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Camp Office Row Sparks Political Debate

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A fresh political controversy has erupted in Telangana over the functioning of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, with the opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) questioning the number of official camp offices being used by the Chief Minister and alleging unnecessary expenditure on a new facility. The Congress, meanwhile, has continued its political attacks on the previous BRS government, intensifying the ongoing rivalry between the state's two principal political parties.

The issue has gained prominence after BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao accused the Chief Minister of constructing a new camp office at an estimated cost of around ₹200 crore. KTR alleged that despite the availability of existing government facilities, including Pragathi Bhavan and offices at the Secretariat, the government was proceeding with another high-cost project. He further claimed that nearly ₹19 crore was being spent on constructing a security wall around the proposed complex and questioned reports that the Chief Minister had performed a private housewarming ceremony at the new premises. According to the BRS leader, the expenditure is unjustified at a time when the gov-



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ernment is facing financial constraints. Social media platforms associated with the party have circulated photographs of the under-construction building, demanding an explanation from the state government regarding its purpose and cost. These claims by the opposition have not been independently verified.

The controversy centres on the Chief Minister's use of multiple official locations. Apart from his office on the sixth floor of the Telangana Secretariat, Revanth Reddy operates from his official residence in Jubilee Hills and has also used facilities at the Dr. Marri Channa Reddy Human Resource Development Institute, the Police Command Control Centre in Banjara Hills and the proposed Bharat Future City project in Ranga Reddy district for official meetings and reviews. Political observers note that chief ministers traditionally maintain an office in the Secretariat along with an official residence or camp office. Some retired officials have observed that conducting meetings at multiple venues can create logistical challenges for ministers, senior bureaucrats and public representatives who must travel between locations depending on the schedule of review meetings. The issue has also led to comparisons with previous administrations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi primarily functions from his

office in New Delhi and his official residence at Lok Kalyan Marg. Former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao maintained his office at the Secretariat while frequently conducting official reviews at Pragathi Bhavan, which was located close to the Secretariat complex. Critics have also questioned the accessibility of the Chief Minister's office, pointing to restrictions on public and media access to the sixth floor of the Secretariat. They argue that greater accessibility would improve coordination between the government, elected representatives and citizens. The Congress government has not issued a detailed response to the specific allegations regarding the construction cost of the proposed camp office. However, the issue has become another flashpoint in the escalating political exchanges between the Congress and the BRS, with both parties continuing to trade accusations over governance, public spending and administrative priorities. As the debate gathers momentum, political observers believe the controversy is likely to remain in focus in the coming weeks, particularly if the opposition continues to press the government for clarification on the proposed office and its expenditure.

Revanth Reddy Pushes Digital Governance, Orders Timely Pay for Contract Staff



Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday directed senior officials to accelerate the implementation of digital governance across government departments, emphasizing that technology-driven administration is essential for improving public services, ensuring transparency, and guaranteeing the timely payment of salaries to contract and outsourcing employees. The Chief Minister issued the directions while concluding a high-level review meeting with senior officials to discuss issues faced by contract and outsourcing employees working in various government departments. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy stressed the need to formulate a comprehensive roadmap for digital governance and prepare the necessary legislation to support its implementation. He said the State Government should move towards a fully digitized administrative system that enhances efficiency and minimizes delays in service delivery. According to the Chief Minister, digital governance is aimed at ensuring better public services while enabling welfare schemes to reach eligible beneficiaries directly, with greater transparency and accountability. He noted that integrating technology into governance would reduce administrative bottlenecks and improve monitoring mechanisms across departments. A major focus of the review meeting was the welfare of contract and outsourcing employees. Revanth Reddy directed officials to completely digitize the records of all government, contract, and outsourcing employees so that salaries can be credited on the first day of every month without delay. He instructed

officials to compile and digitize comprehensive details of contract and outsourcing personnel working in different government departments. The database should include employee records, salary details, bank account information, and other relevant service particulars to facilitate seamless salary disbursement and improve administrative oversight. To ensure the effective implementation of the digital governance initiative, the Chief Minister approved the constitution of a dedicated committee to undertake a detailed study of the proposed system. The committee has been tasked with examining the existing administrative framework, identifying areas requiring reform, and recommending measures for a smooth transition to a fully digital governance model. Revanth Reddy directed the committee to complete its study and submit a comprehensive report within 100 days so that the government can take a final decision and proceed with implementation without unnecessary delay. The Chief Minister also expressed concern over complaints that some contract and outsourcing agencies fail to release salaries to employees on time, even after the government has transferred the required funds. He instructed officials to take strict action against agencies found guilty of delaying salary payments and warned that such practices would not be tolerated. The government believes that the proposed digital governance framework will strengthen administrative efficiency, improve accountability, and ensure that employees receive their rightful salaries promptly while enhancing the delivery of public services across Telangana.

Revanth Reddy Unveils New Balamrutham Plant, Reaffirms Women-Centric Welfare

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday inaugurated the new Balamrutham plant at Telangana Foods and reiterated the state government's commitment to improving nutrition, women's empowerment, education, and social welfare through a range of flagship initiatives. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister recalled that the programme was originally launched during the tenure of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district to provide nutritional support to pregnant women. He said the initiative has steadily expanded over the decades and has now evolved into a major nutrition programme benefiting women and children across Telangana. Revanth Reddy said the inauguration of the new Balamrutham plant marks another milestone in the gov-

ernment's efforts to ensure nutritious food for pregnant women, lactating mothers and young children. He added that the facility would strengthen the state's nutrition programme and contribute to building a healthier Telangana. Highlighting the role of women in public life, the Chief Minister said leaders ranging from Indira Gandhi to Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Telangana Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka have demonstrated that women can excel in leadership and governance. He outlined several welfare measures introduced by the state government, including free travel in RTC buses for more than two crore women, allotment of Indiramma houses in the names of women, 200 units of free electricity for eligible households, and the distribution of fine-quality rice to 3.28 crore beneficiaries across the state. The Chief Minister also



announced that the government has set a target of constructing one lakh houses for the urban poor. He said women have been made owners of 1,000 buses and have also been entrusted with managing a 1,000-megawatt solar power generation project as part of the government's strategy to promote economic empowerment. Revanth Reddy said his long-term vision is to help one crore women become finan-

cially prosperous by 2034 through livelihood opportunities, skill development and income-generation initiatives. He emphasized that the government's focus extends beyond financial empowerment to improving the health and well-being of women and children. The Chief Minister said the government has introduced a breakfast programme in government schools to ensure that children from economically

New Coal Block Allocation Strengthens Singareni



Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu on Tuesday welcomed the Centre's decision to allocate the Tadicherla-2 coal block to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited, describing it as a major milestone that will strengthen the coal producer's long-term future and support Telangana's energy security. In a press release, Bhatti Vikramarka said the allocation was the result of sustained efforts by the state government over the past two

years. He expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy for approving the request to allot the coal block to Singareni. The Deputy Chief Minister recalled that he had first met former Union Coal Minister Pralhad Joshi in New Delhi on March 7, 2024, seeking allocation of the Tadicherla-2 mining lease. He said the demand was later reiterated to Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy during the Centre's coal block auction held in Hyderabad and again during meetings

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Singareni Gets Major Mining Boost

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday announced that the Central Government has allocated the Tadicherla-2 coal block to the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), describing the move as a major step towards strengthening Telangana's coal sector, improving the company's financial health, and creating long-term employment opportunities.



Addressing a press conference, Kishan Reddy said the Centre remains committed to

the principle of cooperative federalism and is extending full

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Rythu Bharosa Assistance Extended to 7-8 Acre Farmers

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The Telangana Government on Tuesday released the seventh phase of financial assistance under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, depositing ₹259.73 crore directly into the bank accounts of farmers cultivating between seven and eight acres of land. Announcing the latest disbursement, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao said the assistance has benefited 58,831 farmers covering 4.32 lakh acres of culti-

Rythu Bharosa - Yanakulam 2026						
Assistance Released as on 07-07-2026						
Sl.No	Released Date	Day	Extent Range in Acres	Number of Beneficiaries	Extent in Acres	Amount in Rs.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	30-06-2026	Day 1	Slp to 1 Acre	26,55,045	14,64,899.18	8,79,93,60,657
2	30-06-2026	Day 1	Slp to 2 Acres	17,72,604	26,73,807.17	1,60,08,44,496
3	01-07-2026	Day 2	Slp to 3 Acres	10,68,093	26,50,36.19	15,90,02,17,456
4	02-07-2026	Day 2	Slp to 4 Acres	6,39,059	22,17,288.21	13,30,32,51,161
5	03-07-2026	Day 3	Slp to 5 Acres	4,41,143	19,79,991.89	11,87,99,47,300
6	04-07-2026	Day 3	Slp to 6 Acres	1,68,524	9,99,935.17	5,45,40,92,600
7	06-07-2026	Day 6	Slp to 7 Acres	92,729	5,91,588.24	3,54,95,31,928
8	07-07-2026	Day 7	Slp to 8 Acres	58,831	4,32,877.04	2,59,72,62,957
Total				68,06,026	1,25,17,818.84	77,50,45,08,605
				48.76	1.84.17	77.50.45
				Lakh	Thousand	Crore

ivated land. The funds were credited directly to the beneficiaries' bank accounts as part of the government's ongoing effort to provide timely financial support to

farmers during the agricultural season. The Minister stated that the state government has been releasing Rythu Bharosa assistance

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Revanth Reddy Sets 100-Day Target for Digital Governance



Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to accelerate the implementation of digital governance to bring greater transparency, accountability, and efficiency to the state's administrative system. He instructed officials to prepare a comprehensive roadmap and draft the necessary legislation to support the initiative. The directions were issued during a high-level review meeting held at the Bodhi Pavilion in MCRHRD on Tuesday to discuss issues affecting contract and outsourcing employees across various government departments. The Chief Minister said digital governance would improve public service delivery while ensuring that government welfare schemes reach beneficiaries directly without delays or leakages. He emphasized that the administrative system should be fully digitized to streamline operations and facilitate timely salary payments to government, contract, and outsourcing employees. Revanth Reddy instructed officials to digitize all employee records, including salary details and bank account information, to ensure salaries are credited between the first and fifth of every month. He noted that a

centralized digital database would enhance transparency and eliminate administrative bottlenecks. During the meeting, officials informed the Chief Minister that there are nearly 4,800 contract and outsourcing agencies operating in the state. Of these, around 4,300 agencies were reportedly failing to remit Employees' State Insurance (ESI) and Provident Fund (PF) contributions on behalf of their workers. Officials also pointed out that, despite the government releasing payments to these agencies on time, many employees continue to face delays in receiving their salaries. Expressing serious concern over the issue, the Chief Minister directed officials to initiate strict action against agencies violating labour welfare norms. He said digital governance should be used as a mechanism to monitor salary payments, statutory deductions, and compliance by outsourcing agencies, ensuring greater accountability. To expedite the implementation of the initiative, Revanth Reddy approved the formation of a committee comprising officials from various departments to conduct a comprehensive field-level study. The committee has been instructed to submit its recommendations and complete the process

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Rs.6.6 Crore Irrigation Repair Works Launched

Makthal, July 07 | TPN Bureau

State Minister Vakiti Srihari on Monday laid the foundation stone for repair and restoration works on the Chandragad-Nagireddypalli-Bekkarapalli lift irrigation schemes in Irladinne village of Amarachinta Mandal. The works, estimated at ₹6.58 crore (approximately ₹6.6 crore), are aimed at strengthening irrigation infrastructure and ensuring reliable water supply to thousands of acres of agricultural land. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the previous government had neglected the maintenance of the lift irrigation schemes for nearly a decade. He alleged that not even basic maintenance materials such as grease were supplied during that period, leaving the projects in poor condition. He said the present government had prioritized their restoration by sanctioning substantial funds with the objective of protecting farmers' interests. Vakiti Srihari credited



A. Revanth Reddy, Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy for extending support in securing funds for irrigation projects despite the state's financial constraints. He said the government remains committed to improving irrigation facilities and strengthening the agricultural sector. The

Minister stated that, as the elected MLA, it was his responsibility to ensure the development of the constituency. He announced that new irrigation schemes are also being planned for the Jangamreddypalli and Bhothpur areas to expand irrigation coverage and improve water availability for farmers. Criticising the previous BRS government, Vakiti Srihari alleged that

farmers had suffered due to inadequate support and poor agricultural policies. He said paddy cultivation had become increasingly difficult under the previous administration, whereas the present government was standing firmly with farmers by providing a bonus of ₹500 per quintal for fine-variety paddy. He added that fine-quality rice produced in Telangana is now being distributed free of cost through the Public Distribution System, ensuring that locally grown produce benefits the people of the state. On the issue of water sharing, the Minister accused BRS leaders of attempting to create unnecessary controversy over the Jurala project. He stressed that water is a shared resource and said any disputes should be resolved through dialogue rather than political confrontation. According to the Minister, ₹1.92 crore has been allocated for the Chandragad lift irrigation scheme, which will irrigate about 950 acres and

benefit around 705 farming families. Another ₹2.13 crore has been earmarked for the Bekkarapalli lift irrigation scheme, covering nearly 4,900 acres and benefiting approximately 885 families. Funds have also been sanctioned for the Nagireddypalli lift irrigation scheme, taking the total investment to over ₹6.58 crore. The combined projects are expected to improve irrigation across nearly 15,000 acres. The Minister appealed to the public to support the government's development initiatives and evaluate its performance based on the welfare measures and infrastructure projects being implemented.

The foundation stone ceremony was attended by State Toddy Tappers Co-operative Corporation Vice-Chairman Nagaraju Goud, local sarpanches, Amarac hinta Mandal Congress President Rajender Reddy, Narva Mandal Congress President Chennaiah Sagar, and other public representatives.

Tummala Reviews Kharif Preparedness, Pushes Farmer Support Measures



Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao on Tuesday directed officials to ensure that all arrangements for the ongoing Kharif season are completed without delay, stressing that farmers should face no difficulties from sowing to marketing their produce.

Chairing a comprehensive review meeting with senior Agriculture Department officials at the Secretariat, the Minister reviewed the status of oil palm cultivation expansion, supply of drip irrigation equipment, fertilizer availability, maize procurement payments, implementation of the Rythu Bharosa scheme, and contingency planning for possible El Niño conditions. Emphasizing the government's priority on expanding oil palm cultivation, Tummala said shortages or delays in supplying oil palm saplings at the time of planting would be unacceptable. He instructed officials to assess district-wise demand in advance and ensure timely supply from nurseries. He also directed continuous monitoring to avoid disruptions in cultivation. The Minister said drip irrigation is critical for oil palm farming and ordered a special action plan to ensure uninterrupted supply of drip equipment. Officials were told to coordinate closely with manufacturers and suppliers and expedite subsidy-related procedures so that farmers receive benefits on time. Reviewing maize procurement, Tummala sought details on pending payments to farmers and directed Marketed officials to accelerate the payment process and ensure prompt credit of funds into farmers' accounts. On fertilizer supply, the Minister reviewed urea stocks at Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS) across the state. He instructed officials to monitor district-wise availability, anticipate demand, and resolve transportation or supply bottlenecks immediately. He also asked officials to study the feasibility of selling fertilizers through women's self-help groups, saying the model could improve access for farmers while generating income opportunities for rural women. Tummala further directed officials to ensure that Rythu Bharosa assistance reaches all remaining eligible farmers without delay through close field-level monitoring.

In view of potential El Niño conditions, the Minister ordered full implementation of the state's contingency action plan. He directed officials to identify rainfall-deficit areas in advance, maintain adequate stocks of alternative crop seeds, and conduct extensive farmer awareness programs through Rythu Vedikas, Gram Sabhas, and village-level meetings to provide scientific guidance and timely support.

Seethakka Orders Statewide Measures to Prevent Drinking Water Crisis



Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development and Rural Water Supply Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Monday asserted that the state government would not allow a drinking water crisis to arise under any circumstances and directed officials to implement proactive measures to ensure uninterrupted water supply, even in the event of delayed monsoon rains or the impact of El Niño.

The Minister chaired a meeting of the Telangana Drinking Water Supply Corporation Board at the State Secretariat, where officials conducted a comprehensive review of the drinking water situation in rural areas, reservoir storage levels, and projected water requirements for the coming months. Addressing the meeting, Seethakka said providing safe drinking water to every household remains one of the government's highest priorities. She instructed officials to prepare for all possible scenarios, including deficient rainfall and prolonged dry spells, so that rural and urban residents do not face shortages.

Officials informed the Minister that treated drinking water is currently being supplied to rural habitations through 123 water treatment plants drawing water from 29 reservoirs in the Krishna and Godavari river basins. Seethakka reviewed the availability of water in each reservoir against projected requirements for the next 45, 90, and 180 days.

She directed officials to monitor reservoir levels on a daily basis and maintain close coordination with the Irrigation Department to ensure that sufficient drinking water reserves are maintained well in advance. The Minister also instructed officials to initiate contingency measures wherever water availability appears to be declining.

As part of the preparedness plan, Seethakka ordered officials to coordinate with the Irrigation Department to release water from the Akkampalli Balancing Reservoir to Udayasamudram and from the Tupakulagudem Barrage to Dummugudem if adequate inflows are not received by the end of July. Officials also informed the meeting that low water levels in the Singur project could affect drinking water supply to rural and urban areas in Sangareddy, Medak, and parts of Kamareddy and Nizamabad districts if sufficient inflows are not received within the next 45 days. In response, the Minister directed officials to prepare an immediate action plan to utilize groundwater-based drinking water schemes in the affected regions. She further instructed that alternative drinking water arrangements be kept ready across the state by utilizing local water sources wherever available. In areas lacking such sources, officials were asked to prepare advance plans for deepening existing borewells, flushing non-functional borewells, or hiring private borewells if required to meet drinking water needs.

Emphasizing that the government is maintaining constant vigilance in view of possible El Niño conditions, Seethakka directed officials to ensure seamless coordination among all departments and strictly implement precautionary measures to guarantee uninterrupted drinking water supply to every village and habitation.

The meeting was attended by Special Chief Secretary Dana Kishore, Mission Bhagiratha Engineer-in-Chief Krupakar Reddy, chief engineers, and members of the Telangana Drinking Water Supply Corporation Board.

Ponnam Prabhakar Stresses Quality Welfare and Skill Development

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday directed officials to prioritize student welfare, strengthen skill development initiatives, and improve the functioning of BC welfare institutions, while emphasizing strict implementation of hygiene standards and government-prescribed menus in Gurukuls and hostels. The Minister chaired a review meeting with senior officials of the BC Welfare Department at the Secretariat to assess the implementation of decisions taken during the previous review and evaluate the department's ongoing welfare and development programmes. The meeting came nearly 20 days after the reopening of Gurukuls and hostels across the state. During the review, Ponnam Prabhakar instructed officials to maintain a clean and



green environment in all Gurukuls and hostels and ensure that the government-approved menu is implemented without any deviation. He said there should be no compromise on the quality of food or student facilities and directed District BC Welfare Officers (DBCWs) to discharge their responsibilities with discipline and accountability. The Minister also suggested that public representatives make regular visits to residential schools and hostels to personally assess the living conditions of students and ensure that welfare measures

are being implemented effectively. Highlighting the importance of quality education and career development, Ponnam Prabhakar ordered the constitution of a special committee to strengthen BC Study Circles. He directed officials to enhance Civil Services coaching by integrating vocational training and skill development programmes. The committee was also asked to study successful study circle models in Delhi and Ahmedabad and explore the adoption of similar best practices in Telangana. Reviewing employment gen-

eration initiatives, the Minister stressed the need to expand skill development programmes under the BC Welfare Department to improve employment opportunities for Backward Classes youth. He instructed officials to undertake a comprehensive study of economic support schemes and prepare proposals that would help promote self-employment and entrepreneurship. The Minister also reviewed preparations for the Traditional Occupations Fair (Kulavrutula Mela), scheduled to commence on July 16 at the HMDA Grounds. He directed officials to ensure equal opportunities for traditional artisans from all communities and prepare comprehensive guidelines for implementing the sewing machine scheme aimed at promoting economic self-reliance among women. Ponnam Prabhakar further sought a detailed report on

the distribution of laptops to residential school students who secured admissions to IITs and IIMs. He instructed the BC Welfare Commissioner and the Secretary of Residential Schools to conduct surprise inspections of Gurukuls and hostels to ensure students receive quality education, nutritious food, and proper facilities.

