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CM Directs Officials To Prepare Farmers For El Niño Impact

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Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has directed officials to create widespread awareness among farmers about the possible impact of El Niño conditions and strengthen preparedness measures across Andhra Pradesh. He instructed officials to intensify awareness campaigns in view of forecasts indicating a strong El Niño impact during the year.

During a review meeting held at the Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) Centre in the Secretariat on Monday, the Chief Minister reviewed the performance of various departments and issued directions on agriculture, public services and student welfare. Chandrababu Naidu advised the Agriculture Department to educate farmers about the likely consequences of El Niño and encourage them to adopt suitable alternative crops wherever necessary. He also directed officials to effectively implement the Crop Insurance action plan to safeguard farmers from climate-related risks.

The Chief Minister observed that gaps still existed in the delivery of government services in remote areas. Referring to feedback



received during his recent visit to Alur Assembly constituency, he stressed that employees should improve their performance and ensure effective delivery of services at the grassroots level.

Expressing deep anguish over the suicide of Shivani, a meritorious student from Rampachodavaram, Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to take measures to address students' mental health concerns. Officials informed him that the School Education Department had initiated psychometric assessments to monitor students' mental well-being. The Chief Minister instructed officials to engage mental health experts and provide teachers with necessary training to identify and sup-

port students facing psychological stress. Minister Kolusu Parthasarathy, Chief Secretary G Sai Prasad, Director General of Police Harish Kumar Gupta and senior officials participated in the review meeting. Bhogapuram Airport To Usher In New Era For North Andhra: CM Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu reviewed arrangements for the inauguration of the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 1 and said the project would usher in a new era of development for North Andhra. The Chief Minister said the greenfield airport, completed in a record 31 months, would improve air connectivity and

boost employment, tourism, trade and commercial activities in the region. Describing it as a matter of pride for North Andhra and the Telugu people, he directed officials to make elaborate arrangements for the inauguration.

He suggested welcoming Prime Minister Modi with traditional Dhimsa and Kuchipudi performances and proposed a large-scale Dhimsa dance programme involving tribal women and students with an aim to create a Guinness World Record. He also stressed promoting Araku Coffee and other tourism attractions.

Chandrababu Naidu instructed officials to conduct the "Wings to the Dreams of North Andhra" campaign through outreach programmes, quizzes, elocution competitions, flash mobs and drone shows.

Officials informed that Prime Minister Modi would inaugurate the terminal building and dedicate projects worth ₹18,000 crore. He will arrive at the airport at 10:45 am on August 1 and will be received by Governor S. Abdul Nazeer and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Over 13,500 tribal women and students will welcome him with a Dhimsa performance.

Pawan Kalyan Stresses Quality In Pithapuram Works



Pithapuram, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan reviewed the progress of development works, infrastructure projects and public service delivery in Pithapuram constituency and directed officials to ensure quality implementation of government schemes. As part of the review, Pawan Kalyan deputed office staff for field inspections across the constituency and examined the reports submitted by them. He sought department-wise details on road works, expansion of the Nagulapalli Comprehensive Protected Drinking Water Scheme, Endowments Department projects and construction of Bhajana Mandirams. Officials informed that 288 cement roads were completed in the constituency under the supervision of the Panchayat Raj Engineering Department to improve connectivity. Pawan Kalyan instructed officials to inspect road quality and verify the construction of compound walls at government schools. The Deputy Chief Minister reviewed the Nagulapalli drinking water scheme, which has been completed and is ready for inauguration. The expansion project will provide drinking water to 52 habitations in U. Kothapalli mandal through overhead tanks, pipelines, filter beds and sumps. He directed officials to ensure effective implementation of the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme in 191 schools benefiting around 18,000 students. He stressed maintaining food quality and providing nutritious meals. Pawan Kalyan also reviewed sanitation management in Pithapuram municipality, Indira Nagar drain development works, health-care facilities, patient services and construction progress of the 100-bed hospital. He warned that negligence in garbage collection and cleanliness activities in Pithapuram and Gollaprolu municipalities would not be tolerated. He instructed officials to prepare plans for constructing 100 Bhajana Mandirams with TTD support and directed preparation of a water release schedule for farmers considering rainfall deficit due to El Niño. He said all departments should work together to transform Pithapuram into a model constituency.

Lokesh Stresses Focus on Results After Education Reforms in State



Punadipadu, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Minister for HRD and IT Nara Lokesh on Monday said that the focus of the education sector should now shift towards improving student outcomes as major reforms have already been completed. He made the remarks during his visit to Penamaluru constituency in Krishna district, where he inaugurated a newly constructed Government Girls' Junior College building at Punadipadu, Kankipadu Mandal.

The college building was constructed with a donation of ₹1.20 crore from Polavarapu Madhava Rao and his family members. Lokesh unveiled the inaugural plaque and later inaugurated the Zilla Parishad High School Plus Girls' Junior College building. He inspected laboratories, interacted with students and encouraged them to work hard. During a surprise inspection of the ZP High School at Punadipadu, Lokesh reviewed school facilities and academic performance. Interacting with Class 10 students, he said last year's pass percentage of 67 per cent was 11 per cent below the State average and urged students to improve their performance. "If students do not secure good marks, CM

Chandrababu Naidu will reduce my marks," Lokesh told students in a lighter vein while motivating them to focus on studies.

He distributed Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyardi Mitra kits and enquired about the quality of mid-day meals. He stressed that students should focus on studies while the government works to strengthen school infrastructure.

Lokesh expressed dissatisfaction over the school's learning outcomes, stating that despite good infrastructure and teachers, academic performance needed improvement. He directed officials to focus on weaker students, prevent unauthorised teacher absenteeism and strengthen vocational education.

He also suggested involving alumni in school development and said both infrastructure and teaching quality were essential for improving education standards. Ministers Kollu Ravindra and Vasamsetti Subhash, Penamaluru MLA Bode Prasad, Council Chief Whip Panchumarthi Anuradha, Collector D.K. Balaji, School Headmaster A. Venkateswara Rao, RJDS Nagamani, DEO U.V. Subba Rao, MEO Srinivasa Rao and others participated in the programmes.

Bhogapuram Airport Set To Transform North Andhra's Growth Story

K Kalyan Krishna Kumar

Vizianagaram : The Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district is set to open a new chapter in North Andhra's development journey, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to inaugurate the greenfield airport on August 1. Built at a cost of ₹4,727 crore, the airport is expected to boost aviation, industries, tourism, exports and employment opportunities in the region. Developed by GMR Visakhapatnam International Airport Limited (GVIAL) under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, the airport covers 2,703.26 acres, including 2,203 acres for airport facilities, 500 acres for an aviation hub and 136 acres for an aviation Educity. The airport features a 3,800-metre runway capable of handling wide-body aircraft



such as Boeing 777, Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Airbus A330 and Airbus A340. In the first phase, it can handle six million passengers annually, with expansion plans to increase capacity to 40 million passengers through phased development. Equipped with modern facilities, the airport includes contact boarding bridges, self-baggage drop systems, smart surveillance, advanced security management systems

and integrated operational control facilities. A dedicated cargo terminal with a capacity of 25,000 metric tonnes annually will support exports of pharmaceuticals, marine products and other high-value goods. The airport is designed with a strong focus on sustainability, featuring a 5 MW solar power plant, rainwater harvesting, water recycling systems, sewage treatment facilities and energy-efficient

Development Journey of ASR International Airport, Bhogapuram

Year	Key Milestones
2018	Project sanctioned by Government of India
2019	Groundbreaking ceremony
2020	Completion of terminal building and cargo terminal
2021	Completion of runway and taxiway
2022	Completion of air traffic control tower
2023	Completion of passenger terminal
2024	Completion of cargo terminal
2025	Completion of air traffic control tower
2026	Completion of passenger terminal
2027	Completion of cargo terminal
2028	Completion of air traffic control tower
2029	Completion of passenger terminal
2030	Completion of cargo terminal

infrastructure. The terminal architecture, developed on LEED Platinum standards, reflects Andhra Pradesh's coastal heritage with inspiration from the flying fish and Bay of Bengal. The state government has proposed an aviation hub near the airport to attract investments of around RS 20,000 crore in aerospace, defence manufacturing, aircraft maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO), logistics and research sectors. The hub is expected to create over 60,000 direct and 1.20 lakh indirect employment opportunities.

AP Plans Steam Rice Supply Through PDS System



Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The State Government is preparing to introduce steam rice supply through the Public Distribution System (PDS) to provide quality rice to beneficiaries and prevent illegal diversion of ration rice. Minister for Food and Civil Supplies Nadendla Manohar discussed the proposal with Union Civil Supplies Minister Prahlad Joshi and senior officials during his two-day visit to Delhi. Nadendla Manohar said cooperation from the Union Civil Supplies Department would be vital for effective implementation of the initiative. During the visit, he met National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) Managing Director Anice Joseph and signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish 1,000 'Mee-Marts' across Andhra Pradesh. The Minister also held discussions

Jessie Meets Lokesh After Selection For Mission ShakthiSAT



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HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh congratulated Kandula Jessie, a Class 10 student of Zilla Parishad Girls High School, Dowleswaram in East Godavari district, on her selection for Mission ShakthiSAT, a global all-girls lunar CubeSat initiative. During their meeting, Jessie explained to him about her

selection process and future ambition. Jessie, daughter of a carpenter, met Lokesh on Monday evening along with her mentors. Lokesh enquired about her selection journey and appreciated her talent, dedication and achievement in being chosen for the prestigious space programme. He praised the support extended by her teachers, including Physical

Science teacher and Atal Tinkering Lab in-charge Manimala, and assured government support for her future endeavours. Mission ShakthiSAT, launched by Space Kidz India, aims to encourage girls in science and space technology through satellite design and hands-on training. Jessie was selected from applicants representing 108 countries.

AP Records Sharp Rise In Renewable Energy Capacity Addition



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The state has emerged as one of the leading states in renewable energy expansion, recording a significant rise in capacity addition during 2025-26, according to data presented by the Union Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in the Lok Sabha. The details were provided in response to an Unstarred Question raised by Dr. M.K. Vishnu Prasad, Member of Parliament from Tamil Nadu. As per the Ministry's reply, Andhra Pradesh added 3,865.63 MW of renewable energy capacity in 2025-26, marking a more than three-and-a-half-fold increase compared to the 1,085.15 MW added in 2024-25. The State's renewable energy growth has accelerated

SRM University-AP, Quantinum Explore Collaboration In Quantum Research

Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

SRM University-AP hosted a high-level bilateral meeting with Quantinum, one of the world's largest integrated quantum computing companies, to explore opportunities for academic and research collaboration in quantum technologies.

The Quantinum delegation was led by Dr. Rajeeb Hazra, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Dr. Seetha Rama Krishna Nookala, Vice President, Quantinum. The delega-

tion was welcomed by Prof. Ch. Satish Kumar, Vice-Chancellor of SRM University-AP, who presented the university's academic vision, research ecosystem and institutional priorities.

During the discussions, Dr. Hazra expressed interest in developing a collaborative partnership with SRM University-AP and appreciated the university's research environment and quantum computing facilities. He highlighted the possibility of deeper engagement in areas ranging from fundamental research to entre-

preneurship and commercialisation.

A key focus of the meeting was the proposal for residential research opportunities for SRM University-AP scholars and faculty at Quantinum's research centre. The initiative would enable researchers to work closely with Quantinum teams and gain practical exposure to advanced quantum systems. Both sides also discussed fault-tolerant quantum computing devices as an area of strategic interest.

Dr. Hazra enquired about the university's entrepreneurial

ecosystem and the outcomes emerging from its research programmes. He assured Quantinum's readiness to collaborate across academic, translational and innovation activities.

Dr. Seetha Rama Krishna Nookala, during his second visit to the university, emphasised the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in advancing quantum research. He also discussed plans to train SRM University-AP faculty in using Quantinum's quantum systems to strengthen in-house expertise in quan-

tum science and engineering.

The meeting reaffirmed SRM University-AP's commitment to partnerships with global technology leaders and strengthened its position as an emerging centre for quantum research in India.



MoU Signed To Establish 1,000 Mee Marts Across State

Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish 1,000 "Mee Marts" across the state to provide quality consumer goods at affordable prices. The agreement was signed during State Food, Civil Supplies & Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar's visit to New Delhi.

The MoU was signed by Minister Nadendla Manohar, Commissioner of Civil Supplies Kanababu and Managing Director of National Cooperative Consumers' Federation (NCCF) Anice Joseph.

Under the initiative, the first phase will be launched in Palnadu, Guntur, NTR and Krishna districts. Around 70 varieties of quality-assured consumer products will be made available to the public through existing ration shops (Fair Price Shops) at competitive prices.



The government said the initiative aims to strengthen the Public Distribution System (PDS), improve consumer services and provide essential goods to people through a single-window facility. The Mee Marts are expected to enhance accessibility and convenience for consumers across the state.

Meanwhile, Manohar met Joint Secretary (BP&PD) Ravi Shankar and Joint Secretary (Policy & FCI) Shikha of the Union Department of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution during his Delhi visit. They discussed Civil Supplies reforms, improved public services and Central support for proposed initiatives.

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Rapid Response Teams Set Up To Control Infectious Diseases

Amaravati : The Directorate of Medical Education (DME) has established Rapid Response Teams (RRTs) across Andhra Pradesh to provide immediate medical services and control seasonal and infectious diseases.

A state-level team comprising experts from Community Medicine, Microbiology and General Medicine has been formed, while teaching hospitals have been directed to establish similar teams. The teams will reach outbreak locations within two to four hours, identify infected persons, trace contacts and conduct tests.

Hospitals will maintain 24-hour control centres, ready medicines, oxygen, beds, HDUs and ICUs. Specialist doctors, including pulmonologists, pediatricians and critical care experts, will remain available during alerts. DME Dr. A. Vishnu Vardhan said the initiative would ensure early detection and timely treatment.

Urdu Academy Board Approves Key Development Initiatives

Mangalagiri: The 22nd Board of Governors meeting of the Andhra Pradesh State Urdu Academy was held at the Academy headquarters in Mangalagiri under the chairmanship of Farooq Shibli. Minority Welfare Secretary/Commissioner Chitturi Sridhar, Finance Department Additional Secretary Jampani Sivayya, Urdu Academy Vice-Chairman Pathan Khader Khan, Board Member Mehboob Basha and Urdu Academy Director/Secretary Mohammed Nizamuddin participated.

The Board unanimously approved proposals related to Urdu language development, minority youth skill training, computer centres, libraries, literary publications and Central Government schemes.

It decided to launch ADCA and Multi-language DTP courses at all 36 computer training centres by August 15, 2026, and approved measures to improve Urdu Ghar-cum-Shadikhanas management and financial self-reliance.

HC Grants Denies Relief to Thammineni's Son

Amaravati: The High Court has granted anticipatory bail to former Assembly Speaker Thammineni Sitaram and his wife, Vani, in a case related to alleged document forgery and land grabbing. However, the court declined to grant anticipatory bail to their son, Thammineni Nag. The case pertains to allegations of forging documents and illegally grabbing land, in which members of the Thammineni family have been named as accused. While extending relief to Thammineni Sitaram and Vani, the High Court refused similar protection to their son, allowing legal proceedings against him to continue in accordance with the law.

Patient Expresses Gratitude To GGH Vijayawada For Quality Care And Support

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

A patient's family has expressed heartfelt gratitude to the doctors, medical staff and administration of New Government General Hospital (GGH), Vijayawada, appreciating the quality treatment and patient care provided at the facility.

In an appreciation e-mail addressed to GGH Vijayawada, P Sundeep Teja thanked the hospital team for the successful treatment of his wife, Syed Sharmila Begum, who under-

went ophthalmology care and neurosurgery for orbital tumour removal under Dr. Injeti Babaji Syam Kumar and his team.

Sundeep Teja said his family experienced professionalism, dedication, compassion and responsible care from doctors, nurses, medical staff and hospital administration throughout the treatment process. He appreciated the disciplined administration, cleanliness and patient-friendly approach of the hospital staff.

He said his initial concerns

CM Orders Probe Into Student Shivani's Death

Polavaram, July 27 | TPN Bureau

A pall of gloom descended on Irlapalli village in Rampachodavaram Mandal after 10th-grade student Murrman Shivani died by suicide on Monday. The student was found hanging at her residence when her parents returned home.

Police reached the spot after receiving information, examined the scene and shifted the body to the government hospital for post-mortem examination. A case has been registered and an investigation is underway to ascertain the reason behind the extreme step.

Shivani's death has caused widespread grief as she was known as an active student and



topper in academics. She had recently participated in the mega parent-teacher meeting organised at Rampachodavaram Zilla Parishad High School under the Thalliki Vandanam programme. During the event, she interacted with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, shared her ambition of becoming a "Shining Star" and expressed her desire to receive an award from him. The

Atchannaidu Urges North Andhra Fishermen To Stay Alert

Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Agriculture Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu warned fishermen along the North Andhra coast to remain alert as there is a possibility of a deep depression forming in the Bay of Bengal. He said fishermen's safety is the government's top priority and urged them not to

venture into the sea during unfavourable weather conditions.

Atchannaidu advised fishermen not to take risks based on their experience with the sea and requested them to keep their families' safety in mind. He appealed to them to avoid fishing activities until tomorrow as a precautionary measure.

PHC Rankings Shift To Health Outcomes With 21 Key Indicators

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The State Government has introduced a new performance evaluation system for Primary Health Centres (PHCs), shifting the focus from service volumes to actual health outcomes. Under the revised system, PHCs will be ranked based on their impact on public health, reduction in maternal and infant mortality, chronic disease management and patient satisfaction.

Regarding the ranking system, Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said the new ranking and grading system would assess PHCs through 21 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to make village-level healthcare more accountable, result-oriented and accessible. The indicators are aligned with initiatives such as Sanjeevani, Matrutva and Kshema.

Earlier, PHC rankings were



based on only five parameters, including outpatient numbers, admissions, laboratory tests, deliveries and contraceptive usage. Officials observed that the system measured service quantity but did not reflect disease prevention, continuity of care and health improvements.

The new indicators include monitoring maternal health, teenage pregnancies, high-risk pregnancies, prenatal care, government hospital deliveries, Caesarean sections and maternal mortality. Child healthcare parameters include infant mortality, low birth weight, immunisa-

tion coverage, congenital defects, nutritional deficiencies and follow-up treatment.

The system also evaluates screening and regular treatment for hypertension, diabetes and common cancers. Public feedback through IVRS regarding doctors' behaviour, cleanliness, waiting time, medicine availability and patient care will be included in rankings.

Each PHC will receive scores based on 21 indicators, with a maximum of one point for each parameter. The scores will determine grades: 'A' for 80-100 per cent, 'B' for 70-80 per cent, 'C' for 60-70 per cent and 'D' for below 60 per cent.

