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Heroes Must Follow Their Followers, Not the Other Way Around

A hero earns a following through heroism. But when he begins to display the traits of a villain, even his most loyal fans find it difficult to accept. Public support cannot be sustained by acting against the natural expectations of followers. Just as people cannot digest a Left party forming an alliance with the BJP, or the BJP joining hands with the Congress, fans also expect consistency from their heroes. They do not blindly follow every political turn taken by their favorite personalities. The same happened in the case of Pawan Kalyan. After the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh, the Congress suffered a severe setback. At a time when the country was looking towards the BJP, Pawan Kalyan made his political entry and extended support to the BJP and the TDP. His fans immediately stood by his decision, and it had an impact on the election results. Had he supported Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy instead, it is doubtful whether the same response

would have been seen. In the 2019 elections, Pawan allied with the Left parties, but many of his supporters did not vote for him. Those who were opposed to the TDP preferred the YSRCP. In 2024, however, the strong anti-incumbency against Jagan worked in Pawan's favour. A leader's strategy succeeds only when it matches both his original support base and the prevailing political situation. There is now speculation that Jr. NTR may eventually launch a political party. It is true that he has, on several occasions, expressed his desire to carry forward the legacy of his grandfather and become a political leader. As long as he was seen as being close to the TDP, his popularity remained intact. But when perceptions emerged that, due to the influence of Harikrishna, Kodali Nani and Vallabhaneni Vamsi, he was leaning towards the YSRCP, there was a noticeable impact. Even a well-received film failed to generate the

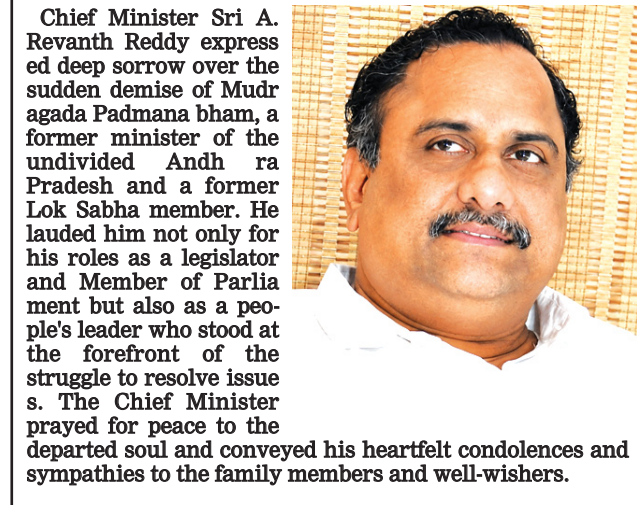


expected collections. Realizing this, Tarak maintained silence on politics and concentrated on his film career, eventually becoming one of the biggest stars. As Nara Lokesh established himself first within the TDP and later in the government, the YSRCP allegedly tried to create the impression that TDP workers wanted Jr. NTR to take over the party. The apparent objective was to create confusion within the TDP ranks. However, it soon became clear that Lokesh is

the undisputed political successor to N. Chandrababu Naidu. He now holds a strong grip over both the party and the government, leaving little room for confusion. Political observers claim that the YSRCP now intends to use every possible issue to weaken the TDP and may attempt to capitalize on Tarak's leadership ambitions. However, Jagan Mohan Reddy has often been accused of using influential individuals for political advantage rather than accommodating

them as equals. The example of Mudragada Padmanabham, who was protected on the Kapu reservation issue but later found himself politically isolated, is often cited in this context. Some believe that if Tarak enters politics, Lokesh may face a challenge. Certain leaders dissatisfied with Lokesh may also see Tarak as an alternative. But many argue that Tarak can succeed only if he enters as a leader of the TDP itself. Even a slight perception that he is helping Jagan politically could damage both his political future and his film career. His opportunity would arise only if the TDP faces a leadership crisis or if strong opposition emerges against Lokesh. Tarak may not be useful in defeating the TDP, but he could become relevant if circumstances ever create an opportunity to lead it. If he is seen as entering politics merely to weaken the TDP or strengthen Jagan, the consequences could extend to his popularity in cinema as well. The same principle applies to

Allu Arjun. His differences with the Mega family have already alienated a section of Mega fans. Many believe that this had an impact on the Telugu collections of *Pushpa 2*, even if effective public relations managed to soften that perception. If Bunny ever decides to enter politics, many feel it would have to be in Andhra Pradesh and in a manner that complements Pawan Kalyan rather than opposes him. Entering Telangana politics may not provide the required public acceptance. Even Pawan Kalyan himself is often viewed as having only a limited political role in Telangana. Ultimately, heroes cannot expect their followers to change their political beliefs according to their personal ambitions. It is the heroes who must understand and respect the sentiments of their followers. In politics, as in cinema, followers determine the direction of the hero far more than the hero determines the direction of the followers.



Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy expressed deep sorrow over the sudden demise of Mudragada Padmanabham, a former minister of the undivided Andhra Pradesh and a former Lok Sabha member. He lauded him not only for his roles as a legislator and Member of Parliament but also as a people's leader who stood at the forefront of the struggle to resolve issues. The Chief Minister prayed for peace to the departed soul and conveyed his heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the family members and well-wishers.

Bhatti Highlights Welfare, Targets BRS at Rally

Jogulamba Gadwal, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the previous Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) government, alleging that it left the state burdened with debts of ₹8.21 lakh crore while failing to invest adequately in public welfare. He asserted that despite inheriting a severe financial crisis, the Congress government has continued welfare schemes and introduced several new initiatives. Addressing a public meeting at Julekal village in Vaddepalli mandal of Alampur constituency, Bhatti Vikramarka said the Congress government has paid ₹2.08 lakh crore towards principal and interest on loans raised by the previous administration within just two-and-a-half years of assuming office. He alleged that Telangana, which was once financially strong, had been pushed into a debt trap because of what he described as mismanagement and corruption during the previous regime. Despite the financial burden, he said, the government has continued flagship welfare programmes such as Shaadi Mubarak and Kalyana Lakshmi, while ensuring that government employees receive their salaries every month without delay. The Deputy Chief Minister said the state continues to bear the electricity charges for agricultural pump sets and provides up to 200 units of free electricity every month to eligible domestic consumers. He added that the government has reimbursed ₹12,000 crore to the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) for implementing free bus travel for women. Highlighting welfare initiatives, Bhatti Vikramarka said six kilograms of fine-quality rice are being distributed free of cost to 1.06 crore families, calling it a first-of-its-kind programme in the country. He also noted that the Aarogyasri health insurance coverage has been increased from ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh to improve access to healthcare for economically weaker sections. The Deputy Chief Minister announced that nearly 27 lakh government school students would benefit from a new breakfast programme that includes milk and ragi malt. He also highlighted the government's decision to establish 100 integrated residential schools with international-standard infrastructure for SC, ST, BC, Minority and OC students, with an investment of ₹200 crore for each institution. Hostel diet and cosmetic charges have also been increased by 200



percent, he said. Bhatti Vikramarka further announced the sanction of an additional 4.5 lakh Indiramma houses, to be constructed at a cost of ₹5 lakh each, involving a total investment of ₹22,500 crore. He said the government will also launch the Indiramma Bheema insurance scheme in November, coinciding with the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. The scheme will provide insurance coverage of ₹5 lakh to every family in Telangana, irrespective of caste, religion or economic status. Questioning the BRS's claim that it would return to power, the Deputy Chief Minister asked whether the opposition intended to discontinue free electricity, fine rice distribution, free bus travel for women, integrated schools, interest-free loans for women's self-help groups, or the Indiramma Bheema scheme. He pointed out that the Congress government has facilitated ₹76,000 crore in interest-free bank loans to DWCRA groups within two-and-a-half years. On irrigation, Bhatti Vikramarka reaffirmed the government's commitment to completing pending projects in the Palamuru region. He announced that orders had been issued to the District Collector to expedite land acquisition for the Mallamma Kunta reservoir, requiring 573 acres. Once completed, the reservoir is expected to provide irrigation to nearly 87,500 acres under the Tummilla project of the Rajolibanda Diversion Scheme (RDS). He assured farmers that the government would ensure fair compensation for acquired land and would not allow any injustice to those affected by the project. "We understand the emotional attachment farmers have to their land. Every step will be taken to protect their interests while completing irrigation projects that benefit the region," he said. The meeting, presided over by AICC Secretary and former MLA Dr. S.A. Sampath Kumar, was attended by Ministers Vakiti Srihari and Jupally Krishna Rao, MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, MLAs Chikkudu Vamshikrishna, Veerlapalli Shankar and Anirudh Reddy, besides other Congress leaders and public representatives.

New Delhi, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged the Centre to develop the proposed airports at Warangal (Mamnoon) and Adilabad to international standards, highlighting their potential to transform regional connectivity, attract investment, and accelerate industrial growth across northern Telangana. During his visit to New Delhi, the Chief Minister met Union Minister for Civil Aviation Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu at the Civil Aviation Ministry and held detailed discussions on the progress of the two airport projects. Senior officials, including Nalgonda MP Raghuvveer Reddy, Roads & Buildings Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj, Government Advisor and Ex-officio Special Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, and Civil Aviation Department officials, attended the meeting. Revanth Reddy said the proposed Warangal airport would emerge as a major aviation hub for the undivided districts of Adilabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, and Khammam, besides serving Nalgonda district. He noted

that the city's strategic rail and road connectivity, coupled with its proximity to the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park, the Kazipet Coach Factory, and other upcoming industries, would position Warangal as a leading industrial and logistics centre in the coming years. The Chief Minister requested the Union Minister to equip the Warangal airport with world-class facilities, including Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) services, air cargo infrastructure, and aircraft hangars. Pointing out that land acquisition for the project has already been completed, he urged the Ministry to invite tenders and begin construction without delay. He also proposed that the airport be completed and inaugurated by June 2, 2028. During the meeting, the airport's architectural designs were also reviewed. Revanth Reddy suggested that the terminal and other structures should reflect the rich heritage and architectural legacy of the Kakatiya dynasty, a proposal that received a positive response from the Union Minister. The Chief Minister also sought the development of a civil airport alongside the



existing Defence-operated airfield in Adilabad. He assured the Centre that the Telangana government would acquire and provide the required land for both airport projects. Similar to Warangal, he requested MRO facilities, air cargo terminals, aircraft hangars, and Flight Training Organisations (FTOs) at the Adilabad airport to strengthen aviation infrastructure in the region. Revanth Reddy also proposed exploring seaplane services

between Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar and the Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada. In response, Rammohan Naidu asked the state government to submit detailed proposals for examination. Speaking to the media after the meeting, the Chief Minister said development should rise above politics and stressed that the Centre and the state government have been working together on key infrastructure projects. He

noted that regular discussions with Union Ministers help resolve issues through constructive dialogue. Union Minister Rammohan Naidu praised the Telangana government for completing land acquisition for the Warangal airport in record time, describing it as an achievement unmatched elsewhere in the country. He also assured that the airport's design would incorporate elements of Warangal's rich cultural and historical heritage.

CM Seeks Fast-Track Approval for Key Highway Projects

New Delhi, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Tuesday urged Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari to expedite approvals for several strategic road infrastructure projects, including the Regional Ring Road (RRR), a new Hyderabad-Amaravati greenfield highway, and an alternative six-lane corridor connecting Hyderabad and Mancherial. During a meeting at Gadkari's residence in New Delhi, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of accelerating infrastructure development to improve regional connectivity, reduce travel time, and boost economic growth across Telangana. Revanth Reddy informed the Union Minister that nearly 95 percent of the land acquisition for the northern section of the Regional Ring Road has already been completed. He requested immediate approval to begin construction, stating that executing both the northern and south-



ern sections of the RRR simultaneously would significantly reduce project costs while ensuring faster completion. The Chief Minister also sought early approval for the southern section of the Regional Ring Road, stressing that the entire project would strengthen Hyderabad's connectivity with surrounding districts, ease traffic congestion, and support industrial and urban expansion. Another major proposal pre-

sented during the meeting was the construction of a greenfield highway connecting Hyderabad with Andhra Pradesh's capital region, as envisaged under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. Revanth Reddy proposed a 12-lane expressway linking Bharat Future City to Bandar Port through Amaravati. According to the Chief Minister, the proposed corridor would reduce the travel distance between Hyderabad and Vijayawada by nearly 100 kilometres, improve logistics

efficiency, and facilitate faster movement of goods from Hyderabad to Bandar Port, thereby benefiting trade and industry. The Chief Minister also requested the Union Minister to facilitate Forest Department clearances for the proposed Mannanur-Srisailem elevated corridor. He pointed out that the project passes through environmentally sensitive areas, including the Nallamala Sanctuary, the Srisailem Temple region, and the

Srisailem reservoir, making timely environmental approvals essential for its progress. Revanth Reddy further proposed the construction of a six-lane highway connecting Mancherial and Hyderabad as an alternative to the existing Rajiv Highway. He assured the Centre that the Telangana government would undertake the required land acquisition for the project. The new highway, he said, would improve connectivity, reduce traffic congestion, and create fresh opportunities for agriculture, trade, and industrial development along the corridor. Nalgonda MP Raghuvveer Reddy and senior government officials also attended the meeting. The discussions reflected the Telangana government's efforts to secure Central support for major infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening transportation networks, promoting investment, and enhancing economic development across the state.

Bandi Sanjay Pays Tribute to Mudragada Padmanabham

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Tuesday expressed profound grief over the demise of former Andhra Pradesh minister and veteran Kapu movement leader Mudragada Padmanabham, describing him as a leader who proved that standing with the people is greater than holding public office. Mudragada Padmanabham passed away at a hospital in Hyderabad after battling respiratory ailments. Born in 1953 in Kirlampudi village of East Godavari district, he entered politics in 1978 when he was elected as an MLA on a



Janata Party ticket. He represented the constituency for four consecutive terms until 1989 and later served as a minister in the governments headed by N.T. Rama Rao and M. Chenna Reddy. Ahead of the 2024 elections, he joined

the YSR Congress Party. In a condolence statement, Bandi Sanjay described Mudragada as a symbol of the Kapu community's self-respect and a tireless champion of its rights. He said the veteran leader dedicated his life to

highlighting the social, economic, and political aspirations of the Kapu community and remained committed to public causes throughout his political career. The Union Minister recalled that Mudragada led several agitations, including hunger strikes, to press for reservations and greater recognition for the Kapu community. He said the leader remained steadfast in his convictions despite facing arrests, police action, and political pressure, demonstrating remarkable courage and determination. Bandi Sanjay noted that Mudragada consistently raised public issues irrespective of whether he was in

power or in the opposition. His integrity, commitment, and willingness to sacrifice personal comfort for the causes he believed in earned him widespread respect across political lines, he said.

Describing Mudragada's passing as a significant loss to the Telugu states, Bandi Sanjay said his contributions to public life and his role in shaping the Kapu movement would continue to inspire future generations. He prayed for the departed leader's soul to rest in peace and conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members, admirers, supporters, and followers.

