mishra studied up to the Intermediate level and had previously worked as a painter and lorry driver. After allegedly becoming addicted to marijuana in 2018, he, along with associates Rahul Jai, Sachin Mishra, and Santosh, formed a syndicate to procure marijuana from cultivators in Jharkhand and distribute it across the country. Four other accused are currently absconding. Police said the gang supplied marijuana to customers in 21 states, including Hyderabad, Mumbai, Chennai, Delhi, and Bengaluru. To avoid detection, parcels containing marijuana were falsely declared as medicines while being



booked through the Isri Bazar and Phusro post offices. Investigations revealed that orders were received through WhatsApp and other social media platforms, with payments made using UPI. The syndicate allegedly processed between 80 and 100 orders every day, of

which 8 to 10 involved marijuana shipments. Each parcel contained 50 to 250 grams of marijuana and was sold for prices ranging from ₹1,500 to ₹8,000. Police estimated the racket generated nearly ₹1 lakh in daily revenue. The Commissioner said the accused invested the pro-

ceeds in gold and luxury vehicles and allegedly laundered money through multiple bank accounts and PhonePe UPI IDs. He added that the absence of mandatory scanning for certain Speed Post consignments transported by rail and air had been exploited by the syndicate. Police have decided to write to the concerned Central authorities seeking compulsory scanning of postal parcels. Hyderabad Police will also direct courier companies operating in the city to ensure that every parcel is scanned before dispatch. The Commissioner appealed to citizens to immediately report any suspicious parcels or activities to the police to help curb the illegal drug trade.

H-NEW Busts Interstate Marijuana Racket

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Hyderabad Narcotics Enforcement Wing (H-NEW) has dismantled a major interstate marijuana trafficking network that allegedly smuggled narcotics across the country by disguising consignments as medicine boxes, police said on Thursday. Following sustained surveillance and intelligence gathering, H-NEW officials arrested the prime accused, identified as Rahul, a native of Jharkhand. Police believe he played a key role in operating a network that supplied marijuana to multiple states



while concealing the contraband in parcels labelled as medical supplies. According to investigators, the syndicate operated from

Jharkhand and used courier services and other transport channels to distribute marijuana to customers in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh,

and several other parts of the country. By falsely declaring the parcels as medicine boxes, the gang allegedly attempted to evade detection during transit. Police said the network had established an extensive supply chain that enabled it to transport marijuana to various destinations across India. The operation came to light after H-NEW officials closely monitored the activities of the suspects and gathered evidence pointing to an organized drug distribution racket. Following Rahul's arrest, investigators have intensified efforts to trace the remaining mem-

bers of the interstate network and identify those involved in procuring, transporting, and distributing the contraband. Police are also examining the financial transactions and logistics used by the syndicate to sustain its operations. Officials said further arrests are likely as the investigation progresses. The Hyderabad police reiterated their commitment to combating narcotics trafficking and urged the public to remain vigilant and promptly report any suspicious activities related to the transportation or sale of illegal drugs.

Civic Issues Reviewed

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Commissioner of the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation on Thursday conducted an inspection of Pragathi Nagar Ward in the Nizampet Circle of Quthbullapur Zone as part of the civic body's 'One Ward Every Day' programme aimed at improving urban infrastructure and resolving public grievances. Accompanied by the Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and other senior officials, the Commissioner interacted with local residents and representatives of Resident Welfare Associations (RWAs) to assess civic amenities and identify priority issues requiring immediate attention. During the visit, officials reviewed the condition of street lighting, pothole-ridden roads, damaged road stretches, and traffic safety measures. Discussions were also held on improving traffic flow, removing road encroachments, and enhancing public spaces, including parks, walking tracks, children's play areas, and other community facilities. The Commissioner directed officials to accord top priority to addressing drainage overflows, sewage discharge, and waterlogging in low-lying areas, particularly during the monsoon season. He instructed engineering and sanitation teams to ensure that these issues are resolved without delay. Residents highlighted several concerns during the interaction, including sanitation, mosquito control, stray dog management, inadequate community facilities, burial ground infrastructure, and the need for better public transport amenities. Responding to the grievances, the Commissioner instructed the concerned departments to prepare action plans and implement necessary measures at the earliest. He emphasized that the 'One Ward Every Day' initiative is intended to strengthen civic service delivery through regular field inspections and direct engagement with citizens, ensuring that local issues are addressed promptly and efficiently.

Police Urge Public to Stay Cyber Safe

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Malkajgiri police on Thursday appealed to the public to remain vigilant against cyber fraud and avoid clicking on suspicious links received through emails, text messages, or mobile applications.

In a public awareness campaign, the police warned that a single careless click could give cybercriminals access to sensitive personal and financial information. "One careless click can hand cyber criminals the winning goal. Don't let them score," the police said while urging citizens to exercise caution online. Highlighting the importance of digital safety, the police advised people to use strong passwords, verify suspicious phone calls, secure their online accounts, and promptly report any incidents of cyber fraud. Officials also urged citizens never to share One-Time Passwords (OTPs) or confidential banking details with anyone, regardless of the caller's identity. They recommended enabling Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) on online accounts to enhance security and reduce the risk of unauthorized access. The police emphasized that early reporting plays a crucial role in preventing financial losses and improving the chances of recovering stolen funds. Victims of cybercrime were advised to immediately contact the National Cyber Crime Helpline by dialing 1930 or lodge complaints through the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal. Reiterating the importance of collective vigilance, the police urged people to think before clicking on unknown links, stay informed about emerging cyber threats, and follow safe online practices to help keep cybercriminals at bay.



HMDA Plans Elevated Corridor to Airport

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) is planning to construct a 3-km four-lane elevated corridor from Banjara Hills to the PVNR Expressway near Sarojini Devi Eye Hospital in Mehdiapatnam to ease traffic congestion and improve connectivity to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport. According to officials, the proposed corridor will begin near GVK One Mall in Banjara Hills and extend to the PVNR Expressway via Masab Tank. The project is expected to include five entry and exit ramps along the route to facilitate smooth movement of vehicles. In



addition, a four-lane underpass has been proposed at the busy Masab Tank junction to eliminate traffic bottlenecks. The project aims to provide a signal-free route for commuters travelling from Banjara Hills to the airport

through the PVNR Expressway. Once completed, motorists will be able to travel seamlessly from GVK One Mall to Aramghar via Masab Tank and NMDC before joining the expressway leading to the airport.

Officials said the elevated corridor is expected to significantly reduce travel time to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport while easing congestion at major junctions such as Masab Tank, Lakdikapul, Khairatabad, and Somajiguda. The project is also intended to reduce traffic pressure on existing surface roads in central Hyderabad. To further improve traffic management, HMDA has proposed constructing a large four-lane underpass connecting Banjara Hills and Vijay Nagar Colony through the Masab Tank junction. A separate pedestrian subway is also planned to enable safe road crossings for pedestrians. A consultancy firm has been entrusted with conduct-

ing detailed traffic surveys and geotechnical investigations, including soil testing and peak-hour traffic analysis, to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR). The report will also include project cost estimates. HMDA officials said the DPR will be submitted to the state government after completion of the ongoing surveys. Following administrative approval, tenders for the project will be invited. If all approvals are received on schedule, construction is expected to be completed within two years, providing Hyderabad with another major infrastructure project aimed at enhancing urban mobility and improving airport connectivity.

DEO Karnan Inspects Special Survey

Hyderabad, July 02 | TPN Bureau

GHMC Commissioner and District Election Officer (DEO) R.V. Karnan, IAS, on Wednesday conducted a field inspection of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) door-to-door survey in the Dayananagar and Adikmet areas of the 57-Musheerabad Assembly constituency to review the ongoing voter verification process. Accompanied by the Zonal Commissioner and election

officials, the DEO visited several localities to assess the implementation of the survey. He interacted with residents, observed the distribution of SIR enumeration forms, and addressed queries raised by voters regarding the revision of electoral rolls. During the inspection, Karnan reviewed the field-level execution of the survey and examined the functioning of election staff engaged in the exercise. He emphasized the importance of conducting the voter verification



process in a transparent, systematic, and citizen-friendly

manner. The District Election Officer

Lizard Found in Boondi Mix, Shop Sealed

Sircilla, July 2 | TPN Bureau
A sweet shop in Sircilla town was sealed and its owner booked after a customer allegedly found a deep-fried lizard in a packet of boondi mixture purchased from the establishment, triggering concerns over food safety in the town.
According to officials, Arun Chand, a resident of Sircilla, purchased snacks, including boondi mixture and rings, from Balaji Sweet House at Gandhi Chowk. After returning home, he reportedly noticed a fried lizard carcass inside the boondi mixture while examining the contents.
Shocked by the discovery, the customer returned to the shop and confronted the proprietor. However, alleging that the shop owner responded negligently and behaved rudely, he lodged a complaint with the Food Safety Department.



Acting on the complaint, Food Safety Officer Anusha, accompanied by municipal officials, conducted a joint inspection of the shop and its manufacturing unit on Wednesday. During the inspection, officials collected food samples for laboratory analysis and discarded food items suspected to be sub-standard. Following the preliminary inquiry, both the manufacturing unit and the retail outlet were sealed. Authorities said a case has been registered against the proprietor for alleged violations of food safety regulations. Municipal officials also imposed a fine of ₹1 lakh on the establishment.
The incident has sparked widespread concern among residents, coming close on the heels of another recent food safety incident in which more than 20 people reportedly fell ill after consuming pani puri. Reports also indicated that two children are undergoing treatment after allegedly consuming contaminated boondi. Local residents expressed concern over what they described as inadequate monitoring of food establishments and called for more frequent inspections of hotels, restaurants, sweet shops, and other food outlets. They urged authorities to take stringent action against businesses found violating food safety standards to safeguard public health.
Food safety officials said further action will be taken based on the laboratory examination of the collected food samples. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Villagers Protest Proposed 100-Foot Road



Kutbullapur, July 02 | TPN Bureau

Tension prevailed in Mallampet village on Wednesday as residents staged a large-scale protest against a proposed 100-foot-wide road under the Master Plan, alleging that the project would threaten homes, livelihoods, and the village's heritage. The demonstration took place on the main road connecting the Mallampet ORR exit to Bachupally within the Dundigal Municipal Circle. Holding banners and placards, hundreds of villagers marched through the area, raising slogans such as "We want justice," "Open the Old Hyderabad Road," and "Do not destroy the village in the name of the Master Plan." Protesters urged the government to reconsider the proposed alignment, claiming it would divide the village and adversely affect hundreds of families.
Residents said the original Master Plan already included three major roads serving the village. However, they alleged that the revised proposal introduces a new 100-foot road passing through the heart of the settlement, which they believe is unnecessary. According to the villagers, increasing traffic from nearby apartment complexes and gated communities has already put pressure on existing roads, and the proposed project would worsen the situation rather than solve it. Addressing the gathering, BJP leader Anjaneyulu criticized the proposal, stating that Mallampet already has sufficient road connectivity through the Modi Builder Road, the road at Survey No. 110, and the Old Hyderabad Road. He argued that while residents could accept moderate road widening of 30 or 40 feet, constructing a 100-foot-wide road through the village would disrupt the lives of poor and middle-class families, many of whom depend on small businesses for their livelihood. Protesters also questioned what they described as unequal treatment, alleging that changes to the Master Plan were being made to benefit large real estate developments at the expense of ordinary residents. They accused the authorities of placing the burden of development on economically weaker sections while protecting influential interests. The villagers demanded that the Chief Minister, HMDA officials, and other concerned authorities immediately withdraw the proposal and restore the original road plan. They warned that if their demands are ignored, they will intensify their agitation with larger demonstrations in the coming days.
A large number of women, youth, traders, public representatives, and local leaders participated in the protest, expressing solidarity with the movement and calling for a solution that balances development with the protection of existing communities.

