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Governor Urges Students to Put Nation First



Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Governor Shri Shiv Pratap Shukla called upon students to uphold the spirit of "Nation First", cultivate strong moral values, and contribute towards building a developed India. Addressing the 86th Foundation Day celebrations of the Keshav Memorial Educational Society (KMES) in Hyderabad on Sunday, the Governor said the true purpose of education extends beyond academic excellence. He stressed that education should shape character, discipline, compassion and a deep sense of national responsibility among students. Shukla urged the younger generation to stay away from drugs and other harmful influences, emphasizing that a healthy, disciplined and responsible youth population is essential for the country's

progress. He encouraged students to become socially conscious citizens dedicated to serving society and strengthening the nation. The Governor praised Keshav Memorial Educational Society for its longstanding contribution to value-based education and nation-building. He commended the institution for nurturing generations of students with a strong foundation in ethics, patriotism and academic excellence over the past eight decades. Reiterating the vision of a Viksit Bharat, the Governor said educational institutions play a crucial role in preparing responsible citizens who can lead the country towards sustainable growth, innovation and inclusive development. He urged students to combine knowledge with integrity and public service in their pursuit of success.

Kishan Reddy Reviews Assam Mining Sector

New Delhi, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday met Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy in New Delhi to discuss the development of the coal and mining sectors in the state. During the meeting, the two leaders held detailed discussions on expanding coal production, exploring new mining projects, improving resource utilisation and attracting investments into Assam's mining sector. They also reviewed issues related to the growth and sustainable development of the industry. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma briefed the Union Minister on the challenges facing the coal and mining sectors in Assam and sought the Centre's support in addressing them. Responding positively, Kishan Reddy directed officials of the concerned departments to examine the issues on a priority basis and take necessary steps for their



New Delhi, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday called upon all political parties to work together for a productive Monsoon Session of Parliament, highlighting India's recent achievements in space, technology, infrastructure, and economic growth. Addressing the nation ahead of the session, he expressed confidence that a successful Parliament session would contribute to the welfare and development of the country. Speaking to the media before the commencement of the Monsoon Session, Prime Minister Modi highlighted several important developments witnessed in the past month. He praised the achievements of India's youth in the space sector, particularly the success of private space initiatives, and said that young innovators were demonstrating courage and determination by taking up challenging ventures. Referring to the progress made by young entrepreneurs in the space sector, Modi said that such accomplishments reflected the growing confidence and capabilities of India's youth.



He noted that many of these achievements were accomplished by young individuals, showcasing the energy and ambition of the new generation. The Prime Minister also mentioned major development milestones, including the dedication of an oil refinery in Rajasthan to the nation, the inauguration of a semiconductor manufacturing facility, and the launch of a green hydrogen train. He said that when the monsoon season and the Monsoon Session both progress successfully, they bring positive outcomes for the nation. "Just as we pray for a productive monsoon season, we

hope the Monsoon Session of Parliament will also be equally productive," Modi said. He emphasized that constructive discussions and cooperation among members would help strengthen India's development journey. Expressing concern over conflicts taking place in different parts of the world, the Prime Minister said wars have caused widespread damage and contributed to a sharp rise in global oil prices. Despite these challenges, he noted that India continues to maintain strong economic momentum, recording a growth rate of 7.7 percent.

Revanth to Review Development Works

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will undertake a two-day visit to his Assembly constituency, Kodangal, in Vikarabad district on July 21 and 22 to review the progress of the ambitious education hub project and assess various ongoing development works in the constituency. According to the official schedule, the Chief Minister will reach Hakimpet village on the evening of July 21, where he will inspect the construction works of the proposed education hub. He is also expected to conduct a comprehensive review of other infrastructure and development projects being implemented across the constituency before staying overnight in Kodangal. On the morning of July 22, Revanth Reddy will hold a meeting with local Congress

leaders and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to discuss the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Following the meeting, he will return to Hyderabad. The education hub is one of the flagship development initiatives announced by the Chief Minister for Kodangal, with the objective of transforming the constituency into a major centre for higher education and skill development. During a visit to the constituency on May 8, Revanth Reddy had said that Kodangal, once regarded as a backward region, would soon emerge as a hub for education and industries through large-scale public investment. The proposed education hub includes the establishment of a medical college, engineering college, nursing college, polytechnic college, an Advanced Technology Centre (formerly the Industrial



Training Institute), and a Sainik School. The government believes these institutions will not only improve

access to quality education but also generate employment opportunities and attract investments to the

region. The Chief Minister had earlier stated that the entire education hub project is expected to be completed within one-and-a-half years, significantly enhancing educational infrastructure in southern Telangana. The initiative is also expected to benefit students from neighbouring districts by providing access to professional and technical education closer to their hometowns. Officials said the visit will enable the Chief Minister to review the pace of construction, address implementation challenges, and ensure that the projects remain on schedule. Besides reviewing infrastructure works, Revanth Reddy is also expected to interact with local leaders and monitor the progress of key government initiatives aimed at accelerating the overall development of the Kodangal constituency.

Bhatti Promotes Oil Palm as Farmers' Growth Engine

Khammam, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday said oil palm cultivation has the potential to transform the fortunes of farmers by providing stable and assured income, even during years of deficient rainfall. He was addressing a gathering after inaugurating the Godrej Integrated Palm Oil Industry at Anjanapuram village in Konjaria mandal of Khammam district, a project established with an investment of around 300 crore. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao and senior representatives of Godrej Industries were also present at the inauguration. Speaking at the event, Bhatti Vikramarka said Khammam is predominantly an agricultural district where farming remains the primary livelihood. He noted that with dependable irrigation from the Nagarjuna Sagar Left Canal, Paleru and Wyrva reservoirs, farmers should



increasingly adopt crops that generate higher income. Oil palm, he said, offers strong returns while remaining resilient during adverse climatic conditions, including periods of low rainfall. The Deputy Chief Minister said the state government is encouraging oil palm cultivation by providing subsidies ranging from 4,000 to 45,000 per acre. He pointed out that India requires nearly 2.5 million tonnes of palm oil annually but produces only about 1.2 million tonnes, forcing the country to rely heavily on imports. Increasing domestic production, he said, would reduce

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday strongly condemned the alleged police action against students protesting over the NEET paper leak issue in New Delhi, accusing the Central Government of attempting to suppress democratic dissent instead of addressing the concerns of students. Reacting to visuals of students being allegedly lathi-charged and tear-gassed during a march towards Parliament, the Chief Minister said it was unfortunate that young people from across the country, who had gathered peacefully to seek justice, were met with force. He asserted that students protesting against examination irregularities should be heard rather than silenced. In a statement, Revanth Reddy alleged that the use of police force against students reflected the Union

Government's unwillingness to accept responsibility for repeated controversies surrounding national-level examinations. He said lakhs of students had invested years of hard work preparing for competitive examinations, and incidents of alleged paper leaks had shaken their confidence in the system. "The government is using police force to suppress the voices of students," the Chief Minister said, adding that such actions undermine democratic values and the right to peaceful protest. He maintained that every student has the right to demand transparency, fairness and accountability in the conduct of examinations that determine their future. Revanth Reddy expressed solidarity with the protesting students and urged the Central Government to immediately halt what he described as police excesses. He said the focus should be

Trainee IPS Officer Uday Krishna Reddy Suspended After Allegations; Attempts Suicide

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar

Trainee IPS officer M. Uday Krishna Reddy has been provisionally suspended by the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy (SVPNPA) following serious allegations of sexual harassment and assault by a fellow trainee officer. The development took a dramatic turn after he reportedly attempted suicide and is now undergoing treatment at a private hospital in S.R. Nagar, with his condition said to be critical. The action against Uday Krishna Reddy was initiated based on the recommendations of the National Police Academy's Privilege Committee, which examined CCTV footage and other evidence. The committee reportedly found the allegations to be substantiated. The academy clarified that the final decision regarding his continuation in service rests with the Department of Personnel and Training. According to police, a 30-year-old married female trainee officer from Karnataka filed a complaint at Attapur Police Station accusing Uday Krishna Reddy of repeated harassment. She alleged that he sent obscene messages via WhatsApp from June 23 and used inappropriate language in front of colleagues. The complaint further stated that he dragged her into a room on multiple occasions, physically assaulted her, attempted to strangle her, and threatened her with a knife. The complainant also alleged that he recorded personal videos and used them to blackmail her, threatening to send them to her husband. Based on the complaint, Attapur police registered a case under the IT Act and relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and launched an investigation. Officials said notices were issued to Uday Krishna



Reddy, who reportedly posted on social media claiming innocence. He stated that the complaint and rumors against him were baseless and untrue. "I fully trust the legal process and believe justice will prevail. I humbly urge the media to confirm facts before reporting," he said. However, within a day of the case being registered, he allegedly attempted suicide, triggering widespread concern and debate. Uday Krishna Reddy's journey had earlier inspired many across the Telugu states. A native of Ullapalem village in Singarayakonda mandal of Prakasam district, he lost his parents at a young age and was raised by his grandmother, who worked as a daily labourer. He joined the police department as a constable in 2013 but resigned in 2018 after an alleged humiliation by a superior officer, choosing instead to pursue civil services. After four unsuccessful attempts, he secured the 360th rank in his fifth attempt, earning a place in the IPS. His rise from a constable to a civil services officer was widely seen as a story of perseverance and determination. The case has now sparked intense public debate, highlighting how personal conduct can overshadow professional achievements. Authorities continue to investigate the allegations, while his future in service remains uncertain pending further decisions by the Centre.

Ramchander Rao Hails Defence Growth

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday said India has emerged as a strong global power under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, highlighting significant growth in the country's defence sector over the past 12 years.

Addressing a meeting of the BJP Telangana State Ex-Servicemen Cell at the party's state office in Hyderabad, Ramchander Rao said India's defence exports had increased from ₹686 crore in 2014 to ₹38,400 crore, reflecting the success of the Centre's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative. He added that the defence budget had risen from ₹2.5 lakh crore to ₹8 lakh



crore, while defence production had expanded to around ₹1.5 lakh crore, with self-reliance in ordnance manufacturing increasing substantially. Calling upon retired armed forces personnel to continue serving the nation after

retirement, he urged them to fight corruption and social injustice with the same discipline and commitment they displayed while protecting the country's borders. He also encouraged the Ex-Servicemen Cell to actively work towards resolving

issues faced by former servicemen and ensuring the effective functioning of Retired Employees Boards at district collectorates.

Ramchander Rao proposed celebrating Kargil Vijay Diwas on July 26 across Telangana to honour the sacrifices of Indian soldiers who secured victory during the Kargil War under the leadership of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Recalling an interaction between Border Security Force (BSF) personnel and the Justice L. Narasimha Reddy Commission on One Rank, One Pension, he said the soldiers had sought only a modest increase in their onion ration instead of higher salaries or pensions,

describing it as an example of their selfless dedication.

The BJP leader also highlighted India's growing military capabilities, citing indigenous platforms such as the Tejas fighter aircraft and INS Vikrant, and said nearly all equipment used by the Navy and Coast Guard is now manufactured domestically. He added that India's approach towards terrorism had become more decisive through operations such as the surgical strikes and the Balakot air strikes.

Urging party workers to emulate the discipline of the armed forces, Ramchander Rao called for united efforts to strengthen the BJP and work towards bringing the party to power in Telangana.

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The Union Minister reiterated the Central Government's commitment to the overall development of the Northeastern region under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the Centre is focusing on strengthening infrastructure, including roads, railways and connectivity, while ensuring the efficient utilisation of natural resources.

Kishan Reddy also assured that the Centre would continue working closely with the Northeastern states to accelerate the development of the coal and mining sectors, promote investments and support sustainable economic growth in the region.

Bhatti Promotes Oil Palm as Farmers' Growth Engine

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foreign exchange outflow while creating greater prosperity for farmers.

Recalling that oil palm cultivation was first promoted in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh during 1991-92 under former Chief Minister Nedurumalli Janardhana Reddy, Bhatti said surveys conducted in regions such as Ashwaraopeta and Sathupalli had identified Khammam as an ideal area for the crop. He added that the vision initiated decades ago has now culminated in the establishment of a modern processing industry.

The Deputy Chief Minister noted that while India has the potential to cultivate oil palm on nearly 7 million acres, only about 1.5 million acres are currently under cultivation. He also highlighted the sharp increase in fresh fruit bunch (FFB) prices from ₹12,500 per tonne in 2023 to around ₹23,000 per tonne, making the crop increasingly profitable.

Bhatti expressed confidence that the new processing plant would serve as an anchor industry, attracting ancillary industries and boosting agro-based industrial development in the region. He assured that the government would facilitate road infrastructure through the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation to support the project's expansion.

He further said the 113-acre integrated facility includes seed genetics, nurseries, research and development units, milling and refining facilities, and expressed hope that Telangana would eventually emerge as a leading producer of quality oil palm seeds, reducing dependence on imports from countries such as Malaysia and Indonesia.

Calling on farmers to embrace commercial agriculture and value-added production, Bhatti said the Congress government remains committed to strengthening the farming sector. He noted that under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, the government had credited ₹9,000 crore into farmers' accounts within nine days, reaffirming its commitment to making agriculture more profitable and sustainable.

KTR Slams Congress Over Poll Promises

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Sunday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, alleging that it had failed to fulfil its election promises and had disappointed farmers and other sections of society.

Addressing a gathering at Telangana Bhavan during an event where several leaders from the Banswada Assembly constituency joined the BRS, KTR claimed the Congress



had failed to implement its promised "Six Guarantees" within the first 100 days of coming to power. He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of misleading the public with unfulfilled assurances.

KTR also criticised Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy for leaving the BRS and joining the Congress, alleging that he had gone back on his commitment to remain with the party. He urged party workers to strengthen the BRS and

defeat both the Congress and Pocharam in future elections. The former minister alleged that farmers were facing frequent power interruptions, motor burnouts and shortages of urea under the present government.

He questioned the Congress government's claim of implementing a comprehensive farm loan waiver of up to ₹2 lakh, asserting that it had not been fully executed. He recalled that under the previous BRS government, Rythu Bandhu assistance

had been released regularly without interruption.

KTR also criticised the government's handling of irrigation issues, alleging delays in repairs to the Medigadda Barrage and accusing it of failing to act despite advance warnings about possible El Niño conditions.

He further claimed that the administration had delayed reviewing the situation and described the government's functioning as ineffective and directionless.

Uttam Holds BRS Responsible for Barrage Collapse

Nalgonda, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Sunday held the previous BRS government solely responsible for the alleged design, construction and maintenance failures of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, asserting that the Medigadda barrage collapse occurred during the BRS regime.

