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Tirumala, July 11 | TPN Bureau

Telangana MLA Malla Reddy offered prayers to Lord Venkateswara at Tirumala on Friday. He participated in the Lord's service during the darshan slot allotted to donors of the Sri Venkateswara Alayala Nirmanam Trust (SRIVANI Trust). The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) provides special darshan privileges to eligible SRIVANI Trust donors as part of the trust's initiatives for temple construction, renovation and preservation activities.

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KALESHWARAM: WATER, POLITICS AND THE PRICE PAID BY FARMERS

Once, it was the pride of Telangana. Now, it has turned into a political battlefield in Telangana. The pillars have sunk. Political egos have risen. A credit and blame game is revolving around the Kaleshwaram Project. The BRS says the Congress has no knowledge of the basics or even the river basins. The Congress says the redesign of Kaleshwaram itself was the biggest conspiracy. The water war is intensifying day by day. The fight over irrigation projects between Congress and BRS leaders continues. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy said that if KCR could convince the Assembly, the contracts would be given back to him. BRS Deputy Floor Leader Harish Rao challenged that if he was given the Irrigation Ministry, he would provide water within three months. What is the real agenda behind these political challenges? Are they playing politics at the cost of farmers? Are the farming community becoming victims of this political battle? What exactly is the story of Kaleshwaram? What happened at every stage? What is happening now? What should happen for the future? Who is politicising water? Along with the facts visible to the public, what are the secrets behind the scenes? A point-to-point picture of Kaleshwaram.

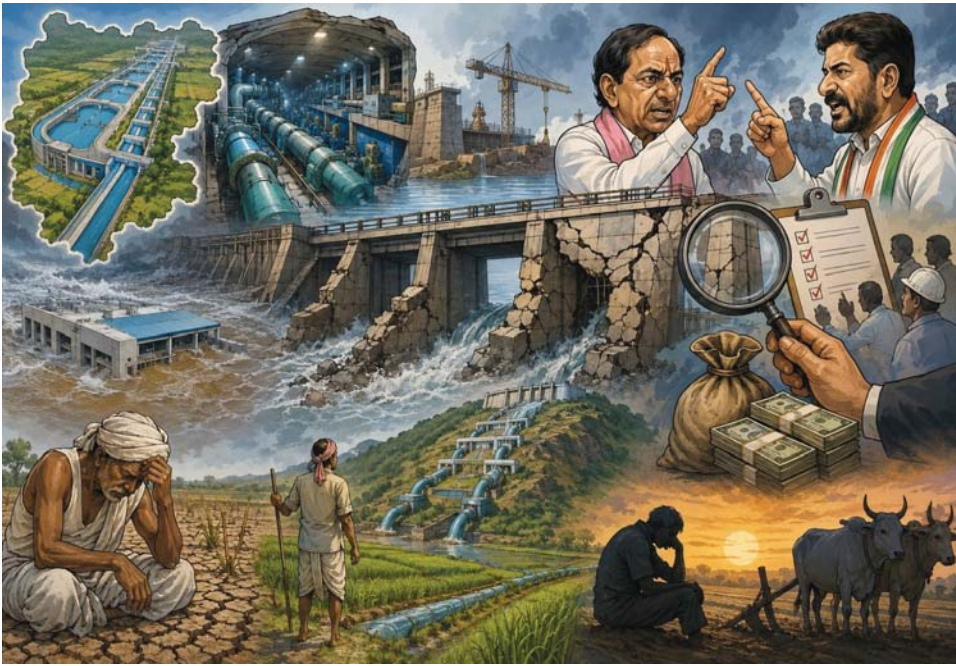
"The Godavari flows nearby, yet your fields remain a desert." This song reflected the agony of Telangana's water crisis. It became an outpouring of emotion born from the tears of farmers who watched their lands remain barren. Though rivers and projects surrounded the region, not even a drop of water reached the fields. Telangana itself became the symbol of drought. Cracked lands and migrating lives became its identity. After the formation of the separate Telangana State, the darkness that had engulfed the lives of farmers began to disappear. A single project amazed the entire world. That was the

- Due to Telangana's elevated topography, utilizing river water for irrigation is difficult.
- The Kaleshwaram Project was designed to lift Godavari waters in multiple stages to higher regions for irrigation, drinking water, and industrial use.
- It aims to provide irrigation to 1.825 million acres of new ayacut.
- It also aims to stabilize irrigation in 1.882 million acres of existing ayacut.
- It is designed to meet the drinking water and industrial water needs of the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. It attempted to transform not only the irrigation sector of the State but also its political and economic landscape. The Kaleshwaram Project was a redesigned version of the Pranahita-Chevella Project proposed during the united Andhra Pradesh. In 2007, the Pranahita-Chevella Project was launched with an estimated cost of Rs.17,875 crore to provide irrigation to 12 lakh acres. The Congress Government itself later increased the project estimate to Rs.38,000 crore. However, after the BRS came to power in 2014, the first Chief Minister of Telangana, K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), focused on irrigation projects. Eventually, the Kaleshwaram Project reached the Rs.1 lakh crore mark. Although the Godavari flows through Telangana, the State's elevated geographical terrain made it difficult to utilise its waters for irrigation. Therefore, KCR designed the Kaleshwaram Project with the objective of lifting Godavari waters through multiple stages to provide irrigation, drinking water, and industrial water supply. The lift irrigation scheme was initiated by diverting water at Medigadda near Kaleshwaram, where the Godavari and Pranahita rivers meet. The project's primary objective was to provide irrigation to 18.25 lakh acres of new ayacut, stabilise another 18.82 lakh acres of existing ayacut, and meet the drinking water and industrial requirements of the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

The Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme became the crown jewel of Telangana's water strategy. Today, the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project has become the centre of controversy. The KLIP, constructed with nearly Rs.1 lakh crore of public money, has become a platform for political rivalry and confrontation. It has turned into the stage for political warfare. KCR laid the

- It includes 203 kilometres of tunnels, 1,531 kilometres of gravity canals, and 141 TMC of storage capacity.
- The project lifts water to a height of 530 metres and is designed to utilize 240 TMC of water.
- Godavari waters are lifted up to the Kondapochamma Sagar and Mallanna Sagar reservoirs.
- The project has been dogged by allegations of technical flaws, corruption, and administrative failures.
- Why are the Kaleshwaram Project pump houses not being operated?



foundation stone for the Kaleshwaram Project at Medigadda on May 2, 2016. Within just three years, he inaugurated his dream project on June 21, 2019. Before people could believe that everything was going well, the Kannapalli Pump House was submerged during the massive floods of July 2022. On October 21, 2023, the sinking of the Medigadda Barrage created panic within the BRS. The pillars in Block No.7 sank and the raft foundation developed cracks. This provided the Congress with a powerful campaign issue in the 2023 Assembly elections. Since then, the political battle over Kaleshwaram between the Congress and the BRS has continued. Soon after assuming office, the Revanth Reddy Government identified defects in the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages and ordered a Vigilance inquiry as well as a Judicial Commission investigation. The National Dam Safety Authority

- It is the world's largest multi-stage lift irrigation project.
- KCR laid the foundation stone for the Kaleshwaram Project near Medigadda on May 2, 2016.
- KCR inaugurated the dream project on June 21, 2019, within just three years.
- The Kannapalli Pump House was submerged during the massive floods of July 2022.
- The sinking of the Medigadda Barrage on October 21, 2023, intensified concerns within the BRS.

also entered the scene. The Congress alleges that the Kaleshwaram Project is one of the biggest corruption scandals and that the barrages collapsed due to poor planning and faulty designs. Its objective is to expose the mistakes committed during KCR's tenure and politically weaken the BRS. On the other hand, the BRS argues that instead of rectifying a minor technical issue in a project that supplied water to lakhs of acres, the Revanth Government is using it merely to indulge in political mudslinging. In fact, the Kaleshwaram Project has many unique features. It is the world's largest lift irrigation project. It also houses Asia's largest underground pump house. Kaleshwaram consists of three barrages, 15 reservoirs, 19 substations, 21 pump houses, 203 kilometres of tunnels, 1,531 kilometres of gravity canals, 141 TMC of storage capacity, lifting water to a height of 530 metres, and utilisation of 240 TMC of water.

- Kaleshwaram is the redesigned version of the Pranahita-Chevella Project.
- The 2007 project aimed to provide irrigation to 1.2 million acres.
- Pranahita-Chevella was launched with an estimated cost of rs.17,875 crore.
- The Congress government revised the project cost to rs.38,000 crore.
- After coming to power, KCR focused on irrigation projects.
- The Kaleshwaram Project eventually grew to nearly the rs.1 lakh crore mark.

tion of 240 TMC of water. Through Kaleshwaram, KCR performed a "Jalabhishekam" for Telangana. He revived the Sriramsagar and Nizamsagar projects. The project was designed to lift Godavari waters to the Kondapochamma Sagar and Mallanna Sagar reservoirs situated hundreds of metres above sea level. Conceived with the determination to transform Telangana's drought-prone lands into fertile fields, the KLIP has now become the subject of debate due to technical defects, corruption allegations, and administrative failures. Why are the Kaleshwaram pump houses not being operated? Why are the motors not being switched on to lift water? Why are the barrages not being repaired? These questions are now being raised by Telangana society. However, the Telangana Government is proceeding cautiously. There are several technical reasons. The barrage gates must remain open.

- Pillars in Block-7 sank, and the raft foundation developed cracks.
- Defects were also identified in the Annaram and Sundilla barrages along with Medigadda.
- The government ordered a vigilance inquiry and a judicial commission investigation.
- It was alleged that the barrages sank due to poor planning and faulty designs.
- The project comprises three barrages, 15 reservoirs, 19 substations, and 21 pump houses.

According to the National Dam Safety Authority's report, the foundations of the Medigadda and Annaram barrages have been damaged. If water is stored in these barrages, there is a risk that they may collapse completely under pressure. Therefore, the incoming water is being released downstream by keeping the gates open. However, without sufficient storage in the barrages, pumping operations cannot be carried out. Since there is no water storage in the barrages, the Irrigation Department says the pump houses cannot be operated. The impact of El Niño has once again brought the Kaleshwaram Project into the political spotlight. Determined to regain the ground it lost, the BRS is once again igniting political debate over water. It is reviving the slogan associated with the Telangana movement. The BRS is moving ahead with a clear strategy to use the same Kaleshwaram Project, which contributed to its defeat in the 2023 elections, as a political weapon for victory in the 2028 elections. Whoever may be responsible, it is ultimately the farmers of Telangana who are suffering. It is a fact that engineering flaws and corruption occurred during the construction of the Kaleshwaram Project. A project built at a cost of thousands of crores sinking within just three years undoubtedly reflects negligence.

However, instead of rectifying the mistakes of the previous Government, the Revanth Government is giving priority only to political criticism. If alternative solutions are not pursued, there is a danger that irrigation ayacut will dry up due to the lack of water for crops. It is the responsibility of the Government to undertake permanent repairs and rectify the defects. Only if decisions are taken based on the advice of technical experts rather than political interests can Kaleshwaram once again become the lifeline of Telangana.

- Why are the motors not being switched on to lift water?
- The Kaleshwaram Project became a factor in the 2023 Assembly election defeat.
- The BRS is reportedly seeking to use the Kaleshwaram issue as a strategy for victory in the 2028 elections.
- The project has faced allegations of engineering defects and corruption during construction.
- A project built at a cost of thousands of crores developing structural failures within just three years clearly points to negligence.

CM Predicts Congress Win in 2029, Targets 117 Assembly Seats

Khammam, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy said that the happiness reflected in the eyes of farmers is the greatest blessing for the people's government, reiterating that his administration is committed to transforming agriculture from a burden into a celebration. Addressing the massive Rythu Ashirvada Sabha held at Jagannathapuram village in Chinthakani mandal of Khammam district, the Chief Minister highlighted the government's sustained focus on farmer welfare and agricultural development.

The meeting marked the completion of the Rythu Bharosa financial assistance programme, under which ₹9,000 crore was credited into the bank accounts of 73.30 lakh farmers over the past nine days. During the event, Revanth Reddy released the final installment of ₹1,009.15 crore benefiting 1.44 lakh farmers and formally launched the issuance of e-Pattadar Passbooks. The Chief Minister stated that the Congress government had spent ₹1.70 lakh crore on the agriculture sector



tor during the last 30 months, covering schemes such as Rythu Bharosa, crop loan waiver, crop insurance, free electricity, compensation for crop losses, bonus for fine paddy, and remunerative prices. He noted that ₹36,135 crore had already been transferred to farmers under the Rythu Bharosa scheme and that the government spends an average of ₹5,500 crore every month on farmer welfare. Revanth Reddy said that despite inheriting a debt burden of ₹8.11 lakh crore, the government has continued

existing welfare schemes while introducing new initiatives, including new ration cards, fine rice distribution, construction of 7 lakh Indramma houses, 200 units of free electricity, 7500 LPG cylinders, free RTC bus travel for women, large-scale bank linkages for women self-help groups, and the recruitment of 67,717 government employees within the first year. Expressing confidence about the party's political future, the Chief Minister predicted that the Congress would



return to power in the 2029 Assembly elections, claiming the party would win 117 of the projected 182 Assembly seats and 20 of the expected 26 Lok Sabha seats after the proposed delimitation. Reiterating the slogan "Aur Ek Baar, Congress Sarkar," he urged party workers to begin preparations for the next elections and appealed to them to help ensure a decisive parliamentary victory that would pave the way for Rahul Gandhi to become the next Prime Minister. Launching a sharp attack on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), Revanth Reddy accused the party of spreading fake survey reports predicting the Congress govern-

ment's defeat. He also challenged senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao to publicly swear in the name of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) that he would never join the BJP, alleging uncertainty within the BRS leadership. Referring to the Medigadda Barrage, the Chief Minister warned that releasing water from the damaged structure could endanger Bhadrachalam and affect 44 villages in Khammam district. He also announced the sanction of an Engineering College for Madhira following a request from Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka. The programme was attended by Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukender Reddy, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Tummalala Nageswara Rao, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Vakati Srihari, along with MPs, MLAs, MLCs, senior public representatives, and government officials.

Man Throws Papers at CJI Bench, Disrupts Supreme Court Proceedings

New Delhi, July 10 | TPN Bureau

A brief disruption occurred inside the Supreme Court on Friday after a man allegedly behaved in an unruly manner during proceedings and attempted to approach the bench of Chief Justice of India (CJI) Justice Surya Kant. According to reports, the individual stood up during the hearing, moved towards the judges' bench and threw papers while making objectionable remarks directed at the Chief Justice. The unexpected incident created a tense atmosphere in the courtroom, leaving lawyers and others present shocked. Security personnel immediately stepped in and removed the man from the courtroom. The proceedings resumed after the situation was brought under control. Reacting to the incident, CJI Justice Surya Kant reportedly observed that the person appeared to be disturbed. Maintaining composure, the Chief Justice avoided escalating the situation and ensured that the proceedings continued smoothly. Incidents of this nature inside the Supreme Court are extremely rare and have raised concerns regarding security arrangements and maintaining the dignity of judicial proceedings. Court officials and security personnel play a crucial role in ensuring that disruptions do not affect the functioning of the country's highest court. Following the incident, authorities collected details about the individual and initiated an inquiry into the circumstances that led to his behaviour. Further information regarding his identity and possible motive is awaited. The incident has once again highlighted the importance of strict security protocols in courts, particularly during proceedings involving senior judges. Despite the unexpected interruption, the calm response of CJI Justice Surya Kant helped restore order quickly, allowing the Supreme Court to continue its judicial work without further disruption.



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Minister Vakiti Srihari Lays Foundation for RS.47-Crore Export Fish Market

Koheda, Ranga Reddy, July 10 | TPN Bureau
Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports Vakiti Srihari laid the foundation stone for a ₹47.03-crore export-oriented wholesale fish market at Koheda in Ranga Reddy district, describing it as a landmark project that would transform the state's fisheries sector and improve the livelihoods of fishing communities. The event was attended by Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Ibrahimpatnam MLA Malreddy Ranga Reddy, Fisheries Director Nikhila, Additional Director Muralikrishna, Additional Collector Chandra Reddy,

Fruit Market Chairman Chiluka Madhu, Ranga Reddy Fisheries Cooperative Society President Doosa Venkatesh, and representatives of fishermen's associations. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Vakiti Srihari extended greetings to fishermen on National Fish Farmers Day and reaffirmed the state government's commitment to their welfare under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He said the government was determined to resolve the problems of fishing communities and create sustainable income opportunities. Stressing his commitment to the Mudiraj community, the Minister said he was prepared to dedicate not only his



political career but even his life for their welfare and development. The project, to be developed under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, will be funded with 60% assistance from the Central Government and 40% from the Telangana Government. Officials said it would be the first export-oriented freshwa-

ter fish market in an inland state, making it a unique initiative in the country. Telangana currently leads India in freshwater fish production, recording around 4.20 lakh tonnes of fish and 15,000 tonnes of freshwater shrimp in 2025. Once operational, the facility is expected to connect Telangana's fisheries sector with domestic

and international markets, enabling fishermen to secure better prices for their produce. The modern complex will include cold storage facilities, processing and packaging units, customs clearance services, training centres, and a large wholesale market. Around 2,000 traders are expected to conduct business at the facility, while nearly 5,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities will be created in loading, transportation, packaging, and allied sectors. The state government said the project would strengthen the rural economy, generate employment for youth, and position Telangana as a major hub for freshwater fish exports in the global market.