The Minister also directed officials to immediately complete the distribution of kits in districts where the Katamayya Rakshana Kavacham training programme has concluded but beneficiaries are yet to receive their kits.

The review meeting was attended by BC Welfare Secretary Balamayadevi, Residential Schools Secretary Saidulu, and senior officials including Mallayya Battu, Alok Kumar, Mamidi Harikrishna, and Srinivas Reddy.

Seethakka Directs Effective Implementation of Gram Panchayat Development Plans

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development and Rural Water Supply Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Tuesday directed officials to strengthen Gram Panchayats through effective implementation of Comprehensive Development Plans, emphasizing that empowered local bodies are essential for the overall development of the state. The Minister chaired a video conference at the State Secretariat with Additional Collectors (Local Bodies), district officials, and senior officers to review preparations for the implementation of the Gram Panchayat

Comprehensive Development Plan (GPSAP) and discuss measures to improve rural governance. Addressing the officials, Seethakka said the State Government's primary objective is to build stronger Gram Panchayats capable of delivering better civic amenities and public services. She stressed that the development of Telangana depends on the empowerment of villages and that villages can prosper only when Gram Panchayats function efficiently and transparently. The Minister instructed officials to ensure that every rupee allocated for village development is spent strictly in accordance with government rules and financial regulations. She warned against

any misuse of funds and said accountability at the grass-roots level must be maintained. Seethakka announced that a three-day comprehensive training programme for Sarpanches, Gram Panchayat Secretaries, and other officials would commence across all districts from Wednesday. She directed district administrations to ensure mandatory participation of all concerned officials and elected representatives. Negligence in attending or conducting the training, she cautioned, would invite departmental action. The Minister emphasized that the training should provide complete clarity on the utilization of grants received under the 16th Finance Commission. She

instructed officials to explain financial guidelines, planning procedures, and accountability mechanisms in detail so that funds are utilized efficiently for village development. She also called for the effective implementation of the Gram Panchayat Comprehensive Development Plan (GPSAP), stating that development plans should be prepared based on the actual needs and priorities of local communities. Public participation, she said, should be at the centre of planning and execution. Seethakka further directed officials to provide extensive training on the V.B.G. Ram-ji Act to every Sarpanch and Gram Panchayat Secretary to

ensure uniform understanding of its provisions and effective implementation at the village level. Highlighting the importance of basic services, the Minister instructed officials to accord top priority to uninterrupted drinking water supply and adopt proactive measures to prevent water shortages in villages. She urged district authorities to continuously monitor the situation and address emerging issues without delay. Reiterating the government's commitment to grassroots development, Seethakka said strengthening local self-governance would pave the way for sustainable rural development and improved public services across Telangana.

rs.360 Crore Sanctioned for Modern Revenue Infrastructure

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Government has accorded administrative sanctions worth ₹360 crore for the construction of permanent buildings for Revenue and Registration Department offices across the state, aiming to strengthen public service delivery and modernize administrative infrastructure. Revenue, Housing and Information & Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy reviewed the progress of the building projects with senior officials on Tuesday and directed them to expedite construction by completing all preparatory work without delay. The Minister said the government is implementing the projects in a phased manner to replace offices currently functioning from rented or dilapidated buildings. In the first phase, permanent buildings are being constructed for 107 Tahsildar offices and 10 Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) offices at an estimated cost of ₹263 crore. The execution of these projects has been entrusted to the Telangana Housing Corporation. In addition, the government has sanctioned ₹97 crore for infrastructure under the Stamps and Registration Department. The funds will be utilized for the construction of 48 Sub-Registrar offices, District Registrar offices in Adilabad, Khammam and Mahabubnagar districts, and Deputy Inspector General (DIG) offices in Nizamabad and Warangal districts. According to the Minister, all the new buildings will be developed with a uniform architectural design and equipped with modern amenities to facilitate faster, transparent and citizen-friendly revenue and registration services.



Mobile Anganwadi Launched for Migrant Workers' Children

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Labour and Mines Minister G. Vivek Venkat swamy on Tuesday launched the state's first Mobile Anganwadi, describing it as an innovative initiative aimed at ensuring nutrition, healthcare and early childhood education reach the children of migrant workers. The Mobile Anganwadi vehicle was jointly flagged off by Dr. Vivek Venkat swamy and Women and Child Welfare Minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka at the MCRHRD campus in Hyderabad. Developed through a collaborative effort between the Women and Child Welfare and Labour Departments, the pilot project will initially cater to children residing in Indiramma Colony in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. Addressing the gathering, Vivek Venkatswamy said Anganwadi centres have been playing a significant role in improving the health and nutrition of lakhs of children across Telangana. He noted that the concept of



a Mobile Anganwadi would extend these benefits to children of migrant workers who often miss out on essential welfare services due to the nature of their parents' employment. The Minister praised Seethakka for conceptualizing the initiative, stating that taking Anganwadi services directly to migrant labour colonies would help bridge a long-standing gap in child welfare. He said frequent migration often disrupts children's access to nutrition, healthcare and pre-school education, but the mobile units would ensure continuity of these services regardless of where families relocate. Vivek Venkatswamy emphasized that worker welfare extends beyond employ-

ment and wages.

He said the government is equally committed to safeguarding the health, education and future of workers' families through targeted welfare initiatives. He assured that the Labour Department would extend full support to programmes designed to improve the quality of life of migrant workers and their children. The Minister further announced that the government would evaluate the performance of the pilot project before expanding the initiative to other parts of the state. If the Mobile Anganwadi model proves successful, additional vehicles will be deployed to serve migrant settlements in different districts, he said.

CM Offers Assembly Debate on Kaleshwaram

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday said the Telangana government is prepared to convene a special session of the Legislative Assembly for a detailed discussion on the present condition of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. He maintained that the government would move ahead with restoration works only after technical experts provide scientifically sound recommendations. Speaking after a presentation by Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan, the Chief Minister said the government has no objection to holding a comprehensive debate in the Assembly or even a joint sitting of the Assembly and Legislative Council if requested by the Leader of the Opposition. Revanth Reddy said that if the Opposition could convince experts and intellectuals about a viable restoration plan, the government would consider proceeding with repair works accordingly. He stressed that restoring the project without expert advice would be irresponsi-



ble and warned that storing water in the damaged barrages before resolving structural issues could lead to a larger disaster. The presentation, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers, MPs, MLAs, MLCs and senior officials, reviewed reports submitted by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) along with findings from state and central government agencies on the structural condition of the project. The Chief Minister traced the evolution of the original Pranahita-Cheveilla project at Tummidihatti, stating that it was initially designed to irrigate 16.60 lakh acres mainly through gravity flow after Maharashtra agreed to the proposed reservoir height. He noted that over ₹6,157 crore had

already been spent before the formation of Telangana and that an additional ₹5,523 crore was invested after 2014. According to Revanth Reddy, the original project was later redesigned into the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme despite objections from a committee of retired engineers, whose report allegedly advised against shifting the project from Tummidihatti. He claimed the redesigned project, initially estimated at around ₹38,000 crore, eventually expanded to an expenditure of nearly ₹1.47 lakh crore without a corresponding increase in irrigation potential. Referring to observations by the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the Chief Minister said deficiencies in planning, design, construction and

maintenance had contributed to the present situation. He also stated that defects in the Medigadda Barrage had been officially flagged as early as 2020, with warnings issued to the construction company regarding the need for repairs. Revanth Reddy said the collapse of the roof over the Kannepalli pump house during the 2020 Godavari floods and the absence of detailed subsurface soil investigations at the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages raised serious engineering concerns. He further noted that historical assessments by British engineer Sir Arthur Cotton had also questioned the suitability of parts of the area for such large-scale hydraulic structures. Emphasizing that the government's priority is public safety, the Chief Minister said the project would be utilised only after experts certify its structural stability. He added that the government remained committed to protecting public funds while ensuring long-term irrigation benefits for Telangana's farmers.

Konda Surekha Complains to CM Over MLA's Official Review Meeting

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau Telangana Minister for Forests, Environment and Endowments Konda Surekha has written to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, raising objections to an official review meeting reportedly conducted by Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari with Endowments Department officials without informing the minister in charge of the department. In her complaint, Konda Surekha alleged that the MLA's action disregarded established administrative procedures and undermined the authority vested in the minister responsible for the Endowments Department. She maintained that official reviews concerning departmental administration should be conducted

under the supervision of the concerned minister in accordance with government norms. According to the letter, matters relating to departmental administration, policy formulation, official reviews, and the monitoring of development programmes fall within the jurisdiction of the Endowments Minister. She contended that the meeting convened by Kadiyam Srihari with the Director and other Endowments Department officials, without prior information to the minister, was inconsistent with established administrative practices. The Minister stated that the review reportedly covered issues including temple development, allocation of funds, preparation of master plans, protection of temple



lands, removal of encroachments, and timelines for implementing development works. She argued that conducting such an official review while bypassing the minister concerned was administratively objectionable and contrary to the spirit of the government's Rules of Business. Konda Surekha further stated that experienced public representatives are aware that policy decisions and adminis-

trative reviews of government departments are expected to be undertaken under the aegis of the minister responsible for that department. She said sidelining the minister in official proceedings could set an undesirable precedent in the state's administrative system. In her representation to the Chief Minister, the Minister urged that appropriate measures be taken at the party level to prevent similar incidents in the future. She expressed concern that such actions could affect coordination within the government and create confusion among departmental officials regarding administrative authority and accountability. The complaint also requested a comprehensive examination of the issue.

BRS Alleges Massive Land Transfer Scam, Seeks High-Level Probe

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) State General Secretary R. S. Praveen Kumar on Tuesday alleged that a massive land transfer scam had taken place under the Congress government, accusing Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy of failing to prevent large-scale irregularities in the Revenue Department. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Praveen Kumar claimed that nearly 22,000 land records had allegedly been transferred to other individuals without the knowledge or consent of the original landowners. He alleged that the transfers, including lands listed under the prohibited category, were carried out by manipulating the software used for maintaining land records, bypassing the knowledge of dis-

trict collectors and other senior revenue officials. The BRS leader alleged that the irregular transfers had occurred in districts surrounding Hyderabad, including Rangareddy, Medchal, Sangareddy, Siddipet, Sircilla and Jangaon. He claimed that the alleged scam involved land worth nearly ₹10,000 crore and demanded a comprehensive investigation into the transactions. Praveen Kumar alleged that the Revenue Department had violated provisions governing land transfers, including procedures requiring prior notice to both buyers and sellers before ownership changes are recorded. He accused the government of dismantling the Dharani land records system introduced during the previous BRS administration while failing to safeguard the integrity of its replacement, the Bhu Bharati por-

tal. Referring to the Jangaon land scam, he questioned why stronger action had not been taken despite the government previously acknowledging irregularities and ordering an inquiry. He also alleged that illegal land transfers had continued through June 2026 and called upon the government to make the findings of its investigations public. The BRS leader further demanded a high-level inquiry headed by a retired judge into the alleged land transfers. He said the matter should be referred to agencies such as the CID, CBI or ED if necessary, and urged authorities to examine digital records and communication related to the transactions. Praveen Kumar also criticized the functioning of the Anti-Corruption Bureau, alleging that

anti-corruption cases were being registered selectively. He claimed that action by the agency was influenced by political considerations rather than uniform application of the law and cited recent cases involving government officials as examples. He called upon Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy to respond to the allegations through an open public debate and sought his resignation pending an independent investigation. Praveen Kumar also appealed to officials not to act on any unlawful instructions and said the BRS would extend legal and political support to citizens who claim to have been affected by alleged irregular land transfers. There was no immediate response from the state government or the Revenue Department to the allegations made by the BRS leader.

BJP Urges Wider Voter Outreach, Sets Sights on GHMC Victory

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Tuesday led a delegation of senior party leaders to meet the State Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) at BRK Bhavan in Hyderabad, raising concerns over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls while also calling upon party workers to intensify grassroots efforts ahead of the upcoming GHMC elections. The delegation included Anji Reddy, BJP State General Secretary Vemula Ashok, BJP State Vice-President Jayashree, and senior leaders Anthony Reddy and Solkar Reddy. Addressing the media after the meeting, Ramchander Rao said the SIR process was progressing successfully despite what he described as attempts by certain political groups to create confusion among voters. He explained

that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are distributing enumeration forms during the first phase and revisiting households to verify details and collect completed forms in the second phase. The BJP urged the CEO to make enumeration forms available in multiple languages, particularly English, to assist residents from other states living in Hyderabad, Malkajgiri and Cyberabad who may not be familiar with Telugu. Ramchander Rao said the request was aimed at ensuring that every eligible voter could participate in the electoral revision process without facing language barriers. He also alleged that leaders from rival political parties were intimidating BLOs and obstructing them from carrying out door-to-door verification in certain localities, affecting the registration of genuine voters. According to him, the CEO assured the delegation that



the Election Commission would examine the complaints and take appropriate action wherever necessary. Ramchander Rao noted that officials had informed the delegation that nearly 92 percent of the enumeration forms had already been distributed. With July 24 set as the deadline for the exercise, he appealed to all eligible citizens to complete their voter registration and safeguard their democratic rights. He also expressed concern over alleged attempts to facilitate fraudulent voter registrations and said the Election Commission had assured strict vigilance and investigation into any complaints

received through the prescribed mechanism. Later, addressing the BJP Ranga Reddy District (Urban) executive committee meeting, Ramchander Rao urged party workers to remain united with the single objective of securing victory in the GHMC elections and capturing the Mayor's post. He said the people of Telangana were looking to the BJP as an alternative to the Congress and BRS governments and called for disciplined teamwork, extensive booth-level mobilisation, and continuous public outreach. He instructed the cadre to strengthen door-to-door campaigns under the SIR programme in coordination with Booth Level Agents (BLAs), focus on voter list verification, enrol eligible new voters, and build strong grassroots movements highlighting local issues and what he described as the Congress government's anti-people policies.

Congress to Revive Tummidihatti Project: Uttam

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Tuesday announced that the Congress government would revive the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Cheveilla Sujala Sravanthi (Tummidihatti) project, saying the decision fulfils a key election promise and aims to provide a technically sound and financially sustainable irrigation solution for the state. Addressing a press conference at Praja Bhavan after a

Revanth Reddy Sets 100-Day Target for Digital Governance

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within 100 days, enabling the government to finalize and implement the digital governance framework. The Chief Minister also directed officials to digitize the records of all government employees to facilitate the implementation of health cards and other employee welfare benefits. He suggested establishing a dedicated monitoring mechanism under the Finance Department to oversee the functioning of the digital system and ensure its effective implementation. The review meeting was attended by Vem Narender Reddy, Advisor Ramakrishna Rao, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister V. Seshadri, MCRHRD Vice-Chairperson Shanti Kumari, Pay Revision Commissioner N. Siva Shankar, Principal Secretary (Finance) Sandeep Kumar Sultania, Secretary (Planning) Gaurav Uppal, and other senior officials.

New Coal Block Allocation Strengthens Singareni

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in New Delhi. Bhatti Vikramarka also noted that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy had personally appealed to the Prime Minister for the allocation of the Tadicherla block and other coal blocks to Singareni. According to him, these persistent representations ultimately resulted in the Centre's decision to allocate the block.

The Minister said the Tadicherla-2 open-cast mine, located in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, contains estimated geological reserves of 434.14 million tonnes, with an extractable coal reserve of around 340 million tonnes. Plans have been prepared to produce approximately 10 million tonnes of G-9 grade coal annually, providing mining operations for nearly four decades. He said the project is expected to generate employment for more than 3,000 people, both directly and indirectly, while accelerating the socio-economic development of the Bhupalpally region through improved road, rail and other infrastructure. The additional coal production will also strengthen fuel security for Telangana's thermal power stations and industrial sector. Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted that the government had earlier secured all pending clearances for the Naini coal block in Odisha and successfully initiated production there after years of delay. He described the allocation of the Tadicherla-2 block as another significant achievement reflecting the government's commitment to expanding Singareni's operations. He said the new mine would play a crucial role in Singareni's long-term expansion plans and contribute substantially towards achieving the company's target of producing 100 million tonnes of coal annually. The Deputy Chief Minister also urged the Centre to allocate additional coal blocks in the region to Singareni to further strengthen the public sector mining company. <

Singareni Gets Major Mining Boost

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support to SCCL, a 137-year-old institution that plays a vital role in Telangana's economy. He noted that the company's growth directly impacts the livelihoods of more than 72,000 families, including around 41,000 permanent employees and 31,000 contract workers.

SCCL currently operates 39 mines, comprising 21 underground and 18 open-cast mines spread across several districts of Telangana. The Union Minister said the Central Government has been facilitating faster environmental and forest clearances for the company's major mining projects while also supporting initiatives aimed at increasing production and reducing operational costs.

Recalling a recent review meeting with SCCL officials in Hyderabad, Kishan Reddy said he had suggested measures to improve coal production, enhance efficiency, and strengthen the company's revenue generation. He added that after assuming charge as Union Coal Minister, he secured the allocation of the Naini coal block in Odisha for SCCL following discussions with the Odisha government. Coal production has already commenced at the mine, which contains an estimated 340 million tonnes of coal reserves and has the capacity to produce 10 million tonnes annually for the next three to three-and-a-half decades.

The Minister said the Tadicherla-2 coal block contains nearly 182 million tonnes of Grade-8 coal and is expected to produce around six million tonnes annually for the next 40 to 50 years. He stated that the project is projected to generate more than ₹64,000 crore in revenue for SCCL while saving approximately ₹2,550 crore by avoiding auction premiums. He added that the Telangana government is expected to earn nearly ₹16,000 crore through royalties and other revenue streams.

Kishan Reddy said he had personally sought legal opinion before requesting Prime Minister Narendra Modi to approve the direct allocation of the block to SCCL. According to him, the Prime Minister readily agreed, keeping in view the development of Telangana, the future of Singareni, and the welfare of its employees.

He announced that he had signed the official file approving the Tadicherla-2 allocation and described it as a historic decision, noting that no coal block had been directly allotted to a public sector undertaking since 2020. The Minister said the allocation would create around 1,200 new jobs, while the Naini project has the potential to generate another 1,500 employment opportunities.

Kishan Reddy also stated that the remaining issues concerning the Naini coal block have been resolved and that the focus will now be on accelerating production. He reiterated that although SCCL is owned by the Telangana government, the Centre will continue extending every possible support to ensure the company's sustainable growth and long-term prosperity.

Rythu Bharosa Assistance Extended to 7-8 Acre Farmers

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in a phased manner to ensure a smooth and hassle-free distribution process. He noted that the first six phases had covered farmers owning up to seven acres of agricultural land, while the seventh phase had extended the benefit to all eligible farmers with landholdings between seven and eight acres. According to Tummala Nageswara Rao, the phased implementation has enabled the government to efficiently transfer financial assistance directly to farmers without causing administrative delays or inconvenience. Highlighting the overall progress of the scheme, the Minister said that the government has released a total of ₹7,750.45 crore under Rythu Bharosa within just seven days. So far, the assistance has reached 68.96 lakh farmers across Telangana, covering approximately 129.17 lakh acres of cultivated land. He reiterated that the welfare of farmers remains one of the highest priorities of the state government and said the Rythu Bharosa scheme is aimed at strengthening the agricultural sector by providing timely financial assistance to cultivators. The direct benefit transfer mechanism, he added, ensures transparency while enabling farmers to meet cultivation expenses during the Kharif season. Tummala Nageswara Rao affirmed that the government is committed to extending the benefit to every eligible farmer in the state. He said officials have been instructed to ensure that all eligible beneficiaries receive the financial assistance without delay and that the implementation of the scheme continues in a transparent and efficient manner. The Minister emphasized that the government will continue to support the farming community through welfare initiatives and agricultural development programmes designed to improve productivity, reduce financial stress, and strengthen rural livelihoods. He added that timely assistance under Rythu Bharosa reflects the government's commitment to safeguarding the interests of Telangana's farmers and promoting sustainable agricultural growth.