Addressing a review meeting attended by MPs, MLAs, MLCs and senior officials from Nalgonda, Suryapet and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts, the Minister accused BRS leaders of attempting to shift blame onto the Congress

government instead of accepting responsibility for the project's shortcomings. Uttam Kumar Reddy alleged that demands by the BRS to immediately operate the Kannepalli pumps and store water in the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages were irresponsible, citing warnings issued by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) that the structures are currently unsafe. He said the government would not risk public safety by filling reservoirs before technical experts certify their stability.

The Minister pointed out that the Medigadda barrage developed structural problems on October 21, 2023, before the

Congress government assumed office on December 7, 2023. He questioned how the BRS could distance itself from responsibility when the project was conceived, constructed and maintained during its tenure. According to Uttam Kumar Reddy, reports submitted by the NDSA identified deficiencies in design, construction quality, maintenance practices, geotechnical investigations and dam safety standards. He alleged that early warning signs, including seepage and structural defects noticed after the barrage's inauguration in 2019, were ignored by the previous government. The Minister said scientific

investigations involving institutions such as the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS), the National Geophysical Research Institute (NGRI) and IIT Bombay are in their final stages. Restoration work on the three barrages, he said, will begin only after obtaining approvals from the NDSA, the Central Water Commission (CWC) and the Centre's technical oversight committee. He also alleged that the original Pranahita-Chevela project was substantially altered during the BRS regime, resulting in a steep increase in project costs and technical complications. Referring to the judicial inquiry headed

by Justice Pinaki Chandra Ghose, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the commission had identified alleged administrative, financial and technical lapses in the execution of the project.

Reiterating the government's stand, the Minister said the Congress administration was committed to restoring the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages based strictly on scientific studies, expert recommendations and national dam safety standards.

He stressed that while the government intends to fully revive the project, it would not compromise public safety for political considerations.

Harish Rao Demands Probe into Hospital Cases



Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

BRS leader and former Health Minister T. Harish Rao on Sunday demanded an immediate high-level inquiry into the alleged infection outbreak involving women and newborns at the Banswada Mother and Child Hospital, while also seeking financial assistance for the victims' families. He made the demand after visiting affected mothers, infants, and a minor girl undergoing treatment at NIMS in Hyderabad.

Speaking to the media, Harish Rao alleged that 10 women who underwent Caesarean deliveries at the Banswada hospital earlier this month developed severe post-operative infections, with several newborns also falling critically ill. According to him, five infants are currently receiving treatment at NIMS, and three of them remain in critical condition with complications affecting their kidneys and lungs.

He alleged that the infections were caused by poor maintenance of the operation theatre, negligence in hospital management, and the possible use of expired medicines. Harish Rao further claimed that surgeries continued in the same operation theatre despite indications of infection, calling it a serious failure of the Medical and Health Department. He also expressed concern over reports that infections had spread from mothers to infants through breastfeeding, with some babies being treated at Niloufer Hospital.

The former minister criticised the state government for what he described as a delayed response, alleging that no senior minister or health official had visited the victims even days after the incident. He demanded that the inquiry report be made public and that strict action be taken against those found responsible. He also urged the government to provide comprehensive medical care and ex gratia assistance to the affected families.

Harish Rao further referred to the recent assault on a minor girl in Khammam, alleging that the government responded only after the BRS raised the issue. Stating that doctors believe the victim may remain wheelchair-bound due to severe spinal injuries, he demanded compensation of ₹25 lakh for her rehabilitation.

He also compared the current healthcare situation with the previous BRS government's tenure, claiming that maternal healthcare services, hospital monitoring, and welfare initiatives had deteriorated. He urged the government to strengthen oversight of public hospitals, ensure the availability of medicines, and take swift action to restore public confidence in the state's healthcare system.

Barrage Restoration Enters Final Phase

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has announced that scientific testing for the restoration of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project is nearing completion, with repair designs being prepared based on expert findings. Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the government is following a strictly scientific and safety-driven approach to revive the three barrages. Addressing a meeting of MLAs, MLCs and senior officials from Nalgonda, Suryapet and Yadadri Bhuvanagiri districts, he reiterated that the structures would not be brought back into operation until they receive all mandatory technical and safety clearances.



BJP Flags SIR Issues to Telangana CEO

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

A delegation of the Telangana BJP, led by State President N. Ramchander Rao, on Monday submitted a representation to the Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO), raising concerns over the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The party alleged irregularities, voter intimidation, interference in the registration process and pressure on Booth Level Officers (BLOs) in the Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Malkajgiri and Chevella parliamentary constituencies. Addressing the media after



meeting the CEO, Ramchander Rao said the BJP had brought to the Election Commission's notice several complaints received from voters and field-level workers. He also urged the CEO to immediately release the pending honorarium and dues of BLOs,

which he claimed have remained unpaid since 2025. The BJP leader said the party was closely monitoring the SIR exercise, scheduled to conclude on August 3, by sending teams into the field to assess the situation. He noted that Hyderabad and its surrounding parliamentary

constituencies have a large population of professionals, IT employees and migrants from other states who are eligible to register as voters where they reside.

Ramchander Rao alleged that Congress and AIMIM leaders and activists were exerting pressure on BLOs and creating obstacles for eligible voters seeking registration. He claimed to have personally witnessed such incidents in the Karwan Assembly constituency and accused political opponents of attempting to prevent the enrolment of voters believed to support the BJP.

He stressed that every Indian citizen has the constitutional

right to register as a voter in the place where they ordinarily reside, while maintaining that no individual can be enrolled in more than one constituency.

The BJP chief appealed to eligible voters not to be intimidated and urged them to report any instances of harassment or irregularities during the registration process. According to Ramchander Rao, the Chief Electoral Officer assured the delegation that the complaints would be examined thoroughly and that appropriate steps would be taken to protect voters' rights and ensure the SIR process is conducted fairly.

Ponnam Seeks Pradhan's Resignation Over NEET Row

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Sunday strongly condemned the police lathi-charge on students and youth organisations who were allegedly marching peacefully towards Parliament in New Delhi to protest against the NEET paper leak controversy. Calling the incident a serious assault on democratic values, the Minister said the use of force against students demanding justice was unacceptable. In a statement, Ponnam

Prabhakar said students were exercising their democratic right to raise concerns over alleged irregularities in the conduct of the NEET examination. Instead of addressing their grievances, he alleged, the Central Government resorted to suppressing their voices through police action. The Minister said the repeated reports of examination irregularities and paper leaks had caused immense anxiety among lakhs of students and their families, who invest years of hard work preparing for competitive examinations. He main-



tained that transparency and credibility in national-level entrance examinations are essential to safeguarding the future of the country's

youth. Holding the Union Government accountable for the controversy, Ponnam Prabhakar demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, stating that he should accept political responsibility for the alleged lapses in the examination process. The Minister also questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi's silence on the issue, saying the country expected a clear response from the Prime Minister when the future of students was at stake. He asserted that the

Central Government must answer the concerns of young aspirants instead of ignoring them.

Ponnam Prabhakar further demanded that all cases registered against the protesting students be withdrawn immediately and that those responsible for the alleged lathi-charge be identified and held accountable. He urged the Union Government to initiate measures to ensure complete transparency, fairness and accountability in the conduct of NEET and other national-level competitive examinations.

BRS Alleges Sharp Decline in Investment Climate

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLA Dr. Kalvakuntla Sanjay on Sunday alleged that Telangana's investment climate has deteriorated under the Congress government, claiming the state has slipped in the Ease of Doing Business rankings after Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy assumed office. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Sanjay said Telangana consistently remained among the top three states in the country for ease of doing business during the BRS government's tenure. He claimed that the TS-iPASS industrial clearance system

received recognition from NITI Aayog and served as a model that was later adopted by Andhra Pradesh. The BRS legislator alleged that the present government had done little beyond renaming TS-iPASS as TG-iPASS and claimed industrial approvals and investments had declined. He further alleged that several companies were either postponing investments or shifting projects outside Telangana, citing Cognizant as an example. According to him, the number of industries approved under TG-iPASS had fallen during 2025-26, adversely affecting employment opportunities.



Sanjay said the BRS government had facilitated more than 18 lakh jobs through TS-iPASS and helped

Telangana cross ₹2 lakh crore in IT exports by 2021. He also highlighted the growth of Hyderabad's start-up ecosystem, stating that companies such as Skyroot, which began operations at T-Hub, had grown into major enterprises attracting investments worth thousands of crores. The MLA questioned Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy's contribution to attracting investments to Hyderabad, alleging that projects meant for Telangana were being diverted to other states. He also called for a comprehensive inquiry into the purchase of a sugar factory, alleging corruption in the

transaction. Criticising the Congress government, Sanjay alleged that law and order, industrial development and governance had weakened after the change in administration. He claimed that people were increasingly recalling the development initiatives undertaken during former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's tenure and expressed confidence that the BRS would continue to enjoy public support in future elections. BRS leaders Bommera Ramamurthy and Raghavendra Yadav were also present at the press conference.

Chakrapani's Books Hailed as Guide for Legislators

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The writings of former Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Chairman Dr. A. Chakrapani will serve as invaluable reference books for the present generation of legislators, said Dr. Mandali Buddha Prasad, Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Assembly Ethics Committee and Avanigadda MLA, at a book launch event held in Hyderabad on Monday. The function took place at Dr. Chakrapani's residence, where Dr. Buddha Prasad formally released three of his books: Andhra Pradesh Legislature: Its Origin and a Line of Historical Evolution, Privileges of Members of Parliament/Legislature, and Right to Information in India: A Critique. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Buddha Prasad said the books come at a time when legislative standards are facing serious challenges. He observed that many legislators lack a proper understanding of parliamentary procedures and often resort to inappropriate conduct inside legislative houses. He remarked that Dr. Chakrapani's writings would serve as guiding texts for MLAs and MLCs, comparing their significance to sacred scriptures because of the depth of knowledge they contain on legislative traditions and democratic values. He recalled Dr. Chakrapani's crucial role in the revival of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council. According to him, Chakrapani authored a comprehensive book explaining the importance of the Legislative Council and presented it to national leaders and senior Congress figures, contributing significantly to its restoration. He later became the first Chairman of the re-established Council and was widely respected for conducting proceedings with fairness, dignity and impartiality. Dr. Buddha Prasad also noted that even during the Telugu Desam Party government, former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu held Dr. Chakrapani in high regard. He praised Chakrapani's efforts to maintain cordial relations between the treasury and opposition benches, enabling the smooth functioning of the House and the unanimous passage of several resolutions. Highlighting their long association dating back to 1970, Dr. Buddha Prasad said both he and his late father, Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao, shared a close relationship with Dr. Chakrapani. He described him as a distinguished scholar, accomplished writer and passionate advocate of the Telugu language and culture. Former Government Chief Whip in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council Rudraraju Padmaraju also paid tribute to Dr. Chakrapani's contributions and recalled his association with the veteran parliamentarian. Among those present were Suravaram Pratap Reddy, Telugu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Veludanda Nityananda Rao, former MLC Sitaramulu, former Andhra Pradesh State Information Commissioner Ailapuram Raja, Dr. Gandham Subbarao, Dr. Chakrapani's daughter Dr. Kalyani, family members and several distinguished guests.



Search On for Missing Girls

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Police have launched a search for three minor girls, including two sisters, who went missing from their residence in Himayathnagar on Monday. According to police, the two sisters left their house in the morning along with their friend, who is also their relative. The girls were later reportedly seen near the Secunderabad Railway Station before their whereabouts became unknown.



Concerned family members

lodged a complaint with the Domalguda police after the

girls failed to return home. Based on the complaint, police registered a missing persons case and initiated an intensive search operation. Officials said a wireless alert has been circulated to all police stations across Telangana with details of the missing girls to assist in tracing them at the earliest. Police teams are examining CCTV footage from key locations, including the railway station and surrounding areas, to track their movements.

Investigators are also gathering information from family members and acquaintances to determine the circumstances leading to their disappearance. Authorities have appealed to the public to share any information that could help locate the girls. The search operation is continuing, and police said every effort is being made to ensure the safe tracing of the missing children.

EAGLE Force Busts Drug Unit



Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana EAGLE Force has arrested four members of a gang allegedly involved in manufacturing and supplying Alprazolam for the adulteration of toddy, while dismantling an illegal drug production unit operating from a poultry farm in Mahabubnagar district. According to officials, the prime accused, a 39-year-old man, had allegedly established the clandestine Alprazolam manufacturing unit at the poultry farm. He was among the four persons arrested during the operation. During the raid, the EAGLE Force seized approximately 1.150 kg of Alprazolam, with an estimated market value of ₹20.30 lakh. Officials said the accused had been supplying the banned substance for illegal use in toddy adulteration, posing a serious threat to public health. Police revealed that the prime accused is a repeat offender with a history of involvement in similar crimes. The operation was carried out based on credible intelligence, leading investigators to the illegal manufacturing facility. Authorities are now probing the source of the raw materials used in the production process and examining the wider supply network to identify other individuals involved in the racket. The EAGLE Force stated that further investigation is underway to uncover the full extent of the operation and take action against all those connected to the illegal drug manufacturing and distribution network.

IndiGo Flight Diverted Due to Weather

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

An IndiGo flight travelling from Hyderabad to Kolkata made a precautionary landing at Ranchi Airport on Monday after encountering adverse weather conditions en route, causing delays and anxious moments for passengers. According to reports, the flight was diverted as unfavorable weather made it unsafe to continue towards Kolkata. The aircraft landed safely at Ranchi, where passengers remained at the airport for nearly two hours awaiting further instructions from the airline. Among those on board were reportedly 15 passengers from Andhra Pradesh's Kurnool district. The unexpected delay left many travellers uncertain about when the flight would resume its journey, leading to inconvenience and concern. Airport and airline officials informed passengers that



the diversion was made purely as a safety precaution. The flight is expected to continue to Kolkata once weather conditions improve and the necessary operational clearances are received. No injuries or technical issues were reported, and all passengers were safe following the landing. Officials reiterated that the decision to divert the flight was taken in the interest of passenger safety. Further details regarding the duration of the delay and the flight's revised departure schedule were awaited at the time of reporting.

Depositors Protest Alleged PACS Scam

Ranga Reddy, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Alleged financial irregularities amounting to nearly ₹12 crore at the Chinnna Golkonda Primary Agricultural Cooperative Society (PACS) bank in Shamshabad Municipality have triggered protests by depositors demanding action against those responsible. According to the protesting depositors, the alleged irregularities took place between 2008 and 2011, with former CEO Ballamoni Yadaiah and clerk Surender Yadav accused of colluding to illegally divert customers' deposits. Claiming they had entrusted their savings to the bank in good faith, the depositors expressed anguish over the alleged fraud and demanded that the misappropriated funds be recovered and returned. A large number of affected customers gathered outside the bank and staged a protest, urging authorities to take stringent legal action against those allegedly involved in the scam. As tensions escalated, police reached the spot, deployed security, and held discussions with the protesters to restore order. Responding to the allegations, the bank's new CEO, Yadagiri Reddy, said the matter had been reported to district authorities immediately after the suspected irregularities came to light. He stated that all financial records and transactions are currently under detailed scrutiny. He assured depositors that legal action would be initiated against those found responsible once the inquiry is completed. He also said efforts would be made to safeguard the interests of depositors and ensure the smooth functioning of the bank. Officials said an investigation is underway to determine the exact extent of the alleged financial irregularities and the manner in which the funds were diverted. Further details are expected after the inquiry report is submitted.



