

Lokesh Praises Vadanya Foundation for Empowering Rural Students

Amaravati, July 19 | TPN Bureau

Minister for HRD, IT and Electronics Nara Lokesh lauded Vadanya Foundation for supporting underprivileged rural students in securing admissions to premier institutions.

Founded in 2010 by Ashok Padapati, a software engineer from Kothacheruvu in Sri Sathya Sai district, the foundation trains talented rural students for competitive exams like IIT-JEE and NEET using contributions from like-minded professionals.

This year, three students achieved top admissions: Jugesh Kumar (IIT Madras), Tulasi Karthik (Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru) and



Yashwanth Kumar Reddy (IIT Roorkee). All studied in government schools and come from economically weaker backgrounds.

Ashok Padapati met Lokesh along with the students and presented the 'Vadanya Talent Test' book. The Minister said the government would explore collaboration to develop question banks and conduct similar talent tests statewide.

Shining Stars Awards Presented to Meritorious Students

Bapatla, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District In-charge Minister and Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Kolusu Parthasarathi on Monday presented Shining Stars Awards to meritorious students at a programme organised by the District Education Department at V Convention Hall in Bapatla.

The event was conducted as per the directions of the state government to recognise outstanding student achievers. District Collector Dr Vinod Kumar V, Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma and BAWADA Chairman Rajasekhar Babu



joined the minister in presenting the awards. Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries congratulated the award recipients and encouraged them to continue striving for academic excellence. RDO A. Hari Kumar, RIO Kodandaram, DEO Srinivas Singh, SSPO Srinivasa Rao, MEOs, teachers, award-winning students and other officials participated in the programme.

AP Youth to Get Tourism Guide Training Opportunities

Jaipur/Amaravati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister Kandula Durgesh said the government is focusing on creating employment opportunities for unemployed youth through the tourism sector. During his visit to Jaipur, he met Tourists Guides Federation of India President Narendra Singh Rathore and discussed tourism development and skill training opportunities for AP youth.

Durgesh invited the federation representatives to visit Andhra Pradesh and provide professional training to local youth to become tour guides. He said trained guides would help improve tourism services and create self-employment opportunities. The Minister highlighted that the Union Budget



2026 has given importance to tourism and hospitality sectors, including skill training for youth through organisations like the Tourism and Hospitality Skill Council.

He said professional tour guides, along with AI digital guides, would be made available at tourist destinations. The Minister added that trained youth would support visitors seeking personal guides during their tours.

AP Tourism Special Chief Secretary Ajay Jain was also present during the meeting.

Minister Defends Ramayapatnam Port PPP Model

Amaravati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy defended the PPP model for Ramayapatnam Port, stating that YSRCP has no moral right to question the policy. He alleged that the previous government had also implemented similar agreements while in power.

The Minister said PPP does not mean selling ports but creating development partnerships that attract investments and generate employment. He stated that 91% of ports across India operate under

the PPP model and cited Krishnapatnam, Kakinada and Gangavaram ports as examples. Janardhan Reddy rejected claims that 95% of Ramayapatnam Port works were completed during the YSRCP regime, stating that only 50% progress was achieved by June 2024 and it increased to 80.50% under the coalition government.

He said the agreement ensures government benefits through revenue sharing, minimum guaranteed revenue and equity participation, while helping boost investments and industrial development.

Munikudali Being Developed As Model Pushkar Panchayat With ₹7 Crore Works

Sravani Badugu

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan reviewed the progress of development works taken up to transform Munikudali village in Seethanagaram Mandal of East Godavari district into a Model Pushkar Panchayat. The works, estimated at around 7 crore, are aimed at providing modern facilities to devotees visiting the Godavari Pushkarams under the theme "Swachh Godavari - Pavitra Pushkaralu".

Pawan Kalyan held a review meeting with Principal Secretary of Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department Kanthilal Dande and Commissioner Krishna Teja on Monday. Officials briefed him on the ongoing infrastructure works being executed in Munikudali Gram Panchayat and Sapta Rishi Ghat



area.

A CC road from the village centre to Sapta Rishi Ghat is nearing completion to facilitate smooth movement of pilgrims. A 3.5-metre-wide concrete platform is also being developed at the ghat to prevent inconvenience caused by water flow and slippery surfaces.

Officials informed that high-mast lighting poles are being installed at the ghat for better safety and visibility during night hours. Electrical infrastructure

works worth 1.50 crore, including six transformers, power lines and poles, have been completed. As part of sanitation measures, magic drains, soak pits and recharge pits are being constructed to ensure scientific wastewater management and maintain cleanliness in the village. A modern information centre and public toilets near the ghat are also under construction, with around 75 per cent of toilet works completed.

Pawan Kalyan directed officials to complete the remaining works at the earliest and stated that other Pushkar Panchayats should be developed on the lines of the Munikudali model. Officials said tender processes for additional works proposed under the initiative have been completed and execution will begin soon.

BPCL Fuel Station Opens in Bapatla to Boost Civic Revenue

Bapatla, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister Kolusu Parthasarathi on Monday inaugurated a BPCL petrol bunk established by the Bapatla Municipality, stressing the need to provide residents with quality fuel that meets prescribed standards.

The minister inaugurated the facility along with District Collector Dr Vinod Kumar V, Bapatla MLA Vegesana Narendra Varma Raju and BAWADA Chairman Rajasekhar Babu. He inspected the petrol bunk and reviewed its operations with officials before addressing the media. Parthasarathi said the new BPCL outlet would ensure the availability of quality fuel while



creating an additional source of revenue for the municipality. He noted that the state government is encouraging initiatives that strengthen the financial position of urban local bodies and improve civic services. He added that the government remains committed to public welfare and infrastructure development.

RDO A. Hari Kumar, Municipal Commissioner M. Hasini, DE Krishna Reddy, Tahsildar Shaik

Saleem, BPCL representatives, public representatives and municipal officials attended the programme.

Later, he visited Bhavitha Centre at Municipal High School premises. On the occasion, Minister instructed officials to strengthen Bhavitha Centres and provide better services to children with special needs. He stressed the importance of inclusive education and coordinated efforts. Officials informed that 17 students are currently receiving training under 21 categories of the Bhavitha programme. The Minister also interacted with parents and reviewed facilities and safety measures.

104 Ambulances to Get New Facilities in AP

Amaravati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Government has approved changes in the design and facilities of 104 mobile medical unit (MMU) ambulances to provide 41 diagnostic tests for people across the state. The Health Department said that installation of required equipment, internal

modifications and rebranding works in the 104 vehicles will be carried out in phases and may take up to two months. Due to the ongoing works, availability of some vehicles may be reduced temporarily.

Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav approved the proposal and directed officials to complete the modifications within the stipulated period.

He instructed authorities to prepare proper plans to ensure that public services are not affected during the transition.

The Minister also directed officials to effectively utilise 34 backup vehicles arranged for emergency situations and maintain uninterrupted medical services during the modification process.

Rs. 51 Crore Approved for Teaching Hospital Upgrades

Amaravati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The AP government has sanctioned Rs. 51 crore for repair works and infrastructure development in teaching hospitals across the state. The funds will be utilised for improving facilities in 13 Government General Hospitals (GGHs) and 13 medical and dental colleges.

The Director of Medical Education (DME) office prepared

proposals based on requests from hospital superintendents and college principals. Following discussions with the Finance Department, funds were approved from hospital development funds and Dr NTR Vaidya Seva Trust funds. DME Dr A. Vishnuvaran issued orders accordingly.