BJP Plans Statewide Stir Over Fee Reimbursement Dues



Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a workshop at its state headquarters in Nampally to chalk out a strategy for state wide protests demanding the immediate release of pending fee reimbursement dues and resolution of students' issues. Party leaders and representatives from various districts attended the meeting and discussed the state government's handling of the fee reimbursement scheme. They alleged that delays in clearing the pending dues had created serious financial difficulties for both students and educational institutions. During the workshop, leaders resolved to highlight the hardships faced by students across the state and intensify public awareness on the issue. They also discussed plans for a series of protest programmes aimed at pressuring the government to release the pending funds without further delay. The BJP leadership issued guidelines to district leaders and party workers on successfully organising the upcoming agitation programmes across Telangana, urging them to mobilise public support and raise the issue at every level until the dues are cleared.

Ponguleti Announces

'Bhoodar' Cards for All Farmers

Chintakani, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy announced that every cultivable landholding in the state would be surveyed over the next two years, with each farmer receiving a 'Bhoodar' card carrying a detailed land map under the Bhu Bharati programme. Speaking at the Rythu Aashirwada Sabha in Jagannadpuram, Chintakani mandal, where Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy released ₹9,000 crore under the Rythu Bharosa scheme, the Minister said the initiative would usher in a new era of land reforms in Telangana. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar, ministers and public representatives attended the event. Ponguleti said the Bhu Bharati programme was progressing rapidly in 70 villages across every district. As part of the pilot project, land surveys had been completed in Mulgund village of Madhira constituency, where 476 farmers received Bhoodar cards with survey maps from the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister. Highlighting the government's welfare initiatives, the Minister said ₹63,000 crore had been provided to women's self-help groups at zero interest, with the aim of making nearly one crore women financially empowered. He also said the government had filled 71,000 government jobs within its first two years in office and announced that notifications for another 17,000 to 20,000 vacancies would be issued shortly to provide more employment opportunities for youth. Taking a swipe at the previous BRS government, Ponguleti alleged that corruption was evident in every pillar of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project and accused the opposition of spreading misinformation against the Congress government. He asserted that the present administration was fulfilling its promises through concrete action rather than rhetoric. The Minister further reiterated the government's commitment to providing Indiramma houses to every eligible poor family. He said the second phase of house-site distribution had already been completed and assured that the remaining phases would be implemented swiftly to ensure housing benefits reached all eligible beneficiaries.

Sridhar Babu Invites German Investment to Telangana



Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

State Information Technology and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu has invited German companies to invest in the state, asserting that Telangana offers the most conducive environment for manufacturing industries in India, backed by investor-friendly policies, world-class infrastructure, and a skilled workforce.

The Minister made the remarks while meeting a high-level German delegation led by Tobias Gotthardt, Vice Minister of the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy, at the Dr. B.R. Telangana State Secretariat on Friday.

During the meeting, both sides discussed ways to strengthen economic and industrial cooperation between Telangana and Germany. Sridhar Babu highlighted the state's industrial policies and incentives designed to attract global investments and transform Telangana into a world-class manufacturing hub. He said Telangana presents significant investment opportunities across sectors including Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Aerospace, Defence, Advanced Manufacturing, Precision Engineering, Digital Engineering, Semiconductors, Automotive and Mobility, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Health, Clean Energy, Global Capability Centres (GCCs), Research and Innovation, and Industry 4.0.

The Minister said the state government is systematically building a robust ecosystem focused on advanced technology, innovation, research, and skill development to meet the demands of future industries. He added that Telangana's strong infrastructure, progressive policies, and industry-ready talent make it an ideal destination for global manufacturers.

Sridhar Babu also proposed expanding the Telangana-Germany partnership beyond investments to include collaboration in technology transfer, research, innovation, and workforce skill development, creating long-term strategic ties between the two regions.

The German delegation appreciated Telangana's industrial growth and held discussions on exploring future collaboration in key manufacturing and technology sectors.

The meeting was attended by German Consul General Michael Hasper, Germany's Honorary Consul in Hyderabad Amita Desai, Executive Director of the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs Ulrike Hoffmann, Executive Director of the Bavaria India Office John Kottayil, and senior officials.

Vivek Venkataswamy Highlights ATCs, Overseas Jobs

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister for Labour, Employment, Training and Factories D. Vivek Venkataswamy said the Congress government was focusing on welfare and skill development to create employment opportunities for youth, including overseas placements through Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs).

Speaking at a public programme, the Minister recalled his association with Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar during the Telangana statehood movement and thanked the people for electing his late father as a Member of Parliament from the region



on four occasions. Highlighting the Congress government's welfare initiatives, Vivek Venkataswamy said the administration had implemented free bus travel for women, enhanced Aarogyasri health insurance coverage from ₹5 lakh to ₹10

lakh, provided 200 units of free electricity to eligible households, distributed ration cards and fine rice, and launched the Indiramma Housing scheme for the poor. The Minister said the government was establishing 119 Advanced Technology

Centres (ATCs) across Telangana with an investment of ₹4,000 crore to equip students with industry-oriented skills. He noted that these centres would create employment opportunities in Germany and several other countries.

He said German language training was already being provided at the ATC Centre in Chennai-Mandamarri, where students learning the language receive a ₹1,000 monthly stipend, while trainees at ATC centres are provided a ₹2,000 monthly stipend. He added that he would personally monitor the functioning of the centres to ensure higher student enrolment and better outcomes.

Vivek Venkataswamy also highlighted the state government's support for TOMCOM (Telangana Overseas Manpower Company), stating that ₹90 crore had been allocated to strengthen overseas employment opportunities. According to the Minister, TOMCOM was facilitating international job placements for Telangana youth. He further announced plans to establish a driving school in the region, saying trained drivers would have access to nearly 10,000 overseas employment opportunities. The Minister also said the government was encouraging oil palm cultivation in Husnabad to improve farmers' incomes.

Minister Konda Surekha Calls Bonalu a Symbol of Telangana's Ganga-Jamuni Culture

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

State Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha said the annual Ashada Bonalu celebrations in Hyderabad reflect the state's unique Ganga-Jamuni Tehzeeb, highlighting communal harmony and mutual respect between Hindu and Muslim communities. She said the secular spirit displayed during religious festivals in the twin cities serves as an inspiring example for the entire country. Chairing a coordination meeting at the Sri Jagadambika Mahankali Temple inside Golconda Fort, the Minister reviewed preparations for the Bonalu festivities scheduled to begin on July 16. She instructed officials from all departments to work in close coordination to ensure smooth conduct of the festival and provide a safe, convenient, and spiritually fulfilling experience for lakhs of devotees expected to participate. The meeting was



attended by Karwan MLA Kausar Mohiuddin, Endowments Department Director Hanumantha Rao, Cultural Affairs Director Enugu Narasimha Reddy, and senior officials from the police, traffic, GHMC, electricity, health, fire services, transport, and Information & Public Relations departments. Konda Surekha said it has been a long-standing tradition to offer the first Bonam of the Ashada festival to Goddess Jagadambika Mahankali at Golconda Fort. She noted that celebrations would continue from July 16 to August 13, attracting large crowds from across

Telangana and neighbouring states. The Minister directed officials to complete all arrangements for the Bonam procession, Thottelu Rathotsavam, and Metla Puja beginning from Langar Houz Junction on July 16. She stressed that traffic regulation, parking facilities, queue management, barricading, drinking water, uninterrupted power supply, sanitation, medical services, fire safety, and special bus services should be planned comprehensively for the major festival days on July 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 and August 2, 6, 9 and 13. She instructed GHMC to complete civic works within

the stipulated timeline and directed the electricity department to ensure safe wiring and uninterrupted power supply. Officials were also asked to maintain cleanliness around the temple, install mobile toilets and drinking water points, operate medical camps and 108 ambulance services round the clock, and improve roads, stairways, lighting, high-mast lamps, shelters, and signboards within the Golconda Fort premises. Emphasising public safety, Konda Surekha ordered the police to establish a dedicated control room throughout the festival period and

ensure continuous coordination among all departments. She also instructed officials to display awareness posters containing photographs of suspected offenders to help devotees remain vigilant and to provide special care for children, senior citizens, pregnant women, and nursing mothers. The Minister further directed all departments to extend full cooperation to Shiva Sattulu, who perform traditional Bonalu rituals, ensuring that they face no inconvenience during the festivities. Later, Konda Surekha, along with public representatives and officials, unveiled the official Ashada Bonalu Jatar poster and brochure. She was accorded a traditional Purna Kumbha welcome by temple priests and participated in special prayers, seeking the blessings of Goddess Jagadambika Mahankali for timely rains, agricultural prosperity, and the peace and well-being of the people of Telangana.

Bhatti Vikramarka Highlights Farmer Welfare, Targets BRS

Madhira, Khammam, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday said the Congress government was committed to farmers' welfare, women's empowerment and inclusive development, while accusing the previous BRS government of corruption and financial mismanagement. Addressing the Rythu Aashirwada Sabha in Madhira constituency, Bhatti Vikramarka said the government had renamed the programme from Rythu Bharosa Sabha to Rythu Aashirwada Sabha in response to farmers' wishes. He thanked the farming community for attending the event in large numbers and extending their blessings to the government. The Deputy

Chief Minister said the Congress government had transferred ₹9,000 crore under the Rythu Bharosa scheme into farmers' accounts within just nine days, benefiting 16.81 lakh farmers. He described agriculture as not merely an occupation but a way of life, adding that government support for farmers should be viewed as an investment in agricultural growth rather than a freebie. Highlighting women's welfare, Bhatti Vikramarka said the government had already disbursed ₹67,000 crore in interest-free loans to women's self-help groups and enhanced the loan ceiling to ₹10 lakh. He said women were being encouraged to become entrepreneurs by giving

them opportunities to manage petrol pumps, canteens and power projects. The Deputy Chief Minister said the Congress government was spending ₹14,000 crore annually to provide free electricity to farmers, asserting that free power had always been a hallmark of Congress governments. He also claimed that Telangana had become one of the few states to procure maize and jowar at the Minimum Support Price (MSP), ensuring remunerative returns for farmers. Launching a sharp attack on the BRS, Bhatti alleged that corruption in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project had led to its failure despite an expenditure of over ₹1 lakh crore. He claimed that the

original Pranahita Project, estimated at ₹27,000 crore, was redesigned into Kaleshwaram at a cost of ₹1.47 lakh crore, resulting in large-scale financial irregularities without delivering expected irrigation benefits. He further alleged that the previous BRS government had spent nearly ₹1.5 lakh crore on projects across the Godavari River without achieving the intended outcomes and accused BRS leaders of spreading misinformation to conceal past failures. Bhatti Vikramarka also highlighted the Congress government's welfare initiatives, including Indiramma Bima, which provides ₹5 lakh insurance coverage to every family in Telangana, benefiting

nearly 1.15 crore households. He said the government was simultaneously servicing debts inherited from the previous regime while clearing salaries and pending bills.

The Deputy Chief Minister also cited the introduction of breakfast, milk and ragi malt for 27 lakh government school students, describing it as part of the government's commitment to improving nutrition and educational outcomes. Reiterating the Congress government's focus on farmers, women, students and the poor, Bhatti Vikramarka said the administration was steering Telangana towards sustainable development while rejecting what he termed "false propaganda" by the opposition.

Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Slams BRS

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy launched a sharp attack on the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), alleging that the party had lost public confidence and was resorting to baseless claims to retain its cadre. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan on Friday, the Congress MP dismissed recent statements by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), calling them politically motivated. "The BRS has become a party that people no longer trust. KTR is making hollow statements only to keep the party cadre together," Chamala said. Referring to KTR's allegations regarding phone tapping and surveillance, the MP claimed that the BRS leader was "living in a dream world" by alleging that phones of film personalities and others were being monitored. Chamala also questioned the credibility of the BRS's election surveys, recalling that KTR had confidently claimed victory for the party ahead of the Jubilee Hills by-election. However, he pointed



out that the BRS ultimately lost both the Jubilee Hills and Secunderabad Cantonment seats, proving such survey claims wrong. Responding to questions on the ongoing developments in

Tungaturthi, the Congress MP described the issue as an internal party matter and sought to downplay reports of differences. "The Tungaturthi issue is like a family matter for us. There are no disputes among us," he said,

adding that Mandula Samuel was like a brother to him. Chamala explained that he had only suggested consulting all party leaders before finalising the appointment of Mandal Congress Committee presidents. He said his intention was to ensure consensus within the party and prevent unnecessary misunderstandings. Stressing his commitment to the Congress, the MP said he remained a dedicated party worker and believed that those who had worked for the party's victory deserved due recognition. He added that he had requested Mandula Samuel to hold discussions with all stakeholders before making appointments so that deserving party workers could be accommodated. Clarifying his role in Tungaturthi politics, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said he had no intention of exercising dominance or interference in the constituency's affairs and was only interested in strengthening the Congress organisation through collective decision-making.

Uttam Seeks Answers from BRS on RS.1,400-Crore Kaleshwaram Remark



Huzurnagar, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday demanded an explanation from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) over MLC K. Kavitha's reported statement that the party had received ₹1,400 crore from contractors associated with the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. Speaking to the media after inaugurating development works in the Huzurnagar and Kodad constituencies, Uttam Kumar Reddy said Kavitha's remarks had exposed what he described as the "inside story" behind the controversial project. He questioned the BRS leadership over who received the money, why it was accepted, and whether financial links between political leaders and contractors had compromised construction quality. The Minister alleged that these revelations explained why the Medigadda Barrage collapsed and why the Annaram and Sundilla barrages were also facing structural concerns. He said the project's design, construction and execution were entirely carried out during the BRS government's tenure, making the opposition accountable for its failures. Targeting former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao, Uttam Kumar Reddy dismissed his claim that the project could be restored within three months. He said it was ironic that those responsible for the project's execution were now attempting to shift the blame onto the Congress government. The Minister also criticised Harish Rao's demand to immediately store water and resume pumping operations, stating that public safety could not be compromised for political purposes. He pointed out that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) had raised serious concerns over the foundations, cutoff walls, seepage, raft structures and internal voids in all three barrages. According to Uttam Kumar Reddy, the NDSA has clearly recommended that no water should be stored until scientific investigations, redesign and rehabilitation works are completed. He asserted that the Congress government would strictly follow expert recommendations and national safety standards before allowing water storage or pumping operations. The Minister further alleged that the previous BRS government spent nearly ₹1.81 lakh crore on irrigation projects while abandoning the original Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Pranahita-Chevella Project in favour of the costlier Kaleshwaram project. He maintained that the Congress government had inherited the crisis and would prioritise public safety over political considerations while restoring the project.

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

BJP National General Secretary and Karimnagar MP Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a sharp attack on the Telangana Congress government over the alleged encroachment of a lake by an educational institution linked to the Owaisi family, accusing the administration of adopting double standards in enforcing land and lake protection laws. In a post on X, Bandi

Sanjay alleged that while the entire country could clearly see the alleged encroachment, the Congress government was attempting to convince the public that the college was not situated within the lake area. He criticised the government for using the HYDRAA demolition drive against the homes of poor people while allegedly ignoring what he described as a visible encroachment by influential institutions. Questioning the govern-

ment's intent, the BJP leader asked whether the Congress was suffering from "poor vision" or a lack of political will. In a sarcastic remark, he suggested that every BJP worker should organise free eye-check-up camps for Congress leaders so they could "see what the public is already seeing." Bandi Sanjay further said that if the alleged encroachment remained invisible to the government even after an eye

examination, the issue was not with eyesight but with political motives. He also alleged that the Full Tank Level (FTL) boundaries of lakes were being altered to suit the Congress government's political interests, raising concerns over the impartial implementation of land regulations. Accusing the government of applying different standards to different sections of society, he questioned whether one set of rules

was being imposed on poor citizens while another was being followed for those close to the ruling party. Calling for equal enforcement of the law, Bandi Sanjay said regulations concerning lakes and FTL boundaries should be implemented uniformly without discrimination. He demanded that the Congress government explain why what was visible to the public was allegedly being ignored by the administration.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Says Congress Will Resolve Internal Issues

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud on Friday said the Congress would resolve its internal issues through the party's disciplinary mechanism while launching a sharp attack on the BRS and BJP over governance, corruption, and unemployment.