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Temple Theft Gang Busted



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Khammam police on Monday arrested a three-member gang allegedly involved in a series of temple thefts across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh, recovering stolen gold and silver ornaments along with vehicles used in the crimes. The accused were identified as Sheikh Jani alias Jani Sharif, Perala Narasimha Rao alias Bobby, and Arva Uday Kumar. According to Kallur Assistant Commissioner of Police Vasundhara Yadav, the gang had been targeting temples in the erstwhile Khammam district as well as several shrines in neighbouring Andhra Pradesh, stealing valuable gold and silver ornaments. During the operation, police seized 24 grams of gold, 1,536 grams of silver articles, a car, a motorcycle, and other materials believed to have been used in the offences. Officials said the recovered property is suspected to be part of the valuables stolen from multiple temples in both states. The ACP said the trio was intercepted near the Seetharamapuram Greenfield Highway while allegedly travelling to Tiruvuru to dispose of the stolen ornaments. Acting on specific intelligence, police apprehended the accused before they could sell the valuables. Investigators are now verifying the recovered articles with theft cases registered at various police stations and are examining the gang's involvement in additional temple burglary cases. Police are also working to identify any other associates who may have been part of the network. Officials stated that further investigation is underway to establish the full extent of the gang's activities and recover any remaining stolen property. The arrests are expected to help solve several pending temple theft cases reported from Telangana and Andhra Pradesh in recent months.

Gold Jewellery Worth 1 kg Stolen

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

A major theft was reported in Hyderabad after unidentified miscreants allegedly broke into an export office in Banjara Hills and stole around 1.028 kilograms of gold jewellery, police said. According to investigators, the export office is owned by a businessman from Surat, Gujarat. The office manager lodged a complaint stating that the burglars entered the premises on Sunday night by breaking a window and then forced open a locker containing gold ornaments. Police said the stolen valuables included seven gold necklaces and seven pairs of



earrings, weighing a total of 1,028 grams. The jewellery had reportedly been kept in the locker for diamond-setting work before being stolen. Following the complaint, Banjara Hills police registered a case and launched an investigation. Officials have

begun examining CCTV footage captured in and around the office to identify the suspects and trace their movements before and after the burglary. Police teams are also collecting forensic evidence from the crime scene and verifying whether the theft was carried out by an organised gang or by individuals familiar with the office and its security arrangements. The value of the stolen jewellery is yet to be officially disclosed. Authorities said efforts are underway to identify and apprehend those involved, while further investigation into the case is in progress.

GHMC Takes Governance to Doorsteps

Quthbullapur, July 20 | TPN Bureau

GHMC Commissioner G. Srujana on Monday visited North NCL Colony in Kompally Circle-56 as part of the civic body's 'One Day-One Ward' initiative, aimed at resolving public grievances through direct field inspections and citizen interaction.



During the visit, the Commissioner held a meeting with members of the Residents' Welfare Association (RWA) and local residents to understand civic issues affecting the area. Citizens highlighted concerns related to sanitation, damaged roads, drainage, drinking water supply, street lighting, park maintenance, stormwater drains, and traffic management. After reviewing the complaints, Commissioner Srujana directed officials from the concerned departments to conduct on-the-spot inspections and ensure the speedy resolution of all pending issues. She instructed authorities to prioritize problems based on urgency and improve coordination among departments for effective implementation. The Commissioner said the objective of the 'One Day-One Ward' programme is to bring governance closer to the people, identify problems directly in the field, and provide timely solutions instead of relying solely on office-based administration. Quthbullapur Zonal Commissioner Pinkesh Kumar, Deputy Commissioner D. Lavanya, Medchal Traffic ACP Venkat Reddy, Assistant Municipal Commissioner Allam Ravikumar, officials from GHMC, HMWS&SB, the Electricity Department, Urban Biodiversity Wing, Town Planning, and other departments participated in the inspection. Representatives of the RWA and local residents also attended the programme and interacted directly with officials regarding civic issues in the locality.

Nine Grievances Received at Praja Vani



Quthbullapur, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Praja Vani public grievance redressal programme held at the Dundigal Circle office on Monday received a positive response, with citizens submitting nine representations seeking solutions to civic issues. The programme was presided over by Circle Deputy Commissioner Dr. S. Venkata Manikaran. According to officials, the Engineering Department received the highest number of complaints, with six representations, followed by two petitions related to the Biodiversity and Haritha Haram Department and one concerning the Sanitation Department. Most of the grievances were related to basic civic infrastructure, greenery, and sanitation facilities. Addressing officials during the programme, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Venkata Manikaran directed all departments to treat every public representation as a priority and ensure timely disposal within the prescribed timeframe. He stressed that there should be no delay or negligence in resolving citizens' grievances and called for greater accountability in public service delivery. The Praja Vani initiative aims to provide residents with direct access to civic authorities and ensure that complaints are addressed promptly through coordinated efforts among departments. ACP Srinivas, Assistant Municipal Commissioner Lakshmaiah, SWM Deputy Engineer Anvesh Reddy, Assistant Engineer Surender Naik, along with officials and staff from various departments, participated in the grievance redressal programme.

CPM Demands Minister's Resignation Over NEET Issue

Kothagudem, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) has demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, holding him responsible for the alleged NEET paper leak issue. CPM Kothagudem District Secretary Macha Venkateswarlu criticized the Central government over the handling of student protests and alleged suppression of democratic voices. Speaking at a programme in Kothagudem, Venkateswarlu condemned the police action against students who marched from Jantar Mantar



towards Parliament in Delhi demanding justice over the NEET issue. He stated that the use of force against peaceful protesters was undemocratic and contrary to constitutional values. He also criticized the govern-

ment for not responding to social activist Sonam Wangchuk, who has been observing a hunger strike for several days over issues concerning students' futures. He demanded that the government immediately hold dis-

cussions with Wangchuk and address the concerns raised by students and youth. The CPM leader alleged that the NEET paper leak had created uncertainty among lakhs of students and their families, but instead of taking responsibility, the government was using administrative machinery to suppress protests. He said students have the democratic right to raise their concerns and seek accountability. Venkateswarlu accused the government of using measures such as lathi-charge, tear gas, and water cannons against peaceful demonstrators in Delhi. He warned that

growing dissatisfaction among youth could lead to a strong public response against such actions. He demanded immediate steps to restore confidence among students and urged the government to remove Dharmendra Pradhan from the Union Cabinet. CPM state committee member Annavarapu Kanakaiah, district secretariat member Likki Balaraju, district committee member Bhukya Ramesh, town leaders Sandakuri Lakshmi and Nandipati Ramesh, along with several other party leaders, participated in the programme.

TUWJ Announces Chalo Collectorate Protest



Illanthakunta, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Union of Working Journalists (TUWJ H-143) has intensified its efforts to address the issues faced by journalists in Rajanna Sircilla district, particularly the delay in issuing accreditation cards. TUWJ District President Layak Pasha called upon journalists to participate in large numbers in the "Chalo Collectorate" protest scheduled to be held on Tuesday, July 21, at 10:30 AM in front of the District Collectorate. As part of strengthening the union, a membership drive was conducted at the Illanthakunta Mandal Press Club. The programme was presided over by Mandal President Raju, while District President Layak Pasha supervised the registration process. Speaking on the occasion, Layak Pasha said that TUWJ H-143 has been continuously working towards resolving journalists' problems. He expressed concern over the difficulties being faced by media professionals across the district due to the pending issuance of accreditation cards. He stated that the upcoming protest would highlight the issue before the District Collector and a detailed representation would also be submitted. He urged journalists from all mandals and towns of the district to attend the protest and make it successful. Stressing the importance of unity among journalists, he said collective efforts are essential to protect their rights and secure solutions to their concerns. District Vice-President Parushuram, District Disciplinary Committee member Rasul, District Committee member Kamatala Vijay, Vemulawada General Secretary Ali, senior journalist Mohan, and several other journalists participated in the membership programme. TUWJ H-143 has been conducting membership drives across the district while taking up journalists' issues with the concerned authorities. The "Chalo Collectorate" programme is expected to become a major platform for demanding immediate action on accreditation card delays.

BRS Will Regain Power, Says Methuku Anand



Vikarabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Former Vikarabad MLA Dr. Methuku Anand on Sunday expressed confidence that the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) would return to power in Telangana, claiming that people have become disillusioned with the Congress government. During his visit to Birol and Jinnaram villages in Kotpalli mandal of the Vikarabad constituency, Anand reviewed the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme and later held a meeting with party leaders and workers. Addressing the gathering, he alleged that the Congress government had failed to ensure adequate drinking water and electricity supply to villages and had neglected the farming community. He claimed that despite weather experts warning about the possibility of El Niño conditions, the government did not take precautionary measures to protect farmers. Anand further alleged that the government had delayed Rythu Bandhu payments and released funds only to a limited number of beneficiaries. He said the public was closely watching the government's performance and would respond accordingly. The former MLA also announced that the BRS would soon launch its membership enrolment drive across the state to strengthen the party organisation ahead of future political activities.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Offers Special Prayers

Nizamabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud offered special prayers at the historic Umamaheswara Temple in Shraddhanand Ganj of Nizamabad city on Sunday. He participated in the Abhishekam and other religious rituals performed by the temple priests amid the chanting of Vedic hymns. During the ceremony, Mahesh

Kumar Goud prayed to Lord Parameshwara for the peace, prosperity, and good health of the people of Telangana. He also sought divine blessings for the state's continued progress and development, expressing hope that Telangana would move forward with harmony and prosperity. The temple priests conducted the rituals according to traditional customs, while devotees gathered to witness the special prayers. The visit



drew the participation of several Congress leaders, public representatives, and local residents. Nizamabad Mayor Uma Rani, District Congress

Committee (DCC) President Nagesh Reddy, and Congress leader Kesha Venu were present during the occasion. Members of the temple com-

mittee, party workers, and a large number of devotees also attended the event and joined in the prayers. <The visit reflected the Congress leadership's participation in religious and cultural traditions while interacting with local devotees. The gathering concluded with the distribution of prasadam, and devotees extended their wishes for the continued welfare and development of Telangana under divine blessings.

CM to Inspect Education Hub Works



Kodangal, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is scheduled to visit Dudyala and Hakeempet villages in the Kodangal Assembly constituency of Vikarabad district on July 21 to review the progress of the Integrated Education Hub under construction. Ahead of the Chief Minister's visit, District Collector Deepak Tiwari, accompanied by Superintendent of Police Sneha Mehra, conducted an inspection to review security and logistical arrangements at the venues. Officials were directed to make comprehensive preparations at the helipad, the Integrated Education Hub site, the Government Junior College, the Primary Health Centre, and all nine designated blocks that will be part of the visit. Instructions were also issued to install barricades and ensure proper crowd management, traffic regulation, and security measures. The Collector emphasized that all departments should work in coordination to ensure the smooth conduct of the Chief Minister's tour without any inconvenience to the public. Police and district officials were instructed to complete all arrangements well in advance and remain on alert throughout the visit. The Integrated Education Hub is one of the key development projects proposed for the Kodangal constituency, and the Chief Minister is expected to review the pace of construction and assess the progress of ongoing works during his visit.

BJP Protests Poor Roads



Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, July 20 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Monday led a 12-km protest padayatra from Vanaparathi to Chekatimamidi in Bommalararamam mandal, alleging that the Congress government had neglected rural infrastructure and irrigation facilities. The march was organized under the leadership of BJP State Vice-President Kasam Venkateswarlu and Guduru Narayana Reddy. Addressing the gathering, Ramchander Rao alleged that despite the sanction of ₹23 crore, the 12-km road connecting Vanaparathi and Chekatimamidi remains incomplete. He claimed the road is filled with potholes, making travel hazardous and leading to several accidents and fatalities. He further alleged that road conditions have deteriorated across rural areas, with neither new roads being sanctioned nor damaged roads repaired. The BJP leader also accused the government of failing to provide irrigation water to farmers from the Baswapur and Shameerpet tanks, leaving cultivators struggling amid deficient rainfall linked to the El Niño phenomenon. He alleged that the government was ignoring the concerns of farmers while focusing on politics. Ramchander Rao demanded the immediate completion of the Vanaparathi-Chekatimamidi road and the release of irrigation water to support farmers. He warned that the BJP would intensify its agitation if the government failed to address the issues. Local BJP leaders, farmers, and residents participated in the protest march.

NSUI Targets Centre Over Exam Irregularities



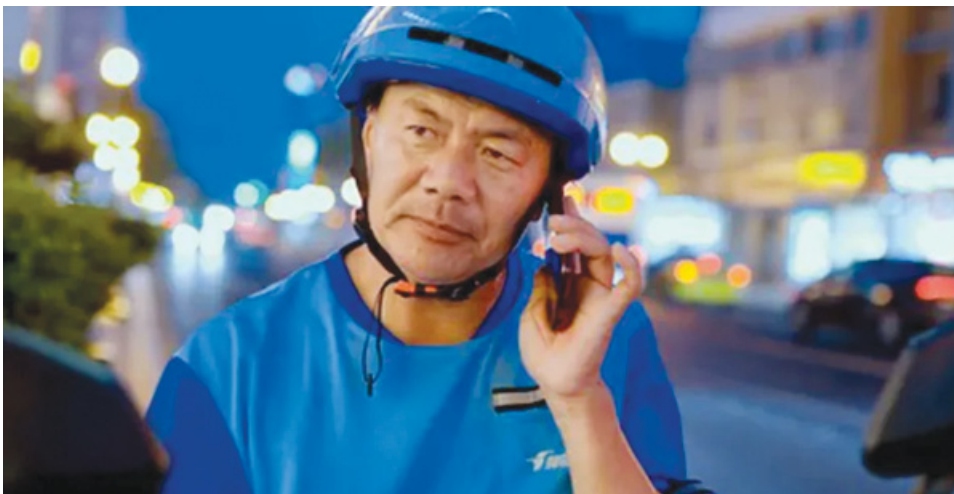
Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

NSUI National President Vinod Jakhar on Sunday accused the BJP-led Central Government of jeopardising the future of students through repeated examination irregularities and paper leaks. He was addressing the 'Chhatron Ki Goonj' programme organised at JNTU University in Hyderabad, along with Government Whip Balmoor Venkat. Balmoor Venkat alleged that the Centre had weakened the country's education system during its twelve years in power. He said the Congress launched the campaign to expose alleged irregularities in the education sector and create awareness among students. He also demanded the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over repeated paper leak incidents. Vinod Jakhar claimed that the Centre earns nearly ₹1.30 lakh crore annually through competitive examinations such as NEET, IIT and UPSC, but students continue to suffer due to exam cancellations and paper leaks. He said the campaign aims to mobilise students against alleged mismanagement in the education system.