OU JAC Protests Against Harish Rao's Remarks

Osmania University, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The Osmania University Joint Action Committee (OU JAC) on Thursday staged a protest in front of the Arts College, demanding that former minister and BRS leader T. Harish Rao withdraw his allegations of corruption in the state's residential schools and moderate his public remarks against Congress leaders.
The demonstration was led by OU JAC Chairman Kothapalli Tirupati, who criticized Harish Rao for alleging corruption in residential school tenders and challenged him to participate in an open debate on the issue. During his address, Tirupati demanded that Harish Rao



withdraw what he described as "baseless allegations" against Social Welfare Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, BC Welfare Minister Ponnampallapragada, and Minority Welfare Minister Mohammed Azharuddin. He claimed that the Congress leaders had accepted the BRS challenge for a public discussion but alleged that Harish Rao and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao did not appear for the proposed debate. Tirupati challenged the BRS leaders to visit the Osmania University Arts College and participate in an open discussion before students if they wished to substantiate their allegations.

He also contrasted the previous BRS government's engagement with the university against that of the present Congress administration. According to him, no Chief Minister or minister had visited the Osmania University campus during the BRS's decade in power, whereas Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had visited the campus twice since assuming office and assured students that their issues would be addressed. Several Congress leaders who participated in the protest also criticized the previous BRS government, alleging that large-scale corruption had taken place during its tenure and accusing the party of neglecting the welfare of ordinary people.

During the protest, Tirupati also made a statement warning that if Harish Rao did not change his language, there would be "physical attacks." The remark was made in the course of his speech at the demonstration. There is no indication that any violence occurred during the protest, and no official response from Harish Rao was immediately available. Congress SC Cell Vice-Chairman Chandra Sekhar, ST Cell Vice-Chairman Bhimrao, and several OU JAC leaders, including Daruvu Ramesh, Yugendar, Rajender, Kommu Swami, Kommu Suresh, Babu, Arun, Raju, Srinivas, Ravi, Charan, and Kumar, participated in the programme.

Education Panel Member Inspects School Works

Kutbullapur, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Education Commission member Jyothsna Shiva Reddy on Thursday inspected ongoing infrastructure development works at the Zilla Parishad High School (ZPHS) in Shapoor Nagar, Kutbullapur mandal, and stressed the need for timely completion of projects while maintaining quality standards.
During her visit, she reviewed the construction of toilets being built with support from CURE and assessed the progress of the work along with education and school officials. She also



inspected other facilities on the campus and interacted with staff regarding the implementation of development initiatives. Emphasizing the importance of hygiene, Jyothsna Shiva Reddy instructed the concerned officials to ensure that the school premises are kept clean at all times. She said maintaining a healthy

and hygienic environment is essential for the well-being and academic progress of students and called upon all stakeholders to work collectively towards that goal. Addressing the gathering, she said the Telangana government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is giving high priority to the development of government schools. She noted that several initiatives, including free electricity for schools, financial support for sanitation workers, CURE-funded infrastructure projects, and the supply of fine-quality rice under the mid-day meal scheme, are contributing to improved facilities and better student welfare.

Jyothsna Shiva Reddy said the Telangana Education Commission would continue to closely monitor government schools to ensure that development works are completed efficiently and that students receive a better learning environment. Kutbullapur Mandal Education Officer Gemini Kumari, ZPHS Shapoor Nagar In-charge Headmaster Srikanth Reddy, and teachers from the Shapoor Nagar MPPS participated in the inspection and review meeting.

Road Works Begin



Nacharam, July 02 | TPN Bureau

Construction of cement concrete (CC) roads has officially commenced in Rajiv Nagar Colony, Nacharam, under the Uppal Assembly constituency, bringing relief to residents who had been awaiting improved road infrastructure. The project was initiated after Uppal MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy laid the foundation stone a few days ago as part of ongoing development efforts in the constituency. Medala Mallikarjun Goud, a contesting corporator, visited the colony to inspect the progress of the road construction works. During his inspection, he appreciated the pace of the project and expressed his sincere gratitude to MLA Bandari Lakshma Reddy for taking the initiative to improve civic infrastructure in the locality. Speaking on the occasion, Mallikarjun Goud said the construction of CC roads would significantly enhance commuting conditions, improve sanitation, and provide safer access for residents during all seasons. He also hoped that more development works would be taken up in the colony to address the needs of the local community. Several local leaders and residents were present during the inspection, including Venkataratnam, Vasu, Rohit Sampath, Katta Buchanna Goud, Work Inspector Rama Rao, Rajiv Nagar Colony President Rajaratnam, and other members of the colony. Residents welcomed the commencement of the long-awaited project and expressed confidence that the works would be completed within the scheduled timeframe.

Missing Boy Reunited With Family



Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Police have solved the case of a three-year-old boy who went missing near Secunderabad Railway Station last month, tracing the child safely and reuniting him with his parents after an intensive investigation.
According to police, the child, identified as Nikhil, disappeared from the railway station area on June 20. Acting on a complaint lodged by his parents, investigators launched a search operation and examined CCTV footage from the surrounding areas to trace his whereabouts. The breakthrough came when a man identified as Shaik Mahboob Ali brought the child to the Jeedimetla police station. During initial questioning, he claimed he had found the boy in Secunderabad two days earlier. However, sustained interrogation reportedly revealed that he had taken the child on the day of his disappearance. Police used photographs and other details available with the suspect to establish the child's identity. The boy's family was contacted, and during a video call, the parents positively identified Nikhil as their missing son.
After completing the required legal formalities, police safely reunited the child with his family. The suspect has been handed over to the Government Railway Police (GRP), which is continuing the investigation into the case. Jeedimetla Circle Inspector Gaddam Mallesh personally comforted the frightened child while he was at the police station. Officers said the child was reassured with chocolates, biscuits, and a friendly interaction until his parents arrived. Police are now conducting a detailed investigation to determine the circumstances under which the child was taken and whether any criminal motive was involved. Officials said surveillance and security measures at crowded public places such as railway stations and bus terminals would be strengthened to help prevent similar incidents in the future.

RTC Driver's Family to Receive RS.1 Lakh Aid

Secunderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

The RTC BC Employees' Association has announced financial assistance of ₹1 lakh for the family of late RTC driver Shankar, who died by suicide during an RTC employees' strike held in April. The cheque will be presented to the family at a programme scheduled for July 8 at the Bashirbagh Press Club in Hyderabad. On Thursday, the association's Honorary President for the Hyderabad Zone, Gurram Pawan Kumar Goud, and State General Secretary Niranjan met former minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani



Srinivas Yadav at his camp office in West Marredpally to invite him to attend the event. The association leaders said the financial assistance is being extended as a gesture of support to Shankar's bereaved family. They recalled that the RTC driver had taken the extreme step

during the employees' agitation over various service-related demands and said the association remains committed to standing by the families of employees in times of distress. They requested Talasani Srinivas Yadav to participate in the cheque presentation ceremony and extend his support to the family. Sadam Balaraj Yadav, Honorary President of the RTC BC Employees' Association's Secunderabad Region, was also present during the meeting. The association said the programme is intended to honour Shankar's memory while providing financial relief to his family.

Sri Ganesh Distributes CMRF Cheques

Hyderabad, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh on Thursday distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to 52 beneficiary families from the Cantonment constituency at his camp office in Picket. The financial assistance, sanctioned by the Telangana government, was handed over to the beneficiaries and their family members to help meet medical expenses incurred during treatment for various illnesses. Addressing the gathering, Sri Ganesh said the Congress government is committed to supporting poor and middle-class families facing financial hardship due to medical emergencies. He stated that the Chief Minister's Relief Fund has been provid-



ing timely assistance to eligible beneficiaries and has become an important source of relief for families struggling with healthcare costs. The MLA urged residents requiring financial assistance for emergency medical treatment to apply under the CMRF scheme. He assured that every eligible application would be processed promptly

and that deserving beneficiaries would receive government support without unnecessary delay. Sri Ganesh reiterated that the welfare of the people remains a top priority for the state government and said every effort is being made to ensure that no family is deprived of medical treatment due to financial constraints.

MP Reviews Mine Accident, Seeks Better Safety

Mancherial, July 2 | TPN Bureau

Peddapalli MP Gaddam Vamsi Krishna on Thursday visited the site of the accident at the SRP-3 underground mine in the Srirampur area of Mancherial district and directed Singareni Collieries officials to ensure immediate and priority medical treatment for the injured workers. The accident occurred after a side-wall collapse inside the underground mine while three workers—Sampath Kumar, Mahender, and Ravikumar—were on duty. The injured workers were rescued and shifted to the Singareni Area Hospital, where they are undergoing treatment. Following the incident, the MP spoke with senior Singareni officials to gather details about the accident and sought information on whether any negligence had contributed to the mishap. He instructed officials to provide the best possible medical care to the injured employees without delay. Vamsi Krishna stressed that the safety of mine workers must remain the highest priority and called for strict adherence to all prescribed safety protocols in Singareni mines.



Editorial

MONITORING SYSTEM
NEEDED ON YOUTUBERS
AND PUBLIC SPEECHES

The issue now is how to protect it. Because more and more people are misusing it. Taking shelter behind it, they are speaking recklessly. Ignoring the principle that your freedom should not hurt another person, they say whatever they like. Then, when the other side reacts strongly, files cases, and the matter goes as far as arrests, they call it injustice. It is mainly the social group of those who are arrested that argues this.

Some YouTubers speak however they wish. It is evident that they are speaking from one particular side. Even so, they present their views as if they are the absolute truth. Instead of leaving the judgment to the people, they themselves arrive at conclusions and announce them.

One YouTuber, while saying that tension had arisen over the arrest of the YouTuber Prashna Ravan, claimed that both sides had become ready to clash. According to him, one side consisted of Dalit Christian minorities, while the other side consisted of Jana Sena and coalition supporters. Why should it be presented that way? Wasn't it done deliberately? Could he not have simply said it was a clash between those supporting Prashna Ravan and Jana Sena supporters? Instead, by identifying one side through caste and religion and the other through the name of a political party, doesn't it imply that all those caste and religious groups are opposed to that political party? What kind of journalism is this?

Prashna Ravan's real name is Joseph. His videos had earned him considerable recognition in the past. He used to strongly criticize the BJP and saffron groups. Now he appears to be speaking as though he has aligned himself with YSR Congress circles that oppose the coalition government. Everyone has seen that these people speak against the coalition, against Chandrababu, and against Pawan Kalyan, and whenever they are arrested, YSR Congress supporters come out onto the streets in their support.