G. Veerapandian, Secretary of the State Medical and Health Department and Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, said monthly rankings would help identify underperforming PHCs and enable corrective measures.

Lokesh Urges Focus on Learning Outcomes

Punadipadu, July 27 | TPN Bureau

HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh on Monday directed officials to shift their focus from infrastructure to academic results during a surprise inspection of the ZP High School at Punadipadu in Kankipadu Mandal of Krishna district. Interacting with Class 10 students, he urged them to perform better than their seniors, noting that last year's pass percentage was 67%, which was 11% below the state average. In a light-hearted remark, he said, "If students don't score good marks, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will cut my marks."

The Minister reviewed school facilities, learning outcomes, the quality of the mid-day meal, and distribution of the Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Vidyarthi Mitra Kit. Students expressed satisfac-



tion with the facilities and meals. While appreciating the school's improved admissions and infrastructure, Lokesh expressed concern over poor learning outcomes and directed officials to improve academic performance, prevent unauthorized teacher absenteeism, strengthen vocational education, and provide special attention to students with learning difficulties and children with special needs.

District Collector DK Balaji, Headmaster A. Venkateswara Rao, RJDS Nagamani, DEO U.V. Subbarao and MEO Srinivasarao attended the inspection.

DyCM Provides CMRF Assistance Of Rs 12.78 Lakh

Mangalagiri, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan provided financial assistance through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) to underprivileged individuals facing health issues. After reviewing applications received by his office, he ensured special aid for eligible beneficiaries.

At the Jana Sena Party central office in Mangalagiri on

Monday, Government Whip in the Legislative Council Pidugu Hari Prasad and Police Housing Corporation Chairman Kalyanam Siva Srinivas handed over CMRF cheques to beneficiaries. Cheques worth a total of Rs 12.78 lakh were distributed to 15 beneficiaries.

The beneficiaries expressed gratitude to the government and Pawan Kalyan for extending support during their medical emergencies.

BJP Focuses On Minority Welfare, Social Harmony: PVN Madhav

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

BJP Andhra Pradesh State President PVN Madhav said religion is a personal matter and every citizen has the freedom to follow their faith. Addressing the BJP Minority Morcha State Executive meeting at the BJP state office in Vijayawada, he said the country and law should remain above all differences.

Minority Morcha State President Syed Basha presided over the meeting attended by Legislative Council Deputy Chairperson Zakia Khanam, BJP State General Secretary Nagothu Ramesh Naidu and others.

Madhav said the Uniform Civil Code would ensure equal rights and opportunities for all citizens. He described Hindutva as Indian culture rooted in tolerance, equality and universal brotherhood. He urged Muslim youth to draw inspiration from former



President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and contribute to civil services and the armed forces. He said Central Government welfare schemes are reaching beneficiaries irrespective of caste or religion.

At a workshop on Sant Ravidas Maha Abhiyan, Madhav announced statewide programmes to mark Sant Ravidas's 650th birth anniversary, including social harmony meetings, Kalash Yatras, book launches and youth awareness programmes. He said the campaign aims to promote equality and brotherhood across society.

KGBV Teachers To Get Khan Academy Training

Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Samagra Shiksha has signed an agreement with Khan Academy India to provide quality education in 352 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs) across Andhra Pradesh. State Project Director, Samagra Shiksha, B. Srinivasa Rao announced that the initiative will train intermediate-level teachers in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Botany and Zoology. The agreement was signed in the presence of Shubhra Mittal, Head of Government Partnerships and Programs, Khan Academy India, Sanket Patil, Senior Manager, Training Division, Dr. M.R.



Prasanna Kumar, ASPD, Samagra Shiksha, D. Devananda Reddy, Secretary, KGBV, Seshagiri Madhusudan, UNICEF Representative and others.

Teachers will be trained to use Khan Academy's AI-based teaching assistant platform, Khanmigo, and digital learning resources. The programme aims to promote personalised learning through Teacher Mentors and strengthen classroom instruction.

attended.

The meeting resolved to seek action under CCA rules against employees spreading defamatory information about the Corporation, officials or the union. The JAC reaffirmed its commitment to employee welfare and decided to strengthen its welfare fund for staff assistance. It also condemned allegations against the Managing Director regarding salary deductions for welfare activities.

Alla Srinivas, Manager K. Suresh Babu and others



Assistant Engineers' Association Presidents Chakravarthy

and Mallikarjun, district representatives Sriramulu Reddy and

Rayalaseema: A Region in Transformation From Natural Resources to Human Development

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To understand a region, one must understand not only its history but also its transformation. Development is not an event that happens overnight; it is a continuous process in which society, natural resources, infrastructure and human capital evolve together over time. For decades, the very mention of Rayalaseema evoked images of drought, migration, water scarcity, under-development and factional politics. These perceptions were not without historical basis. Low rainfall, inadequate irrigation, geographical constraints and limited investment influenced the region's growth for many years. This is neither government propaganda nor government criticism. It is an evidence-based regional development audit. Yet, the story of Rayalaseema did not end there. A land once identified primarily with drought is today emerging as a destination that showcases spirituality, heritage, natural beauty and a rich tradition of public service. The development journey of Rayalaseema ultimately conveys a clear message. Natural resources create wealth for a region. Education, health care and social service build human development. Spirituality and tourism connect a region with the wider world. Sustainable regional development becomes possible only when these three forces work together. That is precisely what is giving Rayalaseema a new identity today.



A closer look at the past decade reveals another dimension of this transformation. On one hand, the expansion of irrigation projects, the horticultural revolution, mineral-based industrial growth and major investments in renewable energy are reshaping the region's economy. On the other, spiritual centres such as Tirupati and Puttaparthi, along with service organisations, universities, national educational institutions and expanding healthcare infrastructure, are strengthening Rayalaseema's human development. Along with Tirumala, Srikalahasti and Puttaparthi, Srisailem occupies a prominent place on Rayalaseema's spiritual tourism map. Recognised both as one of the twelve Jyotirlingas and a Shakti Peetha, it attracts millions of devotees every year. Surrounded by the Nallamala forests, the Srisailem Reservoir, a major hydroelectric project and scenic landscapes, it has evolved into an important centre for spiritual, ecological and nature tourism. Rayalaseema's tourism profile is equally diverse. Spiritual destinations such as Tirumala, Srikalahasti, Srisailem,

Ahobilam, Yaganti, Mantralayam and Puttaparthi, together with heritage and nature attractions including Gandikota, Belum Caves, Lepakshi, Horsley Hills and Talakona Waterfalls, have significantly contributed to the region's economy, employment generation and overall human development. Development is often measured in terms of dams, highways, industries and investment. However, these represent only



one part of the story. A region can be considered truly developed only when education, healthcare, employment opportunities, living standards and social security improve alongside economic infrastructure. With this perspective, this special study examines Rayalaseema's development through two complementary

dimensions. The first focuses on the region's natural and economic strengths. How have irrigation projects transformed agriculture? How is horticulture reshaping the rural economy? How are mineral resources, industrialisation and green energy laying the foundation for future growth? The second explores the human development dimension. It examines how the service economy built around the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the humanitarian model of Puttaparthi, the contributions of organisations such as the Rural Development Trust (RDT), educational institutions, national universities, healthcare services and improvements in living standards are strengthening Rayalaseema's human capital.

The convergence of these two streams-economic development and human development-is shaping the new Rayalaseema. The objective of this study is neither to celebrate governments uncritically nor merely to highlight shortcomings. Instead, it seeks to present readers with a balanced and evidence-based assessment, drawing upon official statistics, government data and regional realities. Rayalaseema remains a work in progress. Challenges continue to exist, but so do enormous opportunities. How significant are those opportunities? What obstacles still remain? In what direction is the region moving? These are the questions this special series seeks to answer. Because understanding the future of a region requires knowing not only where it began, but also where it is headed. A region that once struggled against the limitations imposed by nature is today transforming those very natural resources-and its human potential-into engines of development. The development of a region cannot be measured solely by its roads, dams and industries. It becomes truly meaningful only when education, healthcare, opportunities and the quality of life of its people improve as well. It is from this perspective that this special series examines Rayalaseema's transformation through both economic and human development. Beginning tomorrow, we will explore these remarkable stories in detail.

AP Records Sharp Rise In Renewable Energy Capacity Addition

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steadily in recent years. Andhra Pradesh added 125.42 MW in 2021-22, 148.62 MW in 2022-23 and 59.15 MW in 2023-24. The capacity addition crossed the 1 GW mark in 2024-25 before reaching nearly 3.9 GW in 2025-26. With this performance, Andhra Pradesh ranked among the top renewable energy contributors in the country. Gujarat topped the list with 13,785.30 MW capacity addition, followed by Rajasthan with 12,884.20 MW and Maharashtra with 9,579.17 MW. Tamil Nadu added 3,866.91 MW, narrowly ahead of Andhra Pradesh, which stood fifth nationally. The Ministry informed Parliament that India achieved the milestone of meeting 50 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuel sources in 2025, five years ahead of the 2030 target. The country is also progressing towards achieving 500 GW of installed non-fossil fuel capacity by 2030. The Centre identified challenges such as land acquisition, transmission infrastructure development and grid integration in renewable energy expansion. Measures are being taken to address these issues and support clean energy growth. Andhra Pradesh's rapid progress in renewable energy capacity is expected to strengthen its role in India's clean energy transition while creating opportunities for investment, employment and sustainable development.

AP Plans Steam Rice Supply Through PDS System

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with Joint Secretary (Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution) Ravishankar and Joint Secretary (Policy & FCI) Shikha on CMR procurement, steam rice distribution, Meemarts, rice exports and other Civil Supplies Department-related issues. He informed the Union Minister that subsidised rice sales were being conducted from August 1 through 130 Rythu Bazaars and 500 special outlets across the State. He also sought Centre's support for pending funds and various proposals. Nadendla Manohar said steam rice supplied under the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme received positive response in 41,000 schools and 4,000 hostels. He requested approval for a pilot project in one district to introduce a similar model under PDS. He proposed printing RFID tags on rice bags to curb illegal transportation and said supplying rice with 10% broken rice content was yielding positive results. Commissioner of Civil Supplies Kannababu and Civil Supplies Corporation Managing Director Dillirao accompanied the Minister. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan welcomed the initiative, saying the alliance government stands with the common people. He appreciated Nadendla Manohar's decision to supply BPT Super Fine rice at ₹52 per kg and Grade-1 raw rice at ₹50 per kg through 130 Rythu Bazaars and 500 special counters, stating that the move would reduce the burden of rising market prices.

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Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu on Monday held a teleconference with officials and reviewed measures to stabilise tobacco prices and provide support to farmers. The Centre and the State Government have taken a key decision to jointly support tobacco farmers by sharing the cost of procurement assistance. As part of the measures, both governments expressed readiness to bear a total expenditure of ₹188 crore to address the price deficit faced by tobacco growers. The government decided to provide ₹20 per kg to farmers to support procurement of 94 million kg of tobacco. The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure that tobacco prices do not fall below ₹240 per kg for Bright grade tobacco, ₹190 per kg for medium grade tobacco and ₹110 per kg for low-grade tobacco. Chandrababu Naidu said the State Government had been in continuous consultation with the Centre to safeguard the interests of tobacco farmers. Two days ago, an Additional Secretary and a Director from the Union Ministry of Commerce met the Chief Minister and discussed measures to support growers. Following the Chief Minister's directions, Central representatives held discussions with tobacco buyers in the State and urged them to cooperate in ensuring better prices for farmers. The final decision was taken after examining various proposals to strengthen tobacco procurement. Minister Atchannaidu, along with officials from the Agriculture, Marketing and Tobacco Board departments, participated in the teleconference.

Alliance Government Has Kept Its Promises: Kollu Ravindra

Machilipatnam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Minister for Mines, Geology, and Excise Kollu Ravindra said the alliance government has fulfilled its election promises by focusing on development and welfare programmes. Participating in the 'Welfare and Development at Every Doorstep' programme at Nooruddinpet in the 34th Division, he said the government has proved itself as a people-friendly administration. Party leaders and activists conducted the outreach programme across 50 divisions and 34 panchayats, explaining welfare schemes and development works implemented over the past two years. Ravindra interacted with residents and said public satisfaction was the key measure of good governance. He expressed confidence that the government was effectively utilising the mandate given by people.



Lokesh Challenges Jagan to Open Debate on DSC Recruitment

Penamachuru (Vijayawada), July 27 | TPN Bureau

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) National General Secretary Nara Lokesh challenged YSRCP President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to an open debate on DSC recruitment, asserting that he was prepared to discuss not only teacher recruitment but also alleged liquor and land scams during the previous YSRCP government. Addressing party workers at Ayan Convention Center in Kankipadu, Lokesh said the alliance government's focus was on development and welfare, while accusing YSRCP of pursuing destructive politics. He claimed TDP had filled nearly two lakh teacher posts, whereas YSRCP failed to complete a single DSC recruitment during its tenure. Lokesh said the alliance government's DSC process was transparent, with proper implementation of vertical and horizontal reservations despite legal challenges. He urged party workers to publicise government achievements through the 'Intintiki Telugu Desam' campaign and ensure victory in the upcoming local body elections. Machilipatnam TDP President Veeranki Gurumurthy, Penamaluru MLA Bode Prasad and Council Chief Whip Panchumarthi Anuradha attended.

YSRCP Calls Statewide Protests Over DSC-2025 Issue

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP has called for protest rallies across all district headquarters on July 28, demanding the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over the alleged 'Mega DSC-2025' scam and seeking justice for eligible candidates. The protests will be organized by the YSRCP youth and student wings. YSRCP Medical Wing State Vice President and YSRCP SEC Member Dr. Mehboob Shaik urged medical, dental, and paramedical students to participate in large numbers. He said the rallies aim to pressure the government to take action against those responsible and ensure justice for affected candidates.

YSRCP Condemns Fresh Case Against 22 Leaders in Nandigama

Nandigama, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP spokesperson Karumuru Venkata Reddy alleged that another false case has been registered against 22 YSR Congress Party leaders and activists in Nandigama. He said the case was filed when former MLA Dr. Monditoka Jagan Mohan Rao, MLC Dr. Monditoka Arun Kumar, and other leaders visited the police station to sign the register as part of legal proceedings. Karumuru questioned the filing of cases against opposition leaders for being accompanied by supporters and said people naturally follow their leaders. He alleged that reports claiming the leaders influenced witnesses were baseless, stating that they only spoke to the media about the issue. He accused MLA Tangirala Sowmya and TDP leaders of using false cases to harass YSRCP leaders and said the party would continue to fight legally and would not be intimidated by such actions.



Lokesh Assures Support to TDP Activist Family

Gosala, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh visited the residence of senior TDP activist Billa Satyanarayana in Venugopala Swamy Nagar, Penamaluru Mandal, during his Krishna district tour. Satyanarayana has been associated with the Telugu Desam Party since its inception and actively participated in party programmes wearing a yellow shirt and carrying the TDP flag on his two-wheeler. He has been suffering from kidney failure for the past three years and supports his family through a small grocery shop. Lokesh enquired about his health and family situation, including the challenges faced by his daughters. He assured Satyanarayana and his family that he would provide full support and stand with them in every possible way. The minister said party activists' welfare remains a priority.



YSRCP Demands Probe Into Gangamma Death Case

Tadepalli, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP Legal Cell State President M. Manohar Reddy and former Minister Sake Sailajanath demanded a CBI or sitting judge-led inquiry into the death of Mala

Gangamma, alleging police excesses under the Chandrababu government. Addressing the issue, they claimed civil rights and voices questioning the government were being suppressed in Andhra Pradesh. The lead-

ers alleged that Gangamma approached police after her son went missing, but no immediate action was taken. They said an SIT was formed only after High Court intervention and alleged that Gangamma faced harass-

ment during the investigation, which resulted in her death. They also raised concerns over police personnel conducting her funeral and alleged torture of Dargappa in connection with the case. Sailajanath questioned the

Bharat Demands CBI Probe Into Mega DSC Recruitment

Tadepalli, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Former MP Margani Bharat and YSRCP State spokesperson Gudapureddy Veerashakar Reddy demanded the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over alleged irregularities in Mega DSC-2025 recruitment and sought a CBI probe into the process. Addressing media at the YSRCP central office, Bharat alleged that Sports Quota recruitment was misused as a backdoor route by altering rules through G.O. Nos. 4 and 47. He questioned the denial of appointment to DSC first-rank candidate Naveen from Krishna District

and alleged concerns over confidential exam material access. Bharat said the previous Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy government completed 1.20 lakh recruitments transparently, while the coalition government failed to conduct 16,000 teacher posts without controversy. He demanded disclosure of selection criteria and evaluation procedures, alleging deserving sportspersons were ignored. Bharat warned that YSRCP student and youth wings would intensify protests until justice was delivered and those responsible were held accountable.

Savitha Challenges Jagan to Prove Mega DSC Allegations

Giddalur/Markapuram, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Minister for BC Welfare, EWS Welfare, Handlooms and Textiles S. Savitha criticised YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy over allegations regarding Mega DSC-2025, stating that he should provide proof instead of making accusations. She challenged Jagan to participate in a debate and alleged that he avoids facing questions. Savitha said the previous government failed to fill teacher posts during its tenure, while Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's government issued the DSC notification soon after assuming office and completed the recruitment of 16,000 teachers. During the 'Intintiki Telugu Desam' programme in Giddalur, along with MLA Muthumula Ashok Reddy, Savitha explained government welfare



schemes and development initiatives to residents. She highlighted schemes including NTR Bharosa pensions, Anna Canteens, free gas cylinders, Thalliki Vandanam and free RTC bus travel for women. She alleged that YCP was attempting to mislead people through 'BC Garjana' and expressed confidence that the alliance would win upcoming local body elections. Savitha said the government was focusing on both welfare and development, including Amaravati and Polavaram projects.

Kannababu Slams Alliance Government Over AP Issues

Kakinada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP leader and former Minister Kurasala Kannababu criticised the alliance government, alleging that Andhra Pradesh witnessed decline in development, investments and governance under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's rule. Addressing the media in Kakinada, he said Central government reports and CAG figures exposed the government's failures. Kannababu alleged that claims of ₹24 lakh crore investments were misleading, stating that only 10 projects worth ₹6,962 crore were reported by the Centre, creating 22,167 jobs. He claimed

4,520 MSMEs were closed, resulting in 48,477 job losses. He also criticised the state's debt burden, alleging that the government borrowed ₹3.59 lakh crore in two years. He questioned the decline in investment rankings, law and order situation, and agricultural policies. Kannababu demanded a white paper on investments, debts and employment generation. He also sought an immediate CBI probe into alleged Mega DSC irregularities and demanded the resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh. He said YSRCP would continue protests over public issues, including Panchadarala Konda mining.

