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The grand finale of Sreenidhi University TG20 Season-1 concluded on a high note at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium, Uppal, with Hyderabad E-Champions emerging as the inaugural champions after defeating Khammam Aces in an exciting final witnessed by thousands of cricket enthusiasts.

The closing ceremony was graced by Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla as the Chief Guest. He was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, who joined the audience in watching the closely contested championship match.

After the conclusion of the match, the Governor presented the championship trophy to Hyderabad E-Champions,

while the Runners-up Trophy was awarded to Khammam Aces. He also distributed medals and awards to the tournament's outstanding performers in recognition of their exceptional contributions throughout the competition.

Congratulating the winning team, runners-up, and all participating teams, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla praised the players for displaying remarkable talent, discipline, and sportsmanship during the tournament. He said such sporting events play a vital role in encouraging young athletes, promoting a healthy competitive spirit, and strengthening the sporting culture across Telangana.

The Governor also appreciated the organisers for successfully conducting the inaugural edition

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Police have intensified their search for 35-year-old P. Rajkumar, the prime accused in the shocking six-murder case in Shabad, as investigators continue to gather evidence and examine the events that allegedly preceded the crime. Fresh details from the First Information Report (FIR) indicate that Rajkumar had allegedly stalked and harassed a 16-year-old girl for nearly a year before the horrific killings. The incident, which claimed the lives of six people, has sent shockwaves across Telangana and triggered widespread concern over escalating violence, revenge-driven crimes, and the importance of identifying warning signs before tragedies occur. Rajkumar is accused of murdering the minor girl, her mother, and grandmother, along with his own wife and two children, before fleeing the scene in his car.

According to the FIR registered by Shabad Police, a case was filed against

Rajkumar on May 16, 2026, under Sections 78 and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and Section 12 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act following a complaint lodged by the girl's mother. The complaint alleged that Rajkumar, a resident of Dhaivalguda, had been repeatedly following and harassing her younger daughter, who was studying first-year Intermediate at a private college in Shamshabad. Despite being married and having two children, he allegedly pressured the girl to speak with him over the phone and followed her to college. The family alleged that he issued threats, including warnings to kill her if she refused to communicate with him. Due to the continuous harassment and threats, the family reportedly stopped sending the girl to college for nearly six months. The complaint further alleged that Rajkumar, who lived next door, installed CCTV cam-



eras facing their residence to keep track of their movements.

The FIR stated that on May 16, when the girl's mother accompanied her to an Intermediate examination centre in Shamshabad, Rajkumar was allegedly seen near the venue. After the examination, he allegedly grabbed the girl's hand and attempted to pull her away. The girl's mother intervened and took her daughter away from the spot. However, Rajkumar allegedly followed them while issuing death



threats, leading to the registration of the criminal case. Following the multiple murders, police launched an extensive search operation and formed eight special teams to track down the accused. Investigators revealed that after the crime, Rajkumar allegedly contacted his father and claimed that he intended to end his life. However, his abandoned car was later discovered near Thimmapur railway station in Kothur mandal, and his mobile phone location was traced to the same area.

All-Party Meet Ahead of Monsoon Session



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The Central Government has convened an all-party meeting on July 19 at 11 a.m., a day before the commencement of the Monsoon Session of Parliament, to discuss the

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Experts Urge Early Intervention After Shabad Killings

Police suspect that Rajkumar may have abandoned the vehicle and entered the railway station in an attempt to escape. CCTV footage from the station is being analysed to determine whether he boarded a train and identify his possible route. To speed up the investigation, police have announced a ₹2 lakh reward for credible information that helps in locating and arresting Rajkumar. Authorities have appealed to citizens to immediately inform police if they spot the accused or have any information about his whereabouts.

The case has also resulted in disciplinary action against police personnel. Authorities issued a charge memo to Shabad Circle Inspector Kanta Reddy, while Sub-Inspector Ramesh was suspended over alleged supervisory lapses in handling the earlier stalking complaint. Meanwhile, psychologists have highlighted the broader concerns emerging from the incident. Mental health

experts said acts of extreme violence are generally preceded by behavioural patterns such as persistent harassment, inability to accept rejection, repeated threats, obsessive actions, and increasing aggression. Experts stressed that such warning signs should not be ignored by families, neighbours, educational institutions, or authorities. They called for timely intervention, better awareness, and stronger support systems to address threatening behaviour before it escalates into serious violence. The Shabad killings have renewed discussions on the need for preventive mechanisms, faster response to complaints of harassment, and improved coordination between law enforcement agencies and communities. The investigation continues as police work to arrest Rajkumar and establish the complete sequence of events behind one of Telangana's most disturbing multiple-murder cases in recent years.

BJP Launches
Singareni Bharosa Yatra

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The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is set to launch its two-day 'Singareni Bharosa Yatra' on July 13 and 14 under the leadership of Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, with the aim of reaching out to employees of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and assuring them of the party's support. The yatra will cover key mining regions across Telangana and include interactions with workers, public meetings, and visits to major coal mines.

The yatra will begin from Hyderabad and proceed towards Kothagudem, covering several important mining areas. On the first day, BJP leaders will visit Kothagudem, Manuguru, and Bhupalpally, where they are scheduled to meet Singareni workers and discuss issues

concerning their welfare, employment security, and the future of the coal sector. On the second day, the delegation will hold a workers' meeting at the KTK-8 mine in Bhupalpally before moving to the Tadicherla mines. The leaders will then travel to the Godavarikhani Open Cast mine, where they will interact with miners and hear their concerns. The yatra will also include a visit to the Srirampur-3 mine, followed by its conclusion in Mancherla. According to BJP leaders, the programme has been designed to strengthen the party's engagement with the workforce and reassure employees about the Centre's commitment to protecting their interests. During the two-day tour, the party will organise three public meetings and five interaction sessions with workers across four districts, providing a



platform for employees to express their concerns directly to the leadership. The BJP said the initiative is intended to boost the confidence of nearly 41,000 perma-

nent Singareni employees and over 30,000 contract and outsourcing workers, who form a significant part of the state's coal mining workforce. The party believes reg-

ular interaction with workers is essential to understand the challenges faced by the mining community and to formulate policies that address their needs. Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy will lead the yatra, accompanied by Telangana BJP President N. Ramchander Rao, Members of Parliament, Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs), Members of the Legislative Council (MLCs), and other senior party leaders. BJP leaders said the Singareni Bharosa Yatra reflects the party's commitment to the welfare of coal workers and the development of the mining sector. They added that the interactions during the yatra would help strengthen communication between the workforce and policymakers while reinforcing confidence in the future of Singareni and its employees.

Centre Eyes Private Sector for Missile Production

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The Central government is reportedly preparing to introduce another significant reform in India's defence manufacturing sector by opening missile production to private companies. According to national media reports, the Ministry of Defence is planning to involve private industry in the manufacturing of advanced missile systems to meet rising domestic requirements and growing international demand for Indian defence equipment. The move comes at a time when India's defence exports have been steadily increasing, with several countries showing interest in indigenously developed military platforms. One of the key factors behind the decision is the reported interest expressed by Indonesia in procuring the Astra beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation

(DRDO). Reports indicate that the Ministry of Defence is expected to invite proposals shortly from private firms interested in manufacturing the Astra Mark-2 missile. Major Indian defence and engineering companies, including ICOMM, Adani Group, Bharat Forge, Tata Group, and Mahindra Group, are expected to participate in the bidding process if the proposal moves forward. The initiative is aimed at expanding India's manufacturing capacity while encouraging greater participation of the private sector in strategic defence production. Officials believe that involving private companies could help accelerate production, reduce delivery timelines, and strengthen the country's defence industrial base. The Astra Mark-2 is an advanced beyond-visual-range air-to-air missile designed to engage and destroy enemy aircraft at long distances. The missile has a reported



strike range of up to 200 kilometres, making it one of India's most capable indigenous air-to-air weapons. It was developed to enhance the Indian Air Force's combat capabilities and provide a competitive response to advanced long-range missile systems deployed by neighbouring countries, including China's PL-15E missile. The missile is designed for integration with multiple fighter aircraft operated by the

Indian armed forces, including the Tejas Mark 1A, MiG-29, Sukhoi-30 MKI, and the Rafale Marine aircraft. Its compatibility across different platforms is expected to improve operational flexibility and strengthen India's aerial combat capabilities. In addition to the Astra Mark-2, reports suggest that the government is also considering allowing private companies to manufacture the Pralay ballistic missile, another

indigenously developed strategic weapon. If implemented, the decision would mark a major expansion of private sector participation in missile production. At present, private companies are involved in manufacturing aircraft components, drones, artillery systems, naval vessels, and other defence equipment. Extending their role to missile manufacturing would represent a significant shift in India's defence production policy, aligning with the government's broader objective of promoting self-reliance in defence and strengthening the country's position as a global exporter of military hardware. The Ministry of Defence has not yet made an official announcement regarding the proposal. However, industry observers believe such a move could further boost indigenous defence manufacturing and reinforce India's ambition of becoming a major global defence production hub.

Digital Agriculture
Push Gains Momentum

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The Centre's renewed focus on digital agriculture is expected to strengthen technology-driven farming services across the country, with Telangana emerging as one of the leading states in adopting digital solutions for the agricultural sector. According to the Union Ministry of Agriculture's Annual Report 2025-26, the Digital Agriculture Mission has made significant progress by generating more than eight crore Farmer IDs, expanding digital crop surveys, and enabling faster online settlement of crop insurance claims. In Telangana, the transition towards digital farming is already underway through initiatives such as the Digital Crop Survey, Agri Data Exchange, and earlier artificial intelligence (AI)-based agriculture programmes. Officials have accelerated crop surveys across villages

to create an accurate database of cultivated land, which is expected to improve the delivery of subsidies, crop insurance benefits, and various government welfare schemes. The Centre's digital agriculture framework complements Telangana's ongoing efforts to modernise farming using advanced technologies. The state has introduced pilot projects involving Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain technology, and smart irrigation systems to enhance agricultural productivity and resource management. Telangana has also been recognised as a model state for agri-digital innovation, with initiatives covering crop monitoring, irrigation management, nutrient planning, and produce grading. These projects aim to provide farmers with timely information and improve decision-

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CPM Calls for Massive Jobs Protest

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The Communist Party of India (Marxist) (CPM) has called upon unemployed youth and job aspirants to participate in large numbers in the 'Koluvula Kotlata' (Mass Protest for Jobs) to be held at Indira Park Dharna Chowk in Hyderabad on July 15, demanding the immediate filling of vacancies in both Central and State government departments. The appeal was made during the unveiling of the protest pamphlet at the CPM district office, Mukunda Lal Mishra Bhavan, in Karimnagar on Sunday. Addressing the gathering, CPM leader Vasudeva Reddy alleged that lakhs of government posts remain vacant despite repeated promises by both the Centre and the State to generate employment opportunities. Criticizing the BJP-led Union Government, Vasudeva Reddy recalled that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had promised to create two crore jobs annually after assuming office in 2014. He alleged that



the commitment remained unfulfilled even after more than a decade and accused the government of failing to provide satisfactory answers to unemployed youth. He also criticized remarks suggesting self-employment through small businesses as an alternative to government jobs, saying such responses ignored the aspirations of qualified job seekers. Quoting figures presented in Parliament, he claimed that nearly 10 lakh vacancies exist across various Union ministries. He further

alleged that around 37,000 teaching and non-teaching posts remain vacant in premier educational institutions, including Central Universities, IITs, IIMs, IIITs, NITs, and other higher education institutions under the Central Government. Turning his attention to the Telangana government, Vasudeva Reddy alleged that the Congress had failed to implement several employment-related promises made before the Assembly elections. He recalled that the party's "Youth Declaration"

had assured large-scale recruitment and livelihood opportunities for unemployed youth. According to him, despite a promise to fill two lakh government jobs during the first year in office, only around 16,000 appointments had been made so far. He also criticized the delay in issuing recruitment notifications and implementing a comprehensive job calendar. Referring to vacancies in the police department, he claimed that while nearly 20,000 constable posts were vacant, recruitment had been announced for only about 7,000 positions. The CPM leader further alleged that prolonged delays in recruitment were causing frustration among job aspirants, many of whom had invested substantial amounts in coaching and hostel accommodation while preparing for competitive examinations. He urged the government to expedite notifications for DSC, Junior Lecturer, Degree Lecturer, and Groups I, II, III, and IV recruitments, besides filling

all backlog vacancies. Vasudeva Reddy also demanded the implementation of a monthly unemployment allowance of ₹5,000 until eligible youth secure employment. He sought the effective implementation of the Rajiv Yuva Vikasam scheme and called for the withdrawal of government orders that, according to him, were delaying recruitment through legal disputes. Appealing to unemployed youth across Telangana, he urged them to participate in thousands in the July 15 protest to press for transparent recruitment, timely appointments, and the fulfilment of promises made by both the Central and State governments. CPM District Secretariat member Gitla Mukunda Reddy, District Committee members Sunkari Sampath and G. Rajesham, along with leaders Rayikanti Srinivas, Pullela Mallaiiah, Matangi Shankar, Challa Lakshman, Lakshminarayana, and several party workers attended the programme.

Komatireddy Targets KCR, Highlights Development Works

Yadadri-Bhongir, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday launched a sharp attack on former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), accusing the previous BRS government of burdening the state with massive debt while neglecting the development of several regions, including Alair and Bhongir. The minister made the remarks after laying the foundation stone for road development works at Vangapalli in Yadadri-Bhongir district under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) Package-1. The project involves the development of seven roads covering a

total length of 109.30 kilometres at an estimated cost of ₹339.59 crore. Government Whip and Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah was also present at the event. Addressing the gathering, Komatireddy alleged that Telangana, which was formed with a surplus budget, had been left with a debt burden of nearly ₹8 lakh crore during the previous BRS regime. He also claimed that the people of Alair and Bhongir had suffered due to neglect and accused KCR of failing to address their development needs. In controversial remarks directed at the former Chief Minister, Komatireddy alleged that KCR was now confined to his farmhouse with a broken leg because of



the hardships faced by the people of Alair and Bhongir. He further assured the public that the Baswapur and Gandamalla irrigation projects would be completed at the earliest to benefit farmers and improve water availability in the region.

The minister recalled his tenure as a Member of Parliament, stating that the people of Alair had supported him wholeheartedly. He said he had successfully secured the sanction for the Vangapalli railway underpass during his tenure and expressed satisfaction that infrastructure projects initiated during that period were now progressing. Praising Alair MLA Beerla Ilaiah, Komatireddy said the legislator had remained grounded despite holding public office. He remarked that if Ilaiah is re-elected in the future, he would recommend his inclusion in the State Cabinet. Reiterating the Congress government's commitment to farmers, the minister said every promise

made to the agricultural community would be fulfilled, even if some initiatives take time to implement. He urged party leaders to avoid internal differences and focus on serving the people instead of competing for positions. Komatireddy also highlighted his efforts in the education sector, stating that he had established an air-conditioned school in Nalgonda to provide quality education to children from economically weaker sections. He assured the people of Alair and Bhongir that the government would continue to prioritize infrastructure, irrigation, education, and welfare initiatives to ensure balanced and sustainable development across the region.