Fresh Coal Block to Fuel Singareni Growth



Mancherial, July 14 | TPN Bureau

BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao on Tuesday described the Centre's allocation of the Tadicherla-2 coal block to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) as a historic decision that would strengthen the public sector mining company, safeguard the interests of its workers, and provide long-term economic benefits to Telangana. Addressing a large gathering of party workers in Mancherial during the 'Singareni Bharosa Yatra', Ramchander Rao said the allocation of the Tadicherla-2 coal block through the nomination route, instead of the conventional auction process, was an unprecedented decision that would enable Singareni to undertake coal production without the burden of paying hefty auction premiums. He said the block has sufficient coal reserves to sustain production for nearly 40 to 50 years and generate substantial revenue for the company. According to him, the decision reflects the Central Government's commitment to preserving Singareni as a strong and profitable public sector enterprise while protecting the interests of its workforce. Ramchander Rao credited Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy for playing a decisive role in securing the allocation. He recalled that Kishan Reddy had toured the Singareni region long before becoming a Union Minister, interacted with workers, and consistently raised their concerns at various forums. He also thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for approving what he described as a landmark decision for Telangana. The BJP leader said he had personally raised several issues concerning Singareni during his tenure as a Member of the Legislative Council and had gained firsthand knowledge of workers' problems while campaigning for the Bharatiya Mazdoor Sangh (BMS) during trade union elections. Launching a political attack on the Congress government, Ramchander Rao alleged that SCCL is facing financial stress because of state government policies. He accused the government of placing an unnecessary financial burden on the organisation and diverting resources generated through the hard work of Singareni employees to unrelated activities. He also criticised both the Congress and Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), alleging that the two parties have failed to fulfil promises made to students, farmers, employees, unemployed youth, pensioners and Singareni workers. Describing the Congress and BRS as "two sides of the same coin," he accused both parties of corruption and misleading the people of Telangana. Ramchander Rao further claimed that the Narendra Modi-led government has allocated nearly ₹13 lakh crore for Telangana's development through investments in national highways, railway infrastructure, industries, industrial parks and welfare programmes. He alleged that despite these initiatives, the state government continues to spread misinformation against the Centre for political reasons. The BJP leader asserted that the Centre remains committed to strengthening Singareni and restoring it to sustained profitability through initiatives such as the allocation of the Tadicherla-2 and Naini coal blocks. He questioned why previous governments had failed to secure similar allocations despite being in power for several years. He appealed to party workers to make the Singareni Bharosa Yatra a movement that extends beyond labour issues and serves as the foundation for the BJP's political expansion in Telangana. Expressing confidence that the people are seeking an alternative after successive governments led by the BRS and Congress, Ramchander Rao said the BJP is prepared to provide a transparent and development-oriented administration in the state. Reiterating the party's commitment to Singareni workers, he said the BJP would continue to support measures aimed at protecting employees' rights while ensuring the long-term growth and sustainability of the coal mining company.

BRS Leaders Mourn Mudragada's Demise

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Top BRS leaders K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), and Harish Rao expressed deep shock and grief over the passing of former minister and Kapu movement leader Mudragada Padmanabha Reddy. They recalled his contributions to public life and praised his efforts for the welfare and rights of the Kapu community. The BRS leaders conveyed their heartfelt condolences to Mudragada's family members, admirers, and followers on behalf of the party. They described his demise as a major loss to social movements and politics in the Telugu states. Former Telangana Chief Minister KCR stated that Mudragada Padmanabha Reddy was a leader who stood firmly for the causes he believed in and fought an uncompromising battle throughout his life. He praised Mudragada's political journey, during which he was elected as an MLA multiple times and served as a minister in the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh government. KCR highlighted Mudragada's dedicated efforts towards the upliftment of the Kapu community, stating that he worked with commitment to secure rights and recognition for the community and allied sections. He described Mudragada as a leader who followed his principles without compromise and said his death was an irreparable loss to social movements. BRS Working President KTR also expressed sorrow over Mudragada's demise. He said Mudragada would be remembered as a prominent leader who served the people as an MLA and minister while continuously fighting for the interests of the Kapu community. KTR stated that Mudragada's contribution to public life and social movements would remain significant in the history of Telugu politics. He conveyed his condolences to the bereaved family and prayed for peace to the departed soul. Former minister and Siddipet MLA Harish Rao said Mudragada Padmanabha Reddy had left an unforgettable mark on public life through his dedication and struggles. He praised Mudragada as a leader who tirelessly worked for the rights of the Kapu community and recalled his long political career. Harish Rao described Mudragada's death as an irreparable loss to the politics of the Telugu states and extended his deepest condolences to his family members, supporters, and followers. He prayed for strength to the bereaved family during this difficult time.

Ponnam Reviews Voter Revision Drive, Calls for Greater Coordination

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday reviewed the ongoing voter revision process in Borabanda under the Jubilee Hills Assembly constituency and urged officials, political party representatives, and citizens to work together to ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls.

The Minister, accompanied by Jubilee Hills MLA Naveen Yadav, inspected the enumeration process and interacted with officials involved in the revision exercise. Noting that only 10 days remain before the completion of the drive on July 24, he stressed the importance of close coordination between Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs) to prevent the



deletion of any genuine voter. Ponnam Prabhakar said the voter revision exercise is being carried out across Telangana, but observed that the pace of work in Hyderabad is comparatively slower than in rural districts. He noted that while nearly 80 percent of the work, including online submissions, has been completed in rural areas, the

city still has considerable ground to cover. Emphasizing the significance of the exercise, the Minister said every eligible voter must submit the required enumeration form to ensure that their name remains on the electoral roll. He called for extensive public awareness campaigns so that citizens understand the importance of completing the

process within the stipulated deadline. He urged political parties to actively involve their BLAs in coordinating with BLOs and monitoring the revision process at polling booth level. Legislators and public representatives, he said, should personally inspect the exercise in their constituencies to ensure transparency and smooth implementation. "The right to vote is the foundation of democracy, and not a single eligible vote should be lost during this revision process," the Minister said. Ponnam Prabhakar also clarified that the voter revision exercise should not create any hurdles for citizens in accessing government welfare schemes such as ration cards or Indiramma housing benefits. He urged officials to ensure that the electoral verification

process remains separate from welfare delivery mechanisms. Expressing concern over reports of attacks on Booth Level Officers in some areas, the Minister condemned such incidents and appealed to the public to cooperate with officials carrying out the revision exercise. He said BLOs are performing an important constitutional responsibility and should be allowed to discharge their duties without intimidation. The Minister added that the issue falls under the Election Commission's jurisdiction and noted that his party has also sought an extension of the voter revision deadline to facilitate wider public participation and ensure that every eligible citizen gets an opportunity to complete the process.

Ponnam Defends Government on Kaleshwaram, Urges Responsible Politics

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday defended the state government's handling of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, stating that all decisions regarding the project would be taken strictly on the recommendations of technical experts and the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), while accusing the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) of attempting to politicize the issue.

Addressing a media conference at the MLA Quarters in Hyderabad, the Minister said concerns over the project should not be viewed through a political lens, particularly at a time when experts have warned of possible rainfall deficits due to the impact of El Niño.

He said several scientists and the India Meteorological Department have indicated the possibility of below-normal rainfall, and the government has already begun issuing advisories to help farmers prepare for any drought-like conditions. Farmers, he

added, are being encouraged to consider alternative crops that require less water.

Ponnam Prabhakar alleged that structural issues in the Kaleshwaram project had emerged before the Congress government assumed office and blamed the previous BRS administration for the present condition of the project. He claimed the government would launch an outreach campaign across villages to explain the facts surrounding the project and counter what he described as misinformation.

The Minister maintained that the government would strictly adhere to the recommendations of engineers and dam safety experts. "We are not engineers. We will act according to the advice of technical experts and the National Dam Safety Authority," he said. He added that if the NDSA's final report recommends filling the reservoir with water, the government would do so without delay. Likewise, if experts prescribe specific repair measures to restore the project's functionality, those recommendations would also



be implemented immediately. Questioning the opposition's criticism, Ponnam Prabhakar said responsibility must remain the government's foremost concern. "If any mishap were to occur after filling the reservoir without expert approval, who would be accountable?" he asked, stressing that public safety and farmers' interests would guide every decision. The Minister accused BRS leaders of remaining silent

over the past two years and now attempting to create public anxiety by raising issues related to Medigadda and Kannepally. While stating that opposition leaders K.T. Rama Rao and T. Harish Rao are free to offer constructive suggestions, he urged them to refrain from making what he termed baseless allegations. Drawing an analogy from Hindu mythology, Ponnam Prabhakar said that just as different beings coexist har-

moniously in Lord Shiva's divine family, the state and Central governments should work together despite political differences to safeguard Telangana's interests.

He also appealed to political parties to avoid politicizing humanitarian issues, including blood donation, and called on the opposition to offer responsible advice instead of engaging in confrontational politics.

Congress Seeks Extension of Voter Revision Deadline

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Tuesday urged the Election Commission to extend the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Telangana, citing low progress in Hyderabad and the need to ensure that no eligible voter is left out of the electoral rolls.

The Minister, along with MLAs Addanki Dayakar and Balamuri Venkat, MLAs Sri Ganesh and Naveen Yadav, DCC Presidents Deepak John and Mota Rohit, TPCC Election Commission Coordination Committee Chairman Rajesh, and other senior Congress leaders, met Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudarshan Reddy and submitted a representation seeking additional time for the voter revision exercise. Speaking to the media after the meeting, Ponnam Prabhakar said the voter revision process is currently underway in 15 Assembly constituencies, particularly in Hyderabad district, where progress has been consider-

ably slower than expected. He noted that only around 21 percent of the voter verification and modification process has been completed in Hyderabad district, while just 10 days remain before the current deadline. Stressing that the available time is insufficient, he appealed to the Election Commission to grant an extension so that every eligible citizen has an opportunity to complete the process. The Minister said Hyderabad has nearly 4,500 polling stations, making the exercise more challenging than in many other parts of the state. He also called upon students, political party workers, and the general public to actively participate in the voter verification drive during the remaining days.

Ponnam Prabhakar said the Congress delegation had received complaints from several areas that Booth Level Officers (BLOs) were not visiting every household and that enumeration forms were not being distributed properly. He urged the Election Commission to address these field-level issues to ensure the



exercise is conducted smoothly and transparently. He pointed out that BLOs across Telangana have already been paid for their work and expressed hope that the process would gain momentum with better coordination. The Minister also sought the cooperation of engineering colleges, government teachers, and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal

Corporation (GHMC) to create greater public awareness and assist in completing the revision process. Emphasising the importance of the electoral exercise, Ponnam Prabhakar appealed to party workers to work actively over the next 10 days to protect democratic rights by ensuring that no eligible voter is excluded from the electoral rolls.

He also urged citizens not to believe rumours linking voter registration with eligibility for government welfare schemes, stating that the revision exercise should not create unnecessary apprehensions among the public. He reiterated that the objective is to ensure that every qualified voter is included in the electoral rolls before the revision process concludes.

Telangana BC Study Circle Invites UPSC Coaching Applications

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana BC Study Circle for Empowerment Society for Development and Training Centre (TGBCES-DTC), functioning under the BC Welfare Department, has invited applications for its free coaching programme for the UPSC Civil Services Examination (Prelims-cum-Mains) 2027.

According to a notification issued on Tuesday, the coaching programme will be conducted in Hyderabad from August 24, 2026, and continue through the 2027 Civil Services examination cycle. A total of 150 candidates will be selected for the programme, including 100



candidates through the open category and 50 candidates who qualify in the Telangana BC Study Circle's preliminary screening test. Selected candidates will receive a monthly stipend of ₹5,000, subject to govern-

ment norms, along with a one-time book allowance of ₹5,000. The programme will also provide library facilities, study material, mock tests, expert guidance, and specialized coaching to help aspirants prepare for both

the Preliminary and Main examinations.

Applicants must possess a degree from a recognized university, be Indian citizens, and be permanent residents of Telangana. The annual family income should not exceed ₹1.50 lakh in rural areas and ₹2 lakh in urban areas. Candidates must also satisfy the age criteria prescribed under the UPSC Civil Services Examination-2027 notification.

The application process will begin on July 15, while online applications will be accepted from July 17 to August 7. Hall tickets for the screening test can be downloaded from August 13, and

the screening examination will be held on August 16. Results will be announced on August 19, followed by certificate verification from August 21. Coaching classes are scheduled to commence on August 24.

Director Dr. Mamidi Harikrishna urged eligible aspirants to submit their applications through the official website of the Telangana BC Study Circle within the stipulated timeline. He said the programme aims to support talented candidates from economically weaker backgrounds in achieving success in the prestigious Civil Services Examination.

Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Preparations in Full Swing



Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Preparations are in full swing for the annual Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Jatara in Secunderabad, with temple authorities announcing that the festival will be celebrated on a grand scale from July 19 to August 5 with support from the Telangana government. Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Devasthanam Executive Officer Manohar Reddy, along with members of the newly constituted temple committee, outlined the arrangements being made for one of Telangana's most significant religious festivals.

The EO said the Ashada Masam Bonalu celebrations will begin on July 19 with the traditional 'Ghatala Edurkolu' ritual and conclude on August 5 after a series of religious ceremonies and festivities. The main Bonalu celebrations at the temple are scheduled for early next month and are expected to attract lakhs of devotees from across Telangana and neighbouring states.

Temple authorities said elaborate arrangements have been made to ensure a smooth and comfortable darshan experience for devotees. Special emphasis has been placed on facilitating women carrying Bonam offerings so that they can enter the temple and offer prayers without inconvenience.

The committee also stated that comprehensive security arrangements are being put in place in coordination with the police department to manage the large crowds expected during the festival. Crowd management measures, traffic regulation, and surveillance systems will be strengthened to ensure the safety of devotees throughout the celebrations.

Officials added that separate arrangements are being made to ensure that visits by the Chief Minister, ministers, elected representatives, and other VIPs do not disrupt darshan for the general public. Adequate queues, barricading, and dedicated entry and exit routes will be provided to minimize inconvenience. The temple administration appealed to devotees to cooperate with officials and follow security guidelines during the festival. It expressed confidence that the combined efforts of the government, police, and temple authorities would ensure the smooth and successful conduct of this year's Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu Jatara.

Fresh Coal Block to Fuel Singareni Growth

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

The acquisition of the mining lease for the Tadicherla-2 coal block marks a major milestone for Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and is expected to significantly strengthen the organization's future mining operations, said T. Srinivas, General Manager (Coordination and Marketing).

Speaking at a meeting held at Singareni Bhavan in Hyderabad on Tuesday to celebrate the successful securing of the Tadicherla-2 block, Srinivas described the development as a timely and much-needed boost for the coal mining giant. He emphasized that the organi-



zation urgently requires new mines as several of its older coal mines are nearing the end of their operational life.

Srinivas recalled that, through the proactive efforts of the Telangana gov-

ernment, Singareni had received all necessary approvals for the Naini coal block last year, enabling production to begin successfully. He said the newly acquired Tadicherla-2 block is also expected to become

operational in the near future, further enhancing the company's coal production capacity.

He noted that the Tadicherla-2 block has the potential to produce around six million tonnes of coal annually and is expected to remain productive for nearly 45 years. According to him, the addition of this long-term mining asset will play a crucial role in ensuring sustained coal production, strengthening the company's financial position, and supporting Telangana's energy requirements.

Srinivas also revealed that efforts are underway to secure additional coal blocks for Singareni, expressing confidence that

the expansion of mining operations would help restore the organization to its earlier prominence and reinforce its position as one of India's leading coal producers.

He extended his gratitude to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Bhatti Vikramarka for their active support in securing the project. He also thanked Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy for facilitating the required approvals.

Officials and employees from various departments of Singareni Bhavan participated in the celebratory meeting.

One Killed, Another Injured in Road Mishap

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

A 31-year-old man was killed and another person sustained injuries after their motorcycle was allegedly hit by an Eicher vehicle near the Friends Circle U-turn at Suchitra under the Petbasheerabad police station limits on Tuesday morning.

According to the police, the accident occurred at around 11:30 a.m. when Satya Daiva Prasad and Kadali Dushyanth were travelling on a Hero Glamour motorcycle from Suchitra towards

Tirumalagiri. An Eicher vehicle travelling in the same direction reportedly collided with the motorcycle, causing both riders to be thrown onto the road.

Kadali Dushyanth suffered critical injuries in the impact. Local residents immediately shifted him to Rush Hospital for emergency treatment. Despite the efforts of doctors, he succumbed to his injuries at around noon while undergoing treatment.

The motorcycle rider, Satya Daiva Prasad, also sustained injuries in the acci-



dent and is currently receiving medical treatment. His

condition is reported to be under observation.

Following the incident, Petbasheerabad police reached the accident spot, conducted a preliminary inspection, and shifted the damaged vehicle from the road to restore traffic movement. A case has been registered based on the incident, and an investigation has been launched to determine the exact circumstances that led to the collision.

Police said legal action would be initiated against the driver of the Eicher vehicle after completing the

investigation. They are also examining eyewitness accounts and other available evidence to ascertain whether negligence or violation of traffic rules contributed to the fatal accident.

The incident has once again highlighted concerns over road safety at the busy Suchitra Friends Circle junction, where traffic congestion and frequent accidents have prompted calls from commuters for stricter enforcement of traffic regulations and improved safety measures.

ACB Raids HMDA Chief Engineer Over Disproportionate Assets

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday conducted simultaneous searches at the residence and other properties linked to HMDA Chief Engineer Bachu Ravinder as part of an investigation into allegations of possessing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. According to preliminary information, ACB officials uncovered several immovable and movable assets during the ongoing raids. Among the properties identified are a 3BHK flat in Sumadhura Acropolis, a res-



idential plot in Srivari Meadows, and documents relating to three flats in Vasavi Atlantis.