Because of these developments, a situation is emerging where even if people who speak honestly are arrested, the public no longer pays attention.

One advocate, while speaking at a Dalit Christian gathering, spoke in a highly offensive manner about the Deputy Speaker. He spoke in a way that could directly create a law-and-order problem and provoke religious tensions.

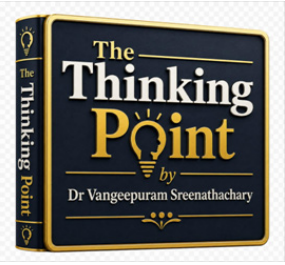
On the other hand, another YouTuber has been posting a series of messages against Ambedkar. By insulting Ambedkar, he is provoking Ambedkar's supporters.

To bring this situation under control, a monitoring system is essential. Otherwise, people will become victims of poisonous strategies that divide society along caste and religious lines for political purposes.

Editor

THE MISSING LESSON: WHY EMOTIONAL MATURITY MATTERS MORE THAN EVER

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Everychild learns mathematics. Many learn science. Some master technology. They are taught how to solve equations, write computer programs, analyse data, and prepare for successful careers. Yet one of life's most important subjects is rarely taught in any classroom—how to understand and manage one's own emotions. The consequences of this missing lesson are becoming increasingly visible in our homes, educational institutions, workplaces, and society. Intelligence has advanced rapidly. Emotional maturity has not always kept pace. We have taught generations how to make a living, but not always how to live.

Recent incidents involving broken relationships, violent reactions to rejection, and emotionally driven crimes have once again forced society to confront an uncomfortable truth. These incidents are not merely failures of law and order. They are often failures of emotional understanding. While every individual must remain accountable for his or her actions, such incidents also compel us to ask a deeper question: Are we preparing our young people to face life's emotional challenges with the same seriousness with which we prepare them for academic examinations?

Modern education has achieved remarkable success in expanding knowledge and opportunity. Students today have access to world-class information, digital technologies, and global careers. Yet many struggle with rejection, disappointment, failure, criticism, loneliness, and conflict. They know how to compete, but not always how to cope. They know how to communicate instantly, but not necessarily how to communicate meaningfully. They know how to pursue success, but not always how to preserve emotional balance

while pursuing it.

This concern is supported by global mental-health trends. The World Health Organization has repeatedly warned that depression, anxiety, loneliness and stress are rising concerns among young people across the world. According to the WHO, one in seven adolescents globally experiences a mental health condition. Studies on emotional intelligence also show that self-awareness, empathy, impulse control and relationship skills strongly influence decision-making, mental well-being and social behaviour. These findings remind us that emotional maturity is not a soft skill; it is a survival skill for modern life.

Psychologists often describe emotional maturity as the ability to recognise, understand, and regulate one's emotions while responding to others with empathy, self-control, and responsibility. It is the capacity to disagree without hatred, to experience disappointment without destruction, and to accept rejection without losing one's dignity. Emotional maturity does not eliminate pain; it teaches us how to respond to pain wisely. One of the greatest misconceptions of our time is that intelligence alone guarantees good judgement. History and everyday life repeatedly prove otherwise. Brilliant minds have made disastrous personal decisions, while people with modest academic achievements have demonstrated extraordinary wisdom, compassion, and



resilience. Intelligence enables people to solve problems. Emotional maturity helps them avoid creating unnecessary ones. Emotional maturity is the steering wheel that determines where intelligence will take us.

Technology has transformed the way we live, work, and communicate. Social media connects billions of people within seconds, yet meaningful human connection often remains elusive. Digital platforms reward speed, comparison, and instant reactions, while emotional growth still demands patience, reflection, conversation, and lived experience. No application can teach empathy. No algorithm can replace wisdom. The human heart still learns best through relationships built on trust, respect, and understanding.

India's changing social landscape makes emotional maturity even more important. Smaller families, rapid urbanisation, migration for education and employment, intense academic competition, and increasing digital dependence have changed the way people build relationships. Many young people spend more time interacting through screens than through meaningful conversations. At the same time, mental health challenges, loneliness,

stress, and anxiety are becoming more visible across age groups. These changes call not only for better healthcare but also for stronger emotional education.

Families remain the first school of emotional learning. Children observe how adults handle disagreement, disappointment, anger, forgiveness, and compassion. Schools and colleges can strengthen this foundation by giving greater importance to emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, respectful relationships, ethical decision-making, and mental well-being alongside academic excellence. Employers too have a responsibility to create workplaces where empathy, communication, and psychological well-being are valued as much as technical competence. The media also plays a crucial role. Every tragic incident should become an opportunity not merely to report what happened but to explore why it happened and what society can learn from it. Public discussion must move beyond blame towards understanding, prevention, and responsibility. A mature society is one that learns from its mistakes rather than simply reacting to them. The greatest challenge before us is not a shortage of knowledge but a shortage of

emotional wisdom. A society that teaches children how to solve equations but not emotional conflicts leaves them only half educated. Knowledge helps us earn a living. Emotional maturity teaches us how to live with ourselves and with others. One builds careers. The other builds character. One creates professionals. The other creates responsible human beings. Every truly developed nation must nurture both. As India prepares its young people for the opportunities of the twenty-first century, let us remember that the future will not be shaped by technology alone, nor by economic growth alone. It will also be shaped by the quality of our relationships, the strength of our character, and the wisdom with which we respond to life's inevitable challenges. The future belongs not merely to the most intelligent minds, but to the most emotionally mature hearts. Nations will be remembered not only for the technologies they invent, but also for the character they nurture. Schools will not truly succeed until they educate both the mind and the heart. For in the end, intelligence may open doors—but emotional maturity determines what we do once we walk through them.

Will Pawan Kalyan's Vision Become Reality? Is It Practically Achievable?

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A close look at Jana Sena Party president Pawan Kalyan's speech at the party's organizational meeting in Mangalagiri, where he addressed the functioning of the Information Collection Committees for party-building, reveals three central themes. The first is organizational restructuring, the second is his stand on caste politics, and the third is his political attack on the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). The real question, however, is how far his words align with his actions. Pawan appeared clear and confident while speaking about organizational restructuring. Yet, whether this vision can be translated into reality remains uncertain. His assertion that "I will build the party with those who have stood by me for the last 12 years" and his emphasis on a "Cadre-to-Leadership" model represent a healthy democratic approach. Unlike many political parties where leadership positions are handed down from the top, Jana Sena's proposal to identify grassroots workers and elevate them to leadership positions can certainly be seen as an innovative experiment.

"I Will Never Use Caste as Political Capital" — How Realistic Is This Claim?

Perhaps the most striking statement in Pawan's speech was his declaration that he would never use caste as a po-

litical investment. His belief that history can only be created through the acceptance of all communities is undoubtedly an idealistic and positive message. Yet political reality presents a different picture. Pawan himself has long been identified as a prominent leader of the Kapu community. In the past, he actively championed the cause of Kapu reservations and raised several issues concerning the community. In the same speech, he alleged that there is a deliberate political conspiracy to portray Kapus negatively. This creates an apparent contradiction. On one hand, he rejects caste-based politics; on the other, he makes the political targeting of the Kapu community a major subject of discussion. His supporters describe this as "defensive politics"—arguing that he is merely responding to attempts to malign a community. Critics, however, contend that while claiming to reject caste politics, he continues to keep caste at the center of political discourse.

Pawan strongly criticized the language used by YSRCP leaders and reminded the audience of the personal attacks made against him and his family during the previous government's tenure. His criticism is not without merit. There is widespread agreement that po-

litical discourse in Andhra Pradesh deteriorated significantly during those years. However, his simultaneous advice to Jana Sena leaders—that they should respond in the same language whenever necessary and launch counterat-

tacks—raises an important question. Will such an approach elevate political culture, or merely perpetuate the cycle of hostility? Had he instead urged his party to respond through policy-based criticism rather than personal

attacks, it would have conveyed a much stronger democratic message.

This was undoubtedly one of the strongest and most impactful themes of Pawan's speech. Without rejecting welfare schemes outright, he argued

that equal importance must be given to infrastructure, employment generation, education, and healthcare. Economically, this reflects a balanced developmental approach. More importantly, it attempts to provide direction to the younger

generation rather than merely offering electoral promises. However, this principle will ultimately be tested by the performance of the coalition government currently in power.

The speech clearly suggests that Pawan Kalyan now seeks to transform himself from an agitational leader into the architect of a lasting political institution. Following Jana Sena's success in the 2024 elections, he appears determined to build the party into a permanent political organization rather than one dependent solely on his personal charisma. For that vision to succeed, however, several conditions must be fulfilled. Committee appointments must be genuinely transparent. Merit should outweigh personal loyalty. Internal democracy must become a reality rather than a slogan. Most importantly, leadership beyond caste considerations should be reflected not only in speeches but also in candidate selection and organizational appointments. Only then can Pawan's long-term aspirations stand a realistic chance of being fulfilled. Pawan Kalyan's speech clearly reflects an effort to provide Jana Sena with an ideological foundation and long-term organizational direction. His emphasis on party-building, youth empowerment, and institutional strengthening sends positive political signals. Nevertheless, his assertion that he does not believe in caste politics sits somewhat uneasily alongside his extensive discussion of political conspiracies targeting the Kapu community.



TMC Rebels Claim Two-Thirds Majority, Approach EC

The internal crisis within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) escalated further as a group of rebel MLAs met the Election Commission of India and claimed that they represent a two-thirds majority of the party's legislative strength, strengthening their argument for recognition as the "real TMC".

The delegation, led by senior rebel leader Ritabrata Banerjee, told the Election Commission that a majority of MLAs and other elected representatives are now aligned with their faction. They argued that their numerical strength meets the threshold required under constitutional provisions related to party splits and mergers.

The rebels also claimed that their support extends beyond MLAs to councillors and local body representatives, suggesting a wider organisational backing within the party structure. They urged the Election Commission to take cognisance of their claim and consider recognising their group as the legitimate representative of the party.

The development comes amid a widening rift between the rebel bloc and the Mamata Banerjee-led leadership, with both sides accusing each other of illegitimacy and internal takeover attempts. The dispute has already led to parallel claims over party control, leadership positions, and organisational authority.

The Election Commission is expected to examine the competing claims and determine whether the situation qualifies as a formal party split under rules governing recognition, symbols, and legislative strength. The outcome could have significant political implications, including control over the party's official symbol and identity.

Meanwhile, tensions between the two factions continue to rise, with both sides consolidating support and intensifying outreach to elected representatives. The situation has created uncertainty within the party's structure as the legal and political battle over legitimacy moves into its next phase.



Parliament Panel Questions CBSE Accountability Row

A fresh controversy erupted in Parliament after members of a parliamentary panel questioned the role and accountability of the CBSE chairperson during a review meeting focused on education schemes and examination-related issues.

The issue came up during a session of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), where officials from the Ministry of Education and the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) were called for briefing. The committee also sought explanations on concerns raised over recent examinations and evaluation processes affecting students nationwide.