Ramchander Rao Targets Congress, Eyes Civic Poll Sweep

Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday strongly criticized the Congress government over the issues concerning mid-day meal workers and civic administration, while expressing confidence that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would secure victories in the upcoming municipal corporation elections in Hyderabad, Malkajgiri, and Cyberabad. Addressing a protest organized by the Mid-Day Meal Workers and Agencies Association at Indira Park Dharna Chowk, Ramchander Rao said the Central Government introduced the Mid-Day Meal Scheme to improve literacy and ensure that children from economically weaker sections continue their education without



dropping out due to financial constraints. Expressing solidarity with the nearly 54,000 mid-day meal workers in Telangana, he demanded that the State Government immediately fulfil its election promise of providing a monthly honorarium of ₹10,000. He alleged that despite being in power for over two-and-a-half years, the Congress government had failed to implement the commitment made in its manifesto. Ramchander Rao claimed

that workers continue to receive honorarium based on rates fixed nearly a decade ago, despite rising prices of essential commodities, vegetables, and eggs. He also alleged delays in the payment of the existing ₹3,000 honorarium and demanded that the promised wage hike, along with all pending arrears, be credited directly into the workers' bank accounts. He assured the workers that he would write to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy urging immediate

action on their demands. Later, while inaugurating a newly constructed BJP party office at Vivekananda Nagar under the Kukatpally and Serilingampally Assembly constituencies, Ramchander Rao expressed confidence that the BJP would emerge victorious in the forthcoming municipal elections. He said the office, built on land donated by former Municipal Chairman Hanumanth Rao, would serve as a centre for public service and organizational activities. The BJP leader alleged that both the previous BRS government and the present Congress administration had neglected Hyderabad's civic issues. He accused the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) of failing to address problems related to roads, drainage, and urban infra-

structure. He further alleged that despite warnings from the BJP, the government had failed to take preventive measures against monsoon-related flooding. Referring to the ongoing water scarcity and urban flooding, he questioned why even moderate rainfall was leading to severe waterlogging and traffic disruptions in the city. Ramchander Rao also criticized the Congress and BRS over the Kaleshwaram project, accusing both parties of indulging in political drama instead of addressing the issue responsibly. He urged BJP workers to work unitedly for the upcoming civic elections, expressing confidence that the party would capture the mayoral posts in Hyderabad, Malkajgiri, and Cyberabad municipal corporations.

All-Party Meet Ahead of Monsoon Session

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legislative agenda and ensure the smooth functioning of both Houses. During the meeting, the government is expected to outline its priorities for the session, while opposition parties are likely to raise the issues they intend to bring before Parliament. Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Monsoon Session will be held from July 20 to August 13, following the approval of President Droupadi Murmu. He expressed hope that the session would witness meaningful debates and important decisions on matters of national interest. Political observers expect the upcoming session to be eventful, with several developments within opposition parties likely to influence the proceedings. Reports indicate changes in the strength and composition of some opposition parties, including shifts involving members of the Trinamool Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and other political groups, which could alter parliamentary dynamics. The opposition is preparing to corner the government on a range of issues during the session. Among the prominent matters expected to be raised are the NEET-UG paper leak controversy and the Congress party's breach of privilege notice against Defence Minister Rajnath Singh over his remarks concerning Operation Sindoor. These issues are likely to trigger heated discussions in both Houses. Another major item expected to draw attention is the proposed 130th Constitutional Amendment Bill. According to reports, the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) examining the Bill is likely to finalize and submit its report before the session. The proposed legislation includes a provision under which a Prime Minister, Chief Minister, or Union or State Minister facing serious criminal charges would automatically cease to hold office if they remain in judicial custody for 30 consecutive days. The proposal has generated considerable political debate across party lines. With the government preparing to introduce key legislative business and the opposition gearing up to press several contentious issues, the nearly four-week Monsoon Session is expected to witness intense debates, political confrontations, and significant parliamentary proceedings.

Hyderabad E-Champions Win TG20 Title

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of the TG20 tournament and providing a platform for emerging cricket talent from different parts of the state. The event concluded with a colourful closing ceremony, celebrating the successful completion of the first season of the TG20 league. Organisers expressed confidence that the tournament would continue to grow in the coming years, offering greater opportunities for budding cricketers while further promoting the game across Telangana.

Digital Agriculture Push Gains Momentum

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making through data-driven solutions. The Union report further highlighted that digital platforms such as DigiClaim and YES-Tech have enabled large-scale online settlement of crop insurance claims across the country. Officials believe that the expanded use of digital technologies will improve transparency, strengthen agricultural governance, and ensure quicker compensation for farmers affected by crop losses. With digital monitoring becoming an integral part of farming in Telangana, the Centre's latest push is expected to further accelerate the adoption of technology, benefiting farmers through better planning, efficient service delivery, and enhanced agricultural resilience.

Bandi Sanjay Targets Congress, BRS Over Kaleshwaram



Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar launched a sharp attack on both the Congress and the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) over the handling of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, accusing the two parties of indulging in political theatrics while farmers continue to suffer.

In a strongly worded statement on Sunday, Bandi Sanjay alleged that the Congress and BRS were jointly misleading the people of Telangana over the issue. Using a cinematic analogy, he described the political situation as a "movie" in which the Congress provides the direction and the BRS performs the action, calling it "Rakta Kanneeru-2." He remarked that leaders of both parties had turned the Kaleshwaram issue into a spectacle at the expense of the public.

The BJP leader reiterated his allegation that the previous BRS government had squandered nearly ₹1 lakh crore of public money in the name of the Kaleshwaram project. He also accused the Congress government of failing to act decisively despite the submission of multiple reports by the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA).

Bandi Sanjay claimed that the Congress government had pushed the Kaleshwaram project into a state of "coma" by delaying restoration works and avoiding accountability. He said Telangana's farmers were paying the price for the alleged failures of both governments.

Referring to the Dam Safety Act, 2021, he asserted that the Telangana government is the owner of the barrages and bears the responsibility for carrying out repairs. According to him, the NDSA and the Central Water Commission (CWC) only provide technical recommendations, while implementation rests entirely with the state government.

The Union Minister questioned why no corrective action had been initiated despite the NDSA submitting reports on the project multiple times. He also accused the Congress government of shifting responsibility to the Centre instead of addressing the issue directly. Bandi Sanjay further recalled that the Congress had earlier alleged corruption worth ₹1 lakh crore in the Kaleshwaram project and promised to bring those responsible to justice. He questioned why, after assuming office, the government allegedly narrowed its investigation and sought a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe instead of taking direct action based on available reports. He also demanded that the state government make the vigilance report on the project public, asking whether it had the courage to disclose its findings. According to him, the delay in implementing restoration measures has prevented the effective utilization of Godavari waters and adversely affected farmers across the state. Calling for an end to political blame games, Bandi Sanjay urged the state government to implement the NDSA's recommendations on a war footing and expedite repair works at the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages. He warned that both Congress and BRS would face the anger of Telangana's farming community if immediate corrective measures were not taken.

Karimnagar, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Former Telangana Minister Koppula Eshwar on Sunday alleged that farmers across the state are facing severe hardship due to inadequate rainfall and urged the government to immediately activate the Kannepalli Pump House to lift water for irrigation. Addressing a press conference in Karimnagar, Eshwar said the prevailing drought-like conditions have left farmers uncertain about sowing crops, making immediate intervention by the government essential. He maintained that operating the Kannepalli pump house motors was the most practical solution to provide relief to the farming community. Referring to recommendations made by retired irrigation experts, Eshwar said the Retired Engineers' Association, including retired engineer Shyam Prasad Reddy, had written to the government requesting the immediate operation of the Kannepalli pumps. He criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy over his reported remarks regarding the retired engineers and said the government should have seriously considered their technical suggestions instead of dismissing them. According to Eshwar, experienced irrigation engineers pos-



sess decades of knowledge about Telangana's water resources and infrastructure, and their recommendations should be evaluated on technical merit. He said the government could have convened discussions with experts and officials to assess the feasibility of lifting water instead of rejecting the proposal outright. The BRS leader alleged that nearly 98 TMC of Godavari water was flowing downstream without being utilized. He reiterated that water could be lifted from the Kannepalli Pump House, located about 14 kilometres away, without closing the gates or stopping the flow at the Medigadda Barrage. Eshwar further alleged that the Congress government had earlier criticized the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project as a failed venture but was now reluctant to use the same infrastructure because doing so would contradict its earlier political statements. He maintained that the welfare of farmers should take precedence over political considerations. Recalling the objectives behind the

Kaleshwaram project, Eshwar said it was conceived under the leadership of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao to irrigate nearly 40 lakh acres across seven districts and provide long-term drought relief by utilizing the waters of the Godavari and Pranahita rivers. He also referred to the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) report, claiming that the Medigadda Barrage was repairable. According to him, only one pillar had subsided and even reconstruction of the affected seventh block would cost around ₹300-400 crore. He further alleged that the original construction company, L&T, had offered to undertake the repair work free of cost, but the government had not acted on the proposal. Eshwar also criticized remarks allegedly made by the Chief Minister during a recent media interaction concerning irrigation and agriculture, calling them inappropriate. He urged the government to focus on resolving farmers' problems and refrain from making statements that could hurt public sentiment. Former Mayor Ravinder Singh, former Library Corporation Chairman Raghuvir Singh, BRS leaders Oruganti Ramana Rao, Muthyala Balaram Reddy, Eleti Krishna Reddy, and other party leaders were present at the press conference.

KTR Slams Government Over Irrigation Issues

Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President and former minister K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Sunday strongly criticized the Congress government over irrigation issues and accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of failing to address the concerns of Telangana's farming community. In a post on social media platform X, KTR questioned why the BRS was being criticized for demanding the release of irrigation water for farmers. He alleged that the Congress government was neglecting the difficulties faced by cultivators at a time when several parts of the state were experiencing inadequate rainfall and uncertainty over the agricultural season. KTR said the government should focus on ensuring timely irrigation rather than engaging in political exchanges with the opposition. He reiterated that farmers across Telangana required immediate assistance and urged the government to prioritize their welfare. The former minister also questioned the Congress party's contribution to Telangana's development during its decades in power. Referring to various phases of the Telangana movement, he alleged that Congress governments had failed to address the aspirations of the people and raised historical incidents related to the state's struggle. KTR referred to incidents from 1952 and the 1969 Telangana agitation, alleging that Congress governments had used force against protestors during those periods. He also

mentioned the final phase of the Telangana statehood movement, claiming that many lives were lost during the agitation. He said the sacrifices made by the people of Telangana should not be forgotten. Expressing concern over the current agricultural situation, KTR alleged that the government was not acting with the urgency required to provide irrigation water to farmers. He maintained that ensuring water for agriculture should be treated as a top priority during the ongoing cultivation season. "The BRS leader declared that his party was prepared to continue raising its voice in support of farmers and would persist in demanding immediate measures to protect agriculture. He recalled the struggles undertaken to secure Telangana's water rights and asserted that those efforts were aimed at ensuring the welfare of future generations. KTR urged the government to release water without delay to drought-affected agricultural lands across the state and take all necessary steps to safeguard the interests of farmers. He said agriculture remains the backbone of Telangana's economy and called upon the government to respond to the concerns of cultivators through prompt action rather than political confrontation. His remarks came amid an ongoing political exchange between the ruling Congress and the opposition BRS over irrigation, the Kaleshwaram project, and water management in Telangana.

Robotic Surgery Program Boosts Cancer Care

Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

American Oncology Institute (AOI) at Citizens Specialty Hospital, in collaboration with the Association of Surgeons of India (ASI), successfully hosted the R.I.S.E. (Robotic Innovation, Skills & Education) Program at Citizens Specialty Hospital in Nallagandla. The scientific workshop brought together more than 229 surgeons from across the country to enhance expertise in robotic and minimally invasive cancer surgery. The program was led by Dr. Suresh Chandra Hari, Chief of General, Laparoscopic and Bariatric Surgery, along with the Robotic Cancer Surgery Team headed by Dr. Jagdishwar Goud Gajagowni. The team also included Dr. Bala Vikas Kumar, Dr. Soumya Dayyala, and Dr. P. Pragnia. Participants witnessed live robotic procedures, includ-



ing robotic esophagectomy, robotic low anterior resection for rectal cancer, robotic hysterectomy with sentinel lymph node biopsy, and robotic hernioplasty. Advanced robotic techniques in thoracic, colorectal, upper gastrointestinal, gynaecologic, and endocrine surgeries were also demonstrated. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Suresh Chandra Hari

and Dr. Jagdishwar Goud Gajagowni said the initiative follows the philosophy of "Teach 10, who will teach 10 more," creating a growing network of skilled robotic surgeons capable of delivering safe, precise, and accessible cancer care across India. The workshop featured live robotic surgeries, expert lectures, scientific discussions, case-based learning, and interactive training sessions. The organisers said the program was designed to improve surgical precision, strengthen clinical decision-making, and promote standardized techniques that can be replicated across healthcare institutions. Dr. Prabhakar Palacharla, Regional Chief Operating Officer - South, American Oncology Institute and Citizens Specialty Hospital, highlighted that the true potential of robotic surgery can only be realized through structured training, mentor-

ship, and continuous professional development. The scientific sessions were enriched by eminent experts, including Dr. Pallavi V.R., Dr. Kalayarasan Raja, and Dr. Saravana Rajamani ckam. The inaugural session was attended by Dr. Gaddi Diwakar, Honorary Secretary of ASI, Marketing Head Kiran Kumar Kandeputu, and Dr. Nickhil Vangapally, Head of Medical Services. Chairman of CTSI, Mr. Dileep Mangsuli, described the R.I.S.E. Program as a major step toward strengthening surgical excellence and expanding access to advanced robotic cancer treatment for patients across the country. The management of AOI and Citizens Specialty Hospital reaffirmed their commitment to promoting innovation, structured surgical education, and collaborative efforts to improve cancer care nationwide.

Bus Crew Held for Smuggling 41 kg Ganja



Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The Eagle Force officials busted an interstate ganja smuggling racket in Hyderabad on Sunday, arresting three persons and seizing 41 kilograms of marijuana allegedly transported from Odisha to the city using a private travel bus. According to officials, the accused used a bus belonging to Baba Bholanath Travels to smuggle the contraband. The investigation revealed that the bus driver, conductor, and helper had allegedly conspired to transport the ganja in exchange for a commission. The narcotics were loaded onto the bus in Odisha and were being brought to Hyderabad for delivery. Acting on specific intelligence, Eagle Force personnel conducted a surprise operation before the consignment could be handed over to the intended recipient. During the raid, officials recovered 41 kilograms of ganja valued at approximately ₹20.5 lakh. The bus used in the operation was impounded, and four mobile phones belonging to the accused were seized as part of the investigation. Officials said the confiscated devices would be examined to identify other members of the smuggling network and trace previous drug transportation activities. During interrogation, the arrested accused reportedly admitted to their involvement in the transportation of the narcotics. Police said another suspect involved in the operation, along with the person who was to receive the consignment in Hyderabad, is currently absconding. Efforts are underway to trace and apprehend them. Officials expressed concern over the growing misuse of private passenger buses for interstate drug trafficking. They said smugglers are increasingly exploiting commercial transport services to move narcotics across state borders while attempting to avoid detection. The Eagle Force has intensified surveillance on private transport operators and warned that stringent action will be taken against anyone found assisting or facilitating drug trafficking. Authorities also appealed to transport companies and the public to report suspicious activities, stressing that public cooperation is essential in curbing the illegal narcotics trade.