Investigators also traced

ownership of nearly four acres of land located in Shamshabad and Shabad. In addition, a four-storey building in Masjidband was iden-

tified during the searches. Officials further found details of seven flats in Jadcherla and two more flats in Kondapur.

The searches also led to the seizure of approximately half a kilogram of gold and silver jewellery. Electronic gadgets valued at around ₹10 lakh were recovered, while officials identified four bank lockers believed to be linked to the accused officer. ACB officials also reported the recovery of 18 bottles of foreign liquor during the raids. Based on the assets identified so far, the preliminary value of the properties and valuables is estimated to exceed ₹5 crore.

The Anti-Corruption Bureau stated that the searches are still in progress and that the total value of the assets is likely to increase as verification continues. Officials are examining property documents, financial records, and other evidence to determine whether the assets are disproportionate to the officer's known sources of income.

The ACB is expected to release a detailed statement after the completion of the searches and verification process. Further legal action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation.

RS.2 Crore Sanctioned for Govt Schools

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Cantonment MLA Sri Ganesh on Tuesday said the Telangana government is committed to improving educational infrastructure and ensuring the overall well-being of students studying in government schools across the constituency. The legislator announced that the state government has sanctioned ₹2 crore for the development of various government schools in the Cantonment Assembly constituency. He said the funds would be utilized to upgrade infrastructure, improve basic amenities, and create a better learning environment for students.

As part of the initiative, ₹40 lakh has been earmarked for the development of the Rasulpura Government

School. The allocation will be used to install a solar power system, establish a drinking water plant, construct a dining hall and toilets, and undertake building repairs and other infrastructure improvements.

Sri Ganesh said the government is placing special emphasis on strengthening public education by providing modern facilities in government schools while ensuring students receive quality education in a safe and comfortable environment.

Highlighting the welfare measures introduced by the state, the MLA said students are being provided with a nutritious breakfast prepared using millets, in addition to the regular midday meal, to promote better health and nutrition.

Man Arrested with 850 Grams of Ganja

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department on Tuesday arrested a 29-year-old man for allegedly possessing ganja in Hyderabad. The accused was identified as B. Abhiram, a resident of Vasantnagar Colony. Acting on specific information, Excise officials conducted an operation and apprehended him while he was allegedly in possession of the contraband.

During the search, officials seized 850 grams of ganja from the accused. A mobile phone and a motorcycle believed to have been used in connection with the offence were also confiscated as part of the operation. According to Excise



Department officials, a case has been registered against the accused under the relevant provisions of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act. He was taken into custody for further investigation. Officials said they are prob-

ing the source of the contraband and examining whether the accused was involved in a larger drug supply network operating in the city. Efforts are also underway to identify other individuals who may have been linked to the alleged narcotics trade.

Young Karate Students Honoured with Guinness Record Certificates



Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Four students from the Naveen Naik Karate Academy were felicitated with Guinness World Record certificates and medals after participating in a record-breaking karate performance involving 1,212 students. The certificates and medals were presented at a grand ceremony held at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy in Shivrampally on Tuesday. IPS officer Kalmeshwar Shingenavar, Deputy Director (TAC), attended the event as the chief guest, while Lachiram and academy head coach Naveen Naik were present as guests of honour. The students had earned the prestigious recognition by taking part in a Guinness World Record attempt on April 26 at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, where 1,212 participants performed basic karate techniques continuously for 20 minutes. The achievement set a new world record and highlighted the growing popularity of martial arts among young students. Representing the Naveen Naik Karate Academy, Nigma Simha Reddy, Yashwitha, Chandana, and Dineshwar successfully participated in the record-setting event and received their official Guinness World Record certificates and medals during the felicitation programme. Addressing the gathering, IPS officer Kalmeshwar Shingenavar congratulated the students for their remarkable accomplishment and praised their discipline, dedication, and perseverance. He encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in sports while maintaining academic success. The speakers also lauded coach Naveen Naik for his commitment to nurturing young talent through free karate training. They appreciated his efforts in identifying promising students, developing their skills, and creating opportunities for them to compete and excel at national and international levels. The ceremony concluded with the presentation of medals and certificates, celebrating the students' achievement and inspiring other young martial artists to pursue excellence through hard work, discipline, and determination.

Harish Rao Mourns Mudragada Padmanabham's Demise

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

BRS Legislature Party Deputy Leader T. Harish Rao on Tuesday expressed profound grief over the demise of former Andhra Pradesh Minister and senior politician Mudragada Padmanabham, describing his passing as an irreparable loss to the politics of the Telugu-speaking states. In a condolence message, Harish Rao said he was deeply shocked by the death of the veteran leader, who was widely respected for his long public life and his unwavering commitment to the welfare and rights of the Kapu community. He recalled that Mudragada Padmanabham had made a lasting contribution to public service during his political career, serving as both a legislator and a minister in the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh. Harish Rao noted that the senior leader earned recognition for consistently championing the interests of the Kapu community and leaving a significant mark on regional politics. Describing his demise as a major loss, Harish Rao said Mudragada's contributions to public life and his dedication to social causes would be remembered for years to come.

Matchbox-Sized Silk Saree and shawl Offered to Bramarambha Mallanna

Srisaillam, July 14 | TPN Bureau

A unique handwoven silk saree designed to fit inside a matchbox was offered to the deities at the Sri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple in Srisaillam by renowned handloom artisan Nalla Vijay Kumar from Rajanna Sircilla district. During his visit to the temple, Vijay Kumar presented the extraordinary saree to Temple Chairman Ramesh Naidu as a devotional offering. Along with the saree, he also gifted a miniature handwoven shawl, which was similarly crafted to fit inside a matchbox, showcasing the remarkable precision and



artistry of Telangana's traditional handloom craftsmanship. Despite its compact presentation, the silk saree measures 5.5 metres in length and 48 inches in width, while weighing just 200 grams. Vijay Kumar said the creation combines traditional weaving

techniques with modern artistic innovation, reflecting the rich heritage of Telangana's handloom industry. The artisan is carrying forward the legacy of his father, the late Nalla Parandhamulu, a recipient of the prestigious 'Chenetha Kala Ratna' award. Inspired by his father's dedication to handloom weaving, Vijay Kumar has been conducting innovative experiments to promote the craft and preserve its cultural significance. He said the offering at Srisaillam was made as a mark of devotion, adding that he sought the blessings of Lord Mallikarjuna Swamy and

Goddess Bhramaramba before embarking on his next ambitious handloom project. Vijay Kumar has earned several state and national-level awards for his innovative creations and contributions to the handloom sector. He expressed confidence that traditional weaving can continue to thrive through creativity and innovation while preserving its cultural roots. The rare matchbox-sized silk saree attracted admiration from temple authorities and devotees alike, highlighting the exceptional craftsmanship of Telangana's handloom artisans and bringing further recognition to the weaving tradition of Rajanna Sircilla.

Movement Veterans Seek Long-Pending Justice

Nizamabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Former student activists who played a key role in the Telangana statehood movement from the platform of Telangana University on Tuesday urged the government to recognise genuine movement participants and fulfil the promises made for their welfare.

A meeting of activists was held at the seminar hall of the Commerce Building at Telangana University, where around 25 former student activists participated to discuss issues concerning their recognition and future.

Addressing the gathering, Dr. Pitla Saritha recalled the challenges faced during the Telangana movement, saying the activists continued their struggle despite hardships such as the closure of hostel mess facilities and disruptions to their education. She said the movement was expanded across Nizamabad district through the efforts of dedicated students who sacrificed valuable years of their academic lives for the cause of statehood.

Expressing disappointment, Dr. Saritha alleged that the government-appointed KK Committee was consulting only a limited section of people while overlooking many genuine activists who actively participated in the movement. She urged the committee to identify and recognise deserving activists and ensure justice for them.

The activists submitted a set of demands to the government, including the allotment of 250-square-yard house sites as promised in the Congress manifesto, implementation of reservations for Telangana activists on the lines of Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, regularisation of contract, outsourcing, guest and part-time employees who participated in the movement, issuance of health cards and official activist identity cards, and special recognition for women activists.

During the meeting, an ad hoc committee was constituted to coordinate the activities of Telangana University activists and represent them before the KK Committee. The committee includes LB Ravi Kumar, Dr. N. Soundarya, Dr. Prasanna, Dr. M. Siddhalakshmi, Dr. E. Srinivas Goud, Dr. Puppala Ravi, Dr. Ravinder Naik, Battu Suresh, Santhosh, Balaraju Naik, Sudhakar, Dr. Ramesh Naik, Dr. Bharat, Pilli Srikanth, Dr. Puli Jaipal, and Dr. P.B. Satyam.

The newly formed committee will work towards identifying remaining activists associated with Telangana University and coordinate with the government on issues concerning their welfare and recognition. Several activists, including Paska Narsaiah, Vasari Sainath, Endala Pradeep, Vijayalakshmi, Swarupa, and others, attended the meeting.

Man Dies by Suicide

Kamareddy, July 14 | TPN Bureau

A 32-year-old man allegedly died by suicide in Narsing Rao Palli village under Nizamsagar mandal, police said on Tuesday.

According to Nizamsagar Sub-Inspector J. Shiva Kumar, the deceased was identified as Mangali Anjaiah, who had been living in Bidar, Karnataka, for the past ten years with his wife, Mangali Lakshmi, and their daughter, Pooja. The family had migrated to Bidar in search of livelihood, where Anjaiah worked in a hotel.

Police said Anjaiah had recently returned to his native village to complete voter registration formalities. On July 11, he allegedly hanged himself using a nylon rope tied to an iron pipe in a shed near his house.

The incident came to light on Tuesday when a villager, Mangali Ramesh, noticed the body hanging in the shed. With the help of local residents, the rope was cut and the body was brought down. However, Anjaiah was found to have already died.

Following the incident, his wife Lakshmi reached the village and informed the police that her husband had been struggling with alcohol addiction and had been in a state of distress. In her complaint, she stated that she did not suspect anyone's involvement in his death.

Based on the complaint, the Nizamsagar police registered a case and shifted the body for post-mortem examination. An investigation has been initiated to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the incident.

If you or someone you know is struggling with thoughts of suicide or overwhelming emotional distress, help is available. Reaching out to a trusted family member, friend, or a qualified mental health professional can make a difference. If the situation is immediate, please contact your local emergency services or a suicide prevention helpline without delay.

Minority Gurukul Students Shine at District Athletics Meet

Bodhan, July 14 | TPN Bureau

Students of the Minority Gurukul in Bodhan have brought laurels to their institution by winning gold medals and securing qualification for the state-level athletics championships at the district athletics meet held in Nizamabad. The competitions were organised under the aegis of the District Athletics Association at the Rajiv Gandhi Auditorium in the district headquarters. Students from the Bodhan Minority Gurukul displayed impressive performances across various track events, earning appreciation for their sporting talent. Principal Imtiaz said the students' achievements reflected their dedication, disciplined training, and the consistent encouragement provided by the institution. He expressed happiness over the selection of the athletes for the upcoming state-level competitions and congratulated them on their success. Among the standout performers, Naveen and Syed, both Class X students, won gold medals after delivering outstanding performances in the middle-distance running events. They excelled in races ranging from 1,000 metres to 1,500 metres, securing their places in the state-level athletics meet. Another student, Vishnu, who is pursuing Intermediate second year, was also selected to represent the district at the state-level championships based on his performance. Principal Imtiaz, along with Physical Education Teachers Ambari Sandeep and Sudhakar, felicitated the successful athletes and encouraged them to continue striving for excellence in future competitions.

The achievement has been widely appreciated by the school community and educational institutions in Bodhan, which congratulated the students for bringing recognition to the Minority Gurukul. School authorities expressed confidence that the athletes would continue their impressive performances at the state level and bring further honours to the institution and the district.

Jagga Reddy Felicitates Guinness Record-Holding Kung Fu Master

Sangareddy, July 14 | TPN Bureau

TPCC Working President T. Jagga Reddy on Tuesday congratulated Kung Fu Grandmaster Pochayya for being part of a Guinness World Record-winning team and lauded his contribution to promoting martial arts in the region.

Pochayya met Jagga Reddy in Sangareddy and briefed him about the record-setting achievement. On the occasion, Jagga Reddy, accompanied by Telangana Youth Association President Koonu Venu Gopala Krishna and Congress Party Sangareddy Town President Kiran, felicitated the martial arts master with a shawl in recognition of his accomplishment.



The Guinness World Record was achieved on April 26 at the Gachibowli Indoor Stadium, where a team of 1,212 participants performed a synchronized Kung Fu Karate Kata demonstration. The team executed the Kata 72

times in just 30 minutes, surpassing the previous world record, which involved 600 participants performing the Kata 30 times in one hour. The official Guinness World Records certificates were received from London three days ago, confirming the team's achievement.

Pochayya and his disciples represented Sangareddy district in the record-breaking event, bringing recognition to the undivided Medak region through their exceptional performance. The achievement is being hailed as a significant milestone for the promotion of Kung Fu and martial arts in Telangana. Congratulating Pochayya and his team, Jagga Reddy praised their dedication, discipline,

and hard work, stating that their achievement had brought pride to the district and inspired young sportspersons to pursue excellence.

He encouraged Pochayya to continue promoting martial arts and nurturing young talent with the same enthusiasm and commitment. Jagga Reddy expressed confidence that such accomplishments would motivate more youth to participate in sports and represent the region at national and international platforms. The felicitation ceremony was attended by party leaders, martial arts enthusiasts, and supporters, who applauded the Guinness World Record achievement and wished the team continued success in future competitions.

BRS Calls for Massive Turnout at 'Yuva Sangramam'

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) has intensified preparations for its proposed 'Yuva Sangramam' conference, scheduled to be held on July 18 at Saroornagar Stadium, with party leaders urging youth from across Telangana to participate in large numbers.

A preparatory meeting was held at the camp office of Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekananda in Petbasheerabad on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by BRSLP Whip and Quthbullapur MLA KP Vivekananda, along with MLC and BRS State Youth Wing President Shambipur

Raju, who reviewed arrangements for the event being organized under the direction of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). Addressing party workers, the leaders accused the Congress government of failing to fulfill the promises it made to the youth during the Assembly elections. They alleged that commitments such as providing two lakh government jobs within a year, extending a monthly unemployment allowance of ₹4,000, and implementing dedicated youth welfare initiatives remain unfulfilled. The leaders also claimed that the assurances made through the party's 13 election declarations for women, Scheduled



Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes, minorities, farmers, and youth have not been implemented. They further alleged that the government has disappointed various sections of society by failing to address key issues, including employment, welfare, and irrigation. Criticizing the state administration, the BRS leaders accused it of suppressing dissent by targeting opposition parties, civil society organizations, employees, auto-rickshaw drivers, and educational institutions that question

government policies. They alleged that despite completing more than half of its tenure, the Congress government has failed to deliver on its electoral commitments and is struggling to sustain existing welfare programmes. The leaders said the 'Yuva Sangramam' conference would serve as a platform to hold the government accountable for its promises made to the youth and to strengthen public agitation for their implementation. Former public representatives, local party leaders, youth and student wing members, and BRS activists from the Quthbullapur constituency attended the preparatory meeting.

Historic 130th Jagannath Rath Yatra on Schedule

Hyderabad, July 14 | TPN Bureau

The historic Jagannath Rath Yatra organised by the Shree Jagannath Swamy Ramgopal Trust will be held in Secunderabad with traditional fervour, continuing a legacy of more than 130 years.

The annual procession, conducted in sync with the world-famous Rath Yatra at Puri, will feature the deities of Lord Jagannath, Lord Balabhadra, and Goddess Subhadra. The centuries-old tradition begins from the Jagannath Temple located in General Bazaar, Secunderabad, and attracts thousands of devotees every



year. According to the temple trust, devotees will be allowed to have darshan from 6:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the day of the festival. After the temple closes for preparations, the grand

Rath Yatra procession will commence at 4:00 p.m. from the temple premises.

The procession will travel through the streets of General Bazaar before reaching M.G. Road, where it is scheduled to remain between 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. Following this, the chariot procession will proceed through Hill Street and Ranigunj, before returning to the Jagannath Temple at around 4:00 a.m. the next morning. The Shree Jagannath Swamy Ramgopal Trust has been organising the Rath Yatra every year with religious devotion and public participation, making it one of

the oldest and most significant spiritual events in Secunderabad.