Three-Member Committee Formed Over Bonda Uma's Alleged Anti-Party Remarks

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has constituted a three-member committee to examine the alleged anti-party remarks made by senior leader Bonda Uma. The committee comprises Palla Srinivasa Rao, Nimmala Rama Naidu and Kilaru Rajesh. Bonda Uma has been directed to appear before the committee and submit his explanation by tomorrow evening. After reviewing his response, the committee will forward its report along with Bonda Uma's explanation to the party's disciplinary committee for further action. The move is part of the party's internal disciplinary process to address the issue.

status of previous custodial death investigations and alleged that increasing suicides and deaths reflected unchecked police actions. The leaders demanded an independent inquiry, protection for Gangamma's family and immediate financial assistance from the government.

Kesineni Snigdha Clarifies Stand on Student Protest

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau : Kesineni Snigdha responded through social media to reports linking her participation in a student protest with political narratives. She said she attended the event to support students' right to express their concerns and seek solutions. Snigdha clarified that her support was for the students and their issues, not for any political agenda. She also highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's efforts towards student welfare, including encouraging dialogue and initiatives to strengthen the education sector. She urged that discussions should focus on students, their concerns and finding meaningful solutions rather than diverting attention through political interpretations.

Thousands of Women Devotees Offer Sare to Kanaka Durga

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

A large number of women devotees thronged the Indrakeeladri temple on Monday, the 13th day of the Ashada month, to offer turmeric, vermilion, bangles and sarees to Goddess Kanaka Durga during the Shakambari festival celebrations. Revering the deity as their family goddess and Aadapaduchu, devotees participated in the traditional Sare offering with devotion. By 4 pm, 27 groups comprising 14,756 devo-



tees had reached the temple to present ceremonial offerings. The Devasthanam made special arrangements for free darshan and distributed Kadambam Prasadam to all participating groups, ensuring the smooth conduct of the festival rituals.

Chinni Seeks 300-Bed ESI Hospital At Gunadala

New Delhi, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivvanah (Chinni) has urged the Union Government to upgrade the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) Hospital at Gunadala into a modern 300-bed tertiary care hospital and establish an ESIC Medical College within its existing 25-acre campus.

Submitting a representation to Union Minister for Labour & Employment and Youth Affairs & Sports Mansukh Mandaviya during the Parliament session, Chinni highlighted the increasing healthcare needs of insured workers and their families. He said the hospital, established in 1968, currently has only 110 beds while serving around 2.88 lakh insured persons and nearly 10 lakh dependents across eight districts.

The MP said rapid industrial growth has increased the number of ESI beneficiaries, making the existing facilities inadequate. He



pointed out that the availability of 25 acres within the hospital premises provides an opportunity to establish a super-speciality hospital and ESIC Medical College without additional land acquisition.

Chinni said the proposed project would improve access to advanced healthcare, reduce dependence on private hospitals, strengthen medical education and address future healthcare requirements. According to the press note, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya responded positively and assured that the proposal would be considered.

Students Urged To Develop Consumer-Focused Startup Ideas

Vijayawada: Students should identify real-world problems and develop solutions based on consumer needs to build successful startups, said Dr. B. Mahesh Babu, Business Incubator Coordinator at Gudlavalluru Engineering College. He was speaking at the 'Lean Startup and Minimum Viable Product (MVP)' boot camp organised by KBN College iHub-Future Foundation on Monday.Dr. Mahesh Babu explained that developing an MVP, testing it with consumers and improving products based on feedback can help entrepreneurs reduce risks. He shared insights on startup ideation, product development, market validation and business expansion.College Principal Dr. G. Krishnaveni said KBN iHub-Future Foundation aims to promote innovation and entrepreneurship among students. Administrative Officer Dr. V. Narayana Rao, iHub Managing Director N. Srinivasa Rao, Coordinator J. Balaji and others attended.

GNM Supplementary Exams In September 2026

Vijayawada : The Andhra Pradesh General Nursing and Midwifery (GNM) Board will conduct supplementary examinations in September 2026, Director of Medical Education Dr. A. Vishnu Vardhan announced on Monday.Applications are invited from eligible candidates, who have been advised to submit them through the principals of their respective government or private nursing colleges.Dr. Vishnu Vardhan said the examination schedule, fee details and guidelines are available on the Directorate of Medical Education website. He urged students to submit applications within the deadline and follow the instructions issued by the GNM Board.

ABVP Welcomes NTA Reform Task Force

Vijayawada: Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has welcomed the Union Government's decision to constitute a multidisciplinary High-Level Task Force to recommend reforms in the National Testing Agency (NTA), calling it a major step towards improving transparency, accountability and credibility in examinations.The decision follows concerns over irregularities in competitive examinations, including NEET-UG, and addresses ABVP's demand for institutional reforms. The Task Force is headed by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani and includes former ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somanath, former Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, IIT Madras Director Prof. V. Kamakoti, former Education Secretary Anita Karwal and logistics expert Amrit Lal Meena. ABVP Andhra Pradesh State Secretary Dr. Virendra Singh Solanki expressed confidence that the committee would recommend measures to strengthen technology-driven governance, fairness and student-centric examination systems.

Amaravati Championship Team Selections Begin in Avanigadda

Avanigadda, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Avanigadda MLA Mandali Buddha Prasad expressed confidence that students would excel in sports and bring laurels to the Diviseema region. He inaugurated the constituency-level selection process for the Amaravati Championship-2026 at the indoor stadium in Avanigadda on Monday.

Addressing the participants, the MLA said the Andhra Pradesh government is giving top priority to the promotion of sports and providing opportunities for tal-



ented athletes. He encouraged students to improve their skills and pursue excellence in the sports of their choice.

Buddha Prasad formally launched the three-day selection programme by inaugurating the shuttle court and playing a game of badminton. He also interacted

with and congratulated athletes who had arrived from six mandals of the constituency to participate in the selections.

Physical education teachers conducted selections in archery, athletics, badminton, basketball, kho-kho and volleyball. Mandal Educational Officers Annappareddy Pitchayya and Sanaka Srikanth, Association President Bade Venkateswara Rao, Secretary BPL Prasad, Treasurer Naveen, Garikapati Maruti, Appikatlal Ramarao, Tataji, Munagala Uday and others attended the programme.

Dr.Ambati Seeks Immediate NEET MDS-2026 Counselling

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP NTR District Doctors' Wing Chairman Dr. Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav has urged the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Medical Counseling Committee (MCC) and concerned authorities to immediately begin the NEET MDS-2026 counselling process.

Expressing concern over the delay, Dr. Ambati said the examination was conducted on May 2, 2026,

and results were declared on June 2, but counselling had not started even after 86 days since the examination and 55 days after the results.

He said 31,407 candidates registered for the examination, 30,389 appeared and 18,244 qualified for postgraduate dental admissions. Despite clearing a highly competitive entrance examination, thousands of dental graduates were facing uncertainty due to the delay.

Dr. Ambati said the postpone-

ment had disrupted the academic schedule, created financial difficulties and caused mental stress among students, affecting their career and employment decisions. He also warned that delays could impact the availability of specialist dental professionals needed for the healthcare system.

He demanded that authorities announce a transparent and time-bound counselling schedule immediately and complete the admission process without further delay.

RGUKT Students Win 9 Gold, 4 Silver Medals at Yogasana Championship

Nuzvid, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Students of Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT) campuses at Nuzvid, Ongole and Srikakulam excelled at the Eluru District Yogasana Bharat Yoga Championship-2026, winning a total of nine gold and four silver medals. The championship was held in Eluru district on July 26, with participants from across Andhra Pradesh competing in various yogasana events.

RGUKT students secured medals in Artistic Solo, Artis-



tic Pair, Rhythmic Pair and Traditional Yogasana categories. D. Devisri won two gold medals, while D. Yugandhar also claimed two gold medals. Gold medals were also won by G. Geethika, K. Bhavana, B. Bhavana, N. Charan, B. Mukesh and D. Damodar. Silver medals

Collector Urges Teachers To Strengthen Learning Outcomes

Punadipadu, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Collector DK Balaji reviewed the academic performance, learning outcomes and Class 10 results of Zilla Parishad High School, Punadipadu in Kankipadu Mandal on Monday and stressed the need for improving student capabilities through systematic study and continuous revision.

During his visit, the Collector interacted with teachers and reviewed the school's pass percentage, noting that the results did not match the available infrastructure and efforts of the teaching staff. He directed teachers to identify weak stu-



dents, analyse assessment results and provide personalised guidance through regular monitoring.

DK Balaji suggested grouping Class 10 students based on their learning levels and providing additional support to students requiring improvement. Expressing concern over poor performance in Telugu, he instructed teachers to focus on spelling, writing skills and ex-

pression.The Collector also shared the mid-day meal with students and interacted with them about their studies, school environment, teaching standards and food quality. He sought feedback from students on the taste, hygiene and menu of the meals served.

He encouraged students to utilise government facilities effectively, maintain discipline and strive for academic excellence. He directed teachers to involve parents and prepare an action plan to improve results.

Regional Joint Director G. Nagamani, DEO U.V. Subbarao, Headmaster A. Venkateswara Rao, Deputy DEO Padmarani and teachers participated.

Collector Directs Speedy Resolution Of Public Grievances

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha directed officials to resolve public grievances within the stipulated timeframe and warned that delays would not be tolerated. Addressing the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme at the Pingali Venkayya Auditorium in the Vijayawada Collectorate on Monday, he said pending applications must be disposed of immediately and updated online.

The programme received 187 representations, including 51 related to the Revenue Department, 32 to MA&UD,



25 to the Police Department and 18 to Panchayat Raj.

The Collector instructed special officers to inspect fertiliser outlets in every mandal to ensure adequate availability for farmers. He also directed officials to speed up entrepreneur registrations, land allotments and clearances to attract industries to NTR district and

maintain updated industrial land details on the APIIC website.

Earlier, Dr. Lakshmisha inspected a free Ayurvedic medical camp organised by the Government Ayurvedic Hospital under the AYUSH Department at the Collectorate, where around 130 people received treatment and free medicines. He urged officials to create awareness about Ayurveda and use digital platforms for better healthcare services.

Joint Collector S. Ilakkia, District Revenue Officer M. Lakshminarasimha, PGRS Nodal Officer G. Jyothi and other officials participated.

PM Internship Scheme Expanded to Benefit State Youth

New Delhi, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Central Government has expanded the Prime Minister's Internship Scheme (PMIS) with revised guidelines aimed at increasing opportunities for youth, the Union Ministry of Corporate Affairs informed the Lok Sabha in response to a question raised by Machilipatnam MP Vallabhaneni Balashowry.

According to the ministry, the third phase of the scheme, launched on March 20, 2026, allows final-year undergraduate and postgraduate students to participate, while MBA and equivalent degree holders remain ineligible. The internship duration has been made flexible at six or nine months, and the monthly stipend has been increased from 5,000 to 9,000. The eligible age group is 18 to 25



years.In Krishna district, 8 candidates joined internships in the first phase, 17 in the second phase and 22 in the third phase as of July 15, 2026. The Centre said geo-tagging, awareness programmes and coordination with state governments and industries have been introduced to improve participation and reduce dropouts.

Balashowry urged the Centre to strengthen the scheme further so that more youth from Krishna district and Andhra Pradesh could benefit from enhanced employment opportunities.

APCRDA Receives 35 Grievances During Weekly Grievance Day

Amaravati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (APCRDA) conducted its weekly Grievance Day at its headquarters in Rayapudi on Monday to address the concerns of Capital Region farmers and agricultural labourers. Farmers and village residents submitted petitions to Additional Commissioners A. Bhargava Teja, Kollabathula Karthik and T. Rahul Kumar Reddy, who assured them that every effort would be made to resolve their grievances promptly, while noting that some issues require decisions at the government level.

A total of 35 grievances were received during the programme. APCRDA officials in-



formed that petitions are accepted on all working days at the Citizen Grievance Centre and that the weekly Grievance Day is held every Monday from 10 am to 1 pm.

A Help Desk was also set up to assist farmers with NPCI and bank linkage issues, enabling annual lease payments to be credited to their bank accounts. GRM Nodal Officer P. Jayasree and senior APCRDA officials participated in the programme.

CITU Opposes Vijayawada Zoning System For Street Vendors

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Vijayawada Hawkers and Pushcart Vendors Union (CITU) demanded immediate withdrawal of the zoning system in Vijayawada, alleging that the policy is affecting the livelihoods of thousands of street vendors while benefiting corporate businesses. They warned of a statewide agitation if the system is not revoked.

The union organised a dharna at the NTR District Collectorate and submitted a memorandum to NTR District Collector G. Lakshmisha. The Collector assured the protesters that their concerns would be examined and justice would be ensured.

CPM State Secretariat member Ch. Babu Rao said over one million street vendors in Andhra Pradesh support nearly five million family members and provide affordable



goods to the public. He alleged that vendors continue to face harassment and evictions despite the Street Vendors Act, 2014.

CITU leaders demanded implementation of the Act, identity cards, interest-free loans, an end to police harassment and justice for Besant Road hawkers. They opposed restrictions on 418 Red Zone roads and Amber Zone areas.

CITU leaders Donepudi Kashinath, K. Durga Rao, N. Nageswara Rao, M. Someswara Rao, Y. Subba Rao, M.V. Ramana, Bhulokam, Ch. Murali and B. Lakshman participated.

Maris Stella College Launches Free Mushroom Training for Rural Women

Vijayawada, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Maris Stella College (Autonomous), Vijayawada, launched a free five-day Skill Development Programme on sustainable oyster mushroom cultivation and entrepreneurship under the 150-Year Jubilee Project of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary.

The programme provides practical training in scientific mushroom cultivation, spawn production, value addition, marketing and entrepreneurship to promote self-employment among rural women.

It was inaugurated by Rev. Sr. Annie Immanuel in the presence of



Dr. Sr. Innyasamma Gade, Principal, Dr. Sr. Leena Quadras, Correspondent, and Dr. Sr. Lavanya, Programme Coordinator. The speakers highlighted the importance of entrepreneurship and skill development in achieving economic independence for rural women. COWEI partnered with the college to mobilise beneficiaries for the programme.



Narayana Puts Dreams of 10,000 Poor Students on Wheels with Free Bicycles

Nellore, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Municipal Administration Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana on Monday distributed free bicycles to government school students in Nellore, saying the initiative was aimed at ensuring that poor children do not face the hardships he experienced during his childhood.



The bicycle distribution programme held at VRC Grounds turned into a grand event, with Minister Narayana's family distributing bicycles to 7,000 students from government



high schools in Nellore City and Rural constituencies in the first phase. The Minister announced that 10,000 bicycles worth 6 crore would be distributed, with the remaining 3,000 bicycles to be provided in January.

Recalling his early struggles, Narayana said he was born into a poor family and used to walk from Haranathapuram to VRC to attend school. He said he aimed to provide quality education opportunities to underprivileged students and pre-

vent them from dropping out due to financial difficulties.

He said VRC had been upgraded to international standards with 17 crore CSR funds, and 1,100 poor students were currently receiving free admissions there. He also announced plans to modernise 14 government high schools, construct Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam International School on Waqf Board land with 20 crore CSR funds, provide free study materials from Narayana Educational Institutions and introduce IIT

Foundation training from August 1.

Calling the bicycle "wheels for students' dreams and a path to their future", Narayana said education was the greatest asset that could transform generations. He urged students to work hard and achieve positions as doctors, engineers, scientists and entrepreneurs.

His daughters Ponguru Sindhura and Ponguru Sharani said their father's childhood struggles inspired the family to support poor students and improve government education facilities. District Collector Himanshu Shukla appreciated the ini-



tiative and said bicycles would particularly help girl students continue higher education. MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy, Mayor Potluri Sujatha, NUDA Chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy and others praised the programme.

Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy, State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Aziz, Nellore Municipal Commissioner Nandan, Deputy Mayor Roop Kumar, Ponguru Ramadevi, Puneeth, Ganta Raviteja, Vemireddy Vijayabhaskar Reddy, Vemireddy Pattabhi-ramireddy and other leaders participated.

Nellore Completes SIR Process

Nellore, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Nellore district has successfully completed the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process of the electoral rolls. District Collector Himanshu Shukla announced on Monday.

Addressing a press conference at Thikkana Pranganam in the Collectorate, the Collector said that the enumeration form distribution, collection, and digitisation process was carried out efficiently from June 15 to July 24. Out of the total 19,74,240 voters in the district, enumeration forms were collected from



16,83,557 voters, achieving 85.28% voter mapping.

He said 83.5% of the mapped voters were linked with the 2002 electoral roll based on parents' and family details, describing it as a significant achievement in the state. Notices will be issued to the 1.8% voters who could not be mapped, as per Election Com-

mission guidelines.

The Collector informed that 38,645 duplicate votes, 1,13,421 permanently shifted voters, 80,699 deceased voters, and 57,077 unavailable voters were identified during the process.

The draft electoral roll will be released on July 31, after which claims and objections will be accepted for 30 days. Collector Himanshu Shukla appreciated Joint Collector Mogili Venkateswarlu, DRO Vijay Kumar, officials, BLOs, secretariat staff, and election personnel for their dedicated efforts in completing the SIR process.

Collector Orders Quality Solutions for Public Complaints

Kurnool, July 27 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. A. Siri directed officials to resolve public grievances without negligence and provide quality solutions that satisfy applicants. She advised officials to focus on permanent solutions instead of simply closing petitions.

During the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) meet-

ing held at the Sunayana Auditorium in the Collectorate on Monday, the Collector and Joint Collector received petitions from people across the district and instructed concerned department officials to take immediate action.

Dr. Siri asked officials to conduct field inspections, verify facts and resolve issues within the given timeframe. She stressed that

replies given to applicants should be clear and provide complete details. If any issue cannot be resolved, officials should explain the reasons and further steps.

She ordered officials to eliminate re-open and improper redressal cases in PGRS by ensuring effective grievance handling. Joint Collector Noorul Khamar, DRO Venkata Narayanamma and other district officials participated.

Chandramohan Reddy launches Development Campaign

Sarvepalli, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy launched the "Two Years of Trust - Development and Welfare" door-to-door campaign at Chinnacherukuru village in Thotapalliguduru mandal on Monday.

The campaign aims to explain the development works and welfare schemes implemented by the



coalition government during its two-year tenure to people across the constituency. Speaking on the occasion, Somireddy said the government has been focusing on de-

velopment and welfare by ensuring benefits reach eligible beneficiaries.