Speaking to the media at Gandhi Bhavan, Mahesh Kumar Goud said the party was addressing a few internal issues and assured that they would be resolved soon. He said the disciplinary committee would treat everyone equally and that senior leaders Sachin Sawant and T. Jagga Reddy had been appointed as observers to gather facts regarding issues involving MLC Kadiyam Srihari, Minister Konda Surekha, and developments in Tungaturthi. Action, he said, would be taken based on their

report. Responding to BRS leader T. Harish Rao, Mahesh Kumar Goud questioned what the former minister had achieved during his decade in power and asked why the Congress government should be given additional time when the Kaleshwaram project built under the BRS had itself become controversial. In a sarcastic remark, he said that if Harish Rao wished to join the Congress, the matter would be discussed by the party's Political Affairs Committee before any decision was taken. The TPCC chief alleged that the BRS had failed to fulfil the promises it made during its 10-year rule and claimed that people were now supporting the Congress government because of its welfare and development initiatives. Referring to allegations made by BRS MLC K. Kavitha, he said there were serious questions over how a regional party had accumulated ₹1,400 crore in funds.

Mahesh Kumar Goud also criticised senior BJP leader Eatala Rajender, alleging that he remained silent despite serving as Finance Minister during the previous BRS government when, according to the Congress, irregularities occurred in major irrigation projects. He claimed Eatala now appeared to be defending the BRS instead of questioning its actions. Targeting the BJP-led Central Government, the Congress leader questioned its failure to fulfil the promise of creating two crore jobs annually and said the people had already witnessed the party's governance over the past 12 years. He further announced that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy would hold discussions with AICC Telangana In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan on July 15 regarding appointments to various state corporations, after which a decision would be taken.

Medipally Satyam Targets Harish Rao Over Kaleshwaram

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Choppadandi MLA Medipally Satyam launched a strong attack on senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao, accusing him of making baseless allegations against the Congress government and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, Satyam alleged that Harish Rao was "obsessed" with Revanth Reddy and claimed the BRS leadership was attempting to divert public attention from issues surrounding the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project. The Congress MLA compared Harish Rao and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) to movie villains, alleging that the party was resorting to political drama despite losing public support. He said the BRS had earlier exploited regional senti-

ments for political gain and was now trying to repeat the same strategy. Satyam accused the BRS of collecting huge party funds and demanded that the money be provided to the families of Telangana martyrs. He further alleged that the Kaleshwaram project was built with the intention of benefiting a few individuals rather than serving the interests of the people, claiming that the alleged irregularities had become evident to the public. The MLA asserted that the Congress had constructed several irrigation projects long before Harish Rao entered politics and said those projects had contributed significantly to the state's agricultural prosperity. In contrast, he alleged that the Kaleshwaram project had become a symbol of mismanagement.

Defending the Congress government, Satyam said the administration under Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy was committed to Telangana's development and did not require advice from the BRS. He also alleged an understanding between the BJP and the BRS and pointed out that the Telangana government had written to the Centre nearly 11 months ago seeking a CBI inquiry into the Kaleshwaram project, but no action had been taken so far. Highlighting the Congress government's welfare agenda, Satyam said Telangana was implementing several welfare schemes that were unmatched elsewhere in the country under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Major Fire Ravages Auto Workshops in Chaderghat

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

A massive fire broke out at Kamalnagar Musi Nala in Chaderghat on Friday, gutting several automobile workshops and destroying multiple vehicles before firefighters brought the blaze under control after nearly two hours. No injuries were reported, police said. According to the Chaderghat police, the fire was reported around 4 pm by Syed Shabir, owner of HKBN Motors, who noticed a burning smell while having lunch with his workers inside the workshop. On investigating, they found a small fire in a nearby scrap shop. The workers initially attempted to extinguish the flames using water, but the fire spread rapidly due to highly combustible materials stored in the area, engulfing nearby workshops. The affected establishments included Moon Motors, HKBN Motors, Splash Motors, JFN



Motors, Muqtar Decoration, and Waseem Motors. Several vehicles parked for repairs were extensively damaged in the incident. Following the alert, personnel from the Chaderghat police and the Fire Services Department rushed to the spot with seven fire tenders. After an intensive firefighting operation, the blaze was brought under control by 6.20 pm,

preventing it from spreading further. Police have registered a fire accident case under FIR No. 266/2026. Chaderghat Station House Officer K.B. Murari said the exact cause of the fire is yet to be determined and that an investigation is underway. Appropriate legal action will be taken based on the findings of the inquiry, he added.

Harish Rao Accuses Revanth of Neglecting Telangana's Water Interests

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Senior BRS leader and former Irrigation Minister T. Harish Rao launched a sharp attack on Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of failing to honour election promises, neglecting the state's irrigation interests, and allowing Godavari waters to flow into Andhra Pradesh without utilising them for Telangana farmers. In a series of posts on X, Harish Rao said political defections and breaking promises may have become Revanth Reddy's political culture, but not his own. Referring to the Chief Minister's pledge at Bhadrachalam to implement a complete farm loan waiver, he questioned whether even all eligible farmers in Khammam district had received the promised benefit. The former minister also criticised the Congress government's

handling of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, alleging that instead of operating the Kannepalli Pump House to lift water through the Annaram and Sundilla barrages to Yellampalli Reservoir, the government was allowing Godavari water to flow downstream. Harish Rao claimed there was no structural threat to the barrages under the present flood conditions and questioned why the government was ignoring the advice of retired irrigation engineers who had recommended immediate pumping operations. Alleging that Telangana's water interests were being compromised, he claimed the Congress government was allowing Andhra Pradesh to utilise Godavari waters through the Pattiseema, Tadipudi, Purushothapatnam and Pushkara Lift Irrigation Schemes, while Telangana's own pumping infra-

structure remained idle despite having the capacity to lift nearly 3 TMC of water per day. He further alleged that the government's inaction could adversely affect irrigation, drinking water supply, industries and power generation, pointing out that Yellampalli Reservoir, with a storage capacity of 20.18 TMC, currently held only 5.48 TMC of water. Harish Rao questioned how the government planned to meet irrigation requirements, industrial demand, Mission Bhagiratha supply and Hyderabad's drinking water needs if reservoir levels continued to decline. He demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy explain why the Kannepalli pumps had not been operated despite adequate river flows and accused the government of acting against the interests of Telangana farmers.

Retired Officer's Continuation Opposed

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

State Unemployed JAC Chairman and TPCC ST Cell Vice Chairman Bhim Rao Naik has demanded that the Telangana government immediately withdraw any proposal to continue retired official Ashok Reddy in the same position at the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation (MMC). He also called for a comprehensive inquiry into Ashok Reddy's promotions, educational qualifications, and alleged irregularities during his tenure.

Speaking to the media on Friday, Naik said that under government service rules, vacancies created due to retirement should be filled by eligible officers based on



seniority. Retaining a retired official in the same post, he argued, is against administrative norms and deprives deserving serving employees of their rightful promotional opportunities.

He said such decisions would create dissatisfaction among government employees, particularly at a time when unemployment remains a major concern in the state. According to Naik,

preference should be given to qualified serving officers instead of reappointing retired personnel.

Naik further alleged that questions remain over the promotions Ashok Reddy received after joining service as a pump operator and rising to higher positions. He demanded verification of the retired official's educational qualification certificates and sought a detailed probe into allegations of corruption and administrative irregularities during his service. He also questioned the role of Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation Commissioner Vinay Krishna Reddy, alleging that the Commissioner's efforts to facilitate Ashok Reddy's continuation require scrutiny. Naik called for

transparency regarding the communication sent to the GHMC Commissioner and the state government on the matter.

Appealing to the government led by A. Revanth Reddy, Naik urged that the proposal be withdrawn immediately and that the vacant post be filled strictly according to seniority and government rules. He announced that complaints would be submitted to the Chief Minister and the Chief Secretary and warned that the State Unemployed JAC would initiate further action if the issue is not addressed. Unemployed youth representatives Surender, Sai Kumar, and Naresh Gautham also attended the press conference.

Bahadurpally Footpath Encroachments Cleared - Deputy Commissioner Leads Drive

Quthbullapur, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Municipal authorities launched a major anti-encroachment drive in Bahadurpally on Friday, demolishing 42 illegal structures built on footpaths to restore safe passage for pedestrians and improve traffic flow.

The special operation was carried out along the stretch from Bahadurpally Junction to SV Super Speciality Hospital on Dulapally Road under the Dundigal Circle. Officials said the action was taken in response to increasing encroachments that had occupied footpaths on both sides of the road, forcing pedestrians to walk on the



carriageway and exposing them to accidents. Authorities stated that the removal drive was conducted in the larger public interest and without yielding to any external pressure. The oper-

ation aimed to reclaim public spaces and ensure that footpaths remain accessible for pedestrians. Officials reiterated that encroachment of government land and public foot-

paths is illegal and warned that strict action would be taken against violators. They said offenders could face hefty penalties as well as legal proceedings for violating municipal regulations. Traders and local residents were urged to voluntarily remove any unauthorized structures and cooperate with the civic administration in keeping public walkways free from obstructions. Officials emphasized that public participation is essential for maintaining orderly roads and ensuring pedestrian safety. The municipal administration also announced that similar special drives would continue on major roads across the

city as part of an ongoing campaign to reclaim footpaths for public use. They stressed that there would be no compromise on removing illegal encroachments in the interest of public safety and better traffic management. The drive was conducted in the presence of Deputy Commissioner Dr. S. Venkata Mani Karan, ACP Srinivas, TPS Mukesh Singh, and officials and staff from the Town Planning Department.

Municipal authorities said the initiative reflects their commitment to improving urban infrastructure and ensuring safer, more accessible public spaces for citizens.

Gandhi Nagar CI Bose Kiran Given Warm Farewell After Transfer to Traffic Administration

Secunderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Circle Inspector (CI) Bose Kiran was accorded a warm farewell by officers and staff at Gandhi Nagar Police Station on Friday following his transfer to the Traffic Administration Wing. During the farewell ceremony, Sub-Inspectors, police constables, and ministerial staff felicitated the officer with a shawl and presented him with a memento in recognition of his dedicated service. Colleagues praised his leadership and contribution to improving policing and public service during his tenure.

Since assuming charge at Gandhi Nagar Police Station in May 2025, CI Bose Kiran introduced several reforms aimed at making the police station more accessible and



citizen-friendly. Under his leadership, the station premises were transformed through extensive greenery, restoration of the drainage system, and improved sanitation measures.

He also oversaw the removal of abandoned two-wheelers that had been seized in various cases over several years

and had turned into scrap, thereby creating more space within the station premises in accordance with official procedures. A shelter was also installed to provide shade and convenience for visitors to the police station. Apart from infrastructure improvements, Bose Kiran actively promoted community policing by organizing

awareness programmes on legal rights, cybercrime prevention for youth, women's safety, and traffic regulations. He was widely appreciated for ensuring prompt resolution of public complaints, focusing on justice for victims, and fostering a culture of teamwork among police personnel. Fellow officers described his

efforts in transforming an ordinary police station into a well-organized, professional, and citizen-centric workplace comparable to corporate standards. They said his commitment to integrity, discipline, and a humane approach to policing would remain a lasting example for the department.

As part of the ceremony, colleagues presented bouquets and extended their best wishes for his new assignment, expressing confidence that he would continue to excel in his career and serve with the same dedication. The farewell programme was attended by Sector SIs Harish Kumar, Mounika, Likhith Sai, Kantha Rao, ASI Shankar Rao, Writer Mallaiah, and other police personnel.

SFI State Secretary T. Nagaraju Leads Student Unions' Protest Against Telangana Government

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Student organisations on Friday claimed that the statewide shutdown of educational institutions called in protest against the Telangana government's education policies received a positive response across the state. The bandh was organised under the banner of several student unions, including the Students' Federation of India (SFI), AISF, PDSU, AIDS, AIFDS, AISB, and AIPSU.

As part of the protest, student leaders and activists attempted to lay siege to the ministers' residential complex in Hyderabad. The protesters alleged that police prevented them from proceeding, leading to scuffles at the venue. They further claimed that several students were physically assaulted and detained while staging a peaceful demonstration.

Addressing the media, SFI State Secretary T. Nagaraju, along with AISF State Secretary Putta Laxman, PDSU State Secretary S. Anil, PDSU State President



Podapangi Nagaraju, AIDS Assistant State Secretary Nitish, AIFDS State President Palle Murali, AISB State Secretary Naveed Hakim, and AIPSU leader Gopal, criticised the Congress government over what they described as the deteriorating condition of the education sector. The student leaders alleged that despite nearly two years of the Congress government led by A. Revanth Reddy, the state still does not have a full-fledged Education Minister. They claimed that the absence of dedicated leadership has adversely affected government schools



and colleges. They also criticised the government's proposed "Young India Schools" and "International Schools" initiatives, alleging that the policies could weaken the public education system by paving the way for the merger or closure of government schools.

The student organisations further alleged that scholarships and fee reimbursement dues amounting to nearly ₹10,814 crore have remained pending for several years, affecting the higher

education of thousands of economically disadvantaged students. They demanded the immediate release of the pending funds.

The leaders also accused the government of failing to regulate fee hikes by private and corporate educational institutions and criticised the delay in introducing a fee regulation law. They further alleged that government schools continue to face shortages of textbooks, notebooks, uniforms, mid-day meals, teachers, and basic infrastructure.

The student unions demanded immediate measures to strengthen public education, fill vacant teaching posts, and resolve pending student welfare issues. They warned that if their demands remain unaddressed, they would intensify their joint statewide agitation in the coming days.

The protest was attended by SFI State Vice Presidents Damara Kiran and K. Ashok Reddy, State Committee members Lenin Guevara and J. Ramesh, AISF State Vice President Rehman, and leaders from various student organisations.

Dr. K. Anand Takes Charge as Medchal DMHO



Medchal, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Dr. K. Anand has assumed charge as the In-Charge District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) of Medchal-Malkajgiri district following orders issued by the state health authorities. As per the official orders, Dr. C. Uma Gouri, who was serving as the District Medical and Health Officer of Medchal-Malkajgiri, has been relieved with immediate effect on administrative grounds and directed to report to the office of the Director of Public Health and Family Welfare in Hyderabad. In the same orders, Dr. K. Anand, who was serving as Civil Surgeon and Resident Medical Officer (RMO) at Niloufer Hospital, Hyderabad, was appointed as the In-Charge DMHO of Medchal-Malkajgiri with immediate effect. He formally assumed charge on Thursday. After taking charge, Dr. Anand paid courtesy visits to Medchal-Malkajgiri District Collector Manu Choudhary, Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed, and Additional Collector Vijayender Reddy. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Anand said he would work in line with the government's objectives to ensure quality healthcare services for the people of the district. He stated that special emphasis would be placed on strengthening public health initiatives, improving the implementation of national health programmes, and enhancing the delivery of welfare-oriented healthcare services across the district. Dr. Anand brings extensive administrative and public health experience to his new role. He has previously served as the Deputy District Medical and Health Officer for the Malkajgiri Division, Superintendent of the Medchal Community Health Centre, and District Officer for the Maternal and Child Welfare Programme as well as the National Health Mission (NHM). Officials said his familiarity with the district's healthcare infrastructure, public health programmes, and maternal and child welfare services is expected to contribute to the effective implementation of government healthcare initiatives and improve service delivery across Medchal-Malkajgiri district.

CMR Technical Campus Holds Graduation Day



Medchal, July 10 | TPN Bureau

CMR Technical Campus at Kandlakoya in Medchal district celebrated the Graduation Day ceremony for the 2026 academic year with great enthusiasm on Friday. Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE) Chairman Prof. Balakrishna Reddy attended the event as the chief guest. Special guests C.S.S. Rao, Raghu Kulkarni, and Jitender Singh also participated in the programme and presented degree certificates to the graduating engineering students. Addressing the gathering, CMR Education Society Chairman Gopal Reddy said that around 900 students had successfully completed their engineering education in 2026. He noted that the CMR educational institutions are entering their 25th year and announced that the silver jubilee celebrations would be conducted on a grand scale next year. He urged the graduates to become responsible engineers and contribute meaningfully to society through their knowledge and skills. Describing graduation as the beginning of a new phase in life, he encouraged students to pursue higher goals with confidence, determination, and a spirit of service. The ceremony was attended by CMR Vice Chairman Abhinav Reddy, Secretary Vasantha Latha, Director Dr. A. Raji Reddy, deans, heads of departments, faculty members, and parents. The campus witnessed a festive atmosphere as students celebrated the successful completion of their engineering journey and received their degree certificates in the presence of academic leaders and dignitaries.