Temple authorities have appealed to devotees to participate in large numbers while following the guidelines issued by the organisers and law enforcement agencies. Arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of the procession, with coordination among temple officials, volunteers, and civic authorities. The annual Rath Yatra is expected to draw thousands of devotees from Hyderabad and neighbouring districts, reflecting the city's rich cultural and religious heritage.

Sarpanch Protocol Row Disrupts Government Event

Mancherial, July 14 | TPN Bureau

A government awareness programme in Tandur village of Bellampalli constituency turned tense on Tuesday after a controversy erupted over the omission of the local Dalit Sarpanch's photograph from the event's invitation banner, triggering protests and disrupting the proceedings. The programme was attended by Bellampalli MLA Gaddam Vinod, DCC President Pinninti Raghunath Reddy, and other public representatives. However, the event took

an unexpected turn when Tandur village Sarpanch Mudimadugula Suresh objected to the absence of his photograph on the official banner. The Sarpanch alleged that his photograph had been deliberately excluded despite established protocol requiring the inclusion of elected local representatives in publicity material for government programmes. He confronted DCC President Pinninti Raghunath Reddy during the event, leading to a heated exchange. Soon after, the Sarpanch's

supporters and several local leaders joined the protest, alleging that the omission amounted to an insult to a Dalit elected representative. Protesters raised slogans against Tandur Mandal President Shankar and DCC President Pinninti Raghunath Reddy, accusing them of intentionally disrespecting the Sarpanch. They also demanded the DCC President's resignation over the incident. The protest briefly brought the programme to a standstill, creating a tense atmosphere

at the venue. Organisers and senior leaders attempted to pacify the agitating supporters and restore normalcy. Despite their efforts, the event concluded amid confusion and disorder. Supporters of the Sarpanch maintained that elected representatives, irrespective of political affiliations, deserve equal respect and adherence to official protocol during government programmes. They insisted that such incidents undermine democratic institutions and the dignity of public office.

Although the situation was eventually brought under control, the controversy overshadowed the awareness programme and sparked political discussion in the constituency. No official statement had been issued by the organisers regarding the omission of the Sarpanch's photograph at the time of filing this report. The incident has drawn attention to the importance of following protocol and ensuring equal recognition for elected local body representatives during official government events.

Editorial

Where Is the Anti-Corruption Drive In Andhra Pradesh?

The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) in Telangana has been making headlines with its relentless crackdown on corrupt public servants. Hardly a week passes without reports of raids on government officials, disproportionate assets being unearthed, or arrests made in bribery cases. In one of the recent operations, the ACB reportedly uncovered assets worth nearly 500 crore belonging to officials under investigation. Such actions send a strong message that corruption, irrespective of the rank of the accused, will not be tolerated.

This naturally raises a question in the minds of people in the neighbouring state of Andhra Pradesh. Why is the ACB in Andhra Pradesh not displaying the same level of activity? Corruption is not a problem confined to one state alone. Public complaints about bribery, irregularities in government offices, and misuse of authority continue to surface from different parts of Andhra Pradesh as well. Yet, large-scale ACB operations are rarely seen.

The silence has led to several questions. Is the ACB waiting for permission from the government before taking action? Is the agency lacking the resources or operational freedom required to investigate corruption? Or is the government convinced that corruption has been eradicated from the state? If none of these explanations is true, then the authorities owe an answer to the public regarding the apparent lack of visible anti-corruption initiatives.

An effective Anti-Corruption Bureau is essential for strengthening public confidence in governance. Honest officers deserve protection, while dishonest officials must be held accountable without fear or favour. Fighting corruption should never become a matter of political convenience or selective enforcement. The rule of law must prevail equally in every state.

People do not expect miracles, but they do expect action. A proactive and independent anti-corruption mechanism reassures citizens that public money is protected and that integrity in administration remains a priority. Andhra Pradesh, like every other state, must ensure that its anti-corruption institutions function with transparency, independence, and determination. Only then can the public truly believe that the fight against corruption is real and not merely a promise.

Editor

UK Trade Deal Opens Big Opportunities For Every Indian



Starting today, nearly all of India's exports to the UK will enjoy duty-free access, creating huge opportunities for our small businesses, farmers, fishermen, innovators, women and labour-intensive industries as the transformational Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) comes into effect.

This is India's most comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and it will bring prosperity by creating numerous jobs and business opportunities. It will also gradually expose Indian manufacturers to healthy competition that will benefit every citizen with competitively priced high-quality goods. This will significantly accelerate Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Viksit Bharat 2047 mission.

Businesses are excited. They have elaborate plans to flag off cargoes to the UK. Gems and jewellery exporters expect shipments to the UK to grow 230% to \$2.5 billion in three years, if not earlier, while exporters of engineering goods expect sales to the UK to almost double to \$7.5 billion in the next 4-5 years.

The win-win agreement, signed last year in the presence of PM Modi and British PM Keir Starmer, immediately eliminates duties on about 99% of tariff lines, covering almost 100% of trade value, creating enormous opportunities for Indian exports, which are already growing hand-somely despite global turbulence.

Young Minds, Global Finds – The people-centric FTA comes



More than 75,000 Indian professionals and over 900 companies are expected to benefit from continued social security coverage for employees on temporary overseas assignments.

Grow Local, Sell Global - Indian farmers will gain from easier access to the \$37.5 billion UK market. This will boost exports of Indian dairy products, tea, coffee, spices, fruits, vegetables, fruit juices, meats and processed agriculture product. About 95% of UK's farm imports will be open to India duty free. Exports to this vast market have the potential to grow 50% in three years. This will boost farm incomes and create a numerous jobs across the agricultural value chain.

Importantly, the agreement ful-

ly safeguards sensitive farm products such as dairy, vegetables, apples, edible oils, oats, millets, cooking oils and others by placing them in the sensitive list. No duty concessions have been granted to the UK on these items. These exclusions reflect the Modi government's strategy of prioritising food security, domestic price stability and vulnerable farming communities.

SMEs - Local Hustle, Global Muscle – PM Modi has always given high priority to India's Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). CETA has a dedicated chapter to help the vital SME sector that accounted for 45.8% in India's total export in 2024-25. CETA will help SMEs with key provisions including faster customs processing, agreements to

recognise and facilitate digital systems and paperless trade.

Apart from preferential market access, SMEs will benefit from enhanced cooperation on best practices related to trade, education and finance, digital skills, business infrastructure and other important areas.

Big Catch for Fishermen - CETA is poised to significantly benefit India's fishery and aquaculture sector which supports the livelihoods of approximately 28 million individuals.

Enhanced market access and higher exports will benefit fishermen of the Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Odisha, and Maharashtra. It will not only strengthen India's fisheries exports but also contribute to the welfare and livelihoods of fishermen and promote coastal economic development.

A Win for Women – The landmark agreement, that goes far beyond traditional FTAs, recognises the contribution of women in driving sustained and inclusive economic growth. It aims to promote opportunities and benefits for women.

Both countries have committed to undertake various activities to enhance women's access to markets and emerging sectors, promoting financial inclusion and literacy, promoting equal opportunities for women in the workplace, and develop their capacity and skills etc.

CETA is far more than a trade agreement. It is a statement of confidence in India's capabilities and aspirations. It reflects a new India that is not merely participating in global commerce but helping shape it. By empowering our farmers, fishermen, workers, women entrepreneurs, MSMEs, professionals and youth, it will create opportunities that touch every Indian in every corner of the country.

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Unlocking Horizons: The Value of Language Skills!



Ludwig Wittgenstein, A Philosopher, says that Language profoundly shapes how we perceive, understand, and interact with the world. Language is the primary tool for processing thoughts, acquiring new information, and expressing views and knowledge. It is necessary for learning, and it helps students to understand complex concepts, share ideas, build memory, and nurture critical thinking skills. Research highlights that language learning is a powerful tool for individual development, yielding major cognitive, academic, and socio-cultural benefits. Language renovates the brain to improve memory and problem-solving abilities. Even though in the current trends of education, students need to be exposed to different languages, the mother tongue is crucial at the foundational stage, as it fosters a sense of self-worth and cultural identity. The NEP 2020 language policy mandates a Three-Language Formula, requiring students to study three languages, with at least two being indigenous Indian languages. It heavily promotes instruction in the mother tongue or local language and ensures no specific language is forced upon any state. The policy recommends that, wherever possible, the medium of instruction up to Grade 5 (and preferably till Grade 8) should be the home language, mother tongue, or local regional language. Considering these mandates and belief in mother tongue education, most of the states have introduced English language as an option or for-

eign language choice within the framework and provided bilingual textbooks for better learning and to boost academic performance.

Student performance and dropout from schools

Despite all these reforms and frameworks, four out of every 10 children who enter the system drop out before completing higher secondary education due to a lack of learning and substandard pedagogical practices. It is very alarming to make our classrooms more learner-friendly, supportive, inclusive, and experiential to foster quality. India's enrolment is truly remarkable, with 98.1% age between 6-14 years, but retention and quality have become major challenges at all levels. There are 76.6% of children in standard III grade who are unable to read a Standard II level textbook, and 74% of children are unable to do the substation; it means three out of 4 children in rural government schools have not achieved the most basic reading benchmark as per ASER 2024.

Major Hurdles.

The Indian education system is challenging us with severe multigrade and multilingual classrooms and a pedagogical crisis. There are one lakh+ schools (DISE 2025-26) with single teachers in India; 89% of these schools are in very remote and tribal villages, as stated by NITI Aayog. A single teacher is to manage multigrades, multi-level students, multilingual challenges, and administrative responsibilities in a single room with limited resources. On the other hand,



at higher grades, major learning deficits among students, mainly due to linguistic diversity, rigid classroom transactions, and running behind in syllabus completion without ensuring basic and pre-requisite competencies of the students. Alongside rote learning, memorization without understanding the concepts, no scope for critical thinking, and student participation in the classroom process with deeply root-issues. Regarding teacher professional development, many teachers are experiencing training as occasional, lecture-based sessions rather than sustained & practice-centred learning, with no special focus on structured language teaching, which determines

the students' academic performance, a foundation for better learning with reading, writing, and comprehension as reinforced by the NEP 2020.

Ground realities

Most of the studies indicate the need for language competencies among students to achieve age- and grade-appropriate competencies across the country. PARAKH 2024 report indicated that language benchmark alignment drops from 65% in Class 3 to 57% in Class 6, and hits a low of 54% by Class 9. The assessment was evaluated over 21 lakh students across India and identified critical gaps in foundational literacy and communication, and indicated that many stu-

dents are yet to develop higher-order reading skills such as inference, critical thinking, and reflective engagement, which are essential for understanding complex subjects and concepts.

Need of the hour

Requires pedagogical transformation from rote method to child-centric, with a special focus on language learning with a strategy of "Language across the curriculum". Teachers need to adopt language teaching irrespective of their subject. If language teaching is weak, it affects the student's performance even in complex subjects like science, mathematics, and other subjects. "The limits of my language

mean the limits of my world." It means it hinders the entire academic cycle, which leads to dropping out of school and students become out of school.

In this circumstances, we can draw a proven pedagogical strategy from a proof of concept of LIP – "Learning Improvement Programme" which was designed and being implemented jointly by Department of School Education, AP & Telangana, Bal Raksha Bharat (Save the Children), Centre for Innovations in Public Systems (ASCI) and UNICEF to support the children who are behind the learning in grades 6-9 with a special focus on Language across the curriculum, integrating the Teaching and practice period with regular syllabus,

bridging pre-requisite competencies, peer learning, creating a print rich environment to inculcating reading habits, inclusion of mother tongue, reduction of screen time and create an opportunity for student participation.

Experiential and project based learning, encourage student and teacher quality conversations, encouraging elocution and writing competitions, conduct language melas to build a strong foundation for students under the lenses of inclusion.

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Modi to Launch ₹2,500-Crore Projects in Punjab

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to launch and inaugurate development projects worth around 2,500 crore in Punjab on Friday. The projects are aimed at boosting infrastructure, improving connectivity, and supporting economic growth in the state.

During his visit, the Prime Minister will participate in various programmes and dedicate key initiatives focused on public welfare and regional development.

The projects are expected to benefit multiple sectors, including transportation, urban infrastructure, agriculture, and social development.

The Centre has been emphasizing infrastructure expansion across states as part of its broader development strategy. The Punjab projects are expected to strengthen basic facilities, improve services for citizens, and create new opportunities for employment and investment.

Punjab, known for its strong agricultural base and industrial potential, has been witnessing increased focus on improving logistics, road networks, and connectivity. Better infrastructure is expected to support businesses, farmers, and local communities by reducing transportation challenges and improving market access.

The Prime Minister's visit also comes at a time when the Centre has been highlighting cooperation between the Union and state governments for faster implementation of development schemes. Officials are expected to review the progress of various ongoing initiatives during the visit.

Security arrangements have been strengthened ahead of the Prime Minister's programme, with authorities making extensive preparations to ensure smooth conduct of the events.

The launch of the projects is being seen as a significant push towards accelerating development activities in Punjab. The initiatives are expected to contribute to economic growth, improve public facilities, and strengthen the state's infrastructure network.

The Prime Minister's visit will also provide an opportunity to highlight the government's focus on inclusive development and investment in regional projects. The newly launched initiatives are expected to play a role in improving the quality of life for people while supporting Punjab's long-term growth prospects.



Punjab BJP Leader Faces Heat Over Viral Video

A political controversy has erupted in Punjab after a purported video of a BJP leader went viral, in which she is allegedly heard making remarks about deleting voter names to help her party win elections. The comments triggered strong criticism from the Congress, which demanded action from the Election Commission.

In the viral clip, the leader is allegedly heard referring to the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) process and mentioning the deletion of around 20,000-25,000 votes to help elect a party candidate. The remarks led to accusations that the electoral process could be misused for political advantage.

Punjab Congress leaders strongly criticised the statement and called for immediate intervention by the Election Commission. They argued that every eligible voter has a constitutional right to vote and urged authorities to ensure that the electoral process remains free, fair, and transparent.

Reacting to the controversy, the BJP leader rejected the allegations and claimed that her remarks were taken out of context. She clarified that the discussion was related only to the removal of fake or duplicate voters and not genuine voters.

She also stated that no political leader has the authority to directly add or remove names from electoral rolls, as the process is handled by election authorities according to legal procedures.

The leader further alleged that the video may have been selectively edited or manipulated and called for an investigation into its authenticity. She maintained that her intention was to highlight the need to remove illegal voter registrations rather than target genuine voters.

Authorities have taken note of the viral video and are examining whether the footage is authentic or altered. Officials said further action would depend on the findings of the inquiry.

The controversy has intensified the political debate in Punjab over electoral rolls, voter verification, and election transparency. With future elections approaching, issues related to voter lists and election procedures are expected to remain a major political flashpoint in the state.



NBW Issued Against LeT Founder Hafiz Saeed

A special court has issued a non-bailable warrant against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed in connection with the Pahalgalam terror attack case, marking a major development in the ongoing investigation.

The warrant was issued after investigating agencies named Hafiz Saeed as an accused in the case and sought legal action against him. Authorities have alleged that he was involved in the conspiracy behind the attack and played a role through his links with the banned terror organisation Lashkar-e-Taiba.

The Pahalgalam attack in Jammu and Kashmir resulted in the deaths of several civilians, including tourists, and triggered widespread outrage across the country. The incident intensified concerns over cross-border terrorism and security threats in the region.

According to investigators, Hafiz Saeed is currently based in Pakistan and has not appeared before Indian authorities. The agencies have argued that legal proceedings are necessary as the accused has allegedly avoided facing the investigation.

The court's order is considered an important step in the legal process and could pave the way for further action under existing laws. Authorities are examining all available legal options to proceed with the case and ensure that those accused of involvement in terror activities face trial.

Hafiz Saeed, who has been designated as a terrorist by India and several international agencies, has previously been accused of involvement in major terror operations, including the 2008 Mumbai attacks. He has denied allegations against him.

The latest development is expected to increase pressure on terror networks operating across borders. Indian security agencies have maintained that individuals responsible for attacks on Indian soil must be brought before the law, regardless of their location.