Protest Against Remarks on Shirdi Saibaba



Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The Shiva Sai Sena on Sunday condemned what it described as derogatory remarks and false propaganda targeting Shirdi Saibaba, urging authorities to take action against those responsible. A protest was organized at the Arts College on the Osmania University campus, where members expressed their opposition to the alleged misinformation campaign. Addressing the gathering, Shiva Sai Sena State President Mamidala Ravikumar said Shirdi Saibaba is revered by millions of devotees across the country and that attempts to spread misleading narratives about the spiritual figure were unacceptable. He alleged that certain individuals had been deliberately circulating false information and making inappropriate comments with the intention of hurting the religious sentiments of devotees. Ravikumar claimed that such campaigns had been continuing for nearly a year and accused those behind them of acting with vested interests. He called on them to stop making what he described as baseless allegations and warned that continued attempts to defame revered spiritual figures could lead to strong public opposition. He also objected to remarks made against Siddhaguru Sri Ramanananda Maharshi, stating that unfounded allegations against the spiritual leader would not be tolerated. Ravikumar asserted that members of the Hindu community stand firmly in support of Siddhaguru Sri Ramanananda Maharshi and urged people to maintain respect for religious beliefs and refrain from spreading misinformation. Several Shiva Sai Sena members, including Boyapalli Lingaswamy Goud and other supporters, participated in the protest.

Man Stabbed to Death



Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

A man was found murdered near Panama in Vanasthalipuram on Sunday, triggering panic among local residents. Police have launched an investigation to identify the victim and determine the motive behind the killing. According to police, locals noticed the body lying by the roadside during the day and immediately informed the authorities. A police team rushed to the spot and secured the area before beginning a preliminary investigation. During the inspection, officers found multiple stab injuries on the victim's body, indicating that he had been attacked with a sharp weapon. The victim's identity had not been established at the time of filing this report, and police are working to trace his background through available clues. The body was shifted to a government hospital for a post-mortem examination. Officials said the autopsy report is expected to provide further information regarding the cause and time of death, which could help investigators reconstruct the sequence of events. Police are also examining CCTV footage from nearby roads and commercial establishments to identify suspects or vehicles that may have been present in the area around the time of the crime. They are questioning local residents and collecting evidence from the scene as part of the investigation. Investigators are exploring all possible angles, including personal rivalry, financial disputes, and other motives, though no conclusions have been reached so far. Officials said the exact circumstances leading to the murder would become clear only after the victim is identified and further evidence is gathered. A case has been registered at the Vanasthalipuram Police Station, and a detailed investigation is in progress. Police appealed to the public to come forward with any information that could help identify the deceased or assist in tracing those responsible for the murder. Further details are expected to emerge as the investigation progresses.

BKR Foundation Inaugurates Water Plant

Quthbullapur, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The BKR Foundation on Sunday inaugurated a modern drinking water plant at the Dundigal 2BHK housing complex as part of its ongoing social welfare initiatives aimed at ensuring access to clean and safe drinking water for residents. The initiative was welcomed by local people, who described it as a significant contribution toward improving public health and community welfare. Bongunuri Kishore Reddy, Vice Chairman of the Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee's Protocol and Coordination Committee, and former Dundigal Sarpanch Kavali Ganesh inaugurated the facility in the presence of local leaders and residents. Addressing the gathering, Bongunuri Kishore Reddy said access to clean drinking water is one of the most essential requirements for a healthy society. He noted that service-oriented initiatives focusing on basic public needs play a vital role in improving the quality of life, particularly in rapidly growing residential areas. "Providing clean drinking water to every household is not just a welfare measure



but a responsibility toward building a healthier and stronger community," he said. He added that the BKR Foundation remains committed to supporting initiatives that directly benefit people and address essential civic needs. Kishore Reddy emphasized that alongside drinking water, sectors such as healthcare, sanitation, and public hygiene require sustained attention from both public representatives and social organizations. He encouraged collective efforts to improve living standards through community-driven development projects. Residents of the Dundigal housing complex expressed appreciation for the installation of the water plant, stating that it would provide

a reliable source of purified drinking water and reduce dependence on private water suppliers. Many said the initiative would particularly benefit families, senior citizens, and children living in the colony. Several public representatives, community leaders, women, youth, and local residents attended the inauguration. Among those present were Division President Srisailem Yadav, Donthi Mahesh Mudiraj, Sridhar Reddy, and other local leaders. The BKR Foundation said it will continue to undertake public welfare initiatives focused on health, education, and basic civic infrastructure as part of its broader commitment to social responsibility and community development.

Open Gym Inaugurated

Secunderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh on Sunday said the State Government is committed to the overall development of the Cantonment constituency, with a focus on improving civic amenities and promoting healthier lifestyles for residents. The MLA inaugurated a newly developed open gym at Ravi Colony Park in Mahendra Hills in the presence of local residents and public representatives. The facility has been established as part of efforts to upgrade public parks and encourage fitness activities among people of all age groups. Speaking on the occasion, Sri Ganesh said the government is undertaking various developmental initiatives across the Cantonment area, including the improvement of parks, installation of open gyms, and enhancement of other

public infrastructure. He said such facilities would encourage residents to adopt healthy habits by engaging in regular walking, exercise, and outdoor physical activities. He noted that creating accessible recreational spaces is an important part of urban development and contributes to improving the overall quality of life for citizens. The MLA urged residents to make full use of the new facility and maintain the park for the benefit of the community. Sri Ganesh also spoke about the welfare of Telangana movement activists, alleging that the previous BRS government under former Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu had failed to adequately address their needs. He claimed that the present Congress government, led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, is making sincere efforts to

support Telangana activists through various welfare measures. According to the MLA, the government is taking steps to provide assistance to eligible activists, including housing and other benefits, in recognition of their contribution to the Telangana statehood movement. Residents welcomed the inauguration of the open gym and appreciated the efforts to improve public amenities in the locality. They expressed hope that more such facilities would be established in other parks across the constituency. The programme concluded with the MLA interacting with local residents and assuring them that additional development works aimed at improving infrastructure, public health, and civic amenities would be taken up in the coming months.

Questions Raised Over Massive Shed Construction

Quthbullapur, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The construction of a large industrial shed behind Balaji College in Dundigal has triggered public concern, with local residents questioning whether the project has received the necessary approvals from the concerned authorities. The structure, reportedly coming up near Balaji Plastic Craft Company in Survey No. 225 (Part-B) under the Dundigal Circle, has been progressing rapidly over

the past few weeks. However, residents claim there has been no visible action from the Town Planning Department or other regulatory agencies to verify the legality of the construction. Locals have questioned whether the required permissions were obtained from the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) or the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA). They have urged the authorities to clarify whether the construction has been approved and, if

so, make the relevant permissions public to dispel doubts. Residents also expressed concern over the apparent lack of monitoring during the early stages of construction. They pointed out that illegal structures are generally expected to be identified and halted at the initial stage by town planning officials, but in this case, the construction has continued without interruption. The issue has also raised questions about the functioning of the Town Planning Department.

Three Held for Illegal Nilgai Hunting



Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The Malkajgiri Zone Police busted an illegal wildlife hunting and meat trafficking racket on Sunday by arresting three persons who were allegedly transporting Nilgai meat to Hyderabad for sale. The police seized 70 kilograms of Nilgai meat, firearms, and ammunition during the operation. According to police, the accused were intercepted during a vehicle inspection at the BITS Pilani junction in Shameerpet. Acting on specific intelligence, police stopped a Bolero vehicle and found large quantities of Nilgai meat concealed inside. The three occupants were immediately taken into custody. The arrested persons were identified as Salmon Raj, also known as Sunil, Akhil, and Adinarayana. During the search, police recovered 70 kilograms of Nilgai meat, a licensed firearm, an air gun, a telescope, and ammunition. Preliminary investigation revealed that the accused had allegedly hunted the Nilgai in the forest areas of Adilabad district before transporting the meat to Hyderabad for illegal sale. Officials said the operation was carried out following credible information that the suspects were misusing firearm licences originally issued for self-protection. Based on the intelligence, the Special Operations Team (SOT) kept the suspects under surveillance before conducting the successful interception at Shameerpet. Police believe the gang had been involved in supplying wild animal meat to customers in the city. Cases have been registered against the accused for alleged misuse of firearm licences, besides offences under the Arms Act and the Wildlife Protection Act. Following their arrest, the three were produced before a court, which remanded them to judicial custody. Police said further investigation is underway to identify other members of the network and trace the intended buyers of the illegally hunted meat. Officials are examining whether the accused were involved in similar wildlife crimes in the past and if they had an established distribution network. Authorities reiterated that strict action would be taken against those involved in wildlife poaching and illegal trade, emphasizing that such offences pose a serious threat to biodiversity and violate wildlife conservation laws.

Sudheer Reddy Reviews SIR Awareness Drive

Hyderabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy on Sunday held a review meeting with party leaders to discuss the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls and called for extensive public awareness to ensure that every eligible voter is included in the electoral list. The meeting, held at the MLA's residence in LB Nagar, was attended by former corporators, senior BRS leaders, division presidents, and other key functionaries from the constituency. Addressing the gathering, Sudheer Reddy recalled that BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao had already briefed party cadres on the importance of the SIR process and stressed the need for active participation to safeguard the voting rights of eligible citizens. The MLA instructed party leaders to conduct door-to-door visits across all colonies in the constituency to educate residents about the voter list revision process. He emphasized that special attention should be given to ensuring that the names of all eligible voters are correctly included in the electoral rolls. Sudheer Reddy urged leaders to assist citizens in completing voter registration, corrections, additions, deletions, and other modifications within the stipulated time by submitting the required documents to the concerned authorities. He also advised them to immediately contact election officials whenever any discrepancies or issues arise during the revision process. Describing the right to vote as one of the most valuable constitutional rights of every citizen, the MLA appealed to the public to verify their voter details carefully and ensure that all information in the electoral rolls is accurate and up to date. He said public participation is essential for maintaining an error-free electoral roll and strengthening the democratic process. He encouraged party workers to guide voters, particularly senior citizens and first-time voters, in completing the required formalities without delay.

Grand Brahmotsavams Begin

Peddapalli, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The annual 'Peddapatnam' and 'Agnigunda' Brahmotsavams commenced with traditional religious fervour at the Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple in Odela, Peddapalli district, on Sunday. Hundreds of devotees participated in the opening-day rituals, marking the beginning of one of the temple's most significant annual festivals. The celebrations began early in the morning with a series of Vedic rituals, including

Ganapati Puja, Gauri Puja, Mantapa Sthapana, the invocation of Lord Veerabhadra and other deities, followed by Sunku and Yagna-Homa ceremonies. Priests performed the rituals amid the chanting of Vedic hymns, creating a spiritually vibrant atmosphere within the temple premises. Following the completion of the rituals, Teertha-Prasadam was distributed to devotees who had gathered from various parts of the district and neighbouring areas

to seek the blessings of Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy. Temple authorities said the Peddapatnam Brahmotsavam will be held on Sunday night, while the Agnigunda Mahotsavam, one of the major highlights of the annual celebrations, is scheduled for the early hours of Monday. Large numbers of devotees are expected to participate in the events, which are known for their religious significance and long-standing traditions. The temple administration

has appealed to devotees to take part in the celebrations in large numbers and receive the blessings of the presiding deity. Special arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of the festivities and the convenience of pilgrims visiting the temple. Board of Trustees Chairman Cheekatla Mondayya, Temple Executive Officer Sadayya, members of the temple trust, directors, and other officials are personally supervising the arrangements. Measures have been taken to regulate

queues, distribute prasadam efficiently, and maintain cleanliness and security throughout the festival. The Odela Sri Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple attracts thousands of devotees every year during the Brahmotsavams, making the annual festival one of the most important spiritual events in the region. Temple authorities expressed confidence that this year's celebrations would conclude peacefully with enthusiastic participation from devotees.

Gangula Calls for Grand Jagannath Rath Yatra



Karimnagar, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister and Karimnagar MLA Gangula Kamalakar on Sunday called upon devotees to participate enthusiastically in the Jagannath Rath Yatra scheduled to be held on July 16, urging the public to make the annual religious procession a grand success. Speaking at a programme organized by the Jagannath Rath Yatra Festival Committee, where pamphlets and posters for the event were unveiled, Kamalakar expressed happiness that the Rath Yatra has become an important annual tradition in Karimnagar, attracting large numbers of devotees each year. The procession will commence from the Mahalaxmi Temple and conclude at Vaishya Bhavan, passing through the town's historic streets. Kamalakar said the event reflects the rich spiritual and cultural heritage of the region and appealed to devotees from across Karimnagar to participate voluntarily and with devotion. The MLA also reiterated his support for the establishment of an ISKCON Radha Govinda Mandir in Karimnagar. He said three acres of land should be allotted for the temple on the Sirisilla Bypass Road, which serves as a gateway to the town, and urged that construction work begin at the earliest. Kamalakar said he would make every effort to help transform the proposed ISKCON temple into a landmark spiritual destination for Karimnagar. He noted that the temple would not only serve as a centre of devotion but also promote cultural and spiritual values among devotees. He highlighted the significance of the daily worship of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra, stating that performing special aarti eight times a day would provide devotees with opportunities for spiritual enrichment and blessings. Later, Kamalakar participated in the afternoon aarti at the ISKCON centre, offered prayers, received the blessings of the deities, and accepted prasadam. Members of the Jagannath Rath Yatra Festival Committee briefed him on the preparations being made for the procession. Former Mayor Sardar Ravinder Singh, former corporator Harishankar, Guggilla Jayashree, Guggilla Srinivas, Dr. L. Rajabhaskar Reddy, Tummala Ramesh Reddy, Capt. Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy, Rallabandi Gopal Reddy, festival committee members, and several devotees attended the programme.

Village Prays for Rain Through Traditional Rituals

Adilabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Adigama K village in Ichoda Mandal of Adilabad district performed special traditional rituals on Sunday, offering prayers to Goddess Kappathalli and Lord Varuna for abundant rainfall amid concerns over inadequate monsoon showers. With agricultural activities already underway and rainfall falling short of expectations, villagers gathered to observe an age-old custom believed to invoke the blessings of the rain god. Accompanied by traditional musical instruments, devo-



tees carried out a ceremonial procession through the village streets before offering special prayers to Goddess Kappathalli. The rituals were conducted with the hope that the region would receive timely and sufficient rainfall, ensuring a successful agricultural season. Farmers expressed con-

cern that delayed and uneven rains could affect crop growth and agricultural productivity, making the need for adequate precipitation more urgent. Village elders said the Kappathalli worship has been a long-standing tradition in Adigama K and is performed whenever the area

experiences deficient rainfall. They noted that generations of villagers have continued the custom, reflecting the community's deep cultural and spiritual connection with agriculture and nature. Participants prayed for the blessings of Lord Varuna, expressing hope that tanks, ponds, and other water bodies would soon fill with rainwater, providing relief to farmers and securing water resources for cultivation. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from villagers across all age groups. Farmers, women, youth, and village elders joined the prayers, reaffirming their

faith in traditional customs and collective worship during challenging times. Among those who participated in the ceremony were Baddam Ramachandra Reddy, Chenala Mallesh Reddy, Dikonda Srinivas, Bhonagiri Raju, Venkataramana Reddy, and several other local leaders and residents. The rituals concluded with prayers for a prosperous farming season, good harvests, and overall well-being of the village, as residents expressed optimism that the coming days would bring widespread rainfall across the region.