According to officials present at the meeting, the Education Ministry raised objections to certain questions directed at the CBSE chairperson. The ministry reportedly argued that CBSE is not directly funded by the central government and therefore questioned whether its top official is obligated to respond to parliamentary scrutiny in this format.

This position triggered strong pushback from opposition members on the panel, who insisted that parliament-

tary committees function as extensions of Parliament and must have the authority to seek accountability from bodies like CBSE, especially on matters directly impacting millions of students.

The committee chairperson and opposition MPs stressed that issues related to school examinations, evaluation systems, and student welfare fall under public interest and cannot be avoided on technical or procedural grounds. They maintained that the CBSE leadership must answer questions regarding transparency and fairness in the system.

The disagreement led to a heated exchange within the panel, with differing views on the extent of parliamentary oversight over autonomous educational bodies. The ministry has indicated that it may seek legal clarification on the matter before taking a final position.

The episode highlights ongoing friction between parliamentary oversight bodies and education authorities, particularly as scrutiny of examination systems and evaluation processes continues to grow across the country.

Vikram-1 Marks India's First Private Orbital Rocket Mission

India is set to enter a new era in space exploration with the upcoming launch of Vikram-1, the country's first privately developed orbital rocket, under a mission called "Mission Agaman".

The rocket is being developed by Hyderabad-based space startup Skyroot Aerospace and is scheduled for launch between July 12 and August 4, 2026, from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The mission marks the first attempt by a private Indian company to place a satellite into orbit.

Vikram-1 is a multi-stage orbital launch vehicle designed to carry small satellites into low Earth orbit (LEO). It is built using advanced lightweight materials and compact propulsion systems, making it suitable for cost-effective and rapid satellite launches. The rocket has been fully assembled at the launch site, with final preparations and testing currently underway.

The mission is named "Agaman," meaning "arrival," symbolising the entry



of India's private sector into orbital-class space missions. Its main goal is not just deployment but also to gather critical flight data on systems such as propulsion, navigation, stage separation, and overall vehicle performance.

This data will help improve future versions of the rocket and support the development of a more regular and commercial launch capability from India's private space industry.

If successful, Vikram-1 will place India

India, Japan Boost Ties With AI, Defence And Energy Deals

India and Japan have significantly strengthened their strategic partnership by unveiling a wide-ranging set of agreements focused on artificial intelligence, defence cooperation, energy security, critical technologies, and economic resilience during high-level summit talks in New Delhi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi held detailed discussions aimed at expanding the scope of the Special Strategic and Global Partnership between the two countries. The talks reflected a shared priority to build stable supply chains and reduce dependency risks in key sectors such as semiconductors, clean energy, and advanced technologies.

A key outcome of the summit was the launch of a new economic security framework, designed to enhance cooperation in areas like critical minerals, technology supply chains, and industrial resilience. Both sides emphasised the importance of working together to ensure stable access to essential resources amid global geopolitical uncertainty.

The two countries also placed



strong focus on artificial intelligence collaboration, agreeing to deepen joint work in emerging technologies. The partnership is expected to combine India's growing digital ecosystem and talent base with Japan's advanced manufacturing and hardware expertise, creating new opportunities in innovation and tech-driven industries.

In the defence sector, India and Japan moved forward with plans for co-development of military equipment, marking another step in their growing security cooperation. The agreement signals increasing trust between the two nations, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region where strategic dynamics are rapidly evolving.

Economic cooperation also featured prominently, with Ja-

pan reaffirming large-scale investment commitments in India. The two countries are targeting long-term investment flows worth tens of billions of dollars over the coming decade, alongside a broader vision of strengthening trade and industrial linkages.

Energy security and clean energy transition were also key themes of discussion, with both sides agreeing to expand cooperation in sustainable technologies and energy infrastructure development.

Overall, the summit highlighted a clear convergence of interests between India and Japan, with both countries positioning their partnership as a key pillar for regional stability, technological advancement, and economic growth in the years ahead.

Digvijaya Singh Fact-Check Triggers Congress Row, BJP Praises Him

A political controversy has erupted after Congress veteran Digvijaya Singh's recent fact-check-style intervention on a land-related allegation in Madhya Pradesh triggered an internal rift within the Congress while drawing rare praise from the BJP.

The issue began when Singh publicly clarified his position on a land controversy linked to state leadership, stating that he had reviewed documents and found that the claims being circulated were not accurate. His remarks, however, appeared to contradict the Congress state leadership's allegations, leading to embarrassment within the party.

The statement quickly escalated into a political flashpoint. Several Congress leaders reportedly expressed dissatisfaction, arguing that Singh's public comments weakened the party's attack line and created confusion within its ranks. The disagreement has exposed growing friction between the party's central veteran leadership and its state unit.



Interestingly, BJP leaders seized on the situation to target the Congress's internal unity. In a surprising twist, some BJP representatives also praised Singh for "verifying facts" before speaking, suggesting that even a senior Congress leader had indirectly validated their position on the issue.

The unusual crossover praise has added a new dimension to the controversy, with Singh—long a sharp critic of the BJP—now being cited by ruling party leaders as an example of responsible public commentary. Meanwhile, Congress leaders have doubled down on their stance,

insisting that internal matters should be discussed within party forums rather than through public statements.

The episode has once again highlighted the deep internal divisions within the Congress in Madhya Pradesh, as well as the political advantage the BJP often gains from such public disagreements.

As both parties continue to exchange sharp statements, the controversy has turned into a broader debate over party discipline, internal communication, and the political consequences of public fact-checking by senior leaders.

Buxar Exam Papers Seen Floating After Rain



ets, when sudden heavy rainfall led to water accumulation at the premises. Officials clarified that the materials were being moved and loaded into vehicles when the rain began unexpectedly.

Authorities have rejected claims that the question papers or answer sheets were damaged or left carelessly exposed. They stated that all examination bundles were securely handled and

transported to schools, and that the exams were conducted as scheduled without disruption.

The education department further argued that the viral visuals are being misinterpreted

and circulated in a misleading manner, saying the video does not reflect negligence in exam conduct. Instead, they described it as a situation caused by unforeseen weather conditions during logistics operations.

Despite official clarification, the video has triggered widespread debate on social media, with users questioning the preparedness of the system and the handling of confidential examination materials during adverse conditions.

The incident has once again brought attention to recurring concerns about examination logistics and administration in the state, even as authorities maintain that there was no breach or failure in the process.

First Batch Of Amarnath Pilgrims Arrive Under Tight Security

The first batch of nearly 5,000 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims has reached the Kashmir Valley under what officials described as an unprecedented multi-layered security arrangement, marking the formal start of this year's pilgrimage.

The pilgrims were escorted from Jammu and welcomed by senior security and civil officials after they crossed key entry points into the Valley. The convoy movement was tightly controlled, with coordinated deployment of police, paramilitary forces, and traffic authorities along the entire route.

Authorities have put in place a comprehensive security grid for the pilgrimage, including no-fly zones along the twin routes to the shrine, real-time monitoring



of pilgrim convoys, and watch towers at critical points to maintain surveillance. Security forces are also tracking vehicular movement continuously to ensure the safety of pilgrims throughout the journey.

Officials said this year's arrangements are among the most extensive ever implemented for the Yatra, reflecting heightened focus on preventing any security

lapses during the high-altitude pilgrimage. Advanced surveillance systems and layered checkpoints have been installed across Jammu and Kashmir, especially along the traditional Pahalgam route and the shorter Baltal route.

The 57-day pilgrimage to the Amarnath cave shrine at 3,880 metres is set to continue through the summer, with thousands of

devotees expected to travel in multiple batches. The shrine, located deep in the Himalayas, remains one of the most significant Hindu pilgrimage sites in the country.

In addition to physical security measures, authorities have introduced technology-driven systems such as real-time vehicle tracking and digital identification for service providers, aimed at improving coordination and reducing risk during the trek.

Officials have emphasised that the heightened security deployment is a precautionary measure to ensure a smooth and peaceful pilgrimage experience for devotees, especially given the challenging terrain and large-scale movement of people.

EC Announces By-Polls In 3 States

The Election Commission of India (EC) has announced by-elections to three Assembly constituencies across Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat, with polling scheduled for July 30 and counting set for August 3.

The vacancies in these constituencies arose due to a mix of political and administrative reasons, including resignation, disqualification, and the death of sitting MLAs. One of the key seats going to polls is in Bihar, previously represented by a senior BJP leader who recently moved to the Rajya Sabha, prompting the by-election.

In Madhya Pradesh, the seat became vacant after a Congress MLA was disqualified following a court conviction, while in Gujarat, the bypoll has been necessitated by the death of a sitting BJP legislator.

The Election Commission has announced that the nomi-



nation process will begin in early July, followed by scrutiny and withdrawal deadlines before the final contest. The Model Code of Conduct has come into effect in the concerned constituencies, ensuring regulated campaigning and electoral fairness.

These by-polls are expected to be politically significant, especially for the ruling and opposition parties in the respective states, as they will test voter sentiment ahead of upcoming electoral cycles. Major parties are likely to field prominent candidates to retain or capture the seats.



TVK Alliance Confident Of Long-Term Unity

The TVK-led secular alliance has expressed strong confidence in its stability and future, with alliance partners indicating that the grouping is set to evolve into a long-term political partnership ahead of upcoming elections in Tamil Nadu.

A key coordination meeting of the alliance was held in Chennai, where Chief Minister and TVK leader C. Joseph Vijay hosted leaders and legislators from supporting parties. The meeting focused on strengthening cooperation among alliance partners and shaping a common political roadmap for future elections.

Leaders from participating parties described the alliance as more than a short-term electoral arrangement, stating that discussions are underway to build a structured and durable coalition. Key proposals reportedly include the formation of a coordination committee, a shared policy agenda, and a unified identity for the alliance.

Congress and other partner parties attending the meeting expressed optimism about the

alliance's direction, calling it a "positive beginning" and stressing the importance of continued coordination among all stakeholders. They also highlighted that the alliance aims to present a united front in both upcoming state and national-level contests.

Sources within the alliance indicated that the grouping is working to formalise its structure further, especially as it prepares for upcoming electoral battles, including local body elections and future assembly and parliamentary polls.

The alliance, formed after recent political realignments in Tamil Nadu, has quickly gained momentum, with several former partners of rival camps joining the new coalition. Leaders within the bloc say the focus now is on governance stability, ideological alignment, and expanding public support.

While the alliance is still in its early stages, its members are projecting confidence that it will remain intact and grow stronger over time, positioning itself as a major force in Tamil Nadu politics.



Russia Imports Petrol From India Amid Fuel Crisis

Russia has started importing petrol from India to tackle a growing fuel shortage triggered by repeated Ukrainian drone attacks on its oil refineries and energy infrastructure. The move marks a significant shift in energy trade, with Russia turning to India for refined fuel supplies despite being one of the world's largest crude oil producers.

The fuel crunch has spread across several regions of Russia, leading to rationing, long queues at petrol stations and rising gasoline prices. The shortages have intensified during the peak summer season, when fuel demand is traditionally high due to increased travel and agricultural activity.