The issuance of the non-bailable warrant marks a significant stage in the Pahalgalam attack investigation. Authorities are expected to continue pursuing legal measures to establish the role of the accused and complete the judicial process.

India Launches UNSC Seat Campaign

India has officially launched its campaign for a non-permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) for the 2028-29 term, with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar meeting UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres in New York.

During the meeting, Jaishankar and Guterres discussed several major global issues, including conflicts in West Asia, Ukraine, and Sudan, along with challenges facing international peace and security. The discussions come at a time when global geopolitical tensions are increasing and the role of multilateral institutions is under greater focus.

India formally launched its UNSC campaign under the theme "SHANTI: India for the United Nations Security Council 2028-29 - Norms, Trust, Integrity" at an event held at the UN headquarters. The campaign highlights India's focus on global peace, cooperation, transparency, and reforms in international institutions.

The bid is part of India's larger effort to secure a greater role in global decision-making platforms. India has consistently argued that the structure of the



UN Security Council should reflect current global realities and provide stronger representation to developing nations.

The election for the non-permanent seat will be held through the UN General Assembly, where countries from different regional groups vote to select members for two-year terms. India is expected to seek support from nations across regions by highlighting its contributions to UN peacekeeping missions, development partnerships, and initiatives supporting the Global South.

Jaishankar's meeting with the UN chief also comes amid India's push for reforms in global governance structures. New Delhi has repeatedly emphasized the need for a more representative and effective Security Council capable of addressing modern challenges such as conflicts, terrorism, climate change, and economic instability.

The launch of the campaign marks another major step in India's diplomatic outreach efforts. With growing economic and strategic influence, India aims to strengthen its presence in international forums and contribute more actively to shaping global policies.

The coming months will see India engage in extensive diplomatic consultations with UN member states to build support for its candidature and strengthen its case for a seat at the world's top security body.

Merger Claim Sparks Fresh Shiv Sena Row

The political battle within the Shiv Sena has intensified after the Uddhav Thackeray-led Shiv Sena (UBT) rejected claims of a merger with the Eknath Shinde faction, calling such assertions baseless and legally invalid. The party has also warned rebel Lok Sabha MPs against seeking recognition based on the alleged merger.

The Uddhav Sena sent letters to MPs who recently moved towards the Shinde faction, stating that the original party leadership had neither initiated nor approved any merger proposal. The party reminded the MPs that they were elected to the Lok Sabha on the Shiv Sena (UBT) symbol and mandate.

The party argued that individual legislators cannot independently declare a merger without approval from the original political organisation. According to the Uddhav faction, any such move would violate the principles of the anti-defection law and could not be accepted without proper legal procedures.

The Shiv Sena (UBT) leadership has also informed the Lok Sabha Speaker that it would oppose any request seeking recognition of a separate group or merger by the MPs. The party maintained that elected representatives do not have the authority to decide the future of the organisation on their own.



The dispute comes amid the long-running internal conflict within the Shiv Sena, which witnessed a major split after Eknath Shinde's rebellion in 2022. The political crisis resulted in a change of government in Maharashtra and triggered a prolonged legal battle over the party's name, symbol, and leadership.

The Shinde faction and the rebel MPs have maintained their position, while the Uddhav camp continues to challenge their claims on political and legal grounds. The issue is expected to lead to further debates over constitutional provisions, merger rules, and the rights of elected representatives.

With both factions continuing their fight for legitimacy and control over the Shiv Sena's legacy, the latest development has added another chapter to Maharashtra's ongoing political struggle. The final outcome could have significant implications for the future of the party and state politics.

Karur TVK Leader Held After Woman's Complaint

A functionary of Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) has been taken into police custody in Karur district, Tamil Nadu, after a woman accused him of harassing her for several months and attempting to abduct her.

According to the complaint filed by the woman, the accused TVK leader allegedly harassed her for around three months. She claimed that he repeatedly followed her, stood near her workplace, and made inappropriate remarks and gestures, causing distress and fear.

The woman reportedly informed her family members about the alleged harassment. Following this, her husband began accompanying her while travelling to and from work as a precautionary measure.

The situation escalated when the woman was returning home from work and the accused allegedly stopped her on the road. She raised an alarm and informed her relatives, who immediately rushed to the spot.

According to police officials, an altercation broke out between the accused and the woman's relatives. The incident has created tensions in the area and triggered discussions over women's safety, law and order, and the responsibility of political party members.



The woman's family has alleged that there was a delay in police response and questioned the handling of the complaint. They demanded strict action against the accused and a fair investigation into the allegations.

Police have stated that an investigation is underway and further legal action will be taken based on the evidence collected. Statements from the complainant, witnesses, and other individuals involved are being examined as part of the probe.

The incident has created tensions in the area and triggered discussions over women's safety, law and order, and the responsibility of political party members.

The accused leader is currently under medical observation following the alleged assault. Authorities are continuing their investigation to determine the facts of the case and decide the next course of action.

The controversy has also created challenges for Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam, which is working to strengthen its political presence in Tamil Nadu. The party is expected to face questions over the conduct of its local functionaries as the investigation progresses.

Assam Repatriates 1,679 Illegal Immigrants in Two Years

The Assam government has said that more than 1,600 illegal immigrants have been repatriated to Bangladesh over the past two years as part of its efforts to address the issue of undocumented migration in the state.

According to the state government, a total of 1,679 illegal immigrants were sent back to Bangladesh during the last two years. The action included deportation, expulsion, and other procedures carried out under existing immigration laws.

The government stated that among those sent back were people declared as foreigners by Foreigners Tribunals operating in Assam. These tribunals are responsible for examining cases where an individual's citizenship status is under question and deciding whether they are Indian citizens or foreigners.

The issue of illegal immigration has remained a major political and social concern in Assam for several decades due to the state's long international border with Bangladesh. Authorities have repeatedly highlighted the need to identify individuals staying in India without valid documents and take action according to the law.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the repatriation process was carried out by following legal procedures. He added that cases pending before courts were handled according to judicial directions and that action was taken only after completing necessary verification processes.

The Assam government has also discussed the status of D-voters, or doubtful voters, in the state. These cases involve individuals whose citizenship documents or nationality are under scrutiny, and many such matters are examined by Foreigners Tribunals.

The issue of migration has frequently triggered political debates in Assam, with different parties raising concerns over border security, citizenship verification, and protection of genuine citizens. The government has maintained that its measures are aimed at preventing illegal migration while ensuring that legitimate residents are not affected.

The latest figures highlight Assam's continued focus on migration-related challenges. With border management and citizenship verification remaining sensitive issues, the government's actions are expected to remain an important political and social topic in the state.



Prashant Kishor Enters Poll Fray With ₹96 Crore Assets

Jan Suraj Party founder Prashant Kishor has declared assets worth nearly 96 crore in his election affidavit while filing his nomination for the Bankipur Assembly bypoll in Bihar. The disclosure has drawn significant attention as he enters a major electoral contest after years of working as a political strategist.

According to the affidavit, Prashant Kishor has declared total assets of around 96.06 crore, including movable and immovable properties. His wife Dr. Jahanvi Das has declared assets worth approximately 101.93 crore, taking the combined family wealth close to 198 crore.

The affidavit reveals that a significant portion of Kishor's wealth comes from his business interests, investments, financial assets, and properties. The details provide insight into his financial background before formally entering active politics.

Prashant Kishor, who previously worked as a political strategist for several national and regional leaders, launched the Jan Suraj movement and later transformed it into a political platform. His decision to contest the Bankipur seat has increased the political significance of the bypoll.

Bankipur is considered an important constituency in Bihar politics, and Kishor's entry has turned the contest into a closely watched battle. The election is being seen as a test of whether his political experience, public outreach programmes, and campaign strategy can translate into electoral support.

Kishor has positioned himself as a leader advocating political change in Bihar. His campaign has focused on issues such as better governance, transparency, development, employment opportunities, and improving public services.

While his supporters believe his entry could introduce a new approach to politics in the state, opponents have questioned his electoral experience and ability to build a strong voter base.

The declaration of nearly 100 crore in assets has become a major talking point during the campaign, adding another layer to the political debate surrounding his candidature.

As the Bankipur bypoll progresses, attention will remain focused on whether Prashant Kishor can challenge established political parties and establish Jan Suraj as a significant force in Bihar's electoral landscape.



India Summons Iran Envoy Over Ship Attack

The Indian government has lodged a strong diplomatic protest with Iran after an Indian crew member was killed in a missile strike on a merchant vessel transiting the Strait of Hormuz. Following the incident, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) summoned the Iranian envoy in New Delhi to seek an explanation and express India's serious concern over the attack.

According to official reports, two merchant tankers travelling through the southern passage of the Strait of Hormuz were hit during the attack. One Indian sailor lost his life, while several other crew members were injured, including multiple Indian nationals. Some of the injured are reported to be in serious condition.

India strongly condemned the attack and stressed that the safety and security of Indian citizens working on commercial ships remains a top priority. During the meeting with the Iranian diplomat, the government conveyed its deep concern over the loss of life and called for the protection of civilian shipping in one of the world's busiest maritime corridors. The Strait of Hormuz is a critical global shipping route through which nearly one-fifth

of the world's oil supply passes. Any disruption in the region has significant implications for international trade, energy security, and global oil prices.

The attack comes amid heightened tensions in the Middle East, where military confrontations involving Iran have increased concerns over the safety of commercial vessels operating in the region. The latest incident has further intensified fears about maritime security and the risks faced by international shipping crews.

The Indian government is also closely monitoring the condition of the injured crew members and remains in contact with relevant authorities to provide all possible assistance. Officials have assured that every effort is being made to support the affected Indian nationals and their families.

India has reiterated its call for restraint and emphasized the importance of ensuring freedom of navigation through international shipping lanes. The government has urged all parties involved in the regional conflict to avoid actions that could endanger civilian lives or disrupt global maritime trade.



Man Claiming to Be US Citizen Held at Nepal Border

A 36-year-old man claiming to be a US citizen has been arrested near the India-Nepal border in Uttar Pradesh after allegedly attempting to cross into Nepal without carrying valid travel documents. The incident has prompted a detailed investigation by Indian security agencies.

The man identified himself as Jordan Brown, claiming he is a resident of California and a former US Navy officer. He was intercepted by personnel of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) during a routine patrol near the Sonauli border in Maharajganj district. According to officials, he allegedly tried to flee when asked to stop but was quickly apprehended.

During questioning, Brown reportedly told investigators that he had travelled to Thailand on a tourist visa, where he lost his passport. He further claimed that he entered India through Sri Lanka and had been travelling across different parts of the country before reaching the Nepal border.

Authorities said Brown was not carrying any valid passport, visa, or identity documents at the time of his arrest. His claims regarding his identity, travel history, and former

military service are currently being verified. Indian officials have also informed the US Embassy about the incident as part of the verification process.

Police have registered a case under the Foreigners Act and other relevant legal provisions. Investigators are examining how he entered India without proper documentation, how long he remained in the country, and the purpose behind his attempt to cross into Nepal through the sensitive border region.

The arrest has drawn attention because of the strategic importance of the India-Nepal border, where security agencies remain on high alert against illegal crossings and other cross-border activities. Officials have stressed that the investigation is ongoing, and no conclusions have yet been drawn regarding Brown's intentions.

Further action will depend on the outcome of identity verification and the findings of the ongoing investigation. Authorities are also coordinating with relevant diplomatic and security agencies to establish the complete facts surrounding the case.

Trump Reaffirms Strong US Support for Saudi Arabia

US President Donald Trump has reaffirmed America's strong support for Saudi Arabia as tensions in the Middle East continue to escalate amid the ongoing confrontation involving Iran and the Iran-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen.

During high-level discussions with Saudi leaders, Trump reportedly assured the kingdom that the United States would continue to stand by its long-standing ally in countering security threats posed by the Houthis. The renewed commitment comes as the region faces heightened instability following recent military exchanges involving Iran and its allied groups.

The Houthis, who control large parts of Yemen, have carried out repeated missile and drone attacks targeting Saudi Arabia in recent years. The rebel group has also expanded its operations by attacking commercial vessels in the Red Sea, disrupting one of the world's busiest shipping routes and raising concerns over global trade and energy supplies.

Trump emphasized the importance of maintaining regional security and safeguarding international shipping lanes. He



reiterated that the United States remains committed to helping Saudi Arabia defend its territory and strengthen its military capabilities against evolving threats.

The renewed US backing is also seen as part of Washington's broader strategy to contain Iran's influence across the Middle East. American officials have repeatedly accused Tehran of providing military and logistical support to the Houthis, allegations that Iran has consistently denied.

Analysts believe stronger US-Saudi cooperation could lead to increased intelligence sharing, enhanced military coordination, and additional defence assistance as both countries seek to counter regional security

challenges. The latest developments come at a time when geopolitical tensions remain high across the Middle East, with conflicts involving Iran and its regional allies continuing to fuel uncertainty. Any further escalation could have significant implications for global oil markets, maritime security, and regional stability.

While diplomatic efforts to reduce tensions are continuing, the United States has made it clear that it will continue supporting its strategic partners in the region. Trump's renewed commitment underscores Washington's intention to maintain a strong security presence in the Middle East while working closely with Saudi Arabia to address emerging threats.

Oil Prices Hit Four-Week High



oil prices elevated in the coming weeks.

The surge in crude prices also affected global financial markets, with investors worried that higher energy costs could fuel inflation and influence central banks' decisions on interest rates. Industries that depend heavily on fuel, including aviation, transportation, and manufacturing, may face increased operating expenses if oil prices remain high.

Analysts believe market volatility is likely to continue until there is more clarity on the geopolitical situation in the Middle East. Any further escalation or disruption to major shipping routes could push crude prices higher, while dip-

lomatic efforts to reduce tensions may help stabilize markets. For oil-importing countries such as India, sustained high crude prices could increase import costs, widen the trade deficit, and create additional inflationary pressure. Rising fuel prices can also impact consumers and businesses by increasing transportation and production expenses.

With global energy markets closely linked to developments in the Gulf region, governments, companies, and investors are keeping a close watch on the situation. The direction of crude prices in the coming days will largely depend on how geopolitical tensions evolve and whether supply risks continue to increase.

UK to Declare IRGC a Terror Group



The United Kingdom is set to designate Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) as a terrorist organization under new national security legislation, marking a significant shift in Britain's approach toward Tehran.

The move comes after a series of antisemitic attacks and alleged Iran-linked hostile activities in the UK, including suspected plots targeting Jewish communities, Iranian dissidents, journalists, and activists. British authorities believe the IRGC and its affiliated proxy groups have been involved in operations that threaten the country's national security.

Under the proposed measures, supporting the IRGC or acting on its behalf could become a criminal offence, giving law enforcement agencies

broader powers to investigate, arrest, and prosecute individuals linked to the organization. The new framework is intended to close legal loopholes and strengthen Britain's ability to respond to foreign state-backed threats.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer's government has argued that the tougher stance is necessary to counter growing security risks posed by hostile foreign actors operating inside the UK. Officials say the legislation will help prevent espionage, sabotage, intimidation, and other activities allegedly carried out through proxy organizations.

The IRGC is one of Iran's most powerful military institutions and plays a central role in the country's defence, intelligence, and overseas operations. Western governments have re-

peatedly accused the force of supporting armed groups and conducting covert operations beyond Iran's borders, allegations that Tehran has consistently rejected.

Security experts believe the UK's decision aligns Britain more closely with several of its allies that have already taken strong action against the IRGC. The move is also expected to increase pressure on Iran at a time of heightened tensions across the Middle East.

The proposed designation is subject to parliamentary approval before it comes into force. If approved, it would provide British authorities with expanded legal powers to crack down on activities linked to the IRGC and other state-backed organizations considered a threat to national security.



UAE Plans Strategic Port to Boost Trade Security

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is moving ahead with plans to develop a new port on its eastern coastline, a strategic project aimed at reducing its dependence on the Strait of Hormuz, one of the world's most important and vulnerable maritime trade routes.

The decision comes amid growing geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and concerns that any military confrontation involving Iran could disrupt shipping through the narrow waterway. The Strait of Hormuz handles a significant share of the world's crude oil and liquefied natural gas exports, making it a critical artery for global energy supplies.

By developing a port on the eastern coast facing the Arabian Sea, the UAE hopes to create an alternative route for trade and energy exports that bypasses the Strait of Hormuz. The project is expected to strengthen the country's supply chain resilience and reduce risks associated with potential regional conflicts.