He said efforts are being made for the overall development of Sarvepalli constituency by reviving projects neglected by the previous government. He added that the campaign would also help collect public feedback and address local issues. He appealed to TDP leaders and activists to work together for the success of the programme.

YSRCP Criticises Alliance Campaign

Kadapa, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Kamalapuram YSRCP In-charge Naren Ramanujan Reddy criticised the alliance government's "Intintiki Telugu Desam" door-to-door campaign, alleging that it copied the previous YSRCP government's "Gadapa Gadapaku Mana Prabbutvam" programme.

Speaking to the media after a meeting with party leaders and

activists at the Kamalapuram YSRCP office, Naren questioned what achievements the alliance government had to present before the people. He asked whether alliance leaders had the confidence to explain the development works completed during their tenure.

He alleged that the government failed to implement the "Super Six" promises made before the elections and claimed

that schemes such as Thalliki Vandanam were reduced. He also questioned the status of the promised unemployment allowance and 20 lakh jobs.

Naren said people were closely observing the government's performance and would respond during the door-to-door campaign. He urged the public to question alliance leaders about their promises and hold them accountable.

Alliance Focuses on Public Welfare DCCB Chairman

Badvel, July 27 | TPN Bureau

DCCB Chairman and Badvel In-charge Suryanarayana Reddy said that the alliance government's main aim is to ensure public welfare and development.

As part of the door-to-door campaign highlighting the development and welfare initiatives completed during the alliance government's two-year tenure, Suryanarayana Reddy visited the 5th Ward of Badvel Municipality on Monday. Local leaders and residents welcomed him during the programme.



He interacted with people, listened to their grievances and assured them that necessary steps would be taken to resolve their issues at the earliest. He said the government is committed to addressing public concerns and ensuring wel-

fare schemes reach eligible beneficiaries.

Former municipal TDP President Konkula Rambabu, Konkula Ravi, Jahangir Basha, other TDP leaders and party workers participated in the campaign.

PM Modi Speaks with Chittoor Youth

Chittoor , July 27 | TPN Bureau



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday interacted virtually with youth from 250 districts across the country under the 'Vikasit Vibrant Village' programme and spoke with Bhavya Sri from Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh.

During the interaction, Modi asked Bhavya Sri about her experience visiting border villages, the selection process and her initial concerns before the trip. Bhavya Sri said she was selected through the 'MY Bharat' platform after participating in quizzes and other activities while pursuing her studies.

She shared her experiences from Harsil Valley in Uttarakhand, saying her fears about the weather, food and culture disappeared due to the warm hospitality of local people. She said meeting Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) personnel and witnessing

their discipline and patriotism made her proud as an Indian.

Bhavya Sri also spoke about her homestay experience in Mukhwa village and said interactions with youth from different states reflected the spirit of "Ek Bharat - Shreshtha Bharat".

Prime Minister Modi said the programme aims to help youth understand the lifestyle, culture, challenges and patriotism of people living in border villages. He said border villages are not the last villages of the country but the first, and praised the youth for contributing to nation-building. Modi appreciated Bhavya Sri for inspiring others through her experiences.

MLA Reviews Development Works

Nellore, July 27 | TPN Bureau



Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy participated in the "Two Years of Trust - Door-to-Door Campaign on Development and Welfare" programme at Drivers' Colony in the 26th Division. He explained the development and welfare initiatives taken up in the constituency during the last two years. The MLA said that development works worth 850 crore were completed with the support of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy

Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh. He stated that more development was achieved in two years compared to the previous decade and assured further progress in the coming years. TDP leaders and activists participated in the programme.

MLA Promises Tirupati Development

Tirupati, July 27 | TPN Bureau



MLA Arani Srinivasulu said that all election promises made by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan for Tirupati's development would be fulfilled.

On Monday, MLA Arani Srinivasulu and Commissioner (FAC) Sarada Devi inaugurated CC roads built at a cost of 71 lakh in Mastan Naidu Plots and Ravindra Nagar areas of Kothapalli. Local residents requested road facilities, an overhead water tank and land for a temple.

The MLA assured that steps would be taken to resolve public issues and remove affected areas from the 22-A restricted land

list. He said around 17,000 houses in the city come under 22-A and efforts would be made to complete the removal process soon.

He also announced plans to develop city tanks, construct walking tracks and improve internal roads. Commissioner Sarada Devi said priority would be given to completing development works. Officials, leaders and NDA alliance activists participated.

MLA Vijayasree Visits Villages

Ojili, July 27 | TPN Bureau



Sullurpeta MLA Dr. Nelavala Vijayasree participated in the "Two Years of Trust - Development and Welfare" door-to-door campaign at Kurugonda village in Ojili mandal on Monday.

During the campaign, the MLA visited several households, interacted with residents and enquired about their problems. She explained the welfare schemes and development programmes implemented by the alliance government during the last two years.

Dr. Vijayasree assured villagers that their issues would be brought to the notice of concerned officials and necessary

steps would be taken for early resolution. She said the campaign was aimed at directly connecting with people, understanding their concerns and ensuring government benefits reach eligible beneficiaries.

Local residents shared their problems with the MLA and thanked her for visiting their village. The MLA called upon officials and party workers to work together for the overall development of the constituency.

SP Orders Quick Redressal of Public Complaints

Tirupati, July 27 | TPN Bureau:

Tirupati District SP L. Subbarayudu reviewed public grievances during the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme held at the District Police Office on Monday.

The SP personally received complaints from citizens across the district, interacted with each applicant and understood their issues before directing concerned officials to take immediate action. A total of 107 complaints were received during the programme.

SP Subbarayudu instructed police officials to complete inquiries within

the prescribed timeframe, follow legal procedures and ensure justice for genuine victims. He also spoke directly with concerned officers over the phone and issued directions for prompt resolution of complaints.

He advised officials to handle grievances responsibly and avoid negligence while addressing public issues. The Tirupati District Police Department aims to provide quick justice and effective solutions to victims.

Additional SPs Ravi Manohar Achari (Law and Order), Srilatha (Women's Police Station) and other police officials participated in the programme.

Bonda Uma's Political Journey

From TDP Strongman to Centre of Political Speculation

Ravi Podili

Bonda Umamaheswara Rao has emerged as one of the prominent political figures in the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), with his name gaining renewed attention following his recent interactions with leaders from rival camps. Known for his aggressive political style and strong presence in Vijayawada politics, Bonda Uma has built a significant career within the TDP over two decades.

Belonging to the Kapu community, Bonda Uma entered politics

with the TDP in 2004 and soon became a key party leader in Vijayawada. He contested Assembly elections three times and won on two occasions. In the 2014 elections, he defeated YSRCP candidate Gautam Reddy from Vijayawada Central constituency with a majority of over 27,000 votes. He was later appointed as a TTD Board member and inducted into the TDP Politburo.

Over the years, Bonda Uma served as TDP in-charge for Anantapur after the demise of Paritala Ravi, party spokesperson and vice-president. He played

an active role in organising party programmes and opposing the policies of the YSRCP government.

After losing the 2019 elections, Bonda Uma continued his political activities and became a vocal critic of the YSRCP. In the 2024 Assembly elections, he returned to the Assembly by defeating former minister and YSRCP candidate Velampalli Srinivas from Vijayawada Central with a margin of 68,886 votes. He currently serves as a Whip in the Legislative Assembly.

However, his recent comments

expressing dissatisfaction over party decisions have triggered political discussions. His interaction with former minister and YSRCP leader Ambati Rambabu at a memorial event in Guntur further intensified speculation within political circles.

Observers believe Bonda Uma's concerns are linked to future political equations, including possible constituency changes under alliance arrangements. Speculation is also growing over his political strategy ahead of the 2029 elections, though he has denied any move against the

TDP. While Bonda Uma has agreed to appear before the committee constituted by TDP National Chief N. Chandrababu Naidu to explain his position, the development has triggered discussions among party activists.

Meanwhile, political activity is increasing in Vijayawada Central, with leaders such as YSRCP's Malladi Vishnu, Ariga Srinivasa Reddy and Adapa Sesu reportedly eyeing the constituency. Bonda Uma's next political moves are expected to remain a subject of close watch in Andhra Pradesh politics.

Ravi Kumar Highlights Development, Welfare Initiatives

Addanki, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is committed to improving people's lives by giving equal importance to welfare and development. Participating in the 'Two Years of Trust – Development and Welfare' programme and 'Intintiki TDP' campaign at Yelchuru village in Santamaguluru Mandal, he highlighted the alliance government's achievements over the past two years.

Ravi Kumar said welfare initiatives include increasing social security pensions from 3,000 to 4,000, providing 13,000 assistance per school-going child under Thalliki Vandanam, free bus travel for women under Stree Shakti, three free LPG cylinders annually under the Deepam scheme, and free electricity for handloom weavers and barbers.

He inaugurated additional classrooms at Kasturba Gandhi



Girls' School built at a cost of 1.60 crore, a BT road between Yelchuru and Sajjapuram costing 2.50 crore, and internal CC roads and drains worth 30 lakh. He also distributed house site pattas to 93 beneficiaries in Yelchuru ST Colony.

The Minister distributed CMRF cheques and LOCs worth 77.03 lakh to 67 beneficiaries, stating that the scheme supports poor families in accessing advanced medical treatment.

Ravi Kumar said the government is strengthening power infrastructure, reducing True-up charges and ensuring uninterrupted electricity supply. He advised farmers to plan crops considering El Niño conditions and assured prompt redressal of public grievances.

Alliance Government Fulfilling Promises: Minister D.S.B.V. Swamy

Prakasam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Minister Dola Sree Bala Veeranjanya Swamy conducted the 'Intintiki Telugu Desam' door-to-door campaign in Regulagadda village of Kondapi Mandal, highlighting the alliance government's development and welfare initiatives over the past two years. Visiting households, he explained various welfare schemes and development works.

The minister said over 500

crore worth of development projects had been completed in the Kondapi constituency. He highlighted the implementation of the Super Six promises, including Thalliki Vandanam, Annadatha Sukhibhava, free gas cylinders, free bus travel for women and recruitment of 16,000 teachers through Mega DSC. He said the government was attracting investments to generate employment and appealed to people to continue supporting the alliance for sustained development.

ABVP Welcomes Centre's High-Level Task Force for NTA Reforms

Visakhapatnam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) welcomed the Central Government's decision to constitute a high-level task force to undertake comprehensive reforms in the National Testing Agency (NTA), describing it as a major step towards creating a transparent, credible and student-centric examination system.

In a statement, ABVP said it had consistently demanded institutional reforms following irregularities in competitive examinations, including NEET-UG. The student organisation said the newly formed expert panel would help strengthen transparency, accountability and public confidence in the examination process.

The task force, headed by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani, includes former ISRO Chair-



man S. Somanath, former Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, IIT Madras Director V. Kamakoti, former Education Secretary Anita Karwal and logistics expert Amrit Lal Meena.

ABVP National Executive Committee member Gounipalli Kiran Kumar said the reforms would safeguard students' interests and ensure that examinations become more secure, technology-driven and fair. He expressed confidence that the panel's recommendations would lead to meaningful changes and further strengthen the integrity of India's competitive examination system.

₹12.60 Crore Sanctioned for New Building at Govt Degree College

Eluru, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The State Government has accorded administrative sanction of 12.60 crore for the construction of a new academic building at Government Degree College, Eluru. The approval was issued through G.O. Rt. No. 156 by the Higher Education (C.E.) Department on Monday.

The sanction was granted under the 2026-27 financial year based on a proposal submitted by the Commissioner of Higher Education and approval from

the Finance Department. The project will be funded under the higher education infrastructure head of account.

The Government Order, issued by Secretary to Government Kona Sasidhar in the name of the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, directed the Commissioner of Higher Education to take necessary steps for execution of the project.

The new building is expected to improve academic facilities and strengthen higher education infrastructure in the state.

Rangoli Competitions Held Across Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Rangoli competitions were organised across Visakhapatnam district on Monday with the theme "Bhogapuram Airport: Giving Wings to North Andhra's Dreams." Women participated in large numbers at various secretariats, localities and zones within Visakhapatnam city.

The competitions were conducted by the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) in rural areas and the Urban

Community Development (UCD) department in urban regions. Three winners were selected from each zone based on their creativity and talent.

Municipal officials announced that the final round for selected winners will be held on July 29. Prizes for the final winners will be presented on August 1 at the Bhogapuram International Airport venue during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit. Zonal Commissioners, MPDOs, officials and public representatives participated.

Bhogapuram Airport A Game Changer For North Andhra: Minister

Visakhapatnam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy said the State Government has taken up several development initiatives in North Andhra and Visakhapatnam over the past two years, with the vision of transforming the city into the country's number one city under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's leadership.

He said Bhogapuram International Airport would become the

crown jewel of North Andhra's development. Extensive arrangements are being made for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit in coordination with all departments, with around 2,000 buses arranged to transport people to the public meeting.

Ramprasad Reddy said the Prime Minister would be welcomed with the traditional Dhimsa dance, showcasing North Andhra's culture. He highlighted the role of the CII Summit in attracting global investments and said the alliance

government brought a Google Data Center to Visakhapatnam.

He added that electric bus services have been introduced for Bhogapuram Airport passengers at standard fares. APSRTC is being strengthened with 1,400 new buses and plans for 1,050 additional electric buses in phases.

The Minister said Bhogapuram Airport would develop into a major hub like Shamshabad Airport and accelerate growth across North Andhra.

FTPC India Launches 'One India... One Cinema...' Initiative

Rajahmendravaram, July 27 | TPN Bureau

The Film and Television Promotion Council of India (FTPC India) launched its "One India... One Cinema..." initiative to bring together film industries from across the country on a common platform. The campaign aims to unite 29 states, seven Union Territories, 22 recognised languages and over 36 regional film industries to promote collaboration and cultural integration.



The initiative's poster was unveiled by Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh at the Jana Sena Party office in Bommuru, Rajamahendravaram. The minister described the initiative as a milestone for In-

dian cinema and appreciated FTPC India's vision of strengthening the industry's global presence.

FTPC India President Janga Chaitanya and General Secretary P. V. S. Varma Pakalapati said the movement would enhance recognition and opportunities for regional film industries. Appointment letters were presented to new district office-bearers, while Minister Kandula Durgesh and FTPC India National Board Member Jaya Pateriya were felicitated during the event.

CITU Demands Wage Hike, Job Security for Shift Operators

Tirupati, July 27 | TPN Bureau

CITU State Vice-President Kandarapu Murali urged the State Government and the SPD-CL management to increase wages and ensure job security for new shift operators working in the power sector. Addressing a general body meeting of new shift operators at the CITU district office, he alleged that employees who have worked alongside senior operators for five



years were being denied fair wages while contractors benefited.

Murali criticised the government's power sector policies, alleging they favoured corporate interests at the expense of workers. He demanded better wages

Ministers Inaugurate District-Level Tribal Archery Meet

Paderu, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha and Tribal Welfare Minister Gummididi Sandhya Rani inaugurated the district-level archery competitions at the Tribal Welfare Ashram School in Paderu, Alluri Sitarama Raju district. Addressing the participants, the ministers said the Alliance government is committed to promoting tribal sporting talent and will provide comprehensive support



through Integrated Tribal Development Agencies (ITDAs).

They described archery as an integral part of tribal culture and encouraged students to excel at the state, national and international levels. The minis-

Development Works Taken Up Equally: Chintakayala Padmavathi

Narsipatnam, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Chintakayala Padmavathi, wife of Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanna Patrudu, said the alliance government is committed to ensuring equal development in every ward of Narsipatnam Municipality. She inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development works in Wards 7, 8 and 9, executed with funds from the 15th Finance Commission, DMF and VMRDA.

Projects worth 13 lakh were launched in Ward 8, while Ward 7 saw the inauguration



of completed works worth 44.2 lakh and foundation stones for new works worth 23 lakh. In Ward 9, development works valued at 1.63 crore were inaugurated.

SP Holds 'Police Meekosam' Grievance Programme

Markapuram, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Markapuram District SP V. Harshavardhan Raju conducted the 'Police Meekosam' public grievance redressal programme at the Kanigiri Police Station to ensure speedy resolution of public complaints. The initiative received an overwhelming response, with 59 complaints submitted by residents of Kanigiri and nearby areas.

The SP interacted directly with complainants, heard their grievances and assured them that every representation would be examined within the legal framework. He directed police officials to conduct thorough investigations and submit action-taken reports to ensure prompt justice. Harshavardhan Raju said the programme was launched to make policing more



accessible, especially for women and senior citizens, who can now seek assistance without travelling to the District Police Office in Markapuram.

Most complaints related to family disputes, harassment, and land and property issues. Separately, 34 complaints were received during a similar grievance programme conducted at the Markapuram District Police Office by OSD (Admin) Navajyoti Mishra under the SP's directions. Police officers from Kanigiri and neighbouring stations attended the programme.

East Godavari Gets 44 E-Autos to Strengthen Waste Management

Rajahmendravaram Rural, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Tourism, Culture and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh distributed 44 electric-powered e-autos to gram panchayats in East Godavari district to strengthen solid waste management and door-to-door garbage collection under the Swachh Andhra programme. The e-autos, sanctioned through the Swachh Andhra Corporation at a total cost of 1.40 crore, were flagged off at the Collectorate in the presence of Rajahmundry Rural MLA Gorantla Butchiahai Chowdary, Kovvur MLA Muppidi Venkateswara Rao, Rajanagaram MLA Battula Balaramakrishna and Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop. Speaking on the occasion, Durgesh said the initiative reflects the government's commitment to sanitation and environ-



mental protection under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. He said the e-autos, equipped with six compartments for segregating wet, dry and hazardous waste, would reduce pollution while improving waste collection efficiency. The minister added that technical support teams had been arranged to ensure proper maintenance of the vehicles and appealed to the public to actively participate in the Swachh Andhra mission for a cleaner and healthier state.

Sharini Offers Prayers For Students' Bicycle Distribution Drive

Nellore, July 27 | TPN Bureau

Ponguru Sharini, daughter of Minister Ponguru Narayana, offered special prayers at the historic Bara Shahid Dargah in Nellore seeking the successful completion of her father's free bicycle distribution initiative for government school students. Dargah committee members warmly welcomed Sharini and honoured her with traditional courtesies. She prayed for the success of the Phase-1

bicycle distribution programme scheduled at VR. High School, which aims to provide bicycles to 7,000 students from 23 government high schools.

Sharini said the initiative would help students overcome transportation difficulties, focus on education and pursue higher studies. TDP Parliamentary Minority Secretary Shaik Kalesha and Dargah committee members participated in the programme.

Editorial

India's Manufacturing Dream: Can It Beat China?

