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CM Urges MPs to Unite for Development

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday urged Telangana's Members of Parliament to rise above political differences and work collectively to secure the state's developmental priorities from the Central Government. Stressing that Telangana's interests should remain the common objective, he called for coordinated efforts to obtain approvals for key infrastructure, irrigation, education, transport, and industrial projects. The Chief Minister made the remarks during a meeting with MPs at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan, where a detailed PowerPoint presentation was delivered on issues pending with the Centre ahead of the upcoming Parliament session beginning on July 20.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, Advisor A.P. Jithender Reddy, MPs Mallu Ravi, Anil Kumar Yadav, Etela Rajender, Kunduru Raghuvver Reddy, Kadiyam Kavya, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, Raghuram Reddy, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, and senior officials attended the meeting. Highlighting Telangana's economic significance, the Chief Minister said Hyderabad is among the country's six major metropolitan cities that collectively account for nearly 10 percent of India's population while contributing around 25 percent of the national GDP. He urged MPs to pursue the establishment of an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Hyderabad by taking up the matter with Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. Revanth Reddy also sought the MPs' support in expediting the proposed takeover of Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-I by the Centre and the implementation of Metro Phase-II. He informed the meeting that the Centre had agreed to appoint SBICAPS as the consultant for the project and requested BJP MPs Etela Rajender and Konda Vishweshwar Reddy to closely follow up with the Union Government to ensure early progress. The Chief Minister said land acquisition for the northern section of the Regional Ring Road (RRR) was nearly complete, with 95 percent of the process already finished. However, he noted that Union Cabinet approval was still awaited before construction could begin and requested MPs to

facilitate speedy clearances. He also sought Central assistance for the acquisition of land for the southern section of the RRR. On the Musi River rejuvenation project, Revanth Reddy said the first phase had reached the tendering stage and urged MPs to obtain approval from the Centre for including the project under the Urban Challenge Fund. He suggested that they meet Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to expedite the proposal. The Chief Minister also discussed pending irrigation issues, including Telangana's water allocation from the Tungabhadra project, desiltation of reservoirs and canals, and No Objection Certificates (NOCs) required from Andhra Pradesh for projects initiated before the bifurcation of the state. He said discussions with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil and the Andhra Pradesh government had yielded positive indications, and MPs should continue pursuing the matter. He further requested MPs to engage with the Centre on the proposed Godavari-Cauvery river-linking project, the Tummidihatti project, and pending approvals related to the Palamuru-Rangareddy and Dindi irrigation schemes. He stressed that Central cooperation would be crucial for completing these projects. The Chief Minister also highlighted the need for support in developing aviation infrastructure, including the proposed defence airport at Adilabad, the airport at Warangal, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities, air cargo services, and planned bullet train corridors connecting Hyderabad with Bengaluru, Chennai, and Mumbai. Reiterating that the state government was committed to constructive cooperation with the Centre, Revanth Reddy announced that IAS officer Advait Kumar Singh had been appointed at Telangana Bhavan in New Delhi to coordinate with MPs and provide them with updated information on pending proposals. He urged MP Convener Dr. Mallu Ravi to work closely with MPs across party lines to ensure Telangana's interests receive strong representation during the upcoming Parliament session.



CM Highlights SC Welfare Reforms During NCSC Meeting

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National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC) Chairperson Kishore Makwana, accompanied by members of the Commission, paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad on Monday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister briefed the Commission on the Telangana government's initiatives aimed at promoting social justice, educational reforms, and the welfare of Scheduled Castes (SCs). He said the government has undertaken several measures to eliminate caste-based discrimination among students and create equal educational opportunities across the state. Revanth Reddy explained that the government is establishing Young India

Integrated Residential Schools (YIIRS) in every Assembly constituency on 25-acre campuses. These institutions are expected to become operational from the upcoming academic year and are designed to provide quality residential education in a modern learning environment. The Chief Minister also highlighted the launch of Telangana Public Schools, which will offer education from Nursery to Class 12. As part of the initiative, students will receive breakfast and lunch on campus, while transportation facilities will also be provided to improve accessibility. He said the government plans to establish as many Telangana Public Schools as possible in the state's core urban region during the initial phase. Emphasising the government's commitment to inclusive development, Revanth

RS.228 Crore Boost for Lake Restoration



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The Telangana government has sanctioned ₹227.98 crore to the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) for the restoration and development of four major lakes in Hyderabad and its surrounding areas. The government has also released an additional ₹12.5 crore to HYDRAA for administrative expenses. The funds were sanctioned through government orders and will be utilized for restoration works at Fossagar Lake in Kompally, Ameenpur Lake, Amber Cheruvu near Kukatpally, and Saroornagar Lake. The sanctioned amounts include ₹74.35 crore for Fossagar, ₹69 crore for Ameenpur Lake, ₹35 crore for Amber Cheruvu, and ₹50.63 crore for Saroornagar Lake. The restoration works will be carried out through HYDRAA, with funding provided from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority's (HMDA) own resources. The government aims to restore the ecological balance of these water bodies while improving their infrastructure and public utility. According to officials, the development of the four lakes will be undertaken in three phases. The first phase will focus on

core restoration activities, followed by non-core works and beautification measures in subsequent phases. The overall estimated cost for completing all three phases across the four lakes is around ₹36.5 crore. The initial allocation of ₹227.98 crore will be utilized for essential restoration works, including measures aimed at improving lake conditions and protecting the water bodies from further deterioration. In a separate government order, ₹12.5 crore was released to HYDRAA under the 2026-27 state Budget for administrative purposes. The agency has been authorized to utilize the funds and submit detailed expenditure reports and utilization certificates to the Accountant General and the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) Department. The latest funding initiative is part of the government's broader efforts to protect Hyderabad's lakes, improve urban water management, and develop sustainable public spaces. Officials said the restoration projects would help preserve water bodies, enhance surrounding areas, and support long-term environmental conservation in the rapidly expanding metropolitan region.

Bhatti Calls for United Development Push



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Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Monday called for united efforts by Telangana's Members of Parliament to secure the state's rightful share of funds, projects, and institutions from the Centre, asserting that the state government's only objective is to safeguard Telangana's interests beyond political considerations. Speaking at a meeting of Telangana MPs chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Praja Bhavan, Bhatti said the government was committed to obtaining every benefit due to the state through constructive engagement with the Union Government. He stressed that the administration would meet the Centre as many times as necessary in the true spirit of cooperative federalism. The Deputy Chief Minister said officials from the Planning Department had documented every suggestion made by MPs during the meeting and instructed the Finance Secretary and other senior officials to take prompt steps

to implement the recommendations. He also directed that copies of all correspondence sent to the Centre by ministers, department secretaries, the Chief Minister, or himself on issues concerning Telangana be forwarded to the Special Secretary at Telangana Bhavan. Bhatti instructed officials to prepare department-wise briefs consolidating previous correspondence, pending issues, and future proposals. These documents will be shared with MPs during Parliament sessions to help them effectively raise Telangana's concerns before the Prime Minister and Union Ministers. He also announced that a dedicated Planning Department team would function from Telangana Bhavan during Parliament sessions to provide MPs with data and support for Question Hour, Zero Hour, Standing Committees, and Consultative Committee meetings. Stressing that the state government represents Telangana rather than any political party while dealing with the Centre, Bhatti said all MPs, including those absent from



Revv said Telangana has provided representation to members of the Scheduled Castes in key political and administrative positions

beyond their proportion in the population. He also informed the Commission that the process of SC sub-categorisation has been com-

pleted and is being implemented to ensure equitable distribution of benefits among different communities. The Chief Minister urged the NCSC Chairperson to facilitate greater support and cooperation from the Central Government for programmes focused on the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes in Telangana. He said coordinated efforts between the Centre and the State would further strengthen education, social empowerment, and economic opportunities for SC communities. Minister Adluri Laxman Kumar, Government Advisor Mohammed Ali Shabbir, Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Director General of Police C.V. Anand, members of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes, and senior state government officials were present during the meeting.

CM Heads to Delhi for Key Projects

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy left for New Delhi on Monday night on a two-day visit aimed at securing Central support for several pending infrastructure, irrigation and development projects in Telangana. During the visit, he is scheduled to meet senior Union ministers and Congress leaders to expedite approvals, funding and policy decisions related to the state. According to official sources, the Chief Minister will hold separate meetings on Tuesday with Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu, Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar, and Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari. During his meeting with Ram Mohan Naidu, Revanth Reddy is expected to seek faster clearances for the proposed airports at Warangal, Adilabad and Bhadradi Kothagudem. The state government has been pursuing these airport projects to improve regional connectivity and promote industrial and economic development. The meeting with Manohar Lal Khattar is expected to focus on Hyderabad Metro Rail expansion. The Chief Minister is likely to request early approval of the Centre's financial contribution for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II and expedite the process for the proposed takeover of Phase-I operations from L&T. He is also expected to discuss the proposed Metro connec-



tivity to Rajiv Gandhi International Airport at Shamshabad and new corridors planned to serve the upcoming Future City. Infrastructure development will also be high on the agenda during discussions with Nitin Gadkari. Revanth Reddy is expected to seek faster approvals for the Regional Ring Road (RRR), along with support for several key national highway and road infrastructure projects that are considered crucial for the state's long-term growth. The Chief Minister has also sought an appointment with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil to discuss pending irrigation issues. The discussions are expected to cover early statutory clearances for projects in the Godavari and Krishna river basins, release

of Central funds, and progress on resolving interstate river water disputes. The state government is keen to accelerate several irrigation projects that are awaiting approvals from the Centre. Apart from official meetings with Union ministers, Revanth Reddy is also expected to meet senior Congress leaders to discuss organisational matters. A major agenda item is the appointment of chairpersons and members to state-run corporations and other nominated posts. The tenure of 37 corporation chairpersons concluded recently, and the government is preparing for a fresh round of appointments. Sources said discussions will focus on evaluating the performance of existing chairpersons, identifying those eligible for another term, and accommodating senior Congress leaders and party workers who have contributed to the organisation. The Chief Minister is also expected to submit the final list of recommended names to the party high command for approval, paving the way for filling long-pending vacancies in state corporations and nominated positions. The Delhi visit is viewed as an important effort by the state government to secure faster Central approvals and strengthen coordination on major development initiatives while also addressing key organisational issues within the ruling Congress.

Kawal Tiger Reserve Offers a Haven for Wildlife and Nature Enthusiasts

Sreeja Rachabathuni | Mancherial:

The lush green expanse of the Kawal Tiger Reserve in northern Telangana continues to attract nature lovers and wildlife enthusiasts with its breathtaking landscapes and rich biodiversity. Spread across the erstwhile Adilabad district, the reserve extends through Mancherial, Nirmal, and Kumuram Bheem Asifabad districts, providing a safe habitat for several species of animals, birds, and plant life.

Declared a tiger reserve in 2012, Kawal has become an important wildlife conservation area and serves as a natural corridor for tigers migrating from the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in neighbouring Maharashtra. The reserve is covered with

dense teak and bamboo forests, along with mixed deciduous vegetation, creating a thriving ecosystem that supports a wide variety of flora and fauna.

The reserve is home to several wild animals, including tigers, leopards, sloth bears, wild buffaloes, jackals, wild dogs, civet cats, spotted deer, sambar deer, barking deer, and many other species. According to forest officials, the abundance of natural food resources and continued conservation efforts have helped maintain a healthy wildlife population in the reserve.

Kawal is also a paradise for birdwatchers. The forest is filled with the calls of numerous resident and migratory birds, including woodpeckers, Indian cuck-



oos, green bee-eaters, weaver birds, crested serpent eagles, wood owls, jungle owlets, ducks, and several other bird species. The presence of these birds reflects the ecological richness of the reserve and adds to its growing popularity among visitors. To promote eco-tourism while ensuring environmen-

tal protection, the Forest Department organises jungle safaris, guided nature walks, and birdwatching activities throughout the tourism season. Visitors from different parts of the country travel to Kawal to experience its peaceful surroundings and observe wildlife in its natural habitat. However, safari oper-

ations remain suspended for three months during the monsoon season in accordance with National Tiger Conservation Authority guidelines to minimise disturbance to wildlife.

Forest officials continue to monitor illegal tree felling and poaching while encouraging greater public participation in conservation efforts. Local residents believe the reserve has the potential to become one of India's leading eco-tourism destinations if its natural wealth is carefully preserved. As one of Telangana's most valuable forest ecosystems, Kawal Tiger Reserve stands as a reminder that protecting forests and wildlife is a shared responsibility essential for preserving nature for future generations.

Uttam Sets December 2027 Completion Deadline



Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

With Telangana continuing to experience a rainfall deficit, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Monday directed officials to accelerate the execution of the Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme and ensure that all pumping units operate round the clock to maximize water storage for drinking and irrigation needs. The minister issued the directions during a high-level review of the project along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Revenue and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, senior engineers, and irrigation officials. The team conducted a comprehensive review of the project's progress, focusing on Phase-III works and measures to strengthen water security across the state. Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed officials to fill all 22 reservoirs under the Devadula scheme to their gross storage capacity by taking advantage of the current inflows into the Godavari River. He noted that the river is presently receiving around 20,000 cusecs of inflows, with seven pumping units already operating to meet irrigation and drinking water requirements. He said that when all ten pumping units function simultaneously, the project can lift nearly 0.23 TMC of water every day, enabling the transfer of one TMC in approximately four-and-a-half days. Officials were directed to maximize pumping whenever river conditions permit to build adequate reserves during the ongoing rainfall shortfall. To accelerate the project, the minister announced the release of ₹146 crore and assured that funding would not be a constraint. He directed engineers and contractors to prepare package-wise completion schedules, conduct monthly progress reviews, and remove bottlenecks related to construction, land acquisition, and statutory approvals. Uttam Kumar Reddy reiterated the government's commitment to completing the entire Devadula Lift Irrigation Scheme by December 2027, stating that all three phases must be finished for the project to deliver its intended benefits. Upon completion, the scheme is expected to irrigate nearly 5.6 lakh acres across Mulugu, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Hanamkonda, Warangal, Jangaon, Siddipet, Karimnagar, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, and Suryapet districts while supplying drinking water to numerous villages in northern Telangana. The minister said the project is being implemented in three phases through 16 packages, with an estimated cost of ₹18,400 crore. It comprises 642 km of pipelines, 57.16 km of tunnels, 306 km of main canals, and a 2,185-km distributary network. He highlighted that the project includes Asia's longest 49-km D-shaped irrigation tunnel and has already achieved 87.7 percent physical progress. While major components such as pump houses, pipelines, and tunnel excavation have largely been completed, Uttam Kumar Reddy said canal lining, distributary network works, key structures, and pending land acquisition continue to delay full utilization of the infrastructure. Referring to the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, the minister said rehabilitation works on the Medigadda, Annaram, and Sundilla barrages would begin after the final rehabilitation designs receive approval. He assured that the government would strictly adhere to the recommendations of the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and would not compromise public safety. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka described the Devadula project as one of the government's top priorities and assured continued financial support. Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said land acquisition had been placed on the fast track and that all departments were working in coordination to ensure the project's timely completion. Senior irrigation officials, including Engineer-in-Chief Ramesh Babu and Joint Secretary Srinivas, also attended the review meeting.

Govt Unveils El Nino Action Plan to Protect Farmers

Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

With the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting below-normal rainfall during the ongoing monsoon, the Telangana government has unveiled a comprehensive three-stage contingency plan to minimise crop losses and ensure water security for farmers facing the possible impact of El Nino.

State Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao announced the measures after chairing a high-level review meeting at the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) in Hyderabad on Monday. Scientists from the IMD, Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, the Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), the Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture (CRIDA), and senior officials from agriculture and allied departments attended the meeting. The minister said the contingency strategy, prepared under the guidance of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, aims to ensure that farmers do not suffer losses despite adverse weather conditions. He directed district collectors, agriculture officials, and scientists to remain in the field and ensure that all scientific recommendations



are implemented at the grass-roots level. Officials informed the meeting that the state has prepared contingency plans for three phases based on rainfall conditions as of July 15, July 30, and August 15. District-specific strategies have also been formulated to tackle delayed monsoons, prolonged dry spells, and high temperatures. To meet different rainfall scenarios, the government has arranged adequate seed stocks, including 16.30 lakh quintals if rains are delayed until July 15, 13.82 lakh quintals for delays up to July 30, and 12.70 lakh quintals if rainfall remains deficient until August 15.