According to industry sources, at least 60,000 metric tonnes of gasoline have already been shipped from India to Russia through two tankers. Moscow is reportedly planning to import up to 400,000 metric tonnes of petrol every month from multiple countries, including Belarus, to stabilise domestic supplies.

The shortages have been largely attributed to sustained Ukrainian strikes on Russian

oil refineries, fuel depots and other energy facilities. These attacks have disrupted refining operations, reducing gasoline production and creating supply gaps across the country.

India has emerged as a key energy partner for Russia since the start of the Ukraine conflict, purchasing large volumes of discounted Russian crude oil. Indian refiners process the crude domestically, and some of the refined products are now being exported back to Russia to help address the current supply crisis.

Russian authorities have acknowledged the fuel shortages and introduced measures to ease the crisis, including subsidies, tax changes and increased imports. The government hopes these steps will improve fuel availability and bring stability to domestic markets in the coming weeks.

The development highlights how the prolonged conflict has reshaped global energy flows, with India playing an increasingly important role in international fuel markets while maintaining its strategic energy ties with Russia.



India-Bound Oil Tanker Safely Reaches Odisha After Gunfire

An oil tanker carrying nearly 2 million barrels of Iraqi crude oil has safely reached Paradip Port in Odisha after surviving a gunfire incident while passing through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz. The vessel's successful arrival has brought relief amid heightened tensions in the Middle East and concerns over the security of global shipping routes.

The tanker, MT Sanmar Herald, was transporting Basrah Medium and Basrah Heavy crude oil from Iraq to India when it reportedly came under gunfire near Iranian waters. During the incident, the ship sustained shrapnel damage to its bridge. However, no injuries were reported among the crew, and the vessel remained operational.

To ensure the safety of everyone on board, the crew altered the ship's course after the attack and continued its journey towards the Indian coast without facing any further security threats. The vessel later arrived off the Odisha coast and anchored about 22 kilometres from Paradip Port, where crude oil unloading began

through the port's Single Point Mooring (SPM) system.

According to the Paradip Port Authority, the tanker maintained continuous coordination with the Indian Navy throughout its voyage. The port described the vessel's arrival as a remarkable display of courage and resilience, highlighting the successful completion of a challenging journey through one of the world's most sensitive maritime routes.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's busiest oil transit routes, with a significant share of global crude exports passing through it every day. Recent geopolitical tensions in the region have increased security risks for commercial shipping, prompting vessels to exercise extra caution while navigating the waterway.

Despite the tense situation, the safe arrival of the MT Sanmar Herald ensures the uninterrupted delivery of crude oil to India and underscores the importance of close coordination between merchant vessels and maritime security agencies during periods of regional instability.

Trump Shifts Focus To ‘Birth Tourism’ Crackdown

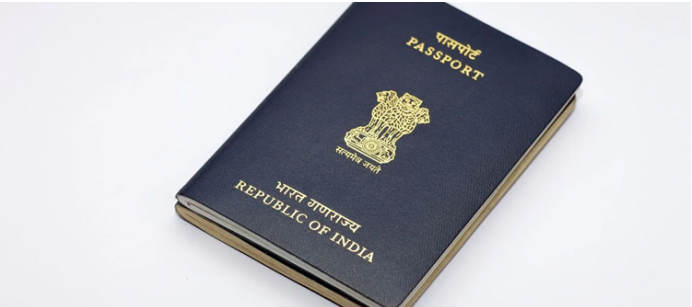
After the US Supreme Court rejected his administration's attempt to restrict birthright citizenship, President Donald Trump is reportedly shifting focus to a new strategy aimed at curbing so-called "birth tourism"—the practice of foreign nationals travelling to the United States to give birth so their children receive US citizenship.

The new approach is expected to target pregnant foreign visitors rather than birthright citizens

themselves. According to reports, the administration is considering stricter visa enforcement, increased scrutiny of visa applicants suspected of travelling for childbirth, and stronger action against organised birth tourism networks.

The move comes after the Supreme Court ruled that children born in the United States to parents who are in the country illegally or temporarily remain entitled to American citizenship

Indian Passport Services Cost More In UAE



Indian nationals living in the UAE will now have to pay higher fees for passport-related services, with the revised charges coming into effect from July 1, 2026. The updated fee structure applies to a wide range of services, including fresh passport applications, renewals, Tatkaal services, replacement of lost or damaged passports, and Police Clearance Certificates (PCCs).

The revised rates have been introduced by the Ministry of External Affairs and are being implemented across the Indian Embassy in Abu Dhabi, the Consulate General of India in Dubai, and all Indian Consular Application Centres (ICACs) in the UAE.

Under the new fee structure, applicants seeking fresh passports or renewals will have to pay more than before. Charges for Tatkaal services have also been increased, while the cost of replacing lost or damaged passports has gone up across different categories. Fees for

minors and Police Clearance Certificates have likewise been revised.

The fee revision follows changes to India's passport service rules and is aimed at standardising charges for Indian citizens applying both within the country and abroad. The revised pricing affects millions of Indians residing in the UAE, one of the largest overseas Indian communities in the world.

Alongside the fee hike, passport and consular services in the UAE are also undergoing an operational transition. Al Hind Tours and Travels has

taken over as the new outsourced service provider for passport, visa and other consular services, replacing the previous agencies. During the transition, Indian missions have introduced temporary walk-in arrangements for certain services until the new centres become fully operational.

Officials have advised applicants to check the latest fee structure and updated service guidelines before submitting their applications to avoid inconvenience. The revised charges are now applicable to all eligible passport and related services across the UAE.

What Is ‘Semiquincentennial’? Explained



As the United States prepares to celebrate the 250th anniversary of its Independence on July 4, 2026, one unusual word has taken the internet by surprise: Semiquincentennial. While many people are familiar with terms like centennial (100 years) and bicentennial (200 years), the lengthy and rarely used word has sparked widespread curiosity online.

The term "Semiquincentennial" simply refers to a 250th anniversary. It is derived from Latin, where "semi" means half and "quincentennial" refers to 500 years. Together, the word literally means half of 500 years, or 250 years. It is the official term being used to mark the United States' quarter-millennium celebration.

Although the word is technically correct, many people have found it difficult to pronounce and remember. As a result, alternatives such as "America250" and "Quarter Millennium" have become more popular in public discussions

and promotional campaigns surrounding the historic milestone.

The anniversary commemorates the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776, when the thirteen American colonies formally declared independence from British rule. The 250th anniversary is expected to be one of the biggest national celebrations in U.S. history, featuring cultural events, exhibitions, educational programmes and community activities across the country.

The official celebrations are

being coordinated under the America250 initiative, which was established by the U.S. Congress to oversee commemorative events. Preparations have been underway for several years, with states and cities planning special programmes to honour the nation's history and achievements.

The unusual term has become a talking point on social media, with many users joking about its complexity while others have been searching for its meaning. Despite its tongue-twisting nature, "Semiquincentennial" has now entered mainstream conversation as America counts down to one of its most significant national milestones.

Whether people choose to call it the Semiquincentennial, America250, or simply the 250th anniversary, the occasion marks a landmark chapter in the nation's history and is expected to be celebrated across the United States and beyond.

Couple Arrested After Empire State Proposal



A dramatic marriage proposal high above New York City ended with arrests after a couple illegally climbed to the top of the Empire State Building's antenna spire, one of the most restricted sections of the iconic skyscraper.

The couple, identified as Russian rooftop climbers Angela Nikolau and Ivan Beerkus, scaled the 1,454-foot landmark without safety equipment before unfurling a large black banner carrying a message promoting peace. Their daring stunt quickly drew the attention of authorities and bystanders below.

After displaying the banner, the pair climbed down to a lower platform on the antenna, where Beerkus got down on one knee and proposed to Nikolau. She accepted the proposal, and the couple embraced while suspended hundreds of feet above the ground, with the moment captured on cameras and shared on social media.

The stunt prompted a major response from the New York Police Department, which deployed emergency personnel, drones and helicopters to monitor the situation. Streets around the Empire State Building were temporarily closed as

a precaution while officers ensured the climbers descended safely.

Once they returned to an accessible section of the building, both were taken into custody without incident. Authorities later charged them with offences including burglary, criminal trespass and reckless endangerment. No injuries were reported during the operation.

The Empire State Building's management condemned the unauthorized climb, noting that the landmark offers official proposal packages for couples wishing to celebrate special occasions safely. Officials also praised emergency responders for handling the situation without harm to the public.

The couple is well known for performing extreme rooftop climbs around the world and previously featured in a documentary showcasing their high-risk adventures. Their latest stunt has reignited debate over security at famous landmarks and the growing trend of thrill-seekers risking their lives for social media content.

Despite the romantic proposal, authorities have stressed that illegally accessing restricted areas of major buildings poses serious safety risks and can endanger both climbers and emergency responders.



India Sends Delegation To Iran Leader's Funeral

India has sent a multi-party delegation to attend the funeral of Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, underscoring New Delhi's commitment to maintaining diplomatic ties with Tehran despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi not attending the ceremony.

The delegation includes representatives from different political parties and senior officials, reflecting India's bipartisan approach to foreign policy on significant international occasions. The move is seen as a gesture of respect for Iran while ensuring official representation at the high-profile state event.

Prime Minister Modi did not travel to Iran for the funeral due to prior commitments and scheduling constraints. Instead, the government opted to send a delegation to convey India's condolences and solidarity with the Iranian people during the period of national mourning.

India and Iran share longstanding historical, cultural and strategic ties. The two countries have cooperated on several fronts, including trade, energy, regional connectivity and the development of the

Chabahar Port, which is considered crucial for India's access to Central Asia and Afghanistan.

Diplomatic observers believe India's decision to send a delegation rather than the Prime Minister strikes a balance between maintaining strong bilateral relations and managing domestic as well as international commitments. Such representation at state funerals is a common diplomatic practice and reflects the importance countries place on preserving official ties. The funeral has drawn leaders and representatives from several nations, highlighting Iran's geopolitical significance. India's participation through a multi-party delegation signals its intent to continue engaging with Iran while reaffirming its independent foreign policy approach.

The visit is also expected to provide an opportunity for Indian representatives to interact with Iranian officials and discuss matters of mutual interest. As regional dynamics continue to evolve, New Delhi is expected to maintain close diplomatic engagement with Tehran while safeguarding its strategic interests in West Asia.



US Deportees Caught In Venezuela Earthquake Tragedy

A group of Venezuelan migrants deported from the United States found themselves at the centre of a devastating tragedy after powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela just hours after their arrival. What was meant to be the end of a difficult journey turned into a desperate fight for survival as many of the deportees were caught in one of the country's deadliest natural disasters.

More than 140 Venezuelan deportees had arrived on a flight from the US as part of Washington's ongoing immigration crackdown. After landing, they were taken to temporary accommodation in La Guaira while authorities completed processing procedures. Before many could reunite with their families, twin earthquakes struck the region, causing widespread destruction.

The hotel where many of the deportees were staying collapsed during the quake, leaving scores trapped beneath the rubble. Survivors described scenes of panic as buildings crumbled around them and people desperately searched for loved ones. Several deportees managed to escape, while many others remain missing or are feared dead.