The proposed port will also complement the UAE's existing infrastructure investments, including pipelines and logistics networks designed to transport oil and other goods without relying entirely on the Strait of Hormuz. Officials believe these measures will enhance the country's long-term energy security and economic stability.

The move reflects growing

concerns among Gulf nations over the vulnerability of maritime trade routes during periods of heightened regional tensions. Recent conflicts and security incidents in the region have reinforced the need for alternative export and shipping corridors.

Industry experts believe the new port could improve the UAE's position as a global logistics and trade hub by providing greater operational flexibility for shipping companies and exporters. It could also attract additional investments in transportation, storage, and industrial infrastructure along the country's eastern coast.

The project is expected to support the UAE's broader strategy of diversifying its economy while strengthening its role in international trade. Improved connectivity to global shipping routes could enhance the country's competitiveness and reduce disruptions caused by geopolitical uncertainties.

Although construction timelines and investment details have not yet been officially disclosed, the proposed port is viewed as a significant strategic initiative. As regional tensions continue to influence global energy markets, the UAE's efforts to develop alternative trade routes are expected to play an increasingly important role in ensuring stable exports and uninterrupted commercial activity.



Six Dead After PoK Protest Turns Violent

At least six civilians were killed after Pakistani security forces allegedly opened fire during violent clashes in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir (PoK), further escalating tensions in the region.

The incident reportedly took place near Rawalakot, where large groups of people had gathered to protest against the authorities. The demonstrations soon turned violent, leading to confrontations between protesters and security personnel. According to reports, the forces opened fire to disperse the crowd, resulting in multiple fatalities and several injuries.

Among those killed were several local residents, while many others sustained injuries during the clashes. The violence has intensified unrest in the region, where public resentment against Islamabad has been growing over political, economic, and administrative issues.

Eyewitnesses claimed that security personnel used live ammunition after the protests spiralled out of control. Videos and images circulating on social media appeared to show chaotic scenes, with protesters running for safety and injured civilians being rushed to near-

by hospitals.

The latest violence follows weeks of demonstrations in several parts of Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, where protesters have been demanding greater rights, improved governance, and relief from economic hardships. Civil society groups have also voiced concerns over the handling of public protests by the authorities.

The incident has drawn attention to the volatile situation in the region, with observers warning that continued unrest could further destabilize the area. Calls have been made for restraint and an impartial investigation into the firing that led to the civilian deaths.

Authorities in Pakistan have yet to provide a detailed official account of the incident or announce whether an inquiry will be launched. Meanwhile, tensions remain high as security forces continue to maintain a heavy presence in the affected areas.

The latest clashes add to growing concerns over law and order in Pakistan-Occupied Kashmir, where recurring protests and confrontations have kept the region on edge in recent weeks.

Sensex, Nifty End Lower Amid Global Worries

Indian benchmark equity indices ended lower on Tuesday as weak global cues and rising geopolitical tensions weighed heavily on investor sentiment. Selling pressure in IT, financial and auto stocks dragged the markets lower, while pharma stocks emerged as the biggest gainers during the session.

The BSE Sensex declined 561 points to close at around 77,055, while the NSE Nifty 50 slipped nearly 159 points to settle close to 24,052, after witnessing a

volatile trading session. Both indices recovered from their intraday lows but failed to end in positive territory.

Investor sentiment remained under pressure due to escalating tensions in the Middle East, which pushed global crude oil prices higher. Rising oil prices have renewed concerns over inflation and India's import bill, prompting investors to adopt a cautious approach. Weak global markets further added to the negative mood.

Among sectoral indices, IT stocks witnessed heavy selling, with several frontline technology companies ending lower. Banking, financial services, automobile and metal stocks also remained under pressure throughout the day.

On the positive side, the pharma sector bucked the broader market trend. Pharmaceutical stocks attracted buying interest as investors shifted towards defensive sectors amid growing market uncertainty. Healthcare shares

also ended with notable gains.

The broader market also reflected weakness, with both the mid-cap and small-cap indices closing in the red. Market breadth remained negative, indicating that declining stocks outnumbered advancing ones across the exchanges.

Analysts believe that volatility is likely to continue in the coming sessions as investors closely monitor geopolitical developments, crude oil prices, global market trends and upcoming corporate earnings.

The progress of the earnings season will play a crucial role in determining the market's near-term direction.

Despite the day's decline, market experts maintain that the long-term fundamentals of the Indian economy remain strong. However, they advise investors to remain cautious in the short term, avoid aggressive positions during periods of heightened volatility, and focus on fundamentally strong companies.

With global uncertainties



continuing to dominate investor sentiment, market participants are expected to keep a close watch on international developments, institutional investment flows, crude oil prices, and quarterly earnings for fresh market cues.

Pharma Stocks Shine Amid Market Weakness

The Nifty Pharma index outperformed the broader market on Tuesday, rising nearly 1% even as benchmark indices ended the day in the red. Strong buying interest in pharmaceutical stocks helped the sector emerge as one of the top performers, with Biocon and Divi's Laboratories leading the gains.

Several frontline pharma companies, including Sun Pharma, Cipla, and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories, also traded higher, reflecting renewed investor confidence in the healthcare sector. The rally stood out against a weak overall market, where concerns over global uncertainties and geopolitical tensions weighed on sentiment.

According to market analysts, three key factors drove the sharp rise in pharma stocks.

First, India's pharmaceutical market recorded over 13% year-on-year growth in June sales, marking the strongest monthly growth since October 2023. The



healthy demand outlook has improved investor confidence in the sector's earnings potential.

Second, investors shifted towards defensive sectors amid increased market volatility. With global uncertainties, rising crude oil prices, and geopolitical concerns affecting broader equities, pharmaceutical companies were viewed as relatively safe investments due to their stable earnings and resilient business models.

Third, expectations of strong quarterly earnings and continued export demand encouraged fresh buying in pharma stocks. Analysts believe improving domestic sales, steady global demand, and a healthy product pipeline could support revenue growth for leading pharmaceutical companies in the coming quarters.

Biocon and Divi's Laboratories emerged among the biggest gainers during the session,

while other major players such as Sun Pharma, Cipla, and Dr. Reddy's Laboratories also posted healthy gains. The broad-based buying indicated growing optimism across the pharmaceutical sector rather than interest in just a few individual stocks.

Market experts believe the pharma sector could continue to attract investor attention if domestic demand remains strong and global healthcare spending stays resilient. At the same time, investors are expected to closely monitor upcoming quarterly earnings for further confirmation of the sector's growth momentum.

While the broader equity market continues to face headwinds from global developments, the pharmaceutical sector's defensive nature and improving business fundamentals have positioned it as one of the preferred investment themes in the current market environment.

Baroda BNP Launches Services Fund

Baroda BNP Paribas Mutual Fund has launched the Baroda BNP Paribas Services Fund, a new thematic equity scheme aimed at helping investors benefit from the rapid expansion of India's services sector. The New Fund Offer (NFO) is now open for subscription and seeks to capitalize on one of the country's fastest-growing economic segments.



The open-ended equity fund will invest in companies operating across a wide range of service-oriented industries, including banking and financial services (BFSI), information technology, telecommunications, healthcare, retail, hospitality, logistics, media, and e-commerce. Unlike a sector-specific fund that focuses on a single industry, the scheme aims to provide diversified exposure to businesses driving India's expanding services economy.

India's services sector has become a major pillar of the country's economic growth, contributing significantly to GDP, employment, exports, and digital transformation. Rising consumer spending, rapid urbanisation, increasing internet penetration, and the government's focus on digital infrastructure have further strengthened the long-term prospects of service-based businesses.

The fund aims to identify companies with strong growth potential across multiple ser-

vice industries, allowing investors to participate in long-term structural growth rather than relying on the performance of a single sector. This diversified approach is expected to reduce concentration risk while capturing opportunities across various segments of the economy.

According to the fund house, the scheme is suitable for investors with a long-term investment horizon who are willing to accept the risks associated with equity investments. As a thematic fund, its performance will largely depend on the growth trajectory of companies operating in the services ecosystem.

The launch comes at a time when thematic investing is gaining popularity among retail investors seeking focused exposure to sectors expected to benefit from India's long-term economic expansion. With services accounting for a substantial share of the country's GDP,

the new fund is positioned to benefit from evolving consumption patterns, technological advancements, and increasing demand for quality services.

Market experts believe India's services sector is likely to remain one of the key drivers of economic growth over the coming years. Businesses in areas such as financial services, healthcare, technology, and digital commerce are expected to play an increasingly important role, creating attractive investment opportunities.

While the Baroda BNP Paribas Services Fund offers exposure to a promising theme, financial advisors recommend that investors evaluate their risk appetite, investment goals, and portfolio diversification before investing in thematic mutual funds. Such funds can offer significant long-term growth potential but may also experience higher volatility compared to diversified equity schemes.

Devson Catalyst IPO Allotment Today

The basis of allotment for the Devson Catalyst SME IPO is set to be finalized today, following overwhelming investor demand during the subscription period. Investors who applied for the issue can check their allotment status through the registrar's website or the BSE portal using their PAN or application number.

The 42.34-crore SME IPO received an exceptional response from investors, with the issue being subscribed over 205 times overall. Strong participation was witnessed across all investor categories, reflecting robust confidence in the company's growth prospects. Retail investors led the demand, with their reserved portion subscribed nearly 244 times, while the non-institution-



al investor (NII) and qualified institutional buyer (QIB) segments also recorded heavy oversubscription.

According to grey market trends, the IPO is commanding a Grey Market Premium (GMP) of around 49 per share, indicating a potential listing gain of approximately 41% over the upper price band of 118. However, mar-

ket experts caution that GMP is an unofficial indicator and actual listing performance may differ depending on market conditions and investor sentiment.

The public issue consisted of a fresh issue worth 39.39 crore and an Offer for Sale (OFS) of 2.95 crore. The proceeds from the fresh issue are expected to be used for business expansion,

working capital requirements, and other corporate purposes.

Investors who receive allotment can expect the shares to be credited to their demat accounts before the scheduled listing. Those who do not receive shares will have their blocked funds released as per the IPO timetable. The company's shares are slated to list on the BSE SME platform on July 16.

The massive oversubscription and strong grey market premium have made Devson Catalyst one of the most closely watched SME IPOs in recent weeks. Market participants will now closely track the listing performance to see whether the stock lives up to the high expectations generated during the subscription process.

Wealth Company Launches Mid Cap Fund



The Wealth Company Mutual Fund has announced the launch of its new Mid Cap Fund, an open-ended equity scheme designed to help investors participate in the growth of India's fast-expanding mid-sized companies. The New Fund Offer (NFO) opens on July 15 and will remain available for subscription until July 29.

The fund will invest predominantly in mid-cap stocks, aiming to identify businesses that have already established themselves but still possess significant potential for future expansion. Mid-cap companies are often viewed as the next generation of market leaders, offering investors an opportunity to benefit from long-term wealth creation.

The scheme will be benchmarked against the Nifty Mid-cap 150 Total Return Index (TRI), allowing investors to compare the fund's performance with a widely followed mid-cap benchmark.

According to the fund house,

India's economic growth, rising domestic consumption, digital transformation, and increasing formalisation of businesses are creating a favourable environment for mid-cap companies. Many of these firms are expanding rapidly, improving profitability, and strengthening their market presence, making them attractive long-term investment opportunities.

The fund aims to build a diversified portfolio by investing across multiple sectors and industries. The investment strategy will focus on companies with strong business models, capable management teams, healthy financials, and sustainable earnings growth.

Mid-cap stocks have historically delivered attractive returns over long investment horizons, although they tend to experience higher volatility than large-cap stocks. Because of this, the fund is best suited for investors with a long-term investment horizon and a higher tolerance for market

fluctuations.

The launch comes amid growing investor interest in mid-cap mutual funds, as many investors look beyond established blue-chip companies to identify businesses that could become tomorrow's industry leaders.

Fund managers believe India's structural growth story, supported by infrastructure development, manufacturing expansion, technological innovation, and rising consumer demand, provides a strong foundation for quality mid-cap businesses to flourish in the coming years.

While the Wealth Company Mid Cap Fund offers exposure to a high-growth segment of the equity market, financial experts advise investors to assess their financial goals, risk appetite, and overall portfolio allocation before investing. A disciplined long-term approach and proper diversification remain essential when investing in mid-cap-oriented mutual funds.

SK Hynix Set to Gain From Rule Changes

South Korean memory chip giant SK Hynix is expected to benefit from proposed regulatory changes after the country's ruling party announced plans to relax capital-raising rules for listed companies. The move is aimed at making it easier for businesses to secure funding while strengthening South Korea's competitiveness in key industries such as semiconductors.

The proposed reforms are designed to simplify the process of raising capital through equity offerings and other financing methods. Policymakers believe the changes will help companies respond more quickly to growing investment needs, particularly in high-tech sectors that require significant capital expenditure.

SK Hynix, one of the world's largest manufacturers of memory chips, is expected to be among the biggest beneficiaries. The company has been investing heavily in advanced semiconductor technologies, including high-bandwidth memory (HBM) chips that are witnessing strong global demand due to the rap-



id growth of artificial intelligence (AI) applications.

Industry experts believe easier access to capital would allow SK Hynix to accelerate investments in manufacturing capacity, research and development, and next-generation chip technologies. This could strengthen its competitive position against global rivals in the rapidly evolving semiconductor market.

The proposed policy changes also reflect South Korea's

broader strategy of supporting its semiconductor industry, which remains a key pillar of the country's economy and export growth. The government has been introducing several initiatives to encourage investment and maintain the nation's leadership in the global chip industry.

Market participants welcomed the proposal, noting that more flexible fundraising regulations could improve financial efficiency for large

corporations while also benefiting smaller technology companies looking to expand their operations.

The reforms come at a time when semiconductor companies worldwide are increasing investments to meet rising demand for AI processors, data centers, and high-performance computing solutions. Easier capital access could help South Korean firms respond more effectively to these opportunities.

Although the proposal has generated positive sentiment in financial markets, the regulatory changes are still subject to the legislative process before they can be implemented. Investors will closely monitor further developments and assess how the new framework could influence corporate fundraising and long-term growth across South Korea's technology sector.

If approved, the reforms could provide a significant boost to companies like SK Hynix, enabling them to raise funds more efficiently and strengthen their position in the highly competitive global semiconductor industry.

Student's ₹81,000 France Budget Goes Viral

An Indian student studying in France has gone viral after sharing a detailed breakdown of her monthly expenses, revealing that she spends nearly 81,000 every month to manage her life abroad. While many viewers appreciated the transparency of her financial planning, others questioned whether some of the figures—particularly her grocery expenses—were realistic, sparking a lively debate on social media.

The student, Reine, a 20-year-old pursuing her bachelor's de-

gree in the French city of Lille, posted a video on Instagram explaining how she manages her monthly budget. According to her, housing is by far the biggest expense. She pays approximately 60,000 per month for shared accommodation that includes a private bathroom, making rent the largest portion of her overall spending.

Apart from rent, Reine said she spends around 10,900 on groceries every month. She explained that the relatively low food bill is possible because she prepares most of her meals at

home instead of eating out frequently. Her disciplined approach to cooking and meal planning, she said, helps her keep grocery costs under control.

Transportation is another essential expense. Reine purchases a student travel pass that costs about 3,500 per month, allowing her to commute conveniently within Lille. In addition, she allocates 5,400 to 7,600 every month for personal expenses such as shopping, meeting friends for coffee, dining occasionally at Indian restaurants,

and enjoying weekend outings. The student also clarified that living expenses can differ significantly depending on the city, accommodation choices, and individual lifestyle. She stressed that her figures reflect her personal experience and are meant to give prospective students a realistic idea of what everyday life in France might cost.

Her video quickly attracted thousands of comments. While several viewers praised her budgeting skills and found the expense breakdown useful,

many questioned how she managed to keep her monthly grocery bill below 11,000 in France. Others argued that her rent appeared unusually high for shared accommodation in Lille, with some claiming they had rented private studios for considerably less.

Some users responded humorously, with one commenting that her monthly budget exceeded their entire annual budget, highlighting the stark contrast in living costs and spending habits across countries. Others pointed out that international



students often have vastly different experiences depending on their accommodation, city, and personal lifestyle choices.