Tummala directed officials to review rainfall across all 33 districts daily. While 13 districts have recorded normal rainfall, 20 districts continue to face deficits, requiring immediate intervention through a Dynamic District-Specific Response (DSR) strategy involving real-time weather monitoring, soil

moisture assessment, crop condition analysis, groundwater monitoring, weather-risk assessment, and crop diversification. To provide farmers with timely scientific information, the minister ordered the release of mandal-wise Weekly Agro-Weather Bulletins until the end of August. These bulletins will contain rainfall data, weather forecasts, groundwater levels, irrigation water availability, soil moisture, crop conditions, power supply status, and recommended farming practices. The bulletins will be disseminated through Rythu Vedikas, Gram Panchayats, agricultural extension officers, WhatsApp groups, digital platforms, social media, and local media. Scientists recommended sowing only after adequate soil moisture is available, adopting Broad Bed and Furrow (BBF) or Ridge and Furrow cultivation methods, delaying fertilizer application until sufficient rainfall, conserving soil

moisture through frequent intercultivation, promoting intercropping, and following weather-based advisories. Farmers were also advised to provide critical irrigation during sensitive crop stages, practise skip-row irrigation, and use foliar nutrient sprays during prolonged dry spells. For paddy cultivation, scientists recommended adopting Alternate Wetting and Drying (AWD) techniques, while farmers yet to transplant were advised to use the Dry Direct Seeded Rice (DDSR) method with short-duration varieties. In canal command areas facing uncertain water availability, farmers were encouraged to shift to crops such as maize, millets, pulses, sunflower, sesame, cowpea, and vegetables. The minister also instructed officials to closely monitor maize and cotton crops during the germination stage and advise farmers on weed control and soil moisture conservation if dry conditions continue. In an addendum to the review, Tummala said the IMD expects below-normal rainfall in August as well, while water storage levels in major reservoirs remain unsatisfactory. He directed the Irrigation Department to prepare water availability estimates for the next two months so that crop planning can be aligned accordingly. He further instructed officials to encourage semi-dry

crops under lift irrigation schemes and promote millets and other low-water-consuming crops for farmers dependent on wells and borewells, citing the rapid depletion of groundwater. Reassuring farmers, the minister said there would be no shortage of seeds or fertilizers, as adequate stocks had already been procured in coordination with MARK-FED, seed corporations, and district administrations. He also announced that the Rythu Nestham programme would be used to create awareness on El Nino, scientific crop management, alternative cropping patterns, water conservation, and climate-resilient farming practices. "Farmers need not worry. The government is fully prepared to face any challenge posed by El Nino and will ensure that scientific guidance reaches every village so that crop losses are minimised," Tummala said. Agriculture Secretary Surendra Mohan, ICRISAT Deputy Director General Stanford Blade, Agriculture Director Gopi, Horticulture Director Yasmin Basha, Commissioner for Cooperation Rahul Raj, HACA Managing Director Chandrashekhara, Warehousing Corporation Managing Director Lakshmi, TGSPDC CMD Jitesh Patil, university vice-chancellors, scientists, and senior officials participated in the review meeting.

RS.531-Crore Road Push

Makthal, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government on Monday launched a major road infrastructure initiative worth ₹531 crore in the Makthal constituency, including the foundation stone for the ₹237-crore Makthal-Narayanpet four-lane highway under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). Ministers termed the project a milestone that would transform connectivity, boost economic activity, and accelerate the region's overall development.

State Roads and Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, Panchayat Raj Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, and Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, Youth Services and Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari jointly laid the foundation stone in the presence of Government Whip and Mahabubnagar MLA Yennam Srinivas Reddy, Shadnagar MLA Veerlapalli Shankar, District Collector Priyanka, public representatives, officials, Congress leaders, and party workers.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Vakiti Srihari described the occasion as a historic day for Makthal, saying the construction of the Makthal-Narayanpet road fulfilled a long-pending dream of the people. He credited Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for giving priority to the constituency's development and sanctioning key infrastructure projects.



He said the government was committed to transforming the backward region through sustained investment in roads and other public infrastructure.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy announced that HAM road projects worth ₹531 crore had been sanctioned for the constituency, including the ₹237-crore four-lane Makthal-Narayanpet highway. He said the project would be completed within 12 to 16 months, reducing travel time between the two towns to nearly 20 minutes.

The minister praised Vakiti Srihari for persistently pursuing the project and raising the issue at every official meeting until it received approval. He appealed to landowners to cooperate with the road expansion works and assured them of

fair compensation for acquired land. He said better roads would encourage industries, improve trade, and generate employment opportunities in the region. Komatireddy also said the government was pursuing development despite inheriting severe financial liabilities. He highlighted welfare initiatives such as Rythu Bharosa, distribution of new ration cards, and the supply of fine-quality rice, stating that development and public welfare were progressing simultaneously.

Speaking at the event, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao said Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy had successfully secured more than ₹20,000 crore through the Roads and Buildings and Panchayat Raj departments for road development across Telangana. He

described quality roads as the backbone of industrial, economic, and social progress.

Jupally said the government had allocated over ₹5,000 crore for road development since the formation of the present administration under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. He added that despite financial constraints, the government had continued all existing welfare schemes while introducing several new initiatives.

He said the ₹20,000-crore Indiramma Housing Scheme was helping poor families realize their dream of owning a house, while ₹9,000 crore had been credited to farmers under the Rythu Bharosa scheme within nine days, besides providing a ₹500-per-quintal bonus for fine-variety paddy. He also highlighted plans to establish

integrated schools in every constituency at a cost of ₹200 crore each, offering world-class education to around 2,500 students per campus. The minister further said the government was working to provide a permanent solution to irrigation issues in the Makthal constituency before the next Assembly elections. He praised Vakiti Srihari for consistently raising public issues and said the constituency had moved away from what he described as an era of corruption and extortion to one of transparent governance and development.

The ministers expressed confidence that the new road projects would significantly improve connectivity, strengthen economic prospects, and usher in a new phase of growth for Makthal and the surrounding region.

Skill Plus Centre Launched to Boost Student Employability



Warangal, July 13 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Forests, Environment and Endowments Konda Surekha on Monday inaugurated the 'Skill Plus' Computer Training Centre at CKM Government Arts and Science College in Warangal. The facility has been established at a cost of ₹25 lakh with support from the Deshpande Foundation and other donors to enhance students' digital skills and improve their employment prospects. District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada, Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) Commissioner T. Venkanna, Library Organisation Chairman Meesala Prakash, donors N.C. Murthy and Jeevan Murthy, College Principal G. Poshaiha, former Principal A. Dharma Reddy, faculty members, students, and alumni attended the inauguration ceremony. The minister was accorded a warm welcome by the college management upon her arrival. She paid floral tributes to the statue of Chandrakanthayya, received a guard of honour from NCC cadets, participated in a plantation drive on the campus, and lit the ceremonial lamp to formally inaugurate the programme. Addressing the gathering, Konda Surekha said the Telangana government has been giving top priority to the education and healthcare sectors by strengthening public institutions with modern infrastructure and improved learning facilities. She stated that government educational institutions are being equipped to provide quality education, better amenities, and nutritious food to students on par with corporate institutions. The minister said the government's focus is not only on academic excellence but also on equipping young people with industry-relevant skills to enhance their employability. She later inaugurated and inspected the Skill Plus computer laboratory established in collaboration with the Deshpande Foundation. As part of the day's programmes, Konda Surekha and District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada also participated in National Deworming Day activities by distributing deworming tablets to students of Nehru Memorial School. Speaking on the occasion, donor N.C. Murthy, an alumnus of the college, expressed satisfaction over contributing to the development of his alma mater and pledged continued support for student welfare initiatives. Fellow donor Jeevan Murthy said the Skill Plus Centre was established to provide practical computer training that would improve students' career opportunities and help them overcome unemployment. The programme concluded with the college management felicitating the minister, officials, donors, and other distinguished guests. Faculty members, students, alumni, and staff participated in the event.

BJP Launches 'Singareni Bharosa Yatra'

Kothagudem, July 13 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Monday launched the 'Singareni Bharosa Yatra' from Kothagudem, asserting that the Centre's decision to allocate the Tadicherla-II coal block to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) would significantly strengthen the public sector enterprise and secure the future of its workforce. Addressing Singareni workers, employees, intellectuals, and local residents, Ramchander Rao said the decision taken under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi would benefit workers and their families across all Singareni operational areas, including Kothagudem and Mancherial. He described the



allocation of the Tadicherla-II coal block without a tendering process as a historic move that would provide long-term stability to the coal company. He said the newly allotted coal block contains an estimated 182 million tonnes of

coal reserves, enabling mining operations for the next 40 to 50 years. According to him, the project would also generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities while strengthening Singareni's financial future. The BJP leader accused both

the previous BRS government and the present Congress government of failing to safeguard Singareni's interests. He alleged that despite making several promises to workers, the BRS administration pushed the company into financial losses, while the Congress government had not taken meaningful steps to revive the organisation or address workers' concerns. Ramchander Rao also criticised the state government, alleging that it had neglected Singareni's financial health despite holding a 51 per cent stake in the company, while the Central Government holds 49 per cent. He claimed that the Centre had consistently supported the coal major by facilitating the allocation of key coal blocks, including the earlier Naini

coal block through the efforts of Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy. Questioning the Congress party's record, he asked why the Tadicherla coal block had not been allotted to Singareni during the UPA government led by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and referred to past allegations relating to coal sector allocations. Ramchander Rao said the 1,200-km Singareni Bharosa Yatra would travel across all Singareni regions, enabling BJP leaders to interact directly with workers, their families, and local communities. He reiterated that the BJP would continue to support the development of Singareni and work for the welfare of its employees while seeking public support for the yatra.

Bhatti Calls for United Development Push

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the meeting, would be brought into the coordination mechanism. He added that similar review meetings would be held before future Parliament sessions to identify priority issues and prepare a coordinated strategy. Highlighting the importance of the mining sector, the Deputy Chief Minister urged MPs to press the Centre for the direct allocation of coal blocks in the Godavari basin to Singareni Collieries Company Limited instead of auctioning them. He specifically sought the reallocation of the Sattupalli and Koyagudem-3 coal blocks, stating that strengthening Singareni was crucial for Telangana's economy and employment. Bhatti also called for securing premier educational institutions such as an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) and additional Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) facilities for the state. He said attracting a major semiconductor manufacturing project to Hyderabad would be a transformative development and reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting high-technology industries. The Deputy Chief Minister further sought Central approvals for pending irrigation projects, expansion of the railway network, and other infrastructure initiatives. He assured MPs that the state government would extend full cooperation, including land acquisition, wherever required, to expedite development projects and maximize Telangana's growth prospects.

BRS Announces Youth Conference, Targets Congress Over Job Promises



Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) on Monday announced that it will organise a 'Yuva Sangrama Sadassu' (Youth Struggle Conference) at Saroornagar Stadium on July 18, with party leaders accusing the Congress government of failing to fulfil its pre-election promises to unemployed youth. The announcement was made during the launch of the conference poster, where senior BRS leaders, including MLC Shambipur Raju, MLAs Devireddy Sudheer Reddy and Sabitha Indra Reddy, and former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav, addressed party workers. MLC Shambipur Raju alleged that the Congress party had secured electoral support by making several promises through its 'Youth Declaration' unveiled at Saroornagar Stadium during the Assembly election campaign. He claimed that even after two-and-a-half years in office, the government had failed to implement the commitments made to unemployed youth and had been slow in filling vacant government posts. He said the BRS youth wing was organising the conference at the same venue to remind the public of those promises. According to him, BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) will attend the programme, which is expected to draw unemployed youth from across the state. M.L.A Devireddy Sudheer Reddy said the conference would highlight issues faced by unemployed youth and students. He alleged that the government had failed to release fee reimbursement dues and had not issued adequate recruitment notifications for government jobs despite assurances made before the elections. Former minister Sabitha Indra Reddy also criticised the government, alleging that job vacancies in key departments, including the Police and Education departments, remained unfilled. She said the proposed gathering would seek to put pressure on the government to expedite recruitment and address the concerns of unemployed youth. Former minister Talasani Srinivas Yadav accused the Congress government of failing to honour its election commitments to youth, farmers, and women. He claimed that the previous BRS government had filled nearly two lakh government jobs during its tenure and urged unemployed youth from across Telangana to participate in the 'Chalo Saroornagar' programme. The BRS leaders also criticised the government's handling of protests over recruitment and employment issues, alleging that people demanding job notifications were being detained. They said the July 18 conference would serve as a platform to press the government to fulfil its commitments to the state's unemployed youth.

KTR Urges Immediate Water Lifting from Godavari

Karimnagar, July 13 | TPN Bureau

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Monday urged the Telangana government to immediately operate the motors at the Kannepalli pump house to draw water from the Godavari River, warning that failure to act could worsen irrigation and drinking water shortages in the coming months. Speaking after reviewing water levels at the Lower Manair Dam in Karimnagar, KTR said the current flow in the Godavari presented a valuable opportunity to lift and store water. He claimed that water flow at Kannepalli would continue for nearly 100 days, allowing the government to draw between 200 and 300 TMC of water by lift-

ing two to three TMC every day. According to him, the stored water could be used to fill the Sriramsagar Project and other major reservoirs across the state. Referring to technical assessments, KTR said retired irrigation engineers had indicated that water could be lifted whenever the river maintained a width of at least 93 meters. He alleged that despite the Godavari currently flowing at 97 meters, the government had failed to utilize the available water, allowing it to flow downstream without being harnessed. The BRS leader expressed concern over the declining availability of water in the Godavari basin, claiming that less than 20 percent of



the available resources remained. He warned that this could adversely affect both irrigation and drinking water supplies if immediate action was not taken. KTR also alleged that the government was reluctant to

provide adequate irrigation water because it would subsequently have to procure a larger paddy crop and pay the promised bonus to farmers. He urged the administration to prioritize farmers' interests rather than delaying water utilization. He further stated that water could be safely stored at the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, where grouting works had already been completed in 2024. He suggested that by operating motors at three different locations, water could be pumped through the Mid Manair system to replenish key reservoirs. Highlighting concerns over urban water supply, KTR warned that Hyderabad could face drinking water shortages due to inadequate

storage in the Sripada Yellampalli Project. He also cautioned that thermal power generation at NTPC and the Jaipur power plant could be affected if water levels continued to decline. Questioning the delay in lifting water from the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, KTR claimed that both the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) and retired engineers had indicated that limited water lifting was feasible. He criticized the NDSA report, alleging it had been prepared hastily and questioning its findings while objecting to what he described as attempts to blame former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao for the situation.

Vivek Targets BRS Over Governance

Sircilla, July 13 | TPN Bureau

State Minister for Mines and Geology Vivek Venkataswamy on Monday launched a sharp attack on BRS leaders K. Chandrashekhara Rao (KCR), K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), and T. Harish Rao during his visit to Sircilla district, accusing the previous government of failing to address key public issues and indulging in irregularities. Speaking to the media, the Minister said KCR had emerged from his farmhouse after a prolonged absence but had not raised a single issue concerning the people

despite being the Leader of the Opposition. He alleged that the BRS leadership had failed to discharge its responsibilities constructively. Responding to recent demands by KTR and Harish Rao to release water from the Kannepalli pump house, Vivek questioned the rationale behind constructing major barrages if irrigation requirements could simply be met through pumping. He said the government would take decisions on such matters only after the report of the central expert committee is received and advised that necessary permissions from the Centre should be sought



thereafter. The Minister also demanded that the Kalvakuntla family explain to the public the alleged ₹1,400-crore issue, claiming that the previous BRS administration functioned under a "commission-driven" model of governance. He accused the former gov-

ernment of prioritizing commissions over public welfare and transparency. Highlighting the challenges posed by deficient rainfall this season, Vivek called for collective efforts from all sections of society to address the situation and support farmers. He said the government was closely monitoring the situation and taking appropriate measures to mitigate the impact. On development initiatives, the Minister said significant progress had been made under the housing programme in Sircilla, with 2,500 of the targeted 3,500 houses already completed. He

alleged that the previous BRS government had misled people with promises of double-bedroom houses but failed to deliver them effectively. Vivek also announced that the government was working to create overseas employment opportunities for local youth. He said around 100 ITI-trained youths from Sircilla would be provided opportunities to work in Germany through a collaboration with the German company TomTom, adding that the initiative would help enhance employment prospects and improve livelihoods for skilled youth in the district.

Jagga Reddy Targets Bandi Sanjay



Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy on Monday criticised Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar over his remarks on the Kaleshwaram project, alleging that he lacked an understanding of administrative processes and challenging him to facilitate a meeting with dam safety experts under the aegis of the Central Government. Addressing the media, Jagga Reddy said it was unfortunate that Telangana was being represented by a Union Minister who, according to him, did not fully understand governance. He alleged that the BJP at the Centre and the BRS in the state had maintained political ties for a decade and questioned Bandi Sanjay's silence on water resource issues during that period. He urged the Union Minister to arrange a joint

meeting involving Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Opposition leaders, and officials from the National Dam Safety Authority, as suggested by the Chief Minister and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy. Such a meeting, he said, would help bring out the facts regarding the Kaleshwaram project. Jagga Reddy also spoke about internal Congress affairs, stating that the submission of the Tungaturthi political review report to the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC), originally scheduled for Monday, had been postponed. He said the report would likely be submitted on July 18 or 20 after consultations with ministers, legislators, and party leaders. He added that the Congress leadership would work in coordination to strengthen the party and retain the Tungaturthi constituency in the next elections.

Harish Rao Targets Government Over Law and Order, Farmers' Issues

Narayankhed, July 13 | TPN Bureau

BRS MLA and Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao on Monday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government, alleging a deterioration in law and order, neglect of farmers, and the discontinuation of several welfare and development initiatives introduced during the previous BRS regime. Speaking at a BRS workers' meeting, membership registration drive, and Special Intensive Revision (SIR) awareness programme held at King's Palace Function Hall in Narayankhed, Harish Rao accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of using the police machinery for political purposes instead of ensuring public safety. Referring to the recent Shabad multiple murder case, Harish Rao alleged that the state government had failed to act promptly despite serious allegations in the case. He claimed that political interference had allowed the accused to evade timely action and demanded that the Director General of Police (DGP) register a case against the Chief Minister over his alleged remarks that, according to the BRS leader, incited violence. He also questioned why swift action was taken against opposition social media posts



while serious criminal cases allegedly saw delays in investigation. Harish Rao further criticised the government over irrigation, agriculture, and education. He alleged that the Singur project had been emptied for repairs, but the promised works were not completed, resulting in water shortages. He also accused the government of failing to procure paddy adequately, claiming many farmers were forced to sell their produce at lower prices despite pre-election assurances. The former minister alleged

that free power supply to farmers had reduced from 24 hours during the BRS government and claimed that payments under the Rythu Bandhu scheme had been delayed. He also accused the government of failing to continue farmers' insurance and questioned its spending priorities, alleging that large sums were being allocated to projects while basic welfare commitments remained unfulfilled. On education, Harish Rao claimed that government and Gurukul school students were yet to receive textbooks and uniforms even weeks after the academic year began. He also alleged delays in fee reimbursement, affecting students from BC, SC, and ST communities. The BRS leader accused the government of halting the proposed Sangameshwara-Basaveshwara irrigation project and announced that the party would soon organise a major protest march from the Basaveshwara statue in Narayankhed to the Sangameshwara project site, demanding the resumption of the works. Expressing confidence in the party's prospects, Harish Rao predicted that the BRS would regain power in the next Assembly elections and perform strongly across the Medak district.