Chinese Food Rider Wins Prestigious Poetry Prize

A Chinese food delivery rider who spent his days racing against time to deliver meals and his nights writing poetry has achieved an extraordinary milestone by winning one of China's highest literary honours. Wang Jibing, a 57-year-old delivery worker from Jiangsu province, has been awarded the prestigious Lu Xun Literary Prize for his poetry collection Low Flight, proving that talent can flourish regardless of one's profession.

Wang's inspiring journey has captured the imagination of readers across China and beyond. Since becoming a food delivery rider in 2019, he has travelled more than 150,000 kilometres on his scooter, navigating busy streets and tight delivery schedules. Yet, amid the demands of his job, he found time to write. During breaks between deliveries, while waiting for food orders, elevators, or customers, he scribbled poems on scraps of paper, transforming ordinary moments into powerful literary expressions. His award-winning collection, Low Flight, reflects the lives, struggles, and resilience of people working in China's rapidly expanding gig economy. Rather than



focusing solely on his own experiences, Wang interviewed and spoke with nearly 200 fellow delivery riders to better understand their hopes, hardships, and everyday realities. The collection presents an authentic portrait of workers whose stories often go unnoticed. One of its memorable lines reads: "Who says spreading your wings means flying high? Flying low is also flying." Wang's path to success was anything but easy. Financial difficulties forced him to leave school as a teenager. Over the years, he worked in construction, collected scrap materials, ran a street stall,

and took on several odd jobs before joining the food delivery industry. Despite these hardships, he never abandoned his passion for literature. He continued reading, writing poems, and publishing essays, eventually sharing his work on social media, where it began attracting widespread attention. Today, Wang has written more than 6,000 poems, becoming one of China's most celebrated grassroots writers. His achievement is also seen as recognition of the voices of millions of blue-collar workers whose experiences are rarely represented in mainstream literature.

Critics have praised his work for bringing authenticity, compassion, and dignity to the lives of ordinary people. Despite receiving one of the country's most respected literary awards, Wang says he has no plans to give up his job as a delivery rider. He believes staying connected to everyday life keeps his writing honest and meaningful. His remarkable story serves as a powerful reminder that determination, creativity, and passion can rise above even the toughest circumstances, turning everyday experiences into award-winning literature.

Son's Surprise Vacation for Mother Goes Viral

A heartfelt story of a son fulfilling a dream for his mother has touched thousands of people on social media. Wanting to thank her for the countless sacrifices she made throughout his life, the young man planned a special trip to Bengaluru and shared an emotional note about the experience. His post has since gone viral, with many praising the beautiful gesture and reminding others to cherish the time they spend with their parents. In his post, the man reflected on his childhood and the unwavering support his mother had given him over the years. He wrote that she had always put her family's needs ahead of her own, often setting aside her dreams and desires to ensure her children had a better future. As he grew older and became financially independent, he made a promise to himself that he would one day give her memories she could treasure forever. That promise became a reality when he surprised his mother with a trip to Bengaluru. According to his post, she had no idea what he had planned until the jour-

ney began. From the moment they started travelling, she was filled with excitement and curiosity, enjoying every part of the experience like a child discovering something new. The son shared that what made the trip truly special was not the destination itself but the joy it brought to his mother. Whether it was exploring the city's famous attractions, tasting local food, taking photographs together, or simply spending uninterrupted time with each other, every moment became a cherished memory. Seeing the happiness on her face, he said, was worth far more than anything money could buy. Along with his emotional message, he posted pictures and videos from their trip, capturing his mother's smiles and excitement. The visuals resonated deeply with social media users, many of whom said they were reminded of their own parents and the importance of creating meaningful experiences with them while they



still can. The post quickly attracted thousands of likes, comments, and shares. Many users applauded the son for expressing his gratitude through actions rather than words. Others shared similar stories of taking their parents on vacations or fulfilling long-held wishes, saying such moments become priceless family memories. The story has become a gentle reminder that while expensive gifts may fade with time, moments spent with loved ones remain unforgettable. For many online, the son's thoughtful surprise was not just a trip to Bengaluru-it was a celebration of a mother's lifelong love, sacrifice, and the unbreakable bond between parent and child.

AI Brings Couple's Timeless Love Story to Life



A wedding gift unlike any other has taken social media by storm after an AI-generated video beautifully reimagined a couple's love story across different historical eras. The emotional surprise left the bride speechless, while millions of viewers online praised the creativity and heartfelt sentiment behind the unique present. The video was created as a special wedding gift for the newlyweds. Instead of using a traditional slideshow or photo montage, the creators used artificial intelligence to transform the couple into lovers living through various centuries. The cinematic journey portrayed them as soulmates meeting in different civilizations and time periods, suggesting that their love transcends generations. From ancient kingdoms and medieval castles to royal courts, vintage streets, and modern-day cities, the AI-generated visuals seamlessly blended history with romance. In every era, the couple appeared in period-appropriate costumes and breathtaking settings while maintaining the same emotional connection, creating the impression that destiny had united them time and again. As the bride watched the film during the wedding celebrations, she was visibly overwhelmed with emotion. Her expressions of surprise quickly turned into tears of joy as the story unfolded on screen. Family members and guests also became emotional, applauding the thoughtful effort that went into creating such a meaningful and personalized gift.

The groom later revealed that he wanted to give his wife something that would be remembered for a lifetime rather than an expensive material present. By using AI technology, he was able to transform their shared memories into a timeless cinematic experience that celebrated not only their relationship but also the idea of everlasting love. After being shared online, the video quickly went viral, attracting millions of views, thousands of likes, and countless comments. Social media users described it as one of the most creative wedding gifts they had ever seen. Many praised the growing role of AI in preserving memories and creating deeply personal experiences, while others admitted the touching video brought tears to their eyes. Several viewers commented that the film felt like a romantic movie, with seamless transitions between historical periods and stunning visual effects. Others said the concept perfectly captured the belief that true love can endure through every lifetime. The viral video has also sparked conversations about the creative possibilities of artificial intelligence beyond business and entertainment. While AI is often associated with productivity and technology, this heartfelt wedding gift demonstrated how it can also be used to tell deeply emotional stories and create unforgettable moments. For the bride, it was more than just an AI-generated video-it was a timeless love story brought to life, making it a wedding gift she is likely to cherish forever.

Kind Family Saves Stray Dog, Newborn Puppies

A simple act of compassion by a family has captured the hearts of thousands on social media after they rescued a stray dog and her newborn puppies from heavy rain. The touching incident, shared through a heartfelt video, has become a powerful reminder that even small acts of kindness can make a life-changing difference. The incident unfolded when a stray dog gave birth to a litter of puppies in the middle of a rainstorm. Exposed to the harsh weather, the mother and her newborns were left struggling in a muddy, unsafe area with little protection from the downpour. Witnessing their condition, a family immediately stepped in to help. Instead of simply watching from a distance, the family carefully carried the exhausted mother dog and her pup-



ples to the upper floor of their under-construction home. They cleaned a dry corner, arranged a safe shelter, and ensured the animals were protected from the rain and cold. They also provided

the mother dog with food and fresh water so she could care for her newborn puppies in comfort. The heartwarming rescue was shared on Instagram by a woman named Reethu, who

explained that watching her parents help the helpless animals without expecting anything in return restored her faith in humanity. She described how her parents didn't hesitate for a moment before opening their home to the vulnerable animals. The video captures the family gently moving the frightened dog and her puppies into their temporary shelter. It also carries a simple but powerful message: "A small act of kindness can save a life." That message has resonated with viewers around the world. Within hours, the video attracted thousands of views, likes, and comments. Social media users praised the family's compassion, calling their actions inspiring and selfless. Many people shared their own experiences of rescuing stray animals, while others

said the video reminded them that humanity still exists despite the negativity often seen online. Several commenters described the family's gesture as proof that kindness doesn't require wealth-only a caring heart. Animal lovers also highlighted the importance of protecting stray animals, especially during extreme weather conditions, when newborn puppies are particularly vulnerable. They encouraged others to provide food, water, or temporary shelter whenever possible. Though the family's gesture may have seemed small, it gave a helpless mother and her puppies a chance to survive and thrive. Their compassionate act has become an inspiring example of how ordinary people can make an extraordinary difference simply by choosing kindness.

Viral CCTV Clip Sparks Debate Over Delivery Safety

A CCTV video showing a delivery agent allegedly attempting to enter a customer's home during a routine package delivery has gone viral, igniting a widespread discussion about doorstep safety and the importance of remaining vigilant while receiving deliveries. The incident reportedly took place when a delivery executive arrived at a house to hand over a parcel to a young girl standing at the entrance. After completing the delivery, the agent claimed he was unable to capture a proper proof-of-delivery photograph and requested permission to move closer to the doorway. However, the CCTV footage appears to show the delivery agent repeatedly trying to step inside the house despite being asked to remain at the gate. Before he could enter, the girl's mother noticed what was happening, quickly came outside, and firmly stopped him from crossing the entrance. She insisted that the package handover should remain at the doorstep and prevented him from entering the home. The video was later shared on social media, where it rapidly gained millions of views and sparked intense debate. Many users praised the mother's alertness, saying her quick response



demonstrated the importance of trusting one's instincts and maintaining clear boundaries with strangers, even during routine deliveries. Several commenters stressed that homeowners should always be cautious, especially when children or elderly family members answer the door. They argued that delivery personnel should never attempt to enter a customer's home unless they have been explicitly invited inside. At the same time, others urged people not to rush to conclusions about the delivery agent's intentions. Some suggested he may have simply been trying to complete the proof-of-delivery process required by his employer and might not have intended any harm. Nevertheless, they agreed that respecting a customer's personal space and privacy is essential. The incident

has once again highlighted the growing conversation around safety during doorstep deliveries. Experts often advise customers to receive packages at the entrance, avoid allowing unknown individuals into their homes, and supervise deliveries whenever possible. They also recommend that parents educate children about interacting safely with delivery personnel and other strangers. Although there has been no official confirmation regarding the delivery agent's intentions, the viral CCTV clip has served as a reminder that awareness and caution remain the first line of defence. The incident has encouraged many people to review their own home safety practices while reinforcing the importance of respecting personal boundaries during everyday interactions.

IIT Graduate's Viral Post Sparks Debate

An IIT graduate's candid reflections on college life and career choices have gone viral, triggering a lively debate on social media about education, success, and the freedom to pursue one's true interests. His message, centered around the idea that a college degree should not define an entire lifetime, has resonated with thousands of students and professionals. In a detailed social media post, the former IIT student admitted that he was never passionate about engineering. He revealed that throughout his four years at the prestigious institute, he had little interest in academics and attended classes mainly because maintaining a 75% attendance was mandatory. He described his engineering education as something he endured rather than enjoyed, even comparing the experience to "serving a prison sentence." Instead of spending all his time studying engineering, the student chose to explore subjects and activities that genuinely interested him. He focused on learning skills beyond the classroom, reading extensively, building meaningful friendships, and discovering career paths that aligned with his passions rather than societal expectations. Looking back, he said that earning an IIT degree gave him credibility, but it did not determine his future. According to him, the most valuable lessons from college came not from textbooks or examinations but from self-discovery and experimenting with different interests. He encouraged young people not to feel trapped by the degree they earn in their early twenties. His strongest message was: "Don't let your four-year degree dictate your forty-year career." He argued that careers evolve over time and



that people should not hesitate to change fields if they find greater purpose elsewhere. Skills can be learned, careers can be rebuilt, and success should be measured by fulfillment rather than by sticking to a predetermined path. The post quickly went viral, attracting thousands of reactions and comments. Many users appreciated his honesty, saying his story challenged the common belief that graduating from a prestigious institution automatically guarantees happiness or career satisfaction. Several professionals shared similar experiences, explaining how they eventually moved away from engineering into entrepreneurship, writing, design, management, or other creative fields. However, not everyone agreed with his perspective. Some social media users argued that securing admission to an IIT is a privilege that millions of aspirants dream of each year. They felt that openly dismissing the value of such an opportunity could send the wrong message to students who work tirelessly to earn a seat at these institutions. Despite the divided opinions, the post has reignited an important conversation about career flexibility, personal fulfillment, and the evolving definition of success. It serves as a reminder that while a prestigious degree can open doors, it does not have to determine the direction of an entire lifetime.

Modi's '56-Year-Old Youth' Jibe at Rahul

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a sharp jibe at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi ahead of the Parliament Monsoon Session, targeting his political journey and remarks about being a “young leader” despite having spent several decades in public life.

Addressing the media before the beginning of the session, PM Modi said Parliament should focus on meaningful discussions and constructive debates rather than political disruptions. While speaking about the importance of the session, he made a pointed remark about leaders who continue to describe themselves as young despite their long political careers.

Taking an apparent swipe at Rahul Gandhi, the Prime Minister referred to the presence of a “56-year-old youth” in Indian



Centre Urges CJP to End Sit-in Protest

The Centre has appealed to the leaders of the CJP to withdraw their ongoing sit-in protest following a cordial meeting between government representatives and the group's leaders. The move comes as authorities seek to resolve the issue through dialogue and prevent further escalation.

Government representatives held discussions with CJP leaders and urged them to end the agitation, assuring that their concerns would be considered through appropriate channels. The meeting was seen as an attempt to open communication between both sides after days of protests and tensions.

The CJP had been staging protests over its demands, with the agitation drawing attention from political circles and the public. The demonstration gained momentum as protesters continued their sit-in, demanding action on the issues raised by them.

The Centre's outreach marks a shift from confrontation to negotiation, with officials emphasizing the importance of resolving differences through discussions. The government has maintained that dialogue remains the best way to address concerns while ensuring public order.

CJP representatives, meanwhile, have remained firm on their demands and have sought assurances from the government before deciding on the future course of their movement. The group has indicated that it would consider discussions while continuing to highlight the issues raised by its supporters.

The development comes at a time when protests and political debates surrounding the matter have intensified. The government's engagement with CJP leaders is being viewed as an effort to find a solution and bring the situation under control.

The outcome of the talks could determine whether the protest continues or moves towards a negotiated settlement. With both sides now engaged in discussions, attention will remain on further developments and the response from CJP leadership.

The Centre's appeal reflects an effort to address the concerns through dialogue while maintaining peace and order. The coming days are expected to clarify whether the discussions lead to an end of the protest or further negotiations between the two sides.