Hyderabad DEO R.V. Karnan Reviews SIR Progress

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has directed all District Election Officers (DEOs) and Special Intensive Revision (SIR) observers to expedite the digitisation of enumeration forms and initiate action against officials showing poor progress.

During a video conference held on Friday, the ECI instructed District Election Officers across the country to accelerate the digitisation process and issue show-cause notices to Election Registration Officers (EROs) who are lagging behind in completing the assigned work. Following the directions, GHMC Commissioner and Hyderabad District Election Officer (DEO) R.V. Karnan, IAS, convened a special review meeting with all Election Registration Officers (EROs) and election officials to assess the progress of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) programme. The meeting focused on the digitisation of enumeration forms, timely completion of pending work, and strict implementation of the schedule prescribed by the Election Commission of India. During the review, Karnan expressed serious dissatisfaction over the slow pace of digitisation in the Sanathnagar, Musheerabad, and Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituencies. He directed that show-cause notices be issued to the concerned Election Registration Officers and warned that strict administrative action would follow if their performance did not improve. The District Election Officer instructed all EROs to personally monitor the digitisation process on a daily basis and ensure that all pending enumeration forms are digitised accurately and within the stipulated timeline.



New Adilabad Deputy Sarpanches' Association President Felicitated



Adilabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Newly elected Adilabad District Deputy Sarpanches' Association President Baddam Ramachandra Reddy was felicitated by public representatives and residents of Adegama village in recognition of his appointment. The felicitation ceremony was led by Adegama Sarpanch Resu Anasuya Pothareddy, who, along with ward members, honoured Ramachandra Reddy with a shawl and presented him with a bouquet. Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Resu Anasuya Pothareddy expressed confidence that under the leadership of Baddam Ramachandra Reddy, the long-pending issues of deputy sarpanches across Adilabad district would receive due attention. She said his leadership would strengthen rural local bodies, promote village development, and contribute to the effective resolution of public issues. Accepting the honour, Baddam Ramachandra Reddy thanked the deputy sarpanches of the district for electing him as their association president. He assured that he would work sincerely to safeguard the rights of deputy sarpanches, address their concerns, and support the implementation of rural development programmes. He said the recognition bestowed upon him had increased his sense of responsibility and pledged to work in coordination with fellow public representatives to strengthen local governance and improve the welfare of rural communities. Several ward members, village elders, youth, public representatives, and local residents attended the event and extended their congratulations to the newly elected association president. Among those present were Ward Member Tarchand, Dignoor Deputy Sarpanch Gangadhar, and residents of Adarsh Nagar Colony, who also felicitated Baddam Ramachandra Reddy and wished him success in his new responsibilities.

BRS Delegation Urges ECI to Extend Voter Roll Revision Deadline



New Delhi, July 10 | TPN Bureau

A delegation of the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS), led by Rajya Sabha MP and BRS Parliamentary Party Leader Vaddiraju Ravichandra, met Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar and Election Commissioners Dr. Sukhbir Singh Sandhu and Dr. Vivek Joshi at Nirvachan Sadan in New Delhi on Friday, seeking improvements in the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls. The delegation, which included former Lok Sabha MP Boipally Vinod Kumar and BRS General Secretary Soma Bharat Kumar, highlighted several challenges affecting the voter list revision process and urged the Election Commission of India (ECI) to extend the deadline by one to two months. Addressing the media after the meeting, Vinod Kumar said the effectiveness of the SIR exercise depends on well-trained Booth Level Officers (BLOs). He pointed out that some BLOs lacked adequate training and that necessary forms were unavailable in certain areas, slowing the process. He also informed the Commission that officials had already been replaced in some parts of Hyderabad after similar issues were identified. Vinod Kumar said the BRS has deployed around 35,000 Booth Level Assistants across Telangana to assist voters during the revision process. He also suggested wider use of technology, including voluntary Aadhaar linking, to identify duplicate voter registrations while noting that Aadhaar cannot be made mandatory in line with Supreme Court directions. Ravichandra said only 5-10 percent of the revision process had been completed so far and stressed that additional time was essential to ensure a transparent and comprehensive exercise. He also urged the ECI to address duplicate voter registrations in border districts shared by Telangana with Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, stating that every citizen should have only one valid vote across the country. The BRS leaders informed the Commission that the party had identified thousands of duplicate voter entries in several Telangana districts and submitted a detailed report. They urged the ECI to ensure the revision process remains impartial, transparent and focused on protecting the voting rights of every eligible citizen. According to the delegation, the Election Commission responded positively to the concerns raised and assured them that it would examine the request for extending the SIR timeline.

Health Minister Pushes Digital Tracking of Medical Equipment

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

State Health Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha has directed officials of the Telangana Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TGM-SIDC) to strengthen procurement systems and introduce end-to-end digital tracking of medical equipment to ensure timely, transparent, and quality supplies to government hospitals. Chairing a review meeting at the TGM-SIDC office in Koti on Friday, the Minister reviewed medical equipment procurement, tender processes, maintenance, operational status, and the requirements of newly established government hospitals. He stressed that all equipment supplied to hospitals must meet prescribed quality standards and be delivered within stipulated timelines. Rajanarsimha instructed officials to prepare a policy framework that prioritises transparency and standardised procurement procedures. He proposed complete digitisation of the procurement process, with an end-to-end digital tracking system covering every stage from tendering to delivery, installation, and maintenance to improve transparency, accountability, and efficiency. The Minister also called for the creation of a centralised dashboard to monitor the operational status and performance of medical equipment across all government hospitals. He directed senior officials to review the dashboard every fortnight and take immediate corrective measures wherever necessary. Emphasising proper maintenance, Rajanarsimha ordered a review of existing Comprehensive Annual Maintenance Contract (CAMC) agreements and sought stricter penalties for vendors failing to meet service-level commitments.



Ashwaraopet, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Rakshana Sena Chief Kalvakuntla Kavitha received a traditional welcome from members of the Nayakapod tribal community during her visit to Kothagangaram Nayakapod Gudum in Ashwaraopet mandal of Bhadrachali Kothagudem district. During the visit, Kavitha offered special prayers to Ganganamma, the presiding deity revered by the tribal community, and participated in traditional rituals at the village shrine. In a gesture reflecting tribal hospitality, members of the Nayakapod community stopped Kavitha in the nearby forest and offered her freshly plucked Nekara fruits from the trees. Kavitha accepted the fruits with appreciation and interacted warmly with the tribal residents. On reaching



Kothagangaram, the villagers accorded her a grand traditional reception with customary honours. She later offered prayers to the village deity and interacted with local residents, particularly women from the

community. Kavitha also joined the tribal women in celebrating Bathukamma, participating in the traditional floral festival and cultural activities. The event highlighted the rich customs and traditions of the Nayakapod communi-

ty while providing an opportunity for the BRS leader to engage closely with tribal families. Local leaders and villagers welcomed Kavitha and expressed appreciation for her visit to the remote tribal settlement.

Uttam Kumar Reddy Urges BLAs to Safeguard Every Eligible Vote

Kodad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy called upon Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to play a proactive role in ensuring the success of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, stressing that protecting every eligible citizen's right to vote is the Congress party's foremost objective. Addressing a meeting of BLAs at the Congress party office in Kodad on Friday, alongside Kodad MLA Padmavathi Reddy, the minister described the SIR exercise as

a crucial democratic process and urged party workers to carry out their responsibilities with dedication and transparency. Uttam Kumar Reddy said the right to vote is the foundation of democracy and instructed BLAs to ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls. He asked them to conduct door-to-door verification in every polling booth area, carefully examine voter details, and assist residents in submitting the required documents in accordance with the Election Commission of India's guidelines.

The minister also urged BLAs to educate voters about the SIR process and remove any misconceptions surrounding the revision exercise. He said creating awareness at the grassroots level would help ensure that every eligible citizen retains their voting rights. Highlighting the Congress party's commitment to democratic values, Uttam Kumar Reddy said coordinated efforts by party leaders, workers and BLAs would make the SIR programme in Kodad a model for other constituencies. He emphasized that

adherence to Election Commission guidelines and responsible field-level work would strengthen the credibility of the voter verification process. The minister reiterated that every party worker has a responsibility to uphold democratic principles and called for sincere efforts to ensure that the electoral roll revision is completed smoothly, transparently and without excluding any eligible voter. The meeting was attended by Kodad MLA Padmavathi Reddy and local Congress functionaries involved in the SIR campaign.

Telangana Launches 'Bill One' for Unified Municipal Payments

Hyderabad, July 10 | TPN Bureau

Telangana has introduced 'Bill One', a unified municipal payment service that enables citizens to pay multiple civic charges through a single digital platform. The initiative was launched on Friday by T.K. Sreedevi, Secretary, Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD). The new service allows taxpayers to make a single payment covering property tax, water charges and trade licence fees, eliminating the need for separate transactions for each municipal service. Officials said the initiative is aimed at simplifying tax payments, improving citizen convenience and enhancing the efficiency of municipal administration. One of the key features of Bill One is the generation of a consolidated demand-cum-No Objection Certificate (NOC) linked to the



Property Tax Identification Number (PTIN), water bill and trade licence. This provides taxpayers with a unified record of their municipal dues and clearances.

The system is also expected to reduce the administrative burden on urban local bodies by replacing multiple demand notices with a single consolidated statement. Municipal officials believe the ini-

tiative will streamline revenue collection while reducing paperwork and improving service delivery. Another major benefit of the platform is its flexible payment option. Citizens can choose to pay their municipal dues either in full or in partial payments and instalments, allowing them to manage their financial commitments more conveniently. Officials said the introduction of Bill One will significantly reduce the need for repeated visits by municipal staff to collect different taxes and fees, while making the payment process faster, more transparent and user-friendly. The Telangana government expects the unified payment platform to strengthen digital governance, improve tax compliance and provide a seamless experience for urban residents accessing municipal services across the state.

Eatala Rajender Urges Telangana Government to Lift Godavari Waters, Keep Politics Aside



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BJP MP Eatala Rajender said North Telangana has historically suffered due to inadequate irrigation despite the presence of major reservoirs. He credited the Kaleshwaram project with improving irrigation in parts of Karimnagar, Warangal and Nalgonda, while clarifying that his concern was not about alleged corruption or contractors involved in the project but about ensuring that its infrastructure benefits farmers. Referring to global forecasts of an El Niño-induced drought, the BJP leader said around 90,000 cusecs of Godavari water were currently flowing downstream. He urged the govern-

ment not to store water in the damaged Lakshmi Barrage if it was unsafe, but instead to operate the Kannepalli Pump House to lift flowing water through other components of the irrigation network. Rajender claimed farmers in Karimnagar were forced to re-sow cotton due to poor rainfall, incurring additional expenses, and warned that failure to utilise available water could lead to irrigation shortages and even affect Hyderabad's drinking water supply. Calling for a non-political approach, he urged Irrigation Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy to hold consultations with irrigation experts and act in the interest of farmers. He main-

tained that if irregularities or corruption were found in the construction of the Kaleshwaram project, those responsible should be identified, prosecuted and punished, but stressed that the existing infrastructure should not remain idle. Rejecting allegations of any misunderstanding between the BJP and the BRS, Rajender asserted that his intervention was solely aimed at protecting Telangana's water resources and farmers. He concluded by saying public money invested in irrigation projects must be used effectively and that governments are trustees of taxpayers' funds, responsible for ensuring the welfare of the people.

Editorial

The Middle Class Must Prepare for The Economic Shock

The ongoing conflict in the Gulf is no longer just a geopolitical issue confined to the Middle East. If the war continues for an extended period, its economic consequences will be felt across the world, and the middle class is likely to bear the heaviest burden. History has repeatedly shown that prolonged wars trigger inflation, disrupt supply chains, increase fuel prices, and slow economic growth. The present conflict appears to be no exception.

Even before the latest tensions, families were struggling with rising prices of essential commodities, healthcare, education, and housing. A prolonged war could push crude oil prices even higher, making transportation, manufacturing, and daily necessities more expensive. The result would be an additional financial strain on households that are already trying to balance stagnant incomes with increasing expenses.

The greater concern, however, is employment. Companies facing higher operational costs and uncertain markets often resort to cost-cutting measures. Recruitment slows down, salary increments become rare, and layoffs become more common. The middle class, which largely depends on fixed monthly salaries, becomes the most vulnerable section during such economic downturns. A single job loss can disrupt an entire family's financial planning.

Governments and industries have their own responsibilities in minimizing the impact of global crises. However, individuals cannot afford to remain passive spectators. The need of the hour is continuous learning and skill enhancement. Employees must regularly update their knowledge, embrace emerging technologies, and acquire new competencies that increase their professional value. In a competitive business environment, employers will always prefer a workforce that delivers better results with greater efficiency.

Economic crises come and go, but preparedness determines who survives them. The middle class must not wait for the storm to arrive before taking precautions. Financial discipline, prudent savings, and continuous skill development are no longer optional—they are essential. In an uncertain global economy, adaptability is the strongest insurance against an uncertain future.

Editor

A gift beyond life

Cornea donation brings the light of sight to millions

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Eyes are often described as the windows to the world. For millions of Indians suffering from corneal blindness, however, that window remains closed despite the existence of an effective treatment. Corneal transplantation can restore vision to people whose blindness is caused by diseases or injuries affecting the cornea. Yet, the greatest challenge before India is not the lack of surgical expertise, but the severe shortage of donor corneas. Increasing cornea collection through voluntary eye donation must therefore become a national public health movement.

Corneal blindness is one of the leading causes of visual impairment in India. Experts estimate that nearly 10 to 13 lakh Indians are living with corneal blindness, while 20,000 to 25,000 new cases are added every year. Many of these patients are children and young adults whose education, employment, and quality of life are severely affected. Unlike many other causes of blindness, corneal blindness can often be cured through a successful corneal transplant, provided a healthy donor cornea is available.

It is observed that most of the people suffer from cornea-related diseases like Keratitis, Ocular herpes, Herpes zoster. Viral infections also damage the cornea and lead to nearly 20 types of corneal dystrophies.

All such problems can be solved with transplantation of a healthy cornea collected from dead bodies of healthy persons within 9 hours of death or within 24 hours, provided the dead body was kept in a freezer mortuary box. Cornea can be collected from persons aged one to ninety years of age. There is no validity for

the cornea, and as such, the cornea from the cornea transplanted dead person also can be used for further transplantation.

Although India has made commendable progress in strengthening eye banking services, the availability of donor corneas still falls far short of the national requirement. According to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 396 eye banks are currently functional across the country. Cornea collections have steadily increased from 62,370 in 2022-23 to 66,434 in 2023-24 and 69,848 in 2024-25. These figures reflect encouraging growth but remain inadequate to meet the country's demand for corneal transplantation.

Medical experts estimate that India requires at least one lakh transplantable corneas every year, while only about 25,000 to 30,000 corneal transplant surgeries are performed annually because of the shortage of suitable donor tissue. Moreover, not every donated cornea is medically fit for transplantation, further reducing the number of patients who can benefit.

The shortage is not due to unwillingness alone. Lack of awareness remains the biggest barrier. Many families are unaware that eye donation is possible after death or believe myths that discourage donation. In reality, cornea retrieval is a simple procedure that can be performed within six hours of death by trained eye bank professionals. It does not delay funeral arrangements or cause any facial disfigurement. Even elderly individuals and those who wore spectacles may be eligible to donate, depending on the condition of their corneas.

One donated pair of eyes can restore vision to two individuals.



Few humanitarian acts can match the impact of enabling another person to see their family, pursue education, earn a livelihood, and lead an independent life. Every eye donation is therefore not merely a medical contribution but a priceless social gift.

Hospital-based cornea retrieval has emerged as one of the most effective methods of increasing donations. Through the Hospital Cornea Retrieval Program (HCRP), trained grief counselors approach the families of deceased persons with sensitivity and explain the benefits of eye donation. Experience from several tertiary hospitals has shown that compassionate counseling significantly improves family consent rates. Expanding this program to every district hospital and major private hospital would substantially increase cornea collection.

The National Program for Control of Blindness and Visual Impairment (NPCBVI) has strengthened eye banking by supporting

infrastructure development, training of ophthalmologists and eye bank technicians, supply of corneal preservation media, and public awareness campaigns. Continued government investment in eye banks, rapid transportation of donated tissue, digital donor registries, and equitable distribution of corneas will further improve transplant outcomes. Voluntary organizations also have a crucial role to play. The Indian Red Cross Society, Lions Clubs, Rotary Clubs, National Service Scheme (NSS), Youth Red Cross, medical colleges, educational institutions, and civil society organizations can conduct sustained awareness programs in schools, colleges, villages, workplaces, and community gatherings. Eye donation pledges should become a routine part of health awareness campaigns, just as voluntary blood donation has become a social movement. The media can also contribute by sharing inspiring stories of donor families and

transplant recipients. Such stories dispel myths, build public confidence, and encourage more families to make the life-changing decision to donate their loved one's eyes. India has the medical expertise, trained ophthalmologists, and an expanding network of eye banks. What it needs now is greater public participation. If every citizen discusses eye donation with family members and pledges to donate after death, thousands of people suffering from corneal blindness can receive the gift of sight every year.