RSV Blood Donation Camp Ends in Protest

Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

A blood donation camp organised by the Bharat Rashtira Samithi Vidyarthi (BRSV) at Telangana Bhavan on Monday turned into a political protest, with student leaders alleging that the police prevented them from carrying out a demonstration linked to farmers' issues. The programme was held under the leadership of BRSV State President Gellu Srinivas Yadav. According to BRSV leaders, the blood donation drive was organised to protest against the police action that allegedly prevented a programme initiated by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) to release water to farmers from the Kannepalli pump house. The student wing also criticised remarks made by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy following the incident. After completing the blood donation camp, BRSV leaders and activists attempted to march towards the Chief Minister's residence to register their protest. However, police stopped the rally en route, detained several participants, and shifted them to the Amberpet Police Station, leading to a brief period of tension around Telangana Bhavan. The BRSV alleged that the police action was aimed at preventing peaceful democratic protests and accused the state government of suppressing dissent. The organisation reiterated its support for farmers and demanded that the government address their concerns instead of restricting protest programmes. Student leaders from the Kutbullapur constituency, including Korra Praveen Naik and Nishanth, participated in the blood donation camp. Former BRSV State General Secretary Shambhipur Krishna also attended the programme along with local BRSV leaders Manish, Home, Kiran, Sai, Karthik, and Karim. The participants condemned the government's handling of the issue and reaffirmed their commitment to continue raising matters concerning farmers and students through democratic means. They said blood donation was chosen as a symbolic form of protest to highlight their commitment to public welfare while expressing solidarity with the farming community. The protest remained peaceful despite the detentions, and the organisers maintained that they would continue their campaign on issues affecting farmers and youth across the state.



Shabad Murder Accused Found Dead

Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

Rajkumar, the prime accused in the sensational Shabad case involving the murder of six people, was found dead on Monday on the outskirts of Panjarla village in Kothur mandal, bringing an end to an intensive police manhunt. According to police, local residents discovered a body at a real estate venture site in the village, believed to be the accused's maternal uncle's native place, and alerted authorities through Dial 100. Police rushed to the spot, inspected the scene, and identified the deceased as Rajkumar. Officials said a bottle con-



taining suspected pesticide was found beside the body. Based on preliminary evidence, police suspect that Rajkumar died by suicide



after consuming poison. The exact cause of death will be confirmed after a post-mortem examination and forensic investigation.

Rajkumar had been the subject of a massive statewide search after allegedly killing six members of two families in Shabad. According to investigators, he had earlier been arrested under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in connection with the alleged sexual assault of a minor girl and was later released on bail. Police allege that he subsequently murdered the minor girl, her mother and grandmother, as well as his own wife and two children, in a shocking incident that triggered widespread outrage across the state. Following the killings, the Future City Commission

erate constituted around 14 special teams to trace the accused and announced a ?2 lakh reward for information leading to his arrest. Police suspect that as the search operation intensified and escape routes narrowed, Rajkumar travelled to Panjarla village, where he allegedly consumed pesticide. Senior police officials visited the scene and launched an investigation. The body has been shifted for post-mortem examination, while a case has been registered. Authorities said further details regarding the circumstances leading to his death would emerge after the forensic and medical reports are received.

CITU Seeks Enforcement of Workers' Rights



Quthbullapur, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) Medchal-Malkajgiri District Committee on Monday demanded the strict implementation of minimum wages and statutory labour benefits for workers across industrial areas in the district. Addressing a media conference at Sundarayya Bhavan in Pragathi Nagar, CITU District General Secretary A. Ashok urged the state government to ensure that all workers receive the minimum wages fixed by the government. He also called on industrial management to provide mandatory statutory benefits, including Employees' State Insurance (ESI), Provident Fund (PF), bonuses, paid leave, and adequate safety equipment. Ashok stressed that workers currently employed without ESI and PF coverage should be brought under these social security schemes without delay. He alleged that several managements intimidate, harass, and threaten to dismiss workers and trade union leaders who raise concerns over minimum wages and labour rights. He demanded that the government safeguard workers' constitutional right to form and participate in trade unions and take action against employers who suppress union activities. Ashok also called for the strict implementation of Government Order (GO) No. 6 in all industrial areas of Medchal-Malkajgiri district without any exemptions. He urged Labour Department officials to intensify inspections and initiate stringent action against industries found violating labour laws and denying workers their legal entitlements. The media conference was attended by CITU senior leader and former corporator Venkata Ramayya, Municipal Union President Venkatarajyam, District Assistant Secretary Lingaswamy, District Committee member Rathod Santosh, and CITU leaders Nagabhushan, Swami, Bhaskar, and other trade union representatives. The leaders reiterated their commitment to protecting workers' rights and ensuring better working conditions across the district's industrial sector.

Residents Raise Alarm Over Sewage Overflow

Quthbullapur, July 13 | TPN Bureau

Residents of Bahadurpally have expressed concern over persistent sewage overflow on the main road connecting Bahadurpally to Indiramma Colony under the Dundigal municipal limits, alleging that the issue has created serious health and safety hazards for commuters, particularly students. According to local residents, sewage has been flowing across the road for nearly half a kilometre, from opposite Sri Krishna Hotel to the rear gate of the Government High School. They said the problem has remained unresolved despite repeated complaints, making daily travel increasingly difficult. The affected stretch serves



as an important route for several educational institutions, including the Government High School and Malla Reddy University. Hundreds of students, teachers, and parents use the road every day, with many forced to walk through stagnant



sewage to reach their destinations. Residents said the overflowing drainage has created unhygienic conditions, with a persistent foul smell spreading across the area. They also expressed concern over the increase in flies and

mosquitoes, warning that the situation could lead to the spread of vector-borne and water-borne diseases if immediate action is not taken. Motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders, are also facing difficulties as the sewage-covered road has become slippery, increasing the risk of accidents. Locals alleged that despite the worsening conditions, the concerned civic authorities have not taken effective steps to resolve the issue permanently. People living in the area said the problem has become a daily ordeal and questioned the effectiveness of civic maintenance despite ongoing claims of infrastructure development. They urged

the authorities to prioritise basic public amenities and sanitation to ensure a safe environment for residents. Residents have appealed to the concerned departments to immediately stop the sewage overflow, clear the affected stretch, and undertake permanent drainage improvement works to prevent the recurrence of the problem. They stressed that addressing such civic issues is essential to protecting public health and restoring confidence in local governance. The locals said they hope prompt intervention by the authorities will bring relief to commuters and students while improving sanitation and overall living conditions in Bahadurpally.

Interstate Bike Theft Gang Busted, 21 Vehicles Recovered

Quthbullapur, July 13 | TPN Bureau

In a major breakthrough against vehicle thefts, the Petbasheerabad police have busted an interstate motorcycle theft gang involved in stealing two-wheelers across Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. Three accused have been arrested, while two others remain absconding. Police recovered 21 stolen motorcycles, a car, mobile phones, and burglary tools during the operation. According to the police, the gang was tracked through CCTV footage, technical surveillance, and local intelligence after a series of motorcycle thefts created concern among residents. Acting on credible information, special police teams kept watch near



Mysammaguda Apparel Park and apprehended the suspects. During interrogation, the accused confessed to their involvement in 19 criminal cases, including several bike thefts registered within the Petbasheerabad police station limits. Police said the gang used a well-planned

modus operandi, moving around in a Suzuki Ertiga car and targeting motorcycles left unattended in parking areas. Using master keys and specialized tools, they stole vehicles before fleeing the scene. The arrested accused have been identified as Bauri Ashok Singh, Ayalpuram

Raghupathi alias Raghu, and Bandi Praneth alias Sonu. Police investigations revealed that criminal cases had previously been registered against them at various police stations. Two other suspects, Chaitanya alias Sunny and Suresh, are currently absconding, and special teams have been formed to trace and arrest them. Apart from recovering 21 motorcycles, police also seized a Suzuki Ertiga car, three mobile phones, two master keys, and burglary tools, including screwdrivers and cutters, believed to have been used in the thefts. Police officials said the successful operation has helped solve a string of unresolved vehicle theft cases and has provided relief

to residents who had been worried by the increasing incidents of bike theft. Quthbullapur Deputy Commissioner of Police N. Koti Reddy congratulated the special investigation team for cracking the interstate theft racket. The operation was carried out under the guidance of Quthbullapur Additional DCP Purushotham and the supervision of Medchal ACP Shankar Reddy. Petbasheerabad Circle Inspector Vijayavardhan, along with other officers and police personnel, played a key role in the investigation and arrests. Police said efforts are continuing to apprehend the remaining accused and recover any additional stolen property linked to the gang.



Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

FORTUNE Honda BigWing, the premium retail network of Honda Motorcycle & Scooter India Pvt. Ltd. (HMSI), on Monday inaugurated its new exclusive Honda BigWing Showroom and Workshop at Erragadda, further expanding its premium motorcycle footprint in Telangana. The new facility was inaugurated with a ceremonial lamp lighting by Tikendra Pratap Singh, Senior Manager - Dealer Development, HMSI, and Harish Havaji, Area Service Incharge, HMSI. The event was attended by FORTUNE Honda BigWing Directors Nirav Modi and Ashish Modi, CEO Peter Paul, CFO Ravi Prakash, Zonal Manager - Service Ashish Kumar Mishra, BigWing Sales Manager Moiz Basheeruddin, Service Manager Jagadeesh Babu, customers, and motorcycle enthusiasts. Strategically located opposite Metro Pillar No. A-975 in Erragadda, the showroom has been designed to offer a premium buying and ownership experience. It showcases Honda's latest premium motorcycle lineup, including the CB350 H'ness, CB350RS, CB350C, NX500, XL750 Transalp, and Hornet 750, catering to both urban riders and touring enthusiasts. The facility features a modern customer lounge, Honda Genuine Accessories, and a fully equipped service workshop fitted with advanced diagnostic equipment. The workshop will be managed by trained technicians to ensure efficient maintenance and quality after-sales service. Customers visiting the new outlet will also have access to test rides, attractive finance options, insurance assistance, and comprehensive after-sales support, making the ownership experience more convenient and hassle-free. Speaking on the occasion, a FORTUNE Honda spokesperson said the launch of the new showroom reflects the company's commitment to providing a world-class premium motorcycling experience while strengthening Honda BigWing's presence in Telangana. The spokesperson added that the dealership aims to deliver high standards of customer satisfaction through quality products, professional service, and enhanced support for motorcycle enthusiasts. With the opening of the Erragadda facility, Honda BigWing continues to expand its premium retail network in key markets, offering customers easier access to its growing portfolio of mid-size and large-capacity motorcycles, backed by dedicated sales and service infrastructure. The expansion is expected to further boost Honda's presence in Hyderabad's premium motorcycle segment.

Residents Suggest Stronger Citizen Role in CURE Act

Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

Special Chief Secretary for Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Jayesh Ranjan, along with GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan, held an interactive meeting with representatives of Resident Welfare Societies (RWS) as part of the public consultation process for the proposed Telangana Core Urban Region (Integrated Governance) (CURE) Act, 2026. The meeting focused on gathering feedback from citizens to help shape the proposed legislation aimed at improving urban governance and civic administra-

tion across the core urban region. Addressing the participants, Jayesh Ranjan explained the objectives and key provisions of the proposed CURE Act. He said the legislation is designed to promote integrated urban governance by improving coordination among civic agencies and enhancing the delivery of public services. The Act also seeks to strengthen environmental protection, encourage digital governance, promote gender inclusion, and ensure a more citizen-centric administrative framework. Representatives of various Resident Welfare Societies welcomed the government's



initiative to involve citizens in the legislative process and appreciated the opportunity to share their views. They emphasized the importance of greater public participation in decision-making and suggested that RWS representatives be included in the various committees proposed under the CURE Act. According to them, such representation would help improve accountability and

ensure that local civic issues receive timely attention. The participants also made several suggestions aimed at making urban spaces safer and more inclusive. They proposed reserving exclusive hours at public playgrounds for girls and women, installing sanitary pad vending machines and incinerators at public facilities, and strengthening women's safety through

improved street lighting, enhanced surveillance systems, and better security arrangements in public areas. Responding to the suggestions, Jayesh Ranjan assured the gathering that every constructive recommendation received during the consultation process would be carefully examined before finalizing the legislation. He reiterated the government's commitment to creating an effective, transparent, and inclusive governance framework through the CURE Act, ensuring that citizens remain active partners in the planning and development of Telangana's urban regions.

BRS Seeks Faster UGD Expansion

Quthbullapur, July 13 | TPN Bureau

BRS leaders from Division 292 on Monday urged the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) to expedite the expansion of the Underground Drainage (UGD) network in Suraram Colony, citing the need for a permanent solution to recurring sewage problems caused by rapid population growth. BRS leader Varala Vinod Kumar met HMWSSB General Manager Madhavi at her

office and submitted a representation on behalf of Quthbullapur MLA K.P. Vivekananda, requesting immediate action on the long-pending UGD expansion proposal. During the meeting, Vinod Kumar explained that the existing underground drainage pipeline laid along the main road between the 'First Om Flag' and 'Second Om Flag' in Suraram Colony is no longer adequate to handle the increased sewage load. As the colony has witnessed significant popula-



tion growth over the years, residents have been facing frequent sewage overflows and drainage-related issues. He stressed that replacing the existing pipeline with a new high-capacity UGD line would provide a permanent solution to the problem and

improve sanitation in the locality. According to the BRS leader, MLA K.P. Vivekananda had earlier instructed HMWSSB officials to treat the project as a priority after receiving repeated complaints from residents. The latest representation was submitted to reinforce the request and ensure that the works are taken up without further delay. Vinod Kumar expressed confidence that the intervention of the MLA and the follow-up with

HMWSSB officials would help expedite the project. He said the proposed expansion of the underground drainage network would significantly improve civic infrastructure and provide long-term relief to residents of Suraram Colony, who have been grappling with sewage issues for several years. The BRS leaders appealed to the water board to begin the UGD expansion works at the earliest in the interest of public health and sanitation.

Talasanani Seeks Six-Month Extension for SIR Drive

Secunderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

Former Minister, BRS Deputy Floor Leader, and Sanathnagar MLA Talasanani Srinivas Yadav has urged the Election Commission and the state government to extend the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by at least six months, alleging that the exercise is being carried out in a confusing and unprepared manner. On Monday, Talasanani inspected the implementation of the SIR programme in C.C. Nagar of Bansilalpet Division, Patigadda in Begumpet Division, and BJR Nagar in Balkampet within the Sanathnagar constituency. During the visit, several residents complained about difficulties in completing the voter enumeration process. According to the MLA, voters informed him that even Booth Level Officers (BLOs) lacked clarity on how to fill the enumeration forms, resulting in confusion among applicants. He also expressed concern over the reported unavailability of the 2002 electoral rolls with officials, stating that BLOs were unable to provide satisfactory answers to several queries raised during the inspection.



Five Held with Hash Oil Worth RS.16 Lakh

Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Commissioner's Task Force, Secunderabad Zone, in coordination with the Jubilee Hills police, arrested three alleged drug peddlers and two consumers during a raid in Jubilee Hills and seized 1.25 litres of hash oil valued at approximately ₹16 lakh.

The accused were apprehended near Road No. 10, close to the Simply South restaurant, within the Jubilee Hills police station limits. The arrested peddlers were identified as Bonangi Chinnayya Padal (24), Padamatiniti Bharath Kumar (23), and Mohammad Shoaib (20). The two consumers arrested in



connection with the case were identified as Bogam Kalyan Teja (22) and Tudapalli Uday Kumar (25). According to police, Bharath

Kumar and Shoaib allegedly procured hash oil from Andhra Pradesh and sold it in Hyderabad to make quick profits. Investigators said

that in June 2026, Shoaib reportedly financed Bharath Kumar to purchase 600 ml of hash oil from Chinnayya Padal. The contraband was allegedly repackaged into small containers of around 4 ml each and sold for ₹3,000 per container.

Police further stated that the duo placed another order for one litre of hash oil in July, which was delivered to Hyderabad. Acting on specific intelligence, the Task Force intercepted the accused before the consignment could be distributed. During the operation, police seized 75 small containers filled with hash oil, four mobile phones, and a two-wheeler believed to have

been used in the illegal trade. Subsequent investigation led to the arrest of two alleged consumers linked to the racket.

Officials said the primary supplier, identified as "Lobby" from Odisha, is currently absconding, and efforts are underway to trace and apprehend him.

The operation was conducted under the supervision of Task Force DCP Gaikwad Vaibhav Raghunath, with the participation of officers from the Secunderabad Task Force and Jubilee Hills police. Further investigation is in progress to identify other members of the network and determine the extent of the narcotics distribution chain.

Agencies Unite to Strengthen Cybercrime Fight

Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

Hyderabad City Police Commissioner V.C. Sajjanar on Monday emphasized the need for close coordination among law enforcement agencies, the Union Department of Telecommunications (DoT), banks, and telecom operators to effectively combat the growing threat of cyber-crime and telecom-enabled financial fraud.

Addressing a security conference organized by the DoT-Hyderabad (AP LSA), Sajjanar said cybercriminals are constantly adopting new methods, making inter-agency collaboration essential for swift detection, investigation, and prevention of fraud. He also highlighted

the success of the recent Operation Octopus 3.0, a major enforcement drive targeting cyber fraud networks and telecom-enabled financial crimes.