Major allocations include Rs. 8.77 crore for KGH, Rs. 5.20 crore for Srikakulam GGH, Rs. 2.94 crore for Kakinada GGH

and Rs. 4.10 crore for Vijayawada GGH. The works include medical gas pipelines, roof repairs, sanitation improvements, water supply repairs and other infrastructure upgrades.

Additional funds will be provided for development works at medical colleges in Srikakulam, Guntur, Visakhapatnam and Kakinada to improve healthcare facilities for patients and students.

Chakrapani's Books Guide Legislators Says Budhaprasad

Hyderabad, July 20 | TPN Bureau

MLA Dr Mandali Budhaprasad said the writings of former AP Legislative Council Chairman Dr A. Chakrapani would serve as valuable guides for present-day MLAs and MLCs.

Speaking at the launch of three books authored by Dr Chakrapani at his residence in Hyderabad, Budhaprasad said the books — Andhra Pradesh Legislature - Its Origin and a Line of Historical Evolution,



Privileges of Members of Parliament/Legislature, and Right to Information in India - A Critique — provide deep insights into legislative affairs and democratic practices.

He said Chakrapani played a key role in the re-establishment of the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council and maintained high standards while serving as Chairman from 2007 to 2017. Budhaprasad praised his efforts in promoting cooperation between the ruling and opposition parties and passing resolutions unanimously.

Former Legislative Council Chief Whip Rudraraju Padmaraju and others attended the programme.

Ministers Seek Centre's Support For Aqua And Tobacco Farmers

New Delhi, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Acting on the instructions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, a delegation of state ministers and public representatives met Union Ministers in New Delhi on Monday and submitted representations on issues concerning aquaculture and tobacco sectors.

The delegation met Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Panchayati Raj, and sought early establishment of the National



Fisheries Development Board (NFDB) regional office and Aqua Quarantine Facility (AQF) in Amaravati. They informed that the state government had allotted 7.89 acres of land for the proposed facilities.

Later, the delegation met Un-

ion Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and highlighted challenges faced by shrimp farmers due to rising production costs and declining international prices.

The ministers sought regulation of fish meal exports, permission for GM soybean meal imports for registered shrimp feed manufacturers, and incentives for FCV tobacco exporters through RoDTEP and Interest Equalisation Scheme.

The Union Ministers assured that the issues raised by Andhra Pradesh would be examined on priority.

Pawan Kalyan Hails India's First Green Hydrogen Train Launch

Amaravati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan hailed the launch of India's first Green Hydrogen-powered train as a major milestone in the country's green transition and sustainable transportation journey.

In a post on X, Pawan Kalyan congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Ministry of Railways, Indian Railways, scientists, engineers, RDSO and Medha Servo Drives for making the initiative possible.

Sharing a photograph of Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagging off the Green Hydrogen train, Pawan Kalyan said the project reflects India's engineering excellence, indigenous innovation and commitment to a cleaner future.

He said the hydrogen-powered



train, which emits only water vapour at the point of use, demonstrates how technology can support economic growth while protecting the environment.

Pawan Kalyan highlighted the transformation of Indian Railways through electrification, Vande Bharat trains, modern stations, Dedicated Freight Corridors and safety systems like Kavach.

He said the achievement inspires Andhra Pradesh to continue promoting clean energy, environmental protection and sustainable development for future generations.

Steam Rice Pilot Planned for PDS in AP

Mangalagiri, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister Nadendla Manohar on Monday announced that the Andhra Pradesh government is planning to introduce steam rice through the Public Distribution System (PDS), with discussions with the Centre in the final stage. A pilot project will first be implemented in one district before expanding it across the state.

During a surprise inspection of the Akshaya Patra Foundation kitchen in Mangalagiri, Manohar reviewed hygiene standards, food preparation, storage facilities and the transportation of meals to 306 schools under the Dokka Seethamma Mid-Day Meal Scheme. He said the government would ensure the supply of aged rice for school meals from next month, following expert recommendations that it offers better nutritional



value. The minister also said Food Control officials had been directed to monitor meal quality regularly. Referring to the possible impact of El Niño, Manohar said cultivation may decline by 14-20 per cent this year but assured there would be no shortage of foodgrains due to adequate stocks and coordination with the Centre.

Civil Supplies Commissioner Kannababu, Civil Supplies Director Nafur and APMIDC Chairman Chillapalli Srinivasa Rao accompanied the minister during the inspection.

Temple Facilities Reviewed at Lova Shrine

Lova, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Endowments Commissioner K. Ramachandra Mohan visited Sri Talupulamma Ammavari Devasthanam at Lova and reviewed sanitation, devotee facilities, and development works at the temple.

During his visit, the Commissioner directed temple officials to improve cleanliness by increasing the number of sanitation staff. He also instructed authorities to replace plastic cans with stainless steel cans for providing drinking water to devotees.

K. Ramachandra Mohan advised officials to ensure that painting works at the temple follow the traditional and spiritual style of the shrine. He later contacted some devotees over the phone and collected feedback on the facilities and services being provided.



Devotees expressed satisfaction with the arrangements at the temple and appreciated the available facilities. The Commissioner instructed officials to continue working towards providing better services and improved amenities for devotees.

AP to Host Telugu Cultural Festivals

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Creativity and Cultural Committee will organise two major events to promote Telugu language, literature, arts and culture, Committee Chairperson Tejaswi Podapati announced on Monday.

Addressing the media in Vijayawada, Tejaswi said the Andhra Pradesh Telugu Mahotsavam will be held on July 25 and 26 at the Undavalli Caves premises with the aim of preserving Telugu as a cultural heritage for future generations.

The two-day festival will feature music programmes, poetry gatherings, discussions with youth, storytelling sessions, and Telugu postcard writing activities.



ties in association with the Postal Department.

She also announced that the Amaravati Chitrakala Veedhi open-air art festival will be held on August 8 and 9 at Vidyanagar Ring Road in Guntur with around 800 stalls. The event will provide a platform for artists to showcase their talent.

Tejaswi called upon artists, writers, cultural organisations and the public to participate in the programmes aimed at strengthening Telugu culture.

Chandrababu Developed Rayalaseema Says Savitha

Puttaparthi, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Minister S. Savitha said Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's initiatives brought major development and irrigation facilities to Rayalaseema. She made the remarks while inspecting Bukkapatnam tank along with MLAs MS Raju and Palle Sindhura Reddy.

Savitha said Krishna waters were brought to Rayalaseema through TDP governments and credited Chandrababu Naidu with providing water from Kuppam to Madakasira. She said the govern-

ment is spending thousands of crores on irrigation projects and that completion of the Polavaram project would ensure water supply to every acre in the region.

She highlighted industrial growth in Rayalaseema, including Kia Motors in Sri Sathya Sai district, a drone hub in Kurnool and other projects. Criticising the previous YSRCP government, she alleged that no significant development was carried out in the region during its five-year rule and challenged its leaders for a debate on governance.

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17 Allied Health Courses To Be Introduced In Govt Medical Colleges

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences will introduce 17 Allied Health courses recognised by the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP) in government medical colleges from the 2026-27 academic year in a phased manner. A review meeting chaired by Vice-Chancellor Dr. Pulala Chandrasekhar discussed strengthening Allied Health education by aligning courses with NCAHP standards on faculty, infrastructure and academics. Registrar Dr. T. Sai Sudheer, Dr. Suryaprabha, Dr. Neelima, APSAHPC Chairman Dr. Y. Venkateswara Rao and Secretary Sumaila participated in the meeting. The university and APSAHPC will jointly prepare an action plan for implementation.