The true measure of a compassionate society lies in its willingness to help others even after life has ended. Eye donation is one such noble act. By strengthening awareness, increasing cornea collections, and supporting eye banking services, India can significantly reduce avoidable corneal blindness. Let every family remember that while life may come to an end, the gift of vision can continue forever through the eyes of another.

Cancer: A Global Crisis Demanding Prevention, Care and Collective Action

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Cancer is a deeply personal disease that touches nearly all of us. Cancer is a genetic term for a large group of diseases that can affect any part of the body. One defining feature of cancer is the rapid is the rapid creation of abnormal cells that grow beyond their usual boundaries, and which then can invade adjoining parts of the body and spread to other organs, the primary cause of death from cancer. Cancer arises from the transformation of normal cells into tumour cells in a multi-stage process. These changes are a result of the interaction between genetic factors and external factors like physical, chemical, and biological carcinogens. WHO, through its cancer research agency, the "International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) released the "Global status report on cancer 2026: the future we choose together" report on cancer cases/deaths worldwide on 08 July 2026.

Cancer - Leading Cause of Deaths

Cancer is a leading cause

of death worldwide, accounting for an estimated 20.6 million new cases and nearly 10 million deaths in 2024, accounting for nearly one in six deaths and as the second leading cause of death globally after cardiovascular diseases. The annual cases of cancer are projected to rise to nearly 35 million by 2050. The most common cancer cases are lung (2.5 million cases), breast (2.4 million), colon and rectum (2.0 million), prostate (1.5 million), skin (1.1 million) and stomach (1.0 million cases). The most common causes of cancer deaths in 2024 were 1.86 million lung cancer, 9.18 lakh colon and rectum, 7.32 lakh lung cancer, 6.94 lakh breast cancer, and 6.42 lakh cancer deaths reported. Cancer is a leading cause of death for children and adolescents 0 - 19 years of age), with approximately 4 lakh affected by cancer. Nearly 87% of women with breast cancer survive at 5 years after their diagnosis in high-income countries; only about 42% do so in low-income countries.

Preventive Measures of



Cancer

Nearly a quarter of cancer deaths are due to tobacco use, alcohol consumption, high body mass index (BMI), low fruit and vegetable intake, lack of physical activity, and air pollution (a risk factor for lung cancer). Cancer-causing infections, such as human papillo-

mavirus and hepatitis, are responsible for nearly 30% of cancer cases. Many cancers can be cured if detected early and treated effectively. Nearly 38% of cancers can be prevented by avoiding risk factors, cured through early detection and properly treated. The preventive methods may include

no tobacco/alcohol use, maintaining body weight, a healthy diet, physical activity, avoiding UV radiation from the sun, minimising exposure to ionising radiation, and reducing exposure to air pollution. Nearly four of ten cases globally are linked to preventable risk factors.

Regional differences in cancer burden

Asia accounted for the largest share, with more than half of all cancer cases (50.6%) and deaths (56.5%), reflecting its large burden. Europe carried a disproportionately high burden, contributing 21% of global cases and 20 percent of deaths.

In contrast, many countries in Africa and parts of Asia experience lower incidence but disproportionately high mortality. Tobacco use has declined by 27% since 2010, and hence lung cancer cases/deaths have also reduced. Infection-related cancers are also decreasing due to expanding vaccination coverage and improved water, sanitation, and hygiene.

Cancer Burden on Families

Cancer mortality is reduced when cases are diagnosed and treated early. Palliative care is treatment to relieve, rather than cure, symptoms and suffering caused by cancer and to improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Beyond its impact on health, cancer remains one of the most financially and socially devastating challenges a household can face. The WHO survey also found that at least 45% of affected people experience financial hardship, mental challenges, and strain on caregivers, including unpaid services and social isolation. Cancer is not a medical diagnosis - it profoundly, indefinitely affects every aspect of a person's life, and their family's as well. The WHO experts called on the global community to "value care as highly as cure", and on governments to fund cancer services from prevention to diagnosis to treatment.



Vijay Blames Police Over Karur Stampede Row

Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) chief Vijay has spoken out over the Karur stampede controversy, saying he trusted the police to handle crowd control and security arrangements but was later blamed for the tragedy.

During his visit to Karur, Vijay expressed his grief over the incident and said it was one of the most painful moments of his life. He claimed that he had relied on the police administration for managing the gathering and ensuring safety, but the responsibility for the stampede was eventually placed entirely on him.

The Karur stampede took place during a TVK political rally and resulted in multiple deaths, leading to widespread criticism and a political controversy. Questions were raised over crowd management, security planning and the responsibilities of both organisers and authorities.

Vijay said that if the police had clearly informed him about possible risks or warned about crowd-related issues, the

tragedy could have been prevented. He questioned why the blame was being shifted only towards him when government agencies were also involved in maintaining security and managing the event.

The TVK chief also met the families of those who lost their lives in the incident and assured them of his support. He said the tragedy would remain a painful memory and promised to stand by the affected families.

The stampede has now become a major political issue in Tamil Nadu, with opposition parties questioning TVK's arrangements and Vijay defending his role in the incident. The controversy has added pressure on the newly formed party as it attempts to establish its political presence in the state.

Vijay's latest comments indicate that he is trying to highlight the role of the administration while addressing criticism over the tragedy. The incident continues to remain a key issue in Tamil Nadu politics.



India's First Hydrogen Train Set to Hit Tracks

India is set to enter a new phase of green transportation with the launch of its first hydrogen-powered train on the Jind-Sonapat route in Haryana. The indigenous hydrogen fuel cell-based train marks a major step in Indian Railways' efforts to promote cleaner and more sustainable mobility.

The hydrogen train will operate on the Jind-Sonapat section and is designed with advanced technology aimed at reducing dependence on traditional fuels. The train will have multiple coaches and will be powered by a hydrogen fuel cell propulsion system, offering a cleaner alternative to conventional diesel-powered trains.

Unlike diesel engines that release harmful emissions, hydrogen fuel cell technology generates electricity through a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen. The process produces water vapour and heat as by-products, making it an environmentally friendly transportation solution.

The Jind-Sonapat route has been selected as the pilot corridor for the operation of this hydrogen-powered train. The project is part of Indian Railways' larger vision to reduce carbon emissions and introduce alternative energy solutions across its network.

Before its launch, the train underwent extensive trials to test its safety systems, braking capabilities and overall performance. Various technical evaluations were carried out to ensure smooth and secure operations.

The train comes equipped with advanced safety features, including systems to monitor hydrogen storage and prevent operational risks. With this initiative, India joins a select group of countries exploring hydrogen-based rail technology.

Railway officials believe hydrogen-powered trains can be especially useful on routes where full electrification is difficult. The technology could help reduce fossil fuel consumption and contribute to India's clean energy goals.

The launch of the hydrogen train represents a significant milestone for Indian Railways and reflects the country's growing focus on sustainable transportation. The project could pave the way for wider adoption of green technology in railway operations across India.

India's ₹31,000 Crore Myanmar Border Fence Plan

The Centre has announced a major security initiative to fence the entire India-Myanmar border at an estimated cost of around 31,000 crore. The move aims to strengthen border management, prevent illegal activities, and improve surveillance along the sensitive frontier.

The India-Myanmar border stretches over 1,643 kilometres across four northeastern states — Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, and Mizoram. Due to difficult terrain, dense forests, and remote locations, large parts of the border have remained unfenced, making the region vulnerable to illegal crossings, smuggling, and movement of armed groups.

The government plans to install advanced fencing systems along the entire stretch, along with patrol roads and modern surveillance equipment. The upgraded infrastructure is expected to help security forces monitor border areas more effectively and respond quickly to security threats. The decision comes amid growing concerns over instability in Myanmar and its impact on India's northeastern states.

Authorities have raised concerns about increased movement of illegal migrants, trafficking of weapons and narcotics, and the activities of insurgent groups operating across the border.

Along with the fencing project, the Centre has also decided to end the Free Movement Regime (FMR) between India and Myanmar. The earlier arrangement allowed people living near the border to travel a limited distance across the frontier without a visa due to historical ethnic, cultural, and family ties between communities on both sides. While the government believes tighter border control is necessary for national security, the move has also raised concerns among local communities. Many residents fear that restrictions could affect traditional movement, local trade, and social connections that have existed for generations.

The 31,000 crore project is expected to become one of India's biggest border infrastructure initiatives. Through the fencing and surveillance upgrade, the Centre aims to create a stronger security network along the eastern frontier while addressing challenges posed by cross-border movement and regional instability.



Shiv Sena Corporator Sent to 3-Day Police Custody in Doctor Assault Case

A court has sent Shiv Sena corporator Ramesh Mhatre to three days of police custody in connection with the alleged assault of a woman doctor and other medical staff at a hospital in Maharashtra.

The order came after police produced the corporator before the court as part of their investigation into the case. The incident reportedly took place at Shastri Nagar Hospital in Dombivli, where Mhatre and some others were accused of attacking doctors and nurses following an argument inside the hospital premises.

The matter gained public attention after CCTV footage of the alleged confrontation surfaced, leading to widespread criticism. The visuals triggered concerns over the safety of healthcare workers and the increasing incidents of violence inside medical facilities.

Police sought custody of the corporator to question him further, examine the sequence of events and collect additional evidence related to the case. The court allowed the request and granted three days of police custody.

The incident has sparked anger among doctors and medical associations, who have demanded stronger protection for healthcare professionals while on duty. Political parties have also reacted to the controversy, raising questions over the conduct of elected representatives.

Mhatre has denied intentionally assaulting the woman doctor and claimed that the incident occurred during a heated argument related to a patient's treatment.

He has maintained that his actions have been misrepresented. Following the complaint, police registered a case against the corporator and others involved. Investigators are examining witness statements, CCTV footage and other evidence to determine the exact role of those accused.

The case has once again brought the issue of workplace safety for doctors and medical staff into focus. The police custody period is expected to help authorities gather more details and move forward with the investigation.



CBI Targets Mahadev App Betting Network

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has intensified its probe into the Mahadev Online Book case, focusing on alleged illegal betting syndicates and the network operating through digital platforms. The investigation is aimed at uncovering the people involved in running the betting operations, financial transactions and the alleged movement of illegal funds.

The Mahadev app case involves allegations of large-scale illegal online betting activities carried out through multiple platforms. Investigators are examining how the network allegedly operated, attracted users and managed large financial transactions through various channels.

The case has drawn attention due to allegations of a wide-ranging betting network and the involvement of several individuals and entities. Investigation agencies have been looking into the financial trail, digital evidence and possible links between operators connected to the platform.

Earlier probes by different agencies focused on alleged money laundering activities connected to the betting network. Officials have examined whether funds generated through illegal betting were transferred through complex channels to hide the source and destination of the money.

CBI officials are now studying available evidence, including digital records, financial documents and transaction details. The agency is also trying to identify the key members involved in operating the alleged syndicate and understand the methods used to run the betting platforms.

The Mahadev app controversy has also turned into a political issue, with various parties making allegations and counter-allegations. However, investigation agencies have maintained that their primary focus is to trace the alleged illegal operations and identify those responsible.

The latest developments indicate that the probe is likely to expand further as investigators continue questioning suspects, analysing financial records and collecting evidence. The focus remains on uncovering the complete structure of the alleged online betting network and taking action against those involved.



BJP's 'Good TMC vs Bad TMC' Plan to Weaken Mamata's Party

The political battle in West Bengal has intensified, with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) focusing on creating divisions within the Trinamool Congress (TMC) to challenge Mamata Banerjee's dominance. The BJP's strategy reportedly revolves around projecting a difference between "good TMC" leaders and those linked with controversies and corruption allegations.

The BJP is attempting to attract dissatisfied TMC leaders by presenting itself as an alternative platform for those who want to distance themselves from the negative image surrounding the party. The objective is to create internal pressure within TMC and weaken its organisational strength ahead of future electoral battles.

The strategy comes at a time when the Trinamool Congress is facing internal challenges, with differences reportedly emerging among sections of leaders over the party's future direction and leadership structure. The growing influence of Abhishek Banerjee and discussions over the party's next generation of leadership have also added to the internal debates.

The BJP believes that weakening TMC's grassroots network could help it expand its presence in West Bengal. By reaching out to influential leaders, legislators and local-level figures, the party aims to create a perception that support for Mamata Banerjee is declining.

However, Mamata Banerjee has strongly opposed these efforts and accused the BJP of attempting to destabilise her party. She has been working to strengthen the organisation and send a message that TMC remains united despite political challenges.

The ongoing political battle in West Bengal is now not only a BJP versus TMC contest but also a fight over the future identity and structure of the Trinamool Congress. While the BJP sees internal differences within TMC as an opportunity, Mamata Banerjee is trying to prove that her party remains strong and capable of countering the opposition's strategy.



Uttarakhand Monsoon Fury: 118 Roads Shut, Red Alert Issued

Heavy rainfall has triggered a major crisis in Uttarakhand, disrupting normal life across several parts of the hill state. Continuous showers have led to landslides, swollen rivers and road blockages, forcing authorities to remain on high alert.

Around 118 roads have been closed due to landslides, debris accumulation and damage caused by intense rainfall. Restoration teams have been deployed to clear the affected routes and restore connectivity, but fresh rains are creating challenges for rescue and repair operations.

Rivers and streams across several regions are flowing at high levels, increasing concerns of flooding and flash floods in vulnerable areas. Officials are closely monitoring the situation, especially in areas prone to landslides and water-related disasters. The weather department has issued alerts for several districts, warning of heavy to very heavy rainfall. The administration has advised residents and tourists to remain cautious and avoid unnecessary travel in risky areas. The adverse weather has also affected pilgrimage routes, including parts of the Char Dham Yatra network. Authorities have urged pilgrims and visitors to stay updated on weather conditions before travelling through mountainous regions. Disaster management teams, local officials and emergency services have been placed on standby to handle possible emergencies. Efforts are underway to clear blocked roads, assist stranded people and minimise the impact of the monsoon conditions.

With rivers swelling and mountain roads becoming vulnerable, Uttarakhand continues to face a challenging monsoon situation. Authorities are focusing on ensuring public safety, restoring connectivity and preventing further damage as more rainfall is expected in the coming days.

Final Preparations Underway for Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri

Puri, July 9 | TPN Bureau

Preparations for the annual Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannath, scheduled to commence on June 27, have reached the final stage in Puri, with elaborate arrangements being completed for one of India's most significant religious festivals. The construction of the three grand chariots—Nandighosha of Lord Jagannath, Taladh-waja of Lord Balabhadra and Darpadalana of Goddess Subhadra—has been completed, and essential components required for the procession have been readied.

Officials associated with the temple administration said that special ropes used to pull the massive chariots have been prepared with precision. Each rope measures about 220 feet in length, ensuring sufficient strength and grip for thousands of devotees who participate in pulling the chariots during the procession. A total of 18 such ropes are required for the three chariots, while an additional 10 ropes have been arranged this year as a precautionary measure.

In addition to the pulling mechanism, significant attention has been given to safety arrangements, particularly the braking system of the chariots. Temple

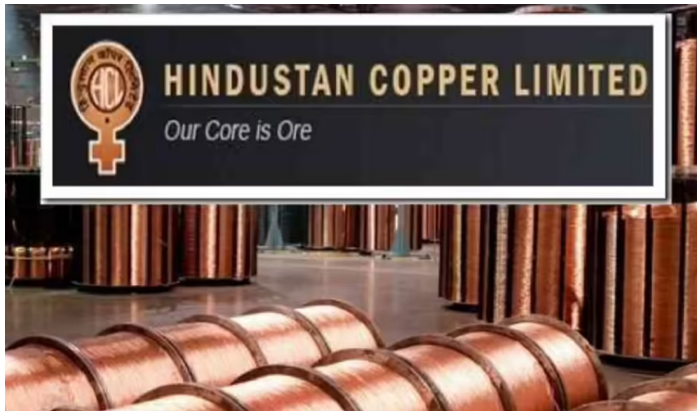
sources said nylon-rubber belts have been fitted as part of the



braking system to help regulate the movement of the chariots along the Grand Road (Bada Danda). A specially designed wooden brake, about 20 feet in length, is attached to the front of each chariot. This brake is lowered manually when required to bring the massive structures to a halt, ensuring the safety of devotees and smooth conduct of the procession. The Rath Yatra, which draws lakhs of devotees from across the country and abroad, involves the ceremonial pulling of the chariots from the Jagannath Temple to the Gundicha Temple. The festival is steeped in centuries-old traditions, with strict ad-

herence to rituals, craftsmanship and engineering practices passed down through generations. Authorities have also intensified crowd management, security and logistical arrangements to handle the expected surge in pilgrims. Coordination between temple officials, local administration and police is underway to ensure the festival is conducted peacefully and without incidents. With all major preparations nearing completion, the temple town of Puri is set to witness the grand spectacle of devotion, tradition and collective participation that defines the Rath Yatra each year.