Families who had been eagerly awaiting the return of their relatives were instead left searching hospitals, shelters and disaster sites for information. Many have complained about the lack of communication and the difficulty in identifying survivors, adding to the anguish caused by the disaster.

The earthquakes caused extensive damage across northern Venezuela, destroying buildings, disrupting transport networks and overwhelming rescue teams. Emergency workers continue search-and-rescue operations, hoping to locate survivors trapped beneath collapsed structures.

The incident has drawn international attention because of the tragic timing of the deportation flight. Human rights organisations have called for greater transparency regarding the missing deportees and urged authorities to provide regular updates to affected families.

As rescue efforts continue, the story has become a heart-breaking reminder of how lives already marked by displacement and uncertainty can be further devastated by unforeseen natural disasters.



preme Court's decision preserved the constitutional right to citizenship for children born on American soil, the administra-

tion's reported "Plan B" signals that the issue is likely to remain at the centre of political and legal battles.

The latest rally has boosted confidence that India's IT sector remains fundamentally strong despite the rapid evolution of artificial intelligence. While AI is expected to reshape the industry, experts believe companies that successfully embrace the technology are likely to emerge stronger and continue driving long-term growth.

₹500 Tip for a ₹15 Order: Blinkit Rider's Emotional Thank-You Video Touches Millions



A heartwarming act of generosity has won the internet after a Blinkit delivery partner shared an emotional video thanking a customer who tipped him 500 on an order worth less than 15. The touching clip has gone viral, attracting over 13 million views and sparking widespread appreciation for both the customer's kindness and the hard work of delivery personnel.

In the viral video, the delivery executive begins by telling viewers that he had just completed a delivery for an order valued at under 15. He then asks them to guess how much the customer tipped him before revealing a 500 note. Clearly overwhelmed by the unexpected gesture, he smiles with gratitude and expresses his heartfelt thanks.

To explain why the tip meant so much, the rider shows his earnings on the delivery app for the day, which totalled only

97. He reveals that the 500 tip is equivalent to nearly two days of his usual income. Holding the note in his hand, he repeatedly thanks the customer, saying the generous gesture made his day and lifted his spirits.

The video quickly struck a chord with social media users, many of whom praised the customer for recognizing the efforts of gig workers. Several commenters pointed out that delivery partners often work long hours in challenging weather conditions while earning modest incomes. They said the customer's generosity served as a reminder of the difference a thoughtful gesture can make. Many viewers also encouraged people to tip delivery workers whenever possible, even if the amount is small. They noted that tips of 20 or 50 can go a long way in supporting workers who spend their days delivering groceries,

food, and other essentials to customers' doorsteps.

The delivery partner, who also creates content on social media, frequently shares videos about his experiences on the job. His posts offer a glimpse into the daily realities of gig workers, highlighting both the challenges they face and the moments of kindness that make their work rewarding.

The viral incident has sparked conversations about empathy, gratitude, and the importance of appreciating those who provide essential services. While the 500 tip may have been a simple act for one customer, it became a powerful reminder that kindness—no matter how unexpected—can have a lasting impact. The story continues to inspire people online, encouraging them to acknowledge the efforts of delivery workers with compassion and generosity whenever they can.

Auto Driver Inspires With Heartwarming Gesture



An autorickshaw driver has won widespread admiration on social media after a video showing him sharing an unexpected tip with complete strangers touched the hearts of viewers. His selfless act has sparked conversations about kindness, generosity and the joy of helping others without expecting anything in return.

The viral clip begins with the driver revealing that a passenger had tipped him 500 after completing a ride. Instead of keeping the entire amount for himself, he decided to spread the happiness by sharing part of the money with people he met during the day.

In the video, the driver approaches several strangers, including roadside vendors and pedestrians, and hands them small amounts of cash. Many recipients appear surprised by the unexpected ges-

ture, while others express gratitude and smile warmly after receiving the money. The driver explains that the generous tip inspired him to pass on the kindness rather than keep it all for himself.

His thoughtful act quickly resonated with social media users, who praised his generosity despite the modest income that autorickshaw drivers typically earn. Many viewers said his willingness to share with others reflected the true meaning of compassion and proved that kindness is not measured by wealth but by one's willingness to help. Several users pointed out that the driver could have easily kept the entire tip for his own needs, making his decision to distribute part of it even more inspiring. Others described the video as a reminder that even small acts of generosity can brighten someone's day and create a ripple effect of

positivity.

The clip has since attracted thousands of reactions and comments, with many calling the driver a role model for demonstrating empathy and selflessness. Some viewers also encouraged others to perform similar acts of kindness, saying that helping even one person can make a meaningful difference.

The heartwarming incident serves as a reminder that generosity often comes from those who understand the value of every rupee. By choosing to share his unexpected windfall with strangers, the autorickshaw driver transformed a simple tip into an inspiring story that continues to resonate with people online. His actions have reinforced the idea that kindness has the power to spread far beyond a single moment, inspiring countless others to pay it forward.

Japanese IIT Student Impressed By Mumbai Metro

A Japanese student studying at IIT Hyderabad has gone viral after sharing her first experience of travelling on the Mumbai Metro. In a video posted on social media, she praised the city's metro network for being clean, comfortable and easy to navigate, earning appreciation from viewers across the internet.

In the video, Hiro documents her journey on Mumbai Metro's Aqua Line, travelling nearly 21 kilometres from Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CST) Metro Station to Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC). As a first-time commuter, she shares her observations throughout the trip, offering viewers a fresh perspective on Mumbai's public transport system.

Before beginning her journey, Hiro stops to enjoy a glass of mango lassi before making her way to the metro station. Instead of buying a ticket at the counter, she opts for the self-service ticket vending machine.



chine. She demonstrates how passengers can select their destination, make the payment using an Indian digital wallet and receive a QR code, which is scanned at the entry gates.

As she enters the station, Hiro appreciates the organised atmosphere, pointing out the presence of security personnel and staff. She also highlights the availability of women-only coaches, describing the feature as reassuring and helpful for female passengers.

During the ride, she is im-

pressed by the cleanliness and comfort of the metro. Travelling on a Sunday, she notes that the train was not overcrowded, making the journey pleasant and relaxing. She is also surprised by the affordable fare, revealing that the 21-kilometre trip cost only 50. After reaching Bandra Kurla Complex, Hiro shows how passengers exit the station by depositing their tickets into a collection box, describing the entire process as smooth and convenient.

Reflecting on her experience, Hiro says many people outside India often have misconceptions about the country's public transport. However, based on her travels on metro systems in Mumbai, Bengaluru and Pune, she believes they are modern, clean, efficient and safe. She encourages tourists and first-time visitors to consider using the metro as a convenient way to explore Indian cities. The video has received an overwhelmingly positive response on social media. Many users welcomed Hiro and appreciated her honest review, while others said her experience helps challenge outdated stereotypes about public transport in India. Several commenters also expressed pride in the rapid expansion and improvement of metro networks across the country, saying such positive feedback reflects India's growing urban infrastructure and commitment to modern, commuter-friendly transport.

Paris Heatwave Turns IKEA Into Cooling Shelter

As an intense heatwave continues to sweep across Europe, a viral video from Paris has captured dozens of residents seeking relief inside an IKEA store, where they turned the furniture showroom into a temporary escape from the scorching temperatures outside.

The now-viral clip shows people relaxing on display beds, sofas and armchairs—not to test the furniture, but to cool off in the store's air-conditioned environment. Some are seen lying down for a quick nap, while others scroll through their phones, chat with friends or simply sit quietly, waiting for the heat to subside. A few visitors are also seen using handheld fans to stay comfortable.

The unusual scenes have attracted widespread attention on social media, with many users describing the furniture store as an unofficial



cooling centre during the extreme weather. Some joked that IKEA had become "the coolest place in Paris," while others said the video highlighted how people are finding creative ways to cope with record-breaking temperatures.

The viral footage comes as France battles one of its most severe heatwaves in recent years. Temperatures have remained well above seasonal averages, prompting authori-

ties to issue heat alerts and urge residents to stay indoors, remain hydrated and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities, especially during the hottest hours of the day.

The prolonged heat has disrupted daily life across the country. Several schools have temporarily closed, outdoor events have been scaled back, and hospitals have reported an increase in patients suffering from heat-related illnesses. Emergency services have

also been placed under pressure as officials respond to the growing impact of the extreme weather.

Health authorities say the heatwave has already been linked to a significant rise in heat-related deaths, with older adults among the most vulnerable. The scorching conditions have also increased the risk of wildfires and placed additional strain on electricity and water supplies.

The viral video has become more than just an internet sensation. For many viewers, it serves as a stark reminder of the challenges posed by increasingly frequent and intense heatwaves linked to climate change. As Europe continues to grapple with soaring temperatures, the scenes from the Paris IKEA highlight how ordinary public spaces are becoming vital refuges for people seeking relief from extreme weather.

Techie Eyes Exit Over Manager's 'Ghosting'

A software professional has sparked a discussion on workplace culture after revealing they are considering quitting what they describe as one of the best jobs of their career—not because of the work itself, but due to their manager's repeated lack of communication.

The employee shared their experience on Reddit, explaining that they genuinely enjoy the role and the opportunity to work on cutting-edge projects. However, they said constant delays in approvals, postponed meetings and an unresponsive reporting manager have made it nearly impossible to complete their tasks.

According to the post, the employee had been waiting for nearly a week for essential reviews and approvals. In one instance, the manager reportedly scheduled an urgent late-night meeting, prompting the employee to stay awake in anticipation. Despite the urgency, the manager neither joined the call



nor responded to messages, leaving the employee frustrated and disappointed.

The techie explained that the repeated lack of communication has severely affected productivity and morale. They described the experience as feeling like they were "begging" for permission to do the job they were hired to perform.

The situation has been particularly challenging because the employee said they have ADHD and struggle with uncertainty and disrupted workflows. With project deadlines approaching, the lack of timely

feedback has added to their mental exhaustion and anxiety.

Despite the difficulties, the employee clarified that they have no issues with the work itself or their colleagues. They said they focus on their responsibilities, avoid office politics and simply want to contribute meaningfully to the organisation.

Unable to continue working under such conditions, the employee eventually escalated the issue to the company's leadership. In a message to the organisation's head, they explained

that while they love the job, they would find it difficult to remain in an environment where progress depends on a manager who repeatedly becomes unavailable during critical moments.

The Reddit post quickly gained traction, with many users empathising with the employee's predicament. Several advised waiting for a response from senior leadership before making a final decision, while others shared similar experiences of dealing with unresponsive managers and workplace communication issues.

Many commenters noted that a supportive manager can significantly influence job satisfaction, arguing that even exciting roles can become stressful when communication breaks down. The discussion has reignited conversations about accountability, leadership and the importance of effective workplace communication in maintaining employee well-being.

Foreigner Applauds Indians' Love For Ancestral Homes

A foreign content creator has won hearts online after sharing her admiration for a unique aspect of Indian culture—the tradition of families regularly visiting their ancestral homes. Her heartfelt observations have resonated with social media users, who praised India's deep-rooted connection to family and heritage.