For decades, China became the world's manufacturing powerhouse by combining large-scale production, efficient infrastructure, skilled labour and strong export networks. Today, as global companies look for alternatives under the "China+1" strategy, India has a historic opportunity to emerge as a major manufacturing hub. The question is whether India can convert this opportunity into a long-term advantage.

The government launched the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme in 2020 to boost domestic manufacturing and attract global investments across sectors such as electronics, pharmaceuticals, automobiles, solar equipment and telecommunications. The initiative has encouraged companies to expand production in India, but manufacturing competitiveness depends on more than incentives.

India must address key challenges, including high logistics costs, limited industrial infrastructure, skill shortages and regulatory complexities. According to the World Bank's Logistics Performance Index 2023, India ranked 38th among 139 countries, showing improvement but also highlighting the need for further reforms. Faster movement of goods, efficient ports, better rail connectivity and simplified procedures remain crucial.

China's advantage was built over several decades through consistent industrial policies, extensive supplier networks and massive investment in infrastructure. India cannot replicate this overnight, but it can create a different model based on technology, young workforce and democratic stability.

The growth of sectors like electronics manufacturing shows progress. India has become an important mobile phone production base, with companies expanding local operations. However, deeper manufacturing requires stronger component ecosystems, research capabilities and greater participation of small and medium enterprises.

The next decade will determine whether India can move from being a large consumer market to a global production centre. The opportunity created by changing global supply chains will not remain open forever. Policy consistency, faster reforms and investment in skills will decide whether India merely attracts factories or builds a complete manufacturing ecosystem.

India's manufacturing dream is achievable, but the journey requires sustained effort. Replacing the China advantage will not happen through slogans; it will happen through competitiveness, capacity and confidence.

Exams Hijacked – Merit Pushed Into Backyard

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The NIIT/NEET paper leak scandal has thrown Parliament into chaos. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared it "not an ordinary issue," while opposition leaders demand Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. The uproar is not just about one exam—it is about the credibility of an entire system. For millions of students, the dream of merit-based success has been hijacked by corruption and collusion.

A Long Line of Betrayals

India's paper leak crisis is not new. As early as the 1950s, state board exams saw question papers mysteriously circulating before test day. By the 1990s, recruitment exams in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh were riddled with scandals. The Vyapam scam in Madhya Pradesh during the 2000s exposed how politicians, officials, and coaching mafias turned exam fraud into an industry.

National-level exams have not been spared. The AIPMT 2015 leak, the CBSE 2018 fiasco, and the REET 2021 scandal all revealed the same pattern: insiders colluding with coaching centres, papers sold for lakhs, and students forced into re-exams. The NIIT/NEET leak of 2026 is only the latest in this grim lineage.

Global Parallels: A Universal Malaise

India is not alone.

- In China, the gaokao exam has faced repeated leak attempts, prompting authorities to deploy facial recognition and AI surveillance.
- In Pakistan, leaks in medical

entrance exams have sparked nationwide protests.

- In Kenya, the 2016 KCSE scandal forced the government to overhaul its entire exam system.

- Even in the United States, SAT cheating rings have emerged, often involving international students and organized syndicates.

The lesson is clear: wherever exams become high-stakes gateways to opportunity, corruption follows.

Corporate Fraud Parallels
Paper leaks mirror the anatomy of corporate fraud.

- Insider Trading: Just as executives leak confidential information for profit, exam insiders leak papers for cash.

- Ponzi Schemes: Coaching mafias promise guaranteed success, much like fraudulent investment schemes.

- Enron Collapse: When trust in corporate governance failed, markets crashed. When trust in exams fails, education collapses.

Both corporate fraud and exam leaks thrive on secrecy, collusion, and the betrayal of public trust.

Colonial-era Parallels

India's exam obsession itself has colonial roots. The Indian Civil Service exams under the British were designed as gatekeepers to power, privileging rote learning and memorization. Success was less about creativity and more about reproducing sanctioned knowledge.

Today's leaks echo that colonial legacy: exams remain high-stakes rituals, vulnerable to manipulation. Just as colonial education created hierarchies of privilege, modern leaks perpetuate



ate inequality—those with money or connections gain access, while merit is kept at bay.

The Human Cost

Behind every leak lies shattered trust. Honest aspirants who burn midnight oil lose out to those who buy access. Families spend lakhs on coaching, only to see exams cancelled. Anxiety, depression, and even suicides have been linked to exam fraud. With over 150 leaks in the past decade, the credibility of India's education system is appallingly eroded.

Reform Promises and Political Theatre

The government has cleared amendments to the Public Exam-

inations Act, 2024, raising punishment to 5-10 years in jail and fines up to 10 crore. Fast-track courts are promised. Yet, critics argue that laws without enforcement are hollow. Opposition leaders insist accountability must begin at the top, with ministerial resignations.

Structural reforms have been suggested: on-site printing under CCTV, public question banks, and digital algorithms to generate papers minutes before exams. But implementation remains defective.

Path Ahead

India must confront the reality that paper leaks are not isolated lapses but systemic failures. Future requirements:

- Technology Integration: Secure digital systems to generate and deliver papers.

- Accountability: Swift convictions to deter offenders.

- Transparency: Public question banks to neutralize leak advantages.

- Cultural Shift: Moving away from high-stakes, rote-based exams toward continuous

A Test of Integrity
The NIIT paper leak rocking Parliament today is more than a scandal—it is a test of India's integrity. If the nation cannot protect the sanctity of its examinations, it risks betraying its youth. The time has come for India to prove that merit, not money, decides the future.

Ambedkar, the Indian Constitution and the First Victory of Gen Z Students

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The 2026 NEET-UG examination paper leak and the massive student movement that emerged at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi in protest against it sparked an intense national debate on democratic accountability, civil rights, and the credibility of India's education system.

The Emergence of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP): Background and Founding

The origin of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) can be traced to May 2026, when remarks allegedly made by Supreme Court Chief Justice Surya Kant, referring to unemployed youth and protesters as "cockroaches," triggered widespread criticism. Students and young people transformed what they considered an insulting label into a symbol of self-respect and democratic resistance.

Abhijeet Deepke, a Dalit activist with experience in politics and digital communication, launched the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP) on 16 May 2026 as a digital platform for protest. Although CJP is not a registered political party contesting elections, it emerged as a collective voice representing youth and those who felt marginalized.

The NEET Paper Leak, Student Lives, and Key Demands:

The alleged leakage of the NEET-UG 2026 examination papers severely affected the aspirations of millions of students who had invested years of hard work preparing for the examination. The reported psychological distress experienced by many students, along with reports of suicides across

the country, became a matter of deep concern.

Students and CJP placed three major demands before the government:

Moral accountability: Immediate resignation or removal of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

Compensation: 1 crore compensation for the families of students who died by suicide.

Release and Investigation: Immediate release of detained protesters and social activist Sonam Wangchuk, along with an independent and transparent investigation into the examination system.

Support from Sonam Wangchuk and Public Personalities:

Renowned education reformer and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk from Ladakh extended his support to the movement at Jantar Mantar on 20 June. Beginning 28 June, he reportedly undertook a hunger strike, arguing that a lack of transparency in the education system threatens the very foundation of the nation's future. Several well-known personalities, including actor Prakash Raj and Bhim Army chief Chandrashekhar Azad "Ravan", also participated in the protests, strengthening public support for students' demands.

Solidarity from the Sikh Community and Followers of Sant Ravidas:

Members of the Sikh community, Nihang groups, and followers of the teachings of Sant Ravidas from Punjab and Haryana expressed solidarity



with the protest.

Their participation reflected Sikh traditions of peaceful resistance, public service (Langar), and standing with those facing injustice. Communities inspired by Sant Ravidas' ideals of equality and social justice joined the movement seeking fairness in education and opportunities for young people.

Allegations of Foreign Influence and Constitutional Concerns:

As the protests intensified, allegations suggesting foreign involvement were strongly rejected by students and several civil society organizations. According to them, branding peaceful student protests as anti-national without credible evidence was inconsistent with democratic principles.

Educators, including Alakh Pandey (Physics Wallah), publicly argued that students' concerns deserved to be heard rather than dismissed.

The article further argues that police action against peaceful protesters was condemned by many intellectuals, educators, ordinary citizens, and supporters from different countries. Volunteers reportedly provided food, drinking water, sanitary napkins, and other essential supplies to students participating in the protest. According to the author's viewpoint, many supporters of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP focused primarily on isolated incidents involving agitated students while overlooking the police's alleged use of force and the broader issues raised by the movement. The author further

argues that public support was directed toward the legitimate demands of NEET-affected students rather than necessarily indicating political support for CJP or opposition to the BJP.

The article also criticizes reported restrictions on internet connectivity in parts of Delhi, arguing that such measures limited the visibility of the movement. It further contends that had the students' grievances been addressed at an earlier stage, the agitation might not have escalated.

The author expresses disappointment that much of India's mainstream media allegedly did not provide sustained coverage of the protests, while noting that some international media outlets and social media platforms played a significant role in bringing the movement to wider public attention.

Democratic Resolution of the Crisis:

According to the author, following discussions between BJP President J.P. Nadda and CJP student leaders on 24 July 2026, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan announced his resignation on 25 July 2026, citing personal reasons. The Education Ministry was reportedly assigned as an additional portfolio to Pralhad Joshi, alongside his responsibilities in the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution. The author interprets this development as the first major democratic victory achieved by Gen Z students through the leadership of CJP, public participation, and constitutional methods.

The article further argues that CJP consistently relied

upon the Indian Constitution as the foundation of its movement, presenting this as evidence of the power of constitutional democracy. Symbolically, the author suggests that Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, as the principal architect of the Constitution, stood morally alongside the students and the victims of the NEET controversy throughout their struggle.

Phule-Ambedkar Ideology Should Guide Gen Z Student Leadership:

The author notes that students at Jantar Mantar have carried portraits of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar while demanding justice. Although Abhijeet Deepke previously stated that CJP would not contest elections, the author argues that Dr. Ambedkar's principle that "Political power is the master key" remains highly relevant. According to this perspective, lasting social, political, economic, and cultural transformation can only be achieved through democratic political power.

The article concludes that movements lacking a clear ideological foundation often struggle to achieve lasting success. It argues that today's Gen Z student leaders should follow the constitutional and democratic path laid down by Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, and Kanshi Ram. Such a course, the author believes, can sustain long-term public support and produce meaningful democratic change. Ultimately, the author emphasizes that modern student leaders should view politics not merely as an instrument of power but as a constitutional means of achieving transformative reforms while remaining committed to the democratic values embodied in the Constitution of India.

Monsoon Session Disrupted as Opposition Targets Government Over NEET, Exam Reforms

The Monsoon Session of Parliament witnessed intense protests and repeated disruptions on Monday as Opposition parties stepped up their attack on the Centre over the NEET paper leak, unemployment, inflation, and other key issues. Frequent sloganeering and protests in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha led to multiple adjournments, affecting the day's business.

A major highlight of the session was the introduction of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026. The government said the proposed legislation aims to strengthen existing laws against paper leaks, organised exam fraud, impersonation, and other unfair practices in public examinations. The amendments seek to improve transparency and restore confidence in the

country's examination system. Opposition parties demanded a detailed discussion on the NEET paper leak controversy, arguing that the issue had affected the future of lakhs of students. They accused the government of failing to prevent examination irregularities and called for greater accountability and comprehensive reforms. Several Opposition MPs also submitted adjournment notices

to raise concerns over unemployment, rising prices, and other public issues. The government maintained that it was ready to discuss all important matters under parliamentary rules while defending its efforts to strengthen the examination process. Ministers said the proposed amendments would introduce stricter penalties and stronger safeguards to curb examination malpractices

and ensure fairness in recruitment and entrance tests. Despite repeated disruptions, the Centre reiterated its commitment to improving the credibility of public examinations through better technology, tighter monitoring, and stronger legal provisions. It also stressed that the amendment bill was part of a broader effort to protect the interests of students and ensure transparency



in the examination system. With sharp exchanges continuing between the treasury and Opposition benches, political observers expect the Monsoon Session to remain highly contentious in the coming days. The government will seek to push forward its legislative agenda, while the Opposition is likely to continue pressing for debates on education, the economy, and other issues of national importance.



‘Police Can’t Lathicharge Just Because There Is a Protest’: Supreme Court on NEET Demonstrations

The Supreme Court on Monday made a significant observation on the use of police force during protests, stating that authorities cannot resort to a lathicharge merely because people are holding an agitation. The remarks came while the apex court was hearing a batch of petitions seeking an independent probe into the alleged police action against students who participated in the 'Sansad Chalo' march over the NEET paper leak issue on July 20.

A bench of the court questioned the justification for the use of force against protesters, emphasizing that the right to peaceful protest is a constitutional right. The judges observed that law enforcement agencies are expected to maintain public order, but that does not automatically permit the use of force whenever citizens gather to express dissent.

The petitions before the court allege that Delhi Police used excessive force, including lathicharge and pellet guns, against students during the march towards Parliament. Several protesters reportedly sustained injuries, and videos circulating on social media triggered widespread criticism from political parties, civil society groups, and student organisations.

Taking note of the serious-

ness of the allegations, the Supreme Court agreed to examine the matter in greater detail and scheduled further hearings. The bench indicated that if excessive force had indeed been used against peaceful demonstrators, the matter would require careful judicial scrutiny.

The court's observations come amid continuing nationwide protests over the alleged irregularities in the NEET examination and demands for greater transparency in the conduct of public examinations. The issue has also dominated the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, where the government and the Opposition have clashed repeatedly over examination reforms and student welfare.

The Supreme Court's remarks have been widely viewed as an important reminder that maintaining law and order must be balanced with protecting citizens' fundamental rights. While the court has not yet delivered a final ruling on the petitions, its observations underscore that peaceful protests cannot be met with force simply because an agitation is taking place. The case will now proceed with further hearings as the court examines the allegations against the police and considers the appropriate course of action.

India Summons Ukraine Ambassador After Merchant Ship With Four Indians Comes Under Attack



India on Monday summoned Ukraine's Ambassador to New Delhi, Oleksandr Polishchuk, following an attack on a merchant vessel carrying four Indian nationals near Ukraine's Odesa port. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) conveyed its serious concern over the incident and emphasized the need to ensure the safety of Indian citizens working aboard commercial ships in conflict zones.

According to the MEA, the vessel came under attack while operating near the Ukrainian coast amid the ongoing conflict in the Black Sea region. Four Indian crew members were on board at the time of the incident. India lodged a strong diplomatic protest and sought a detailed explanation from the Ukrainian envoy regarding the circumstances surrounding the attack.

The latest incident comes just days after India protested another attack in the Black Sea that claimed the lives of four Indian seafarers aboard a different merchant vessel. The repeated attacks on commercial ships carrying Indian nationals have heightened concerns in New Delhi over the safety of civilian maritime traffic in the conflict zone.

The MEA reiterated that commercial vessels and civilian seafarers

should never become targets during armed conflicts. It stressed that all parties involved in the war must respect international humanitarian law and ensure the protection of merchant shipping and innocent civilians operating in international waters.

Following the latest attack, the Indian government has intensified its engagement with authorities to monitor the safety of Indian sailors employed on ships operating in and around the Black Sea. Officials are also in contact with shipping companies and Indian diplomatic missions to assess the situation and provide necessary assistance to affected crew members.

The incident underscores the growing risks faced by commercial shipping in the Black Sea as hostilities between Russia and Ukraine continue. India has consistently maintained that civilian lives and commercial maritime operations must be protected regardless of the ongoing conflict and has urged all sides to exercise maximum restraint.

With another diplomatic protest now lodged, New Delhi is expected to continue closely monitoring developments while pressing for greater safeguards for Indian seafarers working in conflict-prone regions.

Om Birla Urges Political Consensus on Tougher Anti-Paper Leak Law Amid Parliament Deadlock

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Monday appealed to all political parties to rise above differences and build a consensus on the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, saying the proposed legislation is directly linked to the future of millions of students and deserves a meaningful discussion in Parliament.

Birla made the appeal as repeated protests by Opposition members over the NEET paper leak disrupted proceedings in the Lok Sabha. Despite the interruptions, he urged lawmakers to participate in a constructive debate rather than allowing disruptions to stall the House's business.

To facilitate a detailed discussion, the Speaker offered to allocate six additional hours for debate on the Bill if members reached a consensus. He stressed that issues affecting students and the credibility of public examinations should be discussed thoroughly and with a sense of responsibility.

The amendment Bill seeks to strengthen the existing anti-paper leak law by introducing tougher penalties for organised



examination fraud. Among the key proposals are up to 10 years' imprisonment, fines of up to 10 crore, faster investigations, and time-bound trials to crack down on paper leak syndicates and other organised exam-related crimes.

The government maintained that the legislation is aimed at protecting honest students and restoring confidence in public examinations. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju urged all MPs to participate in the discussion, saying the proposed law was in the national interest and should receive bipartisan support. He also indicated that the government intended to proceed with the Bill even if the Opposition chose not to participate in

the debate. Opposition parties, however, continued to demand a broader discussion on the NEET controversy and other issues related to examination irregularities. Their protests led to repeated adjournments, preventing the House from taking up substantive business for much of the day. The anti-paper leak Bill has become one of the most significant pieces of legislation in the ongoing Monsoon Session. With the government pushing for stronger safeguards against examination fraud and the Opposition seeking greater accountability over repeated controversies, the Bill is expected to remain at the centre of parliamentary debate in the coming days.

After Hospital Discharge, Sonam Wangchuk Heads to Rajghat Before Returning to Ladakh



Renowned climate activist and education reformer Sonam Wangchuk has announced that he will first visit Rajghat in New Delhi to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi before returning to his home in Ladakh, following his discharge from Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. The announcement marks his first public statement after recovering from health complications caused by a prolonged hunger strike.

Wangchuk had been admitted to the hospital after ending his 26-day indefinite fast, which he undertook in support of students protesting against the alleged irregularities in the NEET examination. The hunger strike had significantly affected his health, requiring nearly a week of medical supervision before doctors declared him fit for discharge.

In a video message shared after leaving the hospital, Wangchuk expressed gratitude to the doctors, nurses, and hospital staff who cared for him during his recovery. He also thanked the thousands of students, supporters, and well-wishers across the country who stood by him throughout the protest and wished him a speedy recovery.

Explaining his next steps, Wangchuk said his first desti-

nation would be Rajghat, where he plans to pay homage to Mahatma Gandhi. He described the visit as a symbolic gesture to honour Gandhi's philosophy of peaceful protest, truth, and non-violence, values that inspired his own movement. After the visit, he intends to return to the mountains of Ladakh and resume his work on education, sustainable development, and environmental conservation.