The discussion has once again drawn attention to the financial realities of studying

abroad, reminding aspiring international students that careful budgeting, location, and lifestyle decisions play a crucial role in managing expenses while pursuing higher education overseas.

Loyal Dog Dies After Owner's Funeral

In a deeply emotional incident from Madhya Pradesh's Betul district, a 15-year-old pet dog reportedly died moments after accompanying the funeral procession of its beloved owner, leaving family members and onlookers in tears. The heartbreaking story has gone viral on social media, with many calling it a powerful example of the unconditional bond between humans and their pets.

The owner, Pradeep Jain (67), passed away while undergoing treatment at AIIMS Bhopal. After his body was brought back to his home in Betul, the family's pet dog, Duggu, refused to leave his owner's side. According to family members, the dog appeared restless and distressed throughout the night, barking continuously and trying to get close to Pradeep's body.

On the morning of the funeral, the family allowed Dug-



gu to spend a few final moments beside his owner. The elderly dog quietly sat near Pradeep Jain's body, as if bidding him a last farewell. Those present were moved by the emotional scene.

As the funeral procession began, Duggu reportedly walked alongside the bier for a short distance. However, moments later, the dog suddenly collapsed and died. Family members believe the loyal pet

was unable to bear the grief of losing the person with whom it had spent the last 15 years.

Pradeep Jain's younger brother, Dilip Jain, said Duggu had been a cherished member of the family since he was a puppy. The dog would eagerly wait for Pradeep to return home every day, eat meals with him, and even become unwell whenever his owner fell sick. Their close companionship had become well known

among relatives and neighbours. Following the emotional incident, the family decided to give both owner and pet a final farewell together. While Pradeep Jain was cremated according to Hindu traditions at Ganj Mokshdham, Duggu was buried nearby with full respect and dignity.

The story has resonated with thousands online, with social media users expressing grief and admiration for Duggu's unwavering loyalty. Many described the incident as a reminder that the bond between humans and animals often goes beyond words, with pets offering unconditional love and companionship throughout their lives.

The touching farewell has become a symbol of loyalty and devotion, leaving many people emotional and reinforcing the belief that pets are not just animals but cherished members of the family.

₹2.1 Crore Job Offer Sparks Online Debate

A 21-year-old Indian engineering student has gone viral after sharing screenshots of an unexpected job offer that allegedly came from a Pakistan-based company. The offer, promising an annual salary of up to 2.1 crore along with visa sponsorship, has triggered widespread debate online, with many questioning whether it was a genuine opportunity, a recruitment scam, or simply an attempt to gain attention on social media.

The student, identified as Aditya, posted screenshots on X showing a WhatsApp conversation with a recruiter claiming to represent a company headquartered in Karachi, Pakistan. According to the messages, the recruiter reached out after finding Aditya's profile and offered him an onsite position with a salary ranging between \$180,000 and \$220,000 per year (approximately 1.7 crore to 2.1 crore). The recruiter also claimed that the role included visa sponsorship and that most of the company's employees worked in the UK time zone.

Sharing the screenshots, Aditya asked social media users whether he should consider accepting the offer. His post quickly went viral, attracting thousands of reactions, comments, and shares.

The unusually high salary package and the fact that the company was allegedly based in Pakistan immediately caught people's attention. While some users responded with humour, joking that they too would relocate for such a lucrative package, others remained highly sceptical.

Many social media users pointed out that unsolicited job offers promising exceptionally high salaries, overseas relocation, and visa sponsorship are common warning signs associated with recruitment scams. Several advised the stu-



dent to thoroughly verify the company's background, recruiter credentials, and employment details before responding.

Others questioned whether the post itself was authentic, suggesting it might be an example of "engagement farming"—a strategy where users post sensational or controversial content primarily to generate likes, comments, shares, and online visibility rather than provide genuine information. As the discussion intensified, many users urged job seekers to remain cautious while dealing with unsolicited offers received through messaging platforms. They stressed the importance of conducting background

checks, verifying company websites, confirming recruiter identities, and avoiding sharing personal or financial information until the legitimacy of an offer is established.

So far, the authenticity of the recruiter, the company, and the job offer has not been independently verified. Whether it was a genuine recruitment attempt, a scam, or simply a viral social media experiment remains unclear.

The incident has nevertheless sparked an important conversation about online recruitment, digital scams, and the need for greater caution as high-paying international job offers continue to circulate across social media platforms.

₹7 Lakh Salary, Yet No Financial Peace

A 29-year-old IT professional earning nearly 7 lakh a month has sparked an intense discussion online after revealing that, despite his impressive income and substantial savings, he still doesn't feel financially secure. His story has resonated with thousands, highlighting the growing struggle between chasing wealth and maintaining a healthy work-life balance.

The techie, identified as Rohit, shared his story in a video posted by personal finance coach and wealth manager Anshuman Sharma. Rohit explained that he works two full-time jobs—one during the day for an Indian company and another at night for a US-based firm. Together, the two roles require him to work nearly 16 hours a day, leaving little time for himself or his family.

Despite earning around 7 lakh every month, Rohit admitted that he constantly worries about money. He recently became a father and has taken on



several financial commitments, including purchasing an 85 lakh two-bedroom apartment and a new car. His monthly expenses include a 60,000 home loan EMI, a 28,000 car EMI, and household expenses of around 1.3-1.4 lakh, making him feel the need to keep earning at his current pace.

What surprised many viewers was that Rohit has already built an impressive financial portfolio at just 29 years of age. He revealed that he has around 70 lakh invested in mutual

funds, 2 lakh in stocks, and 10 lakh in fixed deposits, taking his total savings to more than 80 lakh.

Financial coach Anshuman Sharma questioned whether continuing such an exhausting lifestyle was really necessary. He pointed out that Rohit has no wedding-related debt, owns two properties, and has savings equivalent to nearly four years of his current expenses. Sharma suggested that instead of aggressively saving 4 lakh every month, Rohit could choose

to save 2 lakh, spend more time with his newborn child, and still retire only a few years later than originally planned.

Rohit responded that his long-term goal is to accumulate 7-8 crore within the next five to six years. Once he reaches that target, he plans to quit his day job and continue working only in his higher-paying night role. The story has sparked widespread discussion on social media, with many professionals saying it reflects the silent pressure faced by high-income earners. While financial success is often viewed as the ultimate goal, many users noted that time with family, personal well-being, and mental health can be just as valuable as a growing bank balance.

The incident has also reignited conversations about modern work culture, with experts emphasizing that financial independence should ideally come without sacrificing physical health, relationships, and overall quality of life.

Viral Post Warns Youth Against EMIs

A social media post advising young people to avoid falling into the trap of Equated Monthly Installments (EMIs) has ignited a heated debate online. The post argues that while EMIs may make expensive purchases seem affordable, they often end up restricting financial freedom and forcing people into years of repayments.

The man behind the viral post urged youngsters to think carefully before financing lifestyle purchases such as smartphones, cars, luxury gadgets, and other non-essential items. According to him, taking loans for depreciating assets can lead to unnecessary financial stress and reduce one's ability to save or invest for the future.

He explained that many young professionals begin their careers with multiple EMIs, leaving a significant portion of their monthly salary committed to repayments. As a result, they often struggle to build an emergency fund, invest consistently, or pursue personal goals because a large share of their income is already earmarked



for loan obligations.

The post emphasized that financial independence is achieved not by earning a high salary alone but by controlling expenses and avoiding unnecessary debt. Instead of buying everything on credit, the man encouraged youngsters to save first and purchase items only when they can comfortably afford them.

He also advised prioritizing investments, emergency savings, and long-term wealth creation over lifestyle upgrades. According to his message, avoiding debt early in life provides greater flexibility to

switch careers, start a business, travel, or handle unexpected financial emergencies without the burden of monthly repayments.

The advice quickly went viral, attracting mixed reactions from social media users. Many agreed with the message, saying that consumer culture and easy financing options have encouraged people to live beyond their means. Several users shared personal experiences of feeling trapped by multiple EMIs despite earning good salaries.

However, others argued that not all loans are harmful. Many

pointed out that home loans and education loans are often necessary investments that can improve long-term financial stability and career prospects. Some also said that responsible borrowing, when managed within one's income, can help individuals build assets without waiting for years to save the entire amount.

Financial experts also note that the key lies in distinguishing between productive debt and lifestyle debt. Loans taken to acquire appreciating assets or improve earning potential may be worthwhile, whereas borrowing for luxury purchases that quickly lose value should be approached with caution.

The discussion has once again highlighted the growing concern over lifestyle inflation among young professionals. While EMIs can make expensive purchases more accessible, many believe financial discipline, careful budgeting, and responsible borrowing remain essential for achieving long-term financial security.

Labrador Rescued After Cannabis Poisoning

A five-year-old black Labrador named Tokyo had a terrifying experience after reportedly consuming discarded cannabis while hiking on Ben Nevis, the highest mountain in the United Kingdom. The incident led to a dramatic mountain rescue operation and has sparked concern among pet owners about hidden dangers on popular hiking trails.

Tokyo was hiking with her owner, Christina Bluhme, an experienced dog trainer from Surrey, England, along with her son and another pet dog. The group had climbed several hours up the mountain when Tokyo suddenly began behaving unusually. She started staggering, lost the use of her legs, and drifted in and out of consciousness, leaving her owner fearing the worst.

With the dog unable to walk and the weather deteriorating rapidly, Christina called for emergency assistance. Fortunately, members of the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team, who were already returning from another rescue mission, reached the group and immediately stepped in to help.

The rescue team carefully placed the 25-kilogram Labrador on a stretcher and carried her down the steep, rocky mountain trail. Tokyo was



then rushed to a veterinary clinic in Fort William, where doctors initially suspected a spinal injury. However, after further examination and consultation with a poison control centre, veterinarians concluded that the dog's symptoms were consistent with cannabis toxicity, likely caused by ingesting cannabis discarded along the hiking route.

Veterinarians treated Tokyo with activated charcoal and supportive care. Thankfully, she responded well to treatment and made a full recovery by the following day.

Relieved after the ordeal, Christina expressed heartfelt gratitude to the rescue volunteers and veterinary staff, saying their quick response saved Tokyo's life. She also urged fellow dog owners to remain vigilant, warning that harmful

substances can sometimes be found even in remote and scenic outdoor locations.

Experts say dogs are significantly more sensitive to cannabis than humans because they possess a higher concentration of cannabinoid receptors in their brains. Even a small amount can cause symptoms such as disorientation, loss of balance, vomiting, lethargy, seizures, and, in severe cases, unconsciousness or coma.

The incident has also highlighted the dedication of volunteer mountain rescue teams, whose timely intervention prevented the situation from turning into a tragedy. It serves as an important reminder for hikers and pet owners alike to remain cautious and ensure outdoor spaces are kept free of litter and potentially dangerous substances.

India Plans ODI Rotation Ahead of World Cup

With the 2027 ICC ODI World Cup drawing closer, the Indian cricket team management is reportedly working on a comprehensive rotation policy aimed at keeping senior players fresh and injury-free for the marquee tournament. The strategy is expected to balance the workload of experienced stars while providing promising youngsters with valuable international exposure in the lead-up to the World Cup.

According to reports, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), in consultation with the team management, is

considering resting key players during selected bilateral ODI series over the next year. The primary objective is to avoid player burnout, manage fitness more effectively, and ensure that India's senior cricketers are in peak physical and mental condition when the World Cup begins.

One of the biggest challenges in implementing the plan is expected to be convincing veterans Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to sit out selected matches. Both stalwarts have consistently expressed their preference for playing regularly to main-

tain rhythm and match fitness. Their commitment to representing India in every available opportunity could make workload management a delicate balancing act for the coaching staff.

The proposed rotation policy is not intended to reduce the role of the senior duo but rather to maximize their effectiveness during the World Cup. With both players in the later stages of their careers and the international calendar becoming increasingly demanding, managing their workload has become a priority. The team management believes carefully planned

breaks could help extend their longevity and ensure they remain at their best during crucial ICC events.

The strategy is also expected to strengthen India's bench. Giving younger cricketers more opportunities in bilateral ODI series will allow selectors to assess their abilities under international pressure and build a larger pool of match-ready players. Developing reliable backup options for every position could prove vital if injuries or loss of form affect the squad during major tournaments.

India has successfully used

similar workload management strategies in Test cricket, particularly with fast bowlers and all-rounders, who have often been rested during less important series. Extending a structured rotation policy to the ODI format reflects the team's long-term planning and its focus on sustained success in global competitions.

Despite the emphasis on resting players, maintaining team balance and momentum will remain equally important. The management will have to identify the right matches in which senior players can be rested



without disrupting the team's preparation or competitive rhythm.

Although no official announcement has been made, reports indicate that discussions are progressing as India begins

its roadmap towards the 2027 ICC ODI World Cup. Player fitness, squad depth, and long-term success are expected to remain at the heart of the team's planning as it aims to reclaim the coveted World Cup title.

Dilip Set to Leave India Coaching Staff



India's fielding coach T. Dilip is reportedly set to step down from his role after the ongoing ODI series against England, bringing an end to a successful stint with the national team. According to reports, Dilip has already informed the BCCI of his decision and is expected to leave the support staff once the series concludes.

T. Dilip has been an integral part of India's coaching setup over the past few years, earning widespread praise for transforming the team's fielding standards. Under his guidance, India introduced several innovative methods to improve fielding performance, fitness,

and player involvement.

One of his most popular initiatives was the "Best Fielder" medal ceremony, presented after every match. The unique tradition became a fan favourite, boosting team morale and encouraging healthy competition among players to excel in the field.

During his tenure, several Indian cricketers showed noticeable improvement in their athleticism and fielding efficiency. The coaching staff consistently emphasized that fielding could be the difference between winning and losing close matches, making it a major focus area.

Reports suggest that Dilip's decision is a personal one, and he has already communicated his intentions to the board. However, neither the BCCI nor the coach has issued an official statement confirming the development.

His possible departure comes at a time when the Indian team is preparing for a busy international calendar, including major ICC tournaments. The BCCI is expected to begin the process of identifying a suitable replacement if the resignation is officially accepted.

T. Dilip's contribution has extended beyond technical

coaching. He played a key role in building a positive dressing-room atmosphere through innovative team-building activities and motivational initiatives, earning the respect of players across generations.

If the reports prove accurate, his exit will mark the end of a significant chapter in India's support staff. While the team will continue its preparations for upcoming assignments, Dilip's efforts in raising India's fielding standards are likely to leave a lasting impact on the national side.

An official confirmation from the BCCI regarding his future is still awaited.

Argentina to Wear Blue Against England



Defending world champions Argentina are set to add another fascinating chapter to one of football's greatest rivalries after reportedly receiving FIFA's approval to wear their iconic dark blue away kit for their upcoming FIFA World Cup clash against England. While the decision is primarily based on kit regulations, it has sparked widespread discussion among fans, many of whom believe the famous blue jersey carries a psychological advantage against their old rivals.

The blue strip holds a special place in Argentine football history, particularly because of its association with the memorable 1986 FIFA World Cup quarter-final against England. On that occasion, Diego Maradona produced one of the greatest individual displays in World Cup history, scoring both the controversial "Hand of God" goal and the breathtaking solo effort later named the "Goal of the Century." Argentina went on to win the tournament, cementing the blue jersey's place in football folklore.

Because of that historic triumph, many Argentine supporters regard the blue kit as a symbol of confidence, resilience, and success. Reports suggest that its return against England has generated excitement among fans, who believe revisiting those famous colours could provide an emotional lift to the defending champions ahead of another

high-stakes encounter.

FIFA's approval reportedly allows Argentina to wear the away strip despite England's traditional white home kit. The governing body determines kit selections based on colour contrast guidelines to ensure both teams are easily distinguishable during matches. Although the decision follows standard regulations, it has become a major talking point because of the rich history shared by the two footballing nations.

The development has triggered lively debate across social media platforms. While some supporters see the blue jersey as a clever psychological weapon capable of reviving memories of past victories, others dismiss such theories, arguing that modern football is decided by tactics, preparation, teamwork, and performances rather than the colour of a team's shirt.

The Argentina-England rivalry remains among the fiercest in international football, shaped by decades of unforgettable World Cup meetings and dramatic moments. Every encounter between the two nations attracts enormous global attention, and even seemingly minor details, such as the choice of jerseys, often become subjects of intense discussion.