KTR Promises Greater Support for Oil Palm Farmers

Jayashankar Bhupalpally, July 07 | TPN Bureau Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K. T. Rama Rao on Tuesday interacted with oil palm farmers in Jayashankar Bhupalpally district, discussing the progress of crop diversification, the challenges faced by cultivators, and the future prospects of oil palm cultivation in Telangana. He assured farmers that the BRS would introduce additional incen-

tives for the sector if it returned to power. During the interaction, KTR said the expansion of oil palm cultivation to 20 lakh acres was a vision of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao. He said the previous BRS government had promoted oil palm cultivation to reduce India's dependence on edible oil imports while enabling farmers to earn higher incomes compared to traditional crops such as paddy.



Talasani Family Participates in Special Voter Revision

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav participated in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls on Tuesday by submitting his voter details to election officials as part of the ongoing voter verification exercise.

Officials conducting the Special Voter Revision programme visited the MLA's residence in Jubilee Hills, where Talasani Srinivas Yadav handed over his duly filled enumeration form to Booth Level Officer (BLO) Srinivas and Supervisor Shivakumar. The form contained his updated personal



and electoral details required for the revision of the voters' list.His wife, Talasani Swarna, also participated in the exercise by

submitting her completed enumeration form to the election officials.The voter verification process also included Talasani Sai Kiran

Yadav, the BRS party in-charge for the Secunderabad Parliamentary constituency, and his wife, who likewise submitted their voter details as part of the Special Intensive Revision programme.

During the visit, the Booth Level Officer and supervising officials verified and recorded the electoral details of the family members and completed the formalities associated with the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme.

The Special Intensive Revision is being carried out by election authorities to update and verify electoral rolls by collecting and validating voter information

through field-level visits. The exercise aims to ensure that the electoral rolls remain accurate and include all eligible voters while removing discrepancies, if any.

By participating in the programme, Talasani Srinivas Yadav and his family completed the required verification process at their residence, cooperating with election officials in updating their voter records. The exercise is part of the ongoing statewide effort to strengthen the accuracy and transparency of the electoral database through direct interaction between Booth Level Officers and eligible electors.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Pays Tribute to YSR on Birth Anniversary

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud on Tuesday paid rich tributes to former united Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy on his birth anniversary, describing him as a visionary leader whose public welfare initiatives transformed the lives of millions.Recalling YSR's contributions, Mahesh Kumar Goud said he was a rare leader who firmly believed that governance

should revolve around the welfare of the people. He noted that the upliftment of farmers, the poor, students, women, and weaker sections of society remained at the heart of YSR's political philosophy throughout his public life.The TPCC chief highlighted that YSR's leadership was unique because he first connected directly with the people through his historic Praja Prasthanam padayatra, gaining firsthand knowledge of their hardships and aspirations. After assuming office, he translated those experiences into a series of

welfare programmes designed to address the problems faced by the common people.

Mahesh Kumar Goud said YSR's tenure witnessed the implementation of several landmark initiatives that left a lasting impact on the lives of citizens. He cited schemes such as free electricity for farmers, Arogyasri, the 108 emergency ambulance service, fee reimbursement for students, Indiramma housing, and the Jalayagnam irrigation programme as examples of YSR's commitment to inclusive development.

He observed that YSR earned a distinctive place in Indian politics by maintaining close contact with the people and ensuring that their concerns remained central to government policy. According to Mahesh Kumar Goud, his governance model demonstrated how public welfare could become the foundation of effective administration.

The Congress leader said the late Chief Minister's dedication to serving the poor and marginalized would continue to inspire future generations. He remarked that

YSR's contributions to social welfare and rural development would always be remembered with respect and gratitude.

Calling upon Congress workers to uphold YSR's ideals, Mahesh Kumar Goud urged party members to remain committed to the principles of public welfare, social justice, and inclusive development. He said YSR would forever remain in the hearts of Telugu people as a leader who devoted his life to the service of society and the upliftment of every section of the population.

Palla Rajeshwar Reddy Alleges Government Inaction on Water Crisis

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy on Tuesday accused the Telangana government of failing to respond effectively to the emerging water crisis despite repeated warnings about the possible impact of El Niño. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, he alleged that the government had not taken adequate contingency measures to safeguard farmers and ensure irrigation water availability. Palla Rajeshwar Reddy claimed that rainfall deficiency currently exists in

246 mandals across the state, resulting in depleted reservoirs, drying tanks, and falling groundwater levels. He said the delay in monsoon rains had severely affected agricultural activities, adding that farmers were unable to even sow paddy nurseries during the crucial Arudra Karte period. He also alleged that crops such as cotton, red gram, and maize had failed to germinate in several areas. The BRS leader criticized the state government for not convening a comprehensive review meeting on contingency planning. He specifically targeted Irrigation

Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, alleging that the department had failed to take timely measures to address irrigation and drinking water shortages.

Palla Rajeshwar Reddy further alleged that the government was not utilizing available options to lift water from the Kannepalli pump house and other irrigation infrastructure, including Sammakka Sagar, despite the possibility of supplying water to drought-affected regions. He claimed that political considerations were preventing the effective use of available water resources.

The MLA also accused the government of ignoring the potential of the Pranahita River to replenish reservoirs and alleged that decisions relating to the Irrigation Department were being influenced by advisor Adityanath Das. He further criticized the Congress government, claiming it was neglecting the interests of Telangana's farmers and water resources.

Referring to the Kaleshwaram project, Palla Rajeshwar Reddy credited former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao with expanding irrigation and boosting agricultural pro-

duction in the state. He alleged that the present government was undermining key irrigation structures, including the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, through indiscriminate sand excavation.

Calling upon the government to immediately activate the Kannepalli pump house and ensure adequate water supply for irrigation and drinking purposes, the MLA urged the Irrigation Minister to consult technical experts and retired engineers before taking decisions. The press conference was attended by Upendra Chari and Vidyasagar.

Special Civic Task Force Deployed

Quthbullapur, July 07 | TPN Bureau

The Quthbullapur Municipal Corporation has launched a Special Task Force to intensify action against illegal constructions, road encroachments, sanitation issues, and monsoon-related emergencies across the zone. Equipped with modern machinery and dedicated personnel, the teams have been deployed in all circles to ensure quicker civic services and improve public safety.On Tuesday, Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar, along with Town Planning officials, inspected the vehicles, machinery, and equipment allotted to the task force. Officials said the initiative is aimed at strengthening municipal preparedness while ensuring prompt



action on civic complaints. As part of the drive, the Town Planning Department has prepared a special action plan to monitor unauthorized constructions and road encroachments. The task force will conduct regular inspections and maintain constant surveillance over illegal building activities. Officials have been

instructed to initiate immediate demolition operations wherever violations are detected.The teams will also be utilized for multiple civic services through a cross-utilization model. Besides town planning activities, they will undertake sanitation drives, remove construction debris, identify waste accumulation points, and support large-

scale cleanliness campaigns across the zone.

With the monsoon season underway, the Special Task Force has also been assigned emergency response duties. During heavy rains, the teams will respond to incidents such as waterlogging, fallen trees, blocked roads, and structurally unsafe buildings. Officials said the task force will remain on standby to ensure swift restoration of normal civic conditions.The Municipal Corporation has adopted a "Zero Idle Time" policy to maximize the utilization of manpower and machinery. Assistant Commissioners and field supervisors have been directed to prepare weekly operational plans to ensure uninterrupted field activity.Each circle has been provided with a dedicated

task force comprising a JCB, tractor, gas cutter, and air compressor, supported by two drivers, two operators, and two workers. Personnel have also been issued high-visibility safety uniforms, protective footwear, and reflective safety gear. Speakin g on the occasion, Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar said the initiative is designed to transform Quthbullapur into a model municipal zone by ensuring rapid response to civic issues, strict enforcement against illegal activities, and efficient public service delivery.

Officials expressed confidence that residents would witness significant improvements in municipal administration through the newly deployed task force.

Thalasani Directs Steps for Community Hall at GVR Compound Colony

Secunderabad, July 7 | TPN Bureau

Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav has directed officials to initiate the process for constructing a community hall at the GVR Compound 2BHK Housing Colony in Bansilalpet Division after responding to a representation submitted by local residents.

The request was made by the Uppalamma Wicker Section Welfare Association, which appealed to the MLA for the establishment of a community hall to meet the growing social and community needs of the residents living in the housing colony. After reviewing the petition,

Thalasani Srinivas Yadav said the proposed facility was essential for organizing welfare activities, community meetings and various social functions for the benefit of the colony's residents. He instructed the GHMC Zonal Commissioner of the Secunderabad Zone to take the necessary administrative steps and begin the process for granting approval for the construction of the community hall. The MLA said the State Government remains committed to addressing the concerns of residents in housing colonies and would continue to prioritize the development of essential civic infrastructure. He



emphasized that community facilities such as halls play an important role in strengthening social interaction, conducting public

welfare programmes and providing a common space for residents to gather. He assured the residents that their genuine demands

would receive due consideration and that efforts would be made to expedite the proposal in coordination with the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). Several local leaders and residents attended the programme, including Bansilalpet Division senior leader Namala Prem Kumar, Venkat Babu, Naresh, Balraj, Jangir and Jayanthi, along with residents of the GVR Compound double-bedroom housing colony, who expressed gratitude to the MLA for responding positively to their request and supporting the development of community infrastructure in the area.

Revanth Reddy Pays Tribute to YSR

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy paid rich tributes to former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y. S. Rajasekhara Reddy on the occasion of his birth anniversary, described him as a visionary leader who dedicated his life to the welfare of the people.

In a message released ahead of YSR's birth anniversary on July 8, Revanth Reddy said Dr. Rajasekhara Reddy regarded the people as his own family and implemented welfare programmes that transformed the lives of farmers, women, students, weaker sections and the underprivileged. He said these initiatives became a model for the country and benefited lakhs of families.The Chief Minister recalled YSR's historic Padayatra, saying it reflected his deep commitment to understanding the hardships faced by ordinary people. He added that YSR's decisions on farmers' welfare, free electricity, healthcare expansion, education and social justice had created a lasting legacy that continues to influence public policy.Revanth Reddy also praised YSR's vision for infrastructure development, noting that projects such as the Hyderabad Metro Rail, the International Airport and the PVNR Flyover played an important role in transforming Hyderabad into a major investment destination.Describing YSR as a leader whose ideals and humanitarian outlook continue to inspire generations, the Chief Minister said his dedication to public service remains an enduring example for political leaders and citizens alike.

Talasani Visits Ailing Journalist, Extends Financial Assistance

Secunderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav on Tuesday visited the residence of journalist Narsing Rao in Boyaguda after learning that he had recently undergone bypass surgery.During the visit, the MLA enquired about the journalist's health condition and wished him a speedy recovery. Talasani Srinivas Yadav spent time with Narsing Rao and his family,

offering words of encouragement and expressing hope that he would soon regain good health and resume his normal routine.As a gesture of support, the MLA also extended financial assistance to help the journalist and his family during his recovery period. Family members expressed gratitude for the visit, stating that it provided both moral encouragement and much-needed support.Several journalists and local leaders accompanied the MLA during the visit. Among them were Telangana Working Journalists Federation State Secretary E. Chandrashekar, journalist Mahender, Bansilalpet Division BRS President Venkateshan Raju, and party leaders Yesuri Mahesh, Prem Kumar, Rambabu, Lambu Srinivas, Kothuru Venkat, Abbas, Nagabhushanam, Vijay and Sai.On the occasion, E. Chandrashekar and Mahender thanked Talasani Srinivas Yadav on behalf of the journalist fraternity for personally visiting Narsing Rao and extending financial assistance. They said the MLA's gesture had provided significant emotional support to the journalist and his family during a difficult time. The leaders appreciated Talasani's concern for the welfare of media professionals and wished Narsing Rao a complete and speedy recovery.



Repeat Bike Thief Arrested, Stolen Vehicles Recovered

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

A habitual two-wheeler thief accused of stealing motorcycles in multiple areas has been arrested by the Bachupally Crime Police, who also recovered two stolen Yamaha RX 135 motorcycles from his possession. The arrest is being viewed as a significant step in curbing vehicle thefts that had been troubling residents in recent months.The accused, identified as Letla Praveen (25), is a native of Bijanapally in Nagarkurnool district. According to police officials, he was involved in a series of motorcycle thefts within the Bachupally police station limits. Acting on credible information and conducting sustained surveillance, investigators tracked down the suspect and took him into custody.During interrogation, Praveen allegedly confessed to stealing two Yamaha RX 135 motorcycles bearing registration numbers AP 02 F 6793 and AP 01 F 2675. Based on his confession, police recovered both stolen vehicles. Officials stated that the motorcycles have been seized as evidence and will be returned to their rightful owners after completion of the necessary legal procedures.Investigators revealed that the accused is a repeat offender with a criminal history involving similar offences. Previous theft cases have been registered against him at both the Bachupally and Dundigal police stations. Police said his repeated involvement in vehicle thefts had made him a familiar figure in criminal investigations, prompting officers to keep him under close watch.The successful arrest followed a focused operation carried out by the Bachupally Crime Police, who intensified surveillance and intelligence gathering after receiving complaints about recurring motorcycle thefts in the area. Officials said the operation demonstrated the department's commitment to identifying habitual offenders and preventing property crimes.Following his arrest, Praveen was produced before a court and remanded to judicial custody. Police indicated that they are continuing their investigation to determine whether he was involved in any additional unsolved vehicle theft cases in nearby jurisdictions. They are also examining whether the accused acted alone or had assistance in disposing of stolen vehicles.The Bachupally Detective Inspector officially disclosed the details of the case and appreciated the efforts of the investigation team in tracing the accused and recovering the stolen motorcycles. Police urged vehicle owners to remain vigilant by using secure parking facilities, installing anti-theft devices where possible, and promptly reporting suspicious activities or missing vehicles. They reiterated that public cooperation remains vital in preventing vehicle thefts and ensuring the swift detection of offenders.



GHMC Holds Meeting on Electoral Roll Revision

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

The District Election Officer and Commissioner of the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation on Tuesday convened a meeting with representatives of recognized political parties to review preparations for the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)-2026 of the electoral rolls and sought their active cooperation in ensuring the smooth conduct of the exercise. The meeting focused on the importance of updating electoral rolls to ensure that all eligible citizens are included and that voter records remain accurate and up to date ahead of future elections The review meeting was attended by Additional Commissioner (Elections) Santhosh Kumar, Zonal Commissioner K. Chandrakala, and representatives of several recognized political parties, including the Bahujan Samaj Party, Bharatiya Janata Party, Communist Party of India (Marxist), Indian National Congress.



New Momentum for Grassroots Development

Adilabad District, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Ichoda Major Gram Panchayat in Adilabad district is witnessing a renewed phase of development, with civic infrastructure projects worth nearly ₹1 crore launched within just six months under the leadership of Sarpanch Jalaijaku and Deputy Sarpanch Loka Shirish Reddy. Guided by the slogan, "My Town... My Responsibility... My Village... My Development," the local administration has prioritized public participation, transparency, and the creation of essential infrastructure to improve the quality of life for residents. For years, villagers had to wait for extended periods to see even basic civic issues addressed. Problems related to roads, drainage, drinking water, sanitation, and public amenities had slowed the



village's development. However, residents say the Gram Panchayat has adopted a more proactive approach by identifying local needs and implementing projects based on priority. The elected representatives have been conducting regular visits to every ward,

interacting directly with residents to understand their concerns and ensure that development works are carried out efficiently. Instead of relying solely on official meetings, they have emphasized taking governance to the people by responding quickly to complaints and monitoring ongoing works. A major focus has been placed on strengthening basic infrastructure across the village. Construction of cement concrete (CC) roads, new drainage systems, improvements in drinking water supply, installation of streetlights, sanitation drives, waste management initiatives, tree plantation, expansion of green spaces, and village beautification works are progressing at a rapid pace. Officials and public representatives are also supervising the projects to ensure quality standards

are maintained. The Gram Panchayat has also intensified efforts to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive government welfare schemes without delay. Public issues relating to drinking water, electricity, roads, and sanitation are being promptly brought to the attention of the concerned departments for quick resolution. Development activities have received further support through the cooperation of Godam Nagesh, Anil Jadhav, and former MP Soyam Babu Rao. Their assistance in securing funds for village-specific development projects has contributed to the accelerated pace of infrastructure works. According to the Gram Panchayat leadership, transparency, accountability, and community involvement remain the cornerstones of

the administration. Suggestions from women, youth, farmers, and senior citizens are being incorporated into planning and implementation, strengthening public confidence in the local body. Sarpanch Jalaijaku and Deputy Sarpanch Loka Shirish Reddy said their objective is to transform Ichoda into a model Gram Panchayat in Adilabad district. They reaffirmed their commitment to undertaking more development initiatives with the support of the people, ensuring faster execution of works, improved civic amenities, and effective implementation of welfare schemes. Villagers believe that if the current pace of development continues, Ichoda is well on its way to becoming one of the district's model Gram Panchayats

Police Assure Support for Jagannath Rath Yatra



Karimnagar, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar Police Commissioner Ghaus Alam has appealed to residents and devotees to extend their full cooperation in making the upcoming Jagannath Rath Yatra a peaceful and grand success. A delegation from the Jagannath Rath Yatra Utsav Committee, led by Narahari Prabhu, met the Police Commissioner on Tuesday and invited him to the annual festival. The delegation also sought the cooperation of the district police administration to ensure the smooth conduct of the religious procession, which is being jointly organized by the ISKCON Sri Radha Govinda Mandir and the Jagannath Rath Yatra Utsav Committee. Responding positively, Commissioner Ghaus Alam assured the organizers that the Karimnagar Police would make elaborate security arrangements to facilitate the event. He said adequate police personnel would be deployed along the procession route to ensure the Rath Yatra is conducted peacefully, safely, and in a devotional atmosphere. The Commissioner also advised the organizers to work closely with the police and create awareness among devotees about following safety guidelines, traffic regulations, and maintaining discipline throughout the event. He emphasized that cooperation between the organizers, devotees, and the police would be essential for the successful conduct of the festival. Speaking on the occasion, Narahari Prabhu said this year's Jagannath Rath Yatra is expected to attract a significantly larger number of devotees than in previous years. He requested the police to make security and traffic arrangements accordingly to accommodate the anticipated increase in participation. The organizers expressed confidence that, with the support of the police administration, the festival would be conducted smoothly and without inconvenience to devotees or the general public. Among those present at the meeting were Rath Yatra Utsav Committee President Kanna Krishna, committee members L. Rajabhaskar Reddy, Burra Madhusudan Reddy, Tummala Ramesh Reddy, Komuravelli Venkatesham and Rallabandi Gopal Reddy, who thanked the Commissioner for assuring full administrative support for the event.

Deputy Sarpanches Forum Elects New District Committee

Adilabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

A new executive committee of the Adilabad District Deputy Sarpanches Forum was unanimously elected on Tuesday, with representatives from across the district pledging to work collectively to safeguard the rights of deputy sarpanches and strengthen their role in village governance and development. The election meeting was held at the district headquarters under the guidance of the state leadership of the forum. State Secretary Merugu Jampanna attended the event as the chief guest, representing State Forum President Botla Karthik. He congratulated the newly elected office-bearers and urged them to work unitedly for the welfare of deputy sarpanches across the district.