Floods Disrupt Train Services in Assam



Heavy rainfall and rising floodwaters have disrupted railway operations in Assam, forcing the suspension of train services in parts of Upper Assam. The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has halted train movement on the Simaluguri-Namtiali and Simaluguri-Selenghat sections as floodwaters entered railway tracks and affected normal operations.

The disruption was caused by the overflowing of the Dikhow River following intense rainfall in its catchment areas. Floodwaters entered the Simaluguri railway station yard, railway colony, and nearby regions in Sivasagar district, creating unsafe conditions for train movement.

Railway authorities said passenger safety remains the top priority and train operations will resume only after water levels recede and tracks are thoroughly inspected. Officials are closely monitoring the situation to assess the damage and begin restoration work once conditions improve.

Several long-distance trains originating from Dibrugarh and Tinsukia have been diverted through alternative routes to avoid the affected sections. Some local train services have also been cancelled or short-termi-

nated due to the flood situation.

To reduce inconvenience for passengers, railway authorities have arranged support facilities, including alternative transport options, food, drinking water, and assistance centres at affected stations. Passengers facing delays due to the disruption are being provided necessary help until normal services resume.

The latest disruption adds to the challenges faced by railway services in the Northeast during the monsoon season. Heavy rains, rising rivers, and landslides frequently affect transportation networks in the region, requiring precautionary measures to ensure passenger safety.

Authorities have advised passengers to check train schedules before travelling and follow official updates regarding service restoration. Railway teams are working to restore connectivity as quickly as possible, but the timeline will depend on flood conditions and safety assessments.

With rainfall continuing in several parts of Assam, monitoring teams remain on alert. The immediate focus is on ensuring passenger safety, repairing affected infrastructure, and bringing train services back to normal at the earliest.

politics, highlighting the contrast between age and political experience. The remark quickly became a talking point, with supporters of the ruling party sharing it widely and opposition leaders criticising the tone of the comment.

The Monsoon Session of Parliament is expected to witness heated debates over several key issues, including economic policies, governance, national security, and various legislative matters. The ruling party has urged opposition members to participate in discussions, while opposition parties have prepared to raise issues they believe require government accountability.

Rahul Gandhi, who has emerged as one of the leading voices of the opposition, has frequently challenged the government on issues ranging from unemployment and economic

policies to social concerns. His statements inside and outside Parliament have often triggered political debates.

The exchange reflects the continuing political rivalry between the BJP and Congress, with both sides using public platforms to strengthen their narratives ahead of crucial legislative discussions.

As the Monsoon Session begins, all eyes will be on Parlia-

Parliament Hit by Protests on Opening Day

The opening day of the Parliament Monsoon Session witnessed intense disruptions, sloganeering, and repeated adjournments as the government and opposition clashed over several issues. Despite Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal for a constructive session based on facts and meaningful debates, proceedings in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were disrupted.



Soon after the session began, opposition members raised slogans and demanded discussions on issues including the NEET paper leak controversy and other matters they wanted the government to address. The protests continued despite repeated appeals from the presiding officers to allow the House to function smoothly.

In the Lok Sabha, the proceedings were repeatedly adjourned as opposition MPs continued their protests. The Speaker urged members to maintain parliamentary decorum and participate in discussions, but the disruptions prevented normal business from taking place.

Prime Minister Modi, before the start of the session, had called upon all parliamentarians to participate in debates and ensure that every voice gets an opportunity to be heard. He stressed that strong arguments should be presented through facts and logic rather than disruptions. However, the first day itself saw a confrontation between the ruling party and opposition members.

The government accused the opposition of blocking parliamentary functioning, while opposition leaders argued that they were raising issues of public importance and demanding accountability from the government.

The repeated disruptions meant that several planned parliamentary activities could not proceed as scheduled. The opening day ended without significant legislative progress, setting the stage for a potentially stormy session ahead. With several important issues expected to come up during the Monsoon Session, political tensions are likely to remain high. The coming days will determine whether the government and opposition can find common ground for debate or whether protests continue to dominate parliamentary proceedings.

The session is expected to witness heated discussions on major national issues, with both sides preparing to strongly present their arguments. As political battles intensify inside and outside Parliament, the Monsoon Session is likely to remain a key stage for government decisions, opposition challenges, and policy debates.

DMK MLA Arrested Over Remarks Against Vijay

A political controversy has erupted in Tamil Nadu after DMK MLA G R Markendiyar was arrested over alleged defamatory and threatening remarks against Chief Minister Vijay. The arrest has intensified the ongoing political tussle between the ruling Tamilaga Vetttri Kazhagam (TVK) and the DMK.



Markendiyar, who represents the Vilathikulam constituency, was taken into custody after a complaint was filed over comments he allegedly made during a public meeting. Police questioned the MLA following the arrest as part of the investigation into the case.

The controversy reportedly began after Markendiyar responded to remarks made by Chief Minister Vijay, which were seen as criticism of DMK president M K Stalin. During his speech, the DMK MLA allegedly made statements that were considered threatening, leading to a complaint from TVK members and subsequent police action.

The arrest immediately triggered reactions from DMK supporters, who staged protests and raised slogans against the police action. They questioned the move and alleged that political motives were behind the action against the MLA.

The incident has added further heat to the already intense political rivalry between the DMK and TVK. Vijay, who entered politics after a successful career in cinema, has emerged as a major political figure in Tamil Nadu, challenging the traditional dominance of established parties in the state.

The DMK has defended its leaders and questioned what it described as selective action against party members. The TVK, mean-

while, has maintained that complaints over objectionable remarks should be investigated and handled according to the law.

The latest controversy comes amid increasing political competition in Tamil Nadu, where public speeches, criticism between rival parties, and legal complaints have become frequent points of confrontation.

The arrest of Markendiyar has once again highlighted the growing political battle between the DMK and TVK. With tensions continuing to rise, the issue is expected to remain a major talking point in Tamil Nadu's political circles in the coming days.

SIT Report Flags Security Gaps at Ram Temple

The investigation into the alleged theft and misappropriation of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya has revealed serious lapses in security arrangements, supervision, and cash-handling procedures, according to findings submitted by the Special Investigation Team (SIT). The probe has brought attention to weaknesses in the system responsible for managing offerings made by devotees.



The SIT investigation reportedly identified multiple incidents of alleged theft from the temple's donation-counting process. The report pointed towards gaps in surveillance, shortcomings in security checks, and failures in monitoring the movement of personnel involved in handling cash offerings.

According to the findings, the counting process lacked adequate safeguards, allowing irregularities to continue over a period of time. Investigators highlighted issues related to CCTV coverage, supervision, and adherence to established security protocols.

The case came to light after allegations surfaced regarding the disappearance of cash and valuables donated by devotees. Following an initial inquiry, authorities registered a case against several individuals in connection with alleged theft, misappropriation, and handling of temple donations.

The investigation has since expanded, with more people linked to the donation-counting process coming under scrutiny. Officials are examining the recruitment process, responsibilities assigned to employees, and possible failures in administrative oversight.

The SIT report has also raised questions about whether proper checks were followed while assigning sensitive responsibilities related to donation management. Authorities are now looking into the complete chain of events to identify accountability at different levels.

The issue has attracted significant public and political attention because

of the importance of the Ram Temple and the large number of devotees contributing donations. The investigation is being closely monitored to ensure transparency and accountability in handling religious offerings.

The temple trust and authorities have indicated that corrective steps will be taken to strengthen security systems, improve monitoring mechanisms, and prevent such incidents in the future.

As the probe continues, the focus remains on recovering missing funds, identifying those responsible, and ensuring that the donation management system becomes more secure and transparent. The case has highlighted the need for stronger administrative practices even at highly protected religious institutions.



ment proceedings, where intense debates, political clashes, and strategic moves from both the government and opposition are expected to dominate the



Modi Highlights India's 7.7% Growth

Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted India's strong economic performance amid global uncertainties, stating that the country has maintained a 7.7% growth rate despite challenges caused by international conflicts and economic disruptions. He made the remarks ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, underlining India's resilience in the face of global headwinds.

strated the effectiveness of long-term planning and policy decisions.

The remarks came at a time when global markets have been closely watching the impact of geopolitical tensions, particularly disruptions linked to the West Asian region. Energy prices, supply chains, and international trade have faced pressure due to ongoing conflicts.

The Prime Minister emphasized that India's economic journey is being driven by reforms, investments, and the efforts of citizens. He said maintaining high growth during a period of global uncertainty showcases the country's increasing economic strength.

The statement is expected to become a key political talking point during the Monsoon Session, with the government highlighting economic achievements while the opposition is likely to raise questions on various policy issues.

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Heavy Rains Halt Char Dham Yatra



The famous Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand has been temporarily suspended due to continuous heavy rainfall, weather alerts, and the rising threat of landslides along pilgrimage routes. The state administration took the decision as a precautionary measure to ensure the safety of thousands of devotees travelling to the Himalayan shrines.

Authorities said the pilgrimage will remain halted until the routes are inspected and declared completely safe for movement. Officials have been instructed to ensure that pilgrims already present on the routes are provided shelter and accommodated at secure locations until weather conditions improve.

The decision comes after several areas of Uttarakhand witnessed intense rainfall, triggering concerns over landslides, road blockages, and difficult travel conditions in the mountainous regions. Weather warnings prompted authorities to increase monitoring and preparedness across vulnerable areas.

The Char Dham Yatra, which covers the sacred shrines of Kedarnath, Badrinath, Gangotri, and Yamunotri, attracts lakhs of pilgrims every year. However, during the monsoon season, the Himala-

yan terrain becomes highly vulnerable to landslides, flash floods, and sudden weather changes.

The Garhwal administration has directed district officials to provide timely updates to pilgrims and the public. Devotees have been advised to follow official instructions, avoid rumours, and not attempt journeys until authorities give clearance.

Meanwhile, rising water levels in rivers including the Alaknanda and Mandakini have increased concerns in parts of the region. Emergency teams and various departments have been placed on high alert to respond quickly to any rain-related situation.

The administration has clarified that the suspension is only a temporary safety measure and that the pilgrimage will resume once routes become stable and weather conditions improve.

With heavy rains continuing across several Himalayan regions, authorities are closely monitoring road conditions, landslide-prone zones, and the safety of pilgrims. The immediate priority remains preventing accidents and ensuring a safe journey for devotees visiting the Char Dham shrines.



Iran Warns US Against Ground Invasion

Iran has issued a strong warning to the United States, declaring that it is fully prepared for any American ground invasion and cautioning that such a move would trigger a fierce military response. The statement comes amid escalating tensions between the two countries following continued military exchanges in the region.

A senior Iranian military commander said the country's armed forces are ready to confront any foreign troops entering Iranian territory. In a defiant message, he declared, "We are waiting for their arrival," signaling that Iran is prepared for direct ground combat if the conflict expands.

The warning follows repeated remarks by US President Donald Trump, who has suggested that Washington could consider stronger military options as the conflict deepens. Reports indicate that the United States has been evaluating strategies to increase pressure on Iran, including potential operations involving the strategically important Kharg Island, a key hub for Iran's oil exports.

Iranian officials insisted that while the country does not seek a broader war, it is fully prepared to defend its sovereignty. They warned that any foreign military entering Iranian territory would face an immediate and forceful response from Iranian armed forces.



India to Supply 200 Rail Coaches to Bangladesh

India is set to strengthen its railway cooperation with Bangladesh by supplying 200 broad-gauge passenger coaches, a major step aimed at improving passenger services and modernising the neighbouring country's railway network. The coaches, manufactured in India, are expected to provide a major boost to Bangladesh Railways by increasing capacity and improving travel comfort.

The project is being executed through RITES Limited, a public sector undertaking under Indian Railways, which has been entrusted with supplying the coaches to Bangladesh Railway. The first batch of coaches will be delivered as part of the larger contract, marking another milestone in railway collaboration between the two countries.

The new broad-gauge coaches are expected to significantly improve intercity rail connectivity in Bangladesh. Authorities are planning to integrate these coaches into existing services and introduce additional train operations, particularly on important routes connecting major cities.

The supply of these coaches comes at a time when Bangladesh is focusing on expanding and upgrading its railway infrastructure. The new additions are expected to increase passenger capacity, improve operational efficiency, and offer a more comfortable travel experience for passengers.

The project is being supported through financial assistance,

Military analysts have long argued that any ground invasion of Iran would be highly complex due to the country's vast geography, mountainous terrain, large military strength, and extensive regional alliances. These factors make any large-scale land operation significantly more challenging than previous military campaigns in the Middle East.

The latest warning comes as military action between the United States and Iran continues to intensify, raising concerns that the conflict could move beyond airstrikes and missile attacks. The ongoing hostilities have also increased fears over regional security, disruptions to global energy supplies, and the safety of shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

Despite the escalating rhetoric, diplomatic efforts have not completely collapsed. Reports suggest that indirect communication between Washington and Tehran continues through international mediators in an attempt to prevent the crisis from escalating into a wider regional war. As tensions remain high, Iran's latest warning underscores its determination to resist any foreign military intervention. The coming days are expected to be crucial in determining whether the crisis moves toward further military confrontation or renewed diplomatic engagement.

with deliveries planned in phases. Once all 200 coaches are delivered, they will become part of the Bangladesh Railway fleet, strengthening the country's passenger transport system.

India and Bangladesh have shared long-standing cooperation in the railway sector. In recent years, India has supported Bangladesh through the supply of railway equipment, locomotives, passenger coaches, and technical expertise. The latest project further highlights India's growing role in providing railway solutions to neighbouring countries.

For Bangladesh, the arrival of modern coaches is expected to address rising passenger demand and improve connectivity between urban centres and regional areas. A stronger railway network will also support economic growth by making transportation faster, safer, and more efficient.

The project also reflects India's expanding railway manufacturing capabilities. Indian railway production facilities have increasingly supplied advanced coaches and equipment to international markets, showcasing the country's progress in transport technology and engineering.

The introduction of 200 Indian-made coaches is expected to become a significant milestone in Bangladesh's railway development journey. With increased capacity, improved passenger facilities, and stronger regional cooperation, the initiative aims to create a more efficient and modern railway system for Bangladesh.

Andy Burnham Set to Become UK PM After Starmer Exit

The United Kingdom is set for another major political transition after Prime Minister Keir Starmer resigned, paving the way for Andy Burnham to become the country's next Prime Minister. The change comes after growing pressure within the governing Labour Party and marks another significant chapter in Britain's rapidly changing political landscape.

Starmer officially stepped down after serving as Prime Minister for nearly two years. In his farewell address outside 10 Downing Street, he reflected on his government's achievements, saying he was proud of the progress made during his tenure. He also expressed confidence in Burnham's leadership and pledged his full support to his successor.