Hindustan Copper Gains as Metal Rally Continues

Shares of Hindustan Copper climbed nearly 3% on Friday as copper prices remained on track for a second consecutive week of gains, boosting investor sentiment toward metal stocks. The rally also lifted the broader Nifty Metal Index, which advanced around 1.5% during the trading session.

The positive momentum was driven by firm global copper prices, with investors focusing on improving demand prospects while looking past concerns over geopolitical tensions and short-term market volatility. Rising industrial metal prices have strengthened optimism about the earnings outlook for mining and metal companies.

Copper prices have remained resilient due to expectations of robust demand from sectors such as electric vehicles, renewable energy, construction, and infrastructure. At the same time, concerns over limited global supply have continued to support higher prices for the industrial metal.

Hindustan Copper, India's only vertically integrated copper producer, is considered one of the key beneficiaries of rising copper prices. Higher metal prices typically improve the company's revenue and profitability, making the stock an attractive bet during periods of strength in the commodities market.

The rally in Hindustan Cop-

per was accompanied by gains across several other metal stocks, reflecting broad-based buying interest in the sector. Investors have increasingly shifted their focus toward commodity-linked companies amid expectations of sustained industrial demand.

Market analysts believe that if copper prices continue to remain firm, metal stocks could maintain their positive momentum in the near term. However, they also caution that global economic developments, trade policies, and geopolitical events could influence commodity prices and lead to short-term volatility.

The recent rally highlights growing investor confidence in the metals sector, which has benefited from improving global sentiment and expectations of stronger industrial activity. As infrastructure spending and clean energy investments continue to rise worldwide, demand for copper is expected to remain healthy over the long term.

With the metal sector showing renewed strength, investors will closely monitor international copper price movements and upcoming economic data for further direction. The performance of global commodity markets is expected to remain a key driver for Hindustan Copper and other metal stocks in the coming weeks.



SIP Inflows Hit Record ₹31,781 Crore in June

Systematic Investment Plan (SIP) investments in mutual funds reached a new all-time high in June, with monthly inflows touching 31,781 crore. The record inflow reflects growing confidence among retail investors, who continue to prefer disciplined, long-term investing despite fluctuations in the equity markets.

The June inflows registered a 3% increase over the previous month, highlighting the sustained popularity of SIPs as one of the most preferred investment options for wealth creation. Industry experts attribute the strong performance to improving market sentiment and increasing financial awareness among investors.

One of the most encouraging developments during the month was the improvement in the SIP stoppage ratio, which declined to a four-month low. This indicates that fewer investors discontinued their SIPs, while new registrations continued to outpace closures and matured accounts. The trend reflects stronger investor commitment to long-term financial planning.

The number of active SIP accounts also continued to rise, demonstrating growing participation from retail investors across the country. Financial advisors believe more individuals are recognizing the benefits of investing regularly through SIPs, regardless of short-term market movements.

The mutual fund industry benefited from improved equity market performance during June, which helped boost investor confidence. Rather than at-

tempting to time the market, many investors continued to rely on SIPs as a disciplined investment strategy that allows them to accumulate wealth steadily over time.

Experts point out that SIPs help investors average their investment costs by purchasing mutual fund units at different market levels. This approach reduces the impact of market volatility and encourages consistent investing, making it particularly suitable for long-term financial goals such as retirement planning, children's education, or wealth creation.

The broader mutual fund industry also recorded healthy growth during the month, supported by strong participation across various investment categories. Positive market sentiment and increasing awareness about financial planning have contributed to sustained inflows into mutual fund schemes.

Industry observers expect the momentum in SIP investments to continue in the coming months. With improving economic conditions, stable market outlook, and rising investor awareness, SIPs are likely to remain the preferred investment route for retail investors seeking long-term returns.

The record inflows and declining stoppage ratio underline the growing maturity of India's mutual fund investors. As more individuals adopt systematic investing as a regular financial habit, the mutual fund industry is expected to witness continued growth and stronger retail participation in the years ahead.

Markets Extend Rally; Sensex Surges 828 Points

Indian equity markets extended their recovery for a second consecutive session on Friday, with benchmark indices posting strong gains amid broad-based buying across sectors. The BSE Sensex jumped 828 points, while the Nifty 50 reclaimed the 24,200 mark, reflecting renewed investor confidence.

The rally was driven by positive global cues, strong buying in information technology stocks, and encouraging corporate earnings at the start of the first-quarter results season. Investors also took comfort from easing crude oil prices and improving overall market sentiment.

Among sectoral indices, Realty emerged as the top performer, gaining around 3.5 percent, followed by PSU Bank stocks, which advanced nearly 3 percent. The IT index also posted solid gains of around 2 percent, supported by strong buying in technology majors after upbeat quarterly earnings.

Market breadth remained firmly positive, with most sectoral indices ending the day in the green. Buying interest was visible across large-cap, mid-cap, and small-cap stocks, indicating broad participation in the rally.



The upbeat mood on Dalal Street was also supported by favorable global market trends and optimism surrounding corporate earnings. Investors responded positively to signs of stability in international markets, while easing geopolitical concerns further boosted risk appetite.

Analysts believe the recovery reflects improving investor confidence after recent volatility. They noted that sustained buying in heavyweight sectors such as IT, banking, and real estate helped lift the benchmark indices to higher levels.

Despite the strong rally, market experts have advised investors to remain selective, pointing out that upcoming quarterly earnings, global economic developments, and foreign institutional investor ac-

tivity will continue to influence market direction in the coming weeks. The latest gains have also resulted in a significant increase in overall market capitalization, with investors witnessing a sharp rise in the value of listed companies. The positive momentum has raised hopes that the market could continue its recovery if earnings remain strong and global conditions stay supportive.

With the earnings season gathering pace and investor sentiment improving, market participants will now closely watch the financial performance of major companies for further cues. The next few trading sessions are expected to determine whether the current rally can be sustained or if profit-booking emerges at higher levels.

Silver ETFs See Record ₹4,286 Crore Inflows in June

Silver exchange-traded funds (ETFs) staged a remarkable comeback in June, attracting a

record 4,286 crore in net inflows and ending a four-month streak of investor withdrawals. The surge reflects renewed confidence in silver as investors returned to the precious metal after a correction in prices and amid continued global economic uncertainty.

According to the latest industry data, June marked the highest-ever monthly inflow into silver ETFs. The category had witnessed continuous outflows from February to May, as many investors booked profits following a strong rally in silver prices earlier this year.

Despite the record inflows, the total assets under management (AUM) of silver ETFs declined to 78,943 crore at the end of June from 86,217 crore in May. The decline was mainly due to a fall in silver prices during the month, which reduced the market value of existing investments.

Investor participation, however, continued to increase. The number of silver ETF folios rose to 53.93 lakh, indicating sustained retail interest despite short-term price volatility. Many investors appear to



have viewed the price correction as a buying opportunity, increasing their exposure to the precious metal.

Gold ETFs also witnessed strong demand during June, receiving 3,443 crore in net inflows. Similar to silver, investors took advantage of lower bullion prices to add to their holdings, highlighting continued confidence in precious metals as a hedge against inflation and market uncertainty. Overall, passive mutual funds attracted significant inflows during the month, driven largely by exchange-traded funds. The robust investment in silver and gold ETFs reflects growing investor preference for diversified and relatively safer investment options amid volatile global financial markets.

Market experts believe the

renewed interest in precious metal ETFs is supported by attractive valuations, expectations of long-term industrial demand for silver, and the traditional safe-haven appeal of both gold and silver. Silver, in particular, continues to benefit from increasing demand from sectors such as renewable energy, electric vehicles, and electronics.

While analysts caution that precious metal prices may remain volatile in the short term due to global economic developments and changes in interest rate expectations, they remain optimistic about the long-term outlook. The strong inflows in June suggest that investors continue to see silver ETFs as an effective way to gain exposure to the metal while maintaining portfolio diversification.

Aastha Spintex Hits 5% Upper Circuit on Acquisition News



Shares of Aastha Spintex surged 5% on Friday, hitting the upper circuit after the company announced the acquisition of Falcon Yarns. The development triggered strong buying interest, with investors welcoming the company's latest expansion move shortly after its stock market debut.

The acquisition is expected to significantly strengthen Aastha Spintex's manufacturing capabilities. Following the deal, the company's annual spinning capacity will increase from 7,700 metric tonnes to 17,457 metric tonnes, while its spindle capacity will expand from 25,920 to 61,824.

Falcon Yarns operates a modern spinning facility in Gujarat with an installed capacity of 35,904 spindles and an annual production capacity of 9,757 metric tonnes. The acquisition is expected to enhance production efficiency, improve economies of scale, and strengthen Aastha Spintex's position in the cotton yarn industry.

The company stated that the acquisition is part of its long-term growth strategy and will help meet increasing customer demand while expanding its footprint in the textile sector. Management believes the additional capacity will improve operational efficiency and create a stronger platform for future growth.

The rally also marked a sharp turnaround for the stock, which had declined nearly 15% over the previous three trading sessions after its listing. Friday's upper circuit reflected renewed investor confidence following the announcement of the strategic acquisition.

Aastha Spintex recently com-

pleted its 170 crore initial public offering (IPO) and was listed on the stock exchanges earlier this month. Although the shares debuted below their issue price, the latest acquisition has shifted investor attention toward the company's long-term expansion plans.

Market analysts believe the acquisition could significantly strengthen the company's competitive position by increasing production capacity and improving its ability to serve a larger customer base. The move also highlights the company's focus on inorganic growth alongside expanding its existing operations.

With enhanced manufacturing capabilities and a clear expansion strategy, investors will now closely monitor how effectively Aastha Spintex integrates Falcon Yarns into its business. Successful execution of the acquisition could support higher revenues, improved profitability, and stronger market presence in India's competitive textile industry.



Nomura Stays Bullish on Oberoi Realty Despite Court Order

Shares of Oberoi Realty are expected to remain in focus after the Punjab and Haryana High Court temporarily restrained the company from making fresh allotments or creating new third-party rights in its Three Sixty North luxury residential project in Gurugram. Despite the legal development, global brokerage Nomura has maintained a 'Buy' rating on the stock with a target price of 2,090.

The High Court directed that no additional third-party rights be created in the project until the Haryana Department of Town and Country Planning (DTCP) decides a complaint related to the development. The DTCP has been asked to resolve the matter by July 20, 2026.

According to Nomura, the court order is unlikely to have a significant impact on Oberoi Realty's near-term business. The brokerage cited the company's management, which clarified that the order does not affect apartments that have already been sold and does not halt construction activities at the project.

Nomura also noted that the next phase of the Gurugram project is not expected to be launched until the 2028-29 financial year. As a result, the interim restriction is unlikely to have any meaningful impact on the company's near-term sales or revenue outlook.

The brokerage remains opti-

mistic for two key reasons. First, it pointed out that the Haryana DTCP has previously ruled in Oberoi Realty's favor on multiple occasions. Second, the company has consistently maintained that it has not violated foreign direct investment (FDI) regulations or any other legal provisions related to the project.

The legal dispute stems from allegations challenging the validity of the project's licence and claims of FDI norm violations. Oberoi Realty has denied all allegations and stated that it will pursue appropriate legal remedies while continuing construction work at the site.

Despite the temporary legal uncertainty, analysts believe the company's strong balance sheet, premium residential portfolio, and consistent execution continue to support its long-term growth prospects. The market is now awaiting the DTCP's decision, which is expected to provide greater clarity on the future of the Gurugram project.

For now, Nomura believes the court order represents only a temporary legal hurdle rather than a fundamental risk to Oberoi Realty's business. The brokerage continues to maintain a positive long-term outlook on the company, citing its healthy financial position, strong project pipeline, and sustained demand in the premium real estate segment.



Nomura Raises TCS Target to ₹2,590 After Strong Q1

Global brokerage Nomura has reaffirmed its 'Buy' rating on Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) after the IT giant reported Q1-quarter earnings that exceeded market expectations. The brokerage also raised its target price for the stock to 2,590, expressing confidence in the company's long-term growth despite near-term macroeconomic challenges.

TCS reported revenue of \$7.62 billion, recording 0.4% quarter-on-quarter growth and 3.2% year-on-year growth in constant currency terms. The company's international business remained resilient, with the Banking, Financial Services and Insurance (BFSI) and Technology & Services segments emerging as the strongest contributors to growth.

Although the company's EBIT margin declined to 24%, primarily due to annual salary hikes and continued investments in artificial intelligence (AI), Nomura believes the pressure on margins is temporary. The brokerage expects profitability to improve gradually and forecasts EBIT margins to recover above 25% by the end of the current financial year.

A major highlight of the quarter was TCS' strong deal pipeline. The company reported total contract wins worth \$9.4 billion, including a significant \$800 million deal. According to Nomura, the robust order book provides strong visibility for future revenue growth as global technology spending gradually recovers.

The brokerage also identified AI as a key long-term growth driver for TCS. AI-related projects now contribute around 8.5% of the company's revenue, with more clients moving from pilot programs to large-scale AI transformation initiatives. This trend is expected to support sustained business growth over the coming quarters.

Despite ongoing global economic uncertainty affecting client spending, Nomura expects demand to improve from the second quarter, particularly in sectors such as manufacturing and life sciences. The brokerage also remains optimistic about continued momentum in the BFSI and technology services businesses.

Several market analysts continue to maintain a positive outlook on TCS, citing its strong execution capabilities, healthy order pipeline, and leadership position in the Indian IT industry. However, they believe consistent revenue growth and margin improvement will remain key factors for further upside in the stock.

With a solid client base, expanding AI opportunities, and a strong order book, TCS appears well-positioned to navigate near-term challenges and capitalize on future growth opportunities. Nomura believes these strengths will help the company deliver improved financial performance in the coming quarters while reinforcing its position as one of India's leading IT services firms.

Sabeer Bhatia Questions Civic Sense Over Gurugram Garbage

Hotmail co-founder Sabeer Bhatia has triggered a fresh debate on social media after sharing a picture of a garbage-strewn road in Gurugram. The entrepreneur questioned whether the growing problem of littering reflects a deeper issue with civic responsibility, sparking widespread discussion on cleanliness and public behavior.

Posting the image on X (formerly Twitter), Bhatia expressed disappointment over the condition of the road and asked whether such careless behavior could be described as a "mental sickness." He argued that despite India's rapid economic growth and modern infrastructure, the sight of garbage piling up on public roads continues to expose a lack of civic discipline among citizens.

His comments quickly went viral, attracting thousands of reactions from users across social media. Many supported his views, saying littering has become a common habit that affects public health, damages the environment, and creates a poor impression of Indian cities. Several users emphasized that maintaining clean surroundings is not only the responsibility of municipal authorities but also of every citizen. They argued that lasting change will come only when people stop throwing waste in public places and develop stronger civic values.

However, others felt Bhatia's remarks were too harsh. Critics argued that calling the issue a "mental sickness" oversimplifies a much larger problem. They pointed out that poor waste management systems, inadequate public infrastructure, insufficient garbage bins, and weak enforcement of sanitation rules also contribute significantly to the problem. According to them, civic behavior can improve only when governments provide better facilities alongside awareness campaigns.

The discussion soon expanded beyond Gurugram, with many users sharing similar experiences from cities across the country. People posted pictures of littered streets and overflowing garbage bins, highlighting that urban cleanliness remains a nationwide challenge despite several government initiatives aimed at improving sanitation. Many social media users also observed that platforms like X have become powerful tools for highlighting civic issues and holding authorities accountable. At the same time, they stressed that public participation is equally important. Clean cities can only be achieved when citizens and local administrations work together to maintain public spaces.



cleanliness. While opinions remain divided over his choice of words, the discussion has brought renewed attention to the importance of responsible public behavior, efficient waste management, and collective efforts to build cleaner and more livable cities.

'Forget Work-Life Balance': CEO's Message Sparks Outrage

A viral Reddit post has ignited a heated discussion about toxic workplace culture after an unemployed Indian software engineer shared an unexpected response he received from the founder of a US-based company while seeking a job opportunity. According to the post, the engineer, who had been unemployed for several months, reached out to the entrepreneur through social media to inquire about vacancies. Instead of a conventional interview invitation, he received a blunt message outlining the company's work expectations. The founder reportedly told the applicant to forget about work-life balance if he wanted the job. The message stated that employees would have no personal life, would be expected to master infrastructure skills, and should be prepared to be told they were "dumb" almost every day as part of the learning process. The founder also warned that anyone with an ego would not fit into the organization.