In the unanimous election, Baddam Ramachandra Reddy was elected as the District President of the forum. Talampula Ramesh was chosen as General Secretary, while Suddala Arun Reddy, Jadav Ajay and Chauhan Rahul were elected as Vice-Presidents. The newly constituted committee



also includes Takre Sagar as Treasurer. Secretaries elected to the committee are Kothapalli Adellu, Mantri Gangareddy, Gaikwad Ganesh and Mobin. Several deputy sarpanches from different mandals were also inducted as executive committee members. Addressing the gathering after his election,

District President Baddam Ramachandra Reddy said the forum would serve as a common platform to highlight the challenges faced by deputy sarpanches and seek appropriate solutions from the government. He said the organization would coordinate closely with the state leadership to ensure that the constitutional rights, responsibilities and role of deputy sarpanches are effectively implemented at the grassroots level. He also expressed his commitment to expanding the forum throughout Adilabad district by bringing deputy sarpanches from every mandal onto a single platform. The newly elected president said the forum would strive to strengthen the participation of deputy sarpanches in village development and local governance while

ensuring that their concerns receive due attention from the authorities. Speaking on the occasion, Merugu Jampanna said the state forum has been consistently working to resolve issues concerning deputy sarpanches. He expressed confidence that the new district committee would function with collective leadership and implement the action plan formulated by the state leadership under Botla Karthik. A large number of deputy sarpanches, forum leaders, public representatives and members from across Adilabad district attended the event and congratulated the newly elected committee, expressing hope that it would effectively represent the interests and rights of deputy sarpanches in the district.

BJP Eyes Cyberabad Victory, Etela Rajender Calls for Strong Grassroots Connect

Ranga Reddy, July 7 | TPN Bureau

Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender on Tuesday expressed confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would emerge victorious in the upcoming Greater Hyderabad civic elections, asserting that the party's "saffron flag will fly high over the Cyberabad municipality." He was addressing the BJP Ranga Reddy Urban District executive committee meeting, where he attended as the chief guest and outlined the party's strategy for the elections. Addressing party leaders and workers, Rajender stressed that electoral success depends on strong grassroots leadership and meaningful public engagement. He said local leaders who enjoy the trust and affection of the people are

the foundation of the party's success and urged workers to strengthen their connection with citizens rather than rely solely on senior leadership. Highlighting development initiatives, Rajender said that since becoming the Member of Parliament from Malkajgiri, crores of rupees had been allocated for developmental works through corporators in the LB Nagar constituency. He appreciated the corporators for developing the capability to resolve people's issues independently and said such leadership would play a crucial role in securing victory. He reminded party workers that the BJP's identity and strength come from its organizational structure, stating that the party flag is the source of respect and recognition for every leader.

"Opportunities naturally come to those who win," he said, urging leaders to resolve public issues instead of merely holding meetings and making speeches. Referring to BJP national leader Nitin Nabin's recent interaction with party workers, Rajender said he had emphasized that victory in the upcoming elections was essential and could only be achieved through sustained public outreach and effective organizational work. Rajender also praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, describing him as a humble leader dedicated to public service. He said he had closely observed Modi since 2014 and admired his approach of calling himself a servant of the people rather than taking personal credit for achievements. He noted that

Modi had risen to become both Chief Minister and Prime Minister without facing electoral defeat and said Hyderabad held a special place in the Prime Minister's political journey, as it was among the first cities he visited after being declared the BJP's prime ministerial candidate. Criticizing the Congress government in Telangana, Rajender alleged that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had failed to meet public expectations within two years of assuming office. He claimed that even leaders within the ruling party were expressing doubts about its prospects in future elections. Calling on party workers to avoid negativity, Rajender urged them to work honestly for the welfare of the people. He said BJP workers and the public

were the party's true VIPs and assured them that the leadership would make every effort to ensure the victory of grassroots leaders. "If we work sincerely for the people, no one can stop our victory," he said. The meeting was attended by BJP State President Ramchander Rao, State Organizing Secretary Chandrashekhar, Chevella MP Konda Visweswar Reddy, Ranga Reddy District President Vanipalli Srinivas Reddy, former District President Sama Ranga Reddy, State General Secretary Gautam Rao, national leader Perala Shekhar, party spokespersons Prabha Goud and Ravikumar Yadav, state executive committee members, district office-bearers, corporators, senior leaders and party activists.



Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

The Students' Federation of India (SFI) on Tuesday urged the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHC) to ensure complete transparency in the admission process for B-Category (management quota) seats in private engineering colleges and sought a revision of the examination timetable for Osmania University's BBA second-semester students. An SFI delegation comprising State Secretary T. Nagaraju, state committee members Lenin Guevara and Junugari Ramesh, and state leader Arun met TSCHC Chairman V. Bala Kista Reddy and submitted a representation outlining their demands. Addressing the media, Nagaraju alleged that serious irregularities were taking place in the allotment of B-Category seats in private engineering colleges. He claimed that crucial information such as the number of available seats, application procedures and selection criteria was not being made available to students. Although applications are open until July 15, the SFI alleged that several colleges had already filled or sold management quota seats, depriving eligible candidates of an opportunity to apply. The student organization further alleged that some institutions either failed to publish admission notifications or kept online application links inactive, while others were demanding exorbitant fees and donations instead of following merit-based admissions. According to the SFI, students from poor and middle-class families were being asked to pay between ₹8 lakh and ₹25 lakh in fees, along with additional donations, for management quota admissions. The SFI demanded that all B-Category seats be filled through a single online admission system, with complete disclosure of seat availability, applications, merit lists and selection procedures. It also called for strict action against institutions collecting unauthorised fees or donations. The delegation also requested the Council to revise the Osmania University BBA second-semester examination schedule, stating that the timetable had been announced only ten days before the examinations. The SFI argued that students required more preparation time and urged the authorities to release a revised schedule in the interest of their academic performance and well-being.

BJP Targets 'Bhu Bharati' Over Land Issues

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State Chief Official Spokesperson and Media In-charge N. V. Subhash on Tuesday accused the Congress government of misusing the newly introduced "Bhu Bharati" land management system, alleging that it has become a means for digital land grabbing and has created difficulties for farmers and landowners. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Hyderabad, Subhash claimed that the Congress government had criticized the previous Dharani portal but had introduced another system that, according to him, was causing hardships in land registration and mutation. He alleged that illegal land transfers were taking place through manipulation of online processes without the knowledge of genuine owners. These allegations have not been independently verified. Subhash also accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of running the government like a real estate company and alleged that valuable lands were being targeted for political purposes. He further criticized the government for failing to fulfil its "Six Guarantees" and other election promises, while claiming that details of industrial investments, employment generation, and MoUs had not been made public. The BJP leader expressed concern over pending land-related grievances, including applications submitted under the Praja Palana programme, and demanded an online tracking system for applicants.



Mahesh Kumar Goud Accuses BJP-BRS of Political Double Standards

Hyderabad, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud launched a sharp attack on BJP MP Etela Rajender on Monday, alleging that his statements on the Kannepalli pump house issue reflect the interests of the BRS rather than the BJP. Addressing the media, Mahesh Kumar Goud questioned whether Etela Rajender was speaking as a BJP leader or acting as a representative of the BRS. He claimed that the people of Telangana were finding it difficult to distinguish between the BJP's official position and what he described as the BRS narrative. Referring to the controversy surrounding the Kannepalli pump house, the TPCC chief said that it was the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), a statutory body under the Central Government, that had directed authorities not to draw water from the facility due to safety concerns. He stressed that the decision was based on technical assessments made by experts and not on political considerations. Mahesh Kumar



Goud also took aim at K. T. Rama Rao, stating that KTR was not a technical expert and that the opinions of the NDSA officials should carry greater weight. According to him, the central agency's recommendations were made solely to ensure public safety and proper dam management. Questioning Etela Rajender's criticism of the state government, the Congress leader challenged the BJP MP to seek clarification from Narendra Modi and the Union Government regarding the NDSA's directives. He asked why Etela was adopting what he termed a "double-tongued" approach on the issue. Mahesh Kumar Goud further alleged that the BJP and the BRS were working in coordination despite presenting themselves as political rivals. Reiterating the Congress party's long-standing accusation that the two parties share a tacit understanding, he said their conduct resembled "friendship in Delhi and rivalry on the ground." He asserted that the Congress would continue exposing what he described as the BJP-BRS nexus before the people of Telangana.

Medicity Hospital Earns Prestigious NABH Accreditation

Medchal, July 07 | TPN Bureau

Medicity Hospital, attached to the Medicity Institute of Medical Sciences in Ghanpur, Medchal district, has been awarded the prestigious National Accreditation Board for Hospitals & Healthcare Providers (NABH) accreditation, marking a significant milestone in its journey toward excellence in healthcare. The achievement places Medicity among the select teaching hospitals affiliated with medical colleges in Telangana to receive this nationally recognized quality certification. A press conference was held at the institute on Tuesday to announce the achievement. It was attended by Medicity President Professor K. Sivaramakrishna, Medicity Group of Hospitals CEO Ainish Merchant, and Medicity Institute of Medical Sciences Principal Dr. Devendra Singh Negi, who highlighted the importance of the accreditation and its impact on patient care. Speaking on the occasion, CEO Ainish Merchant said quality in healthcare is a continuous process rather than a one-time accomplishment. He noted that the NABH accreditation reflects the hospital's consistent efforts over the past several years to implement stringent quality standards and provide safe, reliable, and patient-centric medical services. He described the recognition as a testament to the institution's commitment to excellence. Professor K. Sivaramak



rishna said the Medicity organization, founded in the 1980s, has achieved several milestones in the healthcare sector. He recalled that Medicity was among the pioneering hospitals in Hyderabad to introduce heart bypass surgeries and coronary stent procedures in 1993. Established with the support of Indian doctors working in the United States on a non-profit basis, the institution has continued to build public confidence by offering advanced medical care. Hospital officials explained that NABH accreditation is awarded only after an extensive evaluation of every department, ensuring compliance with rigorous national quality and patient safety standards. Since the accreditation requires periodic reassessment every two to three years, the hospital is committed to continuously maintaining and improving its standards. The management stated that the accreditation would further strengthen accountability among doctors and staff, enhance patient safety, and promote error-free healthcare delivery. Officials also announced plans to introduce additional specialty services in the near future to expand the hospital's healthcare offerings.

Editorial

A Stronger Voter List
A Stronger Democracy

"The ballot is stronger than the bullet." — Abraham Lincoln
The strength of democracy depends on the trust people place in the electoral process. A vote is not just a right; it is a responsibility. Ensuring that every vote belongs to a genuine and eligible citizen is essential to protecting the integrity of democracy.

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter identity records undertaken by the Election Commission of India has triggered political debate across the country. The purpose of this exercise is to update electoral rolls, remove duplicate and fake entries, correct errors, and ensure that only eligible citizens participate in elections.

In a country with a population of over 140 crore people, maintaining accurate voter records is a continuous necessity. Concerns over fake voter IDs, duplicate registrations, and the possibility of illegal immigrants, including Rohingyas, obtaining identity documents have highlighted the importance of a reliable voter database. A genuine electoral roll is essential not only for free and fair elections but also for national security.

The Election Commission of India has the constitutional responsibility of conducting elections and maintaining accurate electoral rolls. Regular revision of voter lists is a crucial part of this duty. A transparent verification process can remove errors while ensuring that no eligible citizen loses the right to vote.

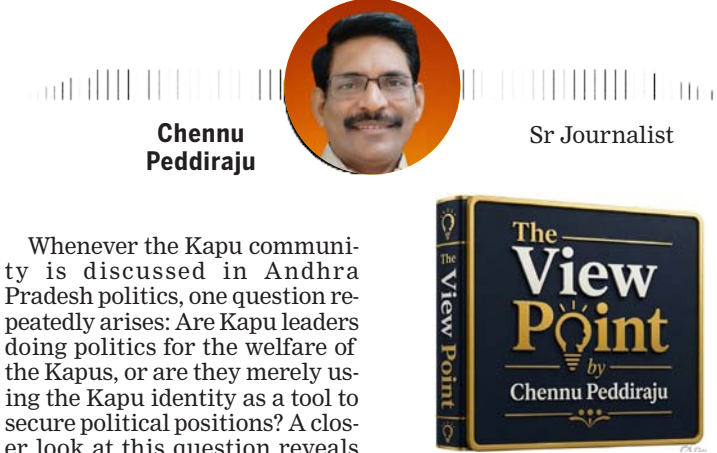
Opposition parties have questioned the timing and process of SIR, alleging that it could exclude genuine voters and may have political motives. Their concerns regarding transparency and protecting citizens' voting rights must be addressed. At the same time, political parties also have a responsibility to support measures that prevent fake voting and strengthen democracy.

The responsibility does not rest only with authorities. Every citizen must verify and update their voter details. In Andhra Pradesh, the last date for SIR-related voter updates is July 14, 2026, while Telangana citizens have time until July 24, 2026, to complete the process.

An updated voter identity is not merely a document; it is a safeguard of democratic participation. Preventing fake voters is not against democracy; it protects democracy.

The debate should focus not on opposing voter verification, but on ensuring that it is conducted transparently and efficiently. A clean electoral roll ensures that every genuine citizen's voice counts.

Protecting the voter list is a collective national responsibility. A stronger voter database is the foundation of a stronger democracy. Editor



Whenever the Kapu community is discussed in Andhra Pradesh politics, one question repeatedly arises: Are Kapu leaders doing politics for the welfare of the Kapus, or are they merely using the Kapu identity as a tool to secure political positions? A closer look at this question reveals some interesting realities.

The Kapus are one of the most influential social groups in Andhra Pradesh in terms of population. Although they have played a significant role in the state's politics since Independence, there remains a strong feeling within the community that they have not received their due share in the centres of political power. Many leaders have turned this sentiment into a political opportunity.

A review of the history of Kapu movements shows that large-scale agitations were organised around issues such as social justice, reservations, and political representation. In particular, the movements led by Mudragada Padmanabham gave a new direction to Kapu politics. These struggles brought Kapu issues into the mainstream political discourse of the state.

However, the extent to which the political gains from those movements have actually benefited the Kapu community remains a matter of debate. Today, Kapu leaders are present in all major political parties. They serve as ministers, legislators, and holders of important positions in the ruling coalition, while prominent Kapu leaders are also visible in opposition parties. Yet, it is

difficult to say that there is a unified voice consistently advocating for the concerns of the Kapu community. This is where the true meaning of the term "Kapu Card" becomes evident.

During elections, political parties extensively discuss the Kapu vote bank. Slogans centred on Kapu leadership, Kapu self-respect, and Kapu representation dominate political campaigns. However, once elections are over, the same enthusiasm often fades.

Leaders who secure positions become confined within party structures, and their willingness to raise community-related issues appears to diminish.

Another major source of dissatisfaction within the Kapu community is the imbalance in political representation. According to estimates frequently cited by political analysts, the Kamma community constitutes around 4 per cent of Andhra Pradesh's population and the Reddy community around 5 per cent. Yet, members of these communities occupy more than 35 and 32 seats respectively in the present legislature.

In contrast, the Kapu community, which is estimated to constitute around 20 per cent of the state's population, has only about



18 MLAs in the Assembly. This situation has prompted a section of the Kapu community to ask: "If we are larger in numbers, why are we smaller in power?"

Consequently, the demand is no longer limited to securing positions for individual Kapu leaders.

This is not a problem confined to any one political party. Whether in government or opposition, a similar pattern can be observed across the political spectrum. Kapu leaders are advancing individually. They are obtaining positions and consolidating their political careers.

But the larger question remains: Is this personal growth translating into collective progress for the community?

At the same time, there is another argument. If a leader speaks only about the interests of the Kapu community, he may remain a community leader but may never evolve into a state-level leader. Supporters of many Kapu politicians argue that this

is why they prefer to avoid caste-based politics. There is some merit in this argument.

However, complete silence on issues affecting the community after attaining political office cannot be justified either. When leaders utilise Kapu identity as a political asset, the expectations of the community naturally rise. Those expectations create a responsibility that cannot be ignored. Therefore, the real challenge before the Kapu community today is not the lack of leaders. There are many Kapu leaders. The real question is how many of them consistently speak for the community and recognise a responsibility that extends beyond political office. The Kapu Card continues to be a relevant factor in Andhra Pradesh politics. But will it remain merely a political instrument for securing positions? Or will it evolve into a tool capable of delivering long-term political and social gains for the Kapu community?

The answer does not lie solely

with political leaders. It ultimately rests with the Kapu community that elects them.

The issue before the community today is not a shortage of positions. There is a Deputy Chief Minister; there are ministers, and there are legislators. The real questions are these: Does the community enjoy political representation proportionate to its population? What role do Kapus play in the key centres of decision-making? Have leaders who rose politically on the strength of Kapu identity succeeded in expanding the community's political share and influence?

Hence, these are questions that deserve serious reflection. If the Kapu Card serves only as a means for individuals to secure political office, it represents a personal victory. But if it helps the community gain a greater share in political power, decision-making authority, and representation, only then can it be considered a true social victory.

Video Games From Pixels to Virtual Worlds



"Video games are not just about pressing buttons; they are about imagination, creativity, challenges, and connecting people across the world."

National Video Game Day is celebrated annually on 08 July to enjoy and appreciate this wonderful digital platform in all their forms, called Video Game. From the arcade classics of the 1980s to today's sprawling open worlds, and to recognise the artistry, skill and community that surround the medium. This is a day built for playing, so the best way to mark it is to pick up a controller.
National Video Game Day-2026

The National Video Game Day can be celebrated in many ways like replay a childhood favourite video, host a game night, try a brand new title, visit a retro arcade, explore indie games, watch a stream, beat a game you never finished, and introduce someone new to gaming. Video games play a vital

role in. entertainment, culture and even sport. It honours the developers, artists who craft them, and players whose skill turns into a serious pursuit. It is enjoyed by casual mobile players and dedicated enthusiasts alike, and it is not tied to any single platform or genre.

History of Video Games

Video game history traced back to 1940 when Dr Edward Uhler unveiled the first video gaming machine. Later Frank Cifaldi, who found that it is first appeared on 08 July 1991 in Chase's Calendar of Events. By 1997 they renamed to observe National Video Games Day on 13 September and also differently on 08 July as National Video Game Day. Beyond the fun, the day highlights how games have become a genuine culture force, shaping storytelling, music, art and competitive sport. On this day video games across globe celebrated by hosting gaming marathons, revisiting childhood classics, special promotions on gaming platforms. Because gaming has evolved into a massive digital



community, fans can also discover and observe new titles together as they release throughout the year.

Whether this be spending time on your own exploring the

rich world of a single player game or chatting with friends while you have fun together,

there is no wrong way to go about celebrating the day. Just make sure that you remember

to take breaks for the sake of your eyes and back.

Video Games From Entertainment to Education

- Video games have transformed from simple entertainment tools into platforms for education, skill development, creativity, and social interaction.
- Many educational games help children improve problem-solving abilities, logical thinking, memory, and decision-making skills.
- Simulation games are used in fields such as aviation, medicine, engineering, and defence training.

The Evolution of Video Games

- The journey of video games began with simple pixel-based games and has now reached realistic 3D environments powered

- by artificial intelligence and advanced graphics.
- Early arcade games like Pong and Space Invaders created the foundation for the gaming industry.
- Home gaming consoles changed the way people played games, bringing gaming experiences from arcades into living rooms.
- Modern games offer massive open worlds, online multiplayer experiences, virtual reality, and interactive storytelling.

Interesting Facts About Video Games

- The global video game industry has become larger than the film and music industries combined in terms of revenue.
- The first commercially successful video game arcade machine was Pong, released in

1972 by Atari.