The conference brought together officials from various government agencies and financial institutions to strengthen cooperation in tackling cyber fraud and telecom-related offences.

On the sidelines of the event, Director-General (Telecom) Anand Khare inaugurated the DoT AP LSA's Network Security Laboratory. The facility, the first of its kind within the Department of Telecommunications, has been established to support capacity building, cyber threat analysis, and the demonstration of advanced



cybersecurity solutions. Representatives from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) presented measures being implemented to improve the financial sector's resilience against cyber fraud. The

Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TGCSB) showcased the application of artificial intelligence in the telecom sector to enhance cyber defence capabilities. City Cybercrime DCP Arvind

Babu delivered a presentation on fraud-enabled networks, particularly "ghost SIM" operations, explaining emerging trends and investigative strategies used to dismantle organized cyber-crime syndicates.

Officials from DoT AP LSA said the department had busted 11 telecom and cyber-crime operations during the 2025-26 financial year, making it one of the country's top-performing telecom enforcement units. They also revealed that the AP LSA recorded the highest recovery of lost and stolen mobile phones in India, successfully tracing and recovering nearly 2.04 lakh devices, reflecting its strengthened enforcement and technological capabilities.

Congress Intensifies SIR Drive

Sangareddy, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Congress party on Monday stepped up its campaign for the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls by conducting a meeting of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and key party leaders in Sangareddy, urging them to ensure maximum voter registration within the stipulated time.

Telangana Cultural Corporation Chairperson Vennela Gaddar, who attended the meeting as the chief guest, described the Special Intensive Revision as a "war-like" exercise and called upon every Congress worker to function like a soldier to ensure the success of the voter verification and registration process.



Addressing the gathering, Vennela Gaddar stressed the importance of the SIR exercise in safeguarding citizens' voting rights. She urged party workers to actively reach out to eligible voters and assist them in completing the verification process

within the deadline. TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy also addressed the meeting and provided detailed guidance to BLAs on carrying out the revision process effectively. He advised party workers not to wait for Booth Level Officers

(BLOs) to approach them and instead take the initiative to coordinate with the officials wherever necessary.

Jagga Reddy said every eligible voter should understand the importance of completing the registration and verification process, noting that failure to do so could result in the loss of voting rights. He encouraged party cadres to create awareness among the public and extend all possible assistance to voters. District Congress Committee (DCC) President Nirmala Jagga Reddy urged the party workers to complete the SIR-related activities within the next five days. She appealed to the BLAs and local leaders to treat the exercise as a collective responsibility and work with dedication for the

benefit of the Sangareddy constituency.

The meeting focused on strategies to accelerate voter verification, strengthen coordination with election officials, and ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls.

Sangareddy constituency convenor Cheryala Anjaneyulu, TPCC General Secretary Topaji Ananth Kishan, Sanga Reddy Municipal Chairperson Koonna Vanitha Santhosh, Sadashivpet Municipal Chairperson Anjamma Satyanarayana, Koonna Santhosh, Shafi Hafeez, Kiran Goud, Raghu Goud, George, Block Congress presidents, Mandal Congress presidents, party leaders, and workers participated in the programme.

Illegal Drug Racket Busted

Adilabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Adilabad Two-Town Police have uncovered an illegal chemical drug racket operating in the district, registering cases against seven accused and arresting three persons. Police are continuing their search for the remaining four suspects who are absconding.

Adilabad Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan said the breakthrough came during a late-night vehicle inspection near the RTC bus stand on July 12. Police attempted to stop a man riding a scooter who behaved suspiciously, but he tried to flee. After a brief chase, officers apprehended him and identified him as Sinde Jagannath, a Registered Medical Practitioner (RMP).

During the investigation, police found that Jagannath had allegedly been procuring Injapenthermine Sulphate Injection IP, marketed as "Termin," from medical agencies and pharmacy owners at low prices before selling it at inflated rates to a ganja network. The injection is intended exclusively for use during surgical procedures and is not meant for public sale.

Police arrested Jagannath, Syed Kamaruddin of Get Well Medical, and another accused in connection with the case. The remaining accused-Ramesh Goud of Jagadamba Pharmacy and Surgicals, Musharraf, Sameer, Irfan Khan, and Mukeed—are currently absconding.



Officials seized 50 bottles of Termin injections, 190 insulin

syringes, two mobile phones, and a scooter during the operation.

SP Mahajan warned that the injections, which have an actual market price of around ₹390, were being illegally sold for as much as ₹1,500. He expressed concern that medicines intended exclusively for hospitals and doctors were reaching the open market and contributing to substance abuse among youth.

The SP recalled that police had earlier arrested individuals involved in stealing similar injections from the Adilabad Government Hospital and reiterated that strict action would be taken against anyone illegally trading in restricted medical drugs. Adilabad DSP L. Jeevan Reddy and the Two-Town Police team were commended for cracking the case.

Prayers for Rain Amid Dry Spell

Wanaparthi/Gadwal, July 13 | TPN Bureau

With rainfall continuing to remain scarce, farmers in Wanaparthi and Jogulamba Gadwal districts have turned to traditional rituals and prayers, seeking divine intervention for a good monsoon. Across several villages, devotees gathered at temples on Monday to offer special prayers to Lord Varuna, the Rain God, hoping for timely showers to protect their crops.

At the Kuruvageri Shiva

Temple in Khilla Ghanapur am mandal of Wanaparthi district, farmers and villagers performed a special Ghatabhishhekam to Lord Parameshwara, praying for abundant rainfall and a successful agricultural season. In Jogulamba Gadwal district, members of the Alampur Farmers' Association carried water from the Tungabhadra River to the historic Balabrahmeswara Swamy Temple, where they performed Abhishekam to the



presiding deity. They later conducted the traditional Jala Digbandhanam ritual for Lord Pataleshwara

Swamy, seeking relief from the prolonged dry spell. Residents of Pragatur village in Undavalli mandal also organized a Padayatra to the Krishna River. After collecting sacred river water, they returned to the village and performed Abhishekam for the local deities, praying for favorable weather conditions and a prosperous harvest. Similar rituals were held at Shiva temples in Chennai Padu and Pallepadu villages of Manavapadu

mandal, where farmers and devotees joined together in collective prayers for rain.

With agricultural activities heavily dependent on monsoon rains, the continued rainfall deficit has heightened anxiety among farming communities. Many hope that these traditional ceremonies, combined with favorable weather conditions in the coming days, will bring the much-needed rainfall to save standing crops and support the ongoing sowing season.

Hospital Workers Demand Better Pay



Adilabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

Hospital workers under the banner of the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) staged a protest in Adilabad on Monday, demanding the resolution of long-pending employment and welfare issues. The protest rally began from the Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS) and culminated in a demonstration in front of the District Collectorate. Leading the protest, CITU District Secretary Kiran demanded that the government fix a minimum monthly wage of ₹26,000 for hospital workers. The protesters also sought the immediate release of pending salaries and the clearance of outstanding Employees' State Insurance (ESI) and Provident Fund (PF) contributions. They urged the authorities to ensure that promotions are granted strictly on the basis of seniority. Addressing the gathering, CITU leaders said hospital workers have been rendering essential services despite facing financial hardships and delays in receiving their legitimate benefits. They called upon the district administration and the concerned departments to intervene immediately and resolve the issues without further delay. The union warned that if their demands remain unaddressed, hospital workers would be compelled to intensify their agitation and launch a strike in the coming days. The protesters urged the government to take prompt action to safeguard the rights and welfare of healthcare support staff.

Green Initiative Focuses on Planting and Protection



Hyderabad, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Vivekananda District unit of the Bajrang Dal, under the aegis of the Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP), conducted a unique environmental initiative titled 'Vriksharpan Saptaham' (Tree Planting Week) from July 5 to July 13.

As part of the campaign, volunteers planted sacred and long-living tree species such as Peepal, Neem, and Mango at suitable locations. Unlike conventional plantation drives, participants also pledged to take responsibility for watering and nurturing the saplings until they are fully established.

VHP Vivekananda District Secretary Pulimaddi Sudhakar said every Bajrang Dal member was assigned the responsibility of planting at least three saplings and ensuring their proper maintenance. He emphasized that the initiative aims not only to increase green cover but also to instill a sense of environmental responsibility among volunteers.

Under Sudhakar's leadership, activists enthusiastically participated in the week-long campaign, planting trees across various locations and committing themselves to their long-term care and protection.

Journalists Demand Welfare Measures

Khammam, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Working Journalists Federation (TWJF) staged a protest in front of the Khammam District Collectorate on Monday, demanding the resolution of long-pending welfare issues affecting journalists across the district. The protesters urged the state government to grant accreditation to all eligible journalists instead of limiting the facility to a select few. They also demanded the allotment of housing plots, issuance of health cards, and provision of free RTC bus passes and Metro passes for working journalists.

Addressing the gathering, TWJF District President Syed Khadeer and District Secretary Kothapalli Srinivasa Reddy said it was unjust to deny accreditation to deserving journalists while extending the benefit to only a limited number of media professionals. They stressed that accreditation should be provided to every eligible journalist without discrimination. The federation leaders also called on the government to immediately resolve pending issues related to journalists' welfare, stating that media professionals play a crucial role in society and deserve adequate support and recognition. A large number of journalists from Khammam district headquarters and various mandals participated in the protest, raising slogans in support of their demands. The demonstration remained peaceful as participants urged the government to take swift action on their long-pending grievances. Following the protest, TWJF representatives submitted a memorandum to the District Collector, outlining their key demands and seeking prompt intervention to address the concerns of the journalist community.

Six Minors Held for Driving



Medchal, July 13 | TPN Bureau

The Medchal Traffic Police have intensified enforcement against underage driving, with six minors being booked for driving vehicles during recent inspections conducted within the Medchal traffic police station limits. In a media statement issued on Monday, police said cases were registered against all six minors after they were found violating traffic rules by driving without being legally eligible. The cases were subsequently placed before the Juvenile Justice Board. According to officials, the Board imposed a fine of ₹500 on each of the six minors and directed them to spend three days at a juvenile home, where they will perform community service as part of the corrective action. Medchal Traffic Circle Inspector Madhusudan appealed to parents and guardians not to allow their underage children to drive vehicles, stressing that such violations pose a serious threat to road safety.

Editorial

SIR Testing the Patience of Voters

The ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls has begun testing the patience of voters instead of strengthening their confidence in the electoral process. While the Election Commission has every right and responsibility to ensure that electoral rolls are accurate and free from duplication, the procedure being followed is causing inconvenience to thousands of genuine voters.

One of the major concerns is the insistence on producing proof of inclusion in the 2002 electoral rolls, which were prepared when Andhra Pradesh was still a united state. After the bifurcation of the state in 2014, many people who had been residing in Hyderabad or other parts of present-day Telangana returned to Andhra Pradesh and have since become registered voters in their respective constituencies. Many of them have already exercised their franchise in the 2014, 2019, and 2024 elections without any objection. Yet, they are now being asked to establish that their names existed in the 2002 voters' list.

The problem becomes even more complicated when a person's name is not found in the old records. In such cases, voters are reportedly being asked to produce details of their parents' or even grandparents' names in the electoral rolls of that period. For many families, locating such decades-old records is a difficult, if not impossible, task. Instead of simplifying the verification process, the present exercise is creating confusion and frustration among genuine citizens.

The Election Commission should concentrate on identifying duplicate registrations and verifying the authenticity of existing voters through available records, including birth details and present electoral data. Burdening citizens with unnecessary documentation risks creating widespread resentment. If the process is not made more practical and citizen-friendly, it may generate avoidable negativity among the public, irrespective of their political affiliations. Electoral reforms should strengthen public trust, not test the patience of voters.

Editor

Salkam Cheruvu FTL Dispute Puts HYDRA's Lake Protection Drive Under Scrutiny

Court's remarks question demolition uniformity and record transparency

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For the past few years, large-scale demolition drives have been carried out in Hyderabad in the name of protecting government lands, particularly for the rejuvenation and preservation of lakes. With the establishment of HYDRA (Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency), the government machinery has demolished several structures allegedly built on lake lands and government properties.

However, the recent developments in the High Court regarding the buildings of Fatima Owaisi Educational Institutions within the periphery of Salkam Cheruvu have raised several questions. The controversy has also brought renewed attention to the functioning of HYDRA.

A report submitted to the High Court by the Revenue and Irrigation departments stated that the Owaisi Educational Institution buildings do not fall within the Full Tank Level (FTL) limits of Salkam Cheruvu. The report drew criticism over the government's approach, with the Telangana High Court expressing dissatisfaction over the findings.

While examining the maps, the court observed that the nature of the alleged encroachment was visible and questioned how the previously recorded FTL area of the lake could have reduced now. The court also raised concerns over whether certain structures were being treated differently based on the individuals associated with them.

The High Court's observations regarding Salkam Cheruvu and the reports submitted by government departments have drawn attention. The court also questioned why the Municipal Administration Department and HMDA (Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority) had not submitted their reports on the issue.

The court sought clarity on how only a few departments could determine the lake boundaries without comprehensive reports from all concerned authorities.

The observations have raised questions over the government's claim that HYDRA has been strictly enforcing lake protection measures without discrimination. The public is now seeking clarity on whether the same standards were followed in the Salkam Cheruvu case as in other demolition drives.

The High Court's remarks highlight the need for greater transparency in the government's approach. The same law must apply equally to everyone, and authorities must ensure that actions do not appear to vary based on political influence, social status, or personal connections.

The government should make available the original FTL maps of Salkam Cheruvu, previous survey records, current documents, satellite imagery, and reports from all concerned departments to establish the facts.

If the structure is not within the FTL limits, the reasons



should be clearly explained. If it falls within the FTL area, authorities must demonstrate that the law is being applied equally.

Protecting lakes should not mean taking action only against

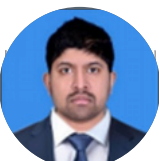
smaller or less influential structures. Uniform enforcement is essential to maintain public trust.

The Salkam Cheruvu issue has now gone beyond a dispute over a single building. It has become a

test of whether laws related to lake protection are being implemented equally for all sections of society.

Forgotten Economic History of Pre-Colonial India

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There is a growing and welcome curiosity among Indians today about our civilisational past, not just its temples, epics and philosophies, but its remarkable economic achievements. As the country rises again on the world stage, it is the perfect moment to revisit a story that has long been left in the archives. For much of recorded history, the Indian sub-continent was not a poor periphery of the world economy. It was, by many estimates, its centre of gravity.

The Workshop of the World, Before There Was One

The late British economist Angus Maddison, whose life-long project of reconstructing historical GDP figures remains the standard reference for economic historians, estimated that India accounted for roughly a quarter of the world's economic output around 1700, a share larger than all of Western Europe combined at the time. What did that prosperity look like on the ground? It looked like Dhaka muslin, so fine that a full sari could reportedly pass through a ring. It looked like the dye vats of Gujarat, the shipyards of the Coromandel coast, and the steel of Golconda, whose wootz ingots were prized from Damascus to Toledo. Indian calicoes and chintzes so dominated European markets in the seventeenth century that Britain and France passed protectionist laws banning their import, striking evidence of just how coveted Indian craftsmanship was across the world.

More Than Textiles: An Eco-

system of Commerce

Pre-colonial India was not merely a collection of skilled weavers. It possessed sophisticated commercial institutions of its own. The hundi system, indigenous bills of exchange, allowed merchants to move credit across thousands of kilometres without moving a single coin, centuries before modern banking networks. Financial houses such as the Jagat Seths of Bengal wielded influence that European trading companies both envied and courted; contemporary East India Company officials described them, without much exaggeration, as bankers to the empire of Bengal itself.

Village economies, meanwhile, were woven into wider circuits of trade through periodic markets, the great temple economies of the south, and port cities like Surat and Machilipatnam that connected the subcontinent to the Red Sea, the Persian Gulf, and Southeast Asia. When European ships first appeared on Indian shores, they came not to teach commerce to a subsistence economy but to buy into a flourishing one, and, tellingly, they had to pay in silver, because Europe produced little that Indian consumers wanted.

Voices That Kept the Story Alive

We owe our knowledge of this era to pioneering Indian scholars who insisted on telling it. Dadabhai Naoroji, the "Grand Old Man" of Indian nationalism, documented in his 1901 work "Poverty and Un-British Rule in India" how colo-



onial-era policies transferred Indian wealth abroad. Romesh Chunder Dutt, a civil servant turned historian, deepened the record in his two-volume "Economic History of India," chronicling the decline of the textile towns that had once clothed the world. Modern scholarship has continued this recovery. The economist Utsa Patnaik, drawing on nearly two centuries of trade data, has estimated the

colonial-era drain of wealth at roughly 45 trillion dollars in today's terms, while historians such as Tirthankar Roy have enriched the debate with careful analysis of India's internal economic dynamics. Shashi Tharoor's "An Era of Darkness" brought these discussions to a wide readership. Together, these works establish a heartening truth: India's poverty at independence was a his-

torical episode, not a natural condition. Prosperity, not poverty, is our older inheritance.

A Legacy That Lights the Road Ahead

None of this is to romanticise the past, which had its own hardships and inequities. But the larger picture is one Indians can take genuine pride in: a civilisation that financed empires, ran continent-spanning

credit networks, and set global benchmarks in manufacturing and trade. That legacy feels newly relevant today. As India emerges as one of the world's largest and fastest-growing economies, with its entrepreneurs, digital payment networks and manufacturing ambitions drawing global attention, the country is not venturing into unfamiliar territory. The instinct for enterprise, the genius for finance, the tradi-

tion of world-class craftsmanship, these are not imports. They are inheritances. Recovering this economic history, then, is not an exercise in grievance but in confidence. A nation that once stood at the centre of world commerce has every reason to believe it can do so again. India's current rise is best understood not as an arrival but as a return, and the journey home is always swifter when we remember the way.