Andy Burnham, the former Mayor of Greater Manchester and a prominent Labour leader, emerged as the party's choice after securing overwhelming backing from Labour MPs. His appointment makes him Britain's seventh Prime Minister in a decade, highlighting the country's prolonged period of political instability.

Burnham has promised to focus on improving living standards, addressing the cost-of-living crisis, strengthening public services, and restoring confidence in



government. He has also spoken about bringing greater political stability and reducing divisions across the country.

One of Burnham's immediate priorities will be forming a new Cabinet. Political observers expect several changes in key ministerial positions as the new Prime Minister begins implementing his agenda. His early policy priorities are expected to include economic reforms, healthcare improvements, and measures to tackle rising household costs.

Starmer's resignation follows months of internal dissatisfaction within the Labour Party after a series of political setbacks and declining public support. Despite the pressure, he said he was leaving office with pride in what his government had accom-

plished and thanked his colleagues, civil servants, and the British public for their support.

As Burnham prepares to assume office, he faces several immediate challenges, including boosting economic growth, improving public services, and rebuilding public trust in government. His leadership will also be closely watched on issues such as healthcare, housing, immigration, and Britain's international relations.

The transition marks the beginning of a new phase for the Labour government. With fresh leadership and ambitious promises, Burnham will now seek to steer the United Kingdom through a period of economic and political uncertainty while delivering on his vision for a more stable and prosperous future.



Iran Warns US Against Any Ground Attack

Iran has issued one of its strongest warnings yet to the United States, declaring that it is fully prepared for any potential American ground invasion and warning that such an operation would have serious consequences. The statement comes as military tensions between the two countries continue to escalate following days of intense strikes and counter-strikes.

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Pakistan Faces Rising Security Challenges

Pakistan is facing a growing internal security challenge as tensions with the Taliban, rising militant attacks, and unrest in Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) put increasing pressure on the country's leadership. The situation has triggered fresh debates over Islamabad's long-standing security strategies and its handling of extremist groups.

The latest crisis comes at a time when Pakistan is struggling to manage multiple fronts. On one side, the country is dealing with increasing attacks linked to militant groups such as the Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP), while on the other, relations with the Taliban-led government in Afghanistan have deteriorated over accusations of allowing militant networks to operate from Afghan territory.

For years, Pakistan's security establishment has faced criticism over allegations of using militant groups as strategic tools to influence regional affairs. However, many analysts argue that several of these groups have now turned into a major internal threat, creating serious challenges for Pakistan's own security forces.

The growing confrontation with the Afghan Taliban has further complicated the situation. Islamabad has repeatedly alleged that TTP fighters are finding shelter across the border, allowing them to carry out attacks inside Pakistan. The Afghan Taliban has rejected these

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Despite the escalating rhetoric, diplomatic channels have not been completely shut. Reports indicate that indirect communication between the two sides is continuing through international mediators in an effort to prevent the conflict from spiraling into a full-scale regional war.

As military tensions remain high, Iran's latest message underscores its determination to resist any foreign military intervention. Whether the crisis moves toward further confrontation or renewed diplomacy will likely depend on developments in the coming days, with the international community closely monitoring every move by both Washington and Tehran.

Indian Group Flags Visa Concerns



The advocacy group also pointed to concerns over declining international student enrolments, arguing that stricter immigration policies may further reduce the number of students choosing US universities. It warned that countries such as Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia could become more attractive destinations for global talent if the proposed rule is implemented.

According to FIIDS, international students contribute significantly to the US economy through tuition fees, research, innovation, and skilled workforce development. The organization said policies that create uncertainty could have long-term consequences for American universities and industries that depend on highly skilled graduates.

The group has requested that Congress and USCIS pause the implementation of the rule and conduct wider consultations with universities, researchers, industry representatives, and student organizations before making major

changes to the visa system.

Education experts have also raised concerns that the proposed cap could increase administrative challenges for both students and educational institutions. Graduate students, doctoral researchers, and those enrolled in programmes extending beyond four years could face additional difficulties if extension approvals become mandatory.

The proposed changes have sparked debate across academic and immigration circles, with many stakeholders calling for a more flexible system that supports international education while maintaining immigration oversight.

The final decision on the proposed visa changes will depend on further discussions between lawmakers, immigration authorities, universities, and other stakeholders. The outcome could have a major impact on thousands of international students planning to pursue higher education in the United States.

JD Vance Welcomes Fourth Child, Makes US History



arrival of Alec Neel Vance expands their family to six members.

The Vice President thanked the medical staff at Walter Reed and the White House Medical Unit for their care and support during the delivery. The family also expressed gratitude for the warm wishes they received from well-wishers across the country.

The birth has attracted widespread attention not only because of its historical significance but also because JD Vance has frequently spoken about the importance of family values and encouraging higher

birth rates in the United States. The arrival of the couple's fourth child has therefore become both a personal milestone and a notable moment in American political history.

Messages of congratulations poured in from political leaders, supporters, and members of the public, celebrating the newest addition to the Vance family. As the Vice President continues his duties in office, the family is expected to spend the coming days together, marking a joyful occasion that has already secured its place in the history of the US vice presidency.

With earnings season gathering pace and global uncertainties still looming, traders are expected to remain cautious while closely tracking corporate results and macroeconomic developments for fresh market cues.

For now, the Indian market presents a unique picture—companies are generating healthy profits, but share prices are taking time to catch up. As earnings continue to expand and valuations become more balanced, many analysts believe the current correction could lay the foundation for the next phase of long-term market growth.

Following the announcement of the quarterly results, investor sentiment remained positive. Market participants welcomed the strong earnings

While short-term volatility may continue, experts believe the recent correction has made the stock more attractive than it was after its sharp rally. Investors with a high risk appetite and a long-term perspective may consider accumulating the stock in phases, while conservative investors may prefer to wait for confirmation that the correction has run its course before taking fresh positions.

The Indian real estate sector has witnessed strong demand over the past few years, particularly in the premium housing segment. Analysts believe Oberoi Realty is well-positioned to benefit from

The government also clarified that the tax treatment for domestic investors and foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) in equity investments remains unchanged. While certain tax incentives have been introduced for foreign investments in government securities to attract long-term capital, those meas-



Giridhar Reddy Inspects Transformer Issue in Nellore Rural

Nellore , July 20 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party State Official Spokesperson Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy on Monday inspected a transformer issue at Velagachettu Sangam in the 17th Division of Nellore Rural Constituency during his morning public walk. Accompanied by TDP leader Babu and Electricity Department officials, he directed authorities to take immediate steps to ensure that residents do not face inconvenience due to the power supply problem. Electricity Department officials informed Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy that the transformer issue would be resolved within 15 days. He emphasized the importance of completing the repair work within the stipu-

lated time to restore uninterrupted electricity supply to the locality. The TDP leader said the coalition government has allocated 5.70 crore for the development of the 17th Division since assuming office. He stated that the government is committed to strengthening civic infrastructure and addressing public issues on priority. 17th Division TDP President Dattatreya, TDP leaders Ajay and Vallam Vijay, along with local residents and Electricity Department officials, participated in the inspection. Giridhar Reddy interacted with residents and assured them that their concerns would be addressed through timely administrative action.

PGRS Petitions Must Be Resolved Within Timeframe: Joint Collector

Kurnool, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District Joint Collector Nurul Khamar directed officials to resolve public grievances received through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) within the stipulated timeframe and ensure satisfactory solutions for petitioners. He reviewed public representations during the grievance redressal programme held on Monday at the Sunayana Auditorium in the Collectorate.

Speaking on the occasion, Nurul Khamar said addressing public grievances is one of the primary responsibilities of the government. He instructed officials to examine every petition carefully and take immediate steps to provide quality solutions without delay.

The Joint Collector stressed that officials must handle each representation responsibly and ensure that endorsements provided to petitioners are clear



and understandable. He directed department officials to take special measures to clear pending grievances and ensure that no petition remains unresolved. He said timely action and effective grievance redressal would help strengthen public confidence in the administration. Various petitions related to different departments were received during the programme, following which officials were instructed to take necessary action.

District Revenue Officer Venkatanarayanamma, Special Deputy Collector Siva Prasad Reddy and officials from various departments participated in the programme.

Shining Stars Awards Honour 202 Meritorious Students

Chittoor, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Sumit Kumar said public confidence in government schools must grow further and called for more "Shining Stars" to emerge from government educational institutions. He was speaking at the Shining Stars Awards ceremony organised by the District Education Department and Samagra Shiksha at the ZP Conference Hall in Chittoor on Monday.

A total of 202 meritorious students, including 168 Class 10 and 34 Intermediate toppers, received the Shining Stars award, a certificate and a cash incentive of 20,000 each.

Chittoor MLA Gurajala Jagannoh described students as valuable assets to the state and the nation and urged them



to make the best use of government educational facilities. Puthalapattu MLA Muralimohan said the programme reflects the government's commitment to encouraging talent and strengthening public education.

ZP Chairperson Katari Hemalatha, District Educational Officer K. Lakshmi Narayana, Samagra Shiksha Project Officer Venkataramana, public representatives, officials, teachers, students and parents attended the programme

CPI Demands 25,000 Crore Special Package for Kadapa

Kadapa, July 20 | TPN Bureau

CPI District Secretary Gali Chandra demanded that the Central and State governments jointly announce a special package of 25,000 crore for the comprehensive development of Kadapa district. Addressing district-level training classes held at the CPI district office on Monday under the chairmanship of V. Veerasekar, he called for militant struggles with public support to achieve the demand.

Gali Chandra said the package should accelerate develop-



ment in the industrial, agricultural, educational, medical, transport and tourism sectors. He urged the government to establish industries based on local mineral resources, complete the Kadapa Steel Plant, develop Kopparthi Industrial Park, revive Chennur Sugar Factory and strengthen employment opportunities

Hard Work is the Key to Success, Says Ponguru Narayana

Nellore, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Municipal Administration and Urban Development Ponguru Narayana on Monday urged students to believe in hard work and determination, saying that any goal in life can be achieved through perseverance. Addressing the Shining Stars Awards-2026 programme organised by the Education Department at Sri Kasturba Kalakshetram in Nellore, he advised students to treat failures as stepping stones to success rather than reasons for discouragement.

Sharing his personal journey, Ponguru Narayana recalled failing the Class 10 examination once due to his interest in sports. He said he later studied for 15-16 hours a day, passed with first-class distinction, topped both his undergraduate course at VR College and M.Sc. at SV University, and eventually established educational institutions serving lakhs of students across the country. He said every student has unique talent that should be identified and nurtured by



parents and teachers. He added that the government, under the leadership of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, is implementing several reforms to improve educational standards.

District Collector Himanshu Shukla said talent alone was not enough and stressed the importance of discipline, dedication and commitment. Recalling that he had once stood on a similar stage as an Intermediate topper, he urged students to stay focused, avoid distractions from social media and make responsible decisions in life.

During the programme, Ponguru Narayana and District

Collector Himanshu Shukla presented Shining Stars Awards-2026 to 260 meritorious students, including 224 Class 10 toppers and 36 Intermediate toppers. Each student received a medal, certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of 20,000.

Zilla Parishad Chairperson Anam Arunamma, City Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha, Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar, District Educational Officer R. Balaji Rao, Samagra Shiksha APC Venkatasubbayya, Vemireddy Vijayabhaskar Reddy, public representatives, officials, teachers, students and parents attended the event.

Shining Stars Reflect Education Reforms, Says Anagani Satyaprasad

Tirupati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District In-charge and State Minister for Registration and Revenue Anagani Satyaprasad on Monday said the Shining Stars-2026 programme reflects the revolutionary changes taking place in Andhra Pradesh's education sector. Addressing the merit awards ceremony held at the Indira Priyadarshini Auditorium of Sri Padmavati Mahila Viswavidyalayam in Tirupati, he felicitated 258 meritorious students who excelled in the Class 10 and Intermediate public examinations.

Anagani Satyaprasad said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, is implementing major reforms to strengthen government schools and provide quality education. He highlighted initiatives such



as Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyarthi Mitra kits, quality mid-day meals, restoration of the meal scheme for Intermediate students and the Mega DSC recruitment drive filling 16,347 teaching posts. He urged parents to participate in the parent-teacher meetings scheduled for July 24. District Collector Dr. S. Venkateswar said recognising and encouraging student talent is the true foundation of societal progress. He advised parents not to compare children with others, stressing that discipline, skills and character are as important as academic performance. He en-

couraged students to dream big, remain focused and participate in sports, music and other extracurricular activities for overall personality development.

MLAs Arani Srinivasulu, Arava Sridhar and Nelavala Vijayaree also addressed the gathering, praising the government's initiatives to improve education and urging students to pursue their goals with confidence. They said education is a lifelong asset and encouraged parents to support their children's aspirations.

District Educational Officer K.V.N. Kumar, RIO Gopal Reddy, corporation chairpersons Narasimha Yadav, C.R. Rajan and Sadasivam, education department officials, teachers, parents and students attended the programme. During the event, 258 students received Shining Stars-2026 awards, cash incentives of 20,000, medals and certificates of appreciation.

Swarnandhra-2047 Targets Need Systematic Implementation: Collector

Kurnool, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. A. Siri directed officials to work systematically to achieve the Gross Value Added (GVA) and Gross District Domestic Product (GDDP) targets under the state's Swarnandhra-2047 vision. Speaking at a capacity-building training programme on district economic development held at the Horticulture Office in Kurnool on Monday, she stressed that every department must contribute towards the district's long-term economic growth.

The Collector said officials should have a clear understanding of economic indicators such as GVA, GDDP and per capita income while preparing development plans. She urged departments to identify opportunities within their sectors, improve coordination, attract investments, generate employment and increase productivity across agriculture, industries and services. Dr. Siri also directed officials to intensify awareness on the PMDS (Pre-Monsoon Dry



Sowing) programme and natural farming practices in view of the El Niño conditions. She said the programme, currently covering about 92,000 acres, would be expanded to two lakh acres. Tourism development centred around Mantralayam, airport expansion with cargo and night-landing facilities, and industrial growth were also identified as priority areas.

The Collector instructed the Mining Department to revive inactive mining reaches, expedite statutory clearances and identify new mineral deposits for e-auctions. She said development

plans should be prepared based on the strengths of each mandal to improve per capita income.

Highlighting investment prospects, Dr. Siri said around 40 MoUs worth nearly 90,000 crore have been signed, with the potential to create 35,000 jobs. She noted that Reliance is preparing to launch another unit while Jai Raj Ispat is expanding its operations.

Economics expert Dr. Subrahmanyam from BITS Pilani and Pahle India Foundation members Harshavardhan and Havila Reddy explained GVA, GSDP and GDDP through a detailed presentation.