- Minecraft is one of the best-selling video games of all time, allowing players to build and explore virtual worlds.
- Competitive gaming, known as esports, has developed into a professional sport with international tournaments and millions of viewers.
- Professional gamers, streamers, and game creators have created new career opportunities in the digital world.

Benefits of Playing Video Games

- Improves hand-eye coordination and reaction speed.
- Enhances strategic thinking and planning skills.
- Encourages teamwork and communica-

tion through multiplayer games.

- Helps develop creativity through designing, building, and storytelling-based games.
- Provides relaxation and stress relief when played in moderation.

Responsible Gaming Tips

- Maintain a healthy balance between gaming, studies, work, exercise, and social activities.
- Take regular breaks to protect eyes and avoid physical strain.
- Choose age-appropriate games.
- Avoid excessive screen time and maintain proper posture while playing.
- Parents should encourage children to enjoy games responsibly and safely.

Video Games in India

- India has witnessed rapid growth in the gaming sector due to affordable smartphones and improved internet connectivity.
- Mobile gaming has become highly popular among Indian youth.
- Indian game developers are creating games inspired by Indian history, mythology, culture, and local stories.
- Esports and gaming content creation are emerging as career options for young Indians.

(On the occasion of "World Video Game Day" on July 8)

Hill Station Lonavala Records Historic Rainfall

Maharashtra's popular hill station Lonavala has witnessed unprecedented rainfall, breaking previous records as the southwest monsoon intensified across the Western Ghats. The region experienced extremely heavy showers, leading to waterlogging, disruptions, and concerns over landslides in several areas.

According to weather data, Lonavala recorded around 620 mm of rainfall in a single day, while the total rainfall over a 48-hour period touched nearly 1,290 mm. This marked one of the highest two-day rainfall figures recorded in the region, highlighting the intensity of the current monsoon spell.

Several parts of Maharashtra, including Mumbai, Pune, Raigad, Palghar, Thane, and Nashik districts, also received heavy rainfall over the past few days. Many locations recorded significant rainfall, affecting normal life, traffic movement, and local infrastructure.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) attributed the intense rainfall activity to a low-pressure system that developed over the Bay of Bengal and moved towards central India. Although the system has started weakening, weather officials warned that heavy rains could continue in parts of Maharashtra and neighbouring states.

The impact of the rainfall

Vijay's Karur Visit After Supreme Court Setback to DMK

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay is set to make his first visit to Karur after taking charge, drawing significant political attention. The visit comes after the Supreme Court declined to intervene in a plea seeking restrictions on Vijay's public appearances and statements connected to the Karur stampede case.

Karur became the centre of political controversy after a tragic stampede at a TVK event resulted in the deaths of several people. The incident triggered widespread debate over crowd management, political rallies, and responsibility for ensuring public safety. An investigation into the circumstances surrounding the tragedy is still underway.

The DMK had approached the Supreme Court seeking restrictions on Vijay and TVK leaders, arguing that public statements and interactions with victims' families could influence the ongoing investigation. However, the court questioned the demand for limiting the activities of a political leader and refused to impose such restrictions.

Following the court's decision, Vijay is preparing to visit Karur, where he is expected to meet families affected by the tragedy. The visit holds emo-

Centre Denies E-25 Petrol Launch Reports

The Central government has rejected reports claiming that India is planning to introduce E-25 petrol, calling the information completely false. Officials clarified that no final decision has been taken to increase ethanol blending beyond the existing E-20 petrol level.

The clarification came after reports suggested that petrol containing 25% ethanol could soon be introduced in the country. The government said that while studies and testing related to higher ethanol blends are being carried out, there is currently no approved plan or fixed timeline for launching E-25 fuel.

Officials explained that India has adopted a gradual approach towards ethanol blending in petrol. The transition to E-20 fuel was implemented in phases after discussions with automobile manufacturers, fuel companies, and other stakeholders.

The government said any move to increase ethanol content in petrol will depend on detailed assessments related to vehicle compatibility, engine performance, fuel efficiency, and long-term impact on automobiles. Testing is being conducted to understand how different vehicle models respond



was particularly visible in hilly regions. Several roads were affected due to water accumulation, while incidents of landslides and damage to infrastructure were reported in some areas. Connectivity on important routes, including the Mumbai-Pune corridor, faced disruptions due to safety concerns. Weather experts said the unusual rainfall pattern in Lonavala reflects the changing nature of monsoon activity in the Western Ghats. The region, known for its scenic landscapes and waterfalls, often receives heavy monsoon showers, but the recent spell stood out due to its intensity and short duration.

Authorities have advised residents and tourists to remain cautious, especially in landslide-prone and low-lying areas. With more rainfall expected in parts of Maharashtra, disaster management teams are monitoring vulnerable locations to prevent major incidents.



tional as well as political importance, as opposition parties had earlier criticised him over the delay in meeting the victims' families.

The Supreme Court observed that Vijay is not an accused in the case and stated that legal proceedings should not become a means to settle political differences. The court's decision has provided relief to Vijay and his party, while giving fresh momentum to the political debate in Tamil Nadu.

The Karur visit is expected to intensify the ongoing political contest between the ruling TVK and opposition parties. While Vijay's supporters describe the visit as an effort to express solidarity with affected families, critics continue to question the timing and political implications of the move.

With the investigation continuing, Vijay's Karur visit is likely to become a major talking point in Tamil Nadu's political landscape.



to higher ethanol blends. Ethanol blending is part of India's strategy to reduce dependence on imported crude oil, cut fuel costs, support farmers, and promote cleaner energy alternatives. The current E-20 petrol contains up to 20% ethanol mixed with petrol and is already available across the country. However, concerns have been raised among vehicle owners, especially those using older vehicles, about the possible impact of higher ethanol blends on engine components and mileage. The government has maintained that future decisions will be taken only after ensuring safety and technical feasibility.

The Centre has advised people not to rely on unverified information and reiterated that any increase in ethanol blending will happen only after scientific evaluation, stakeholder consultations, and necessary approvals.

Ahmedabad Blasts Case Gujarat HC Upholds Death Sentences

The Gujarat High Court has upheld the death sentences awarded to 38 convicts in the 2008 Ahmedabad serial blasts case, rejecting their appeals against the trial court's judgment. The court also confirmed life imprisonment for 11 other convicts involved in the case.

The decision comes nearly 18 years after the deadly terror attack that shook Ahmedabad on July 26, 2008. A series of coordinated bomb blasts across the city claimed the lives of 56 people and left more than 200 others injured. The attacks targeted multiple locations, creating widespread panic and fear.

A division bench of the Gujarat High Court reviewed the appeals filed by the convicts and upheld the verdict delivered by the special court. The trial court had earlier found the accused guilty and awarded capital punishment to 38 people, while 11 others were sentenced to life imprisonment.

The Ahmedabad blasts case was one of the biggest terror-related trials in India. The investigation involved extensive evidence collection, multiple agencies and years of legal proceedings. The accused were linked by investigators to the banned terror organisation Indian Mujahideen, which was alleged to have carried out the coordinated attacks.

The blasts had a major impact on Gujarat, leading to a large-scale security operation and a prolonged investigation. The case became one of the most significant examples of India's efforts to counter organised terror networks and bring those responsible for attacks on civilians to justice.

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the death penalty still have further legal options available under the judicial system.

The verdict has brought renewed focus on the country's fight against terrorism and the challenges involved in prosecuting large-scale terror cases. For families of the victims, the judgment marks an important step in their long wait for justice.

The Ahmedabad serial blasts case remains a major chapter in India's counter-terror history, highlighting the importance of security preparedness, investigation capabilities and the judicial process in dealing with serious national security threats.

Wayanad Tunnel Landslide Raises Questions Over Safety Lapses

A massive landslide at a tunnel construction site in Kerala's Wayanad district has raised serious concerns over safety lapses and alleged negligence. Authorities have pointed out that an earlier warning to stop work and clear accumulated soil from the site was reportedly not followed, leading to questions over whether proper safety measures were ignored.

The incident took place near Kalladi, close to the Meenakshi Bridge area, where work on the Anakkampoyil-Meppadi twin tunnel project was underway. The landslide caused a portion of the construction area to collapse, trapping several workers. Rescue teams rushed to the spot, with reports of casualties, injuries, and missing workers following the disaster.

Kerala officials said that the district administration had earlier instructed authorities to temporarily suspend construction activities until excess soil generated during tunnelling work was removed. However, the instructions were allegedly not implemented, and work continued at the site.

The incident has been de-



scribed by officials as a possible man-made disaster, raising concerns about whether negligence in handling construction debris and soil accumulation contributed to the collapse. An investigation is now underway to determine the exact reasons behind the landslide and identify any lapses.

The twin tunnel project, designed to connect Anakkampoyil in Kozhikode with Meppadi in Wayanad, is one of Kerala's major infrastructure projects. The tunnel is expected to improve connectivity between the two districts and reduce travel time significantly once completed.

The tragedy has also renewed

debate over large-scale construction activities in the ecologically sensitive Western Ghats. Environmental experts have repeatedly warned that the fragile terrain of the region requires strict monitoring and careful planning, especially during heavy monsoon conditions.

As rescue operations continue, authorities are focusing on finding missing workers and assessing the damage. The incident has highlighted the need for stronger safety practices, better coordination between agencies, and strict compliance with environmental and construction guidelines in landslide-prone areas.

Delhi HC Restores Cockroach Janta Party's X Account

The Delhi High Court has allowed the restoration of the X account of the satirical political platform Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) after the Centre informed the court that it had no objection to unblocking the handle. The decision came after CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke challenged the blocking order.

The account was blocked earlier following concerns raised over certain posts linked to the platform during the NEET examination period. Authorities had argued that some content could create confusion among students and parents appearing for the exam. However, during the court proceedings, it was stated that the examination period had ended and the earlier concerns were no longer applicable.



After hearing arguments from both sides, the Delhi High Court directed that the social media account be restored. The court observed that the circumstances surrounding the restriction had changed and allowed the platform to regain access to its handle.

The Cockroach Janta Party is known for its satirical take on political and social issues and has gained attention through its online content. Founded by Abhijeet Dipke,

the platform approached the court after its X account was blocked, raising concerns over freedom of expression and digital rights.

The Centre maintained that the restriction was a precautionary step taken during a sensitive period related to the examination. The government also highlighted the need for responsible use of social media platforms, especially when dealing with issues that can impact large groups of people.

The restoration of the account has brought renewed focus on the balance between online expression and regulatory action. The case highlights the challenges authorities face in preventing misinformation while ensuring that freedom of speech remains protected in the digital space.

Meta, Google Reject Duty to Remove Court Videos Proactively

Social media giants Meta and Google have told the Delhi High Court that they cannot proactively identify and remove unauthorised recordings of court proceedings uploaded on their platforms. The companies argued that they do not have a legal obligation or practical capability to monitor every piece of user-generated content before it appears online.

The submissions were made during a hearing on a petition related to the circulation of videos from a court proceeding involving Aam Aadmi Party leader Arvind Kejriwal. The petition alleged that recordings of a court hearing

were made without permission and later circulated widely on social media platforms.

Meta, which operates platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, stated that online intermediaries cannot continuously monitor all content uploaded by users. Google also argued that screening every video uploaded on platforms like YouTube to identify possible violations is not technically feasible.

The companies maintained that they act as intermediaries and can take action when specific illegal or objectionable content is brought to their notice. They ar-

gued that the responsibility for uploading unauthorised content should primarily rest with the individuals who post it.

The issue came to light after videos from a Delhi High Court hearing involving Kejriwal were shared online. The matter raised questions over whether the circulation of such recordings violated rules governing court proceedings and whether social media platforms should be held responsible for preventing such uploads.

The Delhi High Court is examining issues related to unauthorised recording of judicial proceed-



Flash Floods Hit J&K's Thathri, Roads Blocked

Flash floods triggered by heavy rainfall caused widespread damage in Thathri area of Jammu and Kashmir's Doda district, affecting normal life and damaging several houses and buildings. The sudden rise in water levels led to debris flow, road blockages and disruption of transportation in the region.

The heavy rains resulted in flash floods and landslides, with mud, stones and debris spilling onto roads and nearby settlements. Several structures suffered damage, while authorities began assessing the extent of losses caused by the extreme weather event.

A key highway passing through the region was blocked due to debris accumulation, leaving commuters stranded and disrupting connectivity. Emergency teams and local authorities were deployed to clear the roads and restore movement as quickly as possible.

Residents in affected areas were advised to remain cautious as weather conditions continued to remain unstable. Authorities monitored vulnerable locations and took precautionary measures to prevent further

damage. The hilly regions of Jammu and Kashmir are particularly vulnerable to flash floods and landslides due to steep terrain, heavy rainfall and changing weather patterns. Such incidents frequently impact roads, bridges and residential areas, causing major challenges for rescue and relief operations.

Officials have urged people living in flood-prone and landslide-prone areas to follow safety guidelines and avoid unnecessary travel during severe weather conditions. Relief teams are also working to assist families affected by the floods. The incident comes amid increasing concerns over extreme weather events in the Himalayan region. Environmental experts have pointed out that intense rainfall over short periods can trigger sudden floods and landslides, posing risks to lives and infrastructure.

Authorities are continuing rescue and restoration efforts in Thathri while keeping a close watch on weather forecasts. The priority remains clearing blocked roads, assessing damage and ensuring the safety of residents in affected areas.



MP First State to Reconstitute Waqf Board Under New Law

Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to reconstitute its Waqf Board under the provisions of the Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025, by including two Hindu members in the panel. The decision by the Mohan Yadav-led government has triggered a political debate, with opposition parties questioning the move.

The newly formed 10-member Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board is headed by Sanwar Patel. Along with Muslim representatives, the board now includes Hindu members Manoj Malpani and Animesh Bhargava. The state government said the inclusion was aimed at implementing the amended law and ensuring greater transparency and accountability in the management of Waqf properties.

The move marks a significant change in the structure of Waqf Boards, which have traditionally been dominated by Muslim representatives. The Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025 introduced provisions allowing non-Muslim members to be part of state Waqf Boards. Supporters of the amendment argue that broader representation will improve oversight and help in bet-

ter administration of Waqf assets.

However, the decision has faced criticism from opposition leaders. Congress leaders questioned the inclusion of Hindu members and argued that the matter is already under legal scrutiny. They accused the BJP government of using the issue for political gains and creating unnecessary controversy.

The BJP defended the decision, stating that Waqf Boards primarily deal with property management, welfare activities, and charitable institutions. Party leaders said the presence of members from different communities would help bring more transparency and efficient functioning.

The development has once again brought the Waqf Amendment Act into the spotlight, with supporters describing it as a reform measure while critics continue to raise concerns over government involvement in religious institutions.

The issue is likely to remain a major political and legal debate, as different parties continue to present contrasting views on the changes introduced in the Waqf administration system.



ings, digital platform accountability, and the balance between online freedom and legal restrictions.

The case has sparked a broader debate on the role of technology companies in regulating user-gen-

erated content. While authorities stress the need to prevent misuse of digital platforms, companies argue that excessive monitoring could affect free expression and place unrealistic responsibilities on intermediaries.



Damascus Explosions During Macron’s Syria Visit Spark Security Concerns

French President Emmanuel Macron’s visit to Syria was overshadowed by explosions near the Four Seasons Hotel in Damascus, where he had stayed during his trip. The blasts triggered fresh concerns over security conditions in Syria at a time when the country is undergoing a major political transition.

The explosions occurred in central Damascus while Macron was away from the hotel for official meetings with Syrian leadership. Officials said the French president was safe and his scheduled engagements continued without disruption.

The blasts reportedly caused injuries, with security personnel and civilians among those affected. Emergency teams rushed to the area as authorities launched an investigation to determine the cause of the explosions and identify those responsible.

The incident took place during Macron’s significant diplomatic visit to Syria, which was aimed at discussing the country’s future, reconstruction efforts and international cooperation. The visit was closely watched as France seeks to engage with Syria’s new political leadership and play a role in regional diplomacy.

During his meetings, Macron stressed the importance of stability, security and the rebuilding of Syria. Discussions fo-

cused on strengthening diplomatic relations, supporting economic recovery and encouraging a peaceful political transition.

The explosions highlighted the continuing security challenges facing Syria after years of conflict and instability. Although the country has entered a new phase of international engagement, threats from extremist groups, internal tensions and security concerns remain major obstacles.

Damascus has been working to restore normalcy and rebuild its institutions after years of war. However, incidents like these demonstrate the fragile security environment and the challenges involved in attracting foreign investment and international partnerships. Macron’s visit was considered an important step in France’s efforts to establish stronger ties with Syria and participate in discussions about reconstruction and regional stability. Despite the security scare, the diplomatic meetings continued as planned.

The blasts near the hotel have once again drawn attention to Syria’s ongoing security situation. While the incident did not affect Macron’s visit, it serves as a reminder of the complex challenges facing the country as it moves toward a new political and diplomatic future.



China Storms Kill 8, Typhoon Bavi Triggers Fresh Alert

China is facing a severe weather situation as powerful storms have killed at least eight people, while authorities remain on high alert with Typhoon Bavi approaching the region. The extreme weather has triggered warnings of heavy rainfall, strong winds, flooding and possible damage in several parts of the country.

The deadly storms hit Hubei province, where violent winds and thunderstorms caused widespread destruction. Several cities experienced severe weather conditions, with strong gusts damaging buildings, overturning vehicles and disrupting normal life. Rescue teams were deployed to affected areas to assist people and assess the damage.

Authorities have warned that more extreme weather could impact different regions in the coming days. Heavy rainfall is expected in several provinces, increasing the risk of floods, landslides and damage to agricultural areas.

The approaching Typhoon Bavi has added to concerns. Weather agencies are closely monitoring the storm system as it moves through the region, with forecasts indicating the possibility of strong winds, heavy rain and coastal disturbances.

The latest storms come during a period of increasing extreme weather events across

China. Several regions have already witnessed flooding, storm damage and disruptions to transport networks and daily activities.

Emergency teams have been placed on standby in vulnerable areas to carry out rescue operations and provide support to affected communities. Local authorities are strengthening disaster management measures, including monitoring rivers, inspecting infrastructure and issuing safety warnings.

Weather experts say changing climate patterns are contributing to more frequent and intense extreme weather events around the world. Stronger storms, unpredictable rainfall patterns and rising risks of flooding have become major challenges for governments and disaster response agencies.

The arrival of Typhoon Bavi has increased pressure on Chinese authorities, who are already dealing with the impact of recent storms. Residents in high-risk areas have been advised to remain cautious and follow official safety instructions.

With more rainfall and strong winds expected in several regions, China continues to remain on alert. Authorities are closely tracking the movement of Typhoon Bavi and preparing emergency measures to reduce the impact on people and infrastructure.

India-Indonesia Defence Ties Set for Missile Boost

Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s Indonesia visit is expected to give a major boost to India’s defence cooperation with Jakarta, with discussions focusing on key military deals. India is looking to expand exports of its indigenous defence systems, including Astra air-to-air missiles and additional BrahMos missile batteries, as part of its efforts to strengthen strategic ties in the Indo-Pacific region.

The proposed defence agreements come at a time when both India and Indonesia are working to enhance maritime security and deepen military cooperation. Indonesia is considering the acquisition of India’s Astra missile system, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile is designed for beyond-visual-range air combat and can be integrated with advanced fighter aircraft.

Another major focus area is the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile system. Indonesia has shown interest in expanding its BrahMos capabilities with additional missile batteries, which would enhance its defence preparedness. The deal is also significant for India’s growing ambitions in the global defence export market.

The BrahMos missile, jointly developed by India and Russia, is known for its high speed, precision strike capability and



versatility across different platforms. Indonesia’s interest in the system reflects the increasing demand for advanced defence technologies among countries looking to strengthen their security capabilities.