In a viral video, the woman said she was deeply impressed by how many Indians continue to return to their native villages and hometowns, even after moving to cities or settling abroad. She noted that these visits help preserve family bonds and ensure younger generations remain connected to their roots.

According to her, many cultures gradually lose touch with their ancestral homes over time, but Indians make a conscious effort to maintain those connections. She described the



tradition as something she greatly admired, saying it reflects the strong importance Indian families place on relationships, memories and shared history.

She also observed that visits to ancestral homes are more than just family gatherings. They provide an opportunity for children to learn about their heritage, meet relatives across generations and experience the customs and traditions of their native places.

She felt these experiences help keep family history alive in a meaningful way.

The video quickly gained traction on social media, with thousands of viewers appreciating her perspective. Many users agreed with her remarks, saying that returning to one's hometown during festivals, weddings and family celebrations remains an integral part of Indian life.

Several commenters shared personal stories about visiting

their grandparents' villages during school holidays and festivals, recalling how those trips created lifelong memories and strengthened family relationships. Others noted that despite rapid urbanisation, many Indian families continue to preserve these traditions.

The video has sparked conversations about the value of staying connected to one's roots in an increasingly fast-paced world. Many users said the foreigner's observations highlighted a cultural practice that Indians often take for granted but which stands out to visitors from other countries.

Her appreciation has once again brought global attention to India's strong family values and the enduring tradition of maintaining ties with ancestral homes, a practice many believe remains central to the country's cultural identity.



Knight Riders Create History With US Cricket Stadium

The Knight Riders Group, co-owned by Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan, has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first global cricket franchise to establish its own international cricket stadium. The newly inaugurated Knight Riders Cricket Ground in Los Angeles officially hosted its first Major League Cricket (MLC) match, marking a significant moment for the sport's growth in the United States.

The stadium serves as the home venue of the Los Angeles Knight Riders (LAKR), one of the franchises competing in Major League Cricket. The landmark occasion was celebrated with LAKR taking on Washington Freedom in the venue's inaugural match.

Located in Pomona, California, the state-of-the-art cricket ground is expected to play a crucial role in promoting the sport across North America. Beyond hosting professional matches, the facility is designed to support youth development programmes, community events and cricket training initiatives, helping strengthen the game's presence in the region.

Shah Rukh Khan shared his excitement over the achievement, describing the venue as more than just a cricket stadium.



Karthik Calls India's Toss Call 'Ireland Hangover'

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Dinesh Karthik has suggested that India's approach in the opening T20I against England was influenced by the team's recent struggles in Ireland, referring to it as an "Ireland hangover."

India opted to bat first after winning the toss in the match, a decision that raised eyebrows given the overcast conditions and the usual preference for chasing in such situations. However, according to Karthik, the call may have been shaped by India's previous experience in Ireland, where they struggled while chasing targets in both games and ended up on the losing side.

The former cricketer explained that such recent memories can often influence decision-making in high-pressure matches. In this case, India appeared keen to avoid repeating the same mistakes from the earlier series, where their batting unit found it difficult to handle the pressure of chasing in tricky conditions.

Interestingly, India's innings in the England match began on a shaky note, with early wickets putting them under immediate pressure. However, the middle order responded strongly, helping the team recover and post a competitive total after a difficult start.

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um. He said it is a place built for sports, entertainment, families and lasting memories, reflecting the Knight Riders Group's vision of expanding cricket's global footprint.

The project has also received support from the International Cricket Council (ICC) and cricket administrators, who believe the venue will play an important role in the sport's future in the United States. With cricket set to return to the Olympic Games at Los Angeles 2028, the stadium is expected to contribute significantly to the sport's development ahead of the global event.

The Knight Riders Group has steadily expanded its presence across international T20 leagues through franchises in India, the Caribbean, the UAE and the USA. The opening of its own cricket stadium further strengthens its reputation as one of the most influential brands in franchise cricket.

The historic development has been widely celebrated by cricket fans, who see it as a major step towards popularising the sport in America. It also highlights the growing ambitions of the Knight Riders Group to build world-class cricket infrastructure while taking the game to new audiences across the globe.

Gambhir, Iyer Face Heat Over Vaibhav Snub

India head coach Gautam Gambhir and ODI captain Shreyas Iyer have come under criticism following Team India's defeat to England in the second ODI, with former cricketer Kris Srikkanth questioning the team's decision to leave young batting sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi out of the playing XI.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Srikkanth said the 15-year-old deserved an opportunity after his impressive performances in domestic cricket and age-group tournaments. He argued that India missed a chance to test the youngster on the international stage.

According to Srikkanth, Suryavanshi's fearless batting approach could have provided the momentum India lacked during the chase. He suggested that the teenager should have been included in the side, especially considering his recent form and growing reputation as one of the country's brightest young talents.

The former India opener also questioned the team management's selection strategy, saying the coaching staff and captain needed to be more proactive in giving promising youngsters exposure at the highest level. He felt India should have looked beyond conventional choices in a series that offers opportunities



to experiment ahead of bigger tournaments.

Srikkanth's comments have triggered widespread debate among cricket fans. While some agreed that Suryavanshi deserved a chance, others defended the team management's decision, arguing that rushing a teenager into international cricket without adequate preparation could do more harm than good.

Vaibhav Suryavanshi has been regarded as one of India's most exciting emerging talents after impressing with his aggressive batting and consistent performances in junior cricket. His rapid rise has made him one of the most closely watched young cricketers in the country.

The selection debate has now become one of the biggest talking points following India's defeat, with many fans eager to see whether the youngster gets an opportunity in the remaining matches of the series. All eyes will now be on the team management's next selection as the discussion over balancing experience and youth continues.

CSK CEO Dismisses Hardik Pandya Trade Rumours

Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have put an end to speculation surrounding a possible move for Mumbai Indians captain Hardik Pandya, with franchise CEO Kasi Viswanathan making it clear that no discussions have taken place regarding a potential trade.

Rumours of Hardik switching franchises gathered pace after reports claimed that several IPL teams were interested in acquiring the star all-rounder ahead of the next season. CSK was among the teams linked with the blockbuster move, triggering widespread discussion among cricket fans.

However, Viswanathan firmly denied the reports, stating that the franchise has not held any talks about bringing Hardik on board. He clarified that CSK will first conduct its season review before making any decisions related to player trades or squad changes.

The CEO added that the review process will take place only after the conclusion of the ongoing Major League Cricket (MLC) season, where the fran-



chise's sister team, Texas Super Kings, is currently competing. Until then, no discussions regarding player acquisitions are expected.

Hardik Pandya has emerged as one of the biggest names in the IPL trade market following Mumbai Indians' disappointing 2026 campaign. Reports have suggested that multiple franchises are monitoring the situation, making him one of the most sought-after players ahead of the next season.

CSK themselves are expected to evaluate their squad after another underwhelming season, leading to speculation over possible

Washington Sundar Opens Up On England Tour Frustration

India all-rounder Washington Sundar has made a candid admission about his previous tour of England, saying he felt he was not utilised effectively despite being part of the squad. His remarks have sparked discussions among cricket fans about his role in the national team and how he has been managed over the years.

Reflecting on his experiences, Sundar said he believed he could have contributed much more had he been given greater opportunities. The off-spinning all-rounder pointed out that he was capable of making an impact with both bat and ball but did not receive enough chances to showcase his abilities during the England tour.

Sundar, who has battled injuries at various stages of his career, stressed that every opportunity at the international level is valuable. He expressed confidence in his abilities and said he always strives to make meaningful contributions whenever he is selected for the Indian team.

The Tamil Nadu cricketer has earned a reputation as a



dependable all-rounder, capable of delivering crucial spells with the ball while also providing stability in the lower middle order. His performances across formats have often highlighted his versatility, making him an important option for the team management.

Despite his frustrations over limited opportunities in the past, Sundar maintained that he remains focused on performing well whenever called upon. He said his priority is to excel rather than dwell on previous disappointments.

Cricket experts believe Sundar's comments reflect the challenges faced by players try-



Samit Dravid Shines With 360-Degree Batting

Samit Dravid, son of former India captain Rahul Dravid, has grabbed the spotlight after producing a stylish batting display in the KSCA T20 Trophy. The youngster's wide range of attacking strokes earned praise from cricket fans, with videos of his innings quickly going viral on social media.

Representing Kalyani Bengaluru Blasters against Hubli Tigers, Samit played an entertaining knock of 32 runs off 23 balls, striking six boundaries. His innings featured an impressive mix of elegant cover drives, back-foot cuts, pull shots and innovative strokeplay, showcasing his ability to score all around the ground.

Cricket enthusiasts were particularly impressed by his "360-degree" batting, a term often used to describe players capable of finding gaps in every part of the field. While Samit's technique reflected the classical style associated with his father, he also displayed the modern attacking approach required in T20 cricket.

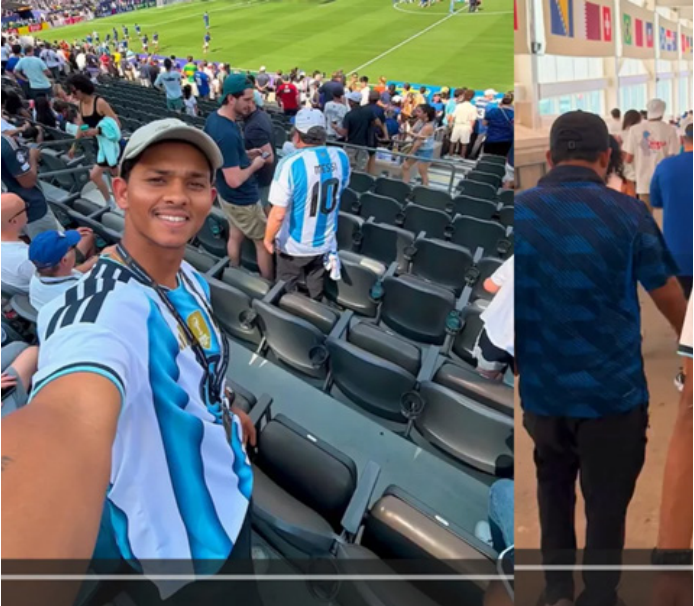
His innings provided Bengaluru Blasters with a solid platform after he stitched together an important partnership with Rohan Patil. The

team eventually posted 203/7 before holding off a spirited chase from Hubli Tigers to register a thrilling two-run victory. Nischith Rao starred with the ball, claiming three wickets to seal the win for Bengaluru.

The victory marked Bengaluru Blasters' sixth win in seven matches, strengthening their position at the top of the points table. Samit's contribution with the bat was widely acknowledged as one of the key factors behind the team's success.

As clips of his innings spread across social media, fans couldn't help but compare his elegant strokeplay to Rahul Dravid's trademark technique. However, many also pointed out that Samit has developed his own identity by blending classical batting with aggressive T20 innovation.

The 20-year-old has been steadily making a name for himself in Karnataka cricket, and performances like this are further enhancing his reputation as one of the state's promising young talents. While comparisons with his legendary father are inevitable, Samit's latest innings suggests he is carving out his own path in the game.