A Silent Strategy to Rebuild and Strengthen the Party

Madhav Focuses on Organisation, Outreach in First Year as AP BJP Chief

CH Raju

Rajamahendravaram: One year after assuming charge as Andhra Pradesh Bharatiya Janata Party president, P.V.N. Madhav has focused on strengthening the party's organisational structure, expanding its grassroots presence and enhancing public outreach. Over the past 12 months, the BJP has intensified booth-level activities, public campaigns and membership drives while functioning as part of the ruling coalition in the State.

Madhav began his political journey with the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad, actively participating in student movements before taking on responsibilities in the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha. Influenced by the ideology of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh and the BJP, he emerged as a prominent leader from North Andhra. He is the son of late P.V. Madhav, former MLC and senior BJP leader.



As a Graduates' Constituency MLC, Madhav raised issues concerning unemployed youth, teachers and government employees in the Legislative Council. He also advocated developmental initiatives such as the Visakhapatnam Railway Zone, IT sector growth and infrastructure development in tribal areas. During coalition governments, he highlighted public concerns and offered suggestions on education reforms, employment generation and governance.

Since taking over as State president, Madhav has travelled extensively across

Andhra Pradesh, conducting Gram Sabhas and Karyakarta Sammelanams to strengthen the party's booth-level network. The leadership has prioritised expanding the BJP's presence in villages and improving coordination between district and State units.

A key focus has been creating awareness about Central welfare schemes, including free ration distribution, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi and Ayushman Bharat. Party leaders and cadres conducted campaigns highlighting

Central assistance and the implementation of these schemes in the State.

The BJP also intensified agitations on public issues, organising protests, dharnas, road blockades and the "Chalo Assembly" programme over farmers' concerns, river pollution, unemployment and law-and-order issues, while maintaining its independent political identity within the coalition. Organisationally, the party reported progress through expanded membership drives using digital plat-

forms and grassroots campaigns. Youth participation increased through IT and social media wings, and efforts were made to develop a second line of leadership by empowering district-level leaders.

Party workers cite Madhav's accessible leadership style and regular interaction with grassroots cadre as key factors in strengthening the organisation. As he completes one year in office, the BJP says it will continue focusing on expansion, public engagement and raising people's issues across the State.



Ports, Rail, Roads Must Work Together to Drive Investment, Jobs and Exports

The long-term economic transformation of North Andhra will depend not only on the creation of major infrastructure but also on how effectively ports, railways, roads and logistics networks function as an integrated system, according to the fourth part of the Andhra Pradesh Development Audit (2014-2026): North Andhra Special. The report states that port development alone cannot ensure economic growth. It notes that the Union government's Sagarmala Programme was designed to integrate ports with industrial development, logistics parks, export hubs and employment generation. Rather than treating ports as standalone transport facilities, the programme seeks to establish complete maritime economic ecosystems. For North Andhra, with its long coastline, expanding port infrastructure and strategic location, the potential to emerge as a leading logistics



and maritime hub is significant. However, the report stresses that the programme's success should be measured by implementation rather than announcements. It raises key questions over the progress of port connectivity projects, the pace of road and rail expansion, the development of logistics facilities and industrial investments, and whether these initiatives are reducing logistics costs, strengthening exports and creating sustainable employment. The report also examines the South Coast Railway Zone, describing its establishment at Visakhapatnam as the fulfilment of a long-standing regional aspiration. At the same time, it argues that the success



of the railway zone should be evaluated on operational efficiency, freight handling capacity, financial sustainability and its contribution to regional economic development rather than on its creation alone. Particular attention is drawn to the Kirandul iron ore freight corridor, historically one of the most significant revenue-generating railway routes. Since this freight corridor does not fall within the operational jurisdiction of the South Coast Railway Zone, the report says questions remain regarding the zone's

long-term revenue potential and financial strength. It describes this as an economic issue rather than a political one, highlighting the importance of adequate financial resources for future infrastructure expansion and improved services.

The report further observes that ports, airports, highways and railways should not be viewed as separate infrastructure projects. Instead, they collectively determine how efficiently goods move to domestic and international markets. Efficient logistics, it notes, lowers

transport costs, shortens delivery time, improves export competitiveness and enhances investor confidence.

According to the report, North Andhra's future competitiveness will depend on the combined strength of Bhogapuram Airport, the ports at Visakhapatnam and Mulapeta, the expanding national highway network, the railway system and the region's coastline. Together, these assets form an integrated logistics ecosystem capable of attracting investment and accelerating industrial growth.

The report concludes that this infrastructure network provides the foundation for the region's next phase of development, driven by advanced manufacturing, clean energy, pharmaceuticals, information technology, data infrastructure and other knowledge-based industries, positioning North Andhra for sustained long-term economic growth.

AP Tourism Bags 'Best Wedding Destination - Emerging State' Award

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Cinematography Kandula Durgesh received the award from the organisers during a special ceremony held in Jaipur on Monday. Speaking on the occasion, Kandula Durgesh said the honour reflected the efforts of the Andhra Pradesh government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, along with support from the Centre, to strengthen tourism development. He said Andhra Pradesh, with its scenic locations, cultural heritage and hospitality, has immense potential to emerge as a premier destination for domestic and international weddings. The Minister



recalled that the state had recently received the 'Best Tourism Promotion State' award at the Global Travel Market in Kerala and the 'Most Instagrammable Landscape' award or Araku under the 'Indian Roots Editor's Choice' category in Goa. He thanked the IWTC organisers and expressed confidence that the state would achieve greater recognition in the tourism sector.

Tripura DGP Anurag Dhankad Ends Life By Suicide

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An investigation to ascertain the circumstances that led to the incident. Officials said further details would emerge after the completion of the investigation. A high-

level inquiry is also expected to examine the reasons behind the tragic incident. Anurag Dhankad assumed charge as Tripura DGP in May 2025 and was serving as the head of the state police force.

CJP's 'Chalo Parliament' Protest Turns Tense Over NEET-UG Paper Leak

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has also sought accountability for examination irregularities and greater transparency in national entrance tests. Amid the escalating protests, national media reported that Union Home Minister Amit Shah held a meeting with Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan to discuss the evolving situa-

tion. BJP National President and Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda also met representatives of the protesters at Jantar Mantar, where they submitted a memorandum outlining their demands. Reports also indicated that J.P. Nadda was expected to meet environmental activist Sonam Wangchuk, who is undergoing treatment after his hunger strike.

CM Asserts No Privatisation Of Sub-Registrar Offices

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regional culture. He said the airport would boost tourism, logistics, employment and investments. He also instructed officials to honour farmers and landowners who contributed land by offering a one-time complimentary air travel facility. Publicity campaigns are to be conducted from July 20 to 31, with promotion of Araku Coffee during the inauguration.

Commitment to Tribal Welfare

In a separate review, Chandrababu Naidu reaffirmed the government's commitment to protecting tribal rights. Discussions focused on the Supreme Court verdict on GO No. 3 and related issues of local job reservations in Scheduled areas. He said GO No. 3, introduced in 2000, aimed to provide 100 per cent reservation for local tribals, and alleged that the previous YSRCP government



failed to effectively defend the case, leading to its cancellation in 2020. The government is now exploring legal options to restore benefits while respecting the court's verdict. The Chief Minister directed officials and public representatives to consult tribal associations and suggested administrative changes, including shifting Aluri Sitarama Raju district to Zone 1 and including Polavar-

am district in Zone 2.