Wangchuk's hunger strike had become one of the defining moments of the nationwide student movement over the NEET controversy. His participation brought widespread public attention to demands for greater transparency and accountability in India's public examination system. The protest eventually concluded after the government announced key measures, including leadership changes in the Education Ministry and a renewed commit-

ment to examination reforms.

During his brief interaction with supporters, Wangchuk said he was gradually regaining strength and had resumed eating. While acknowledging that the protest had ended, he stressed that the broader mission of ensuring a fair and transparent education system would continue. He encouraged young people to remain hopeful and committed to constructive social change through peaceful and democratic means.

Wangchuk's return to Ladakh is expected to mark the beginning of a new phase in his public work, with renewed focus on education, environmental sustainability, and community development. His visit to Rajghat before heading home reflects his continued belief in Gandhi's ideals and his commitment to pursuing reform through dialogue, non-violence, and public participation.

India Glows From Space in Stunning ISS Time-Lapse Video



The combination of glowing urban landscapes and nature's electrifying display makes the video a remarkable sight.

The rare visuals have captivated viewers around the world, with many praising the

beauty of Earth as seen from orbit. The video continues to gain widespread attention online, highlighting the breathtaking perspective of our planet from the International Space Station.

‘I Am a Street Fighter’: Dharmendra Pradhan Hits Back at Congress During Parliament Face-Off

Former Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on Monday delivered a sharp political response to the Congress during a heated exchange in Parliament, declaring, "I am a street fighter," after Congress leader Jairam Ramesh remarked, "It happens," while Pradhan was being welcomed by BJP and NDA MPs on his first day in Parliament since stepping down as Education Minister.

Pradhan received a rousing welcome from BJP and NDA lawmakers at the entrance to Parliament, with supporters raising slogans in his favour. As he made his way into the House, Congress MPs reacted with criticism, leading to a brief verbal exchange between leaders of the two parties.

Responding to Jairam Ramesh's remark, Pradhan said, "Nothing happened. I am a street fighter, not an AC room activist." The statement was seen as an attempt to project himself as a grassroots leader who has built his political career through public engagement and political struggles rather than through elite politics.

The exchange comes just days after Pradhan resigned from the Union Cabinet following weeks of nationwide protests over the NEET paper leak controversy. His resignation followed mount-

ing pressure from opposition parties and student groups demanding accountability over alleged examination irregularities.

Despite stepping down from the Education Ministry, Pradhan's warm reception by BJP MPs signalled that he continues to enjoy strong support within the ruling party. Party leaders praised his contribution and described his resignation as a political decision taken in the larger interest of the government.

The incident also reflected the tense atmosphere prevailing during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament, where repeated confrontations between the government and the Opposition have disrupted proceedings. The NEET controversy, examination reforms, and student protests remain among the key issues dominating political debate.

Pradhan's "street fighter" remark quickly gained traction on social media, with leaders from both the BJP and the Congress using it to reinforce their respective political narratives. As Parliament continues to witness sharp exchanges over education reforms and governance issues, the former minister's statement has added another flashpoint to the ongoing political battle between the ruling alliance and the Opposition.

LGBTQ Community Is Part of Society, Should Not Be Isolated: RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat



RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that members of the LGBTQ community are an integral part of society and should not be isolated or treated with discrimination. Speaking at an event in Hyderabad, Bhagwat stressed that every individual deserves dignity and respect, regardless of their identity, and called for greater social acceptance of LGBTQ people.

Bhagwat said Indian society has historically recognised diversity and that people belonging to the LGBTQ community should be allowed to live with the same dignity and self-respect as everyone else. He urged society not to look at them with prejudice or a sense of inferiority, emphasising that they have an equal right to live as respected members of the community.

At the same time, the RSS chief reiterated the organisation's traditional position on marriage and family. He described marriage as an institution that instills responsibility and moral values, while expressing reservations about live-in relationships and reiterating the RSS's opposition to legal recognition of same-sex marriage.

Bhagwat also observed that social harmony can only be achieved when every individual is treated with compassion and fairness. He said differences among people should not be-

come the basis for exclusion and that society should strive to ensure everyone feels accepted and respected.

His remarks have drawn attention because they reflect a more inclusive tone towards LGBTQ individuals while maintaining the RSS's long-standing conservative views on marriage. The organisation has, in recent years, supported the decriminalisation of homosexuality but has continued to oppose the legalisation of same-sex marriage.

Bhagwat's latest comments come at a time when discussions on LGBTQ rights and inclusion continue across India. While activists welcomed his emphasis on dignity and acceptance, they also noted that debates over equal legal rights, including marriage equality, remain unresolved. His statement is expected to contribute to the ongoing national conversation on balancing social inclusion with differing views on family and marriage.

Markets Rebound Strongly: Sensex Surges 776 Points, Nifty Ends Just Shy of 24,000

Indian benchmark equity indices staged a strong comeback on Monday, snapping a five-session losing streak as improved global sentiment, easing crude oil prices, and encouraging corporate earnings boosted investor confidence. The BSE Sensex rallied 776 points (1.02%) to close at 76,835.78, while the NSE Nifty 50 gained 228 points (0.96%) to settle at 23,995.95, narrowly missing the crucial 24,000 mark.

The rally was broad-based, with all major sectoral indices

ending in positive territory. Information technology stocks led the gains after renewed optimism over the sector, while banking, financial, auto, consumer, and oil marketing stocks also witnessed strong buying interest. Mid-cap and small-cap indices outperformed the benchmark indices, reflecting improved risk appetite among investors.

One of the biggest drivers behind the market's recovery was the sharp decline in global crude

oil prices. Lower oil prices are considered beneficial for India, which imports a significant portion of its crude requirements. The easing in oil prices is expected to reduce inflationary pressures, improve the country's current account balance, and support corporate profitability.

Global cues also remained supportive as easing geopolitical tensions improved investor sentiment across international markets. At the same time, opti-

mism surrounding quarterly corporate earnings encouraged fresh buying after last week's steep correction. Analysts noted that investors took advantage of attractive valuations following the recent five-day decline.

The Indian rupee also posted a strong recovery, appreciating 68 paise to close at 95.89 against the US dollar, supported by falling crude prices and improved foreign investor sentiment. The stronger currency further lifted confidence in domestic financial

markets.

Among individual stocks, Infosys emerged as one of the top gainers after positive brokerage commentary, while several banking stocks, including IDFC First Bank and AU Small Finance Bank, advanced following healthy quarterly earnings. Consumer-focused companies and oil marketing firms also attracted buying interest.

Market experts believe the rebound indicates that investors remain optimistic despite re-



cent volatility. However, they caution that the 24,000-24,200 zone on the Nifty could act as a key resistance level in the near term. Sustained gains will likely depend on the continuation of positive earnings, stable global markets, and further moderation in crude oil prices.

Monday's rally not only ended the market's losing streak but

also restored investor confidence after several sessions of selling pressure. While challenges remain, the strong recovery suggests that bullish sentiment is returning to Dalal Street, with investors closely watching upcoming earnings announcements and global economic developments for further direction.

United Spirits Shares Rise After Strong Q1 Results; Nomura Raises Target Price to ₹1,600

Shares of United Spirits Ltd., India's leading premium alcohol beverages company and a subsidiary of Diageo, gained more than 1% in Monday's trading after the company reported a strong performance for the June quarter. Investor sentiment received an additional boost after global brokerage Nomura raised its target price on the stock to 1,600, citing healthy earnings and improved growth prospects.

The stock climbed around 1.5% during afternoon trade, touching nearly 1,490 on the National Stock Exchange as investors responded positively to the company's strong performance for the June quarter. Investor sentiment received an additional boost after global brokerage Nomura raised its target price on the stock to 1,600, citing healthy earnings and improved growth prospects.

The rally reflected renewed confidence in the liquor maker's premiumisation strategy and its ability to sustain earnings growth despite a challenging consumer environment.

United Spirits reported a robust June-quarter performance, supported by strong demand for its premium and prestige brands.



The company's continued focus on premium products, better pricing, and disciplined cost management helped improve profitability during the quarter. Analysts noted that premiumisation remains a key driver of growth as consumers increasingly shift towards higher-end alcoholic beverages.

Following the results, Nomura reiterated its positive outlook on the company and increased its target price to 1,600. The brokerage believes United Spirits is well positioned to benefit from favourable industry trends, including rising premium liquor

consumption, improving operating margins, and consistent revenue growth. It also expects the company's long-term strategy to continue generating healthy shareholder returns.

Market experts believe the company's strong execution has helped it maintain leadership in India's spirits market. Stable demand, continued brand investments, and operational efficiencies are expected to support earnings over the coming quarters. Analysts also pointed out that an improving macroeconomic environment and rising disposable incomes could further boost demand for premium alcoholic beverages.

United Spirits has steadily strengthened its portfolio by focusing on premium labels while enhancing distribution and consumer engagement across the country. This strategy has enabled the company to improve profitability even amid fluctuations in raw material costs and

changing consumer preferences.

The positive response from investors also reflects growing confidence in the broader consumer goods sector, where companies with strong brands and pricing power continue to attract institutional interest. Brokerage firms remain optimistic that United Spirits can deliver sustainable earnings growth, supported by premiumisation, disciplined execution, and healthy cash generation.

With strong quarterly numbers, an upgraded target price from Nomura, and continued optimism around the premium liquor segment, United Spirits has reinforced its position as one of the preferred consumer sector stocks. Investors will now closely watch the company's performance in the coming quarters to see if it can maintain its growth momentum and achieve the higher valuation projected by analysts.

SAT Declines Interim Relief for Suzlon Energy in SEBI Penalty Case; Hearing Deferred to August 7

The Securities Appellate Tribunal (SAT) has refused to grant immediate interim relief to Suzlon Energy in its appeal against a penalty imposed by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The tribunal, however, has agreed to hear the matter in detail and has scheduled the next hearing for August 7, leaving the regulatory proceedings in focus for investors.

Suzlon Energy had approached SAT challenging SEBI's order, which imposed a financial penalty on the company over alleged violations of securities market regulations. During the hearing, the company sought interim protection from the tribunal while its appeal is being considered. However, SAT declined to provide any immediate relief at this stage and decided that the matter should be examined further during the next hearing.

The tribunal's decision means



that the SEBI order will continue to remain in effect until the case is heard again. Although Suzlon did not secure temporary relief, the appeal itself remains pending, and the company will have another opportunity to present its arguments before the tribunal on the scheduled date.

The dispute relates to SEBI's findings regarding alleged non-compliance with certain regulatory requirements. While the detailed merits of the case are yet to be examined by SAT, the tribunal's latest order is proce-

dural in nature and does not represent a final decision on Suzlon's appeal. The outcome of the August 7 hearing will be crucial in determining the future course of the case.

The development comes at a time when Suzlon Energy has been attracting significant investor attention due to its improving financial performance and growing order book in India's renewable energy sector. The company has emerged as one of the key beneficiaries of the country's increasing focus on wind energy and clean power generation. Despite the ongoing legal proceedings, market participants continue to monitor the company's operational performance and business outlook closely. Legal experts note that interim relief is granted only in exceptional circumstances, and the tribunal's refusal at this stage should not be interpreted as a judgment on the merits of

Suzlon's appeal. The final outcome will depend on the detailed arguments presented by both the company and SEBI during the upcoming hearing. Investors are expected to closely track developments in the case, as any future ruling could have implications for market sentiment surrounding the company. However, analysts believe Suzlon's long-term prospects will continue to depend primarily on its execution of renewable energy projects, financial performance, and the broader growth of India's clean energy sector.

With the next hearing scheduled for August 7, all eyes will now be on the Securities Appellate Tribunal, where Suzlon Energy will seek to strengthen its case against the SEBI penalty order. The tribunal's eventual decision is expected to provide greater clarity on the regulatory dispute and its potential impact on the company going forward.

Ratnaveer Precision Engineering Shares Surge 14% After Strong Q1 Earnings

Shares of Ratnaveer Precision Engineering Ltd. jumped more than 14% on Monday after the company reported a robust financial performance for the first quarter of FY27. The strong earnings, driven by healthy growth in both revenue and profitability, triggered strong buying interest among investors and pushed the stock to one of its biggest single-day gains in recent months.

The stock settled at 204 per share on the NSE, registering a gain of 14.22% over the previous closing price. The sharp rally reflected growing investor confidence in the company's business performance and future growth prospects following the quarterly results.

For the quarter ended June 2026, Ratnaveer Precision Engineering reported a 22.01% year-on-year increase in net profit, which rose to 18.24 crore from 14.95 crore in the correspond-



ing quarter of the previous financial year. The improvement in profitability was supported by higher sales and efficient operational execution.

The company's revenue from operations also witnessed strong growth, rising 19% to 315 crore during the quarter compared with 265 crore a year earlier. The steady increase in revenue indicates sustained demand for the company's stainless steel products across domestic and international markets.

Ratnaveer Precision Engineering manufactures a wide range of stainless steel prod-

ucts, including finished sheets, washers, solar roofing hooks, tubes, pipes, and bars, catering to industries such as automotive, construction, engineering, renewable energy, pharmaceuticals, and consumer goods. The company has steadily expanded its product portfolio and manufacturing capabilities to meet growing market demand.

Market participants welcomed the company's consistent financial performance, with analysts pointing to improving operational efficiency and healthy order inflows as key factors supporting future growth. The rise in profit margins and continued revenue expansion have strengthened investor confidence in the company's long-term business outlook.

The strong quarterly numbers also highlight the resilience of India's engineering and manufacturing sector, which continues to benefit from rising

infrastructure spending, industrial expansion, and increasing export opportunities. Companies with diversified product portfolios and efficient manufacturing operations are expected to remain well-positioned to capitalize on these trends.

Following Monday's rally, Ratnaveer Precision Engineering has emerged as one of the top-performing mid-cap engineering stocks of the day. Investors will now closely monitor the company's upcoming expansion plans, order book growth, and future quarterly performance to assess whether it can sustain its current momentum.

With double-digit growth in both revenue and profit, along with strong investor enthusiasm, Ratnaveer Precision Engineering has delivered an encouraging start to FY27, reinforcing confidence in its growth strategy and long-term prospects.

Bank of Baroda Shares Slip After Q1 Profit Drops 48% on One-Time NMC Group Settlement



Shares of Bank of Baroda (BoB) declined around 1% in Monday's trading after the public sector lender reported a sharp 48% year-on-year decline in net profit for the first quarter of FY27. The fall in earnings was primarily attributed to a one-time payout related to the NMC Group case, which significantly impacted the bank's bottom line despite healthy growth in its core banking business.

For the quarter ended June 2026, Bank of Baroda posted a net profit of 1,783 crore, compared with 3,425 crore in the corresponding quarter of the previous financial year. The bank clarified that the steep decline was largely due to the exceptional one-time provision associated with the long-pending NMC Group exposure, rather than any deterioration in its day-to-day banking operations.

Despite the decline in reported profit, the lender's operational performance remained resilient. Net Interest Income (NII) continued to grow steadily, supported by healthy credit expansion and improved lending activity. The bank also re-

ported stable asset quality, with gross and net non-performing asset (NPA) ratios remaining under control, reflecting continued improvement in the loan portfolio.

Management emphasised that the one-time settlement has effectively addressed a legacy issue and is unlikely to have a recurring impact on future earnings. Analysts noted that excluding the exceptional charge, the bank's quarterly performance remained broadly in line with expectations, indicating that the underlying business continues to perform well.

Following the earnings announcement, Bank of Baroda's shares came under mild selling pressure as investors reacted to the headline decline in profit. However, market experts believe the impact on long-term sentiment could remain limited because the earnings weakness was driven by an extraordinary item rather than operational challenges.

Brokers continue to monitor the bank's credit growth, deposit mobilisation, and asset quality trends, which remain key indica-

tors of future performance. The lender has maintained its focus on expanding retail, agriculture, and MSME lending while strengthening digital banking services and improving operational efficiency. These initiatives are expected to support earnings growth over the medium term.

The NMC Group case has been a long-standing issue for several global financial institutions exposed to the UAE-based healthcare conglomerate. By recognising the one-time payout, Bank of Baroda aims to close this chapter and move forward with a cleaner balance sheet, reducing uncertainty for investors.

While the sharp fall in quarterly profit weighed on the stock in the short term, analysts believe the bank's strong fundamentals, stable asset quality, and continued business growth position it well for recovery in the coming quarters. Investors will now watch upcoming financial results to assess whether Bank of Baroda can return to its normal earnings trajectory after absorbing the one-time impact.

'Harder Than UPSC': Influencer's Funny Take on Finding a Flat in Mumbai Goes Viral

Finding a rental home in Mumbai can feel like an impossible mission, and a social media influencer's humorous take on the city's housing hunt has struck a chord with thousands online. Comparing the experience to cracking some of India's toughest competitive exams, the creator's viral video has sparked laughter and widespread agreement among internet users. In the now-viral clip, the influencer joked that searching for a flat in Mumbai is even more difficult than clearing examinations like UPSC or JEE. According to him, the process is not just about finding a place to live-it tests a person's patience,

resilience, negotiation skills, and ability to compromise. He explained that house-hunting in Mumbai often turns into a never-ending cycle of trade-offs. If a flat fits the budget, the location may be far from workplaces or key amenities. If the locality is ideal, the rent is usually beyond affordability. Even after finding a suitable home, prospective tenants often face restrictions such as "No Bachelors," making the search even more frustrating. The influencer also pointed out that premium neighbourhoods like Bandra and Andheri remain out of reach for many renters because of soaring rental prices. He



added that while areas such as Goregaon may offer rela-

tively better options, finding the right balance between

budget, location, and land-lord preferences remains a

major challenge. His light-hearted observations resonated with many people who have experienced Mumbai's competitive rental market firsthand. Social media users flooded the comments section with their own stories, saying the video perfectly captured the reality of looking for accommodation in the financial capital. Several users joked that after spending days searching for a flat, people begin lowering their expectations rather than finding their dream home. Others said that landlords often impose lengthy eligibility criteria, making the process feel more like a job interview than a rental application. Many com-

menters appreciated the influencer's relatable humour, noting that while the video was meant to entertain, it also highlighted genuine challenges faced by students, young professionals, and newcomers moving to Mumbai. The combination of rising rents, limited housing options, strict tenant preferences, and intense competition has made finding a suitable flat a stressful experience for many residents. The viral video has once again brought attention to Mumbai's housing realities, proving that sometimes humour is the best way to express the everyday struggles of life in one of India's most expensive cities.