The engineer shared screenshots of the conversation on Reddit, asking whether such work culture had become normal. The post quickly gained traction, attracting hundreds of comments from professionals across the technology sector. Many users described the message as a major red flag and advised the engineer not to join the company. They argued that no job is worth sacrificing mental health, dignity, and personal life. Several commenters said the language used by the founder reflected an unhealthy work-

place where employees could face constant pressure and verbal humiliation. Others pointed out that the role reportedly required mandatory night shifts from an office in India to match US working hours, making the offer even less attractive. Some users viewed the expectations as an example of companies taking advantage of job seekers in a highly competitive employment market. However, not everyone dismissed the opportunity outright. A few users admitted they might still consider accepting such a job because of financial pressures and the difficulty of finding employment in the current market. They said prolonged unemployment often forces professionals to compromise on working conditions.

The discussion soon expanded into a broader debate on the growing normalization of long working hours and toxic work environments in the technology industry. Many participants expressed concern that desperate job seekers are increasingly being expected to tolerate unreasonable demands simply to secure employment. The viral exchange has once again highlighted the ongoing conversation around workplace culture, employee well-being, and the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between professional responsibilities and personal life. While opinions differed on whether such expectations are realistic, most users agreed that respect, mental health, and work-life balance should remain essential elements of any modern workplace.

Toothache Turns Into Costly Nightmare

A routine visit to a dental clinic for a toothache turned into a shocking ordeal for a 63-year-old man in China after doctors allegedly removed all 12 of his remaining teeth, inserted multiple implants, and emptied his bank accounts without proper consent. The man, identified only by his surname Li, visited a dental clinic in Baoji, Shaanxi province, after experiencing pain in a single tooth. He was reportedly attracted by the clinic's advertisements promising same-day dental implants and a quick return to normal eating. According to reports, the clinic even arranged transportation for Li and offered him a free dental examination. However, instead of treating the painful tooth, the medical staff extracted all 12 of his remaining teeth during the visit and immediately implanted 10 artificial teeth. The financial shock was just as severe as the medical procedure. Li alleged that the clinic with-



drew 18,800 yuan (around Rs 2.6 lakh) from his bank account and digital wallets for the treatment. On top of that, he was left with an additional unpaid bill of 6,200 yuan (approximately Rs 87,000). Li later recalled that when his son found him after the procedure, his mouth was bleeding heavily and he had only a small amount of money left for his journey home. The case became even more controversial after it emerged that Li suffered from several serious health conditions, including

coronary heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, a previous heart attack, and multiple coronary stents. Medical experts say patients with such conditions require careful evaluation before undergoing extensive dental procedures, particularly multiple tooth extractions and immediate implants. Li's family accused the clinic of several irregularities, claiming it failed to provide complete medical records and produced new documents whenever discrepancies were questioned. They also alleged that some records contained basic errors, including listing Li's gender as female. The family suspects that parts of the documentation may have been altered after the procedure. Following an investigation, local health authorities found the clinic guilty of misconduct. Officials ordered the clinic to refund the treatment charges, suspended its operations, and directed it to undergo corrective measures before resuming services.

The incident has sparked widespread outrage on Chinese social media, with many users demanding stricter oversight of private dental clinics and stronger protections for patients. The case has also renewed concerns about misleading medical advertisements, unnecessary procedures, and unethical billing practices in the healthcare sector, highlighting the importance of informed consent and transparent medical treatment.

CEO's Praise for Remote Work Sparks WFH Debate

The debate over remote work has resurfaced after a US-based CEO shared a strong endorsement of the work-from-home model in a LinkedIn post that quickly went viral. His comments have reignited discussions about productivity, flexibility, and whether employees really need to be in an office to perform at their best. Jared Kleinert, founder and CEO of Offsite, argued that remote work is simply a better way to work. According to him, a person's location or schedule should matter far less than the quality of the results they deliver. He said the focus should always be on achieving goals and serving clients rather than monitoring where employees sit or how they organize their day. In his post, Kleinert explained that he does not care whether employees begin work at 7 a.m., 9 a.m., or even later in the day. He also said it makes no difference if they take several short breaks or one long lunch break, as long as they remain productive and meet their responsibilities. He encouraged employees to arrange their work around personal priorities such as family, exercise, hobbies, or other commitments.

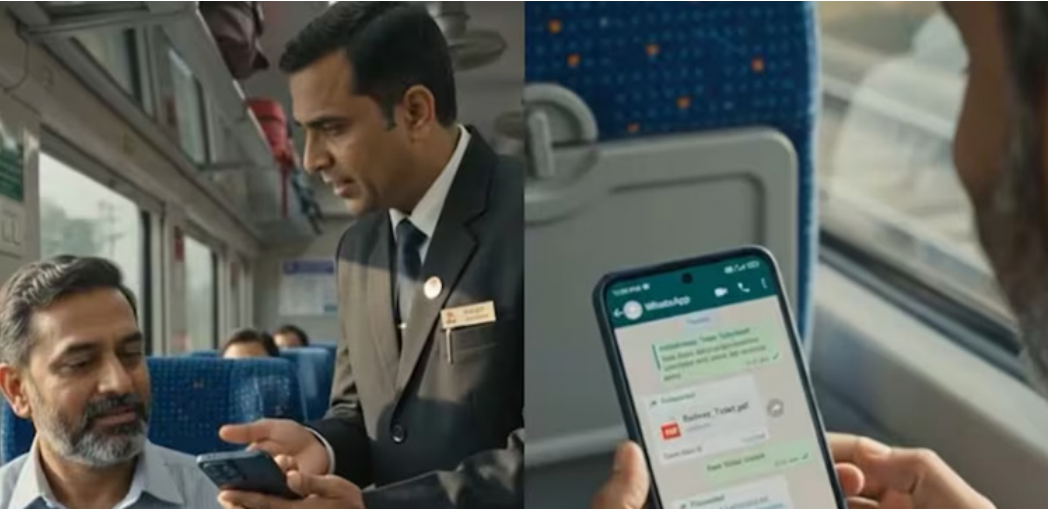


The CEO added that if team members have a reliable internet connection, the right tools, and the ability to collaborate effectively, there is little reason to insist they work from a traditional office. He believes leadership should be about enabling employees to perform at their best rather than controlling their schedules or physical presence. The post quickly gained widespread attention, with thousands of professionals joining the conversation. Many users supported Kleinert's perspective, saying remote work has improved their productivity, reduced commuting stress, and allowed them to achieve a healthier work-life balance. Several commenters argued that judging employees by outcomes rather than office attendance creates a more positive and efficient work environment.

Others, however, expressed reservations. Some users pointed out that certain roles require in-person collaboration, while others argued that office environments help build stronger relationships, improve communication, and support the professional development of younger employees. A few also noted that remote work may not be suitable for every industry or organization. The viral discussion reflects the continuing divide over the future of work as companies around the world adopt different approaches. While some businesses are bringing employees back to offices full-time, others continue to embrace remote or hybrid models. Kleinert's comments have once again highlighted a key question facing modern workplaces: should employers focus on where employees work, or simply on the results they deliver? The answer continues to vary from one organization to another, but the conversation around flexible work arrangements remains far from over.

An Indian-origin entrepreneur based in Canada has touched millions online after sharing an emotional video of himself breaking down during a flight when he realized he was finally living the life he had dreamed about as a child. Ash Lamba posted the heartfelt video on Instagram, where he is seen wiping away tears while sitting by the window in what appeared to be a business-class seat. What began as an attempt to record a light-hearted video unexpectedly turned into an emotional moment of reflection. Lamba later explained that the tears were triggered by memories from his childhood. He recalled how fascinated he used to be by airports and airplanes. Whenever he travelled, he would intentionally walk past the business-class section just to catch a glimpse of what it looked like behind the curtain. At the time, flying in business class felt like an impossible dream. He also remembered watching wealthier classmates talk about their vacations abroad, expensive gadgets, luxury cars, designer brands, and lavish lifestyles. Although he described his childhood as happy and said his parents worked tirelessly to provide him with a wonderful life, those experi-

WhatsApp Train Ticket? Railways Says It Won't Work



Indian Railways has clarified that passengers travelling with unreserved digital tickets cannot rely on WhatsApp forwards, screenshots, photos or PDF copies as valid proof of travel. The announcement has sparked widespread debate, with many passengers questioning how the rule will affect families and elderly travellers. According to the latest guidelines, an unreserved ticket booked through the RailOne app will be considered valid only if it is displayed on the same registered mobile phone that was used to book the ticket. During ticket inspection, passengers must present the original ticket within the RailOne app on that device. In addition, they are required to carry a valid photo identity card for verification. Railways also stated that unreserved digital tickets must be booked before the train departs from the boarding station. Any ticket booked after the train has left the station will be treated as invalid. The new rules are intended to prevent misuse of digital tickets through forwarding, copying or sharing across multiple devices. The clarification came after a passenger was reportedly penalised for producing only a WhatsApp screenshot instead of the original ticket on the RailOne app. Following the incident, railway authorities reiterated that only the original digital ticket on the registered mobile device will be accepted during inspections. However, the decision has drawn criticism from many passengers on social media. Several users argued that the rule creates unnecessary inconvenience for elderly travellers and people who are not comfortable using smartphones or digital apps. Others pointed out that family members often book tickets on behalf of parents, spouses or children and may not travel with them, making it difficult to comply with the new requirement. Some passengers questioned whether they would now have to hand over their personal mobile phones to relatives simply because the ticket was booked on their device. Others urged the Railways to introduce a more practical system that balances security with passenger convenience. The discussion also highlighted concerns about situations where a passenger's phone battery dies, the device is lost, or there are technical issues with the app. Many users suggested that verified digital copies or linked family accounts should be accepted as an alternative in such cases. Despite the criticism, railway officials maintain that the policy is designed to strengthen ticket verification and reduce fraud. As digital ticketing becomes increasingly common, passengers are advised to carry the registered mobile phone used for booking, ensure it remains charged throughout the journey, and keep a valid photo ID ready for inspection.

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Gambhir's Position Under Scrutiny After England T20I Loss

India's disappointing T20I series defeat against England has reportedly put head coach Gautam Gambhir under increased scrutiny, with fresh reports suggesting that the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is closely evaluating the team's recent performances.

According to reports, the series loss has intensified discussions within the board over India's inconsistent results across formats. Although no official decision has been taken regarding Gambhir's future, the defeat has reportedly raised concerns about the team's direction under his leadership.

Gambhir, who took charge as India's head coach with high expectations, has faced growing pressure following a string



of underwhelming performances. While the team has shown flashes of brilliance, inconsistency in team selection, batting performances, and tactical decisions has invited criticism from former cricketers and fans alike.

The report claims that the BCCI is expected to review the team's overall progress before

making any major decisions. Rather than reacting to a single series, the board is believed to be assessing long-term performance, player development, and the team's preparedness for upcoming ICC tournaments.

Despite the speculation, there has been no official indication that Gambhir will be re-

moved from his position. Board officials are reportedly expected to hold discussions with the coaching staff and selectors to identify areas that need improvement before India's next international assignments.

Several cricket experts have urged patience, arguing that any new coaching setup requires time to implement its plans and build a consistent winning combination. Others, however, believe that India's performances must improve quickly, especially with major global tournaments on the horizon.

The T20I series exposed weaknesses in both batting and bowling, with England outperforming India in crucial moments. India's inability to capitalize on key situations

and maintain consistency throughout the series has become a major talking point among analysts.

Meanwhile, fans have expressed mixed reactions on social media. While some have questioned Gambhir's strategies and team management, others believe it would be unfair to judge the coach solely on one disappointing series, emphasizing that players also share responsibility for the results.

As speculation continues, all eyes are now on the BCCI's next move. Whether the board decides to back Gambhir or seek changes, the coming weeks are expected to play a crucial role in shaping the future of India's coaching setup. Official confirmation on the matter is still awaited.



Sanju vs Vaibhav Debate Sparks Fresh Selection Row

India's team selection has once again become a major talking point, with former cricketers and experts debating the decision to back young opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi ahead of Sanju Samson during the ongoing T20I series against England.

The discussion gained momentum after India's disappointing performances in the series, with many questioning whether the team management made the right call in its batting combinations. While Vaibhav was given an opportunity as part of India's long-term plans, critics believe the experienced Sanju Samson could have provided greater stability at the top of the order.

Several experts have described the selection decision as an "emotional" one, suggesting that the management may have been influenced by the excitement surrounding Vaibhav's immense talent rather than the team's immediate requirements. They argued that while investing in young players is important, experience becomes equally valuable in challenging overseas conditions.

Sanju Samson, who has consistently delivered impressive performances in T20 cricket over the years, has often found himself in and out of the national side despite maintaining strong domestic and IPL records. His supporters believe he deserved a longer run in the playing XI, especially during a difficult series.

On the other hand, many former players have defended the decision to back Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. They believe the youngster possesses exceptional potential and should be given sufficient opportunities to develop at the international level without being judged on a handful of matches.

The debate has also highlighted the challenge facing India's selectors in balancing the need to groom future stars while remaining competitive against top international teams. With several talented players competing for limited spots, selection decisions have become increasingly difficult.

India's struggles with the bat during the England series have only intensified the discussion, as fans and analysts continue to debate whether greater experience or youthful promise should take priority in the T20 setup.

As the team looks ahead to upcoming international tournaments, the management is expected to carefully assess the performances of both experienced players and emerging talents before finalizing its long-term plans.

While opinions remain divided, the Sanju Samson versus Vaibhav Sooryavanshi debate has once again highlighted the intense competition for places in India's T20 squad. The final decision on who earns an extended run will ultimately depend on performance, consistency, and the team's long-term vision.



Mbappe: 'This Isn't France's Strongest Team Yet'

Despite leading France into the 2026 FIFA World Cup semi-finals, captain Kylian Mbappe believes the current squad still has significant room for improvement. After France's impressive quarter-final victory, the star forward praised his teammates but insisted the team has not yet reached its peak.

Mbappe described the present French side as "the one with the most potential," while adding that it is "not the strongest yet." He explained that the squad is filled with talented players who continue to grow together and believes their best performances are still ahead.

France booked their place in the last four with a convincing victory over Morocco. Mbappe bounced back from an early missed penalty to score later in the match and also played a crucial role in creating another goal, once again demonstrating why he is regarded as one of the world's best players.

Despite the comfortable win, Mbappe urged his teammates to stay grounded and maintain their focus. He emphasized that reaching the semi-finals is an important achievement, but the team's ultimate objective is to win the World Cup. According to him, there is no room for complacency with tougher challenges still to come.

France have looked impressive throughout the tourna-

ment, combining solid defensive displays with clinical finishing in attack. The team has consistently delivered strong performances and remains one of the favourites to lift the trophy.

Mbappe's leadership has been one of the standout features of France's campaign. In addition to scoring crucial goals, he has inspired the team with his maturity, confidence, and ability to perform under pressure. His influence on and off the pitch has been instrumental in France's successful run.

The French captain also remains one of the leading contenders for the tournament's Golden Boot, thanks to his consistent goal-scoring form and overall impact in the competition.

Although Mbappe reportedly picked up a minor ankle knock during the quarter-final, the injury is not believed to be serious, and he is expected to be available for the semi-final, providing a major boost to the French camp.

As France prepares for another crucial knockout clash, the team remains fully focused on achieving its ultimate goal. Mbappe's comments reflect a squad that is confident but determined to keep improving, believing that its strongest performances are still to come as it pursues another FIFA World Cup title.



the bowlers have consistently exploited India's weaknesses. The hosts have maintained control in key moments, which has been a major factor behind their unbeaten run.

For India, the final T20I re-

presents an opportunity to restore some pride and end the tour on a positive note. A victory would at least prevent a rare 5-0 series defeat and provide some confidence ahead of future international

Australia Could Host an IPL Match in Historic First

The Indian Premier League (IPL) could soon create history by staging a match in Australia, with reports claiming that discussions are underway between cricket administrators from both countries. If the proposal materializes, it would mark the first time an official IPL match is played on Australian soil.

According to reports, officials from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and Cricket Australia have held private discussions about the possibility of taking the world's biggest T20 league overseas. The move is reportedly aimed at expanding the IPL's global reach while capitalizing on Australia's large Indian diaspora and growing fan base for the tournament.

Although the talks are said to be in the preliminary stages, the idea has already generated significant excitement among cricket fans. Hosting an IPL game in Australia could attract packed stadiums, strong television viewership, and create

new commercial opportunities for both cricket boards.

Reports suggest that if the plan moves forward, the match could be scheduled during a future IPL season in a way that does not disrupt the tournament's regular calendar. However, logistical challenges such as travel, scheduling, and player workload would need to be addressed before any final decision is made.

Australia has successfully hosted several major international cricket events and boasts world-class venues such as the Melbourne Cricket Ground (MCG), Sydney Cricket Ground (SCG), and Perth Stadium. These iconic stadiums are considered capable of hosting a marquee IPL fixture.