He assured that tribal rights would be protected in matters such as bauxite mining and confirmed that the 1/70 Act would continue to be implemented. Minister Sandhya Rani, Chief Secretary Sai Prasad, Tribal Welfare Department Secretary Naik, GAD Principal Secretary Rawat and Law Department officials attended the meetings.

Naidu Seeks Centre's Support For Aquaculture And Tobacco Farmers

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Minister during the Seafood Exports Workshop held in Visakhapatnam on June 5. The state government has already allotted 7.89 acres of land at Nekkallu village for the NFDB regional office, training centre, fisheries park and public aquarium. In a letter to Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, Chandrababu Naidu highlighted challenges faced by shrimp exporters due to increased ex-

ports from Ecuador and declining global prices. He requested regulation of fish meal exports and reiterated the need to allow GM soybean meal imports. He also sought extension of RoDTEP benefits to unmanufactured tobacco exporters from Andhra Pradesh.

In a separate letter to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the Chief Minister requested reduction of GST on aquaculture aerators from

18 per cent to 5 per cent and on unmanufactured tobacco from 40 per cent to 28 per cent. He also sought a one-time top-up of Rs 5 lakh under the Kisan Credit Card scheme for aqua farmers and creation of a Rs 100 crore NFDB corpus fund for domestic marketing.

CM Naidu said these measures would provide relief to farmers, boost exports and strengthen Andhra Pradesh's aquaculture and tobacco sectors.

Gurumoorthy Seeks Lok Sabha Debate on Law and Order in Andhra Pradesh

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custodial deaths, including Sai Krishna in Krishna district and Yedukondalu in SPSR Nellore district. He also mentioned the deaths of Mala Gangamma in Kurnool, Kranti Kumar in Krishna district, and Sk. Dariya Hussain of Piduguralla, who allegedly left a suicide note blaming police harassment. The MP stated that

between June 2024 and March 2026, 209 crimes against women were reported, including 126 rape and sexual assault cases. He also highlighted 69 incidents involving Scheduled Castes and 133 cases of political violence. Gurumoorthy urged the Union Government to order a detailed report, ensure impartial investigations, and fix accountability.

Endowments Funds for 'Thalliki Vandanam' Spark Debate

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"The Brahmin Corporation is under the administrative control of the Endowments Department. Hence, funds are routed through it. This is a standard procedure and not a diversion of temple funds," he said. Similar practices existed earlier as well. Even during the YSRCP government, funds for the then scheme Amma Vodi were released through respective caste-based corporations such as SC, ST, BC, Minority and other corporations to benefit eligible students from those communities. Meanwhile, the administra-

tive control of the AP Brahmin Welfare Corporation has shifted over time, from BC Welfare to Endowments in 2015, back to BC Welfare in 2021, and again to Endowments in June 2026 under the government led by N. Chandrababu Naidu.

"The allocation of funds through respective corporations is a long-standing mechanism to ensure targeted benefits. It is not a new development," Sashidhar said.

While the clarification aims to address concerns, the issue has sparked a broader debate on fund allocation and transparency in welfare implementation.

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

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Karnataka lodged a complaint at Attapur Police Station accusing Uday Krishna Reddy of repeated harassment. She alleged that he sent obscene messages via WhatsApp from June 23 and used inappropriate language in front of colleagues. The complaint further stated that he dragged her into a room on multiple occasions, physically assaulted her, attempted to strangle her and threatened her with a knife. She also alleged that he recorded personal videos and used them to blackmail her, threatening to send them to her husband. Based on the complaint, police

registered a case under provisions of the IT Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and began an investigation.

Police said notices were issued to him, and he had posted on social media denying the allegations, calling them baseless and urging the media to verify facts. Within a day of the case registration, he allegedly attempted suicide, triggering widespread concern.

A native of Ullapalem in Prakasam district, Uday Krishna Reddy rose from a constable to an IPS officer, securing 360th rank after multiple attempts. The case has now sparked debate, with investigations ongoing and his future in service uncertain.

CM Inspects New Thalli-Bidda Express Vehicles

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create public awareness about the initiative.

Under the programme, 500 specialised SUV/MUV vehicles will be deployed across the state to transport mothers who deliver in government hospitals, along with their newborns and attendants, safely to their homes. The service will also be extended to high-risk pregnant women and those suffering from severe anaemia for hospital visits and medical check-ups. Officials said around 2.75 lakh new mothers are expected to benefit from the initiative every year. The vehicles are

equipped with rear seatbelts, footrests for easy boarding, air-conditioning, first-aid kits, fire safety equipment and GPS tracking systems for real-time monitoring.

Health, Medical and Family Welfare Secretary Veerapandian, senior officials from the department and National Health Mission (NHM) participated in the inspection. Officials briefed the Chief Minister on vehicle maintenance, implementation plans and expansion of services across all districts. The services will be launched soon after completion of branding works.

Pawan Kalyan To Avoid Field Visits For Two More Weeks On Medical Advice

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leaders and review organisational matters. Meanwhile, Pawan Kalyan will stay away from field visits for another two weeks following medical advice. He will continue official duties from the Mangalagiri camp office. Pawan Kalyan had initially planned to resume field engagements and instructed officials to make arrangements for visits to Pithapuram, Pedapenki village in Parvathipuram Manyam district and Pushkar Ghats in Rajamahendravaram. However, doctors advised

him against participating in public programmes involving crowds, stating that such activities could put pressure on the operated shoulder and may aggravate the injury. They also cautioned that any further complication could make recovery difficult and might affect the left shoulder as well. Following the medical advice, Pawan Kalyan directed his office staff to reschedule the planned visits. He instructed officials to ensure that government-related work continues smoothly from the Mangalagiri camp office.



AP Sadhu Parishad President Visits Kanaka Durga Temple



Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Andhra Pradesh Sadhu Parishad President Srinivasananda Saraswati visited the Kanaka Durga Temple on Monday and offered special prayers to Goddess Kanaka Durga. Deputy Executive Officers of the Sri Durga Malleswara Swa-

my Varla Devasthanam made special arrangements for the darshan of the presiding deity. After offering prayers, Srinivasananda Saraswati expressed happiness over the darshan and prayed for the welfare, peace and prosperity of the people. Temple officials extended the customary honours during the visit.

Free Coaching Announced for APPSC Group-2 Aspirants

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Free coaching for APPSC Group-2 Preliminary Examination aspirants will be conducted by Udyama Vidyadana Samstha in association with New Life Groups Study Circle, Vijayawada, Director K.A. Baggayya announced in a press release. The coaching programme will be held at the D.N. Grand Center, Vijayawada, with registrations open until July 27.

A total of 100 candidates will be selected through an entrance test and provided free coaching, guidance and study materials for two months. Classes for selected candidates will commence on July 30. The programme is exclu-

sively for candidates preparing for the APPSC Group-2 Preliminary Examination.

Applications will be accepted until July 28. Applicants must submit mark sheets from Class 10 to degree level, caste certificate, income certificate, Aadhaar card, bonafide certificate and two passport-size photographs. For rural applicants, the annual family income should not exceed 1 lakh.