BJP Demands Proof for MLA Poaching Claims

A fresh political confrontation has erupted in Jammu and Kashmir after the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) issued a legal notice to Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, demanding that he either substantiate his allegations of MLA poaching or withdraw them and apologise. The BJP has also warned of filing a 100-crore defamation suit if the claims are not backed by evidence.

The controversy began after Omar Abdullah alleged that attempts were being made to destabilise his government by enticing National Conference legislators with huge sums of money, ministerial positions, and promises related to the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's statehood. He claimed that certain MLAs had been approached with offers running into crores of rupees to switch political loyalties.

Rejecting the allegations, the BJP described the remarks as baseless and politically motivated. The party insisted that such serious accusations require credible proof and argued that making unverified claims damages its reputation. Through the legal notice, the BJP has asked the Chief Minister to present evidence or publicly retract his statements.

CBI Files Closure Report in Rau's IAS Tragedy

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) has filed a supplementary closure report before a Delhi court in connection with the 2024 Rau's IAS Study Circle tragedy, concluding that there is no evidence of criminal negligence against senior officials of the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD).

The case relates to the tragic incident on July 27, 2024, when heavy rainfall caused severe flooding in the basement of Rau's IAS Study Circle in Delhi's Old Rajinder Nagar. Three UPSC aspirants lost their lives after becoming trapped in the waterlogged basement, sparking nationwide outrage over safety violations and civic negligence.

In its latest report, the CBI informed the court that its investigation did not find sufficient evidence to prosecute senior MCD officials. According to the agency, the records examined during the probe did not establish that these officers had committed any criminal lapse or negligence directly linked to the tragedy.

However, the investigation did identify negligence and dereliction of duty by certain officials in the MCD's Building Department. The agency stated that their failure to properly perform official responsibilities contributed to the continued unauthorised use of the basement, where coaching classes and a library were being operated despite building regulations.

The CBI also noted that departmental action has already been initiated against the officials found negligent. In addition, a junior engineer and several others had already been chargesheeted during the earlier stages of the investigation for their alleged roles in the incident.

The supplementary report was submitted following directions from the Delhi court to further examine whether senior civic officials had any role in allowing the basement to continue operating in violation of approved building norms.

The Delhi court will now consider the CBI's closure report before deciding whether to accept its findings or order any further investigation.

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SC Questions POCSO Use in Teen Relationships

The Supreme Court has once again expressed concern over the alleged misuse of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act in cases involving teenage relationships. While hearing a case related to the privacy and welfare of adolescents, the court questioned whether every instance of teenagers eloping or entering into consensual relationships should automatically be treated as a criminal offence under the stringent law.

During the hearing, the bench observed that adoles-

cence, particularly between the ages of 15 and 18, is a period of emotional growth, experimentation, and personal development. The judges remarked that the POCSO Act was enacted to protect children from sexual assault and exploitation, not necessarily to criminalise every consensual relationship involving teenagers.

The court also noted that many criminal cases are initiated by parents after teenage couples elope, often due to concerns about family honour rather than genuine allegations of

Bengal Announces ₹5 Lakh Aid for Rath Yatra Committees

Ahead of the upcoming Rath Yatra celebrations, the West Bengal government has announced a financial grant of ₹5 lakh each for 60 Rath Yatra committees across the state. The move is aimed at supporting the smooth conduct of one of Bengal's most significant religious festivals and ensuring better arrangements for devotees.

According to the state government, the financial assistance will help organizers meet expenses related to security, crowd management, sanitation, lighting, drinking water, medical facilities, and other essential arrangements during the festival. Authorities said the initiative is intended to improve public convenience and ensure that celebrations are conducted in a safe and organized manner.

The announcement comes as preparations for Rath Yatra gather pace across West Bengal, where the festival attracts thousands of devotees every year. Several districts organize grand processions featuring elaborately decorated chariots carrying the idols of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra.

State officials said the selected



committees were identified based on the scale of celebrations and the number of devotees expected to participate. Local administrations have also been instructed to coordinate with festival organizers to ensure smooth traffic management, security arrangements, emergency medical services, and disaster preparedness during the celebrations.

The decision has sparked political debate, with opposition parties questioning the use of public funds for religious events. They argued that government resources should be utilized carefully and sought greater transparency in the selection of beneficiary committees.

The ruling government, how-

ever, defended the initiative, stating that it reflects its commitment to supporting cultural and religious traditions while ensuring the safety and convenience of the public. Officials emphasized that similar assistance has been provided for various cultural and religious events in the past.

With thousands of devotees expected to take part in the festivities, authorities are making elaborate preparations to ensure that this year's Rath Yatra is conducted peacefully and without disruption. Security personnel, civic agencies, and emergency services will remain on high alert throughout the celebrations to manage crowds and maintain law and order.

Search Continues for Four Missing Boys in Yamuna

A massive search operation entered its second day in Delhi after four minors were feared drowned in the Yamuna River near Hiranki village in the Ali-pur area. The incident occurred when a group of five boys entered the river for a swim, but strong currents swept four of them away. One boy managed to escape and immediately alerted local residents and authorities, triggering a large-scale rescue effort.

Soon after receiving the information, teams from the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), Delhi Fire Services, Delhi Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), and local police rushed to the spot. Rescue personnel deployed boats and specialised equipment to search the river, but the operation was hampered by deep water, poor visibility, and strong currents. Despite continuous efforts, the missing boys had not been traced at the time of the latest update.

Officials said the search has been intensified, with multiple rescue teams covering a wider stretch of the river in the hope



of locating the missing children. Authorities are also using experienced divers and advanced rescue equipment to improve the chances of finding them.

The tragedy has left the victims' families devastated, with anxious relatives waiting along the riverbank as rescue teams continue their search. Residents have also gathered near the site, hoping for positive news while extending support to the affected families.

The incident has once again highlighted the dangers of entering rivers during the monsoon season. Rising water levels, fast-moving currents, and unpredictable conditions make rivers extremely hazardous, espe-

cially for children and inexperienced swimmers.

Officials have urged the public to avoid bathing or swimming in rivers during the rainy season and advised parents to ensure children stay away from dangerous water bodies. Authorities also stressed the importance of following safety guidelines issued by local administrations to prevent such tragedies.

As the rescue operation continues, the focus remains on locating the missing boys as quickly as possible. The heartbreaking incident has renewed concerns about water safety and the need for greater public awareness to prevent similar accidents in the future.

Major Breakthrough in Badrinath Donation Theft Probe

A major breakthrough has been reported in the Badrinath Temple donation theft case with the arrest of Pramod Nautiyal, a suspended employee of the Badrinath-Kedarnath Temple Committee (BKTC). Investigators believe his arrest could help uncover the alleged misappropriation of devotees' offerings and reveal the extent of financial irregularities.

Nautiyal was arrested by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) after an extensive search. He had been under suspicion since allegations emerged about the mis-handling of cash and valuables donated by pilgrims at the shrine.

The issue came to light after CCTV footage allegedly showed suspicious handling of donation



box collections. Following this, temple authorities suspended Nautiyal and a high-level probe was initiated by the Uttarakhand government.

Investigators are examining whether the alleged theft was an individual act or part of a larger network. They are tracing the

movement of cash and valuables to determine if the funds were diverted through organised channels. Nautiyal is currently being questioned, and officials are expected to confront him with CCTV evidence, documents, and financial records. Authorities believe the interrogation may reveal further involvement, if any. The incident has shocked devotees, raising concerns over transparency in temple administration. The government has assured a fair and thorough probe, stating that strict action will be taken against those found guilty.

The case has also renewed calls for stronger monitoring systems and transparent management of temple donations.



Security Move Triggers Airport Mosque Row

A controversy has erupted in West Bengal after authorities suspended entry passes for devotees visiting the historic Gauripur Jama Masjid (Bankra Mosque) located inside the operational area of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport in Kolkata. The decision has reignited the long-standing debate over security and the future of the 136-year-old mosque.

The mosque is situated close to one of the airport's runways, and for years worshippers were allowed to enter the restricted zone through special entry passes to offer prayers. Airport authorities have now stopped issuing these passes, citing heightened aviation and security concerns.

Leader of the Opposition Suwendu Adhikari supported the decision, stating that national security and aviation safety must remain the top priority. He said no compromise should be made on security in a sensitive airport operational area and backed the move to restrict public access.

The issue has also revived discussions about relocating the mosque to another site. Authorities have reportedly been considering such a proposal for several years, arguing that

the structure's location inside the airport premises creates operational and security challenges. However, no final decision has been announced on relocation.

The move has drawn criticism from some political leaders and members of the local community, who argue that the mosque has existed for over a century and that devotees should continue to be allowed access for prayers. They have sought a solution that balances religious rights with security requirements.

Airport officials, however, maintain that enhanced security measures are essential because the mosque lies within a highly sensitive operational zone. They have emphasized that the restrictions are aimed solely at strengthening airport security and ensuring safe aviation operations.

The controversy has sparked a wider political debate in the state, with both supporters and critics presenting differing views on the balance between public safety, religious access, and infrastructure security. As discussions continue, authorities are expected to review the situation while keeping security considerations at the forefront.



Supreme Court Stays Madras HC Cow Slaughter Order

In a significant legal relief for the Tamil Nadu government, the Supreme Court has stayed a Madras High Court order that directed the state to enforce a blanket ban on the slaughter of cows and calves, including during Bakrid and on all other days. The interim order came while hearing the state's appeal challenging the High Court's ruling.

A bench of the Supreme Court observed that the concluding portion of the High Court's order required further examination and issued notice on the Tamil Nadu government's petition. With the stay in place, the High Court's direction will remain suspended until further hearings.

The Tamil Nadu government argued that the High Court's directive was inconsistent with the Tamil Nadu Animal Preservation Act, 1958, which permits the slaughter of certain categories of cattle under specific conditions. According to the state, animals above a prescribed age and certified as unfit for breeding or agricultural work can legally be slaughtered in designated facilities after following the prescribed legal procedures.

The High Court had issued its order while hearing a petition related to the implementa-

tion of an older government directive concerning cow slaughter. However, the state contended that the court's blanket prohibition effectively overrode the provisions of the existing legislation enacted by the Assembly.

The Supreme Court's decision has temporarily restored the legal position under the state's current animal preservation law and provided immediate relief to the government. The ruling is also expected to have wider implications for the balance between judicial directions and statutory provisions governing animal preservation and religious practices. The case has generated considerable political attention, with supporters of the state government welcoming the order as a reaffirmation of legislative authority, while others continue to argue for stricter protection of cattle.

The matter will now be heard in detail before the Supreme Court, which will examine whether the High Court's directive was consistent with the provisions of the existing law. Until a final verdict is delivered, the interim stay will remain in force, allowing the existing legal framework under the Tamil Nadu Animal Preservation Act to continue operating.



Iranian Newspaper's 'Target List' Sparks Global Concern

Tensions in the Middle East have escalated after an Iranian state-affiliated newspaper published an infographic featuring 13 foreign leaders as alleged targets for retaliation following the death of former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. The publication has sparked international concern and renewed fears of further geopolitical instability.

The list reportedly includes US President Donald Trump, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, French President Emmanuel Macron, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, along with several other senior Western political leaders. The infographic was published alongside a message attributed to Iran's Supreme Leader Mojtaba Khamenei, who vowed that those responsible for his father's death would face consequences.

According to the report, Mojtaba Khamenei declared that revenge was the will of the Iranian nation and warned that those named would not enjoy a peaceful end. The publication has been widely interpreted as a symbolic warning rather than an official government declaration, but it has nevertheless intensified concerns over regional security.

The development comes amid already strained relations between Iran, the United States, Israel, and several European na-

tions. Diplomatic ties have deteriorated sharply following recent military confrontations, with both sides exchanging strong rhetoric and military actions.

Security experts believe the publication is likely intended to project defiance and rally domestic support rather than signal an immediate operational threat. However, they caution that such messaging could further inflame tensions and complicate diplomatic efforts aimed at reducing hostilities.

Governments whose leaders were named are expected to closely monitor the situation, while intelligence and security agencies are likely to review protective measures for high-profile officials. Any indication of a credible threat could prompt enhanced security arrangements.

The publication has also drawn criticism from international observers, who warn that inflammatory rhetoric risks deepening an already volatile regional crisis. Many countries continue to call for restraint and renewed diplomatic engagement to prevent further escalation.

As geopolitical tensions remain high, the reported "kill list" has become the latest flashpoint in the ongoing confrontation involving Iran and Western nations, underscoring the fragile state of regional security and the challenges facing international diplomacy.



Gen Z Protests Challenge Nepal's Leadership

Nepal is witnessing a fresh wave of protests led largely by Generation Z, just months after many young voters helped bring Prime Minister Balen Shah to power. The demonstrations, centered in Kathmandu, have emerged as the first major political challenge for the youth-backed government.

The protests began over the government's drive to evict squatters and informal settlements in the capital. Demonstrators argue that families are being removed without proper rehabilitation or alternative housing, accusing the administration of ignoring the rights of vulnerable communities. Protesters have demanded an immediate halt to the eviction campaign until a comprehensive resettlement plan is put in place.

Public anger intensified following the death of a young ride-sharing worker who allegedly set himself on fire after an altercation with authorities over a traffic penalty. The incident triggered widespread outrage on social media and became a rallying point for youth groups, who are demanding accountability, justice, and reforms in law enforcement.

Thousands of protesters have taken to the streets carrying placards condemning what they describe as excessive use of force, illegal arrests, and human rights violations. Demonstrators say the government has failed to uphold the promises of transparency, fairness, and peo-

ple-centric governance that inspired many young voters during the elections.

Balen Shah, who rose to national prominence as Kathmandu's mayor before becoming prime minister, built his political image on anti-corruption reforms and youth-driven change. His popularity among first-time voters helped propel him to office, making the current protests particularly significant as they involve many of the same supporters who once backed his leadership.

Political analysts believe the unrest reflects broader frustration over governance, social justice, and economic inequality rather than opposition to a single policy. They warn that the government's response to the protests could shape public confidence in the months ahead.

The Nepalese government has launched an inquiry into the controversial death and appealed for calm, while security forces continue to monitor demonstrations across the capital. Authorities have also urged protesters to maintain peace and avoid violence.

As demonstrations continue, the crisis has become a crucial test for Prime Minister Balen Shah's administration. How the government balances development, law enforcement, and the welfare of vulnerable communities is likely to determine whether it can retain the trust of the young generation that played a decisive role in bringing it to power.

All Eyes on Mojtaba Khamenei at Iran Memorial

Iran is preparing for a high-profile memorial ceremony for former Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and growing attention is focused on whether his successor, Mojtaba Khamenei, will make his first major public appearance since assuming the country's top leadership. The memorial, scheduled to be held at Tehran's Mosalla Mosque, is expected to become a defining moment for Iran's political establishment.

Mojtaba Khamenei has remained largely out of public view in recent months, fueling speculation about his health, security, and leadership style. His absence from earlier funeral ceremonies prompted widespread discussion both inside Iran and internationally, with many questioning when he would publicly address the nation.

According to reports, the upcoming memorial could provide the first opportunity for Mojtaba to appear before a large public gathering. Such an appearance would be viewed as a significant political signal, reinforcing his authority at a time when Iran continues to face internal challenges and regional tensions. Security is expected to be extremely tight during the



event. Iranian authorities are reportedly taking extensive precautions because of concerns over potential threats, making the memorial one of the country's most closely watched public events in recent years.

Political observers believe the ceremony will be about more than paying tribute to the late leader. They say it will also serve as an opportunity for Iran's leadership to project unity and stability amid ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and heightened tensions in the Middle East. If Mojtaba Khamenei addresses the gathering, analysts will closely examine his remarks for clues about Iran's future domestic policies, regional strategy, and approach to relations with Western nations. Any

public statement is expected to attract significant international attention. At the same time, some analysts caution that even if Mojtaba does not appear publicly, it should not automatically be interpreted as a sign of political weakness. They note that security considerations may continue to influence decisions regarding his public engagements.

The memorial ceremony has therefore become more than a remembrance event. It is being viewed as a potential turning point in Iran's post-transition leadership, with the world watching closely for indications of how Mojtaba Khamenei intends to shape the country's future and establish his public leadership.

Lindsey Graham's Death Reshapes South Carolina Senate Race

The sudden death of veteran Republican Senator Lindsey Graham has dramatically changed the political landscape in South Carolina, creating uncertainty ahead of the upcoming November Senate election and triggering a race to fill one of the Republican Party's most influential seats in Congress.

Graham, a four-term senator and one of former US President Donald Trump's closest allies in the Senate, passed away while campaigning for another term. His death has left the Republican Party without one of its most prominent voices on national security, foreign policy, and fiscal matters.

Under South Carolina law, Governor Henry McMaster will appoint a temporary senator to serve until a permanent successor is chosen. The state will then conduct a special election process, including a Republican primary and, if required, a runoff before voters elect a new senator in November.

Several prominent Republicans are already being discussed as potential contenders for the seat, including members of Congress and senior state leaders. The governor's interim



appointment is expected to influence the political contest, although it will not automatically determine the eventual Republican nominee.

On the Democratic side, pediatrician Dr. Annie Andrews, who had already secured her party's nomination, is expected to continue her campaign and hopes to capitalize on the unexpected political opening created by Graham's passing.

Beyond South Carolina, Graham's death is also expected to affect Washington politics. As chairman of the Senate Budget Committee and a senior member of key committees, he played an important role in shaping Republican priorities on defense, foreign policy, and

economic legislation. His absence could complicate the party's legislative agenda in the months ahead.

Political analysts believe Republicans remain favorites to retain the seat because of South Carolina's long-standing Republican dominance. However, Graham's sudden death has injected fresh uncertainty into the race and intensified interest in who will emerge as the party's next leader in the state.