CPO Bharati, Kurnool Municipal Commissioner Obulesu, Special Deputy Collector Anuradha, Adoni RDO Aruna Devi, Kurnool RDO Sandeep Kumar, District Agriculture Officer Varalakshmi, DWMA PD Narasimha Reddy, DTC Shanthakumari, Mining DD Nagini, ICDS PD Vijaya, DPO Bhaskar, Horticulture Officer Raja Krishna Reddy and other officials attended the programme.



Minister Warns of Action Against Park Land Encroachments

Nellore, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana on Monday warned that strict action would be initiated against those encroaching upon park lands in approved layouts. During his inspection of the Children's Park in Nellore Rural, he reviewed the modernisation master plan and directed officials to complete proposed facilities within three months.

The minister said the upgraded park would feature facilities including a sky drive, zip line, cycling track and modern play equipment. He stated that the park, developed on a former dumping yard, would be transformed under the Green Corporation on the lines of the Rajahmundry Park.

Ponguru Narayana said the maintenance of the park would be handed over to the Park Association and assured that immediate measures would be

taken against encroachments on government lands. He directed officials to closely monitor park properties and ensure that public spaces are protected from illegal occupation for the benefit of future generations.

TDP State Official Spokesperson Kotamreddy Giridhar Reddy said the alliance government was giving priority to park development and had protected Corporation lands worth 350 crore.

Municipal Commissioner Nandan, Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha, NUDA Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy, Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar Yadav, former Municipal Chairperson Tallapaka Anuradha, former ZPTC member Vijeta Reddy, Corporator Ganesham Balakrishna, TDP leaders Penchal Chowdary and DVS Giri, Park Association President Kotte Ramamurthy and Secretary Pedda Penchalanaidu attended the programme.

Offline Prasadam Counters to Open at Srikalahasti Temple

Srikalahasti, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Temple Trust Board Chairman Kotte Sai Prasad on Monday announced that offline counters for the sale of prasadam at the Srikalahastiswara Temple will start functioning from Tuesday. The facility will operate along with the existing online system to provide greater convenience to devotees visiting the famous shrine.

Kotte Sai Prasad said the decision was approved by the Endowments Commissioner following requests submitted by the Temple Trust Board, local MLA and Temple Executive Officer. The initiative was taken to address the difficulties faced by devotees while accessing prasadam through the online system. He thanked the Endowments Commissioner for approving the proposal promptly and appreciated the support extended by the



Temple Executive Officer in implementing the new arrangement. The Chairman said the offline counters would help reduce congestion and waiting time, allowing devotees to purchase temple prasadam in a quicker and more transparent manner.

Kotte Sai Prasad assured that the temple administration would continue to focus on improving facilities and strengthening services for devotees. He said efforts would be made to ensure a smoother pilgrimage experience at Srikalahastiswara Temple, which is popularly known as Dakshina Kailasam.

11 Red Sanders Logs Seized, Two Smugglers Arrested

Annamayya, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Red Sanders Anti-Smuggling Task Force (RSASTF) seized 11 Red Sanders logs being illegally transported in a car on the K.V. Palli-Pileru road in Annamayya district on Monday. Two smugglers were arrested, while another managed to escape.

The operation was carried out under the directions of Task Force Head L. Subbarayudu and the supervision of Task Force SP P. Srinivas, ASP J. Kulasekhar and DSP Md. Sharif. A team led by ARSI K. Maheswara Naidu, along with forest officials Jagadeesh and Asha Bee, intercepted the vehicle during checks



at Pontala Cheruvu Cross.

The arrested accused, belonging to Tirupattur and Tiruvannamalai districts of Tamil Nadu, were taken to the Tirupati Task Force Police Station along with the seized logs and vehicle. DSP V. Srinivasulu Reddy and ACF J. Srinivas questioned the accused. CI Khader Basha registered a case and launched further investigation.

Teachers Seek TET Exemption for Pre-2011 Appointments

Kadapa, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Teachers in Kadapa district expressed concern over the mandatory Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) requirement and submitted a representation to Joint Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena on Monday, seeking exemption for teachers appointed before 2011.

YSRTA District General Secretary Kiran Kumar Reddy stated that teachers recruited before 2011 were selected through the DSC recruitment process based on the qualifications and government rules prevailing at that time. He said their teaching abilities

have already been proven through years of classroom experience, departmental inspections, performance evaluations, successful completion of probation and continuous professional development programmes.

He explained that teachers have participated in various government training initiatives, including DIKSHA, NISHTHA, FLN and TARL, which improved their skills in teaching methods, digital education and curriculum reforms. He added that many teachers have received Best Teacher awards at mandal, district, state and national levels for their

contributions. The teachers argued that imposing TET qualification at this stage would create unnecessary hardship and uncertainty for those who have already rendered long years of satisfactory service. They requested the government to issue orders exempting pre-2011 appointed teachers from TET to protect their service rights, promotions and career progression.

YSRTA State Executive President Ramana Reddy, District Executive President Mallikarjuna Reddy, Krupa Prem Sagar and others participated in the programme.



New Zealand ODI Series Will Test India

Former India wicketkeeper and cricket administrator Saba Karim believes the upcoming ODI series against New Zealand will provide a much better assessment of India's strength than recent outings. Following India's disappointing ODI series defeat to England, Karim said the matches against New Zealand will reveal how effectively the team has addressed its shortcomings.

According to Karim, the New Zealand side is known for its disciplined cricket, consistency, and ability to perform under pressure. Unlike many teams that rely heavily on individual brilliance, New Zealand functions as a well-balanced unit, making them one of the toughest opponents in international cricket.

He said the series will test India's batting depth, bowling combinations, and overall game management. Karim stressed that the team needs to improve its performance in pressure situations, particularly during the final overs, where India struggled against England.

The former selector also highlighted the importance of middle-order contributions. While India's top-order has generally delivered solid starts, he believes the middle and lower-order batters must take greater responsibility and consistently finish matches.

Karim further pointed out that India's bowlers will face a different challenge against New Zealand, whose batters are known for building partnerships and adapting to varying match situations. He said maintaining discipline with both the new and old ball will be crucial if India hopes to dominate the series.

He added that the upcoming matches will also provide the team management with an opportunity to evaluate different player combinations ahead of future international tournaments. The series could help identify areas that require improvement while allowing young players to prove themselves on the international stage. Despite the recent setback against England, Karim expressed confidence in India's overall potential. He believes the squad has enough quality and experience to bounce back strongly, provided it learns from recent mistakes and executes its plans more effectively.

With New Zealand widely regarded as one of the most consistent teams in world cricket, Karim feels the upcoming ODI series will offer a clearer picture of where India stands. A strong performance, he said, would restore confidence and demonstrate the team's readiness for the major challenges that lie ahead.



From India to World Cup Hero: Ferran Torres' Journey

Spain's FIFA World Cup final hero Ferran Torres may have etched his name into football history with the winning goal against Argentina, but his journey to global stardom has a unique connection with India. Long before becoming Spain's biggest match-winner on the world's grandest stage, Torres showcased his immense talent in front of Indian football fans.

The Barcelona forward scored the decisive goal in extra time to hand Spain their second FIFA World Cup title, earning widespread praise for his composure and match-winning ability. While millions around the world celebrated his heroics, football followers in India had a reason to feel a special connection with the Spanish star.

Torres first visited India in 2017 as part of Spain's squad for the FIFA U-17 World Cup, which was hosted across several Indian cities. At just 17 years of age, he was already regarded as one of Spain's brightest young talents and played a key role in his team's impressive campaign.

During the tournament, Torres impressed with his pace, skill, and attacking instincts, scoring goals and creating chances as Spain reached the final. Although Spain finished runners-up after losing to England, the competition gave Indian fans an early glimpse of a player who would later become one of Europe's top forwards.

Several of Torres' memorable performances came in front

of packed stadiums in Kochi and Kolkata, where enthusiastic Indian supporters witnessed his emerging talent years before he became a household name in world football.

Another member of Spain's World Cup-winning squad, Eric Garcia, also featured in that U-17 World Cup in India. The tournament proved to be an important stepping stone for several young Spanish players who have since established themselves at the highest level of international football.

Over the years, Torres has grown into a key player for both FC Barcelona and the Spanish national team. Known for his intelligent movement, clinical finishing, and versatility in attack, he has consistently delivered in crucial matches.

His extra-time winner in the FIFA World Cup final has now secured his place in Spanish football history. The goal not only brought Spain another world title but also made Torres one of the country's most celebrated footballers.

For Indian football fans, his success carries added significance. Years before the world applauded Ferran Torres for delivering Spain's greatest footballing moment, it was India that witnessed the first flashes of his extraordinary talent. His remarkable journey serves as a reminder of the lasting legacy of the 2017 FIFA U-17 World Cup and India's contribution to the early careers of future global stars.

Rohit Sharma Dismisses Retirement Rumours

Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma has firmly put an end to speculation surrounding his retirement, making it clear that he has no immediate plans to step away from international cricket. In a candid interview, the veteran opener addressed the rumours that have been circulating on social media and in cricketing circles, saying he remains fully committed to representing India.

Rohit said he has learned to ignore outside opinions and speculation, emphasizing that decisions about his career will be made by him and not influenced by public discussions. He stated that criticism and rumours are part of a sport as popular as cricket, but they do not affect his focus or determination.

The experienced batter stressed that he continues to enjoy the game and remains motivated to perform at the highest level. According to Rohit, as long as he is fit, contributing to the team's success, and enjoying his cricket, he sees no reason to think about retirement. The Indian skipper also spoke about the pressure that comes with leading the national team. He acknowledged that expectations from fans are al-



ways high but said handling pressure is an essential part of being an international cricketer. He added that staying mentally strong and focusing on the team's goals are his top priorities. Rohit also highlighted the importance of maintaining a positive environment within the dressing room. He praised the team's unity and said every player is working towards the common objective of helping India succeed across all formats of the game.

His comments have come as a relief to millions of Indian cricket fans, many of whom were concerned by the recent retirement rumours. Social media was flooded with supportive messages after the interview, with fans expressing happiness that the captain in-

tends to continue his international career.

Having established himself as one of India's most successful captains and opening batters, Rohit has played a crucial role in several memorable victories over the years. His leadership, experience, and ability to perform in high-pressure situations continue to make him one of the team's most valuable players.

By dismissing the retirement rumours, Rohit has made it clear that his focus remains firmly on cricket and contributing to India's future success. His message also serves as a reminder that speculation should not be mistaken for fact, and that career decisions will be made only when he believes the time is right.

Gaikwad to Captain Strong West Zone Squad

India batter Ruturaj Gaikwad has been appointed captain of a formidable West Zone squad for the upcoming 2026-27 Duleep Trophy, with experienced Mumbai all-rounder Shams Mulani named as vice-captain. The squad was announced by the West Zone Selection Committee ahead of the prestigious domestic tournament, which will be held from August 23 to September 10 at the BCCI Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru.

The West Zone team boasts a blend of international experience and proven domestic performers, making it one of the strongest squads in the competition. Apart from Gaikwad and Mulani, the side includes well-known names such as Prithvi Shaw, Sarfaraz Khan, Musheer Khan, Shardul Thakur, Tanush Kotian, Tushar Deshpande, Mukesh Choudhary, Atif Sheth, and Harvik Desai.

Gaikwad's appointment as captain reflects the confidence selectors have in his leadership abilities and consistent performances in domestic cricket. Having established himself as one of India's most dependable top-order batters, he will now have the responsibility of guid-



ing a talented squad in one of the country's premier first-class tournaments.

Shams Mulani, one of Mumbai's most consistent all-rounders in recent domestic seasons, has been entrusted with the role of vice-captain. His experience with both bat and ball is expected to provide valuable support to the team throughout the tournament.

The Duleep Trophy remains one of India's most important domestic competitions, offering players an opportunity to impress national selectors. Strong performances in the tournament often play a significant role in earning higher honours, including India A and national team selection.

West Zone will enter the competition with high expectations, thanks to its balanced squad featuring explosive batters, dependable all-rounders, quality spin options, and a strong pace attack. The presence of experienced domestic campaigners alongside emerging talents gives the team an excellent mix of youth and experience.

With Gaikwad at the helm, the West Zone side will be aiming to make a deep run in the tournament and add another Duleep Trophy title to its rich history. Cricket fans will be keenly watching how the captain marshals his talented squad in one of India's most competitive domestic championships.

Argentina's Trophy Ceremony Conduct Draws Criticism

Argentina's national football team has found itself at the center of a controversy after several players were seen turning their backs during Spain's trophy presentation, triggering widespread criticism from fans and football observers.

The incident occurred during the medal and trophy ceremony following the final, where Spain celebrated a memorable title-winning performance. As Spanish players stepped forward to receive their medals and lift the trophy, television cameras captured a group of Argentine players standing with their backs turned, a moment that quickly went viral on social media.

The footage sparked a wave of reactions online, with many fans describing the gesture as unsporting and disrespectful. Critics argued that regardless of the result, players are expected to show respect for their opponents during post-match ceremonies, especially on such a prestigious international stage.

Several football supporters labeled the act "classless," saying it overshadowed what had otherwise been an entertaining contest. Others felt that emotions after a painful defeat can sometimes



lead to reactions that may not reflect the players' true intentions.

At the same time, some fans came to Argentina's defense, suggesting that the players were still dealing with the disappointment of losing the final. They argued that frustration and heartbreak immediately after such a high-stakes match can result in emotional reactions, and the incident should not be judged too harshly without understanding the full context.

Neither the Argentine Football Association nor the players involved have issued an official statement regarding the incident. Spain's players and coaching staff also chose not to comment, keeping the focus on their championship triumph.

The debate has once again highlighted the importance of sportsmanship in international football. While fierce competition and emotional intensity are part of the game, many believe mutual respect between teams remains one of the sport's core values.

Despite the controversy surrounding the trophy presentation, Spain's impressive performance throughout the tournament remained the biggest talking point. The champions earned widespread praise for their consistency, teamwork, and composure under pressure, while Argentina will look to regroup and learn from both the defeat and the post-match controversy as they prepare for future international competitions.



Lack of Finisher Cost India ODI Series

Former India wicketkeeper-batter Parthiv Patel believes India's biggest weakness in the recently concluded ODI series against England was the absence of a dependable finisher capable of closing out matches under pressure. Following India's series defeat, Parthiv pointed out that England had the advantage of having an experienced match-winner like Jos Buttler, who made the difference in crucial moments.

According to Parthiv, India's batting unit performed well for most parts of the series, but the team struggled to convert promising positions into victories. He said the middle and lower order lacked the finishing ability required in high-pressure chases, allowing England to seize control during the closing stages of matches.

Highlighting Buttler's impact, Parthiv said the England captain demonstrated exactly how an experienced finisher should approach the final overs. His calm temperament, smart shot selection, and ability to accelerate at the right time helped England post challenging totals and successfully chase targets.