Interested candidates can submit applications at D.N. Grand Center, Door No. 74-2-1/5, Koka Nagar, Bandar Road No. 8, Vijayawada-520007. For further details, candidates may contact DN Study Center, Vijayawada, on 9966849937, 9505094349 or 8688855255, K.A. Baggayya said.

Collector Warns Officials on Grievance Redressal

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha directed officials to ensure prompt and quality resolution of public grievances and instil confidence among complainants during the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) programme held at the Pingali Venkayya Conference Hall on Monday. Accompanied by District Joint Collector S. Ilakkiya, he received petitions from the public and reviewed the status of pending and resolved complaints. Dr. G. Lakshmisha stressed that grievances should be resolved permanently so that

they do not recur and warned that negligence in grievance redressal would invite strict action. He instructed officials to conduct field inspections wherever necessary and clearly explain reasons when immediate solutions are not possible. A total of 251 petitions were received during the programme.

The Collector also announced the introduction of a QR code-based public feedback system at district and mandal PGRS centres, help desks and grievance counters to improve transparency and assess public satisfaction. District officials from various departments attended the programme.

Gym Trainer Booked in Alleged Sexual Assault Case

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

A gym trainer has been booked by Satyanarayanapuram police following allegations of sexual assault made by a private school teacher in Vijayawada. According to the complaint, the woman became acquainted with the accused, Abdul Khader, through Instagram after seeking fitness and weight-loss advice.

The complainant alleged that Abdul Khader invited her to a private hotel under the pretext of discussing her fitness plan and offered her a drink, claiming it was a special weight-loss shake. She alleged she became unconscious, following which he sexually assaulted her. She further alleged that the accused took nude photographs and later threatened her using those images.



Based on the victim's complaint, police registered a case under the relevant sections of law and shifted her to a government hospital for a medical examination. Investigators are collecting medical reports, witness statements and digital evidence as part of the probe.

Police said the accused is absconding, and special teams have been formed to trace and arrest him. Officials stated that the investigation is continuing from all angles and that further details will be disclosed after the inquiry is completed.

Police Receive 79 Complaints At PGRS

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The NTR District Police received 79 complaints during the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) held at the Police Commissioner's Office in Vijayawada on Monday. The weekly programme is conducted every Monday from 10 am to 1 pm to ensure speedy resolution of

public grievances.

The programme was held under the directions of NTR District Police Commissioner S.V. Raja Sekhara Babu, IPS, and conducted by DCP A.B.T.S. Udaya Rani, IPS. Officials interacted with complainants and collected details of their issues.

Of the total complaints, 39 were related to land and property disputes and cash transac-

YSRCP Backs RWS Contract Workers' Protest

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP extended support to the ongoing protest by Rural Water Supply (RWS) contract workers in Vijayawada on Monday, demanding that the government address their long-pending issues. NTR district YSRCP president Devineni Avinash, former minister Velampalli Srinivas and former MLA Malladi Vishnu participated in the protest and assured the workers of the party's support.

Speaking on the occasion, Velampalli Srinivas said the workers had been fighting for fair wages and better working con-



ditions. He alleged that the government had failed to provide ESI and PF benefits on time and claimed that even the minister in charge, Pawan Kalyan, had not granted an appointment to hear their grievances. He criticized the government for failing to meet the basic needs of workers and said the issue

175 Students Honoured with Shining Stars Awards

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha felicitated 175 meritorious students with the 'Shining Stars' Talent Awards 2026 at Maris Stella College auditorium in Vijayawada on Monday. The programme was organised by the School Education, Samagra Shiksha and Intermediate Education departments.

A total of 135 Class 10 toppers and 40 Intermediate students received a cash award of 20,000, a medal and a certificate. MLA Gadde Ramamohan, 20-Point Programme Implementation Committee Chair-



man Lanka Dinakar, AP Kumari and Shalivahana Welfare and Development Corporation Chairman P. Eswar and District Library Authority Chairman M.S. Baig attended the event. Addressing the gathering, Dr. G. Lakshmisha urged students to make use of the government's encouragement and grow into role models for the nation. Recalling his child-

Farmers Urged To Register For Kharif 2026 Crop Insurance Scheme

Machilipatnam, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Krishna District Collector DK Balaji urged eligible farmers to register under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) and secure crop insurance coverage for the Kharif 2026 season. He said the scheme would help farmers get financial protection against crop losses caused by natural calamities.

A district-level monitoring committee meeting on PMFBY (Kharif 2026) was held at the Collectorate on Monday under the chairmanship of the District Collector. Agriculture Department Joint Director Jyothi Ramani explained the scheme's objectives, guidelines and imple-



mentation plan.

The Collector said both loanee and non-loanee farmers, including tenant farmers, could voluntarily enrol under the scheme. He directed Agriculture, Revenue and Village Secretariat officials to create awareness at the village level and ensure maximum registrations.

He said the registration process for non-loanee farmers has been simplified through the

CPI(M) Condemns Lathi-Charge on Delhi Students

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Communist Party of India (Marxist) Andhra Pradesh State Committee on Monday strongly condemned the alleged lathi-charge by Delhi Police on youth and students protesting over issues related to the examination system. In a statement, CPI(M) State Secretary V. Srinivasa Rao demanded action against the police officials responsible for or-

dering the crackdown.

The party alleged that the Union government failed to respond to concerns over the NEET examination paper leak and other examination irregularities. It also criticised the continuation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan in office, demanding his immediate resignation. The statement further referred to Sonam Wangchuk's prolonged protest in Delhi, alleging that the government had ig-

would be brought to the attention of YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Devineni Avinash demanded immediate resolution of the problems faced by workers supplying drinking water in rural areas. He questioned the silence of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan and Nara Lokesh despite the workers' agitation.

Malladi Vishnu urged the government to do justice to RWS contract workers and resolve their demands without further delay. He alleged that the government had failed to address even the concerns of small workers.

YSRCP Leaders Meet Guntur Assault Victim, Demand Justice



Guntur, July 20 | TPN Bureau

YSRCP women leaders visited the family of a woman allegedly assaulted in Krishnababu Colony, Guntur, on Monday and assured them of the party's support. The delegation comprised YSRCP women's wing president Varudu Kalyani, former minister Vidadala Rajini, Kakani Poojitha, Noori Fathima and Uppal Harika, who met the victim's family and expressed solidarity.

Addressing the media, Vidadala Rajini alleged that the police had ignored the victim's earlier complaint and accused the coalition government of failing to ensure the safety of women in Andhra Pradesh.

She claimed that the state's law and order situation had deteriorated and demanded stringent action against those responsible for the assault.

According to the victim's complaint, the incident arose from a dispute over water on July 15 involving 21st Division TDP secretary Mallya Venkateshwara Murthy and his family members. The complaint alleged that the dispute escalated into an assault on the woman.

Police have registered a case against nine persons in connection with the incident and have launched an investigation. The YSRCP leaders urged the authorities to conduct a fair and speedy probe and ensure justice for the victim.

Document Writers Protest Against GO No. 396

Guntur, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Members of the Guntur Revenue District Document Writers' Welfare Association staged a pen-down protest on Monday, demanding the withdrawal of GO No. 396. The protest was held in response to a statewide call given by the association, with leaders announcing that the indefinite strike would continue until July 31 unless the government addressed their concerns.