With the appointment process and election campaign set to unfold over the coming months, South Carolina's Senate contest is now expected to become one of the most closely watched political races in the United States.

Deadly Fire Rips Through Bangkok Pub



ing people from escaping safely. Rescue teams said these obstacles significantly hampered evacuation efforts and may have contributed to the high death toll.

Firefighters battled heavy smoke and intense heat before bringing the blaze under control. Emergency responders rushed dozens of injured people to nearby hospitals, with several victims reported to be in critical condition. Families gathered outside hospitals and emergency centres as officials worked to identify those killed and injured.

Thai authorities, including senior government officials, have visited the site and ordered a full investigation into the incident. Police are examining whether negligence, fire

safety violations, or building code lapses played a role in the tragedy. Officials have promised strict action if any violations are confirmed.

The disaster has once again raised serious concerns about fire safety standards at entertainment venues across Thailand. Previous nightclub fires in the country have exposed similar issues involving inadequate emergency exits, flammable building materials, and poor enforcement of safety regulations.

As investigations continue, the tragedy has prompted renewed calls for stricter safety inspections, improved emergency preparedness, and stronger enforcement of fire regulations to prevent similar disasters in the future.



Iran Says US Strikes Hurt Diplomacy

Iran has strongly condemned fresh US airstrikes on its territory, accusing Washington of undermining diplomatic efforts and escalating tensions in the region. The latest attacks reportedly killed at least one person, prompting a sharp response from Tehran, which described the strikes as a direct blow to ongoing diplomatic initiatives.

Iranian officials said the attacks have made meaningful dialogue increasingly difficult, arguing that military action cannot coexist with genuine diplomatic engagement. They accused the United States of sending contradictory signals by advocating negotiations while continuing military operations.

According to Iranian authorities, the strikes targeted locations linked to the country's military infrastructure. Officials vowed that Iran would defend its sovereignty and respond appropriately to any further aggression, while emphasizing that external pressure would not force the country to alter its strategic policies.

The latest escalation comes amid heightened tensions between the two countries, with repeated military confrontations and growing concerns over regional security. Analysts believe the renewed strikes could further complicate efforts to reduce hostilities and revive diplomatic channels.

The United States has main-

tained that its military actions are aimed at protecting its forces and interests in the region, particularly in response to threats posed by Iran-backed groups. Washington has repeatedly stated that it does not seek a broader conflict but will take action if its personnel or allies are threatened.

Meanwhile, the international community has expressed concern over the rising tensions, urging both sides to exercise restraint and avoid steps that could trigger a wider regional conflict. Several countries have called for renewed diplomatic engagement to prevent further instability in the Middle East.

Security experts warn that continued military exchanges between the United States and Iran could have far-reaching consequences, including disruptions to regional stability, global energy markets, and international trade routes.

Despite the latest confrontation, diplomatic observers believe communication channels between the two sides remain important to avoid further escalation. However, Iran's latest remarks suggest that rebuilding trust will become increasingly difficult if military operations continue.

As tensions remain high, the world will be closely watching the next moves from both Washington and Tehran, with hopes that diplomacy can eventually prevail over confrontation and prevent the crisis from deepening further.

Russia's Secret Spy Unit Faces Fresh Scrutiny

Russia's military intelligence agency is once again under global scrutiny following reports about a highly secretive espionage network known as the 20th Directorate, a unit believed to be at the centre of Moscow's efforts to acquire sensitive foreign technology and bypass international sanctions imposed after the war in Ukraine.

According to intelligence assessments, the unit is responsible for identifying and obtaining advanced technologies that can support Russia's defence and military-industrial sectors. Its operations reportedly focus on acquiring restricted components, electronics, semiconductor technology, and dual-use equipment that have become difficult for Russia to access because of Western export controls.

Investigators believe the network has relied on covert procurement channels, front companies, intermediaries, and overseas operatives to source critical technology from foreign markets. Japan has emerged as one of the countries where authorities have intensified investigations into suspected attempts to illegally obtain advanced technological equipment.

Security officials say the intelligence unit plays a crucial role in helping Russia reduce the impact of sanctions by maintaining access to sophisticated technologies needed for defence production. These efforts are believed to have increased significantly since the start of the Ukraine conflict, as Moscow seeks alternative supply routes for critical components.

Authorities in several countries have stepped up surveillance and counterintelligence operations to identify suspected espionage activities linked to Russian intelligence agencies. Governments are also



strengthening export control mechanisms and cooperating more closely to prevent sensitive technologies from reaching sanctioned entities.

Analysts believe the activities of the 20th Directorate reflect the growing importance of technology in modern geopolitical competition. Access to advanced electronics, artificial intelligence, communications systems, and precision manufacturing equipment has become a strategic priority for nations involved in prolonged military conflicts. The revelations have further heightened concerns among Western allies and their partners about industrial espionage and the protection of sensitive technologies. Intelligence agencies continue to warn companies involved in high-tech manufacturing to strengthen cybersecurity measures and carefully monitor supply chains for potential infiltration attempts.

As geopolitical tensions remain high, the alleged activities of Russia's secret intelligence unit highlight the expanding role of economic security and technology protection in international relations. Experts believe efforts to prevent the transfer of sensitive technologies will remain a key priority for governments seeking to enforce sanctions and safeguard national security.

Sensex, Nifty End Flat After Sharp Recovery Goldman Sachs Sees Banks Leading Market Rally

Indian equity benchmarks Sensex and Nifty ended almost unchanged after staging a strong recovery from the day's lows in a volatile trading session. Early selling pressure gave way to steady buying in the second half, helping the indices erase most of their losses before the closing bell.

The market opened on a weak note amid cautious global cues and profit booking. However, investors returned to select sectors during the afternoon session, resulting in a sharp rebound. Despite the recovery, both benchmark indices finished the day with only marginal changes, reflecting the mixed sentiment prevailing in the market.

The IT and media sectors emerged as the biggest gainers, attracting strong buying interest. Technology stocks recovered on optimism surrounding upcoming earnings and improving investor sentiment, while media shares also witnessed healthy gains. Several mid-cap and small-cap stocks outperformed the broader market, indicating selective buying



despite the volatile session.

On the other hand, weakness persisted in a few sectors, including banking, financial services, and energy stocks, which limited the market's overall gains. Investors remained cautious due to concerns over global economic developments and geopolitical uncertainties.

Market breadth remained positive, with advancing stocks outnumbering declining ones on the BSE. More than 180 stocks touched their 52-week highs, highlighting continued investor interest in quality companies de-

spite broader market volatility. This reflected the resilience of domestic equities even as benchmark indices traded within a narrow range.

Analysts noted that the recovery from intraday lows indicates buying support at lower levels. However, they also cautioned that investors are likely to remain selective ahead of key corporate earnings announcements and global economic developments. Any major movement in crude oil prices, foreign institutional investor activity, or international markets could influence the near-

term direction of Indian equities.

The strong performance of the IT sector has also raised hopes that technology stocks could continue to support the market if quarterly earnings meet expectations. Investors will closely monitor management commentaries from leading companies for signs of improving business conditions.

Market experts believe the broader trend remains constructive despite short-term volatility. They advise investors to focus on fundamentally strong companies instead of reacting to daily market swings.

With the earnings season gathering pace and several major companies scheduled to announce their quarterly results in the coming days, market participants expect stock-specific action to dominate trading. While global uncertainties may continue to create volatility, the day's smart recovery demonstrated that buying interest remains intact whenever valuations become attractive.

Global investment bank Goldman Sachs believes the next phase of India's stock market rally is likely to be driven by banking stocks, large-cap companies, and sectors linked to domestic economic growth. The brokerage believes improving macroeconomic conditions and attractive valuations could gradually bring foreign investors back into Indian equities.

According to the report, global investors have remained significantly underweight on Indian stocks after heavy selling earlier this year. However, with economic conditions stabilising and valuations becoming more reasonable in several sectors, the investment bank expects investor sentiment to improve over the coming months.



spending, healthy economic activity, and resilient domestic demand.

Goldman Sachs noted that foreign institutional investors (FIIs), who have largely stayed on the sidelines in recent months, could gradually increase their exposure to Indian equities if macroeconomic conditions continue to improve. A stable currency, moderating inflation, and healthy corporate earnings could further strengthen investor confidence.

The report comes after a challenging first half for Indian equities, during which global uncertainties and profit booking weighed on market performance. Despite the volatility, the brokerage believes the market is now entering a new phase where stock selection will become more important than broad market movements.

Goldman Sachs also highlighted that valuation gaps have narrowed, making several high-

quality companies more attractive than they were earlier. As a result, investors may increasingly focus on businesses with strong fundamentals, sustainable earnings growth, and healthy balance sheets.

Market experts believe the brokerage's outlook reflects confidence in India's long-term economic prospects rather than expectations of a rapid market-wide rally. They suggest investors should focus on sectors supported by structural growth drivers instead of chasing short-term momentum.

With corporate earnings, policy support, and domestic economic strength expected to remain key themes in the months ahead, Goldman Sachs believes India's next market uptrend is likely to be led by large-cap banks and companies closely linked to the country's expanding economy, offering selective opportunities for long-term investors.

All Eyes on Kusumgar IPO Allotment

Investor interest in the Kusumgar IPO remains exceptionally strong, with the company's share allotment set to be finalized today. The issue has attracted overwhelming demand across investor categories, while the grey market premium (GMP) continues to indicate the possibility of a strong stock market debut.

The latest grey market premium is hovering around 160 per share, implying a potential listing gain of nearly 38% over the IPO's upper price band. While the GMP reflects strong market sentiment, it is an unofficial indicator and does not guarantee the actual listing performance.

The IPO received an overwhelming response from investors, with subscriptions exceeding 128 times the shares on offer. Strong participation from qualified institutional buyers, non-institutional investors, and retail applicants reflects broad



confidence in the company's business prospects and growth potential.

With such heavy oversubscription, the chances of receiving an allotment are relatively low, particularly for retail investors. The basis of allotment is being finalized according to SEBI guidelines and the registrar's allocation process.

Successful applicants are expected to receive shares in their

demat accounts soon after the allotment process is completed, while refunds or the release of blocked funds for unsuccessful applicants will also be processed. The company's shares are scheduled to make their stock market debut shortly after the allotment.

Investors can check their allotment status through the IPO registrar's website or on the BSE and NSE IPO portals by entering details such as their

PAN, application number, or demat account information once the allotment process is completed. Market experts note that the robust subscription figures and healthy grey market premium indicate positive investor sentiment. However, they also caution that grey market trends are unofficial and listing-day performance may differ depending on overall market conditions and investor participation.

The strong response to the Kusumgar IPO reflects continued enthusiasm in India's primary market, where quality companies with solid business fundamentals continue to attract significant investor interest. With allotment being finalized and listing just around the corner, investors will now closely watch whether the stock lives up to the high expectations reflected in the grey market and delivers the anticipated listing gains.

TCS Boosts IT Stocks With Strong Performance

Shares of Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) extended their winning streak, gaining nearly 7% over two trading sessions as investors cheered the company's better-than-expected quarterly performance and improved business outlook. The sharp rally also lifted sentiment across the broader IT sector, making technology stocks among the top performers in the market.

The biggest trigger behind the rally was TCS's strong June quarter results. The company reported a healthy increase in net profit and delivered revenue that exceeded market expectations, driven by higher spending from banking clients and the positive impact of a weaker rupee. Management also expressed confidence that demand would improve further in the coming quarters.

Another key factor supporting the stock was the company's optimistic commentary on future business prospects. TCS management indicated that clients continue to have a significant technology investment pipeline, which could translate into stronger deal execution and revenue growth as the year progresses.

Investor confidence also received a boost after leading brokerage firms maintained a positive outlook on the company. Several institutional investors continued to back TCS, citing its



strong fundamentals, resilient business model, and long-term growth potential.

The rally was further supported by improving sentiment towards the global IT sector. Expectations of continued spending on artificial intelligence, cloud computing, and digital transformation encouraged investors to return to quality technology stocks after months of weakness.

Another positive trigger came from TCS's expanding AI strategy and major technology partnerships, reinforcing confidence that the company is well positioned to benefit from the growing adoption of artificial intelligence across industries. These developments strengthened expectations for sustained long-term growth.

The broader Nifty IT index also witnessed strong buying, with several leading technology companies posting healthy gains alongside TCS. The sector's re-

covery suggested that investors are gradually becoming more optimistic about earnings growth despite global economic uncertainties. Market experts believe the sharp rebound reflects renewed confidence in India's largest IT services company rather than short-term speculative buying. They expect future stock movement to depend on continued deal wins, improving global demand, and sustained earnings performance.

While analysts remain optimistic, they also caution that global macroeconomic conditions, client spending patterns, and developments in key overseas markets will continue to influence the IT sector in the coming months. For now, TCS's strong quarterly performance and positive management outlook have successfully restored investor confidence, making it one of the standout performers in the market.

Alpine Texworld IPO Opens for Subscription

Textile manufacturer Alpine Texworld is set to launch its Initial Public Offering (IPO) on July 14, with the issue remaining open for subscription until July 16. The company aims to raise 126.25 crore through a fresh issue of 1.20 crore equity shares, with no offer-for-sale component.

The IPO has been priced in the 100-105 per share band. Investors can bid for a minimum lot of 142 shares, requiring an investment of 14,910 at the upper end of the price band. The shares are proposed to be listed on both the BSE and the NSE.

According to grey market trends, the IPO is currently commanding a Grey Market Premium (GMP) of around 2 per share, indicating an estimated listing gain of nearly 2% over the upper price band. However, market experts caution that GMP is an unofficial



indicator and should not be considered a guarantee of listing performance.

Alpine Texworld is engaged in the dyeing and processing of fabrics, supplying high-quality textile products to garment manufacturers and traders. The company operates two manufacturing facilities equipped with specialised dyeing and finishing units, enabling it to produce a wide range of textile products.

The company plans to utilise the IPO proceeds primarily for capital expenditure, working capital requirements, and general corporate purposes. The fundraise is expected to strengthen its manufacturing capabilities and support future business expansion.

The textile sector has witnessed steady demand in recent years, driven by growth in domestic consumption and exports. Alpine Texworld is look-

ing to capitalise on these opportunities by expanding its production capacity and improving operational efficiency. Market analysts believe the IPO offers investors exposure to a growing textile company with an established presence in fabric processing. However, they advise investors to evaluate the company's financial performance, valuation, industry outlook, and risk factors before making an investment decision.

Following the closure of the issue on July 16, the basis of allotment is expected to be finalised shortly thereafter, while the company's shares are likely to debut on the stock exchanges soon after. Investors will now closely watch the subscription numbers over the next few days to gauge market interest and assess the IPO's listing prospects.

Markets Rebound Despite Global Tensions

Indian stock markets witnessed a sharp recovery despite rising geopolitical tensions between the United States and Iran, raising hopes that the recent correction in equities may be nearing an end. After opening under pressure, both the Sensex and Nifty rebounded strongly as buying emerged across several sectors, helping the benchmark indices erase most of their losses.

The recovery surprised many market participants, as concerns over global uncertainty and geopolitical risks had weighed heavily on investor sentiment in recent sessions. However, strong domestic buying and selective interest in heavyweight stocks helped markets regain momentum.

According to market analysts, the sharp rebound sug-

gests that investors are finding value at lower levels. They believe the recent correction has made valuations more attractive, encouraging fresh buying from both institutional and retail investors.

Experts, however, remain divided on whether the latest rally marks the beginning of a sustained uptrend or merely a short-term pullback. While some believe the market may have formed a near-term bottom, others advise caution, pointing out that global uncertainties and geopolitical developments could continue to trigger volatility.

Technical analysts noted that the benchmark indices managed to hold key support levels before staging the recovery. This has improved the short-term technical outlook, although confirmation of a sustained trend reversal



would require the indices to break above important resistance levels in the coming sessions.

The rebound was supported by buying in sectors such as information technology, media, and select large-cap stocks, while banking and financial shares also recovered from intraday lows. Broader market participation improved, with several mid-cap and small-cap stocks ending the session in positive territory.

Market experts believe domestic factors such as healthy corporate earnings, resilient economic growth, and continued investor confidence remain supportive for Indian equities. However, they caution that global factors, including crude oil prices, foreign institutional investor flows, inflation trends, and

geopolitical developments, will continue to influence market direction.

Investors are also closely watching the ongoing earnings season, as quarterly results from major companies are expected to provide fresh cues for market movement. Strong corporate performance could strengthen investor confidence and support further gains.

For now, analysts suggest maintaining a balanced investment approach and focusing on fundamentally strong companies instead of reacting to short-term market swings. While the latest recovery has improved sentiment, they believe sustained buying over the next few sessions will be crucial in confirming whether the recent lows have indeed marked a short-term bottom for the Indian stock market.

Ex-Microsoft Employee Calls Quitting Job His Biggest Mistake

Walking away from a high-paying corporate job to chase a dream sounds inspiring, but one former Microsoft employee says the reality was far more difficult than he had imagined. Christian Harms, who quit his job in Switzerland earning nearly \$200,000 (around Rs 1.9 crore) annually, has described the decision as "the dumbest thing I've ever done" — not because he regrets following his passion, but because he underestimated the challenges that came with it.

At the age of 26, Harms left Microsoft's Switzerland office and relocated to Australia with

the ambition of becoming an entrepreneur and content creator. He believed that building something of his own would offer greater freedom and purpose than a corporate career. However, he soon realized that passion alone wasn't enough to guarantee success.