BRS Stages Protest Against CM's Remarks

Suraypet, July 12 | TPN Bureau

A massive protest was held at the Kodad bus stand in Suraypet district on Sunday under the leadership of former MLA Bollam Malliah Yadav, condemning alleged remarks made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy against former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). The demonstration witnessed the participation of BRS leaders, party workers, and supporters, who raised slogans against the Chief Minister and demanded that

he withdraw his remarks. Protesters alleged that the comments were inappropriate and disrespectful towards KCR, whom they described as the architect of the Telangana movement. Addressing the gathering, Bollam Malliah Yadav said that a person holding the office of Chief Minister should maintain the dignity and decorum associated with the post. He alleged that resorting to personal attacks against opposition leaders weakens democratic traditions and lowers

the standards of political discourse. The former legislator demanded that Revanth Reddy issue an immediate public apology for his remarks. He claimed that comments allegedly suggesting violence against political opponents were unacceptable and contrary to democratic values. Malliah Yadav also criticized the Congress government, alleging that it was spending more time on political rhetoric than on governance. He said the administration should focus on ful-

filling the promises made to the people instead of engaging in political confrontations with the opposition. He further alleged that such statements could create unnecessary social tensions and urged the Chief Minister to exercise restraint while addressing political issues. According to him, leaders occupying constitutional positions should set an example by promoting responsible and respectful public discourse. Warning of intensified protests if the alleged

remarks were not withdrawn, Malliah Yadav said Kodad, often referred to as the gateway to Telangana, would become the starting point of a fresh public movement against the government's approach. The protest concluded peacefully, with participants reiterating their demand for an apology from the Chief Minister and urging the government to concentrate on development, welfare, and effective governance rather than political exchanges.

Mayor Lays Foundation for CC Road



Karimnagar, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Karimnagar City Mayor Kolagani Srinivas on Sunday laid the foundation stone for a cement concrete (CC) road near the Peddamma Thalli Temple in Hanuman Nagar of the city's 1st Division. The project will be taken up by the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation at an estimated cost of ₹12.80 lakh from its general funds. Addressing the gathering, the Mayor said the Municipal Corporation is committed to strengthening civic infrastructure and improving the quality of life for residents through planned development works across the city. He stated that the construction of better roads, drainage systems, streetlights, and sanitation facilities remains a priority in every municipal division based on local requirements. Kolagani Srinivas said the newly sanctioned CC road would improve connectivity for residents and facilitate easier movement in the locality, especially during the rainy season. He emphasized that infrastructure projects are being implemented with a focus on long-term durability and public convenience. The Mayor instructed municipal officials to closely supervise the construction to ensure that the work is executed according to prescribed quality standards and completed within the stipulated timeframe. He stressed that maintaining high construction quality is essential to provide lasting benefits to the public. He also assured residents that the Municipal Corporation would continue to undertake development works with public cooperation and address civic issues in a phased manner. According to the Mayor, the administration is committed to ensuring balanced development in all divisions of the city. Local residents welcomed the initiative and expressed appreciation for the civic improvements being undertaken in Hanuman Nagar. They thanked the Mayor and requested that additional infrastructure and welfare projects be implemented in the area to meet the growing needs of the community. The programme was attended by 1st Division Corporator Bhari Aparna Jitender, 26th Division Corporator Vaidyula Anjan Kumar, members of the Mudiraj Sangham, public representatives, local leaders, party workers, municipal officials, and a large number of residents, including women and youth. The Karimnagar Municipal Corporation said it would continue to prioritize essential infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing urban amenities and ensuring sustainable development across the city.

Fake SIR Staff Snatch Woman's Gold Chain

Yadadri-Bhongir, July 12 | TPN Bureau

A woman was allegedly cheated by two unidentified men posing as Special Intensive Revision (SIR) enumeration staff, who decamped with her three-tola gold mangalsutra in Bibinagar of Yadadri-Bhongir district on Sunday. According to police, the incident occurred when the two suspects arrived at the residence of Kukkadopu Andalu and her husband on a motorcycle. Introducing themselves as officials engaged in the ongoing SIR enumeration process, they convinced the couple that they needed to take Andalu's photograph as part of the verification procedure.

The men allegedly instructed Andalu to remove her mangalsutra, claiming that it should not be visible in the photograph. Trusting their explanation, she removed the gold ornament and handed it to her husband, who was standing outside the house. After taking the photographs, the suspects told Andalu that she would have to visit a nearby temple to complete the SIR documentation process. They asked her to accompany them, and she walked with them for nearly 200 metres. Police said that while Andalu was being led away, the two men suddenly turned back on their motorcycle, approached her husband, forcibly snatched the gold



mangalsutra from his hands, and sped away before anyone could react. Realising they had been deceived, the couple immedi-

ately alerted the police. Based on a complaint lodged by Andalu, the Bibinagar Police registered a case and launched an investigation

into the incident. Officials are examining CCTV footage from nearby roads and establishments to identify the accused and trace their escape route. Police suspect the duo may have targeted residents by impersonating government survey personnel and are investigating whether they were involved in similar offences elsewhere. Police have advised the public to verify the identity of officials visiting their homes and to avoid handing over valuables to strangers under any circumstances. They urged residents to immediately report suspicious individuals claiming to represent government agencies without proper identification.

Leopard Footprints Trigger Alert

Mahabubabad, July 12 | TPN Bureau

Forest officials have issued a cautionary advisory to residents and farmers in Gudur Mandal of Mahabubabad district after footprints discovered near agricultural fields were preliminarily identified as those of a leopard. According to officials, the footprints were found on a farm near the Kodi Cheruvu area close to the Gudur mandal headquarters. The matter came to light after a farmer reported spotting a wild animal movement in the vicinity on Saturday evening. The farmer had reportedly visited his field around 7 p.m. when he noticed an animal moving through dense Jeeluga vegetation and heard unusual sounds from the nearby bushes. Alarmed by the incident, he left the area and informed other farmers.

On Sunday morning, the farmer returned to the location along with fellow cultivators to inspect the area. During the search, they discovered animal footprints and immediately alerted the Forest Department. A team of forest officials visited the site and examined the footprints. Based on the preliminary assessment, the tracks appear to belong to a leopard. However, officials said further monitoring and verification are being carried out to confirm the animal's presence in the area. Following the discovery, the Forest Department advised farmers and residents of nearby villages to remain vigilant and avoid venturing into isolated fields alone, especially during the early morning and evening hours. People have been urged to travel in groups whenever possible and exercise caution while

working in agricultural lands located near vegetation and water bodies. Officials also appealed to the public to immediately report any leopard sightings or suspicious animal movements to the Forest Department so that timely action can be taken. They emphasized that unnecessary attempts to approach or chase the animal should be avoided. Forest personnel have intensified surveillance in and around the affected area and are closely monitoring developments. Necessary precautionary measures are being taken to ensure the safety of villagers and to prevent any potential human-wildlife conflict. The department has assured residents that continuous monitoring will continue until the situation is fully assessed and appropriate measures are implemented.

ABVP Calls for Successful College Shutdown

Siddipet, July 12 | TPN Bureau

The Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) has called upon students, parents, and educational institutions to support the statewide college shutdown scheduled for July 14 to highlight issues affecting higher education in Telangana. Addressing a press conference at the Siddipet Press Club on Sunday, ABVP State Working Committee member Aditya said the shutdown aims to draw the government's attention to unresolved issues in colleges, particularly the delay in fee reimbursement payments and the condition of government educational institutions. Aditya alleged that fee reimbursement arrears in the state had mounted to nearly ₹12,000 crore, affecting the education of around 20 lakh students from economically weaker sections. He said thousands of students were facing uncertainty due to the delay in clearing pending reimbursements. The ABVP leader questioned the Congress government's commitment to resolving the issue, recalling its promise to establish a "Green Channel" for the timely

release of fee reimbursement funds after assuming office. He asked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to clarify the status of that commitment and urged the government to take immediate steps to clear the arrears. He also demanded comprehensive measures to improve infrastructure, academic facilities, and the overall functioning of government educational institutions across the state. According to him, strengthening the education sector should be a priority to ensure quality learning opportunities for all students. During the press conference, ABVP leaders released a wall poster publicizing the proposed college shutdown and appealed to students, parents, and college managements to cooperate with the protest. They said the shutdown is intended to peacefully highlight the concerns of the student community and seek timely government intervention. District Women's Convener Mrudulayya, City Secretary Tarun, Lokesh, Akanksh, Pavan, Srikanth, and other ABVP members participated in the programme.



Gold, Silver Likely to Remain Volatile Amid West Asia Tensions

Gold and silver prices are expected to remain volatile with a corrective trend in the coming week as investors closely monitor escalating tensions between the United States and Iran, movements in crude oil prices, and key inflation data from major economies.

Market analysts said the renewed conflict in West Asia has increased uncertainty in global financial markets. The latest tensions intensified after Iran reportedly targeted a commercial vessel and announced the closure of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz. In

response, the United States carried out strikes on Tehran, prompting Iran to retaliate by attacking American-linked installations in the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait and Bahrain.

Experts believe any further escalation could push crude oil prices higher, reigniting inflation concerns worldwide. Rising oil prices may strengthen safe-haven assets such as the US dollar and US Treasury bonds, limiting gains in precious metals despite heightened geopolitical risks.

Pranav Mer, Senior Vice

President of Commodity and Currency Research at JM Financial Services, said gold and silver continue to exhibit a corrective trend. According to him, markets will closely watch geopolitical developments, as a major escalation could significantly influence commodity prices and investor sentiment.

Apart from geopolitical events, traders will focus on inflation data from India, the United States and the European Union for clues on the future course of interest rates by central banks. Economic indi-

cators from the US, including retail sales, housing data and weekly jobless claims, are also expected to influence market direction. Additionally, China's GDP growth, industrial production, trade figures and bank lending data will be watched closely for signals about global economic recovery.

In the domestic market, MCX gold futures for August delivery declined by Rs. 3,900, or 2.65 per cent, during the week to settle at Rs. 1.43 lakh per 10 grams. Silver futures for September delivery recorded an even sharper fall, dropping Rs.

14,746, or 6.2 per cent, to close at Rs. 2.22 lakh per kilogram.

Internationally, Comex gold futures slipped to 4,113.7 US dollars per ounce, while silver settled at 60.16 US dollars per ounce. Analysts attributed the weakness to a stronger US dollar, firm crude oil prices and expectations that interest rates could remain elevated for longer. Market experts said bullion prices have repeatedly failed to sustain rallies, with investors preferring to book profits rather than build fresh positions. They believe gold and silver are likely to remain under



pressure unless there is a significant easing in geopolitical tensions or fresh economic data alters expectations regarding global monetary policy.

Punjab Man Arrested in ₹1.6 Crore Digital Loan Fraud Case

Delhi Police has arrested a 24-year-old man from Punjab for his alleged involvement in a cyber fraud racket that used stolen Aadhaar and PAN card details to obtain personal loans in the names of unsuspecting victims. Investigators believe the syndicate targeted nearly 50 people and fraudulently secured loans worth around 1.6 crore.

The case came to light after a victim approached the Cyber Police Station in Rohini on June 25, claiming he was receiving repeated calls from loan recovery agents demanding repayment of a loan he had never taken. A check of his CIBIL report revealed that a 4.5 lakh personal loan had been sanctioned in his name by a private finance company using his PAN details. Police also found that the mobile number linked to his Aadhaar



had been changed without his knowledge.

During the investigation, officials traced the loan amount to the bank account of Ajay Kumar, a resident of Mohali, Punjab. He was arrested after police tracked his movements through technical surveillance

and intelligence inputs. A mobile phone allegedly used in the fraud was recovered from his possession.

Forensic examination of the device revealed that the complainant's personal information had been shared among members of the fraud network before the loan application was processed. During interrogation, the accused reportedly admitted to being part of a larger syndicate that misused Aadhaar and PAN details to secure digital loans from private finance companies.

Police said the gang also changed the mobile numbers linked to victims' Aadhaar cards, enabling them to complete online KYC verification and loan applications without the knowledge of the account holders. The loan amounts were routed through bank accounts of individuals who al-

lowed their accounts to be used in exchange for commissions.

Rohini Deputy Commissioner of Police Shashank Jaiswal said the investigation indicates that the racket is much larger than initially suspected. Authorities are now working to identify other members of the syndicate, trace additional mule bank accounts, and locate more victims.

Cyber law expert Pawan Duggal warned that such crimes are increasing due to weak implementation of data protection measures and inadequate compliance with KYC and cybersecurity standards. Delhi Police has urged citizens to avoid sharing Aadhaar, PAN, and other sensitive documents on unverified websites and to use only trusted platforms for financial transactions. Further investigation is underway.

BJP Seeks Evidence From Omar Abdullah Over Defection Allegations



A political row has erupted in Jammu and Kashmir after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah alleged that attempts were made to lure National Conference (NC) legislators with huge financial inducements and political promises to engineer defections. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has strongly denied the allegations and demanded that the Chief Minister either produce evidence or publicly apologise.

Addressing a public rally in Srinagar, Abdullah claimed that a Jammu-based NC MLA informed him about an alleged offer made through a Supreme Court lawyer whom he described as being close to the BJP. According to the Chief Minister, the legislator was allegedly offered between 20 crore and 30 crore, a ministerial berth and even a promise of restoring statehood in exchange for switching political allegiance. He termed the alleged move an attempt to undermine the people's mandate and destabilise the elected government.

Reacting to the allegations, BJP's Jammu and Kashmir president Sat Sharma demanded that Omar Abdullah reveal the identity of the BJP leader allegedly involved or withdraw the statement and apologise. He maintained that accusations of such a serious nature should not be made without credible evidence.

BJP MLA R.S. Pathania also

dismissed the allegations as "false, baseless and politically motivated." He said any claim involving bribery of elected representatives must be backed by verifiable proof and urged the Chief Minister to submit evidence to the Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) or any other competent investigating agency if such an incident had indeed taken place.

Pathania questioned why no FIR or formal complaint had been filed if an MLA was actually approached with an offer to defect. He also sought details of the alleged incident, including the identity of the legislator, the person who made the offer, the BJP leader purportedly involved, and when and where the alleged meeting took place.

Warning of legal action, the BJP leader said that if the Chief Minister failed to substantiate his claims, the party

would explore all legal options, including filing a criminal defamation case. He argued that unverified allegations of this magnitude damage the credibility of democratic institutions and should not be used as political rhetoric.

Pathania further alleged that the Chief Minister was attempting to divert attention from governance issues and criticism faced by the ruling alliance. He claimed that several legislators from the ruling coalition had recently raised concerns regarding the functioning of ministers during a meeting in Dachigam.

The controversy has intensified political tensions in Jammu and Kashmir, with both the ruling National Conference and the BJP standing firm on their respective positions. The matter is expected to remain a key political issue in the coming days.

Palakkad's Space Legacy Grows as NASA's Anil Menon Prepares for ISS Mission

Kerala's Palakkad district is set to strengthen its unique place in global space exploration as NASA astronaut of Indian origin Dr Anil Menon prepares to launch to the International Space Station (ISS) aboard Russia's Soyuz MS-29 spacecraft on July 15. With his mission, Palakkad will be linked to three distinguished astronauts, making it one of the few regions in the world with such a remarkable association with human spaceflight.