Ultimately, the outcome of the match will be determined by what happens on the pitch rather than by history or symbolism. Nevertheless, the return of Argentina's iconic blue kit has added another intriguing subplot to an already captivating contest. As fans eagerly await the World Cup showdown, many will be watching to see whether the famous jersey once again becomes part of Argentine football history or whether England can write a memorable chapter of its own.

Spain Unfazed by France's Mind Games

The build-up to the FIFA World Cup semi-final between Spain and France has seen the psychological battle begin well before kickoff, with both teams looking to gain every possible advantage ahead of one of the tournament's biggest matches. While France have praised Spain's impressive form throughout the competition, the Spanish camp insists it is not paying attention to what it views as pre-match mind games.

In recent days, members of the French squad and coaching staff have described Spain as one of the strongest teams in the tournament, acknowledging the quality of their performances. However, Spanish players believe the compliments may be part of a strategy to shift pressure onto their opponents before the crucial knockout clash.

Speaking ahead of the semi-final, one senior Spanish player dismissed the discussion, saying the team was "not falling into that trap." He stressed that the players are fully focused on their preparation and have no intention of being distracted by comments made outside the dressing room. According to the Spanish camp, success will depend on performance on the pitch rather than psychological tactics in the media.

Spain have been among the standout teams of the tournament, impressing with their disciplined defending, quick



passing, and attacking style of play. Their consistency has established them as serious contenders for the World Cup title, and confidence within the squad remains high heading into the last four.

France, meanwhile, have once again shown why they are regarded as one of international football's strongest sides. Packed with experienced stars who have excelled on the biggest stages, the French squad possesses both quality and depth. Their ability to thrive under pressure has made them one of the favourites to lift the trophy.

Mind games have long been

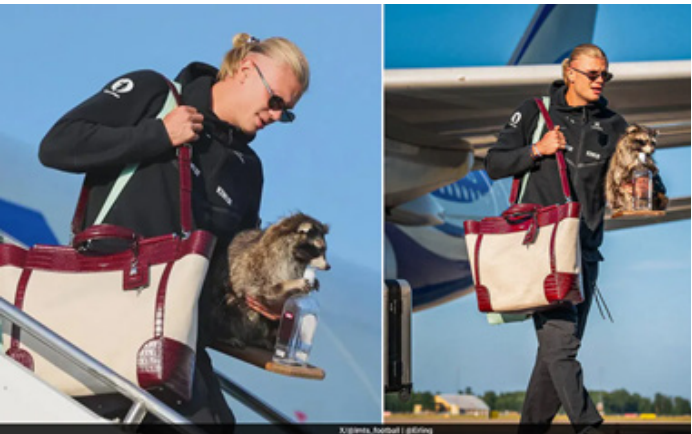
a feature of major international tournaments. Coaches and players often use public comments to ease expectations on their own teams or place additional pressure on opponents. Such psychological tactics are considered part of elite-level competition, particularly when a place in the World Cup final is at stake.

Despite the media attention surrounding the exchange of comments, Spain have maintained that they remain focused solely on executing their game plan. The players believe maintaining composure, staying mentally strong,

and delivering another disciplined performance will be the keys to overcoming the French challenge.

Football fans around the world are eagerly awaiting what promises to be one of the most exciting matches of the tournament. With two European giants battling for a place in the FIFA World Cup final, the contest is expected to feature tactical brilliance, world-class talent, and high-intensity football. Regardless of the pre-match psychological battle, the outcome will ultimately be decided by which team performs better when the whistle blows.

Haaland's Raccoon Souvenir Goes Viral



Norwegian football star Erling Haaland has become an internet sensation for an unexpected reason after returning home from the 2026 FIFA World Cup carrying a taxidermied raccoon instead of a trophy. The unusual souvenir quickly grabbed attention on social media, with fans amused by the striker's quirky choice of keepsake following Norway's memorable campaign.

As the Norwegian squad landed back home after an impressive run in the tournament, supporters welcomed the players with cheers. However, it was Haaland who stole the spotlight after he was seen stepping off the team plane holding a stuffed raccoon. Images of the bizarre item spread rapidly across social media platforms, leaving football fans curious about how and why the Manchester City striker ended up bringing it home.

The story behind the souvenir turned out to be as entertaining as the images themselves. During the World Cup in the United States, Haaland reportedly visited a western-themed souvenir shop in Dallas, Texas. While browsing the store, he spotted a taxidermied raccoon holding a whiskey bottle on display. Amused by the unusual item, the striker decided to purchase it for around \$750 and keep it as a memorable reminder of his World Cup

experience.

After pictures of the raccoon went viral, fans flooded social media with questions and jokes about the unexpected purchase. Staying true to his playful personality, Haaland responded with humour, joking that "It followed me home." He also invited supporters to help name the raccoon through an online poll, further entertaining fans and keeping the conversation alive.

Although Norway's impressive World Cup journey ended in the quarter-finals, the team returned home to a warm reception from supporters. Haaland was one of the standout performers during the tournament, producing several memorable displays and reinforcing his reputation as one of the world's leading footballers. His unusual souvenir has now be-

come an unexpected highlight of Norway's campaign.

The stuffed raccoon has since emerged as one of the most talked-about keepsakes from the 2026 FIFA World Cup. Fans across social media praised Haaland's light-hearted nature, with many saying the quirky purchase perfectly reflects his sense of humour away from the football field.

While Haaland will primarily be remembered for his goals, leadership, and performances during the World Cup, his unexpected "travel companion" has ensured he also leaves the tournament with one of its most entertaining off-field stories. The viral raccoon has become a symbol of the striker's fun-loving personality and has added a memorable chapter to an already remarkable World Cup journey.



Balakrishna, Anil Ravipudi Reunion on Cards

A fresh buzz in Tollywood suggests that Nandamuri Balakrishna and director Anil Ravipudi could be joining hands once again after the success of Bhagavanth Kesari. While there has been no official announcement yet, reports indicate that discussions for a second collaboration are underway.

The duo's previous film, Bhagavanth Kesari, was both a commercial and critical success. The emotional action drama received widespread appreciation for its engaging storyline, Balakrishna's powerful performance, and its strong message on women's empowerment. The film also showcased a different side of the actor, making it one of the most memorable films in his recent career.

According to industry buzz, the proposed project is being planned as a Sankranti 2028 release, with the festive season expected to provide a strong platform at the box office. However, the project is still in the discussion stage, and the makers are yet to make an official



announcement.

At present, Anil Ravipudi is busy directing a multistarrer featuring Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram. The filmmaker is expected to complete that project before taking up his next venture.

Meanwhile, Balakrishna also has a packed schedule with multiple films in the pipeline. Despite his commitments, reports suggest that the actor is interested in collaborating with Ravipudi once again, given the success of their previous outing.

The news has already generated excitement among fans on social media, with many ex-

pressing hope that the successful actor-director duo will reunite for another entertaining commercial film. Anil Ravipudi's knack for delivering family entertainers blended with mass appeal, coupled with Balakrishna's strong screen presence, has raised expectations for what could be another blockbuster.

As of now, the project remains a speculation, and fans will have to wait for an official confirmation from the production team. If the collaboration materialises, it is likely to become one of the most anticipated Telugu films slated for the Sankranti 2028 season.



Naila Grewal Raises Hopes for Raaka

Actress Naila Grewal has raised expectations for Allu Arjun's upcoming pan-India film Raaka with her glowing praise for the ambitious project. Speaking about her experience working on the film, Naila described it as a unique cinematic venture that is set to redefine storytelling and large-scale filmmaking.

Naila, who plays a key role in the film, said being part of Raaka has been nothing short of a "masterclass." She credited director Atlee for creating an environment where every actor gets to learn and grow, praising his vision and meticulous approach to filmmaking.

According to the actress, the film has been crafted on a scale that is unlike anything she has experienced before. She said Raaka stands out not only because of its grand production values but also for its fresh storytelling style and unique cinematic treatment. She expressed confidence that audiences will witness something truly extraordinary when the film reaches theatres.

Naila also revealed that working alongside stars like Allu Arjun and Deepika Padukone has been an enriching experience. She described the project as a major

milestone in her career and said sharing screen space with such accomplished performers has motivated her to push her own creative boundaries.

Without revealing any plot details, the actress hinted that Raaka will offer a fresh cinematic experience with a blend of cutting-edge technology, larger-than-life visuals, and emotionally engaging storytelling. She believes the film has the potential to set new benchmarks for Indian commercial cinema.

Directed by Atlee, Raaka marks Allu Arjun's next major project following the blockbuster success of the Pushpa franchise. The film is being mounted on a massive scale and has already generated enormous buzz among movie lovers across the country.

Fans have been eagerly awaiting updates ever since the project was announced, and Naila Grewal's latest comments have only heightened the excitement. With Atlee's reputation for delivering blockbuster entertainers and Allu Arjun's pan-India appeal, Raaka is widely expected to be one of the biggest and most anticipated Indian films in the coming years.

Vanga Calls Rao Bahadur a Must-Watch

Director Sandeep Reddy Vanga has showered praise on Satya Dev's latest film Rao Bahadur, calling it a rare cinematic experience that deserves to be watched on the big screen. His heartfelt appreciation has generated fresh buzz around the film and encouraged more audiences to give it a chance.

After watching the film, the Animal director took to social media to share his thoughts. In his post, Vanga described Rao Bahadur as one of those rare, content-rich films that remind audiences why cinema is such a powerful medium. He urged movie lovers to support the film in theatres.



His message read: "Give this film three hours of your life. It deserves your attention, your patience, and your applause." The strong endorsement quickly went viral, with fans and

members of the film fraternity applauding Vanga for backing meaningful cinema.

Rao Bahadur, directed by Venkatesh Maha, features Satya Dev in the lead role. The film

has been receiving appreciation for its unique storytelling, emotionally engaging narrative, and unconventional treatment. Critics and audiences alike have praised its strong performances and thought-provoking screenplay. The film is also presented by Mahesh Babu's GMB Entertainment, adding to its visibility among moviegoers. Since its release, Rao Bahadur has steadily built positive word-of-mouth, with many viewers appreciating its focus on content over commercial formula.

Sandeep Reddy Vanga's endorsement has further boosted the film's popularity, prompting many who had not yet watched

it to consider visiting theatres. Given Vanga's reputation as one of the industry's most influential filmmakers, his recommendation carries significant weight among cinema enthusiasts.

As discussions around Rao Bahadur continue to gain momentum on social media, Vanga's heartfelt message has become one of the biggest highlights of the film's promotional journey. His support has reinforced the belief that strong storytelling and quality filmmaking continue to find appreciation, encouraging audiences to embrace content-driven cinema.

Vishal Mishra Shares Toxic Update

The excitement surrounding Yash's highly anticipated pan-India action drama Toxic continues to grow, and singer-composer Vishal Mishra has now shared a fresh update that has delighted fans eagerly waiting for the film's music.

Speaking about the project, Vishal Mishra expressed his happiness at being associated with Toxic and revealed that the film's soundtrack has been created with immense passion and dedication. He hinted that audiences can expect a memorable musical experience that perfectly complements the film's grand scale and emo-

tional depth.

The composer also said that working on Toxic has been a rewarding experience and praised the vision of the filmmakers. Without revealing too many details, he assured fans that the upcoming songs would leave a lasting impact and play a crucial role in enhancing the film's narrative.

Recently, the film's first song received a positive response from audiences, with fans appreciating its stylish visuals and Vishal Mishra's soulful composition. The success of the track has only increased anticipation for the rest of the album, which is expected to



feature a diverse range of musical styles.

Directed by Geetu Mohandas, Toxic stars Yash in the lead role alongside Kiara Advani. The film

is being mounted on a massive scale with high production values and is one of the most eagerly awaited Indian films in recent years. Apart from Vishal Mishra,

the soundtrack also features contributions from several renowned musicians, promising a rich and varied musical album. The makers are expected to unveil more songs in the coming weeks as the film's promotional campaign gathers momentum.

With Yash returning to the big screen after the phenomenal success of the KGF franchise, expectations for Toxic are sky-high. Vishal Mishra's latest update has only added to the buzz, leaving fans eagerly waiting for the next musical release and more updates from the much-awaited action entertainer.

Shruti Haasan Performs Housewarming Puja

Actress Shruti Haasan has marked a significant personal milestone by moving into her new home in Chennai. The actress recently performed a traditional Griha Pravesh (housewarming) puja and shared glimpses of the intimate ceremony on social media, much to the delight of her fans. The pictures have since gone viral, with admirers showering her with love and warm wishes as she embarks on a new chapter in her life.

The photographs shared by Shruti capture the serene and spiritual atmosphere of the ceremony. Dressed in a simple yet elegant traditional outfit, the actress was seen participating in the rituals with devotion. She also offered fans a glimpse of the beautifully arranged puja setup, traditional sweets prepared for the occasion, and the keys to her new home, making the celebration feel warm and personal.

Unlike many celebrity housewarming events that are often lavish and star-studded, Shruti opted for a quiet and private ceremony. Reports suggest that only a handful of close friends and well-wishers attended the puja, reflecting the actress's preference for keeping important personal



moments away from the spotlight.

Fans quickly filled the comments section of her social media posts with congratulatory messages, wishing her happiness, prosperity, and success in her new residence. Many also praised the tasteful interiors visible in the pictures and appreciated Shruti's graceful traditional appearance, which added to the charm of the occasion.

Interestingly, Shruti's father, veteran actor Kamal Haasan, and other family members were not seen in the photographs shared online. Howev-

er, their absence did little to shift attention from the joyous celebration, as fans focused on celebrating the actress's new beginning and expressing their heartfelt wishes.

Shruti Haasan has often spoken about the importance of having a peaceful and inspiring living space. Alongside her successful acting career, she continues to pursue her passion for music, and her new Chennai home is believed to reflect both aspects of her personality. The residence is expected to serve not only as a comfortable home but also as a creative space where she can

work on her artistic pursuits.

Professionally, Shruti remains one of the busiest actresses in the industry, with multiple projects lined up across Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi cinema. While she continues to focus on her film commitments, her latest personal milestone has resonated strongly with fans.

The heartwarming housewarming ceremony has become a trending topic on social media, with admirers celebrating Shruti Haasan's new beginning and wishing her success, peace, and happiness in her beautiful new Chennai home.

Maatrubhumi Likely Pushed to 2027

Fans eagerly awaiting Salman Khan's much-anticipated war drama Maatrubhumi may have to wait longer than expected. According to industry reports, the film's release is likely to be postponed to 2027, raising speculation that the Bollywood superstar may not have a theatrical release in 2026. While there has been no official confirmation from the makers, the reported delay has become a major talking point among fans and industry observers.

Directed by Apoorva Lakhia, Maatrubhumi was originally expected to arrive in theatres in 2026. However, reports suggest that the production has faced several challenges, including script revisions, reshoots, and scheduling issues, which have slowed the film's progress. These factors have reportedly made it difficult for the team to finalize a release date within the planned timeline.

Industry sources indicate that even if the remaining work is completed in the coming months, finding a suitable theatrical window in 2026 could prove difficult. The release calendar for the year is already crowded with several high-profile films, leaving limited scope for another major release. As a result, the makers are said to be considering a Dussehra 2027 release, a festive period



known for attracting large audiences to cinemas.

If the postponement becomes official, it would mark a rare break in Salman Khan's long-standing tradition of appearing on the big screen almost every year. The possibility of not seeing a Salman Khan film in theatres during 2026 has disappointed many of his fans, who have been eagerly waiting for his return after his previous releases.

Despite the disappointment, there is also encouraging news for Salman Khan's admirers. Industry buzz suggests that if Maatrubhumi shifts to 2027, the actor could have two theatrical releases in the same year. Apart from the war drama, another untitled project is also reportedly in the pipeline, potentially giving fans two opportunities to watch the superstar on the big

screen.

Maatrubhumi has attracted considerable attention since its announcement because of its patriotic subject. The film is based on the Galwan Valley conflict and features Salman Khan portraying Colonel B. Santosh Babu, the Indian Army officer who lost his life during the 2020 clash. The role is expected to showcase the actor in an intense and emotionally powerful avatar, making it one of the most anticipated projects of his career.

For now, however, the reported release delay remains speculative. The filmmakers have not issued any official statement regarding a revised release schedule. Until an announcement is made, fans will have to wait for confirmation on when Maatrubhumi will finally make its way to theatres.