Sharing his experience through a viral Instagram series titled "Museum of Failures," Harms openly admitted that he had no detailed plan when he made the move. He gave himself just five months to turn his online business into a sustainable source of income. As the deadline ap-

proached, the pressure intensified. According to Harms, he earned his first dollar online only a week before his scheduled flight back home. Looking back, he says the looming deadline pushed him into taking action, revealing a personal habit of delaying execution until circumstances became critical. The entrepreneur also reflected on another mistake—spending too much time planning instead of actually building his business. He believes many aspiring entrepreneurs fall into the trap of overthinking rather than taking consist-

ent action. While careful planning has its place, Harms says real progress comes only through execution. Despite describing the decision as one of the biggest mistakes of his life, Harms clarified that he doesn't regret leaving Microsoft entirely. Instead, he regrets the lack of preparation and unrealistic expectations he had before leaping. His experience taught him that courage does not eliminate fear or self-doubt, and that building a business often requires far more patience and resilience than social media success stories

suggest. His candid reflections have resonated with thousands online. Many praised his honesty for discussing failure rather than portraying entrepreneurship as an easy path to success. Others shared similar stories of leaving secure careers in pursuit of dreams, highlighting that while the journey can be rewarding, it is rarely straightforward. Harms' story serves as a reminder that taking risks can be worthwhile, but success rarely comes from bold decisions alone. Careful planning, disciplined execution, adaptability, and persis-



Image credit: @christianharmss / Instagram

Daughter Takes Mother to Workplace, Wins Hearts Online

For many parents, watching their children succeed is the greatest reward. But for one Bengaluru woman, bringing her mother to her Amazon workplace turned into a deeply emotional milestone that has now touched thousands of people online.

Amazon employee Suparna Paul recently shared a heartfelt Instagram post after taking her mother to her office for the very first time. The visit, she said, meant far more to her than any promotion, salary hike, or professional achievement she had ever received.

Along with a series of photographs taken inside the Amazon office, Suparna reflected on her personal and professional journey. She described how, as a little girl, she had always dreamed of making her mother proud. Years later, that dream became a reality when she finally got the opportunity to show her mother the place where she works.

In her emotional note, Supar-



na recalled the countless sacrifices and unwavering support her mother had offered throughout her life. From preparing her for interviews to encouraging her during failures and disappointments, her mother stood beside her through every challenge without expecting anything in return.

She wrote that behind every interview she cleared, every sleepless night she endured, every rejection she overcame, and every milestone she achieved, her mother's silent

prayers and constant belief had always given her the strength to move forward. Even during moments when she doubted herself, her mother never stopped believing in her abilities.

The visit to the Amazon office, Suparna explained, was therefore much more than a simple office tour. It symbolized years of hard work, sacrifice, determination, and a daughter's gratitude toward the woman who helped shape her future.

She ended her post with a touching message, saying that

while the world celebrates her achievements, she only sees the woman who made them possible. According to her, the dream was never hers alone—it belonged to both of them.

The emotional post quickly gained widespread attention on social media, with thousands of users praising the beautiful bond between mother and daughter. Many people shared similar stories of introducing their parents to their workplaces, saying such moments are often more valuable than promotions or awards.

Others commented that every working professional dreams of one day making their parents proud and showing them the fruits of years of dedication and perseverance.

The story has resonated with people across the internet, serving as a powerful reminder that behind many successful careers are parents whose love, sacrifices, and unwavering faith quietly lay the foundation for every achievement.

Shillong Homestay Alleges Vandalism, Assault by Guests

A newly opened Airbnb homestay in Shillong has sparked widespread outrage after its owners accused a group of guests of vandalising the property, assaulting a caretaker, and threatening staff during their stay. The allegations, shared through a viral social media post, have triggered discussions about responsible tourism and respect for hospitality businesses.

The incident took place at The Oakwood, a homestay located in Shillong's Risa Colony. The owners posted before-and-after videos showing what they claimed was the condition of the property before the guests checked in and after they left. The footage allegedly revealed damaged furniture, scattered trash, broken interiors, and other signs of destruction.

According to the hosts, the guests violated several house rules during their stay. They alleged that the group brought unauthorised visitors onto the premises, consumed alcohol, smoked inside rooms despite a strict no-smoking policy, and engaged in unruly behaviour that disrupted the peaceful environment of the homestay.

The situation reportedly escalated when the owners asked the guests to vacate the property. The hosts claimed that the group became aggressive, threatened both the caretaker and the owners, and even physically assaulted the caretaker. They also alleged that the guests



Image Instagrammed by The Oakwood - Homestay

intimidated them with the help of an armed security guard who was accompanying the group.

Expressing disappointment, the owners said they had invested months of hard work into building a welcoming space for travellers, only to see it badly damaged in a matter of days. In their social media post, they criticised the guests for displaying what they described as "zero civic sense" and urged travellers to treat homestays with greater respect.

The hosts further claimed that one of the guests denied responsibility for the damage, insisting that the property had already been in the same condition before their arrival. The owners rejected the allegation, pointing to their before-and-after videos as evidence.

In an unusual move, the homestay owners publicly identified the guests in their post and appealed to other homestay operators across Shillong and

Meghalaya to exercise caution before accepting bookings from them. They argued that while hosts go the extra mile to ensure visitors have a comfortable stay, they should not have to face vandalism, abuse, or intimidation in return.

The post has since gone viral, with many social media users expressing support for the homestay owners and condemning the alleged behaviour. Several users said tourists have a responsibility to respect the places they stay and the people who manage them. Others called for stricter action against guests who damage private property or mistreat staff.

The incident has once again highlighted the importance of responsible travel, reminding visitors that maintaining civic sense, following house rules, and treating accommodation with respect are essential to preserving trust between hosts and guests.

Puja on Train Sparks Debate, Railways Issue Clarification

A video showing a religious ceremony being performed inside a moving train has gone viral on social media, triggering widespread debate over whether such activities are permitted on Indian Railways. The unusual scene prompted Northern Railway to issue an official clarification after many users questioned how the event was allowed.

The viral clip showed a priest conducting a puja inside a train coach while several devotees, most of them dressed in white, participated in the rituals. The ceremony appeared to be taking place while the train was in motion, leading many social media users to express concerns about safety and railway regulations.

As the video spread rapidly online, speculation grew that the rituals had been conducted inside a regular passenger coach. Responding to the controversy, Northern Railway clarified that the ceremony did not take place in an ordinary coach used by



passengers.

According to the railway authorities, the puja was conducted inside a privately booked saloon coach, which had been hired through the proper commercial booking process. Officials explained that the special coach had been legally reserved by a private party and attached to the Paschim Express for the journey.

The Railways further stated that the saloon coach had been booked after payment of the required commercial charges, reportedly exceeding Rs 3 lakh.

Since the coach was reserved exclusively for private use, the ceremony did not violate rules applicable to regular passenger coaches.

A saloon coach is a special railway coach designed for private bookings and is often used by senior railway officials, dignitaries, or individuals who reserve it for personal travel. Unlike regular coaches, these compartments offer greater privacy and can be booked for special occasions subject to railway guidelines.

The clarification came amid

growing online discussions, with many users initially believing that religious gatherings inside moving trains were generally prohibited. Railway officials emphasized that the viral video presented an incomplete picture, as it did not reveal that the coach had been privately chartered.

The incident has once again highlighted how short video clips on social media can sometimes create misunderstandings when viewed without proper context. Many users welcomed the Railways' clarification, while others pointed out that verifying facts before reacting online is becoming increasingly important.

The episode has also drawn attention to the little-known facility of privately bookable saloon coaches offered by Indian Railways. It serves as a reminder that while unusual events may appear controversial at first glance, understanding the complete circumstances is essential before reaching conclusions.

Wide-Leg Zara Pants Become Internet Talking Point

A trendy pair of wide-leg trousers from fashion retailer Zara has unexpectedly become the center of an online safety debate after dozens of shoppers claimed the stylish pants caused them to trip, fall, and suffer minor injuries. The viral trend has sparked humorous reactions on social media, with many users jokingly referring to them as the "deadly Zara pants."

The controversy began when TikTok users started sharing videos of themselves stumbling while wearing the popular flowy trousers. Many clips showed people losing their balance while walking, with some ending up on the ground after stepping on the extra-long fabric.

Several users posted pictures and videos of scraped knees, bruised hands, and torn clothing, claiming the trousers had caused embarrassing falls in public places. One woman said she nearly injured her neck after tripping, while another shared footage from her home security camera showing her falling as she walked out of her garage.

The trousers have become so widely discussed online that many users have started using hashtags dedicated to the garment. While some posts were lighthearted and humorous, others urged shoppers to exercise caution before wearing the pants outdoors.

Many fashion enthusiasts believe the problem is caused by the combination of the



trousers' extremely wide legs, long length, and lightweight fabric. According to several users, the loose material can easily get caught under shoes, particularly open-toed footwear, increasing the risk of tripping.

Some customers attempted to solve the problem by getting the trousers shortened. However, even after hemming the pants, a few users claimed they continued to experience difficulties because of the garment's wide design. This led many to conclude that the issue is not just the length but the overall cut and flow of the fabric. Despite the complaints, the trousers remain highly popular among shoppers.

Many users praised their comfortable fit, elastic waistband, practical pockets, and fashionable appearance. Several ad-

mitted they would continue wearing them despite the risks, saying the style was simply too appealing to give up.

The viral discussion has also reignited conversations about balancing fashion with practicality. While oversized and wide-leg clothing continues to dominate fashion trends worldwide, many consumers say designers should also consider everyday comfort and safety.

Although the online reactions have been largely humorous, the incident serves as a reminder that fashionable clothing should also allow ease of movement. As the videos continue to circulate, shoppers are being encouraged to take extra care when wearing oversized garments, especially on uneven surfaces or while walking quickly.

Indian Woman Praises New Zealand's Work Culture

An Indian woman working in New Zealand has gone viral after sharing her experience of the country's workplace culture, describing it as a "culture shock" compared to what she was used to in India. Her observations about employee appreciation, healthy work-life balance, and supportive managers have resonated with thousands of social media users.

In a video posted on Instagram, Yamika Gandhi shared a glimpse of her office at around 4 p.m. on a Friday. She pointed out that the workplace was almost empty because many employees preferred working from home on Fridays or had already finished their workday.

She recalled recently completing an important assignment and receiving a message from a colleague thanking her for her efforts. According to Yamika, such appreciation is common in New Zealand workplaces, where even small achievements are acknowledged and employees are regularly encouraged for their contributions.



She admitted that receiving compliments for routine work initially felt unusual because she was not accustomed to such positive reinforcement. She described it as a genuine culture shock and said she is still learning how to respond to frequent words of appreciation from colleagues.

Yamika also highlighted the country's strong emphasis on maintaining a healthy work-life balance. She explained that whenever she stayed late to finish a deadline, her co-workers would encourage her to leave on

time instead of continuing to work extra hours.

One of the biggest surprises, she said, came from her manager during the early days of her job. The manager clearly instructed her not to work more than 40 hours a week. If she happened to work longer on a particular day, she was advised to take time off later to balance those extra hours.

According to Yamika, the biggest difference lies in how productivity is measured. While many Indian workplaces often associate dedication with long

working hours and weekend availability, New Zealand companies focus more on the quality of work rather than the number of hours spent at the office.

She added that employees are treated as individuals, not just workers. If someone appears stressed or overwhelmed, managers check on their well-being and offer support instead of expecting them to continue working under pressure.

Her video has struck a chord with social media users, many of whom praised New Zealand's employee-friendly work culture. Others shared their own experiences of working abroad, saying respect, appreciation, and personal well-being often receive greater importance than overtime in several countries.

The viral post has sparked fresh conversations about workplace culture, reminding professionals that productivity is not always measured by longer hours, but by efficiency, mutual respect, and maintaining a healthy balance between work and personal life.

The Coach Who Built CSK Steps Away

Stephen Fleming's remarkable 18-year journey with Chennai Super Kings (CSK) has come to an end, bringing the curtain down on one of the most successful coach-franchise partnerships in Indian Premier League history. The franchise and the former New Zealand captain have mutually decided to part ways after nearly two decades of shared success.

CSK announced that the decision followed a series of open and honest discussions between Fleming and the team management. Both sides described the

separation as amicable, expressing gratitude and respect for each other's contributions over the years.

Fleming first joined Chennai Super Kings as a player during the inaugural IPL season in 2008 under the captaincy of MS Dhoni. After retiring, he took charge as head coach in 2009 and quickly established himself as the architect of the franchise's sustained success.

During his tenure, CSK lifted five IPL titles and two Champions League T20 trophies. Under his guidance, the team earned a

reputation for consistency, tactical discipline and its unwavering faith in experienced players. Fleming's long-standing partnership with captain MS Dhoni became one of the defining coach-captain combinations in franchise cricket, helping CSK remain among the most successful teams in the league.

The franchise's recent performances, however, have fallen short of its lofty standards. After winning the IPL title in 2023, Chennai Super Kings failed to qualify for the playoffs over the next three seasons. The disap-

pointing results sparked speculation about changes within the coaching setup, eventually leading to Fleming's departure.

In its farewell statement, CSK credited Fleming with shaping the club's identity and creating a culture built on trust, professionalism and stability. The franchise thanked him for his dedication and leadership throughout his association with the team.

Fleming also reflected on his journey with gratitude, describing his time at Chennai Super Kings as the greatest privilege

of his coaching career. He thanked the franchise owners, players, support staff and the passionate CSK supporters, saying their faith and encouragement made the journey truly memorable.

As CSK prepares for a new chapter, reports suggest former India cricketer and coach Hemang Badani is among the leading candidates to succeed Fleming, though the franchise has not yet made an official announcement.

Fleming's departure marks far more than the end of a



coaching stint. It signals the close of an era that redefined consistency and excellence in the IPL. His legacy will continue to inspire the franchise as

Chennai Super Kings look to build their next successful chapter while carrying forward the values and culture he helped create.



Yuvraj Calls Vaibhav the New Terminator

Former India all-rounder Yuvraj Singh has come up with a unique way of describing the evolution of India's fearless batters, comparing himself, Abhishek Sharma, and teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi to different versions of the iconic Hollywood character Terminator.

Speaking during an interaction, Yuvraj said, "I always call myself a Terminator. Now there is Terminator 4, Abhishek Sharma, who is four times better than me. And after him comes Terminator 6, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who has evolved even more."

The former World Cup winner explained that Indian batting has undergone tremendous transformation over the years. According to him, every new generation of cricketers has become more fearless, more aggressive, and better equipped to dominate bowlers across all formats of the game.

Yuvraj credited Abhishek Sharma for taking attacking cricket to another level and believes 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi represents the next stage in that evolution. He described the youngster as a special talent with a bright future ahead and expressed his desire to work with him in the future, just as he has mentored Abhishek Sharma over the years. Drawing a comparison with modern tennis, Yuvraj said he sees a similar evolution in cricket. Referring to

stars like Jannik Sinner and Carlos Alcaraz, he noted that every generation pushes the boundaries further, and Indian cricket is witnessing the same trend with its young batters.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, who has rapidly emerged as one of India's brightest young prospects, described the opportunity to interact with Yuvraj as a memorable experience. He revealed that the legendary all-rounder shared valuable advice not only about batting but also about handling pressure, maintaining self-belief, and developing the right mindset for international cricket. The youngster said those lessons would help him immensely as he progresses in his career. Abhishek Sharma also reflected on his long association with Yuvraj, calling him his idol and recalling how special it was to meet him for the first time. He said watching the Wimbledon final alongside Yuvraj and Vaibhav made the occasion even more memorable.

Yuvraj's remarks have delighted cricket fans, who viewed the "Terminator" analogy as a fitting tribute to India's new generation of fearless batters. His comments also highlighted the importance of mentorship in shaping young talent and reflected his confidence that the next generation of Indian cricketers is well-equipped to carry the country's rich cricketing legacy forward.

Rahul Dravid Rules Out England Coaching Role

Former India head coach Rahul Dravid is reportedly not interested in becoming England's next Test coach, despite recent speculation linking him with the prestigious role.

Reports suggesting that Dravid was among the candidates for the position gained traction after England began looking at long-term coaching options. However, sources close to the former India captain have indicated that he is not considering the opportunity at this stage of his coaching career.

Dravid recently concluded a highly successful stint as India's head coach, guiding the team to several memorable achievements, including the 2024 ICC T20 World Cup title. His calm leadership, emphasis on player development, and tactical ap-

proach earned widespread praise from players and cricket experts around the world.

Following the end of his tenure with Team India, Dravid returned to franchise cricket and has taken up coaching responsibilities in the Indian Premier League. Reports suggest that he is currently focused on his existing commitments and has no plans to take charge of another national team.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) is expected to carefully evaluate several experienced coaches as it prepares for the next phase of England's Test cricket journey. While Dravid's name naturally surfaced because of his outstanding coaching record, those close to him have made it clear that he is not pursuing the position.



Dravid has always maintained a thoughtful approach to coaching assignments, often choosing roles that align with his long-term vision rather than making quick career moves. Throughout his coaching journey, he has worked extensively with young cricketers, from India's Under-19

setup to the National Cricket Academy before taking over the senior national team.

His contribution to Indian cricket extends beyond trophies. Dravid played a key role in nurturing several young stars who have gone on to become regular members of the national team.

His influence on India's cricketing structure continues to be widely acknowledged.

Meanwhile, the search for England's next Test coach remains open, with several international coaching names expected to be considered. The ECB is likely to prioritize a candidate capable of building on England's aggressive "Bazball" approach while maintaining consistency in the longer format.

For now, Rahul Dravid appears content with his current responsibilities, putting an end to speculation about a possible move to England. While his coaching credentials make him one of the most respected figures in world cricket, reports indicate that he has no intention of taking up the England Test coaching role at present.

Ashwin Says BCCI Bowled to Social Media Pressure

Former India spinner Ravichandran Ashwin has criticized the BCCI over its handling of young batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, saying the board appeared to have given in to social media pressure instead of sticking to a long-term development plan.