Jaiswal Turns Heads In Messi Jersey

Indian cricketer Yashasvi Jaiswal grabbed attention after he was spotted wearing Lionel Messi's iconic Argentina jersey during a visit to a FIFA World Cup stadium. The stylish appearance quickly went viral on social media, with fans initially assuming he was there to watch an Argentina match.

However, Jaiswal's visit had nothing to do with Argentina's game. The young opener was touring the stadium as part of his time off and chose to wear Messi's famous No. 10 jersey, reflecting his admiration for the football legend. Photos of the cricketer posing at the venue soon began circulating online, drawing reactions from both cricket and football fans.

Many users praised Jaiswal's love for football and appreciated the crossover between two of the world's biggest sports. Some fans joked that the Indian batter was showing support for Messi wherever he goes, while others admired his casual and relaxed look.

Lionel Messi remains one of the most admired athletes globally, and his Argentina jer-

sey has become a symbol for football fans across the world, especially after Argentina's FIFA World Cup triumph. Jaiswal's choice of attire added to the excitement surrounding his stadium visit.

The left-handed batter has often spoken about enjoying different sports during breaks from cricket, and his latest appearance highlighted his interest in football. His visit also gave fans a glimpse of how Indian cricketers unwind during their downtime away from the field.

Jaiswal has been in the spotlight for his consistent performances in international cricket and continues to be regarded as one of India's brightest young talents. While his exploits are usually discussed on the cricket field, this time it was his football-inspired look that became the talking point online.

The viral images once again showcased how athletes from different sports continue to inspire one another, with Jaiswal's tribute to Messi earning widespread appreciation across social media.



Priyanka Saha

RISING STAR

Nagabandham Announces BOGO Ticket Offer

With just days left for its theatrical release, the makers of the pan-India mythological adventure film Nagabandham have announced a special Buy One, Get One (BOGO) ticket offer to attract moviegoers during its opening weekend. The surprise offer has generated excitement among fans and is expected to boost footfalls in theatres. As part of the promotional campaign, audiences purchasing one movie ticket will receive another ticket free under the limited-period offer. The initiative aims to encourage families and groups of friends to enjoy the film on the big screen while making the cinema experience more affordable. The offer comes at a crucial time as Nagabandham gears up for its worldwide theatrical release on July 3, 2026. The film has already created considerable buzz with its visually impressive teaser, action-packed trailer and popular songs, raising expectations among movie lovers. Directed by Abhishek Nama, Nagabandham is a mythological fantasy adventure that blends ancient legends, mystery and action. The film stars Virat Karina in the lead role alongside Nabha Natesh and Ishwar



Jailer 2 Release Date Announcement Expected Soon

The makers of Superstar Rajinikanth's much-awaited action entertainer Jailer 2 are all set to make a major announcement regarding the film's theatrical release date, raising excitement among fans eagerly awaiting the sequel. According to the latest reports, the production house is expected to officially unveil the film's release date tomorrow. The announcement is likely to end months of speculation surrounding the movie's release schedule and give fans clarity on when they can expect to see Rajinikanth return as the iconic Tiger Muthuvel Pandian. Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar, Jailer 2 is one of the most anticipated South Indian films in recent years. The sequel follows the phenomenal success of Jailer (2023), which emerged as a blockbuster and became one of the highest-grossing films in Rajinikanth's illustrious career. The film has reportedly wrapped up principal photography and is currently in the post-production stage. With editing, visual effects and other

finishing work progressing steadily, the makers appear ready to officially lock in the release date. Industry circles are also buzzing about the possibility of Jailer 2 arriving during the festive Dussehra season, potentially setting up a massive box office clash with Chiranjeevi's Vishwambhara. If it happens, the face-off between two of Indian cinema's biggest superstars is expected to be one of the most talked-about cinematic events of the year. Produced by Sun Pictures, Jailer 2 features music composed by Anirudh Ravichander and promises to deliver the high-octane action, stylish storytelling and larger-than-life entertainment that made the first installment a huge success. Fans have been eagerly waiting for an official update, and the upcoming announcement is expected to mark the beginning of the film's promotional campaign. With anticipation at an all-time high, movie lovers are now counting down to the official confirmation of Jailer 2's release date.

Lokesh Kanagaraj's DC Locks September 4 Release

The makers of DC, which marks acclaimed filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj's acting debut, have officially locked the film's theatrical release date. The much-awaited action drama, co-starring Wamiqa Gabbi, is set to hit cinemas on September 4, 2026, ending months of speculation surrounding its release schedule. Directed by Arun Matheswaran and produced by Sun Pictures, DC has generated significant buzz ever since its announcement. The film marks a new chapter in Lokesh Kanagaraj's career as he steps in front of the camera after establishing himself as one of Tamil cinema's most successful directors. The recently released teaser and promotional material have further heightened expectations, showcasing Lokesh in an intense and action-packed avatar. The film also stars Wamiqa Gabbi in the female lead, with Sanjana Krishnamoorthy playing a key role. Music is composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose energetic score has already received praise from fans. According to the makers, DC promises a gripping blend of action, romance and drama. The story reportedly offers a fresh take on the classic tale of Devadas, with Lokesh portraying the character Devadas and Wamiqa Gabbi playing Chandra. With the release date now confirmed, the team is expected to begin an extensive promotional campaign in the coming weeks. Fans are eagerly waiting for the trailer and soundtrack, which are likely to be unveiled ahead of the film's theatrical debut. As one of the most anticipated Tamil releases of the year, DC has already created considerable excitement among movie lovers. The combination of Arun Matheswaran's direction, Lokesh Kanagaraj's acting debut and Anirudh's music has raised expectations, making the film one of the biggest releases to watch out for in 2026.



Vishwambhara Set For Dussehra Clash With Jailer 2

After months of speculation and multiple delays, the makers of Megastar Chiranjeevi's highly anticipated fantasy drama Vishwambhara have finally announced its theatrical release date. The film is now officially scheduled to hit cinemas on October 16, 2026, coinciding with the festive Dussehra season. The announcement has reignited excitement among fans who have been eagerly awaiting updates on the big-budget project. With the release date now locked, the makers appear confident about the film's prospects despite facing stiff competition during the festive window. Interestingly, Vishwambhara is set to clash with Superstar Rajinikanth's much-awaited sequel Jailer 2, which is expected to arrive in theatres a day earlier on October 15, 2026. The rare box office face-off between two of Indian cinema's biggest icons is already generating massive buzz, with trade analysts predicting one of the biggest festival clashes in recent years. Directed by Vassishtha, Vishwambhara is a socio-fantasy adventure starring Chiranjeevi in the lead role alongside Trisha Krishnan. Actor Kunal Kapoor plays the antagonist, while Ashika Ranganath, Ramya Pasupuleti, Isha Chawla and Ashrita Vemuganti Nanduri feature in key supporting roles. The film is being produced by UV Creations on a grand scale, with Academy Award-winning composer M. M. Keeravaani handling the music. The makers have reportedly invested significant time in enhancing the film's visual effects, contributing to the delays while raising expectations for a visually rich cinematic experience. Meanwhile, Jailer 2, directed by Nelson Dilipkumar and headlined by Rajinikanth, is also one of the most awaited releases of the year. With both films arriving during the lucrative Dussehra holiday season, audiences can expect an exciting box office showdown between two of Indian cinema's biggest stars. Fans of both Chiranjeevi and Rajinikanth have already begun celebrating the announcement on social media, expressing excitement over the festive clash. Industry observers believe the simultaneous release of two major star-driven films could make this one of the biggest box office battles of 2026, drawing huge crowds to theatres across the country.



Fresh Release Date Buzz Surrounds Vijay's Jana Nayagan

Speculation surrounding Thalapathy Vijay's much-awaited film Jana Nayagan has resurfaced, with fresh reports suggesting that the makers are considering either a mid-July or early August theatrical release. Although there has been no official confirmation yet, the latest buzz has reignited excitement among fans eagerly waiting for the actor's final film before his full-time political journey. Originally planned for a Sankranti 2026 release, Jana Nayagan has reportedly undergone multiple scheduling changes, leaving fans anxious for an official update. The prolonged wait has only increased anticipation, making every report about the film's release a major talking point on social media. According to industry buzz, the production team is currently evaluating suitable release windows and is expected to announce the final date soon. The decision is believed to depend on the completion of post-production work and other release-related factors before the film is officially locked for theatres. Directed by H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan is one of the most anticipated Tamil films in recent years. The film stars Vijay in the lead role alongside Pooja Hegde, while Bobby Deol, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj, Priyamani and Mamitha Baiju play pivotal roles. The project has generated enormous excitement ever since its announcement, as it is widely expected to be Vijay's final film before he shifts his complete focus to politics. Every update about the movie continues to create a buzz among fans across South India. With reports pointing towards a possible mid-July or early August release, expectations are running high. Fans are eagerly awaiting an official announcement from the makers, hoping to witness Vijay's grand farewell on the big screen. Until then, speculation surrounding Jana Nayagan is likely to continue dominating entertainment headlines.



tions by encouraging more families and groups to visit theatres. Similar promotional campaigns have proven successful in the past by increasing advance bookings and attracting a wider audience. With anticipation continuing to build, the special ticket offer

ya Menon. Veteran actors Jagapathi Babu, Mahesh Manjrekar and Rishabh Sawhney also play key roles in the film. The makers have positioned Nagabandham as a grand cinematic spectacle featuring large-scale visual effects, elaborate production design and an emotionally engaging story rooted in Indian mythology. The promotional content released so far has received a positive response, helping the film gain attention among audiences across multiple languages. Trade analysts believe the BOGO ticket initiative could help boost opening-day collec-

Pawan Kalyan's New Look Goes Viral

Power Star Pawan Kalyan has once again become the centre of attention, this time with a striking new look that has taken social media by storm. A recently surfaced photograph of the actor-politician has gone viral, with fans showering praise on his refreshed appearance and speculating about its connection to his upcoming film projects. The viral image features Pawan Kalyan sporting a neatly groomed hairstyle and a stylish, youthful look. His latest appearance has received an overwhelming response from fans, many of whom have described it as one of his most impressive looks in recent years. Within hours of being shared online, the picture was widely circulated across social media platforms, attracting thousands of likes, comments and shares. Fans flooded social media with messages admiring the star's makeover, with many expressing excitement about seeing him back on the big screen. While there has been no official confirmation about the reason behind the transformation, the photograph has sparked speculation that it could be linked to one of his much-awaited films. Pawan Kalyan has been successfully balancing his responsibilities as the Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh while continuing his acting career. Despite his busy political schedule, every update about the star continues to generate massive interest among his followers.



On the professional front, Pawan Kalyan has several high-profile films in the pipeline, keeping expectations high among movie lovers. Fans are eagerly waiting for official updates on his upcoming releases and promotional activities, making every public appearance a major event. The latest viral picture once again highlights the actor's immense popularity and enduring fan base. Whether through his political engagements or cinematic ventures, Pawan Kalyan continues to dominate headlines, with even a single photograph creating a buzz across the internet. As anticipation grows around his forthcoming projects, fans are looking forward to seeing more of the star in his stylish new avatar.