Association leaders said the document writing system, which has been functioning since 1872, was under threat due to the proposed private partnership model. They ex-

pressed concern that lakhs of document writers across the state could lose their livelihoods if the new system is implemented.

The protesters also alleged that the proposed changes could compromise the confidentiality of the registration process and affect public trust in document registration services.

The association appealed to Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Nara Lokesh and Minister Anagani Satya Prasad to intervene immediately, withdraw GO No. 396 and protect the interests of document writers across Andhra Pradesh.

Special Aadhaar Camps to Be Held in NTR District

Vijayawada, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Special Aadhaar service camps will be conducted across NTR district from July 21 to July 24 under the directions of District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha to provide Aadhaar-related services to the public in a timely and convenient manner. The camps will be organised at designated Service Village and Service Ward (SGSW) offices.

The camps will offer new Aadhaar enrolment, updates to name, address, date of birth, mobile number and biometric details, biometric updates for children aged 5-15 years and above 15 years, besides other

Aadhaar-related services. Dr. G. Lakshmisha instructed officials to make all necessary arrangements to ensure transparent and efficient delivery of Aadhaar services. He also directed authorities to organise special camps in schools to enable students to access Aadhaar services without inconvenience.

Citizens, students and parents requiring Aadhaar enrolment or updates have been urged to make use of the special camps. The appeal was issued on behalf of the District Collector by the District Swachh Village/ Swachh Ward Officer, requesting the public to utilise the initiative for hassle-free Aadhaar services.

MLA Distributes Letters of Credit to Beneficiaries

Vijayawada Rural, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Mylavaram MLA and Telugu Desam Party State Official Spokesperson Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad distributed Letters of Credit (LOCs) for medical assistance to beneficiaries at his office in Gollapudi, Vijayawada Rural Mandal, on Monday. He said the government is committed to ensuring that quality medical treatment does not become a financial burden on poor and middle-class families.

The MLA handed over LOCs worth 1,53,929 to K. Sunny Kumar of Kuntamukkala village, 1,61,137 to P. Nageswara Rao of Kunaparaju Parva village, 2,05,116 to Ch. Giri Prasad of Tummalapalem village and 2,55,867 to M. Babu of Naguluru village.

Speaking on the occasion,



Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad said the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, is giving top priority to public health and extending financial assistance to eligible patients. He said every request for medical aid is being examined to ensure timely support. The beneficiaries thanked Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the MLA for assisting. Alliance leaders and family members of the beneficiaries attended the programme.



stated that the forum helps citizens directly approach senior

officials and ensures timely response to their concerns.

13 Boats Seized for Illegal Sand Mining

Rajamahendravaram, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Officials on Monday seized 13 dredging boats engaged in unauthorised sand mining and transportation during a joint inspection at the Kotilingala desiltation reach in Rajamahendravaram. The action was taken for violations of the New Sand Policy-2024 and environmental regulations.

The inspection, conducted by officials of the Revenue, Mines and Geology, and Irrigation departments, found that all 13 boats, operated under the Sairam Sand and Boatmen Society, were involved in illegal sand extraction. Officials identified Nanduri Raju, Muthyala

Venkata Ramana and Kuchipudi Balaswamy as owners of nine boats, while the remaining four were unclaimed.

The seized boats were handed over to the Irrigation Department for further legal action. Officials dismissed social media claims that 28 boats had been intercepted and 15 released, calling them false. They also warned of strict action against illegal sand mining within a 500-metre radius of bridges. Rajamahendravaram Revenue Divisional Officer R. Sivaramudu, District Mines and Geology Officer D. Phanibhushan Reddy and officials from the Revenue, Mines and Geology, and Irrigation departments participated in the inspection.

AITUC Pays Tribute to Attuluri Sarveswara Rao



Eluru, July 20 | TPN Bureau

AITUC district leaders on Monday paid rich tributes to former CPI MLA and veteran trade union leader Attuluri Sarveswara Rao on his 44th death anniversary, urging workers and party cadres to draw inspiration from his ideals and commitment to public service.

The programme was organised by the Eluru Town Tobacco Workers' Union, affiliated to AITUC, at the Attuluri Sarveswara Rao memorial near Y.M.H.A. Centre. AITUC district vice-president Bandi Venkateswara Rao hoisted the union flag, while Tobacco Workers' Union president Baragada Pothura-

ju garlanded the memorial.

Addressing the gathering, Bandi Venkateswara Rao and AITUC district treasurer Puppala Kannababu recalled Sarveswara Rao's contributions as Eluru councillor and MLA, highlighting his role in the construction of the flyover near Eluru Jute Mill and strengthening flood protection works from Tammileru. They also noted his efforts in organising several labour unions, including the Tobacco Workers' Union and cart workers' associations, and fighting for workers' rights.

Chinta Sambasiva Rao, Pasupuleti Bapiraju, Talapanti Rao, Gangaraju, Ramana and others participated in the programme.

Former MLA Seeks Irrigation Support for Farmers

Eluru, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Former MLA Kotharu Abbayya Chowdary submitted a petition to the Eluru District Joint Collector during the Spandana programme on Monday, seeking immediate action to resolve irrigation issues faced by farmers in the constituency.

He said around 58,000 acres of paddy and aquaculture fields under the Krishna Eastern Canal ayacut in Pedapadu and Eluru Rural mandals depend on irrigation water. Due to the lack of water availability, farmers are unable to begin cultivation for the first time in several years, despite spending large amounts on seeds, fertilisers and other inputs, he said.



Abbayya Chowdary urged the government to announce a clear plan for water supply and provide compensation if irrigation cannot be ensured. He also requested additional pumping arrangements to improve water availability and asked officials to explore alternative solutions.

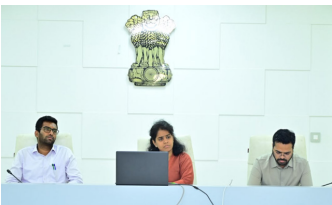
He appealed to the district administration to conduct a field-level review and take immediate steps to protect farmers' interests.

Eco-Friendly Measures Planned for Godavari Pushkaralu

Rajamahendravaram, July 20 | TPN Bureau

East Godavari District Collector Keerthi Chekuri on Monday said all necessary measures are being taken to organise the 2027 Godavari Pushkaralu in an environment-friendly manner. Participating in a state-level Environment Protection Committee video conference from the camp office, she outlined the district's action plan to protect the Godavari River during the religious event.

Keerthi Chekuri said departments were coordinating efforts to prevent pollution from industrial waste, sewage and solid waste generated by nearby towns and villages. She said directions would be issued to ensure 100 per cent treatment of industrial discharges from the district's 17 red-category in-



dustries, particularly the two units releasing waste into the river.

The Collector said proposals had been submitted for sewage treatment plants, magic drains and soak pits, while a 300-crore project to divert pollutants was awaiting government approval. She added that all Pushkar ghat would be maintained as plastic-free zones with continuous water quality monitoring. Joint Collector Y. Megha Swaroop, Rajamahendravaram Municipal Commissioner Rahul Meena and officials attended the meeting.

Chintakayala Vijay Attends Rajya Sabha Session

New Delhi, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Chintakayala Vijay participated in the 271st session of the Upper House during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament on Monday.

Vijay was accompanied by Sana Satish, Bhashyam Ramakrishna and Lingamaneni Ramesh during the parliamentary proceedings. The session is considered significant as Parliament takes up discussions on key legislative and public policy matters.