The trio includes Dr Anil Menon, private astronaut Anna Menon, and Air Commodore Prasanth Balakrishnan Nair, one of India's astronaut-designates for the Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme. The achievement has become a matter of pride for Kerala, which is also home to Thumba, the birthplace of India's space programme.

Ahead of the launch, Air Commodore Prasanth Nair shared an emotional message congratulating Anil Menon and



his wife Anna Menon, recalling the time they spent training together in Houston. He described the couple as a "complete astronaut family" and said their connection to Kerala and India would always be cherished.

Born to an Indian father and a Ukrainian mother, Anil Menon grew up in the United States but has maintained close ties with India. Before joining NASA's astronaut corps, he spent a year in New Delhi as a

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar supporting India's polio eradication programme, an experience that shaped his career as a physician and humanitarian.

A highly accomplished medical doctor, aerospace medicine specialist, engineer, pilot and colonel in the United States Space Force, Menon previously served as a NASA flight surgeon, supporting astronauts on ISS missions before being selected as an astronaut himself. He will travel to the orbital

laboratory with Russian cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina, where the crew is expected to spend nearly eight months conducting scientific experiments. The mission will focus on studies related to human health in microgravity, blood circulation, advanced medical technologies, artificial intelligence-assisted healthcare and techniques that could support future missions to the Moon and Mars.

Anil Menon's wife, Anna Menon, is also a NASA astronaut candidate and previously served as the medical officer on SpaceX's landmark Polaris Dawn mission, which featured the world's first commercial spacewalk. Together, the couple represent one of the world's rare astronaut families.

As the countdown to launch begins, excitement is building across Kerala, with Palakkad celebrating yet another milestone in its remarkable contribution to global space exploration.

Ladakh Creates 17 New Tehsils to Improve Access to Government Services



In a major administrative reform aimed at bringing governance closer to people living in remote and border areas, the Ladakh administration has created 17 new tehsils, increasing the total number from 15 to 32. The move is expected to significantly reduce the long distances residents currently travel to access government services and make the region's five newly created districts fully operational.

The decision comes less than three months after the Union Territory announced the creation of five new districts—Nubra, Sham, Changthang, Zaskar and Drass—raising the total number of districts in Ladakh from two to seven. The latest reorganisation establishes the revenue administration required for these districts to function effectively.

Officials said many residents in Ladakh's remote villages currently travel more than 300 kilometres across difficult mountainous terrain to reach government offices. With the creation of new

tehsils, administrative services such as revenue records, land-related work and public welfare services are expected to become more accessible.

The restructuring follows recommendations made by a Union Territory-level committee, which found that several tehsils extended across multiple districts, leading to overlapping jurisdictions and administrative complications. Under the revised framework, every revenue village will now fall under a single tehsil, and every tehsil will be linked to only one district, ensuring greater administrative clarity.

As part of the exercise, 17 existing niabats have been upgraded into full-fledged tehsils. The administration has directed the Chief Secretary to appoint tehsildars immediately so that the new units become operational without delay.

Following the reorganisation, Leh district will have five tehsils, Kargil seven, Nubra six, Sham five, Changthang four, Zaskar four and Drass one.

Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena said the reforms are designed to make governance more citizen-centric and improve public service delivery. He noted that the reorganisation would strengthen grassroots administration, streamline revenue management and ensure faster implementation of development programmes, particularly in remote and border regions.

The Lieutenant Governor also said the restructuring aligns with the vision of balanced and inclusive development by ensuring every citizen has easier access to essential government services.

Ladakh became a Union Territory in October 2019 following the reorganisation of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. The latest administrative overhaul marks another significant step in strengthening governance, improving accessibility and addressing the unique challenges posed by the region's vast geography, sparse population and difficult terrain.

War Veteran Battles Land Fraud After Serving Nation in Three Wars

A 92-year-old Indian Army war veteran who fought in the 1962, 1965 and 1971 wars is now fighting what his family calls his "fourth battle"—a legal struggle to reclaim his agricultural land in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer district, allegedly transferred using forged documents without his knowledge.

Retired Honorary Captain Chunni Lal, a resident of Kangra in Himachal Pradesh, was allotted 25 bighas of agricultural land in Mohangarh, Jaisalmer, in 2002 after being displaced by the Pong Dam project. However, due to inadequate irrigation and infrastructure, he returned to his native village while a neighbour initially looked after the land. The property later remained unattended for several years.

According to police, the veteran recently discovered that his land had been transferred to another person through an allegedly



fraudulent sale deed. In his complaint, Chunni Lal alleged that an impersonator appeared before the sub-registrar's office on June 16, posing as him and executing the sale using a fake photograph, forged Aadhaar card, fabricated signatures and other counterfeit documents. The land mutation was subsequently recorded at the tehsil office on June 22.

Based on his complaint, police have registered a case against four individuals—Mohanlal, Dhannaram, Karnaram and Omprakash—

on charges of cheating, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

The former Army officer said he never imagined that after defending the country in three wars, he would have to spend his old age visiting police stations and government offices to protect his own property. He alleged that proper verification of identity documents during the registration process could have prevented the fraud.

His son, Multan Singh Thakur, described the legal battle as his father's "fourth war." He said the el-

derly veteran, who is a heart patient, has been physically exhausted after making repeated visits to government offices over the past few days. Despite his health condition, Chunni Lal remains determined to recover his land.

Police said the preliminary investigation has revealed that records of several agricultural land parcels in the Mohangarh area are still maintained offline, making them vulnerable to fraudulent transactions. Investigators suspect that properties belonging to absentee landowners are being targeted through forged documentation.

Authorities are now scrutinising registration records, identity documents and revenue files to identify similar fraudulent transactions and determine the involvement of those responsible. The investigation is continuing.

15 Indian Tourists Killed in Vietnam Boat Tragedy

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar expressed deep grief over the tragic boat accident near Phu Quoc Island in Vietnam that claimed the lives of 15 Indian tourists, while assuring support to the affected families and wishing a speedy recovery to those injured.

In a message posted on the social media platform X, Jaishankar said he was "deeply distressed" by the incident and extended heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. He also prayed for the quick recovery of the injured passengers.

The accident occurred when a tourist speedboat carrying 36 people, including 32 Indian tourists, capsized near Hon May Rut Ngoai Island off the coast of Phu Quoc, a popular tourist destination in southern Vietnam. The Indian Embassy in Vietnam later confirmed that all 15 fatalities were Indian nationals.

The tragedy has sent shockwaves across India, with several state governments coordinating with the Ministry of

External Affairs to assist affected families and facilitate the return of the victims' mortal remains.

Kerala Chief Minister V.D. Satheesan confirmed that two of the deceased were residents of Kottarakkara in Kerala. Identifying them as A.C. Thomas (57) and Loveni Thomas (56), he said the state government was working closely with the Ministry of External Affairs to expedite all necessary procedures. He conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the

grieving family.

Andhra Pradesh Minister Kondapalli Srinivas also expressed sorrow over the incident, stating that around 33 tourists from Andhra Pradesh were part of the travel group. He said three people from the state had lost their lives, while another victim was undergoing treatment in the intensive care unit. Describing the incident as heartbreaking, the Minister said the state government was closely monitoring the situation and extending all

possible assistance to the affected families.

In response to the tragedy, Vietnam Prime Minister Le Minh Hun issued urgent directions to central and local authorities to intensify search and rescue operations, provide immediate medical assistance to survivors, and extend all necessary support to the victims' families. Authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the accident while rescue teams continue operations in the area.



The incident has highlighted the importance of maritime safety during tourist excursions and prompted swift diplomatic coordination between Indian and Vietnamese authorities to support the victims and their families.

Former Qatar Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani Passes Away at 74

Former Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani, the visionary leader who transformed the small Gulf nation into a global diplomatic, economic and media powerhouse, passed away on Sunday at the age of 74. The state-run Qatar News Agency confirmed his death but did not disclose the cause.

Sheikh Hamad ruled Qatar from 1995 to 2013, a period marked by rapid economic growth, ambitious global investments and an increasingly influential foreign policy. He voluntarily abdicated in June 2013 in favour of his son, Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani, becoming one of the few Arab rulers to peacefully transfer power during his lifetime.

Widely regarded as the architect of modern Qatar, Sheikh Hamad used the country's vast natural gas wealth to diversify its economy and strengthen its international presence. Under his leadership, Qatar emerged



as one of the world's wealthiest nations on a per-capita basis and invested heavily in global businesses, real estate and infrastructure. Among its high-profile overseas acquisitions was the iconic Harrods department store in London.

His tenure also witnessed the launch of Al Jazeera, the influential satellite television network that reshaped news broadcasting in the Arab world and gained international recognition for its extensive coverage of regional and global events.

Sheikh Hamad played a significant role in positioning Qatar as a key mediator in international conflicts and diplomatic negotiations. The country became an important venue for peace talks involving regional and global powers, expanding its influence far beyond its geographical size.

His long-term vision also laid the foundation for Qatar's successful bid to host the 2022 FIFA World Cup, the first-ever World Cup held in the Middle East. Although he had stepped down

nearly a decade before the tournament, Sheikh Hamad attended the opening ceremony, receiving a warm ovation from the home crowd in recognition of his role in making the event possible.

Despite his achievements, Qatar's independent foreign policy under Sheikh Hamad occasionally strained relations with some regional neighbours and Western allies. The country's engagement with Iran, its support for groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood, and its contacts with Hamas often drew criticism from several governments.

Tributes are expected from world leaders, who have acknowledged Sheikh Hamad's contribution to Qatar's remarkable transformation into a globally influential nation. His legacy is widely seen as one of bold leadership, economic modernisation and strategic diplomacy that reshaped Qatar's place on the world stage.

10 Indians Rescued, One Missing After Ship Attack Near Oman

Ten Indian nationals have been rescued while one remains missing after a commercial vessel came under attack in waters off the coast of Oman amid escalating tensions in the Middle East, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said on Sunday.

According to the ministry, 11 Indian crew members were on board the commercial vessel GFS Galaxy when it was struck early Sunday in waters east of Oman. Search and rescue operations are continuing to trace the missing Indian sailor.

In an official statement, the MEA said the attack on the vessel was "deeply worrisome" and emphasized the need to ensure the safety of civilian shipping in the region. It called for an immediate end to attacks on commercial vessels and stressed that free and unimpeded navigation through international waterways must be restored in accordance with international law.

The incident occurred about 17 kilometres east of the Omani coast, according to the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO). The agency reported that the crew abandoned the damaged vessel and escaped in a lifeboat while



rescue operations were launched. The United States Central Command (CENTCOM) said the vessel suffered severe fire damage and flooding in its engine room, alleging that the attack was carried out by Iran. Tehran has not officially responded to the accusation.

The attack comes amid rapidly escalating hostilities between Iran and the United States following fresh US military strikes. Iran has announced the closure of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz and launched missiles and drones targeting several Gulf countries in retaliation.

The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's busiest shipping routes, carrying a significant share of global crude oil and

Vietnam Arrests Boat Captain After 15 Indian Tourists Die in Capsize

Vietnamese authorities on Sunday arrested the captain of a tourist speedboat that capsized off the coast of Phu Quoc Island, killing 15 Indian tourists, as investigations into one of the country's deadliest recent maritime accidents gathered pace.

The tragic incident occurred on Saturday when the speedboat, carrying 32 Indian tourists, three Vietnamese crew members and a tour guide, overturned in rough waters near May Rut Ngoai Islet, a popular tourist destination known for its beaches and diving spots.

According to Vietnamese authorities, rescue teams managed to save 21 people from the sea, while 15 passengers lost their lives. Police in southern An Giang province arrested the 57-year-old captain on charges related to alleged violations of maritime safety regulations that resulted in the fatal accident. Officials said further investigations are underway to determine the exact



circumstances leading to the capsizing.

Preliminary findings quoted by local media suggested that the accident was primarily caused by rapidly deteriorating weather conditions and unexpectedly rough seas. However, authorities are examining whether safety protocols were fully followed before and during the voyage.

Rescue personnel involved in the operation said high waves battered the vessel despite the absence of rainfall. Several other tourist boats were reportedly operating in the area at the same time with-

out encountering similar incidents, raising questions about the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Eyewitness Ha Van Loc, who participated in the rescue effort, said he found the overturned boat with several passengers desperately clinging to its hull while others drifted in the sea without life jackets. He and his crew threw lifebuoys attached to ropes into the water, pulled survivors aboard their vessel and alerted emergency services. Jet skis were later deployed to transport victims to the shore.

The Indian Embassy in Ha-

noi confirmed that at least 15 survivors had been discharged from hospitals and were preparing to return to India, while one critically injured passenger continues to receive treatment at a hospital in Phu Quoc. The embassy also said arrangements are being made to repatriate the bodies of the 15 deceased tourists to India.

Following the tragedy, several tourism operators suspended speedboat services between Phu Quoc and nearby islands as a precautionary measure.

Phu Quoc has emerged as one of Vietnam's fastest-growing tourist destinations, attracting more than 1.8 million international visitors last year. However, boating accidents remain a recurring concern in Vietnam due to unpredictable weather, inadequate maintenance, and safety lapses, prompting renewed calls for stricter enforcement of maritime safety regulations to protect tourists and local passengers alike.

Russian Missile, Drone Strikes Kill Eight in Ukraine



Russia launched a fresh wave of missile, drone and guided bomb attacks across Ukraine on Saturday, killing at least eight people and injuring dozens, including children, as the conflict entered another deadly phase.

According to Ukrainian officials, Russia fired more than 120 drones and 12 missiles, including several ballistic missiles, during overnight attacks targeting multiple regions of the country. President Volodymyr Zelensky said civilian infrastructure was struck even before air raid sirens were activated, highlighting the growing challenge posed by Russia's latest tactics. In the capital, Kyiv, missiles hit residential and commercial areas, injuring at least 12 people, including two children. Apartment buildings, office complexes and a theological school sustained damage as emergency crews worked through smoke-filled streets and debris to rescue survivors and assess the destruction. The deadliest at-

tack occurred in the northern city of Sumy, where a Russian guided aerial bomb struck a populated area, killing five people, including a young girl. In eastern Ukraine, one person was killed in Sloviansk, while two others died in a missile strike on the southern port city of Odesa, local authorities said.

President Zelensky stated that Ukraine's air defence systems intercepted many of the incoming drones and missiles but struggled to stop the high-speed ballistic missiles. He renewed his appeal to international partners, particularly the United States, to accelerate military assistance and strengthen Ukraine's air defence capabilities.

Zelensky urged Washington to swiftly implement its decision allowing Ukraine to manufacture Patriot air defence missile systems under licence, saying delays in providing critical defence equipment continue to cost civilian lives.

Military analysts suggested

that some of the missiles may have been modified S-400 systems used in ground attack mode, making them harder for radar systems to detect and reducing the warning time available before impact.

Meanwhile, Russia's Defence Ministry maintained that its forces had targeted military-industrial facilities in Kyiv and port infrastructure in Odesa, denying allegations that civilians were deliberately targeted.

The latest strikes came a day after Ukrainian drones reportedly attacked oil refineries in southern Russia, continuing Kyiv's campaign against Russian energy infrastructure. With the war now in its fifth year, the renewed exchange of long-range strikes underscores the escalating intensity of the conflict. The latest attacks have once again raised international concerns over civilian safety, the strain on Ukraine's air defence network, and the urgent need for diplomatic efforts to prevent further escalation.