The potential missile deals are expected to further strengthen India’s position as a reliable defence partner in Southeast Asia. New Delhi has been actively promoting indigenous defence manufacturing and exports under its self-reliance initiative, with platforms such as BrahMos emerging as major success stories.

Apart from defence cooperation, India and Indonesia are also looking to expand collaboration in areas such as critical minerals, digital technology, maritime security and infrastructure development. Both nations share common interests in maintaining stability and secure trade routes in the Indo-Pacific region.

Indonesia’s strategic location, especially its proximity to important maritime routes, makes it a key partner for India’s regional security objectives. Stronger defence ties between the two countries could play an important role in enhancing cooperation and ensuring regional balance.

India has been steadily increasing its defence exports in recent years, and major international deals involving systems like BrahMos and Astra could open new opportunities in Southeast Asia and other friendly nations.

Modi’s Indonesia visit is therefore being viewed as an important milestone in bilateral relations, with defence cooperation emerging as one of the central pillars. The proposed missile agreements could strengthen India’s global defence footprint while deepening its strategic partnership with Indonesia.

Indus Waters Row: Pakistan Warns India Amid Rising Tensions

Tensions between India and Pakistan have once again escalated over the Indus Waters Treaty, with Pakistan issuing strong statements against any move that could impact its share of river waters. The dispute has gained renewed attention amid continuing diplomatic differences between the two neighbouring countries.

Pakistan’s political leadership has warned that protecting its water interests remains a top priority. Leaders in Islamabad have accused India of attempting to use water as a strategic tool and said any action affecting Pakistan’s access to river waters would have serious consequences.

The controversy is linked to the Indus Waters Treaty, a water-sharing agreement signed in 1960 with the involvement of the World Bank. Under the agreement, the eastern rivers — Ravi, Beas and Sutlej — were allocated mainly to India, while the western rivers — Indus, Jhelum and Chenab — were largely assigned to Pakistan.

India has maintained that its position on the treaty is linked to broader security concerns, particularly issues related to cross-border terrorism. Pakistan, however, has strongly opposed any move that could affect the existing water-sharing arrangement and has called for the protection of its water rights.



The issue is particularly sensitive for Pakistan because its agriculture sector depends heavily on the Indus river system. Millions of acres of farmland rely on irrigation from these rivers, making water availability a crucial economic and national security concern for the country.

Pakistan’s military and political leaders have reiterated that they will defend what they describe as their legitimate share of water resources. Strong statements from Islamabad have increased tensions, turning the water dispute into a larger diplomatic and strategic issue.

India, meanwhile, has continued to maintain that its decisions are based on national security considerations and that discussions on the treaty cannot be separated from concerns over terrorism and regional stability.

The latest developments have emerged during the mon-

soon season, a period when river flows, water management and flood control become especially important for both nations. Any disagreement over water resources during this period has the potential to increase public and political tensions. Experts believe water security will become an increasingly important challenge in South Asia due to climate change, rising populations and growing agricultural demand.

The Indus Waters Treaty, which has remained in place despite multiple conflicts between India and Pakistan, is now facing one of its biggest challenges.

The ongoing dispute highlights how water resources have moved beyond environmental and economic concerns to become a major factor influencing regional diplomacy and national security. The issue is expected to remain a key point of discussion in India-Pakistan relations in the coming months.

Bangladesh NCP Rally Hit by Blast, Three Injured in Savar

A blast at a political rally organised by the National Citizen Party (NCP) in Bangladesh’s Savar area near Dhaka left at least three people injured, triggering panic among supporters and raising fresh concerns over political tensions in the country.

The explosion occurred during an NCP programme at the Eidgah Ground near Savar Thana Stand. Party leaders said the blast took place while senior members were present at the venue. The injured were immediately shifted to nearby hospitals for medical treatment.

The rally was part of the NCP’s political campaign linked to the anniversary of the student-led protest movement that played a major role in the political changes that led to the removal of former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina’s government. The newly formed party has been organising programmes across Bangla-

desh to strengthen its political presence.

NCP leaders strongly condemned the incident and alleged that the rally was targeted. They demanded a detailed investigation and strict action against those responsible for the explosion. Authorities have begun examining the circumstances surrounding the blast and are collecting information as part of the investigation.

The incident comes at a time when Bangladesh is experiencing political uncertainty following major changes in its political landscape. The emergence of new political groups, disagreements among parties and debates over the country’s future direction have increased tensions.

The National Citizen Party emerged from the student movement that challenged Sheikh Hasina’s administration and has attempted to establish itself as a new political

force in Bangladesh. The party has been highlighting issues related to governance, reforms and political change while seeking wider public support.

Security arrangements around political gatherings have become a major concern in Bangladesh, with authorities facing challenges in maintaining law and order during rallies, protests and public events.

The blast at the Savar rally has once again drawn attention to the fragile political environment in Bangladesh. As investigations continue, the incident is expected to intensify discussions over security, political violence and stability in the country.

The coming days will be closely watched as authorities work to identify the cause of the explosion and determine whether it was an isolated incident or part of a larger security threat.



Qom Turns Black and Red as Iran Mourns Khamenei’s Death

Iran’s holy city of Qom witnessed massive gatherings as thousands of people took to the streets following the death of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The city was filled with mourners dressed in black, carrying Iranian flags and red banners as funeral ceremonies were held to pay tribute to the country’s long-time leader.

Visuals from Qom showed huge crowds gathered around the Jamkaran Mosque, one of Iran’s most important religious sites. People participated in prayers, mourning rituals and remembrance ceremonies, turning the area into a sea of black and red.

The funeral events have become a major national moment in Iran, with large gatherings reported across several cities. Supporters of Khamenei gathered to express grief and pay their respects, while Iranian authorities highlighted the turnout as a symbol of public support and national unity.

The presence of red flags during the mourning ceremonies drew global attention. In Shia tradition, red is often associated with sacrifice, remembrance and resistance. Many mourners carried these symbols while expressing their emotions following the death of the Supreme Leader.

The mourning period comes at a crucial time for Iran, which faces political uncertainty and regional challenges. The death

of the Supreme Leader marks a significant moment in the country’s political system, with attention now turning toward the process of leadership transition and the future direction of the nation.

Across Tehran and other major cities, thousands participated in funeral processions, carrying flags and raising slogans. While supporters described the gatherings as a display of loyalty and unity, analysts believe the event also reflects the complex political and social environment within Iran.

Qom holds special importance in Iran’s religious and political landscape. Known as a major centre of Shia scholarship, the city has played a key role in shaping Iran’s religious movements and political developments for decades.

The massive gatherings in Qom highlight the deep connection between religion, culture and politics in Iranian society. As the country moves through the mourning period, the focus is expected to shift toward the leadership transition, domestic stability and Iran’s future approach to regional and international issues.

The scenes from Qom represent one of the most significant public mourning events in recent Iranian history, reflecting the emotional and political importance of Ayatollah Khamenei’s passing for his supporters and the nation as a whole.



Zelenskyy Seeks NATO Air Defence Support Amid Russia Intensifies Attacks

Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy is seeking urgent support from NATO allies as Russia continues to intensify missile and drone attacks across Ukraine. Kyiv has called for additional air defence systems to protect civilians, military facilities and critical infrastructure from repeated strikes.

The demand comes after a series of heavy Russian attacks on Ukrainian cities, including the capital Kyiv, causing casualties and damage to several locations. Ukrainian officials say the recent strikes have highlighted gaps in their air defence capabilities, especially in countering advanced ballistic missiles.

Zelenskyy is expected to push for stronger military assistance from NATO partners, with air defence systems remaining one of Ukraine’s top priorities. Kyiv believes advanced missile defence platforms are essential to reduce the impact of Russian attacks and safeguard major urban centres.

Ukraine has been able to intercept several drones and cruise missiles during previous attacks, but officials say ballistic missiles remain a major challenge due to their speed and advanced technology. The shortage of interceptor missiles has become a growing concern for Ukrainian forces.

The Ukrainian leadership has repeatedly urged Western allies to speed up military as-

sistance, arguing that stronger air defences can help prevent civilian casualties and protect key infrastructure. Zelenskyy has stressed that timely support from partners could play a crucial role in strengthening Ukraine’s ability to withstand Russian offensives.

Meanwhile, Russia has continued its military operations, using missiles and drones to target various locations across Ukraine. The intensified attacks have increased pressure on Kyiv and its allies to strengthen Ukraine’s defensive capabilities. Apart from seeking defensive weapons, Ukraine has also highlighted the importance of expanding its own long-range strike capabilities. Kyiv believes a combination of stronger air defence systems and advanced military technology is necessary to counter Russia’s battlefield advantage.

The issue of air defence support has become a major focus in discussions between Ukraine and NATO members. The alliance’s response could influence Ukraine’s ability to defend its cities and maintain resistance against ongoing Russian military pressure.

As the war continues, Ukraine’s demand for additional air defence systems remains one of the key issues shaping its diplomatic efforts with Western nations. The outcome of these discussions is expected to have a significant impact on the future course of the conflict.



NSE IPO Likely to Open in September

The long-awaited National Stock Exchange (NSE) initial public offering (IPO) is expected to move a step closer, with market sources indicating that the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is likely to grant its final approval by next month. If the regulatory clearance comes as expected, the IPO could hit the primary market in September.

The proposed public issue is expected to be one of the largest IPOs in India's capital market history, with an estimated size of around 30,000 crore. The offering will primarily be an Offer for Sale (OFS), allowing existing shareholders to partially exit their investments. No fresh shares are expected to be issued by the exchange.

The listing of NSE has been awaited for several years after the IPO process faced multiple regulatory hurdles. However, most of the major issues have now been addressed, paving the way for the exchange to move closer to its public market debut.

Sources said SEBI's internal review process is in its final stages, and the regulator is expected to issue its approval soon. Once the approval is received, NSE will complete the remaining procedural formalities before announcing the is-

sue dates.

The IPO is expected to provide long-awaited liquidity to thousands of existing shareholders, including financial institutions, insurance companies and other early investors. It is also likely to improve price discovery for NSE's unlisted shares, which have seen strong investor interest in the private market.

India's largest lender, State Bank of India (SBI), is expected to be among the biggest shareholders participating in the Offer for Sale. Other institutional investors may also pare a portion of their holdings through the public issue.

Market experts believe the NSE listing could become one of the biggest events in the Indian equity market this year. Strong investor participation is expected given the exchange's dominant position in the country's equity and derivatives markets, robust financial performance and consistent profitability.

The proposed IPO is also expected to deepen India's capital markets by bringing one of the country's most valuable financial institutions to the stock exchanges. Investors are now closely watching SEBI's final decision, which could pave the way for the much-awaited listing in September.



Trent Shares Crash 13% After Weak Q1 Update

Shares of Tata Group retail company Trent Ltd witnessed a sharp decline of nearly 13%, marking their biggest single-day fall in more than a year after the company's first-quarter business update disappointed investors. The weak performance raised concerns over slowing growth momentum despite the company's continued expansion across its retail brands.

Trent became one of the biggest losers in the benchmark index as investors reacted negatively to lower-than-expected revenue growth during the June quarter. The sharp selling pressure erased a significant portion of the stock's recent gains.

The company reported standalone revenue of 5,666 crore for the quarter, registering around 19% year-on-year growth. However, the performance fell short of market expectations, with analysts expecting a stronger pace of growth. The gap between expectations and actual numbers triggered heavy selling in the stock.

Trent continued expanding its retail presence through brands such as Zudio and Westside, adding more stores across markets. However, analysts raised concerns that rapid expansion could impact store productivity in the short term. The decline in revenue generation per square foot indicated pressure on sales efficiency as the company increased its retail footprint.

Market experts believe the correction in Trent shares re-

flects concerns over high valuations and short-term growth challenges rather than a major weakness in the company's long-term business outlook. The company's strong brand portfolio, especially the fast-growing Zudio chain, remains a key strength.

Analysts are now focusing on factors such as same-store sales growth, consumer demand trends, profitability and the pace of store expansion. While Trent's retail strategy continues to attract investor interest, expectations have increased significantly due to the stock's strong performance in recent years.

Brokerages have turned cautious following the weak quarterly update. Some analysts believe existing investors can continue holding the stock, while others suggest waiting for more clarity on growth recovery before making fresh investments.

The company's upcoming quarterly results will be closely watched for signs of improvement in sales momentum and operational efficiency. Investors will also track the performance of Zudio and Westside stores, along with the impact of expansion plans on margins.

Despite the near-term pressure, Trent's long-term growth story remains supported by its strong retail brands, increasing customer base and aggressive expansion strategy. However, the company will need to deliver stronger growth numbers to regain investor confidence and justify its premium valuation.

Sensex, Nifty Snap Four-Day Winning Streak

Indian benchmark equity indices ended marginally lower on Tuesday, snapping their four-session winning streak as investors booked profits in the second half of the trading session. Despite a positive start backed by supportive global cues, the market failed to hold on to early gains due to broad-based selling across key sectors.

The BSE Sensex declined 104.35 points, or 0.13%, to settle at 78,180.72, while the NSE Nifty 50 slipped 31.65 points, or 0.13%, to close at 24,398.70. Both indices traded in positive territory for most of the day before late selling dragged them into the red.

Among sectoral indices, Nifty IT emerged as the top performer, rising over 2% on optimism ahead of the corporate earnings season and strong buying in technology stocks. However, sectors such as Metal, Energy, Pharma and Media witnessed selling pressure, with metal stocks leading the decline.

Stock-specific action remained mixed throughout the session. HCL Technologies was among the major gainers after attracting strong investor interest, while Trent tumbled more



than 12% following weaker-than-expected quarterly business updates, making it the biggest loser of the day.

The broader market also witnessed profit booking after a strong rally over the past four sessions. Analysts believe investors preferred to lock in gains ahead of the upcoming earnings season, even though the overall market sentiment continues to remain positive.

From a technical perspective, market experts noted that the Nifty was unable to sustain above the crucial 24,500 level, which triggered selling in the latter half of the session. Immediate resistance is seen around the 24,530-24,550 range, while 24,300 is expected to provide strong support. A decisive move

above resistance could revive bullish momentum, whereas a break below support may lead to further short-term weakness. Meanwhile, the Indian rupee appreciated by 43 paise against the US dollar to close at 94.97, lending some support to investor confidence. Foreign institutional investor activity, quarterly corporate earnings, monsoon progress and global market trends are expected to remain the key drivers of market direction in the coming days. Despite Tuesday's decline, analysts maintain that the broader trend remains constructive, with stock-specific opportunities likely to emerge as companies begin announcing their quarterly financial results.

Nomura Bets on LG Electronics, Dixon, Nykaa and CarTrade

Global brokerage firm Nomura has identified LG Electronics India, Dixon Technologies, Nykaa and CarTrade as its top stock picks ahead of the June quarter earnings season. While the brokerage expects healthy revenue growth across the consumer durables sector, it has cautioned that higher input costs and increased promotional spending could continue to weigh on profit margins.

Nomura expects consumer durable companies to report strong revenue growth in the first quarter of FY27, driven by an extended summer season, price hikes and a favourable base effect. Demand for air conditioners and other cooling products remained robust due to delayed monsoon conditions, boosting overall sales during the quarter.

The brokerage expects the air-conditioner industry to post strong double-digit retail sales growth. Companies have also benefited from cumulative price increases implemented between March and June, which are expected to support revenue growth. However, rising raw material costs and aggressive marketing campaigns may restrict



margin expansion despite higher sales.

Among consumer durable companies, LG Electronics India remains Nomura's preferred pick. The brokerage believes the company is well positioned to benefit from strong consumer demand, effective pricing strategies and solid operational execution.

In the electronics manufacturing services (EMS) segment, Dixon Technologies is expected to deliver sequential improvement in mobile phone production. Nomura believes export-linked incentives and regulatory approvals related to the company's joint venture with Vivo could become key growth drivers in the second half of FY27.

The brokerage is also optimistic about Nykaa, expecting another strong quarter supported by consistent growth in its

Beauty & Personal Care business and accelerating momentum in its fashion division. Continued expansion of its retail network and digital presence is expected to support long-term growth.

For the digital classifieds space, CarTrade is expected to maintain healthy growth. Nomura believes the company's initiatives under the OLX platform could further strengthen its business performance in the coming quarters.

Overall, the brokerage expects companies under its consumer durables coverage to report around 21% revenue growth and 25% EBITDA growth during the June quarter. Despite healthy top-line performance, profitability may remain under pressure because of elevated input costs and higher promotional expenses.

Nomura believes LG Electronics India, Dixon Technologies and Nykaa are well positioned to outperform market expectations this quarter. However, it has maintained a 'Neutral' view on Voltas and Keynes Technology, citing slower growth prospects in certain business segments.

Nomura Favors HDFC Bank, Axis Bank, Kotak as Loan Growth Stays Strong

Global brokerage firm Nomura has maintained a positive outlook on Indian private sector banks, naming HDFC Bank, Axis Bank and Kotak Mahindra Bank among its top picks as loan growth remained resilient during the June quarter of FY27. The brokerage believes credit demand continues to remain healthy, although performance differences among banks are becoming more visible.

Nomura's assessment of the latest business updates from banks indicates that most lenders witnessed steady loan growth during the quarter. The brokerage expects the sector to benefit from improving economic activity, stable credit demand and stronger balance sheets.

HDFC Bank emerged as one of the strongest performers, reporting healthy growth in its loan book during the quarter. The bank also witnessed improvement in deposits, reflecting steady expansion of its balance sheet and strong customer base. Nomura believes HDFC Bank remains well positioned due to its scale, operational strength and improving growth momentum.

Axis Bank also delivered strong performance, with significant year-on-year growth in advances. The bank's deposit growth remained stable, supporting its lending expansion. Analysts believe Axis Bank's



improving asset quality and consistent business performance could support its long-term growth outlook.

For Kotak Mahindra Bank, loan growth remained steady, though slightly lower compared with some private sector peers. The brokerage continues to track the bank's deposit trends, lending momentum and ability to improve profitability in a competitive banking environment.

Among mid-sized lenders, some banks showed strong credit growth momentum, while others continued their recovery journey after facing challenges in previous quarters. Nomura highlighted that differences in growth rates and business strategies are becoming key factors influencing investor preference within the banking sector.

The brokerage has retained a positive view on several private banks, including HDFC Bank,

Axis Bank, Kotak Mahindra Bank, IndusInd Bank and IDFC First Bank. Analysts believe these lenders have the potential to benefit from improving loan demand, stable asset quality and better operational efficiency. However, investors will continue to monitor key factors such as net interest margins, funding costs, deposit mobilisation and profitability trends. While loan growth remains encouraging, maintaining healthy margins will be crucial for banks in the coming quarters.

With the quarterly earnings season approaching, banking stocks are expected to remain in focus as markets evaluate whether strong business updates translate into improved financial results. Analysts believe private banks with strong balance sheets and sustainable growth strategies are likely to attract investor interest in the medium term.



Nomura Reaffirms 'Buy' on Nykaa, Sees Strong Q1 Growth

Brokerage firm Nomura has reiterated its 'Buy' rating on Nykaa, expressing confidence that the beauty and fashion retailer is likely to post strong revenue growth in the first quarter of FY27. The brokerage has maintained its target price of 317, citing healthy demand across both the beauty and fashion segments.

According to Nomura, Nykaa's Beauty & Personal Care (BPC) business is expected to continue its strong momentum during the June quarter. The brokerage estimates the segment's net sales value (NSV) to grow by around 29%, while revenue is likely to increase by nearly 27% year-on-year. Strong consumer demand, an expanding product portfolio and the company's omnichannel strategy are expected to support this growth.

Nykaa also expanded its offline presence by opening 11 new stores during the quarter, taking its total retail network to 324 stores across the country. Existing stores have also continued to deliver healthy double-digit growth, reflecting sustained customer demand.