During the proceedings, the Rajya Sabha member is expected



to present views on several issues of national importance and public welfare while highlighting matters related to the development of Andhra Pradesh and the interests of the state.

The ongoing Monsoon Session

AP Gets Rs 25.88 Crore for Model ITI Upgradation

Delhi, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Centre has provided Rs 25.88 crore to Andhra Pradesh for upgrading 15 government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) into model ITIs under the STRIVE scheme. Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary informed the Lok Sabha on Monday.

The Minister gave the reply to a question raised by Eluru MP Putta Mahesh Kumar during the Monsoon Session of Parliament. He said the Centre was working with state governments to transform ITIs with modern skills and courses in line with industrial requirements.

As part of curriculum upgrades under the Craftsmen Training Scheme, 32 new courses, including Green Hydrogen Production Technician and In-



ternet of Things Technician, have been introduced in ITIs over the past five years.

Chaudhary said enrolment in newly introduced courses across ITIs in the country increased from 8,611 students in the 2022-23 academic year to 42,338 in 2025-26.

He also stated that Rs 6 crore was provided between 2021 and 2024 for the upgradation of Government ITI at Gajuwaka in Visakhapatnam as part of efforts to develop model ITIs.

Document Writers Launch Indefinite Strike Over GO 396.



Chirala, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Document writers in Chirala on Monday launched an indefinite strike demanding the withdrawal of Government Order (GO) No. 396 related to the Registration Department. The agitation, organised by the Andhra Pradesh State Document Writers' Association, will continue until July 31.

As part of the statewide pen-down protest, document writers and stamp vendors suspended registration-related documentation in support of the agitation.

Association representatives opposed the government's decision to entrust registration-related services, including the preparation of sale and purchase documents, to private agencies through Registration Service Centres. They alleged that the move would threaten the livelihoods of document writers, DTP operators and stamp vendors. The association appealed to the public and officials to cooperate with the protest. Rafi, Hemachand, Jagadeesh, Guntur Narasimha Rao, Kishore and others participated.

College Bus Hits Power Pole

Ongole, July 20 | TPN Bureau

A private college bus met with an accident after hitting an electricity pole at Vemulapadu in Santhanuthalapadu mandal on Monday. The bus, belonging to Saraswati Junior College in Ongole, reportedly went out of control and crashed into the roadside power pole.

The impact caused damage to the vehicle, while a woman sustained injuries in the incident. She was immediately provided medical assistance.

The accident occurred in a suburban area, which helped prevent a major tragedy as traffic movement was comparatively low. No major casualties were reported in the mishap.

Local authorities and residents rushed to the spot following the incident and took steps to provide assistance to the injured. The exact reason behind the driver losing control of the vehicle is yet to be confirmed. Officials are examining the circumstances that led to the accident.

Leaders Pay Tributes at MP Putta's Grandmother's Ceremony

Proddatur/Eluru, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The 10th-day memorial ceremony of MP Putta Mahesh Kumar's grandmother Putta Polamma was held at Proddatur on Monday, with several leaders and party workers attending the programme.

The ceremony was organised at the residence of Mydukur MLA Putta Sudhakar Yadav. APCAB Chairman Ganni Veeranjanyulu attended the event and offered condolences to MP Putta Mahesh Kumar, his father Sudhakar Yadav and other family members.

Putta Polamma passed away on July 10. Following her demise, several leaders from the Eluru Parliament constituency



had met MP Mahesh Kumar at his Hyderabad residence and conveyed their condolences.

During the memorial programme, Ganni Veeranjanyulu and other leaders paid floral tributes to Polamma's portrait and remembered her. MP Putta Mahesh Kumar thanked the leaders, party workers and supporters who attended the event and extended their support to the family. Family members and well-wishers also participated in the ceremony.

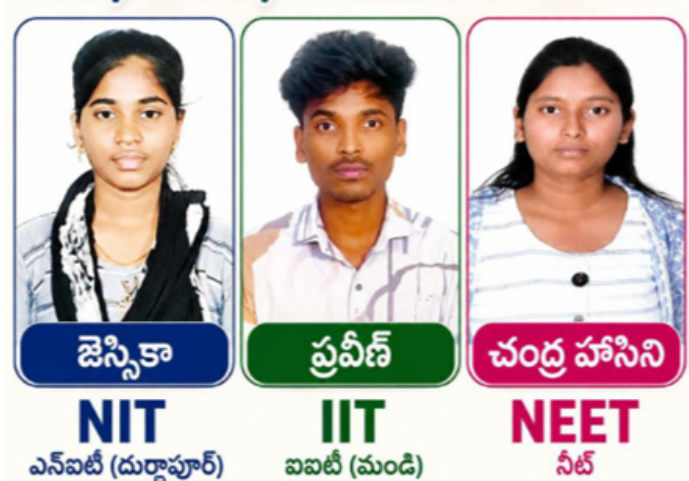
Three Siblings Shine in IIT, NIT and NEET

Singarayakonda, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Three siblings from the same family in Kalikivayi village of Singarayakonda mandal in Prakasam district have brought laurels to the region by excelling in India's prestigious national-level entrance examinations.

Jessica, daughter of Vishalandhra correspondent Boddur Kondala Rao and Shyamala, qualified in the Joint Entrance Examination (JEE) and is pursuing her studies at NIT Durgapur. Their son, Praveen, secured success in JEE Advanced and gained admission to IIT Mandi. Their younger daughter, Chandrasini, scored 550 marks in NEET-2026, earning eligibility for medical education.

The parents attributed their children's remarkable achieve-



ments to discipline, consistency and dedication. They said the siblings stayed away from distractions such as television and mobile phones and followed a focused study schedule of eight to ten hours every day.

The rare achievement of three children from a single family qualifying for IIT, NIT and NEET has drawn widespread appreciation from residents, who described it as a proud moment for Prakasam district.

Shining Stars Awards Honour 410 Meritorious Students

Anakapalli/Eluru, July 20 | TPN Bureau

The Andhra Pradesh School Education Department on Monday honoured 410 meritorious students at separate Shining Stars-2026 Awards ceremonies held in Anakapalli and Eluru districts. Students who secured top ranks in the Class 10 and Intermediate Public Examinations received cash awards of 20,000, medals and certificates of appreciation.

In Anakapalli, Assembly Speaker Chintakayala Ayyanapratrudu presented awards to 154 Class 10 students and 34 Intermediate students. He said 31 students from Narsipatnam constituency, including 22 from government schools, were



among the awardees, reflecting the improving standards of public education. He noted that 54 government school students scored above 570 marks in the Class 10 examination, while 40 qualified for the IIT entrance test. Minister Kollu Ravindra, Anakapalli MLA Konathala Ramakrishna and District Collector Vijaykrishnan attended the programme.

In Eluru, District Collector K. Vetrivelu inaugurated the

awards ceremony at Sir C.R. Reddy Engineering College auditorium in Vaturu, where 187 Class 10 students and 35 Intermediate students were felicitated. She urged students to remain disciplined and make the best use of educational opportunities.

MLA Badeti Radhakrishna (Chanti) credited the coalition government and Education Minister Nara Lokesh for reforms in the education sector, while Denduluru MLA Chintamani Prabhakar said the government was giving top priority to education and healthcare.

District Education Officer M. Venkata Lakshamma, officials, teachers, students and parents attended the programme.