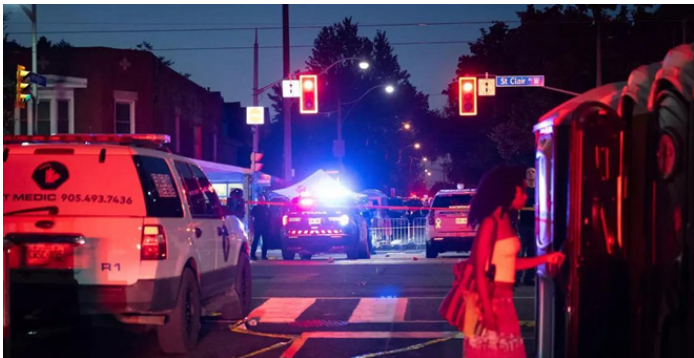
Two Killed, Three Injured in Shooting Near Toronto Street Festival

Two people were killed and three others injured in a shooting near a popular street festival in Toronto on Saturday, triggering a major police response and temporary warnings of an active shooter.

The incident occurred near the intersection of St. Clair Avenue West and Arlington Avenue, where the annual Salsa on St. Clair festival was being held. Toronto Police responded swiftly after reports of gunfire in the area.

Authorities said five people were found suffering from gunshot wounds. Two victims later succumbed to their injuries, while the remaining three were taken to hospital for treatment. Their conditions have not yet been officially disclosed.

In the immediate aftermath of



the shooting, police urged residents and festival-goers to avoid the area, warning of an active shooter situation as officers secured the scene and launched an extensive search.

Hours later, Toronto Police confirmed that the area had been secured and there was no ongoing threat to public safety. How-

ever, officials did not release any information regarding a suspect or announce any arrests.

A large number of police officers and emergency medical personnel remained at the scene as investigators collected evidence and interviewed witnesses. Authorities are also reviewing surveillance footage from the festi-

val and nearby businesses to determine the circumstances leading to the shooting.

The Salsa on St. Clair festival, one of Toronto's largest annual cultural events celebrating Latin music, dance and cuisine, attracts thousands of visitors each year. The violence shocked attendees and disrupted the celebrations as emergency responders rushed to assist the victims.

Police have appealed to members of the public who witnessed the incident or recorded videos to come forward and assist the investigation.

The motive behind the shooting remains unclear, and investigators are continuing efforts to identify those responsible. Officials have assured the public that updates will be provided as the investigation progresses.



Markets More Reasonably Valued Now, Says Trust Mutual Fund

Trust Mutual Fund has reaffirmed its positive outlook on India's long-term capital expenditure (capex) cycle, expressing confidence in sectors such as capital goods, infrastructure, financialisation, and precious metals, while maintaining a cautious stance on PSU banks, FMCG, and large-cap IT stocks.

The investment outlook was shared by Sandeep Bagla, Chief Executive Officer of Trust Mutual Fund, during the launch of the fund house's new Large & Mid Cap Fund.

Bagla said that although certain segments of the market continue to trade at premium valuations, the broader equity market has become more reasonably valued compared to two years ago following a combination of price correction, time correction, valuation moderation, and currency adjustments.

"There has been a time correction, price correction, valuation correction and currency correction," Bagla observed, adding that much of the excessive optimism reflected in stock prices over recent years has already been absorbed by the market.

Despite ongoing global economic uncertainties, Trust Mutual Fund believes the fundamentals of the Indian economy remain strong. Bagla pointed to robust Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections, sustained credit growth, healthy advance tax collections, and encouraging automobile sales as indicators that domestic demand continues to remain resilient.

According to the fund house, India's structural growth story remains intact, driven by sustained government investment in infrastructure, increasing



SEBI Expands Intraday Borrowing Rules for Mutual Funds

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has expanded the scope of intraday borrowings for mutual funds, allowing asset management companies (AMCs) to use such borrowings for a wider range of liquidity management purposes from September 1. The move follows amendments to the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 2026, aimed at improving operational efficiency while safeguarding investor interests.

Under the revised framework, mutual fund schemes will be permitted to avail intraday borrowings to address temporary liquidity mismatches arising from differences in market settlement cycles. The regulator said the changes are intended to ensure smooth fund operations without disrupting payments to investors.

As per the new guidelines, mutual funds can use intraday borrowings to meet unitholder payouts, including redemption requests, income distribution-cum-capital withdrawal payments, and interest payments. The facility can also be used for settlement obligations related to investments made by schemes, mark-to-market liabilities, foreign exchange settlements, and repayment of existing borrowings.

SEBI has prescribed strict safeguards to limit risks associated with the facility. The regulator has specified that in-

J Pan Tubular Files IPO Papers to Fuel Expansion and Cut Debt

HVAC and refrigerator components manufacturer J Pan Tubular Components has filed its Draft Red Herring Prospectus (DRHP) with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to raise capital through an Initial Public Offering (IPO), aiming to expand its manufacturing capacity and reduce debt.

According to the draft papers filed on July 10, the proposed IPO consists of a fresh issue of 49.2 lakh equity shares and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of 2.6 lakh equity shares by promoter Jignesh Panchal, taking the total issue size to 51.8 lakh shares.

The company plans to utilize the proceeds from the fresh issue primarily for setting up new manufacturing facilities, expanding its production capabilities, repaying or reducing outstanding borrowings, and meeting general corporate requirements. The OFS component will enable the promoter to partially divest his stake without adding fresh capital to the company.

Headquartered in Uttar Pradesh, J Pan Tubular Components has established manufacturing units in Noida, Neemrana, Pune, Bengaluru, and Sanand, serving a wide range of industries including heating,



ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), refrigeration, electrical equipment, metal manufacturing, and tubing components.

The company specializes in manufacturing HVAC, refrigerator, brass, and Variable Refrigerant Volume (VRV) components that are widely used in heat exchangers and refrigerant circuit assemblies for cooling and refrigeration systems. These products play a vital role in residential, commercial, and industrial air-conditioning and refrigeration applications.

J Pan Tubular has built a strong customer base comprising some of the country's leading appliance and HVAC manufacturers. Its key clients include LG Electronics India, Haier Appliances India, Bosch Home Comfort India, Daikin Airconditioning India, and Ecofrost Technologies, reflecting its es-

Stock Selection Takes Centre Stage in India's Next Market Phase

India's equity markets are entering a new phase where careful stock selection, rather than broad-based market rallies, is expected to determine investment success. Market experts believe companies capable of delivering sustained earnings growth, expanding profit margins and generating healthy cash flows will emerge as the biggest beneficiaries of the country's improving economic environment.

According to market analysts, the foundations for India's next bull market are gradually strengthening. Factors such as declining crude oil prices, a stabilising rupee, easing geopolitical tensions and resilient domestic liquidity are creating favourable conditions for economic growth. However, unlike the post-pandemic rally, when abundant liquidity lifted stocks across sectors, the upcoming market cycle is expected to be far more selective.

Companies that can successfully pass rising input costs on to customers without affecting demand, while maintaining volume growth and improving profitability, are likely to outperform their peers. Businesses with strong pricing power, efficient cost management and consistent earnings are expected to attract greater investor interest.

The shift is already becoming visible in the market. Many in-



vestors who have held quality stocks over the past six months have seen limited returns despite following disciplined investment strategies. While benchmark indices have remained relatively stable, several portfolios have either stagnated or slipped into negative territory, highlighting the growing divergence between individual stocks and the broader market.

Market observers say this reflects a structural change rather than a temporary phase. Investors can no longer expect all sectors and companies to rise together simply because liquidity is abundant. Instead, company-specific fundamentals, management quality, earnings visibility and competitive advantages are becoming increasingly important in determining stock performance.

Analysts believe sectors linked to domestic consumption, manufacturing, infrastructure, financial services and businesses benefiting from government

Three IPOs Worth Over ₹10,000 Crore to Hit Primary Market Next Week

India's primary market is set for another action-packed week, with three initial public offerings (IPOs) collectively aiming to raise more than 10,100 crore. The offerings include the much-anticipated SBI Funds Management IPO, which is expected to dominate investor attention due to its size and strong parentage.

All three public issues—SBI Funds Management, Alpine Texworld, and SME issue Millworks Technologies—will open for subscription on July 14 and close on July 16, giving investors a three-day window to participate.

The largest offering is from SBI Funds Management, jointly promoted by State Bank of India (SBI) and French asset management giant Amundi. The company plans to raise 9,812.91 crore through an initial public offering comprising 17.09 crore equity shares. The shares have been priced in a band of 545 to 574 each.

The IPO consists entirely of an Offer for Sale (OFS), meaning the company itself will not receive any proceeds from the issue. Instead, the existing promoters will partially divest their holdings. State Bank of



India will sell 9.95 crore equity shares, representing a 4.8851% stake, while Amundi will offload 7.14 crore equity shares, equivalent to a 3.5082% stake.

The issue size has been revised downward from the originally proposed 11,692.9 crore after the company successfully completed a pre-IPO placement involving 30 institutional investors.

Apart from the SBI Funds Management issue, textile sector player Alpine Texworld will also enter the primary market, seeking to raise capital for its business expansion and growth plans. Meanwhile, Millworks Technologies, an SME company, will launch its IPO on the NSE SME platform, offering investors an opportunity to participate in the growing small and medium enter-



Nifty Faces Key Resistance as Limited Upside Next Week

India's benchmark Nifty 50 may struggle to reclaim its April high in the coming week unless it decisively breaks above the 24,500-24,550 resistance zone, according to Sudeep Shah, Head of Technical and Derivatives Research at SBI Securities.

Despite a strong rebound in the last two trading sessions following Wednesday's sharp correction, Shah believes the market remains in a consolidation phase. He noted that the Nifty has been moving sideways for the past four weeks, with small-bodied weekly candesticks indicating indecision between buyers and sellers.

However, Shah expressed optimism about the Bank Nifty, saying the recent recovery has improved its chances of reclaiming the 59,000 mark in the near term, supported by renewed buying interest in banking stocks.

Among individual stocks, Shah remains bullish on Kalyan Jewellers and Central Depository Services (India) Ltd. (CDSL). He said both counters have broken out of consolida-

tion patterns on the daily charts with strong trading volumes, a positive technical signal suggesting the rally could continue.

He also highlighted Indian Bank as another stock showing strength. After correcting nearly 10 percent from recent highs, the stock's Relative Strength Index (RSI) has improved, indicating strengthening momentum and the possibility of further gains.

Shah was equally optimistic about One97 Communications (Paytm). According to him, the stock has regained upward momentum after pausing for six trading sessions, signalling renewed buying interest.

While the broader market outlook remains cautious due to resistance near record levels, Shah believes selective opportunities continue to exist in fundamentally and technically strong stocks. Investors are advised to watch the Nifty's movement around the 24,500-24,550 zone, as a decisive breakout could determine the market's next directional trend.



Global Brokerages Remain Bullish on India

Global brokerage firms have maintained a positive outlook on Indian equities despite renewed geopolitical tensions in West Asia, asserting that the country's long-term earnings recovery remains firmly on track. Analysts believe the recent market volatility triggered by the US-Iran conflict is unlikely to derail India's broader growth story.

While the June quarter may witness some pressure on corporate earnings due to higher input costs, elevated commodity prices, and geopolitical uncertainty, most global investment firms expect investors to focus beyond short-term challenges and look toward stronger earnings growth in the remaining quarters of FY27.

According to leading global brokerage Morgan Stanley, India's recent underperformance compared to some global markets is cyclical rather than structural. The brokerage believes the country's economic fundamentals remain robust, supported by improving growth momentum, resilient domestic demand, and a favourable investment environment.

Morgan Stanley also highlighted that foreign institutional investor (FII) positioning in Indian equities remains relatively light, leaving room for increased overseas investment if macroeconomic conditions continue to improve. The brokerage expects stronger corporate earnings, policy stability, and sustained domestic consumption to support the next phase of market growth.

Analysts across global financial institutions noted that the discussion has shifted from questioning whether India's earnings will recover to identifying the sectors that will drive the next leg of expansion.

Manufacturing, infrastructure, financial services, capital goods, and domestic consumption-oriented businesses are expected to remain key beneficiaries of the country's economic growth.

Although geopolitical tensions have increased uncertainty in global financial markets, experts believe India's relatively strong domestic economy provides an important cushion against external shocks. Stable tax collections, healthy banking sector performance, continued government infrastructure spending, and resilient consumer demand continue to support corporate profitability.

Brokerages also pointed out that companies with strong balance sheets, pricing power, and the ability to protect profit margins despite rising costs are likely to outperform in the coming quarters. Investors are expected to reward businesses capable of delivering consistent earnings growth even amid global uncertainty.

Market experts caution that near-term volatility cannot be ruled out as geopolitical developments continue to evolve. However, they emphasise that temporary fluctuations should not distract investors from India's long-term structural growth opportunities.

With corporate earnings expected to improve over the course of FY27 and economic indicators remaining supportive, global brokerages continue to view India as one of the most attractive long-term investment destinations among emerging markets. They believe that while short-term headwinds may affect quarterly performance, the broader earnings recovery and economic expansion story remain intact.

Belgaria Women Grow a New Future with Mushrooms

In a region once known for underground fires, land subsidence and struggles for survival, a quiet economic revolution is taking root. Belgaria Rehabilitation Township in Dhanbad, Jharkhand, is witnessing an unusual transformation — not through mines or industries, but through mushrooms cultivated by determined women.

For years, Belgaria was seen as a symbol of displacement. Families from fire-affected and unstable mining areas were relocated here, carrying with them the challenges of rebuilding their lives. Limited employment opportunities and basic livelihood concerns remained major hurdles. But today, the

township is presenting a different picture — one of entrepreneurship, confidence and self-reliance.

At the centre of this change are nearly 40 to 50 women who have turned mushroom cultivation into a source of steady income. Working through self-help groups, these women are not just growing mushrooms; they are growing financial independence for their families.

Each woman earns around Rs 200 to Rs 250 per day through this activity, making a significant contribution to household expenses. What began as a livelihood experiment has now become a sustainable income-generating model for many

families in the township.

The journey was made possible through training and scientific guidance. After learning modern cultivation techniques, the women began producing varieties of mushrooms suited to seasonal conditions. At present, Oyster and Milky mushrooms are cultivated regularly, while Button mushrooms have also been successfully grown in the past.

Experts from Deoghar continue to support the women by introducing improved methods and helping them enhance production practices. The initiative has transformed many women from homemakers dependent on family income into

entrepreneurs managing their own small-scale businesses.

The demand for Belgaria's mushrooms has grown steadily because of their freshness and quality. Interestingly, the women do not have to depend heavily on outside markets. Local residents themselves visit the production centre to buy fresh mushrooms, ensuring a ready customer base and reducing transportation challenges.

However, the women believe that their success could multiply with better infrastructure. Currently, production stands at around four to five kilograms daily, but earlier it had reached 15 to 20 kilograms per day. They feel that a dedicated workspace

and climate-controlled facilities could help them revive and expand production.

"More women are interested in joining mushroom cultivation, but limited space and facilities are restricting growth," says Geeta Devi, one of the mushroom producers.

The story of Belgaria is a reminder that economic change does not always emerge from large factories or major investments. Sometimes, it begins inside small rooms where women carefully nurture mushroom beds and dreams together.

From a township created for displaced families, Belgaria is now becoming a place where women are creating opportuni-



ties with their own hands. With improved support, better facilities and wider markets, these mushroom entrepreneurs could turn a local success story into a model for rural women's empowerment across Jharkhand.