The company's fashion business is expected to be the biggest growth driver. Nomura estimates fashion NSV growth of nearly 55%, with revenue likely to increase by around 50% compared to the same period last year. The sharp improvement is attributed to a

wider brand portfolio, higher marketing investments, better execution and the positive response to Nykaa's partnership with global sportswear brand Nike.

Overall, Nomura expects Nykaa's consolidated revenue to grow by nearly 30% year-on-year in the June quarter, exceeding its earlier projections. The brokerage also believes the company's operating performance will improve, with EBITDA margins expected to expand to around 8.5% due to better cost efficiencies and higher operating leverage.

Analysts believe Nykaa is entering a phase of sustained profitable growth, supported by rising consumer spending, expanding retail operations and improved execution across business segments. The company's focus on premium brands, digital commerce and offline expansion continues to strengthen its market position.

Nomura also expects limited impact from inflation on consumer demand and believes Nykaa is well placed to maintain its growth momentum over the coming quarters. With improving profitability, strong revenue visibility and continued business expansion, the brokerage remains optimistic about the company's long-term growth prospects and expects further upgrades to earnings estimates in the future.



AI Stocks Tumble as Global Tech Sell-Off Hits Indian Markets

Artificial intelligence-related stocks in India witnessed sharp declines on Tuesday as a global technology sell-off triggered concerns over high valuations and the sustainability of the AI-driven market rally. Shares of companies linked to the AI and data centre ecosystem, including Netweb Technologies, Aero-flex Industries, E2E Networks and Black Box, declined up to 10% during the session.

The fall came as investors across global markets reduced exposure to technology stocks amid concerns that several AI-focused companies have seen their valuations rise faster than their earnings growth. Weak sentiment in global technology markets also impacted Indian companies connected to artificial intelligence, cloud computing and data centre infrastructure.

AI-focused stocks had attracted significant investor interest over the past year due to expectations of strong growth in artificial intelligence adoption. However, the recent selling pressure indicates that investors are becoming more cautious and are closely evaluating whether these companies can convert AI opportunities into sustainable revenue and profitability.

Netweb Technologies, which operates in the high-performance computing and AI infrastructure space, witnessed heavy selling pressure along with other companies linked to the AI ecosystem. The decline reflected broader con-

cerns around expensive valuations and the need for stronger earnings visibility.

Globally, technology and semiconductor companies also faced pressure as investors reassessed the pace of AI-driven growth. Concerns over rising investments, increasing competition and high capital expenditure requirements have led market participants to adopt a more cautious approach toward the sector.

Analysts believe that while the long-term outlook for artificial intelligence remains positive, companies will need to demonstrate consistent financial performance to justify premium valuations. The growing demand for data centres, advanced computing solutions and cloud infrastructure continues to support the sector, but short-term volatility is expected to remain.

The recent correction has highlighted the importance of earnings growth, business fundamentals and realistic valuations in AI-related companies. Investors are now closely watching upcoming quarterly results and global technology trends to understand whether the AI sector can regain momentum or enter a phase of consolidation.

Despite the near-term pressure, experts believe artificial intelligence will remain a major growth theme over the coming years, driven by increasing adoption across industries and rising demand for advanced digital infrastructure.

PS6 at Rs 1.3 Lakh Is It Reality or Just Rumour?

Rumours surrounding Sony's next-generation gaming console, the PlayStation 6 (PS6), have sparked widespread discussion online, with several reports claiming the console could carry a price tag of around \$1,500, or nearly Rs 1.3 lakh in India. The speculation has left gaming enthusiasts both excited and concerned about the potential cost of Sony's upcoming flagship console.

However, it is important to note that Sony has not officially announced either the PlayStation 6 or its pricing. The figures currently circulating are based on industry speculation and analyst predictions rather than any confirmation from the company.

The reports suggesting a higher price stem largely from expectations that the PS6 will feature cutting-edge technology. Industry experts believe the console could include a significantly more powerful processor, next-generation graphics hardware, advanced ray trac-



ing capabilities, AI-powered gaming features, faster SSD storage, and improved performance designed to support increasingly demanding game titles. These upgrades are expected to drive manufacturing costs higher than previous PlayStation models. Another factor behind the speculation is the rising cost of electronic components worldwide. Inflation, higher semiconductor prices, increasing production expenses, and global supply chain challenges have all con-

tributed to more expensive consumer electronics in recent years. Analysts believe these economic factors could influence the final retail price of Sony's next gaming console.

Despite the speculation, many gaming analysts remain sceptical that Sony would launch the PS6 at such a premium price. Historically, PlayStation consoles have been priced to appeal to a broad consumer base, helping Sony maintain its dominance in the gaming market. A price of

\$1,500 could significantly reduce its mass-market appeal and make it difficult to compete with rival gaming platforms.

Some experts believe the reported figure may instead refer to a special edition or a premium bundle that includes additional accessories, rather than the standard PlayStation 6 console. Others suggest that the rumours may simply be exaggerated estimates based on expected hardware improvements. For now, the Rs 1.3 lakh price tag remains pure speculation. Sony has yet to reveal official details about the PlayStation 6, including its specifications, launch timeline, or pricing. Until the company makes a formal announcement, gamers are advised to treat these reports with caution.

The excitement surrounding the PlayStation 6 continues to grow, but whether it will truly become Sony's most expensive console ever remains to be seen.

A Smartphone, A Dream and a Wimbledon Moment

Indian content creator Vijay Kumar, popularly known as @vijay3guy on Instagram, has captured hearts after attending the prestigious Wimbledon Championships, marking a remarkable milestone in a journey that began in a small village in Uttar Pradesh's Sonbhadra district. His visit to one of the world's most iconic sporting events has become a symbol of how passion, consistency, and authentic storytelling can transform lives.

Vijay recently shared pictures and videos from Wimbledon on social media, thanking his followers for supporting him throughout his journey. His posts quickly went viral, with thousands of fans celebrating his achievement and praising his rise from humble beginnings to international recognition.

Unlike many creators who chase viral trends, Vijay built his online presence by creating relatable, family-friendly comedy videos inspired by everyday Indian life. His content revolves around village culture, middle-class families, school memories, friendships, festivals, cricket, and the amusing moments of daily life. This simple yet authentic approach



helped him connect with millions of viewers across the country.

Today, Vijay enjoys a loyal community of nearly 3.9 million Instagram followers, making him one of India's most popular digital creators. His videos are known for their clean humour and realistic storytelling, proving that originality and authenticity continue to resonate strongly with audiences. Social media users were quick to applaud his achievement. Many described his Wimbledon visit as an example of how talent and perseverance can open doors to opportunities once considered impossible. Several users pointed out that Vijay started with nothing more than a smartphone and a dream, yet his dedication eventually earned him a place at one

of the world's biggest sporting events. His appearance at Wimbledon also reflects the growing influence of Indian digital creators on the global stage. International sporting events are increasingly collaborating with content creators to engage younger audiences, and Vijay's invitation highlights the expanding reach and impact of India's creator economy.

Vijay Kumar's journey serves as an inspiring reminder that success in the digital age is not determined by where someone begins, but by creativity, persistence, and the ability to connect with people. From producing comedy videos in a small village to walking the historic grounds of Wimbledon, his story continues to motivate aspiring creators across the country.

Mumbai Landlady Rejects Tenant Over Numerology Number

A bizarre rental experience in Mumbai has gone viral after an influencer claimed that her friend was denied a flat because of her numerology number. The incident has sparked widespread debate on social media, with many questioning the unusual criteria some landlords use while selecting tenants.

The story was shared by artist and influencer Vagmita Singh, who said she accompanied a friend to inspect a rental apartment in Mumbai. According to Singh, the meeting started normally until the landlady asked her friend, "What's your number?" Assuming she was being asked for her phone number, the prospective tenant shared her contact details.

However, the landlady clarified that she was asking for her numerology number, which is calculated using a person's date of birth. After working out the number, the landlady reportedly said the friend's numerology number was 7, while the house was associated with the number 4. She then claimed the two numbers were incompatible and refused to rent out the apartment.

Recalling the incident, Vagmita expressed disbelief and later shared the experience through a video on Instagram. The clip quickly went viral, at-



tracting thousands of views and comments from users who shared their own unusual experiences while searching for rental homes.

Many people found the incident amusing, while others pointed out that Mumbai's rental market is often known for strict and unconventional conditions. Prospective tenants have previously reported being rejected based on factors such as dietary preferences, marital status, profession, religion, or whether they own

pets. The alleged use of numerology as a deciding factor has added another unusual example to the city's competitive housing market.

Some social media users who believe in numerology argued that the landlady may have misunderstood the compatibility of the numbers, claiming that 4 and 7 can actually be considered a favourable combination. Others dismissed the entire concept as superstition, saying rental decisions should be based on

practical factors rather than personal beliefs. The incident has once again highlighted the challenges many people face while searching for rental accommodation in major cities. Although the influencer's account has gained significant attention online, it remains an unverified personal experience. Nevertheless, the story has reignited conversations about arbitrary screening practices and the need for a more transparent and fair rental process.

'Made in India' Medicines Leave US Visitor Surprised

A social media post by an Indian senior citizen has gone viral after he shared his expensive medical experience in the United States, highlighting the sharp contrast between healthcare costs in the US and India.

The man, who was staying in Seattle, Washington, with his wife for two months, explained that they had carried medicines from India for his wife's respiratory illness. However, after their supply ran out, they had to consult a local doctor to obtain a fresh prescription.

What followed came as a major shock. According to his post, the doctor's consultation alone cost around Rs 23,000, while the prescribed medicines added another Rs 42,000, taking the total medical expense to more than Rs 65,000.

The experience became even more surprising when the medicines were not immediately available at the pharmacy. The couple reportedly had to wait



four to five days for the medicines to arrive. When they finally received them, they noticed that the medicines had been manufactured by Indian pharmaceutical company Cipla and carried the label "Made in India."

Reflecting on the experience, the senior citizen said the incident made him appreciate India's healthcare system even more. He pointed out that medi-

cines in India are generally available quickly, doctor consultations are significantly more affordable, and diagnostic services are easily accessible.

Beyond healthcare, he also praised India's digital infrastructure and everyday conveniences. He highlighted features such as affordable mobile data, UPI-based digital payments, doorstep delivery of groceries,

easy access to specialist doctors, home-based diagnostic tests, and the strong sense of community among neighbours. His post struck a chord with thousands of social media users, many of whom agreed that India offers affordable healthcare compared to several developed countries. Others, however, pointed out that healthcare costs in the United States can vary greatly depending on a person's health insurance coverage, hospital network, and treatment requirements.

The viral post has once again sparked discussions about the affordability and accessibility of healthcare across countries. While the US is known for its advanced medical facilities, the senior citizen's experience has reminded many that India's combination of relatively low treatment costs and easy access to medicines remains one of its biggest strengths.

Norway's 'Viking Row' Symbolises National Pride

Norway's remarkable FIFA World Cup campaign has inspired celebrations across the country, with the Norwegian Army, Navy, and Air Force joining the now-famous "Viking Row" celebration. A video featuring military personnel performing the synchronized rowing motion in full uniform has gone viral on social media, drawing praise from viewers worldwide.

The video shows soldiers rowing in unison across open fields, sailors performing the routine aboard naval vessels, and Air Force personnel joining the celebration at military bases and on aircraft. Dressed in camouflage uniforms, the troops imitate rowing an ancient Viking longship while chanting together, creating a powerful display of national pride and unity.

The "Viking Row" has become one of the defining symbols of Norway's World Cup journey. Inspired by the country's Viking heritage, the celebration involves participants sitting together and mimicking the rowing of a Viking ship while chanting in rhythm. What began as a football fan tradition has now spread



across the nation, with schools, public institutions, government officials, members of the royal family, and now the armed forces taking part.

The military's participation came after Norway produced one of the biggest upsets of the tournament by defeating five-time world champions Brazil 2-1 in the Round of 16. The historic victory secured Norway's first-ever place in the FIFA World Cup quarter-finals, triggering nationwide celebrations. Star striker Erling Haaland played a crucial role in the memorable win, adding to the excitement among Norwegian fans.

The video has received widespread appreciation online, with many users calling it an inspiring example of patriotism, teamwork, and national spirit. Others praised the armed forces for embracing the celebration and showcasing Norway's cultural heritage in a unique and entertaining way.

The "Viking Row" has now evolved into more than just a football celebration. It has become a symbol of unity, resilience, and national pride, bringing together people from all walks of life as Norway continues its inspiring journey on football's biggest stage.



Ronaldo Defends Legacy After Portugal’s World Cup Exit

Cristiano Ronaldo has responded emotionally following Portugal’s exit from the FIFA World Cup, reminding critics of the impact he has had on the national team over the course of his legendary career.

Speaking after Portugal’s campaign came to an end, Ronaldo said he remains proud of everything he has achieved with the national side. He stressed that before his arrival, Portugal had struggled to win major international trophies, but during his era, the team transformed into one of Europe’s most successful football nations.

The veteran forward pointed to Portugal’s triumphs in UEFA Euro 2016 and the UEFA Nations League as historic milestones that changed the country’s footballing legacy. Ronaldo said those achievements reflected years of dedication, hard work, and belief from the entire squad.

While expressing disappointment over the World Cup exit, the five-time Ballon d’Or winner insisted that one disappointing tournament should not overshadow everything the team has accomplished over the years. He emphasized that football is full of ups and downs and that setbacks are part of every athlete’s journey.

Ronaldo also thanked Portuguese fans for their unwavering support throughout the tournament. He acknowledged their passion and admitted that the defeat was painful, but urged supporters to continue believing in the national team and its future.

The 41-year-old reiterated his commitment to Portuguese football and said he remains proud to have represented his country for more than two decades. He added that wearing the national jersey has always been the greatest honor of his career. His remarks quickly sparked discussions across the football world, with many fans praising Ronaldo for highlighting Portugal’s remarkable rise in international football during his time with the team.

Others viewed his comments as a reminder of the lasting legacy he has built as one of the greatest players in the history of the sport.

Although Portugal’s World Cup dream has ended, Ronaldo’s contribution to the national team remains unmatched. With numerous records, unforgettable performances, and major international trophies to his name, he leaves behind a legacy that has forever transformed Portuguese football.



The Secret Behind VfL Bochum’s Remarkable Youth Academy Success

While Europe’s biggest football clubs spend millions to sign the world’s brightest young talents, German club VfL Bochum has earned widespread admiration for developing hometown players through a unique and community-driven approach.

Unlike many elite clubs that rely heavily on expensive transfers, Bochum has built its reputation by investing in youth development, patience, and long-term planning. The club focuses on identifying talented youngsters at an early age and helping them grow both as footballers and as individuals.

One of the academy’s biggest strengths is its emphasis on education, discipline, and personal development alongside football training. Coaches work closely with players to improve not only their technical and tactical skills but also their mental strength, character, and decision-making abilities.

The academy also maintains strong relationships with local schools, families, and grassroots football clubs, creating a supportive environment where young players can develop without excessive pressure. This close connection to the local community has become a key factor behind the club’s continued success in producing talented footballers.

Bochum believes that suc-

cess cannot simply be bought with money. Instead, the club prioritizes building a strong culture where young players are given time to learn, make mistakes, and gradually progress into professional football.

Several academy graduates have gone on to play in the Bundesliga and other top European leagues, highlighting the effectiveness of the club’s development model. Even when larger clubs attempt to lure away promising youngsters, Bochum’s commitment to player welfare and long-term growth continues to attract aspiring footballers.

Club officials believe that trust, consistency, and a clear development pathway are more valuable than financial power when it comes to nurturing future stars. Their philosophy has become an example for many smaller clubs seeking sustainable success in modern football.

As European football becomes increasingly driven by massive transfer fees and commercial interests, VfL Bochum’s youth academy stands out as proof that investing in people, patience, and local talent can still produce outstanding results. The club’s approach continues to demonstrate that strong values and quality coaching can compete with even the wealthiest football institutions.

Suryakumar Slams Fake Quote, Backs Team India and Encourages Vaibhav

India’s T20 captain Suryakumar Yadav has strongly dismissed a fake statement circulating on social media, clarifying that he neither made nor authorized the viral quote. The star batter urged fans not to believe or share unverified information, taking a firm stand against the spread of misinformation.

Suryakumar’s clarification came after he was left out of India’s squad for the upcoming three-match T20I series against Zimbabwe. Despite not being selected, the Mumbai batter expressed complete support for the Indian team and wished the players success in the series.

In a message shared on social media, Suryakumar said he was happy for the team and confident that the players would continue to perform well. He added that Team India would always have his full support, regardless of whether he was part of the squad.

The 35-year-old also had a special message for teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who recently earned his maiden call-up to the senior Indian team. Congratulating the youngster, Suryakumar described it as the beginning of an exciting journey and encouraged him to enjoy every moment while continuing to make the country proud.

Suryakumar’s positive message won praise from fans, who appreciated his sportsmanship despite his omission from the national side. His support for the team and words of encouragement for the young opener were widely seen as a reflection of his leadership and professionalism.

By addressing the fake quote directly, Suryakumar also highlighted the growing problem of misinformation on social media. He urged fans to verify information before sharing it and reiterated that any official statements from him would only be communicated through his verified social media accounts.



BCCI Defends Sanju Samson’s Zimbabwe Snub Amid Criticism

The exclusion of Sanju Samson from India’s squad for the upcoming T20I series against Zimbabwe has sparked widespread debate among cricket fans, with many questioning the selectors’ decision despite the wicketkeeper-batter’s strong performances in recent months.

According to reports, those criticizing the BCCI have been urged to “do their homework” before drawing conclusions. Sources close to the selection process have clarified that Samson’s absence should not be viewed as a punishment or an indication that he has fallen out of the team’s plans.

The selectors are believed to have opted for workload management while also using the Zimbabwe series as an opportunity to test India’s bench strength and provide valuable exposure to emerging players. With a packed international calendar ahead, the team management is focused on maintaining a balanced rotation policy.

Samson, who played an important role in India’s recent T20 World Cup campaign, continues to be regarded as a key player in the team’s long-term plans. Reports suggest that his omission is purely a strategic decision aimed at managing player workloads and giving opportunities to other talented cricketers.

The Zimbabwe tour has also opened the door for several young players to showcase their abilities at the international level. The selectors believe such series offer the perfect platform to assess fresh talent while preparing a stronger and deeper squad for future challenges.

Despite the clarification, the decision has continued to divide opinion among fans and cricket experts. Many believe Samson deserved another chance based on his recent performances, while others support the selectors’ approach of experimenting with new players and building depth in the squad.

For now, the BCCI remains confident in its selection strategy, emphasizing that the decision was taken with a long-term vision rather than as a reflection of Samson’s form or ability. The focus remains on creating a competitive squad capable of delivering consistent success across all formats of the game.



Lukaku’s ‘Trump Dance’ Celebration Goes Viral After Belgium’s World Cup Win

Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku grabbed attention both on and off the field after unveiling a unique goal celebration inspired by US President Donald Trump during the FIFA World Cup 2026.

Following his goal in Belgium’s victory over the United States, Lukaku celebrated by recreating a dance that has become popularly associated with Donald Trump. The unusual celebration immediately went viral on social media, with videos and clips spreading rapidly across various platforms.

The celebration sparked mixed reactions among football fans. While many found the moment entertaining and praised Lukaku’s sense of humor, others debated whether political references should be part of sporting celebrations.

Lukaku, however, appeared to treat the gesture as a lighthearted moment rather than a political statement. The Belgian striker remained focused on the team’s performance, helping Belgium secure an important victory and progress further in the tournament.

The viral celebration quickly became one of the biggest talking points of the World Cup, generating millions of views online. Fans created memes, reaction videos, and humorous posts, making Lukaku’s dance one of the tournament’s most memorable off-field moments.

Despite the social media buzz surrounding the celebration, Belgium’s impressive performance remained the primary focus. Lukaku once again demonstrated his value to the national team with a crucial goal and another influential display in attack.