JC Instructs Officials to Resolve Public Grievances on Time

Eluru, July 20 | TPN Bureau

Joint Collector M.J. Abhishek Goud directed officials to ensure speedy and quality resolution of public grievances submitted through the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS).

During the PGRS programme held at the Collectorate Godavari Conference Hall on Monday, the Joint Collector, along with Assistant Collector C.H. Sravan Kumar Reddy, DRO M. Sridevi, RDO K. Lakshmi Prasanna and SC Corporation ED M. Muktanti, received petitions from the



public.

Abhishek Goud said the state government was giving priority to resolving public issues and instructed officials to clear PGRS and Revenue Clinic petitions within the stipulated time. He advised officials to interact directly with applicants, understand their problems and

MLA Battula Reviews Village Issues During Palle Bata

Rajamahendravaram, July 20 | TPN Bureau

MLA Battula Balaramakrishna on Monday said villages are the foundation of state development and assured that the NDA coalition government's welfare initiatives would reach every household.

As part of the "Mana Ooru - Mana MLA - Mana Palle Bata" programme, the MLA visited East Gonagudem village in Rajanagaram mandal and interacted with residents at the village secretariat. He reviewed



local issues along with officials from various departments.

Residents submitted petitions related to education, healthcare, drinking water, agriculture and welfare schemes. The MLA personally heard

their grievances and directed officials to take immediate steps for their resolution.

Battula Balaramakrishna said people's participation was vital for achieving village development and that addressing public problems was his top priority. He also inspected ongoing development works and instructed officials to maintain quality standards.

TDP, Jana Sena and BJP leaders, government officials, secretariat staff and villagers participated in the programme.

Sattibabu Conducts Door-to-Door Campaign on SIR

Rajamahendravaram, July 20 | TPN Bureau

State Shettibali Corporation Chairman Kudupudi Sattibabu on Monday conducted a door-to-door awareness campaign in Peddapuram constituency as part of the Election

Commission's Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. Accompanied by city president Srikanth, he visited Ward No. 1, Booth Nos. 128 and 131, Rajiv Apartments and Secretariat-1 limits, urging eligible citizens to verify their voter details and submit nec-



essary corrections or additions.

Sattibabu said Peddapuram MLA Nimmakayala China Rajappa was regularly reviewing the progress of the programme with election officials and Booth Level Officers. Later, he reviewed the campaign

with BLOs and officials at the local secretariat and directed them to complete pending enumeration forms within the stipulated deadline. Booth in-charges Chinna, B. Saraya, Praveen, Sekhar, Balakrishna, Vinod and Prasad participated.

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

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

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

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



Centre Urges CJP to End Sit-in Protest

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Floods Disrupt Train Services in Assam



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

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

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

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

nated due to the flood situation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Parliament Hit by Protests on Opening Day

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

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

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

Prime Minister Modi, before the start of the session, had



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

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

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

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

DMK MLA Arrested Over Remarks Against Vijay

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SIT Report Flags Security Gaps at Ram Temple

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

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

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



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

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

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

The issue has attracted significant public and political attention because

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

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

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



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



Modi Highlights India's 7.7% Growth

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

Addressing the nation before the parliamentary session, PM Modi said the ongoing crisis in West Asia created significant challenges for energy-dependent economies like India. Concerns over fuel supplies, rising costs, and disruptions in global trade had created uncertainty, but India managed to maintain its economic momentum.

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

As Parliament begins its proceedings, the economy is expected to remain one of the major themes of discussion. The government is projecting India's growth story as a sign of stability, while debates over employment, inflation, and development priorities are likely to shape political discussions ahead.

The Prime Minister said the country's growth rate reflected the strength of its economic foundation and the impact of reforms implemented over the years. He described India's performance as a sign of confidence and said the nation continues to move forward despite difficult global conditions.

PM Modi also pointed to India's growing capabilities in infrastructure, technology, and manufacturing sectors. He said the country's ability to handle external challenges demon-

Heavy Rains Halt Char Dham Yatra



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Iran Warns US Against Ground Invasion

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

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

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

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



India to Supply 200 Rail Coaches to Bangladesh

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

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

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

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

The project is being supported through financial assistance,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Andy Burnham Set to Become UK PM After Starmer Exit

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



Iran Warns US Against Any Ground Attack

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

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The warning follows repeated comments by US President Donald Trump, who has indicated that Washington is considering tougher military options as the conflict deepens. Reports suggest the US has been examining strategies to increase pressure on Iran, including operations involving strategic locations linked to the country's energy infrastructure.

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



Pakistan Faces Rising Security Challenges

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

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

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

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

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The latest warning comes amid continuing exchanges of military action between the United States and Iran, raising fears that the conflict could expand beyond air and missile strikes. The ongoing hostilities have also heightened concerns over regional security, global energy supplies, and shipping through the Strait of Hormuz.

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

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

Indian Group Flags Visa Concerns



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

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

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

changes to the visa system.

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

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

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

JD Vance Welcomes Fourth Child, Makes US History



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

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

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

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

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



Giridhar Reddy Inspects Transformer Issue in Nellore Rural

Nellore , July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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

PGRS Petitions Must Be Resolved Within Timeframe: Joint Collector

Kurnool, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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



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

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

Shining Stars Awards Honour 202 Meritorious Students

Chittoor, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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



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

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

CPI Demands 25,000 Crore Special Package for Kadapa

Kadapa, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

Gali Chandra said the package should accelerate develop-



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

Hard Work is the Key to Success, Says Ponguru Narayana

Nellore, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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



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

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

During the programme, Ponguru Narayana and District

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

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

Shining Stars Reflect Education Reforms, Says Anagani Satyaprasad

Tirupati, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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



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

Swarnandhra-2047 Targets Need Systematic Implementation: Collector

Kurnool, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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



Minister Warns of Action Against Park Land Encroachments

Nellore, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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

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

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

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

Offline Prasadam Counters to Open at Srikalahasti Temple

Srikalahasti, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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



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

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

11 Red Sanders Logs Seized, Two Smugglers Arrested

Annamayya, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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



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

Teachers Seek TET Exemption for Pre-2011 Appointments

Kadapa, July 20 | TPN Bureau

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

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

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

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

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

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



New Zealand ODI Series Will Test India

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



From India to World Cup Hero: Ferran Torres' Journey

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

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

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

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

Several of Torres' memorable performances came in front

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

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

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

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

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

Rohit Sharma Dismisses Retirement Rumours

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

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

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



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

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

tends to continue his international career.

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

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

Gaikwad to Captain Strong West Zone Squad

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

Argentina's Trophy Ceremony Conduct Draws Criticism

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Lack of Finisher Cost India ODI Series

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Trump's Trophy Ceremony Appearance Goes Viral

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Varun Tej Shines in Vibrant 'Rasaa Gummadi' Song

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

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

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



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

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

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

The track is sung by Nalgonda Gaddar, whose energetic vocals

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

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

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



Mystery Look Goes Viral, Fans Link It to Raaka

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

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

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

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

ed with Atlee's films.

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

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

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

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

Major Update: 40% of Spirit Filming Complete

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

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



pectations surrounding the project.

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

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

The shoot has been progress-

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

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

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

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



Mahesh Babu's Birthday Post for Sitara Goes Viral

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Anupama's Emotional Message Fuels Online Buzz

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

Atlee Praises Ramayana Trailer, Calls It 'Magical'

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

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

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



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

sage by wishing the entire team a blockbuster success.

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

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

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

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

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

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