Kashmir's Young Paddlers Are Charting a New Course in Water Sports

For generations, the waters of Dal Lake have been synonymous with Kashmir's aquatic identity. The iconic lake has witnessed countless boat rides, shikaras and sporting activities. But now, a new chapter is unfolding away from its familiar shores. In the heart of Srinagar's Downtown area, young athletes are discovering that their dreams can travel much farther than the boundaries of a single lake.

At Pokhribal, a water body located near the northeastern side of Nigeen Lake and close to the historic Hari Parbat Fort, the rhythmic sound of paddles cutting through water has become a symbol of change. Here, boys and girls from different parts of Kashmir are training in kayaking, canoeing, rowing and swimming, hoping to build careers in competitive water sports.

Located about six kilometres from Lal Chowk, Pokhribal is emerging as a promising alternative training destination for athletes who earlier had limited opportunities beyond Dal Lake. The growing participation of youngsters from districts such as Baramulla, Bandipora, Ganderbal and Budgam reflects how water sports are slowly ex-



panding across the Valley.

Leading this movement is international water sports coach Bilquis Mir, who believes that talent should not remain restricted to one location. She is working to develop Pokhribal as another major centre for aquatic sports in Kashmir.

"Water sports should reach beyond Dal Lake. Pokhribal has the potential to become another important training hub, but greater support and facilities are needed," she says.

During the summer holidays, around 80 aspiring athletes are taking part in a 20-day coaching camp at the Water Sports Centre in Pokhribal. The programme brings together beginners eager to learn as well as experienced players who have

already participated in state and national-level competitions.

For many youngsters, the camp represents more than just physical training. It offers a chance to imagine a future where their skills can take them to bigger platforms.

Naem Nisar from Baramulla says the training has helped him understand advanced techniques in kayaking, canoeing and rowing. For others like Nakia Yaqoob, the ambition is even bigger — to represent Jammu and Kashmir and the country at national and international competitions.

The training centre has received support through modern boats and specialised equipment from the Indian Kayaking

and Canoeing Association, helping young athletes experience professional-level training. However, coaches believe that additional infrastructure, including improved facilities and expanded centres, can help nurture more talent.

Bilquis says the initiative is also aimed at encouraging children to move beyond a screen-based lifestyle and develop healthier interests. She believes that with proper investment, Kashmir can create a strong pool of athletes capable of competing at higher levels.

The enthusiasm among participants is already visible. Omar Shafa from Sopore believes similar coaching programmes should reach every district so that more young people can explore opportunities in water sports.

As more paddles enter Kashmir's waters, the story of the Valley's sporting future is slowly changing. Once limited to a few familiar locations, water sports are now opening doors for a wider generation of athletes. Pokhribal's waves are carrying a new message — that Kashmir's sporting dreams are no longer tied to one lake, but are ready to flow across the region and beyond.

Telangana Tribal Girl Kannibai's Everest Base Camp Dream

In a remote corner of Telangana, where opportunities often remain as distant as the mountain peaks she dreams of conquering, a young tribal woman is preparing for the biggest challenge of her life. Kannibai from Bhimangondi village in Kerameri Mandal of Kumuram Bheem Asifabad district is set to embark on an extraordinary journey — a trek to the Everest Base Camp, carrying with her the hopes of her community and the dream of proudly unfurling the national flag at the world's highest mountain's foothills.

Kannibai's journey has never been an easy climb. Belonging to the Kolam tribal community, she grew up facing financial struggles and limited resources. Yet, difficult circumstances never stopped her from pursuing her passion for mountaineering.

Her biggest source of inspiration was her father Jaitu. When he passed away on January 1, 2020, he left behind words that became a lifelong motivation for her — encouraging her to succeed despite challenges. Just a day after his funeral, Kannibai participated in the World Rappelling Competition at Araku Valley in Visakhapatnam and created a remarkable achievement by winning four gold medals.

Since then, she has continued to prove that determination can overcome limitations. In 2019, she won a gold medal after scaling Mount Bhagirathi in Uttarakhand, reaching an altitude of 6,512 feet. In 2022, she created another milestone by hoisting the national flag on Mount



Pangarchulla at a height of 14,700 feet, bringing recognition to Telangana.

Now, her next destination is the Everest Base Camp. The expedition, scheduled to begin on July 15, will conclude with her dream of hoisting the tricolour on Independence Day, August 15, at an altitude of 5,364 metres above sea level.

However, reaching the base of Mount Everest requires more than courage. It also demands significant financial resources. The expedition cost is estimated at around Rs 3.50 lakh, covering travel expenses, Nepal government permits, airfare, specialised cold-weather equipment, in-

surance, food and other essential requirements.

Kannibai, who is currently pursuing her third year through distance education at Kakatiya University, does not have the financial means to independently fund the expedition. The Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA), Utnoor, has extended support by providing Rs 2.18 lakh, but she still needs additional assistance to complete her dream.

Her words reflect the struggles behind her achievements. "I belong to the Kolam tribe. I do not even have money to buy proper clothes. People appreciate me when I return after climbing mountains, but

they forget about me soon after," she says. The Everest Base Camp trek itself is considered a challenging adventure, covering nearly 130 kilometres over 12 to 14 days. The journey includes steep climbs, unpredictable weather, high-altitude conditions and a route through the famous Sherpa villages of Nepal.

For Kannibai, this expedition is not just about reaching a destination. It is about showing that talent can emerge from the most unexpected places. From the tribal hills of Telangana to the mighty Himalayas, her journey represents courage, resilience and a dream that refuses to stay grounded.

Indiranagar's 100 Feet Road: Bengaluru's Urban Charm Amid Contrasts

Bengaluru has always been a city of contrasts — a global technology hub struggling with infrastructure challenges, a fast-growing metropolis still holding on to pockets of old-world charm. A recent social media post has reignited conversations about this unique character of the city, with one resident describing Bengaluru as a "paradox" where different neighbourhoods tell completely different stories.

The spotlight fell on Indiranagar's iconic 100 Feet Road, a bustling stretch that has become synonymous with Bengaluru's cosmopolitan lifestyle. From trendy cafes and restaurants to premium stores and startup offices, the road represents a blend of commerce, culture and community life that many believe sets it apart from typical urban spaces.

Social media user Aaditya Aanand described the area as an example of what thoughtful city planning can create. According to him, walking along 100 Feet Road in the evening feels less like navigating a crowded city street and more like exploring an open-air urban destination where people, businesses and greenery coexist.

As the sun sets, the neighbourhood takes on a different personality. Tree-lined streets, glowing storefronts, busy cafes and people heading out for evening gatherings create an atmosphere that many residents associate with Bengaluru's youthful energy.

The charm of Indiranagar, however, does not end with its famous commercial stretch.



Just a short walk away from the lively 100 Feet Road are quieter residential lanes where old-style homes, greenery and peaceful surroundings continue to exist alongside the modern cityscape.

Aanand highlighted this contrast, pointing out that Bengaluru's identity lies in these unexpected transitions — a city where a vibrant nightlife district can exist just steps away from calm residential streets.

The post also drew attention to the broader challenges faced by Bengaluru. While neighbourhoods like Indiranagar showcase the city's potential, areas such as Bellandur have frequently faced criticism over flooding and infrastructure problems during heavy rains. The comparison sparked discussions about the uneven development patterns seen in rapidly expanding Indian cities.

The online conversation attracted thousands of views and reactions, with many users sharing their own experiences of Bengaluru's character. Several people called it one of India's most beautiful cities, while others pointed out that

many metropolitan areas have similar contrasts between well-planned zones and neglected neighbourhoods.

Some users also shared interesting facts about Indiranagar, including a common misconception about its name. Contrary to popular belief that it was named after former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, the locality is named after Kannada writer M.K. Indira.

Beyond the debate over infrastructure, the discussion highlighted something deeper about Bengaluru — its ability to surprise people. It is a city where technology campuses stand alongside heritage spaces, where modern lifestyles meet traditional neighbourhoods, and where a single road can capture the energy of an entire generation.

Indiranagar's 100 Feet Road may not represent the whole of Bengaluru, but it reflects a vision of what urban life can become when design, greenery and human interaction come together. In a city constantly changing, it remains a reminder that the soul of a place often lives in its streets.

Sri Lanka's Cleanliness and Kindness Leave Traveller Amazed

Sometimes, the most memorable travel experiences are not created by famous landmarks or luxury stays, but by the everyday habits of ordinary people. For an Indian traveller exploring Sri Lanka, the biggest discovery was not just the island nation's natural beauty, but the warmth, discipline and civic responsibility she witnessed along the way.

Sharing her experience on social media, the traveller described Sri Lanka as a place that left her amazed with its cleanliness, cultural pride and the attitude of its people. She said the journey offered a fresh perspective on how communities can preserve their surroundings and maintain public spaces despite facing economic and social challenges.

During her seven-day trip, covering nearly 700 kilometres across the country, she noticed well-maintained roads and organised surroundings. What surprised her most was the absence of potholes during the long journey, a detail she felt reflected the importance given to public infrastructure.

Her observations went beyond roads and facilities. She was particularly impressed by the behaviour of people in everyday situations. Recalling a moment during the trip, she described a traffic situation on a narrow two-way road where her cab driver and another motorist approached each other from opposite directions.

Initially, she expected a typical argument between drivers. Instead, both drivers simply exchanged smiles, laughed, adjusted their vehi-



cles and managed to clear the situation within minutes. The simple act of patience and cooperation left the travellers surprised.

"We blinked in wonder," she recalled, describing the experience as a reminder that small gestures can reveal the character of a society.

The traveller also praised Sri Lanka's beaches, which she found remarkably clean and free from plastic waste, paper and other litter. For her, the cleanliness of public spaces reflected the responsibility citizens felt towards their environment.

She highlighted that Sri Lanka's challenges, including economic difficulties faced by the country, have not stopped people from taking pride in maintaining their communities. According to her, the sense of duty among citizens was visible in their daily actions.

Another aspect that impressed her was the hospitality of locals. She described Sri Lankan people as

soft-spoken, friendly and eager to help visitors. Even when language became a barrier, many locals used gestures and signs to guide travellers and ensure they received assistance.

The post sparked conversations online, with many users discussing the importance of civic responsibility and community participation. Several people agreed that cleanliness and public behaviour are not only dependent on government efforts but also on citizens' willingness to contribute.

For the traveller, Sri Lanka offered more than scenic landscapes and cultural experiences. It provided a lesson in how kindness, discipline and respect for shared spaces can shape the identity of a nation.

Her journey became a reminder that the true beauty of a country is often reflected not only in its monuments and natural wonders, but also in the everyday actions of its people.

Jyothi Sureka Vennam Shines With Archery World Cup Silver

Andhra Pradesh's ace archer Jyothi Sureka Vennam, along with teammates Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi, won the silver medal in the Women's Compound Team event at the Archery World Cup Stage 4 held in Madrid. The achievement has brought pride to India and Andhra Pradesh, with the team delivering a strong performance against some of the world's top archers.

India's growing strength in international compound archery and the rising potential of Indian women athletes on the global stage. Jyothi Sureka Vennam has emerged as one of India's most successful compound archers, representing the country in several prestigious international competitions. Hailing from Andhra Pradesh, she has consistently brought recognition to the state through her achievements and has become an inspiration for young athletes aspiring to make a mark in sports.

Known for her accuracy, discipline and dedication, Jyothi has played a significant role in promoting compound archery in India. Her journey reflects years of hard work, rigorous training and commitment to excellence. Her achievements at national and international events have established her as one of the leading figures in Indian archery.

The silver medal at the Archery World Cup Stage 4 adds another important achievement to Jyothi's illustrious career. Along with Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi, she displayed exceptional teamwork and determination while competing against strong international opponents.

CM N Chandrababu Naidu congratulated the Indian women's compound archery team for their remarkable achievement. He praised Jyothi Sureka Vennam's continued excellence on the international stage and said Andhra Pradesh was proud of her accomplishments. He described her as a daughter of the state whose success inspires young athletes across Andhra Pradesh. Naidu highlighted the importance of encouraging sporting talent and supporting athletes who bring recognition to the country through their performances.



Shashank Singh Denies Assault Allegations

Punjab Kings cricketer Shashank Singh has strongly denied the allegations made against him and his family in a recently registered assault case, claiming that the complaint was fabricated as part of a conspiracy to extort money and tarnish his reputation. In a detailed statement shared on social media, Shashank said the FIR filed by a former cook was false and intended to exploit his public image for financial gain. He alleged that the accusations were part of a deliberate attempt to defame him and his family.



Last month, Ratibad police in Bhopal registered a case against Shashank Singh and his father, retired Special Director General of Police Shailesh Singh, following a complaint alleging that they assaulted a cook employed at their residence and stole his mobile phone. Shashank has categorically denied all the allegations. Expressing disappointment over the incident, the cricketer said many people had judged him without knowing the facts. He stated that he was unfairly portrayed as someone who had assaulted a poor worker and described the episode as a life-changing experience.

Messi Clashes with Referee During Argentina Win



Shashank claimed the cook had displayed suspicious behaviour during his brief employment, alleging that he frequently wandered around the house, took photographs and shared them with others. According to him, the individual was dismissed from work on the third day and left the residence without any injuries.

He further alleged that the complainant had a criminal history, claiming police records showed nine previous FIRs, including cases related to attempted murder, robbery, assault, criminal intimidation

Argentina captain Lionel Messi was involved in a heated exchange with referee João Pinheiro during his team's FIFA World Cup knockout match against Switzerland, with the on-field confrontation becoming one of the major talking points despite Argentina's dramatic victory. The incident occurred in the first half when Switzerland was awarded a free kick. As Messi stood in Argentina's defensive wall, referee Pinheiro instructed him to move back to the required distance. Unhappy with the referee's tone, Messi reportedly responded by asking him to speak respectfully, insisting that he had addressed the official politely and should be treated the same way.

The match proved to be a frustrating one for the Argentine captain, who failed to score for the first time in the tournament. Switzerland's disciplined defence successfully contained Messi throughout the regulation period, leaving the score tied at 1-1 after 90 minutes. Another controversial moment came later in the match when referee Pinheiro, following a Video Assistant Referee (VAR) review, sent off Swiss striker Breel Embolo with a red card for simulation. The dismissal forced Switzerland to continue with 10 players, giving Argentina a numerical advantage during extra time.

Argentina capitalised on the opportunity by scoring two goals in extra time to secure a hard-fought victory and book its place in the semi-finals. While the result kept Argentina's World Cup hopes alive, the exchange between Messi and the referee drew widespread attention among football fans and pundits. João Pinheiro, 38, is an experienced Portuguese referee who has officiated several major international competitions. He made his debut in Portugal's top division in 2015 and received his FIFA badge a year later. Since then, he has handled matches in the UEFA Champions League, UEFA Europa League and the 2025 UEFA Super Cup before being appointed to officiate at the 2026 FIFA World Cup.

Argentina Football Great Antonio Rattin Dies at 89



Former Argentina captain Antonio Ubaldo Rattin, one of the country's most celebrated footballers and a figure closely associated with the introduction of the yellow and red card system in football, has passed away at the age of 89. His death has prompted an outpouring of tributes from across the football world. The Argentine Football Association (AFA) expressed deep sorrow over his demise, with president Claudio Tapia describing Rattin as a legendary captain and an enduring icon of Argentine football whose contributions to the game will never be forgotten.