As the FIFA World Cup progresses, Lukaku’s celebration is likely to remain one of the standout viral moments of the tournament, proving that football can create unforgettable memories both through outstanding performances and unique celebrations.

Mohammed Siraj Pens Emotional Tribute to Cristiano Ronaldo

Indian pacer Mohammed Siraj shared an emotional tribute to football legend Cristiano Ronaldo after Portugal’s FIFA World Cup 2026 campaign came to an end, marking the iconic forward’s final appearance at the tournament.

Portugal’s exit brought the curtain down on Ronaldo’s remarkable World Cup journey, prompting an outpouring of messages from fans and athletes around the world. Among them was Siraj, who took to social media to express his admiration for one of his biggest sporting inspirations.

In his heartfelt message, Siraj said that Ronaldo would always remain his inspiration and that one match could never define the greatness of a player who has inspired millions across the globe. He thanked the Portuguese superstar for setting an example through his dedication, discipline, and relentless pursuit of excellence.

Siraj’s admiration for Ronaldo is no secret. The Indian fast bowler has often celebrated his wickets with Ronaldo’s iconic “Siu” celebration and has repeatedly spoken about how the football legend’s work ethic and winning mentality have motivated him throughout his cricketing journey.

On earlier occasions, Siraj had also revealed that he used a wallpaper featuring Ronaldo with the word “Believe” on his phone before important international matches, saying it served as a constant source of confidence and motivation.

Ronaldo’s farewell to the FIFA World Cup has sparked emotional reactions from sporting personalities across the world. Widely regarded as one of the greatest footballers in history, the Portuguese captain leaves behind an extraordinary legacy built on record-breaking achievements, unforgettable performances, and major international trophies.

Siraj’s tribute resonated with sports fans, highlighting Ronaldo’s influence beyond football. His message reflected the sentiments of millions who believe that, despite Portugal’s disappointing World Cup exit, Cristiano Ronaldo’s legacy as one of the greatest athletes of all time remains firmly intact.



Djokovic, Sinner Eye Blockbuster Wimbledon Semi-Final Clash

Tennis fans could be in for one of the biggest matches of the year as Novak Djokovic and Jannik Sinner stand just one victory away from setting up a blockbuster Wimbledon semi-final at Wimbledon 2026.

Seven-time Wimbledon champion Djokovic will first have to overcome his quarter-final challenge as he continues his pursuit of a record-equalling eighth Wimbledon title and a historic 25th Grand Slam singles crown. The Serbian legend has once again showcased his experience, consistency, and determination throughout the tournament, making him one of the favorites for the title.

Meanwhile, world No. 1 and defending champion Jannik Sinner will look to continue his impressive run when he takes the court in his quarter-final. The Italian star has been in outstanding form and is aiming to defend his Wimbledon crown with another dominant performance.

If both players win their respective quarter-final matches, fans will be treated to a highly anticipated semi-final clash between two of the biggest names in men’s tennis. Their growing rivalry has become one of the sport’s most exciting storylines, with Sinner representing the new generation while Djokovic continues to prove that he remains a formidable force despite his long and successful career.

For Djokovic, another Wimbledon title would further cement his place in tennis history by bringing him closer to another major milestone. For Sinner, a successful title defense would reinforce his status as the world’s top-ranked player and one of the game’s brightest stars.

The potential meeting has already generated tremendous excitement among tennis fans, who are eager to witness a battle between Djokovic’s unmatched experience and Sinner’s youthful brilliance. With both players in excellent form, the possible semi-final promises to be one of the standout matches of the tournament.

As Wimbledon heads into its decisive stages, all eyes will be on Djokovic and Sinner as they bid to keep their title dreams alive and set up a thrilling showdown on Centre Court.



Former Afghanistan Pacer Shapoor Zadran Dies at 38

Former Afghanistan fast bowler Shapoor Zadran, one of the pioneers of Afghanistan’s rise in international cricket, has passed away at the age of 38 after a prolonged illness. His death has left the cricketing world in mourning, with tributes pouring in from players, fans, and cricket boards across the globe.

Zadran had been battling Hemophagocytic Lymphohistiocytosis (HLH), a rare and life-threatening immune system disorder. He had been undergoing treatment in the Delhi-NCR region but sadly succumbed to the illness just a day before his 39th birthday.

The Afghanistan Cricket Board (ACB) expressed deep sorrow over his passing, describing him as one of the key figures who helped lay the foundation for Afghanistan’s success in international cricket. The board praised his dedication, passion, and invaluable contribution to the growth of the sport in the country.

A left-arm fast bowler known for his aggression and fighting spirit, Zadran represented Afghanistan in 80 international matches, including 44 One-Day Internationals and 36 T20 Internationals. He played a vital role during Afghanistan’s remarkable journey from an emerging cricket nation to a respected force on the global stage.

One of the most memorable moments of his career came during the 2015 ICC Cricket World Cup, when he scored the winning runs against Scotland to secure Afghanistan’s first-ever victory in a Cricket World Cup. That historic triumph remains one of the greatest milestones in the nation’s cricketing history.

Beyond his achievements on the field, Zadran inspired an entire generation of Afghan cricketers through his determination, resilience, and commitment to the game. His contributions played a major role in shaping the future of cricket in Afghanistan.

His untimely passing is a huge loss to the global cricket fraternity. While Shapoor Zadran is no longer with us, his legacy will continue to inspire future generations, and his contributions to Afghanistan’s cricket journey will always be remembered.



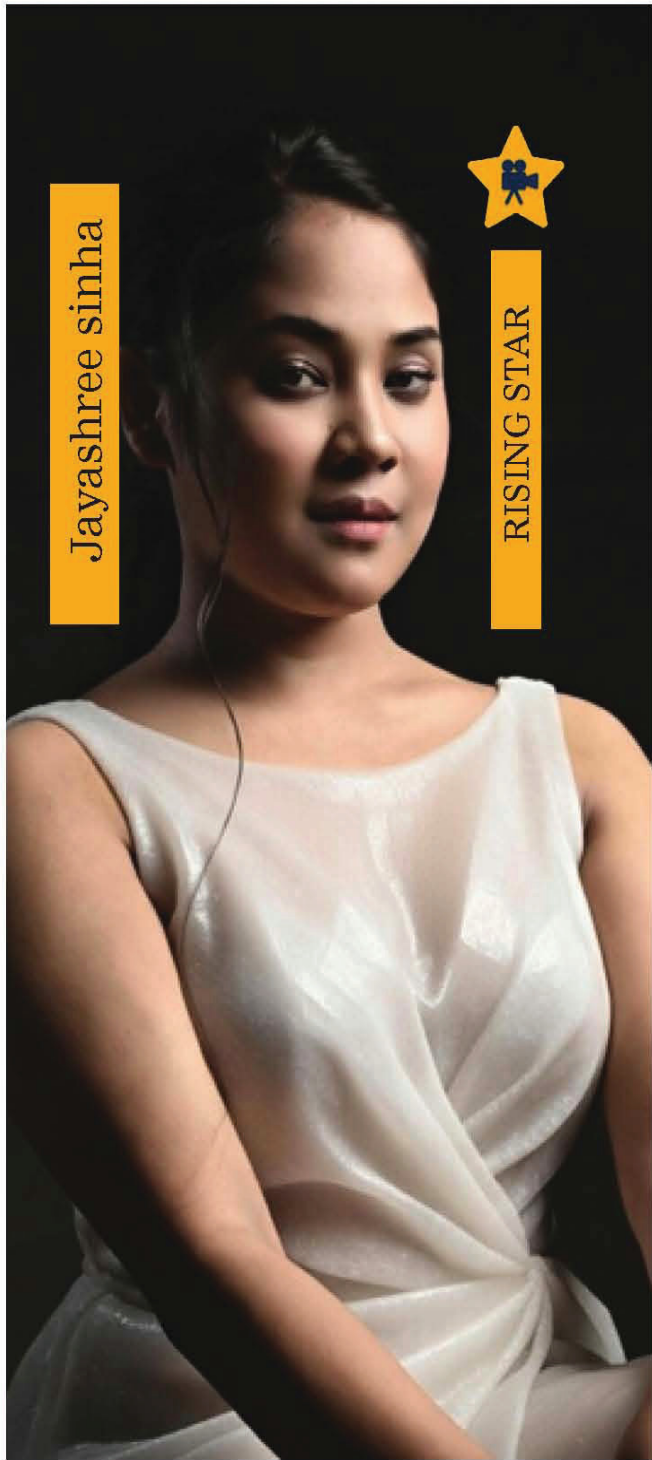
Prabhas to Shoot High-Octane Interval Sequence for ‘Fauzi’

Prabhas is gearing up for one of the most crucial shooting schedules of his upcoming period action drama Fauzi, directed by Hanu Raghavapudi. The actor is set to begin filming the movie's much-awaited interval action sequence from July 10 at a specially erected set on the outskirts of Hyderabad.

According to reports, the interval episode has been designed as a grand, high-voltage action block and is expected to be one of the biggest highlights of the film. The sequence will feature intense stunt choreography, large-scale visuals, and a powerful performance from Prabhas, making it a key moment in the narrative.

The makers have reportedly constructed an elaborate set to film this crucial portion, with production expected to continue for several days. The action episode is said to play a significant role in elevating the film's emotional and dramatic impact.

Directed by Hanu Raghavapudi,



di, Fauzi is a period war drama set against the backdrop of pre-Independence India. Prabhas plays the role of a courageous soldier in what is expected to be a powerful and emotionally driven story. The film also stars Imanvi as the female lead, while veteran actors Mithun Chakraborty, Jaya Prada, and Anupam Kher play important roles.

Music for the film is composed by Vishal Chandrasekhar, with the project being produced on a grand scale by Mythri Movie Makers. The film has generated immense anticipation among fans, who are eagerly awaiting the first teaser and official promotional material.

With the interval sequence now set to go on floors, Fauzi has entered one of its most important phases of production. Fans are excited to see Prabhas in a never-before-seen avatar, and expectations are high that the film will deliver a visually spectacular and emotionally engaging cinematic experience.

Chiranjeevi Performs Risky Stunts for Mega158

Megastar Chiranjeevi is once again proving that age is no barrier when it comes to delivering high-octane action. The veteran actor is currently shooting for his upcoming film Mega158, directed by Bobby Kolli, and has reportedly performed several risky stunt sequences without relying on body doubles.

According to the film's team, the latest action schedule is progressing at a brisk pace, with Chiranjeevi actively participating in physically demanding sequences. Despite being one of the senior-most stars in Indian cinema, the actor has impressed the crew with his energy, dedication, and commitment to performing challenging action scenes.

The ongoing schedule features large-scale stunt sequences that are expected to be among the biggest highlights of the film. The makers are aiming to deliver a visually grand action entertainer with top-notch production values and stylish action choreography.

Mega158, tentatively referred to as #ChiruBobby2, marks Chiranjeevi's second collaboration with director Bobby Kolli after the blockbuster Waltair Veerayya. Their previous film was a major commercial success, creating high expectations for this latest project.

Produced by KVN Productions, the movie is being made on a lavish budget with a strong focus on action and mass entertainment. The current schedule is progressing smoothly, and the production team is working to complete key action episodes that will play a crucial role in the film.

Although the official title and storyline are yet to be revealed, the film has already generated significant excitement among fans. Chiranjeevi's willingness to perform risky stunt sequences has further increased anticipation, with audiences eagerly waiting for the first teaser and other promotional material.



With shooting moving ahead as planned, Mega158 is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Telugu films. Backed by an experienced team and led by Chiranjeevi's unmatched screen presence, the film promises a powerful mix of action, entertainment, and commercial appeal.

Venkatesh Joins the Sets of Anil Ravipudi's ‘VenkyAnil5’

Victory Venkatesh has officially joined the shooting of director Anil Ravipudi's much-awaited entertainer, tentatively titled VenkyAnil5. The latest shooting schedule is currently underway, with the actor participating in key sequences alongside Nandamuri Kalyan Ram, who has already begun filming earlier.

The film marks another exciting collaboration between Venkatesh and Anil Ravipudi after delivering successful entertainers in the past. Their hit combination has created high expectations among fans, making the project one of the most anticipated Telugu films currently in production.

The makers recently shared a behind-the-scenes picture featuring Venkatesh, Anil Ravipudi, and Kalyan Ram, confirming that the senior actor has joined the ongoing schedule. The team is currently filming important scenes involving both lead actors.

VenkyAnil5 is a multi-starrer that brings together Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram on screen for the first time. The fresh combination has already generated considerable buzz, with movie lovers eager to see the chemistry between the two stars.

The film also features Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty as the female leads. Music is being composed by G.V. Prakash Kumar, whose inclusion has added to the excitement surrounding the project.

Although the official title and storyline have not yet been revealed, the movie is expected to be a complete commercial entertainer, blending comedy, family emotions, action, and Anil Ravipudi's trademark style of storytelling.

Produced on a grand scale, the film is progressing smoothly, with the makers expected to announce the official title, first-



look posters, and teaser in the coming months.

With Venkatesh now joining the sets and filming moving ahead at a steady pace, anticipation for VenkyAnil5 continues to grow. Fans are eagerly looking forward to seeing the fresh pairing of Venkatesh and Kalyan Ram in what promises to be an entertaining big-screen spectacle.

Allu Arjun's AA23 Title Teaser Promises a Massive Surprise

The excitement surrounding Allu Arjun's much-awaited film AA23 continues to grow, with the latest reports suggesting that the movie's title teaser is shaping up to be a spectacular treat for fans.

Directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj, the film has already created immense buzz as one of the biggest collaborations in Indian cinema. According to industry reports, the director has completed shooting enough footage for the title teaser, which is expected to showcase Allu Arjun in a powerful and never-before-seen avatar.

The teaser is reportedly being crafted on a grand scale to unveil the film's official title while setting the tone for its intense action-packed narrative. Fans can expect Lokesh Kanagaraj's signature filmmaking style, featuring stylish visuals, gripping action, and a powerful background score.

Although the makers have not yet announced the teaser release date, preparations are said to be progressing at a brisk pace. The title teaser is expected to mark the beginning of the film's promotional campaign and further increase anticipation among audiences.



AA23 marks the first-ever collaboration between Allu Arjun and Lokesh Kanagaraj, making it one of the most awaited pan-India projects. The film is being produced by Sun Pictures, with Anirudh Ravichander composing the music. This powerful combination has already generated tremendous excitement among movie

lovers.

While the makers have kept the storyline under wraps, the film is expected to be a high-octane action entertainer featuring Lokesh Kanagaraj's trademark cinematic style and Allu Arjun's dynamic screen presence.

With the title teaser reportedly nearing completion, AA23 is steadily building momentum as one of the biggest upcoming Indian films. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the official announcement and the first glimpse, which is expected to offer an exciting introduction to the film's world.

Nani Gives Green Signal to VenkyAtluri's Next Film ‘Maa Inti Bangaaram’ Inches Closer to the ₹100 Crore Milestone



Natural Star Nani has reportedly given the green signal to director Venky Atluri's next project, paving the way for an exciting new collaboration in Telugu cinema. The development has created significant buzz, as both Nani and Venky Atluri are currently enjoying successful phases in their careers.

According to industry reports, Venky Atluri recently narrated the final version of the script to Nani. Impressed with the story and its narration, the actor is said to have immediately approved the project. Although the collaboration has not yet been officially announced, the film is expected to move into pre-production after both complete their ongoing commitments. Nani is currently occupied with multiple films, while Venky Atluri is busy directing his upcoming project starring Tamil actor Suriya. Once they wrap up their existing schedules, work on the new film is expected to begin.

The project is likely to be produced by Sithara Entertainment, a production house that has previously backed several successful films. While the makers have kept the storyline and genre under wraps, the film is expected to feature Venky Atluri's signature style of combining emotional storytelling with commercial entertainment.

This will mark the first-ever collaboration between Nani and Venky Atluri, making it one of the most anticipated combinations in Tollywood. Fans are already looking forward to seeing the duo work together, considering Nani's reputation for selecting unique scripts and Venky Atluri's ability to deliver engaging entertainers. An official announcement regarding the title, cast, technical crew, and shooting schedule is expected in the coming months. With two talented names joining forces, the project has already generated high expectations and is shaping up to be one of the most awaited Telugu films in the near future.

Samantha Ruth Prabhu's latest blockbuster Maa Inti Bangaaram continues its impressive run at the box office, maintaining strong momentum even in its third week of release. The film has emerged as one of the biggest commercial successes of the year and is now just a step away from entering the prestigious 100 crore worldwide gross club.

According to the makers, the film has collected 96.5 crore worldwide in just 18 days, putting it within touching distance of the coveted 100 crore mark. Despite the arrival of new releases, the movie has continued to attract audiences, driven by positive word-of-mouth and strong repeat viewership.

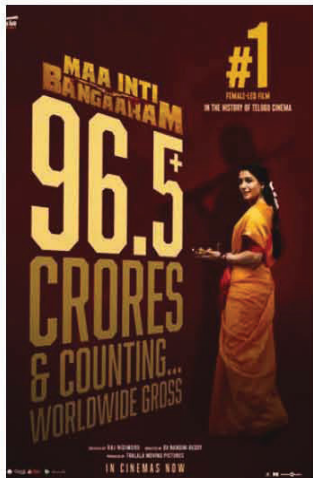
If it crosses the 100 crore milestone, Maa Inti Bangaaram is expected to become the highest-grossing female-led Telugu film, marking a major achievement for Samantha Ruth Prabhu. The actress has earned

widespread appreciation for her performance, which has been cited as one of the key reasons behind the film's outstanding box-office success.

Directed by Nandini Reddy and created by Raj Nidimoru, the film is produced by Samantha Ruth Prabhu under her production banner. The cast also includes Gulshan Devaiah, Diganth Manchale, Gautami, and Sreemukhi in important roles, while the music has been composed by Santhosh Narayanan.

The film's sustained performance beyond its opening weekend has been particularly noteworthy. It has continued to register steady collections even on weekdays, reflecting its strong appeal among audiences across different regions. Trade circles expect the movie to cross the 100 crore milestone within the next few days if the current momentum continues.

With its impressive theatrical performance and record-



breaking collections, Maa Inti Bangaaram has established itself as one of the biggest hits of Samantha's career. The film's success also highlights the growing commercial potential of women-led films in Telugu cinema and reinforces Samantha's position as one of the industry's leading stars.

‘Ramayana’ Fans Get Two Exciting Updates

Fans eagerly awaiting Nitesh Tiwari's epic mythological film Ramayana have received two major updates, adding to the excitement surrounding one of the most anticipated Indian films.

The first big update is that the film's post-production work is progressing at full speed. The makers are focusing extensively on visual effects, CGI, sound design, and technical enhancements to deliver a world-class cinematic experience. The movie is being mounted on a massive scale and is being designed for IMAX and Dolby Cinema formats, reflecting the team's ambition to create a grand visual spectacle.

The second exciting update is that the film's official trailer is expected to be released on July 18, 2026. The trailer was previously showcased at CinemaCon, where it reportedly received an overwhelming response. It is now set to be released for audiences worldwide, offering fans their first detailed look at the epic.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, the film features an impressive star cast. Ranbir Kapoor plays Lord Rama, Sai Pallavi portrays Sita, Yash takes on the role of Ravana while also serving as one of the film's co-producers. Sunny Deol appears as Lord Hanuman, and Ravi Dubey plays Lakshmana.

Produced by Namit Malhotra under Prime Focus Studios in association with Monster Mind Creations, the film is one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken in Indian cinema. The makers are investing heavily in cutting-edge visual effects and advanced filmmaking technology to bring the timeless epic to life on the big screen.

The first installment of the two-part saga is scheduled for a Diwali 2026 theatrical release, while the second part is expected to arrive during Diwali 2027. With post-production progressing rapidly and the trailer launch just around the corner, anticipation for Ramayana continues to grow among movie lovers across the globe.