Three Simple Habits That Can Earn Young Employees Respect at Work

Building credibility in the workplace isn't always about experience or seniority. According to a workplace communication expert, the way young professionals handle everyday interactions can make a lasting impression on managers and colleagues. His practical advice, shared in a viral Instagram video, has sparked conversations about how early-career employees can gain respect and stand out in the office. The content creator, Maarij, revealed that he received three promotions within just 15 months despite being the youngest employee on his team. Reflecting on his journey, he said workplace respect is not determined by age or job title but by how individuals communicate, respond to responsibilities, and build trust through their actions. The first strategy he recommends is to avoid answering questions too quickly. When a manager asks something, many young employees rush



to respond in an attempt to prove themselves. Instead, he advises taking a brief pause of a couple of seconds before replying. According to him, this short moment allows employees to process the question, organize their thoughts, and respond more confidently. Such composure reflects professionalism rather than impulsiveness. His second piece of advice is to repeat back any task assigned by a manager instead of simply saying "yes." By summarizing the assignment, deadline, and expected outcome in their own words, employees can

confirm they have understood the instructions correctly. This habit reduces misunderstandings, demonstrates attentiveness, and reassures managers that the work will be completed as expected. The third habit focuses on what happens after completing a project. Maarij says many employees disappear once they submit their work and immediately move on to the next assignment. Instead, he encourages professionals to share what they learned during the project or suggest improvements for future tasks. Doing so not only high-

lights initiative but also increases visibility within the organization and shows a willingness to grow. The video has received widespread appreciation on social media, with many users agreeing that these simple communication habits can make a significant difference in career growth. Commenters noted that trust, reliability, and thoughtful communication often leave a stronger impression than technical skills alone, especially for young professionals starting their careers. As workplace expectations continue to evolve, the creator believes that respect is earned through consistency, accountability, and clear communication rather than years of experience. His message serves as a reminder that small behavioural changes can help young employees build stronger professional relationships and create opportunities for long-term career success.

Startup CEO Says India Is Now the Best Place to Build a Global Business

At a time when many young professionals dream of moving to global cities like London, New York, or San Francisco, one startup founder has taken the opposite path. Gautam Chadha, the 24-year-old founder and CEO of cross-border e-commerce startup Babaclick, has revealed why he relocated from London to Gurgaon, calling India the ideal place to build a global technology business. His views, shared in a viral Instagram video, have sparked conversations among entrepreneurs and professionals alike. Marking one year since his move, Chadha reflected on the decision that surprised many people, including members of his own family. He said most people his age aspire to settle in Western countries, but he believed returning to India offered a better opportunity to grow his company on a global scale. According to him, the perception that entrepreneurs must be based in Silicon Valley or other major Western tech hubs is no longer valid.

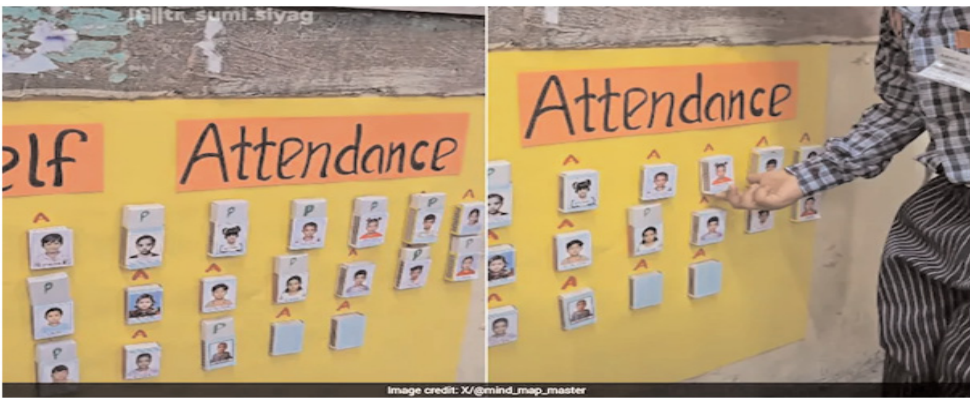


Chadha argued that India's startup ecosystem has evolved rapidly over the past few years. He believes the country now offers everything an ambitious founder needs-from a large pool of skilled engineering talent to a vibrant consumer market and growing digital infrastructure. These factors, he said, make India one of the world's most underrated destinations for building technology-driven businesses. He explained that in the past, startups often had to be located in Silicon Valley to access top talent and secure opportunities for rapid growth. However, the rise of remote work, global collaboration, and India's expanding technology ecosystem has signifi-

cantly changed that landscape. Entrepreneurs can now build products in India while serving customers across the world, he said. The founder's message resonated with many social media users, who praised his confidence in India's entrepreneurial potential. Several commenters agreed that India has become an attractive destination for startups because of its innovation ecosystem, availability of skilled professionals, and growing investor interest. Others described his decision as an inspiring example for young entrepreneurs considering where to establish their businesses. Chadha's remarks come amid increasing global recognition of India's startup ecosystem. As more founders choose to build companies from India while targeting international markets, his story highlights a changing trend in entrepreneurship-one where success is no longer tied to being based in the West but to leveraging the opportunities available in a rapidly growing digital economy.

Teacher's Creative Self-Attendance Board Wins Hearts Online, Inspires Educators

A Delhi-based teacher has earned widespread praise on social media after introducing an innovative classroom attendance system that replaces the traditional roll call with a fun, interactive activity. A video showcasing the unique idea has gone viral, with educators, parents, and internet users applauding the teacher's effort to make everyday classroom routines more engaging for students. Instead of calling out each student's name and waiting for the usual "Present, Ma'am" response, the teacher uses a colourful handmade self-attendance board. As students enter the classroom, they mark themselves present by placing their names or indicators on the board. The simple yet effective activity encourages children to take responsibility for their attendance while making the start of the school day more enjoyable. The viral Instagram video captures students enthusiastically participating in the activity, eagerly marking their attendance before settling into class. The teacher's creative approach transforms a routine administra-



tive task into an engaging learning exercise, helping children develop independence, accountability, and a sense of ownership from the moment they walk into the classroom. The video quickly gained traction online, attracting thousands of likes, comments, and shares. Many social media users described the initiative as a refreshing example of how small innovations can make a significant difference in the learning environment. Parents appreciated the teacher's efforts to make school more enjoyable, while fellow educators praised the idea for encouraging active participa-

tion rather than passive compliance. Several commenters noted that such creative teaching methods help build confidence in young learners and reduce the monotony of everyday classroom routines. Others suggested that schools across the country could adopt similar ideas to make learning more interactive and student-centred. Many also observed that activities like these foster discipline naturally, without making students feel pressured. Education experts have long emphasised the importance of interactive learning techniques that actively involve students in

classroom activities. Simple innovations, such as self-attendance boards, not only improve engagement but also teach valuable life skills, including responsibility, organisation, and accountability from an early age. The viral classroom video serves as a reminder that meaningful change in education does not always require expensive technology or complex systems. Sometimes, a simple, thoughtful idea can transform an ordinary classroom routine into an enjoyable experience that leaves a lasting impact on students while inspiring teachers everywhere to think creatively.

Bison Punctures SUV Tyre in Yellowstone, Viral Video Highlights Dangers of Getting Too Close to Wildlife

A dramatic wildlife encounter at Yellowstone National Park has gone viral after a massive bison rammed into an SUV and punctured one of its tyres, leaving stunned tourists watching from nearby vehicles. The incident, captured on video, has reignited discussions about maintaining a safe distance from wild animals in national parks. The video shows traffic slowing as a large bison walks calmly along the road surrounded by vehicles. Moments later, the animal approaches an SUV, lowers its head, and thrusts one of its horns into the vehicle's front tyre. The impact punctures the tyre instantly, forcing the driver to pull over and deal with the unexpected damage. The encounter was filmed by another visitor travelling directly behind the SUV and quickly spread across social media. According to reports, the incident took place on July 20 inside Yellowstone National Park, one of the most popular wildlife destinations in the United States. The person who shared the footage suggested that the SUV had moved too close to the bison



instead of allowing it enough space to pass safely. The caption accompanying the video remarked that the animal had "had enough" of vehicles getting too close, a comment that resonated with many viewers online. The clip has generated thousands of reactions, with many social media users describing the incident as both frightening and a reminder that wild animals can behave unpredictably. While some found humour in the bison's unexpected response, others stressed that visitors must respect wildlife and follow park safety guidelines rather than attempting to drive close for a better view. Yellowstone is home to one of the largest

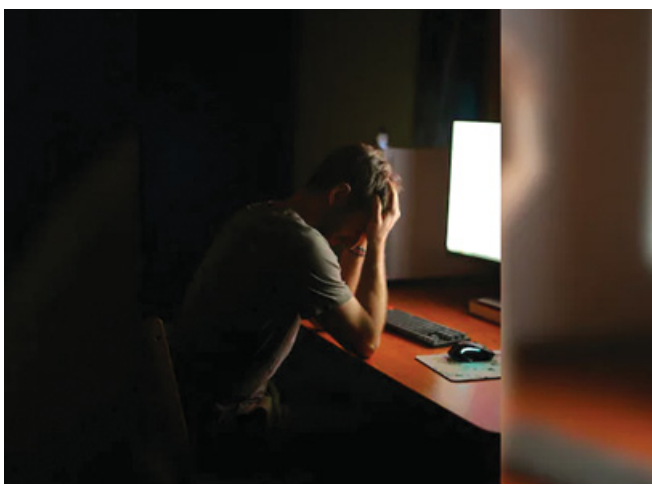
free-ranging bison populations in North America. Park authorities consistently advise visitors to keep a significant distance from bison and other wild animals, as they can appear calm but are capable of sudden bursts of speed and aggressive behaviour when they feel threatened or cornered. Every year, several tourists are injured after approaching wildlife too closely despite repeated warnings. The viral footage serves as another reminder that while close encounters with wildlife may seem exciting, respecting animals' space is essential for the safety of both visitors and the wildlife that inhabit protected national parks.

RS 2 Lakh Salary, Zero Debt, Yet 'I Feel Poor': Bengaluru Techie's Viral Post Sparks Debate on Money and Happiness

A Bengaluru-based software professional has ignited a widespread online discussion after revealing that despite earning ₹2 lakh a month, having no debt, and maintaining healthy savings, he still feels financially insecure. His candid Reddit post has resonated with thousands, highlighting that financial well-being is often shaped by emotions and mindset as much as income. The 26-year-old techie shared that he earns a monthly salary of ₹2 lakh, has accumulated more than ₹14 lakh in savings, and has no outstanding loans. He also said

he has managed to retire both his parents, a milestone many would consider a significant financial achievement. Yet, despite these accomplishments, he admitted that he constantly worries about money and rarely feels truly secure. According to the post, his financial anxiety stems from growing up in a low-income household. Although his circumstances have changed dramatically, the fear of losing financial stability continues to influence his thinking. He said even small purchases make him anxious, mentioning that spending ₹750 on a

shirt leaves him wondering whether the expense is justified. The techie also reflected on the contrast between his own life and that of people from his hometown. He noted that some of his friends, including auto drivers and manual labourers who live with loans and modest incomes, often appear happier and less burdened by financial stress. Watching them enjoy life despite limited resources has made him question whether happiness is determined by wealth alone. His post quickly went viral, attracting thousands of com-



ments from users who offered advice and shared similar experiences. Many pointed out that financial security is not just about earning a high salary but also about overcoming the psychological impact of childhood struggles. Others encouraged him to focus on his achievements instead of constantly worrying about future uncertainties. Several commenters suggested that people who grow up with financial hardship often carry a lasting fear of poverty, even after becoming financially successful. They advised the young profes-

sional to celebrate his progress, invest in experiences that improve his quality of life, and consider seeking guidance to manage persistent financial anxiety. The viral discussion has struck a chord with many young professionals navigating high-paying careers in India's technology sector. It serves as a reminder that while a strong salary and financial discipline provide stability, true peace of mind often depends on emotional well-being, personal perspective, and the ability to feel secure beyond the numbers in a bank account.

Former India Star Urges Selectors to Pair Vaibhav Sooryavanshi with Rohit Sharma in ODIs

India's teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has received another major vote of confidence following his impressive performances against Zimbabwe. Former India wicket-keeper Farokh Engineer has urged chief selector Ajit Agarkar to include the 15-year-old in India's One-Day International (ODI) squad and open the innings alongside veteran Rohit Sharma. Sooryavanshi was named Player of the Series in the recently concluded three-match series against Zimbabwe after scoring 151 runs, including two half-centuries. His fearless stroke play and mature approach at such a young age have made him one of the brightest prospects in Indian cricket. Speaking about the youngster's future, Engineer said the time has come for India to back Sooryavanshi in the 50-over format. He dismissed the notion that there is a huge difference between T20 and ODI cricket for naturally gifted batters, arguing that a player who consistently scores runs and displays confidence deserves opportunities across formats. According to him, Sooryavanshi's



aggressive intent and ability to dominate the powerplay make him an ideal opening partner for Rohit Sharma. Engineer believes that India's selectors should reward exceptional talent without waiting for age or experience to become deciding factors. He pointed out that Sooryavanshi has already shown remarkable composure under



pressure and possesses the temperament required to succeed at the highest level. His performances, he said, indicate that the youngster is ready for bigger challenges. The teenager has enjoyed a remarkable rise in recent months. After making headlines in age-group cricket and domestic competitions, he earned a place in India's T20I setup earlier this year. His

rapid progress has strengthened the belief among many former cricketers that he could become a regular member of India's white-ball teams in the near future. However, competition for opening spots remains intense. India already have experienced options such as Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal, while several young batters are also pushing for opportunities. The selectors will therefore have to strike a balance between nurturing emerging talent and maintaining stability in the ODI side. Despite the selection challenges, Sooryavanshi's recent performances have undoubtedly strengthened his case. His fearless batting, consistency, and confidence have impressed cricket experts and fans alike, with many believing he has the potential to become one of India's next batting stars. Whether the selectors act on Engineer's recommendation remains to be seen, but the former India great's endorsement has added further momentum to the growing demand for Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's inclusion in India's ODI squad.

VVS Laxman Has One Message for Teen Sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi 'Improve Your Fitness'



India's stand-in head coach VVS Laxman has showered praise on teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi after his match-winning performances in the T20I series against Zimbabwe. However, while hailing the 15-year-old's exceptional talent and maturity, Laxman stressed that improving his overall fitness should now be the youngster's top priority as he prepares for a long international career. Sooryavanshi emerged as the standout performer of the three-match series, finishing as the Player of the Series after scoring 151 runs, including two impressive half-centuries. His fearless stroke play at the top of the order played a crucial role in India's convincing 3-0 clean sweep over Zimbabwe, further strengthening his reputation as one of the country's brightest young cricketing talents. Speaking after the series, Laxman said he has been impressed not only by Sooryavanshi's batting ability but also by his maturity and eagerness to learn. The coach noted that despite his young age, the left-handed batter has shown a remarkable willingness to absorb feedback, improve his game, and handle the pressures of international cricket with confidence. At the same time, Laxman identified fitness as the one area where the teenager still has considerable room for improvement. He explained that while Sooryavanshi possesses extraordinary cricketing skills, developing greater physical strength and endurance will be essential for sustaining success at the highest level across all formats of the game.



The India coach also praised the youngster's attitude, revealing that Sooryavanshi is always eager to train, compete, and contribute to the team. Laxman believes such commitment, combined with the right guidance and a stronger fitness regime, can help the young batter unlock his full potential and enjoy a long, successful international career. Sooryavanshi's remarkable rise has been one of Indian cricket's biggest success stories in recent months. After making headlines in domestic cricket and the IPL, he has seamlessly carried his aggressive batting style onto the international stage. His performances against Zimbabwe have earned widespread praise from former cricketers, selectors, and fans, many of whom believe he is destined to become a key member of India's white-ball teams. Despite the growing hype, Laxman's message serves as a reminder that talent alone is not enough to thrive at the highest level. Modern international cricket demands elite fitness standards, and the coach believes that focusing on physical conditioning will help Sooryavanshi cope with the workload and challenges that come with a long international season. With age firmly on his side and performances already turning heads around the cricketing world, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi appears to have all the ingredients for a successful future. If he continues to refine his fitness while maintaining his fearless approach with the bat, Indian cricket could have another superstar in the making.

'I Won't Be Part of the Rat Race': Sanju Samson Opens Up on Career, Criticism and Playing on His Own Terms

India wicketkeeper-batter Sanju Samson has made it clear that he no longer wants to be part of the constant race for validation in international cricket. In a candid interaction, the Kerala star said he has chosen to focus on enjoying the game and playing on his own terms rather than worrying about comparisons, criticism, or the pressure to prove himself every time he steps onto the field. Samson, who has often found himself in and out of the Indian team despite producing several memorable performances, admitted that the journey has not always been easy. Over the years, questions about his consistency and place in the national side have frequently dominated discussions. However, the stylish batter said he has reached a stage where he no longer wants external opinions to dictate his mindset. The 31-year-old explained that constantly trying to compete with others or chase public approval can become mentally exhausting. Instead, he wants to concentrate on preparing well, giving his best whenever opportunities come, and accepting both success and failure



with the same attitude. According to Samson, true satisfaction comes from staying committed to the process rather than being consumed by expectations. Samson also reflected on how experience has changed his outlook towards cricket. He said that as a younger player, he often worried about selection, criticism, and public perception. But over time, he has learned that many aspects of a cricketer's career are beyond

an individual's control. What remains within a player's control is the effort put into training, preparation, and performance on the field. The Rajasthan Royals captain emphasised that maintaining peace of mind has become one of his biggest priorities. He believes that a calm and positive approach allows him to express himself freely with the bat and perform without carrying the burden of

unnecessary pressure. Rather than chasing recognition, Samson said he now wants to enjoy every opportunity he gets to represent his team. His comments quickly attracted attention across social media, with fans praising his honest perspective on dealing with pressure in professional sport. Many users appreciated his emphasis on mental well-being and agreed that athletes often face immense scrutiny, making it important to focus on personal growth instead of external validation. Despite the challenges he has encountered throughout his international career, Samson remains optimistic about the future. He said his goal is to continue improving as a cricketer while staying true to himself, regardless of circumstances. With a refreshed mindset and renewed confidence, Sanju Samson hopes to write the next chapter of his career on his own terms—free from comparisons, focused on performance, and driven by his passion for the game rather than the constant race for approval.