Speaking on his YouTube channel, Ashwin questioned the decision-making process surrounding the youngster and stressed that talented players should be managed carefully rather than being influenced by public opinion and online reactions.

According to Ashwin, social media has become an increasingly powerful force in modern cricket, often creating unnecessary pressure on selectors and team management. He argued that decisions regarding young cricketers should always be based on their development, readiness, and long-term potential rather than public demand.

The veteran off-spinner said that every young player requires time to grow, adapt, and learn the demands of international cricket. He warned that rushing promising talents into high-pressure situations could prove counterproductive and affect their confidence if expectations become unrealistic.

Ashwin emphasized that the

responsibility of the board and selectors is to protect young players from excessive scrutiny. He believes that allowing social media narratives to influence selection policies sends the wrong message and can create unnecessary distractions for emerging cricketers.

He also pointed out that India has a strong domestic cricket structure and age-group system designed to prepare players for the highest level. According to him, following a structured pathway is more beneficial than making decisions driven by public sentiment.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has emerged as one of India's most exciting young batting prospects after producing impressive performances in junior cricket. His rapid rise has attracted significant attention from fans and experts, leading to growing calls for his inclusion in higher levels of competition.

Ashwin acknowledged the youngster's immense talent but maintained that patience is essential in nurturing future stars. He said every gifted player deserves an environment that allows steady progress without the burden of overwhelming expectations.

The comments have sparked widespread discussion among cricket fans and analysts. While



some agreed with Ashwin's view that young cricketers need to be protected from excessive hype, others felt that exceptional talent should be rewarded when

ever opportunities arise.

Ashwin's remarks have once again highlighted the growing influence of social media on modern sport and reignited the

debate over how cricket administrators should balance public expectations with the long-term development of the next generation of players.

India Punches Into Eight Boxing Finals

India continued its impressive run at the Asian U-19 & U-23 Boxing Championships in Jakarta, with eight Indian boxers booking their places in the finals while seven others secured bronze medals after reaching the semifinals.

The Indian contingent delivered a series of dominant performances across the U-23 men's and women's categories, underlining the country's growing strength in international boxing.

The women's team led the charge with five finalists. Nisha (54kg) advanced after defeating South Korea's Hyeju Lee, while Nikita Chand (60kg) registered a convincing win over Japan's Sariki Kokufu. Kajal (65kg) also progressed to the title bout after overcoming Kyrgyzstan's Gulzina Melsbek. The other Indian finalists also impressed with commanding performances to keep India's hopes of multiple gold medals alive.

In the men's U-23 category, three Indian boxers reached



the finals with confident displays. Their victories ensured that India will have representation in several championship bouts, reflecting the depth of talent emerging from the country's boxing programme.

Apart from the finalists, India also celebrated seven bronze medals. In the women's competition, Tanu (51kg), Prachi (57kg), Shivani (70kg),

and Naina (80kg) ended their campaigns with semifinal finishes. On the men's side, Hitesh (70kg), Neeraj (75kg), and Ishan Kataria (+90kg) also claimed bronze medals after bowing out in the last four.

The performances once again highlighted India's consistent progress in age-group boxing and showcased the effectiveness of its grassroots

development system. The young boxers displayed excellent technique, determination, and composure against strong opponents from across the continent.

With eight finalists set to compete for gold medals, India is now in a strong position to finish the championships with an impressive overall medal tally. Coaches and officials have praised the athletes for their discipline, resilience, and fighting spirit throughout the tournament.

The success in Jakarta is also seen as a positive sign for the future of Indian boxing, with several of these young athletes expected to make the transition to the senior international circuit in the coming years.

As the championship reaches its final stage, all eyes will be on India's eight finalists as they aim to convert their outstanding performances into gold medals and further strengthen the country's reputation as one of Asia's rising boxing powerhouses.

Argentina's World Cup Run Triggers VAR Debate

Argentina's journey at the FIFA World Cup 2026 has sparked intense debate among football fans, with many questioning whether the defending champions have benefited from favourable Video Assistant Referee (VAR) decisions. The controversy has gained momentum on social media, where several supporters have claimed that crucial VAR calls have consistently gone Argentina's way.

The debate intensified after a series of key incidents during Argentina's knockout-stage matches. Some fans argued that controversial penalty decisions, offside rulings, and foul reviews appeared to favour Lionel Scaloni's side. These moments quickly became talking points, with clips circulating widely across social media platforms.

Supporters of rival teams have alleged that Argentina has received special treatment from match officials through VAR intervention. They believe certain decisions could have been interpreted differently and have questioned the consistency of officiating throughout the tournament.

However, many football analysts strongly disagree with those claims. They argue that every



VAR decision involving Argentina has been reviewed according to FIFA's established protocols and the Laws of the Game. According to them, there is no concrete evidence to suggest that the defending champions have received preferential treatment.

Several experts have pointed out that VAR is designed to correct clear and obvious errors rather than eliminate every controversial decision. They note that subjective calls, particularly those involving penalties and physical challenges, often continue to generate debate even after video review.

Argentina's supporters have also defended the team, arguing that criticism largely stems from the nation's continued success on

the international stage. They believe the players have earned their victories through disciplined performances, tactical brilliance, and individual quality rather than favourable officiating.

The controversy has once again reignited the broader discussion surrounding VAR's effectiveness in modern football. While the technology has helped reduce obvious refereeing mistakes, it has also created fresh debates over consistency, interpretation, and transparency in decision-making.

Football experts continue to emphasize that VAR remains a support tool rather than a replacement for the referee's judgment. Final decisions still rest with the on-field official, meaning differing opinions are inevitable in closely contested matches.

As Argentina continues its World Cup campaign, every major refereeing decision involving the team is likely to come under intense scrutiny. Whether the criticism is justified or simply a reaction to the defending champions' success remains a matter of opinion, but the debate has once again highlighted how VAR continues to divide football fans around the world.



RISING STAR

Anisha Mukherjee

Chiranjeevi Congratulates Akhil on Lenin's Success

Megastar Chiranjeevi has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Akhil Akkineni following the impressive success of his latest film Lenin. His warm message has delighted fans of both stars and added to the celebrations surrounding the film's positive box office run.

Taking to social media, Chiranjeevi praised Akhil for delivering a remarkable performance and appreciated the entire team behind the film. He expressed happiness over the movie receiving an encouraging response from audiences and wished everyone associated with the project continued success.

In his message, Chiranjeevi said he was thrilled to see Akhil earn appreciation for his hard work and dedication. He added that the positive reports about Lenin had increased his curiosity and that he was eagerly looking forward to watching the film at the earliest.

The Megastar also congratulated director Murali Kishor Abburu, the producers, technicians, and the rest of the cast for creating a film that has connected well with audiences. His encouraging words quickly went viral, with



fans appreciating the camaraderie and mutual respect shared among Telugu cinema's leading actors.

Akhil responded to Chiranjeevi's message with gratitude, thanking the veteran actor for his blessings and kind words. Fans flooded social media with comments, calling the exchange a heartwarming moment between two generations of Telugu cinema.

Lenin has emerged as an important film in Akhil's career, earning positive word of mouth for its emotional storytelling, engaging action sequences, and Akhil's performance. The film has also been performing well at the box office, further strength-

ening the actor's position in the industry. The appreciation from Chiranjeevi follows praise from several celebrities and members of the film fraternity who have applauded Akhil's performance. Their support has further boosted the film's popularity and reinforced the positive buzz surrounding it.

With audiences continuing to flock to theatres and appreciation pouring in from all quarters, Lenin is enjoying a successful run. Chiranjeevi's heartfelt message has become another memorable highlight in the film's journey, making the celebrations even more special for Akhil and the entire team behind the movie.



NBK111 Shoot Gains Pace as Sanjay Dutt Joins

The shooting of Nandamuri Balakrishna's highly anticipated film NBK111 is progressing at a brisk pace, with the makers currently filming a major schedule in Hyderabad. Adding more excitement to the project, Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt has now joined the latest schedule, marking another significant milestone in the film's production.

Sanjay Dutt is expected to play a powerful antagonist in the film. The actor has already made a strong impression in several South Indian films with his intense villain roles, and his addition to NBK111 is expected to elevate the film's action-packed narrative.

The Hyderabad schedule will feature several important sequences involving Balakrishna and Sanjay Dutt. The makers are reportedly filming high-voltage action scenes and crucial dramatic moments that are expected to become major highlights of the movie.

Directed by Gopichand Malineni, the film marks his second collaboration with Balakrishna after the blockbuster success of Veera Simha Reddy. The director is said to be mounting the project on a much larger scale, with a story that blends powerful emotions, action, and grand visuals.

The film boasts a star-studded cast. Nayanthara and Kajal Agarwal play the female leads, while Samuthirakani, Manchu Manoj, R. Sarathkumar, Ab-

himanyu Singh, Upendra Limaye, Manish Wadhwa, and Swasika are also part of the ensemble cast.

Music for the film is being composed by S. Thaman, while cinematography is handled by Arvind S. Kashyap, who is expected to give the film a rich visual appeal. The project is being produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under the Vriddhi Cinema banner as a prestigious pan-India venture. Ever since the makers unveiled the first glimpse titled "Entry of an Era" on Balakrishna's birthday, expectations surrounding the film have grown significantly. The teaser showcased Balakrishna in a stylish and intense avatar, promising a fresh and powerful screen presence.

With Sanjay Dutt now joining the Hyderabad schedule, the production has gained further momentum. Fans are eagerly waiting to witness the much-anticipated face-off between Balakrishna and Sanjay Dutt, which is expected to be one of the biggest highlights of the film.

As shooting continues at a steady pace, the makers are aiming to deliver one of the biggest action entertainers in Balakrishna's career. With an impressive cast, experienced technical crew, and a grand scale of production, NBK111 has already emerged as one of the most awaited Telugu films in the coming months.

Bommarillu Bhaskar Likely to Direct Nagarjuna's 101st Film

A fresh buzz from Tollywood has caught the attention of movie lovers, with reports suggesting that Bommarillu Bhaskar is likely to direct Akkineni Nagarjuna's landmark 101st film. Though the project has not been officially announced, the reported collaboration has already generated considerable excitement among fans.

Bommarillu Bhaskar, best known for directing memorable films like Bommarillu, Parugu, and Most Eligible Bachelor, is reportedly working on a script tailored for Nagarjuna. Despite his recent film Jack failing to impress at the box office, the director continues to be admired for his emotional storytelling and family-oriented narratives.

Nagarjuna is currently busy



shooting his milestone 100th film, which is being directed by R. Karthik. Industry buzz suggests that the veteran actor is expected to finalize his next project only after completing the ongoing film. This has further fueled specula-

tion that Bhaskar's project could become his prestigious 101st outing.

The rumoured collaboration is creating curiosity because Nagarjuna has often encouraged filmmakers with unique storytelling

styles. Over the years, he has balanced commercial entertainers with content-driven films, giving opportunities to directors with fresh ideas. Many believe that Bhaskar's strength in blending emotions with engaging narratives could complement Nagarjuna's versatile screen presence.

If the project materialises, it could also mark an important comeback for Bommarillu Bhaskar. After experiencing mixed fortunes in recent years, directing a senior star like Nagarjuna would offer him an opportunity to return with a strong and memorable film.

Fans have already started discussing the possible genre of the movie, with many hoping to see Nagarjuna in a refreshing role

that combines family emotions, romance, and entertainment—elements that have become Bhaskar's trademark over the years.

As of now, neither Nagarjuna nor Bommarillu Bhaskar has officially confirmed the collaboration. Therefore, the project remains an industry rumour rather than a confirmed announcement.

Even so, the possibility of Nagarjuna teaming up with the acclaimed filmmaker has generated significant anticipation across Tollywood. If the collaboration becomes official, it could emerge as one of the most exciting combinations in Telugu cinema, bringing together an experienced star and a director known for delivering emotionally engaging and family-friendly entertainers.

Don't Judge Karna Yet, Says Nag Ashwin

Director Nag Ashwin has responded to criticism surrounding the portrayal of Karna in Kalki 2898 AD, asking audiences not to judge the story until the release of Part 2. His comments came after social media discussions questioned certain creative choices and the film's interpretation of characters from the Mahabharata.

The debate began after several users expressed concerns about the film's climax and

Karna's characterization. Responding to one such discussion on social media, Nag Ashwin confidently defended his vision, stating, "I know what I'm doing. Wait for Part 2."

The filmmaker explained that Kalki 2898 AD is only the first chapter of a much larger narrative and that many unanswered questions will be addressed in the sequel. He emphasized that the complete arc of Karna and other key charac-

ters has been carefully planned, urging viewers to wait until the entire story unfolds.

Nag Ashwin also pointed out that his interpretation draws inspiration from various versions and translations of the Mahabharata. According to him, the sequel will provide greater clarity about the motivations and significance of Karna's role in the overall storyline.

His response quickly gained

attention across social media, with many fans supporting the director's confidence and asking others to reserve judgment until the second installment is released. Others appreciated that he directly engaged with the criticism instead of remaining silent.

Kalki 2898 AD, starring Prabhas, Amitabh Bachchan, Kamal Haasan, and Deepika Padukone, created a massive cinematic universe by blending my-

thology with futuristic science fiction. The film's climax left several storylines open, making the sequel one of the most anticipated Indian films currently in production.

The discussion surrounding Karna's character has further increased curiosity about the sequel, with fans eager to see how Nag Ashwin connects the mythological elements with the futuristic world established in the first film.



With Kalki Part 2 expected to continue the epic saga on a much grander scale, Nag Ashwin's confident response has only strengthened anticipation.

His message to audiences is simple—wait for the complete story before concluding, as several key revelations and character arcs are yet to unfold.

Don't Trouble the Trouble Teaser Sparks Curiosity

The teaser of Don't Trouble the Trouble, starring versatile actor Fahadh Faasil, has been unveiled, offering audiences an intriguing blend of fantasy, mystery, and comedy. Packed with quirky visuals and an unusual narrative style, the teaser has immediately grabbed the attention of movie lovers and sparked curiosity about the film.

Directed by Shashank Yelleti, the film promises a fresh cinematic experience that combines supernatural elements with humour and suspense. Known for his unique storytelling, the filmmaker appears to have crafted an imaginative world filled with unexpected twists and entertaining characters.

The teaser introduces Fahadh Faasil in a completely different avatar, hinting at a mysterious journey filled with bizarre situations and thrilling adventures. Without revealing much about the plot, the makers have focused on creating intrigue through visually rich sequences, witty moments, and an engaging background score.

One of the biggest highlights of the teaser is its fantasy setting, which is rarely explored in mainstream Telugu cinema. The visuals combined with an



air of mystery, suggest that the film will offer audiences a refreshing departure from conventional commercial entertainers.

Fahadh Faasil, who has earned widespread acclaim for his exceptional performances across multiple languages, appears perfectly suited for the film's unconventional tone. His expressive screen presence and effortless acting have already generated excitement among fans, who are eager to see him headline another content-driven entertainer.

The film is being produced by S. S. Karthikeya, while the music is composed by Kaala Bhairava, whose background score adds depth and excitement to the teaser. The technical quality and production values show-

cased in the promotional video have also received positive reactions.

Soon after its release, the teaser began trending across social media platforms, with fans praising its originality and unique presentation. Many viewers appreciated the decision to avoid revealing major plot points, saying it has only increased their curiosity about the film.

With its mix of fantasy, comedy, mystery, and adventure, Don't Trouble the Trouble is shaping up to be a distinctive addition to Fahadh Faasil's impressive filmography. The teaser suggests that audiences can expect an entertaining ride filled with surprises, making the film one of the most eagerly awaited releases in the coming months.

Srinivasa Mangapuram Trailer Raises Expectations

The theatrical trailer of Srinivasa Mangapuram has been unveiled, offering an exciting glimpse into director Ajay Bhupathi's latest romantic action entertainer. Blending romance, emotion, action, and family drama, the trailer has generated considerable buzz ahead of the film's theatrical release on July 30, 2026.

The trailer opens with the innocent love story of Srinu and Manga, set against the picturesque backdrop of Tirupati. Their youthful romance is presented with light-hearted moments and emotional chemistry, creating an engaging beginning before the narrative shifts into a more intense and action-packed zone.

The story takes a dramatic turn with the entry of Mohan Babu, who plays the powerful Venkatappaya Naidu. His commanding screen presence immediately raises the stakes, setting up a fierce conflict that drives the rest of the narrative. The trailer hints at a gripping battle between the protagonist and the formidable antagonist without revealing the film's major twists.

Making his acting debut, Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni appears confident in both romantic and action sequences.

His performance suggests a promising start to his film career. Rasha Thadani, making her Telugu debut, also leaves a positive impression with her expressive performance and natural screen presence.

Director Ajay Bhupathi, known for films like RX 100 and Mangalavaaram, appears to have retained his signature intensity while presenting a story filled with



emotional depth and commercial appeal. The trailer balances romance, family sentiment, and action without giving away too much of the plot, successfully creating curiosity among audiences.

Technically, the film looks impressive. The cinematography beautifully captures the scenic beauty of Tirupati while also enhancing the action sequences with stylish



visuals. G.V. Prakash Kumar's powerful background score adds energy and emotion, making several moments in the trailer more impactful.

Presented by C. Ashwini Dutt and produced by P. Kiran under the Chandama Kathalu banner, the film promises a blend of commercial entertainment and emotional storytelling. The production values showcased in the trailer have also received

positive appreciation from viewers.

Overall, the trailer delivers an engaging mix of romance, action, family emotions, and suspense, raising expectations for the film. With a fresh lead pair, a strong supporting cast led by Mohan Babu, and Ajay Bhupathi's trademark storytelling, Srinivasa Mangapuram is shaping up to be one of the notable Telugu releases of the month.