Rattin became a central figure in football history during the 1966 FIFA World Cup quarter-final between Argentina and England. In that match, German referee Rudolf Kreitlein ordered the Argentine captain off the field. At the time, football did not have the yellow and red card system to communicate disciplinary decisions clearly.

Believing the decision to be unfair and unable to understand the referee due to the language barrier, Rattin protested on the pitch, demanding an interpreter. The incident gained worldwide attention when he staged a symbolic protest by sitting on the red carpet reserved for the British royal family, creating one of the most memorable moments in World Cup history.

The controversy highlighted the need for a universal method of communicating referees' decisions to players and spectators. As a result, FIFA officially introduced the yellow and red card system at the 1970 FIFA World Cup, revolutionising the way disciplinary actions were handled in football. Widely respected for his passion, leadership and commitment to the game, Antonio Rattin leaves behind a lasting legacy that extends far beyond his playing career. His influence on football history, particularly through the events that led to the introduction of yellow and red cards, ensures that his name will always hold a special place in the sport.

BCCI Makes Two Changes to India Squads



Hyderabad E-Champions, Khammam Aces Set for TG20 Final



The inaugural Telangana Cricket League (TG20) is set for a thrilling conclusion as Hyderabad E-Champions take on Khammam Aces in the grand final at the Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium in Uppal on Sunday. The title clash, scheduled to begin at 7.30 pm, promises an exciting contest between the tournament's two best-performing teams. Hyderabad E-Champions entered the playoffs as the standout side after winning all seven of their league matches. However, their unbeaten run came to an end when Khammam Aces stunned them in Qualifier 1. Hyderabad bounced back strongly by defeating Karimnagar Diamonds in Qualifier 2 to secure another shot at the title.

Led by Abhirath Reddy, Hyderabad possess one of the most balanced squads in the competition. Abhirath has been the tournament's leading run-scorer and the first batter to cross the 500-run mark this season. Opener Sai Vikas has provided solid starts, while

played key roles in Hyderabad's successful campaign. Khammam Aces, captained by experienced all-rounder C.V. Milind, will enter the final with confidence after being the only team to defeat Hyderabad in the tournament. The return of leading batter Kodimela Himateja, who has scored 430 runs this season, further strengthens the batting unit. Open-

ers Paras Raj and Wafi Kachi have provided aggressive starts, while Sai Krishna, Mikel Jaiswal and Prateek Reddy have added stability in the middle order. Khammam's bowling department has also impressed, with Ved Reddy emerging as one of the tournament's top wicket-takers. Supported by Sahendra, Harshith Sai and Vidyanand, the bowling attack has consistently delivered under pressure. Before the final, a closing ceremony will be held from 5.30 pm. Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and TG20 brand ambassador and actor Vijay Deverakonda are expected to attend the event, while singer Rahul Sipligunj and his team will entertain the spectators with a live performance. A reserve day has been kept in place in case rain disrupts the final. If weather prevents the completion of the match on both scheduled days, Hyderabad E-Champions and Khammam Aces will be declared joint champions of the inaugural TG20 season.

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has announced two changes to the Indian squads for the upcoming ODI series against England and the T20I series against Zimbabwe after injuries ruled out Harshit Rana and Varun Chakravarthi. Fast bowler Prince Yadav has been named as Harshit Rana's replacement for the three-match ODI series against England, while leg-spinner Ravi Bishnoi has replaced Varun Chakravarthi in the squad for the T20I series against Zimbabwe.

According to the BCCI, Harshit Rana reported discomfort in his right thigh during the third T20I against England. Medical scans later confirmed a Grade 1 muscle injury, forcing him to miss the ODI series. He will now report to the BCCI's Centre of Excellence for rehabilitation. Varun Chakravarthi has also been ruled out after sustaining a Grade 2 injury to his left thigh. As a result, he will not be available for the three-match T20I series against Zimbabwe. Ravi Bishnoi, who is already with the Indian team in England, has been drafted into the squad as his replacement.

The ODI series against England will begin on July 14 at Edgbaston, followed by matches at Sophia Gardens on July 16 and Lord's on July 19. India will then travel to Harare for a three-match T20I series against Zimbabwe, with matches scheduled for July 23, 25 and 26. Shubman Gill will lead India in the ODI series, with Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, Ishan Kishan, Jasprit Bumrah, Kuldeep Yadav, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Shivam Dube, Arshdeep Singh, Prasidh Krishna, Gurnoor Brar and Prince Yadav also included in the squad. For the Zimbabwe T20Is, Shreyas Iyer will captain the side, which features Vaibhav Suryavanshi, Abhishek Sharma, Tilak Varma, Ishan Kishan, Shivam Dube, Rinku Singh, Harsh Dubey, Prince Yadav, Yash Thakur, Ashok Sharma, Mayank Yadav, Prabhsimran Singh, Suryansh Shedge and Ravi Bishnoi. The changes come as India prepares for a busy international schedule, with the selectors aiming to maintain squad balance despite the injury setbacks.



Nagarjuna Celebrates Akhil's 'Lenin' Success

Veteran actor Nagarjuna Akkineni expressed immense happiness over the success of his son Akhil Akkineni's latest film Lenin, saying the film has finally given the young actor the breakthrough he truly deserved. Speaking at the film's success celebration held in Hyderabad on Saturday, Nagarjuna praised Akhil's dedication and perseverance throughout his career.

Produced by Nagarjuna and Suryadevara Naga Vamsi, Lenin stars Akhil Akkineni in the lead role and is directed by Murali Kishor Abburu. The film, featuring Bhagya Shri Borse as the female lead, was released on Friday and has received a positive response from audiences.

Addressing the gathering, Nagarjuna said Akhil has always been determined to achieve his goals and has consistently put in tremendous effort for every film. He noted that although Akhil had come close to success several times, Lenin has finally delivered the recognition and commercial success he had been striving for.

The actor also recalled attending the success celebra-

tions of Thandel last year and said both Naga Chaitanya and Akhil are equally dear to him. He added that fans have always wished for the success of both brothers and expressed joy that Lenin has fulfilled those expectations. Nagarjuna also thanked actor Jr NTR for lending his voice to the film, affectionately referring to him as the family's "elder son."

Speaking at the event, Akhil Akkineni thanked audiences for embracing Lenin and overlooking the disappointments of his previous films. He expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support shown by moviegoers and said the success has motivated him to work even harder in the future.

Producer Suryadevara Naga Vamsi, actress Bhagya Shri Borse and other members of the film's cast and crew also attended the success meet, celebrating the film's encouraging box office performance and positive audience response. With Lenin emerging as a significant milestone in Akhil Akkineni's career, the team expressed confidence that the film would continue its successful run in theatres.

Cheating Case Filed Against Actor Arya in Hyderabad

A cheating case has been registered against Tamil actor Arya, also known as Jamshed C., and the producers of the Malayalam film Ananthan Kaadu at the Jubilee Hills Police Station in Hyderabad over an alleged dispute involving unpaid equipment rental dues exceeding 1.80 crore.

The complaint was lodged by Javed Ali, an accountant with Hyderabad-based Taher Cine Technique. According to the complaint, the production team approached the company in February 2025 to hire high-end cameras and lighting equipment for the shooting of Ananthan Kaadu. The equipment was transported from Hyderabad to Kerala for the film's production.

The complainant alleged that the total rental amount for the equipment was 2.12 crore, but a major portion of the payment remains unpaid despite repeated assurances from the producers. It was further alleged that the production team had signed agreements promising to clear the outstanding dues, but failed to honour the commitment.

The complaint also states that repeated attempts to contact the producers through phone calls and WhatsApp messages did not yield any response. The company further alleged that when its manager demanded payment of the pending amount, he was threatened by the producer, actor Arya and the actor's personal assistant,

Allu Arjun Reportedly Set to Play Four Roles in 'Raaka'

Excitement surrounding Raaka, the upcoming big-budget film starring Allu Arjun and directed by Atlee, has intensified after reports emerged that the actor will be seen in four different roles. Although the makers have not officially confirmed the development, the speculation has created a strong buzz among fans and the film industry, making the project one of the most anticipated Indian films currently under production.

According to reports, Allu Arjun is expected to portray a grandfather, a father and two sons, making it the most ambitious role of his career. If confirmed, Raaka will mark the first time the National Award-winning actor takes on four distinct characters in a single film. The multiple roles are ex-

pected to span different generations, requiring unique looks, mannerisms and emotional depth.

Initially, director Atlee reportedly planned the film with Allu Arjun playing only two characters, while different actors were to be cast for the father and grandfather roles. However, the actor is believed to have expressed his desire to perform all four characters himself. After conducting detailed look tests, the director and creative team were reportedly impressed with the transformations and decided that the move would strengthen the film's narrative and enhance its cinematic appeal.

Known for delivering visually grand commercial entertainers, Atlee is mounting Raaka on a massive scale with

advanced visual effects and international production standards. The filmmaker has already promised audiences a never-before-seen cinematic experience with spectacular visuals and high-quality storytelling aimed at viewers across the globe.

Bollywood actress Deepika Padukone has been cast as the female lead, bringing together one of the biggest actor-director combinations in Indian cinema. The collaboration between Allu Arjun, Atlee and Deepika has already generated enormous expectations among movie lovers. The film is currently being shot in Mumbai, with major sequences being filmed on elaborate sets. While the makers have maintained complete secrecy about the storyline and the reported



multiple roles, the growing speculation has only added to the excitement surrounding the project.

An official announcement regarding Allu Arjun's character details is still awaited. However, the reports have fueled anticipation for the

film's first look and teaser. Scheduled for a grand worldwide theatrical release in 2027, Raaka is expected to be one of the biggest pan-India releases of the year and could feature one of the most challenging performances of Allu Arjun's career.

Mandakini's Latest Photos Delight Fans

Veteran actress Mandakini, who won the hearts of Telugu audiences with her memorable performances in Simhasanam and Bhargava Ramudu, has once again caught the attention of fans with her latest photographs from Manali. The actress, who has largely stayed away from films in recent years, shared glimpses of her peaceful vacation on social media, receiving an overwhelming response from admirers.

Mandakini, best known in Telugu for portraying the 'Vishakanya' alongside Superstar Krishna in the blockbuster Simhasanam, looked graceful in traditional Himachali attire during her visit to the picturesque hill station. Surrounded by lush mountains and scenic landscapes, she



posed with a flower-decorated traditional basket, reflecting the rich culture of Himachal Pradesh.

Along with the pictures, the actress penned a heartfelt note

about the joy of reconnecting with nature. She described the mountains as a place of peace, where the whispering pine trees, cool breeze and breathtaking landscapes bring a

sense of calm and gratitude. She wrote that every sunrise in Manali feels like a blessing and every path tells a unique story, adding that some journeys help people rediscover themselves.

The photographs have drawn praise from fans, many of whom remarked that Mandakini continues to retain her elegance and charm despite being away from the silver screen for many years.

Mandakini became a household name across India with her iconic role in Raj Kapoor's Hindi classic Ram Teri Ganga Maaili, which established her as one of the leading actresses of her generation. She later appeared in several successful Hindi films, including Dance Dance, Commando and Jeete

Hain Shaan Se. In Telugu cinema, she earned widespread recognition after the success of Simhasanam in 1986 and later starred opposite Nandamuri Balakrishna in Bhargava Ramudu. Her performances in both films remain fondly remembered by Telugu audiences.

Though she has stepped away from the film industry, Mandakini continues to stay connected with her admirers through social media, where she occasionally shares moments from her travels and personal life. Her latest pictures from Manali have once again reminded fans of the timeless grace and screen presence that made her one of the most admired actresses of the 1980s.

'Om' Enters Final Shooting Schedule in Malaysia

The final shooting schedule of director Rajkumar Periasamy's much-awaited action entertainer Om, starring Dhanush and Malayalam superstar Mammootty, has commenced in Malaysia. The film has generated significant buzz as it brings together an impressive ensemble cast and is being mounted on a massive scale.

According to industry sources, filming began on Sunday in Malaysia, where the team is currently shooting key sequences. Videos of Dhanush interacting with fans and signing autographs in Malaysia have surfaced on social media, further confirming the actor's presence at the overseas location.

While the makers had earlier announced October 16, 2026, as the film's worldwide release date, reports suggest that the release schedule may undergo a change. An official announcement regarding the revised release date is expected in the coming weeks.

The film recently welcomed veteran Bollywood actor Naseeruddin Shah to its cast, adding further strength to the star-studded project. His inclusion has heightened anticipation among cinema lovers eager to see him share screen space with Dhanush and Mammootty.

The title teaser released ear-



lier hinted at an intense action drama centred on the illegal red sanders trade. Dhanush plays a woodcutter who stands up against authorities while protecting fellow labourers caught in dangerous circumstances. The teaser showcased action-packed sequences and hinted at an emotionally driven story.

Interestingly, the film carries the tagline Chapter 1, suggesting that the makers are planning a larger cinematic franchise with future instalments.

Speaking during the title teaser launch, Wunderbar Films Head Sreyas described Om as one of the biggest-budget films of Dhanush's career. He also said the film would bring back the actor's vintage mass-action image that fans have been eagerly waiting to see.

The film features Sai Pallavi and Sreeleela as the female leads, while Sai Abhyankar has composed the music. Ezhil Arasu is handling cinematography, Kalaivanan R is the editor, and Kavya Sriram is in charge of costume design.

Om also marks Mammootty's much-anticipated collaboration with Dhanush. Earlier, the makers had welcomed the Malayalam superstar by expressing confidence that his presence would further elevate the project. The film is jointly produced by Wunderbar Films and R Take Studios, making it one of the biggest multilingual productions currently in the making. With its final schedule now underway, expectations are high for the action spectacle's release.



'Maa Inti Bangaram' Crosses ₹100 Crore Mark

Actress Samantha's latest film Maa Inti Bangaram has achieved a major box office milestone by crossing the 100 crore gross worldwide, further strengthening its successful theatrical run. To celebrate the achievement, the film's team released a special video capturing Samantha's emotional reaction after learning about the film's impressive collections.

Directed by Nandini Reddy, Maa Inti Bangaram was released on June 19 and has received an overwhelming response from audiences. The film has been praised for its engaging storyline, emotional depth and Samantha's powerful performance in the lead role, contributing significantly to its commercial success.

The celebration video, shared by the makers on social media, shows Samantha reacting with joy and gratitude upon being informed that the film had entered the prestigious 100 crore club. Her genuine excitement and heartfelt response quickly went viral, with fans widely sharing the clip across social media platforms.

The actress, who has consistently delivered memorable performances over the years, has received appreciation from both audiences and crit-

ics for carrying the film with confidence and emotional intensity. The latest milestone has been viewed as another significant achievement in her successful career.

Director Nandini Reddy and the film's team also expressed gratitude to audiences for their overwhelming support, describing the success as a result of the love and encouragement shown by moviegoers worldwide. They credited the audience's positive word-of-mouth for helping the film sustain a strong run at the box office.

The 100 crore milestone places Maa Inti Bangaram among the notable Telugu blockbusters of the year. With strong occupancy continuing in several centres and positive audience response remaining steady, the film is expected to add to its box office collections in the coming days.

The makers are expected to continue celebrating the film's success with more promotional content and special events, while fans continue to applaud Samantha's performance and the team's achievement. The emotional reaction video has become one of the most talked-about moments on social media, reflecting the excitement surrounding the film's remarkable box office journey.