Ajinkya Rahane Recalls Father's Quiet Sacrifice That Shaped His Cricket Journey

Veteran Indian cricketer Ajinkya Rahane has shared an emotional childhood memory, revealing how his father's silent sacrifice became the driving force behind his successful cricket career. Reflecting on his early days in Mumbai, Rahane said it was his father's unwavering support and selfless dedication that inspired him to work hard and fulfil his dream of representing India. Rahane recalled that he began playing cricket at the age of seven and travelled regularly for coaching sessions. As he grew older, his father encouraged him to become more independent by asking him to commute to practice on his own. Believing he was making the journey without assistance, the young Rahane gradually developed confidence and responsibility. Years later, however, Rahane discovered the truth. His father had quietly followed him during those trips



from a distance, making sure his son reached the cricket ground safely every single day. Without informing him, he kept a watchful eye throughout the journey, sacrificing his own time simply to ensure his son's well-being while allowing him to believe he was becoming independent. The revelation left a lasting impact

on Rahane. He said that moment made him realise the extent of his father's love and commitment, strengthening his determination to succeed not only for himself but also for his family. From then on, every practice session and every match became an opportunity to repay the faith his parents had placed in him. Rahane credited his parents for creating the foundation of his cricketing journey. Despite limited resources, they ensured he never lacked encouragement or opportunities to pursue the sport he loved. Their sacrifices, he said, taught him the values of discipline, patience, humility, and perseverance—qualities that later became hallmarks of his batting and leadership. Over the years, Rahane has established himself as one of India's most dependable cricketers, playing crucial roles in several memorable Test victories. He

is especially remembered for leading India to a historic Test series triumph in Australia in 2020-21, demonstrating calm leadership and resilience under pressure. Rahane's heartfelt recollection has resonated with cricket fans across the country, many of whom praised the touching story of parental sacrifice. Social media users described his father's actions as a powerful reminder that behind every successful athlete is often a family making countless unseen sacrifices. The veteran batter's emotional tribute highlights an enduring truth in sport—while talent and hard work are essential, the quiet support of loved ones often provides the strongest foundation for success. Rahane's journey stands as a testament to how a parent's unconditional belief and silent sacrifices can shape not just a cricketer, but a person for life.

'These Tears Were for Everything I Went Through': Mirabai Chanu Opens Up After Historic CWG Gold

Indian weightlifting icon Mirabai Chanu has revealed the emotional story behind her tears after winning a historic third consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal in Glasgow. Moments after standing atop the podium and hearing the Indian national anthem, Chanu broke down in tears, later explaining that the emotions reflected years of sacrifice, pain, setbacks, and relentless hard work that had finally culminated in another golden triumph. Mirabai scripted history by winning the women's 48kg weightlifting event, becoming the first Indian to claim three successive Commonwealth Games gold medals in the discipline. She also opened India's gold medal account

at the 2026 Games with a record-breaking performance, lifting 85kg in the snatch and 105kg in the clean and jerk for a total of 190kg, setting new Commonwealth and Games records. Reflecting on her emotional reaction during the medal ceremony, Mirabai said the tears were not just about the victory but about "everything I went through" to reach the top once again. She spoke about the immense physical and mental challenges she endured in the lead-up to the competition, saying every setback and sacrifice flashed through her mind as the national anthem played. The Olympic silver medallist also disclosed the extraordinary measures she took to compete in her



weight category. To make the required weight before the event, Mirabai revealed that she did not eat food or drink water for nearly three days, describing it as one of the toughest phases of her preparation. Despite the extreme challenge, she remained determined to defend her Commonwealth title and represent India with pride. Following her victory, congratulatory messages poured in from

across the country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed her achievement as another glorious chapter in Indian weightlifting, praising her consistency, dedication, and ability to inspire millions of aspiring athletes. Sports fans also flooded social media with messages celebrating her remarkable achievement and emotional podium moment. Mirabai's latest success adds another milestone to an already illustrious career that includes an Olympic silver medal, a World Championship gold, and multiple Commonwealth Games titles. Her journey from a small village in Manipur to becoming one of India's greatest weightlifters continues to inspire young athletes across the country.

'Thank You, VVS Sir': Shreyas Iyer's Heartfelt Tribute After India's 3-0 Zimbabwe Sweep



India captain Shreyas Iyer expressed heartfelt gratitude to stand-in head coach VVS Laxman after the Men in Blue completed a commanding 3-0 T20I series sweep over Zimbabwe. Following India's dominant performance, Iyer credited Laxman for inspiring the team and creating an environment that allowed both experienced players and youngsters to perform with confidence. Laxman stepped in as head coach for the Zimbabwe tour while regular coach Gautam Gambhir was on a short break. Under his guidance, India produced an all-round display throughout the series, with several young players making significant contributions alongside the senior members of the squad. Speaking after the series victory, Iyer thanked Laxman for his constant encouragement and support, saying the legendary former batter played a crucial role in motivating the squad. The Indian skipper praised Laxman's calm approach and wealth of experience, adding that his guidance helped the team stay focused and execute its plans successfully. "Thank you, VVS sir, for inspiring us," Iyer said while acknowledging the coach's contribution to India's flawless campaign. He also highlighted the positive atmosphere within the dressing room, where players were encouraged to play fearless cricket and back their natural abilities. Laxman, in turn, praised Iyer's leadership during the series. The former India batter described the captain as a confident and composed leader who earned the trust

of the dressing room through his positive attitude and tactical awareness. He said Iyer's confidence was infectious and played an important role in bringing the best out of the team. India's comprehensive victory was built on impressive performances from both senior and emerging players. Teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi emerged as one of the biggest positives, finishing as the Player of the Series after a string of outstanding knocks. The bowling unit also delivered consistently, ensuring Zimbabwe never gained momentum during the three-match contest. Reflecting on the triumph, Iyer described the series win as a special milestone in his captaincy career. He said the team's fearless brand of cricket, combined with the maturity shown by the younger players, was the key to India's success. The skipper added that the experience gained during the tour would help the squad prepare for tougher assignments in the future. The mutual appreciation between Iyer and Laxman highlighted the strong bond within the Indian camp. Their partnership, built on trust, communication, and shared belief, played a vital role in India's dominant performance against Zimbabwe. With the series ending in a clean sweep, India will now shift its focus to upcoming international assignments, carrying forward the confidence gained from an impressive tour and the emergence of several exciting young talents.



Keeravaani Drops Exciting Update on Rajamouli's 'Varanasi', Says Background Score Took Over Five Months

Oscar-winning music composer M.M. Keeravaani has shared an exciting update about director S.S. Rajamouli's much-awaited epic Varanasi, raising expectations among movie lovers. The veteran composer revealed that he has spent more than five months crafting the film's background score, underscoring the massive scale and ambition of the project.

Keeravaani, who has delivered memorable musical scores for Rajamouli's blockbusters including Magadheera, the Baahubali franchise, and RRR, described Varanasi as one of the most challenging and ambitious projects of his career. He said the background score demanded extraordinary attention because of the film's grand narrative, multiple timelines, and large-scale action sequences.

According to the composer, creating the score required months of planning, experimentation, and refinement to match Ra-



jamouli's cinematic vision. Rather than approaching it like a conventional film soundtrack, Keeravaani focused on designing music that would enhance the emotional depth, suspense, and visual spectacle throughout the story. Varanasi stars Mahesh Babu in the lead role, alongside Priyan-

ka Chopra and Prithviraj Sukumaran in key roles. The film is being mounted on an international scale and is widely regarded as one of the biggest Indian productions currently in development. Rajamouli's collaboration with Mahesh Babu has generated enormous anticipation ever since the



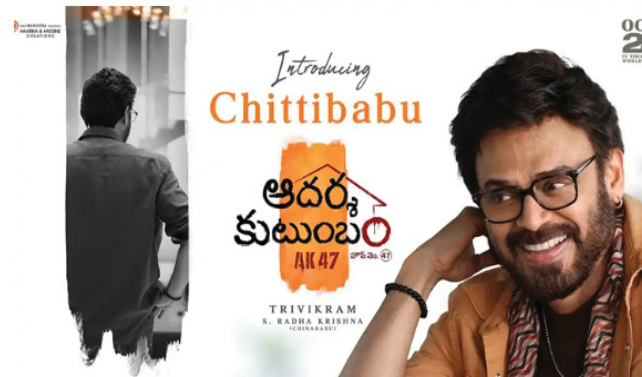
project was announced, with fans eagerly awaiting every new update.

Keeravaani and Rajamouli have shared one of Indian cinema's most successful creative partnerships over the years. Their collaborations have consistently produced critically acclaimed and

commercially successful films, with music playing a vital role in elevating the storytelling. Their Academy Award-winning song "Naatu Naatu" from RRR further strengthened their reputation on the global stage.

Although the makers continue to keep major plot details under wraps, the latest update from Keeravaani has heightened excitement surrounding the film. Fans believe the extensive time devoted to the background score reflects the meticulous effort being invested in every aspect of the production.

With Rajamouli known for pushing cinematic boundaries and Keeravaani delivering music that has become synonymous with epic storytelling, expectations for Varanasi continue to soar. As production progresses, audiences are eagerly waiting to witness another landmark collaboration between the celebrated filmmaker and his trusted musical partner.



Venkatesh's 'Aadarsha Kutumbham' Glimpse Introduces Chitti Babu in a Fun-Filled Avatar

The makers of Aadarsha Kutumbham House No. 47 marks the first-ever collaboration between Venkatesh and Trivikram Srinivas, making it one of the most anticipated Telugu films in recent times. The movie features Srinidhi Shetty as the female lead, while Nara Rohith, Rao Ramesh, Brahmaji, and several other prominent actors play pivotal roles. Music for the film is composed by S. Thaman, adding further expectations to the project. Fans have welcomed the glimpse with enthusiasm, praising Venkatesh's effortless humour and expressive performance. Many commented that the veteran actor appears perfectly suited for the role of Chitti Babu and expressed confidence that the film will deliver the blend of comedy, emotions, and family entertainment for which both Venkatesh and Trivikram are known.

The glimpse offers a sneak peek into Chitti Babu's cheerful and entertaining world. Venkatesh appears in his trademark comic style, effortlessly blending innocence, wit, and impeccable comic timing. His lively screen presence and relatable mannerisms hint that the character will be one of the film's biggest attractions, promising wholesome entertainment for audiences of all ages.

Without revealing major plot details, the teaser establishes the light-hearted tone of the movie while showcasing the warm atmosphere surrounding Chitti Babu's family. The visuals suggest that the film will revolve around relationships, emotions, and humorous situations, all presented in Trivikram Srinivas' signature storytelling style. The combination of heartfelt family moments and comedy has already struck a chord with movie lovers.

Produced by Haarika & Hassine Creations, the film is being mounted on a grand scale and is expected to be a complete family entertainer. With the latest glimpse successfully introducing Chitti Babu's vibrant personality, anticipation for the film has grown even stronger. As the promotional campaign gathers momentum, fans are now eagerly looking forward to more updates, including the trailer, songs, and release plans for what promises to be one of the year's biggest Telugu releases.



Bhagyashri Borse Reveals the Superstar She Would Love to Go on a Dinner Date With

Rising actress Bhagyashri Borse has once again grabbed attention, this time with a candid revelation about the Bollywood superstar she would love to meet over dinner. During a recent interaction, the actress was asked which celebrity she would choose for a dinner date, and her answer instantly delighted fans, quickly becoming a talking point on social media.

Without hesitation, Bhagyashri named Shah Rukh Khan as her dream dinner companion. The actress said she has long admired the Bollywood icon not only for his remarkable acting career but also for his intelligence, humility, and inspiring journey from an outsider to one of Indian cinema's biggest superstars. She added that sharing a meal with him would be a memorable experience and an opportunity to learn from his life and career.

Bhagyashri explained that Shah Rukh Khan's personality and ability to connect with people make him someone she has always looked up to. She said she would love to hear his experiences, understand his perspective on life, and gain valuable insights into the film industry from one of its most accomplished actors. The actress has been steadily building a strong presence in South Indian cinema. After making her Telugu debut with Mr. Bachchan, she impressed audiences

with her screen presence and has since signed several high-profile projects across Telugu and Tamil cinema. Her growing popularity has positioned her as one of the industry's promising young talents.

Bhagyashri currently has an exciting lineup of films, working alongside some of the biggest names in the industry. Her recent performances and upcoming projects have significantly boosted her career, while her confidence and charming personality continue to win over fans. Industry observers believe she is on track to become one of the leading actresses of the new generation.

Fans warmly reacted to her choice of Shah Rukh Khan, with many saying they were not surprised given the actor's immense popularity and inspirational journey. Social media users praised Bhagyashri's admiration for the superstar, noting that countless aspiring actors consider him a role model because of his dedication, charisma, and remarkable success. As Bhagyashri Borse continues to climb the ladder of success in Indian cinema, her heartfelt admiration for Shah Rukh Khan has resonated with movie lovers. While the dinner date remains a dream for now, fans are hopeful that one day the two stars might actually meet, creating a memorable moment for both the actress and her admirers.

'The Paradise' Teaser Incoming: Makers to Reveal Release Date Soon

Excitement surrounding Natural Star Nani's highly anticipated action drama The Paradise is set to reach a new high, with the makers announcing that a brand-new teaser is on the way. Along with the teaser, the team is also expected to officially unveil the film's much-awaited release date, giving fans a major update on one of Telugu cinema's biggest upcoming projects.

Directed by Srikanth Odela, who earlier delivered the blockbuster Dasara with Nani, The Paradise has been creating immense buzz ever since its announcement. The film's first promotional material showcased a gritty and intense world, leaving audiences eager to witness what the filmmaker has in store this time. The upcoming teaser is expected to offer fresh visuals, reveal more about the story's backdrop, and provide a closer look at Nani's powerful character.

According to the latest announcement, the makers will soon



disclose the film's theatrical release date alongside the teaser launch. While several release dates have been speculated over the past few months, fans are now awaiting an official confirmation from the production team.

Nani is said to be portraying one of the most intense roles of his ca-

reer. His rugged makeover and commanding screen presence have already generated significant curiosity among movie lovers. Director Srikanth Odela is reportedly aiming to deliver a raw, emotionally charged action drama with a larger-than-life cinematic experience. The film features mu-

sic composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose collaboration with Nani has already produced memorable soundtracks in the past. The background score and songs are expected to play a crucial role in enhancing the film's high-octane narrative. The project is being produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri un-

der the SLV Cinemas banner on a lavish scale. Since the release of the film's initial promotional content, expectations have continued to soar. Fans have been eagerly waiting for another glimpse, and the announcement of a new teaser has only intensified the excitement. Social media has been flooded with discussions, with many predicting that the teaser will showcase another powerful transformation from Nani and set the stage for one of the biggest Telugu releases of the year.

With the teaser launch just around the corner and the official release date set to be revealed soon, The Paradise is gearing up for an aggressive promotional campaign. Given the successful combination of Nani and Srikanth Odela, industry observers believe the film has the potential to emerge as one of the most talked-about pan-Indian releases, making the upcoming teaser a highly anticipated event for cinema lovers across the country.

Fresh Buzz: 'Ramayana' Trailer May Arrive with 'Spider-Man: Brand New Day'

No Delay for Ravi Teja's 'Irumudi'; Makers Clarify Release Plans Amid Rumours

Speculation surrounding Mass Maharaja Ravi Teja's upcoming film Irumudi has been put to rest after reports suggested that the project had been postponed. Responding to the growing buzz on social media, sources close to the production have clarified that there has been no postponement, and the film is progressing according to schedule.

Irumudi has generated significant curiosity ever since it was announced, primarily because it promises to present Ravi Teja in a completely different avatar. Unlike his signature mass entertainers, the film is said to revolve around an emotional story that blends a touching father-daughter relationship with a devotional backdrop, offering audiences a refreshing side of the actor.

Over the past few days, rumours began circulating online claiming that the film's production had been delayed and that its release plans were likely to be pushed back. The speculation quickly spread across social media platforms, leaving fans concerned about the project's status. However, the latest clarification confirms that these reports are baseless and that there has been no change to the makers' plans.

The film is being directed by Bhanu Bhogavarapu, who is reportedly aiming to showcase Ravi Teja in a performance driven by strong emotions rather than conventional commercial elements. While action and en-

tertainment are expected to remain part of the narrative, the emotional bond between a father and daughter is believed to be the heart of the story.

Industry insiders suggest that the production is moving forward as planned, with the team currently focused on completing the remaining portions of the shoot. The makers are also said to be working meticulously on every aspect of the film to ensure it meets audience expectations.

Fans have welcomed the clarification, expressing relief that the film has not been delayed. Many are eager to see Ravi Teja explore a more emotionally layered character, something that differs from his recent commercial outings. The combination of an emotional narrative and devotional backdrop has further heightened anticipation among movie lovers. Although the makers have not yet revealed additional promotional material or a detailed release schedule, they are expected to share more updates in the coming weeks. Until then, the latest clarification has effectively ended speculation, assuring fans that Irumudi remains firmly on track.

With Ravi Teja taking on a unique role and the team maintaining confidence in the project's progress, Irumudi continues to be one of the most eagerly awaited Telugu films in production, with audiences looking forward to witnessing a new dimension of the actor's performance on the big screen.

Excitement surrounding Nitesh Tiwari's Ramayana continues to soar, and a fresh industry buzz has now sparked speculation about the film's much-awaited trailer. According to the latest reports, the makers are planning to unveil the trailer alongside the theatrical release of Spider-Man: Brand New Day, giving audiences a grand cinematic experience before one of Hollywood's biggest releases. While an official confirmation is still awaited, the update has generated tremendous excitement among movie lovers.

The trailer was initially expected to premiere during San Diego Comic-Con 2026, but the makers postponed its global launch. Producer Namit Malhotra later clarified that the trailer would be released at a later date as part of a larger worldwide rollout, fueling speculation about when and where fans would get their first full look at the epic mythological drama.

The latest buzz suggests that attaching the trailer to Spider-Man: Brand New Day would help the makers reach a massive global audience. With the Hollywood blockbuster expected to attract huge crowds worldwide, the strategy could provide Ramayana with unparalleled visibility ahead of its theatrical release. However, the production team has not yet officially confirmed the plan.

Directed by Nitesh Tiwari, Ramayana features an impressive ensemble cast led by Ranbir Kapoor as Lord Ram, Sai Pallavi as Sita, and Yash as Ravana. Veteran actors Sunny Deol and Ravi Dubey also play pivotal roles in the ambitious two-part cinematic adaptation of the Indian epic. The film has been mounted on a massive scale, with world-class visual effects and an international production team.

The project has already become one of the most anticipated Indian films in recent

years. The combination of A.R. Rahman and Hans Zimmer for the background score has further elevated expectations, while the makers have repeatedly emphasized their vision of presenting Ramayana as a global cinematic spectacle.

Fans have been eagerly waiting for the first full-fledged trailer ever since the film's initial promotional material generated widespread appreciation. Social media is buzzing with discussions, with many expecting the trailer to showcase breathtaking visuals, large-scale action sequences, and the epic confrontation between Lord Ram and Ravana.

With the film slated for a Diwali 2026 release, the promotional campaign is expected to intensify in the coming weeks. Until an official announcement is made, the latest trailer buzz has only added to the growing anticipation, making Ramayana one of the most talked-about Indian films currently in production.