The IPL has previously explored expanding its global footprint, with complete seasons or portions of tournaments being held outside India due to exceptional circumstances. However, an official league match in Australia

would represent a new milestone in the tournament's international growth.

Cricket experts believe such a move could strengthen the relationship between the BCCI and Cricket Australia while introducing the IPL experience to a wider global audience. It could also pave the way for more international collaborations involving franchise cricket in the future.

Despite the growing speculation, neither the BCCI nor Cricket Australia has officially confirmed the proposal. Any decision would require approval from multiple stakeholders, including franchise owners, broadcasters, sponsors, and tournament organizers.

For now, the possibility of an IPL match being played in Australia remains under discussion. If approved, it would mark another landmark moment in the evolution of the IPL, further cementing its status as one of the biggest and most influential sporting leagues in the world.



Salima Tete to Lead India's Women's Hockey Team at Asian Games

Hockey India has announced a 20-member Indian women's hockey squad for the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with experienced mid-fielder Salima Tete named captain. India will head into the continental event with the goal of defending its title and securing direct qualification for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.

The selected squad features a healthy blend of experienced players and promising young talent. Hockey India has retained the core group that has performed consistently in recent international tournaments while also providing opportunities to emerging stars who have impressed with their performances.

Salima Tete, one of India's most dependable midfielders, will once again lead the side. Her leadership, experience, and ability to control the mid-field are expected to play a vital role as India aims for another successful campaign.

The goalkeeping responsibilities will be handled by Bichu Devi Kharibam and Bansari Solanki, while the defensive unit includes experienced players such as Nikki Pradhan, Udit, Jyoti Singh, Ishika Chaudhary, and Suman Devi Thoudam.

India's midfield will revolve around captain Salima Tete, supported by Neha, Sunelita Toppo, and Lalremsiami, who

are expected to provide stability, creativity, and quick transitions during matches.

The attacking department boasts a strong lineup featuring Navneet Kaur, Mumtaz Khan, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Beauty Dungdung, Annu, and Baljeet Kaur. Their pace and goal-scoring abilities are expected to be key strengths for the Indian team.

The Asian Games carry added significance because the gold medal-winning team earns direct qualification for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. After winning the title at the previous edition, India will enter the tournament as one of the favorites and will be determined to retain its crown.

Hockey India has expressed confidence that the selected squad possesses the right balance of experience and youth to compete at the highest level. The players are expected to undergo an intensive training camp before departing for Japan to fine-tune their preparations.

With a settled squad, experienced leadership, and several match-winners across all departments, India will be aiming to produce another memorable performance on the continental stage. Fans will be hoping the team can successfully defend its Asian Games title and strengthen its position among the leading women's hockey nations in Asia.



Kandula Durgesh Unveils ‘Grahanthara Premikudu’ First Look

Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh on Friday unveiled the first look and trailer of upcoming OTT film Grahanthara Premikudu at the Velagapudi Secretariat, describing it as a ground-breaking experiment in cinema that explores cosmic mysteries beyond current scientific understanding.

Speaking at the launch, Durgesh said the film arrives at a time when scientists across the world are actively researching the existence of extraterrestrial life. “Grahanthara Premikudu presents a thought-provoking concept on whether aliens are a threat or a benefit to humanity. It is a remarkable experiment in storytelling. The Alliance government will support filmmakers who bring innovative content and encourage film production in Andhra Pradesh,” he said, congratulating the team.

The film is helmed by popular YouTuber and creative director Style Ravi, with Dileep Raja leading the pro-



ject as director. The team met the Minister following the unveiling and announced that the film will soon premiere directly on OTT platforms.

Director Style Ravi said the story is inspired by scientific research indicating the presence of 1,715 stars in Earth's transit zone. “We have attempted to visualise aliens

travelling at the speed of light, offering a unique cinematic experience. The film is being produced to international standards using Artificial Intelligence, advanced visual effects and high-end computer graphics,” he said.

The film features Bhavani Kapoor, Ramya Rathod, Samudrala Sridhar Sharma, Ramesh Varma, Varanasi Patrudu, Yashwanth Chandra, Mallesh Padu Ramesh and Saidulu in key roles. Elizabeth from Canada is the producer.

The technical team includes DOP Prakash Jain from Rajasthan, editor Andrew Alexa, AI composer Benjamin Weir and computer graphics artist Alexa.

With its blend of science, imagination and advanced technology, Grahanthara Premikudu aims to deliver a visually rich and concept-driven experience for OTT audiences, marking a new attempt in experimental filmmaking from Andhra Pradesh.



Prabhas' Fauzi Reportedly Bags Record Netflix Deal

Prabhas' much-awaited period war drama Fauzi is creating waves even before its theatrical release, with reports suggesting that the film has secured a massive OTT deal with Netflix. If the reports are accurate, it would rank among the biggest digital rights deals ever signed for a Telugu film.

Directed by Hanu Raghavapudi, Fauzi is currently in production and is scheduled for a grand multilingual theatrical release in December 2026. The film has generated enormous buzz due to its scale, historical backdrop, and Prabhas' collaboration with the acclaimed filmmaker.

According to industry reports, Netflix has acquired the South Indian digital streaming rights of Fauzi for a staggering Rs 180 crore. While an official announcement is still awaited from the makers or the streaming platform, the reported deal has already become a major talking point in the film industry.

The film is set against the backdrop of pre-Independence India and is mounted on a grand scale. Prabhas is expected to portray a soldier, with the story blending patriotism, romance, action, and emotional drama. Director Hanu Raghavapudi, known for his emotional storytelling, is said to be presenting the pan-India star in a completely new avatar.

The movie also stars newcomer Imanvi as the female lead, while veteran actors Mithun Chakraborty, Anupam Kher, and Jaya Prada are expected to play

pivotal roles. The production is progressing rapidly, with the team currently filming important action sequences and key portions of the story.

If the reported Rs 180 crore Netflix agreement is confirmed, it will become one of the biggest OTT deals for an Indian film, further strengthening Prabhas' dominance in the digital streaming market. Over the past few years, films starring the actor have consistently attracted premium digital rights deals, reflecting his strong pan-India appeal and massive global fan following.

The impressive pre-release business also highlights the confidence that streaming platforms have in large-scale Indian films featuring established stars. Even before the film's theatrical release, the reported OTT agreement has significantly boosted expectations among fans and industry observers alike.

For now, the makers are focused on completing the shoot before launching an extensive promotional campaign. Fans are eagerly waiting for the first teaser, posters, and official announcements, which are expected to be unveiled in the coming months.

With an acclaimed director, a high-profile cast, a grand historical backdrop, and a reportedly record-breaking OTT deal, Fauzi has already established itself as one of the most anticipated Indian films of 2026. However, the makers are yet to officially confirm the Netflix deal.

Anvesh Varala Joins Roshan Kanakala's New Film as Director of Photography

A new film starring Roshan Kanakala, son of popular anchor Suma and actor Rajeev Kanakala, was officially launched on Friday in Hyderabad. The film promises to introduce audiences to a fresh cinematic world with a unique and innovative storyline.

The project is being written and directed by Vijay K. Kamishetty, who has also penned the dialogues. The filmmakers describe the movie as a refreshing journey that offers a new perspective and a distinctive cinematic experience for Telugu audiences.

The muhurat ceremony was attended by actor Nikhil Sidhartha, who gave the ceremonial clap for the first shot, marking the beginning of the film's production. Newcomer Gana Re has been cast as the female lead.

The film is being produced by Balaji Gutta and Kaushik Reddy. Acclaimed cinematographer Anvesh Varala has come on board as the Director of Photog-



raphy (DOP), adding another significant project to his growing portfolio.

Anvesh Varala is known for his exceptional visual storytelling and has previously worked on several documentaries and films that have earned recognition at prestigious international film festivals, including those held in Goa, Pune, and Mumbai. His work has received critical acclaim and multiple awards, making him one of the promising cinematographers in the industry.

Speaking about the project, director Vijay K. Kamishetty and writer Y. Anand said the

film aims to deliver a cinematic experience unlike anything Telugu audiences have seen before. They expressed confidence that the story, visuals, and emotional depth of the film will offer viewers a fresh and engaging experience.

With Roshan Kanakala in the lead, a talented technical team, and Anvesh Varala handling the cinematography, the film has already generated curiosity among movie lovers. The makers are expected to begin regular shooting soon and will announce further details, including the title and release plans, in the coming months.



Dulquer-Pooja's Film Titled Sri Sri

The much-awaited film starring Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde has officially been titled Sri Sri, with the makers unveiling its first-look poster. The announcement has generated considerable excitement among fans, as it marks the first on-screen collaboration between the two popular stars.

Directed by Ravi Nelakuditi, the multilingual romantic entertainer was previously referred to as DQ41 during production. With the title reveal, the makers also shared a charming first-look poster that hints at a youthful love story set against a college backdrop.

The poster features Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde sitting together on a compound wall, sharing a light-hearted moment. Dressed in coordinated blue outfits, the pair display effortless chemistry, while their youthful appearance suggests they play college students. The serene visuals and simple presentation have been well received by movie lovers.

Sharing the poster on social media, Dulquer Salmaan wrote, "Love will feel a little extra special with Sri Sri," offering fans a glimpse into the film's romantic theme. The announcement quickly went viral, with fans praising the fresh pairing and expressing excitement for more updates. Apart from Dulquer Salmaan and Pooja Hegde, the film also stars

Dheekshith Shetty in a pivotal role. The project is being produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri under the SLV Cinemas banner, while GV Prakash Kumar is composing the music. The film is being made as a multilingual project and is expected to release in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi, targeting audiences across the country.

Although the makers are yet to announce an official release date, the title reveal has significantly boosted the film's buzz. Fans are eagerly awaiting the teaser, songs, and additional promotional content, which are expected to be released in the coming months.

The combination of Dulquer Salmaan's charming screen presence, Pooja Hegde's popularity, and Ravi Nelakuditi's fresh storytelling has already made Sri Sri one of the most anticipated romantic entertainers in production. The first-look poster suggests a youthful, feel-good love story with vibrant visuals and emotional depth.

With a fresh lead pair, an accomplished technical team, and growing anticipation among movie lovers, Sri Sri has started its promotional journey on a promising note. Fans now look forward to discovering more about the film's story, music, and release plans as the makers gradually unveil new updates.

'Jana Nayagan' Gets an Unexpected A Certificate

The long-awaited censor certification for Thalapathy Vijay's upcoming film Jana Nayagan is finally out, and the result has surprised both fans and the film industry. The Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) has awarded the film an 'A' (Adults Only) certificate, making it one of the rare Vijay films to receive this classification.

The decision has sparked widespread discussion because Vijay's films have traditionally received U or U/A certificates, allowing family audiences to enjoy them. An A certificate is unusual for a star known for delivering mass entertainers and family-friendly blockbusters.

According to reports, the film underwent several modifications during the certification process before receiving clearance. The CBFC is said to have recommended multiple edits, including changes to certain dialogues and scenes, before granting the final certificate.

Directed by H. Vinoth, Jana Nayagan is one of the most significant films in Vijay's career as it is widely expected to be his final movie before he fully enters politics. The project has generated immense buzz ever since its announcement, with fans eagerly



ly awaiting every update.

The certified runtime of the film is reportedly 3 hours and 3 minutes, making it one of the longest films in Vijay's career. Despite its lengthy runtime and adult certification, anticipation remains exceptionally high among moviegoers.

Following the announcement, social media was flooded with reactions. While many fans were surprised by the A certificate, others expressed excitement, believing the film may feature more intense action, mature storytelling, and powerful political themes than a typical Vijay entertainer.

The film features an impressive ensemble cast, including Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj, Priyamani, and

Mamitha Baiju in key roles. Music for the film has been composed by Anirudh Ravichander, whose soundtrack is also highly anticipated.

With the censor process now complete, the makers are expected to intensify promotional activities ahead of the theatrical release. Fans are eagerly waiting for the trailer and final promotional content before the film hits the big screen.

As Vijay prepares for what could be his farewell as a full-time actor, Jana Nayagan has emerged as one of the year's most awaited releases. The unexpected A certificate has only heightened curiosity, with audiences eager to discover what makes the film different from the superstar's previous blockbusters.

Hrithik Roshan in Talks for Laxman Utekar's Next?

Bollywood superstar Hrithik Roshan is reportedly in discussions to headline the next directorial venture of Laxman Utekar, the filmmaker who recently impressed audiences with Chhaava. Although the project is still in its early stages, the reports have already created a buzz in the film industry.

According to industry sources, Laxman Utekar has approached Hrithik Roshan with the script for his upcoming film. While the actor is said to have shown interest, he has not yet given his final approval, and discus-

sions are reportedly ongoing.

If the collaboration materializes, it will mark the first time Hrithik Roshan and Laxman Utekar work together. The director has earned a reputation for blending strong storytelling with commercial appeal, making the potential pairing one of the most exciting prospects in Bollywood.

Hrithik Roshan currently has a packed schedule with several major projects in various stages of production. As a result, the actor is believed to be taking his time before committing to another film, carefully evaluat-



ing scripts that align with his career plans.

Meanwhile, Laxman Utekar is riding high on the success of his recent films and has emerged as one of Bollywood's most sought-after directors.

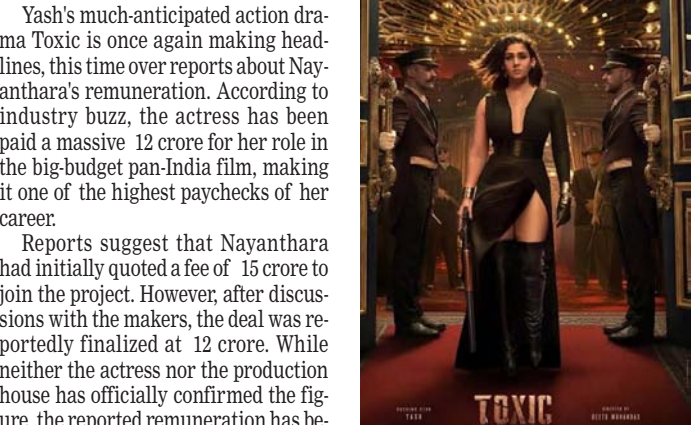
His ability to deliver both critically acclaimed and commercially successful movies has significantly raised expectations for his next venture.

Although the makers have not revealed the film's storyline or genre, speculation is already building around the kind of role Hrithik Roshan could portray. Fans are hoping to see the actor in a fresh and challenging character that makes the most of his acting skills and screen presence.

The reports have generated widespread excitement on social media, with fans expressing enthusiasm

about the possibility of this new collaboration. Many believe that the combination of Hrithik's star power and Utekar's storytelling style could result in one of Bollywood's biggest upcoming films.

As of now, neither Hrithik Roshan nor the filmmakers have officially confirmed the project. Until an official announcement is made, the reports remain speculative. Even so, the possibility of the two joining forces has already become a major talking point among movie enthusiasts, who are eagerly waiting for further updates.



Yash's much-anticipated action drama Toxic is once again making headlines, this time over reports about Nayanthara's remuneration. According to industry buzz, the actress has been paid a massive 12 crore for her role in the big-budget pan-India film, making it one of the highest paychecks of her career.

Reports suggest that Nayanthara had initially quoted a fee of 15 crore to join the project. However, after discussions with the makers, the deal was reportedly finalized at 12 crore. While neither the actress nor the production house has officially confirmed the figure, the reported remuneration has become a major topic of discussion in the film industry.

Interestingly, sources claim that Nayanthara's role in Toxic does not involve extensive screen time. Despite this, the makers were reportedly willing to pay a premium amount, reflecting her immense popularity and strong box-office appeal across multiple languages. Her presence is expected to enhance the film's reach among audiences in both South India and other markets.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas, Toxic marks Yash's first major release after the blockbuster success of the KGF franchise. The film is being mounted on a lavish scale and promises a gripping blend of action, drama, and intense storytelling. The project has already generated tremendous excitement among fans, with every new update attracting widespread attention. Apart from Yash and Nayanthara, the film boasts a star-studded cast that reportedly includes Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Tara Sutaria, and several other prominent actors. The mak-

ers are aiming for a grand pan-India release, with high production values and international-level action sequences expected to be among its major highlights.

The reported remuneration also reflects the growing trend of leading actresses commanding substantial fees for big-budget productions. Nayanthara, often referred to as the "Lady Superstar" of South Indian cinema, continues to be one of the industry's highest-paid actresses, thanks to her consistent success and strong fan following.

Although the makers are yet to officially confirm the payment details, the buzz surrounding Toxic continues to grow. Fans are eagerly waiting for the film's teaser, trailer, and official release date, expecting another spectacular cinematic experience from Yash.

With a celebrated director, an impressive ensemble cast, and one of the biggest stars in Indian cinema leading the project, Toxic is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated pan-India films in recent times.