Parthiv added that India needs to identify and groom players who can consistently handle pressure situations. He emphasized that finishing games is a specialized skill that requires experience, confidence, and clarity in decision-

making, especially in modern one-day cricket where matches often go down to the final overs.

The former cricketer also praised England for maintaining composure throughout the series. He noted that their batters adapted well to different match situations and capitalized on every opportunity, while India's inability to finish strongly ultimately proved costly.

He further stated that India's top-order continues to provide solid starts, but greater responsibility must be shared by the middle order and lower-order batters. Developing reliable finishers, he said, will be crucial as the team prepares for upcoming international tournaments.

Despite the disappointing result, Parthiv remained optimistic about India's future. He believes the squad possesses immense talent and that the series defeat should serve as a valuable learning experience. Addressing the finishing issue and improving execution in crunch situations, he said, will make India a stronger side in the coming months.

With major international assignments on the horizon, the Indian team is expected to analyze its shortcomings carefully. Finding players capable of delivering under pressure and finishing matches consistently is likely to become one of the team's top priorities as it looks to bounce back stronger.



Trump's Trophy Ceremony Appearance Goes Viral

An unusual moment unfolded during the FIFA World Cup trophy presentation when US President Donald Trump remained on the winners' podium longer than expected, creating an awkward situation for the victorious Spain team before eventually stepping aside.

As Spain's players gathered to celebrate their World Cup triumph, Trump joined FIFA officials on the podium to congratulate the champions and present medals. However, after the formal presentation concluded, he continued standing alongside the players while they prepared for their traditional trophy-lift celebration.

The unexpected moment briefly left several Spanish players looking uncertain, with some appearing unsure whether to begin the celebrations while the US President remained in the center of the podium. Television cameras captured the awkward exchange, and the clip quickly spread across social media platforms.

According to reports, FIFA President Gianni Infantino quietly stepped in and guided Trump away from the center of the stage, allowing Spain's captain and teammates to proceed with the iconic trophy-lifting moment without further interruption.

The incident immediately became one of the most talked-about moments of the tourna-

ment's closing ceremony. Social media users reacted with a mix of amusement and criticism, with many describing the situation as unusual and unexpected for one of football's biggest occasions.

Some viewers felt Trump may have misunderstood the ceremony's protocol, while others believed he simply wanted to remain on stage to congratulate the players during their historic celebration. Regardless of the intention, the incident generated widespread discussion across the sporting world.

Spain, however, did not allow the brief interruption to overshadow its achievement. The players celebrated passionately after lifting the trophy, marking the culmination of an outstanding campaign in which they impressed with their consistency, teamwork, and attacking football.

Neither FIFA nor the Spanish Football Federation issued any official statement regarding the incident. The focus eventually returned to Spain's remarkable World Cup success, although the podium episode continued to dominate conversations online.

Despite the brief awkwardness, the trophy ceremony concluded successfully, with Spain celebrating one of the greatest moments in the nation's football history as players, coaching staff, and supporters rejoiced in their World Cup victory.

Varun Tej Shines in Vibrant 'Rasaa Gummadi' Song

Mega Prince Varun Tej is turning heads with his energetic dance performance in the newly released second single, "Rasaa Gummadi," from his upcoming horror-comedy Korean Kanakaraju. The peppy folk number showcases the actor in a vibrant new avatar, adding fresh excitement to the film's promotional campaign ahead of its theatrical release.

After the Korea-inspired first single "Kamsahamnida," the makers have switched gears with "Rasaa Gummadi," a song deeply rooted in Telugu folk culture. Composed by S. Thaman, the track blends energetic beats, traditional instruments, and festive rhythms to create a lively celebration of local flavour. The song begins with a soothing female vocal before transforming into a high-energy folk anthem that perfectly complements the film's mass appeal.

One of the biggest highlights of the song is Varun Tej's electri-



fying dance performance. Dressed in a stylish traditional outfit, the actor effortlessly combines grace with energetic moves, proving his versatility as a performer. His powerful screen presence and infectious enthusiasm make the song an instant

crowd-pleaser. Actress Daksha Nagarkar, who features in the special dance number, adds glamour and charm with her colourful appearance and spirited performance. The chemistry between Varun Tej and Daksha, coupled

with vibrant carnival-style visuals, creates a visually rich and entertaining musical spectacle. Their synchronized dance moves and festive energy elevate the overall appeal of the song.

The track is sung by Nalgonda Gaddar, whose energetic vocals

perfectly suit the folk flavour of the composition. The catchy lyrics penned by Kasarla Shyam further enhance the celebratory mood, making the song an ideal addition to festive playlists.

Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, Korean Kanakaraju is a horror-comedy produced by UV Creations in association with First Frame Entertainment. The film stars Ritika Nayak as the female lead, while comedian Satya is expected to provide plenty of laughs in a key role. The movie is currently in the final stages of post-production and has already generated significant buzz with its teaser and songs.

With its colourful visuals, pulsating folk beats, and Varun Tej's energetic dance moves, "Rasaa Gummadi" has struck the right chord with audiences. The song has further raised expectations for Korean Kanakaraju, which is slated to hit theatres on August 7, 2026.



Mystery Look Goes Viral, Fans Link It to Raaka

The buzz surrounding Allu Arjun and director Atlee's ambitious pan-India film Raaka has reached a new level after a mysterious character look surfaced online. A video featuring a makeup and prosthetics artist showcasing an unidentified character has gone viral, leaving fans curious about whether it belongs to the much-awaited big-budget entertainer.

The viral clip was shared by a renowned prosthetics and special-effects artist who appeared to reveal the striking transformation of a mysterious character. The look features heavy prosthetic makeup, intricate facial detailing, and a rugged appearance, immediately sparking speculation among movie enthusiasts.

Although the artist did not officially mention Raaka in the video, social media users were quick to connect the visuals with Atlee's upcoming sci-fi action spectacle. The timing of the video, coupled with the film's reputation for featuring cutting-edge visual effects and elaborate character designs, has only intensified the rumours.

Fans have flooded social media with theories, with many wondering whether the mysterious look belongs to Allu Arjun, a key antagonist, or an entirely new character created for the film's futuristic universe. Some even speculated that the actor could be playing multiple roles, a storytelling style often associat-

ed with Atlee's films.

The makers of Raaka have remained tight-lipped about the leak, neither confirming nor denying the authenticity of the viral video. This silence has only added to the excitement, encouraging fans to dissect every frame in search of clues about the film's plot and characters.

Directed by Atlee and produced by Sun Pictures, Raaka is one of the most anticipated Indian films currently in production. The film stars Allu Arjun in the lead role, with Deepika Padukone playing the female lead. Mounted on a massive scale, the project is expected to feature extensive visual effects, grand action sequences, and a never-before-seen cinematic experience.

Ever since the film was officially announced, every update—from the title reveal to behind-the-scenes glimpses—has generated massive excitement among fans. The latest viral video has only strengthened expectations, with many believing that the filmmakers are preparing something visually spectacular.

Whether the mysterious character is genuinely part of Raaka or simply another creative project, the viral clip has successfully captured the attention of movie lovers. Until the makers release an official clarification, speculation is likely to continue, keeping the excitement around Raaka at an all-time high.

Major Update: 40% of Spirit Filming Complete

Prabhas fans finally have a major reason to celebrate. Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga has shared a significant update on the much-awaited action entertainer Spirit, revealing that nearly 40% of the film's shooting has already been completed. The announcement has reignited excitement among movie lovers who have been eagerly awaiting fresh news about the pan-India project.

Speaking at a recent event in the United States, Vanga confirmed that production is progressing smoothly and according to schedule. He expressed confidence that Spirit will be a powerful cinematic experience and assured fans that the team is working hard to deliver a film that lives up to the enormous ex-



pectations surrounding the project.

Spirit marks the first collaboration between Prabhas and Sandeep Reddy Vanga, one of the most sought-after directors in Indian cinema following the blockbuster success of Animal. The

film is being mounted on a massive scale and is expected to feature Prabhas in a never-before-seen, intense avatar. Reports suggest that the actor will be seen playing a fierce police officer in the action-packed entertainer.

The shoot has been progress-

ing across multiple locations, with several high-voltage action sequences already completed. Earlier schedules reportedly included major scenes filmed in Hyderabad, including portions shot at the iconic Vimal Theatre and other specially designed sets. Recent reports also suggested that a few important sequences were filmed inside Sandeep Reddy Vanga's residence as part of the production.

The film stars Triptii Dimri as the female lead, while the supporting cast is expected to feature several prominent actors. Although the makers have kept most plot details under wraps, the combination of Prabhas' larger-than-life screen presence and Vanga's signature storytelling

has made Spirit one of the most anticipated Indian films currently in production.

Fans have flooded social media with excitement following the latest production update, expressing confidence that the film will deliver an intense blend of action, emotion, and drama. Many believe the collaboration has the potential to become one of the biggest blockbusters of Prabhas' career. With nearly 40% of the filming now complete, Spirit is steadily moving toward its next production milestones. As shooting continues at a brisk pace, anticipation for the film continues to soar, with audiences eagerly waiting for the makers to unveil the teaser, first look, and official release date.



Mahesh Babu's Birthday Post for Sitara Goes Viral

Superstar Mahesh Babu once again melted hearts on social media with an emotional birthday message for his daughter Sitara Ghattamaneni, who celebrated her birthday. Accompanied by a beautiful father-daughter photograph, the heartfelt note quickly went viral, with fans showering the duo with love and warm wishes.

Mahesh shared a candid picture of himself with Sitara, capturing a precious moment that reflected their close bond. Along with the photo, he penned a touching message expressing his unconditional love for his daughter. Calling her his "little star," the actor wished her a wonderful year ahead and reminded her that, no matter how much she grows, she will always remain his precious little girl.

The simple yet emotional post instantly resonated with fans, who praised Mahesh for being a loving and devoted father. Thousands of followers flooded the comments section with birthday wishes for Sitara, while many admired the warmth and affection reflected in the father-daughter picture.

Mahesh's wife, Namrata Shirodkar, also celebrated the occasion by sharing an emotional note for their daughter. She described Sitara as one of the greatest blessings in their lives and expressed her pride in watching her grow into a confident, kind, and talented

young girl. Her heartfelt message further added to the celebrations, making the day even more special for the family.

Sitara has already become a familiar face among Telugu cinema fans through her social media presence and public appearances alongside her parents. Known for her cheerful personality and confidence, she enjoys a massive following and often attracts attention whenever she shares photos or videos online.

The birthday posts from Mahesh and Namrata were widely shared across social media platforms, with fans appreciating the family's strong bond. Many commented that the picture perfectly captured the unconditional love between a father and his daughter, proving that sometimes a single photograph can express emotions better than a thousand words.

While Mahesh Babu remains busy with his upcoming projects, he continues to make time for his family, often sharing glimpses of their special moments with fans. His latest birthday wish for Sitara is another reminder that beyond the superstar image lies a caring father who treasures every milestone in his children's lives.

The heartfelt post has once again won the internet, leaving fans smiling and proving that love, family, and simple emotions are often the most cherished moments shared on social media.

Anupama's Emotional Message Fuels Online Buzz

Actress Anupama Parameswaran has once again become the center of attention, but this time it isn't because of a film announcement. A deeply emotional and cryptic post shared by the actress on social media has sparked widespread curiosity, with fans trying to decode its true meaning.

Anupama recently posted a series of personal photographs on Instagram along with a heartfelt message about reclaiming her voice, choosing her own path, walking away from "dead ends," and finally finding peace. While the actress did not explain the context behind her words, the emotional tone of the post immediately caught the attention of her followers.

Within minutes, social media was flooded with speculation. Some fans believed the message hinted at developments in her personal life, while others felt it reflected a major professional or emotional transition. A section of users even linked the post to long-standing rumours involving Tamil actor Dhruv Vikram, though there has been no confirmation from either



side. Interestingly, Anupama has chosen to remain completely silent despite the growing buzz. She has neither clarified the meaning of the post nor responded to the numerous theories circulating online. Her silence has only fueled further curiosity, with fans continuing to analyze every word and photograph for hidden clues.

Many of her followers came out in support of the actress, encouraging her to prioritize her happiness and mental well-being regardless of what inspired the message. Others appreciated the honesty and vulnerability reflected in her words, saying they resonated with anyone who has faced difficult phases

in life. On the professional front, Anupama has been busy with multiple projects across Telugu, Tamil, and Malayalam cinema. Following her recent appearances, she continues to be one of the most sought-after actresses in South Indian cinema, with several films currently in different stages of production.

For now, the meaning behind Anupama's emotional post remains known only to her. Whether it reflects a personal realization, a career decision, or simply a moment of introspection, fans will have to wait until the actress decides to speak. Until then, her cryptic message and continued silence are likely to keep social media buzzing.

Atlee Praises Ramayana Trailer, Calls It 'Magical'

Filmmaker Atlee has showered praise on the trailer of Nitesh Tiwari's much-awaited mythological epic Ramayana, calling it a visually stunning cinematic experience. His glowing reaction has further amplified the excitement surrounding one of the biggest Indian films currently in production.

After attending a special screening of the trailer, Atlee took to social media to express his admiration for the film. He wrote that he was "absolutely blown away" by what he had witnessed, applauding the vision of producer Namit Malhotra and the craftsmanship of director Nitesh Tiwari. According to Atlee, every frame of the trailer feels "grand, fresh, and magical," making the film look like a truly epic cinematic spectacle.

The director also reserved special praise for the film's lead cast. He described Yash as "unbeliev-



ably lethal," highlighting his powerful screen presence, while calling Ranbir Kapoor "stunning" in the role of Lord Rama. Actress Sai Pallavi, who portrays Sita, was praised as "ethereal," with Atlee appreciating the elegance and grace she brings to the character. He concluded his mes-

sage by wishing the entire team a blockbuster success.

Atlee's endorsement has created a wave of excitement among fans, many of whom believe that praise from a filmmaker known for delivering visually grand entertainers carries significant weight. His comments quickly

went viral across social media, with movie lovers expressing even greater anticipation for the film.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Ramayana features an ensemble cast led by Ranbir Kapoor, Sai Pallavi, and Yash. Mounted on a massive scale with cutting-edge

visual effects and ambitious storytelling, the film is being positioned as one of the most spectacular cinematic adaptations of the Indian epic.

Although the trailer is yet to be released publicly, the overwhelmingly positive reactions from those who attended the exclusive screening have only heightened expectations. With industry personalities praising its visuals, performances, and scale, Ramayana is already being regarded as one of the most eagerly awaited films in Indian cinema.

As anticipation continues to build, fans are eagerly waiting for the official trailer release to witness the grandeur that has already impressed filmmakers like Atlee. If the early reactions are any indication, Ramayana could be set to redefine the scale of mythological storytelling on the big screen.