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Governor Celebrates Bonalu at Lok Bhavan

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Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla and First Lady Janaki Shukla celebrated the Bonalu festival with traditional devotion at Lok Bhavan on Tuesday, offering special prayers for the peace, prosperity, good health, and well-being of the people of the state.

As part of the celebrations, the Governor and the First Lady offered Bonam and silk vastrams to the presiding Goddess, seeking divine blessings for Telangana and its citizens. The rituals were performed in keeping with the customs associated with Bonalu, one of the state's most revered festivals. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from Lok Bhavan officials, employees, and their family members, who joined the festivities with devotion and cultural spirit.



A series of traditional cultural programmes added colour to the celebrations. Devotional folk songs, vibrant performances, and energetic Pothuraju dances captivated the gathering, while the rhythmic beats of traditional drums created a festive atmosphere across the premises. The celebrations reflected Telangana's rich cultural heritage and underscored the significance of preserving age-old traditions. Participants offered prayers with great reverence, highlighting the festival's role in promoting unity, faith, and community harmony. Bonalu, celebrated in honour of Goddess Mahakali, is one of Telangana's most important cultural festivals, drawing widespread participation across the state. The observance at Lok Bhavan mirrored the spirit of the festival, combining religious rituals with traditional art forms and community participation in a vibrant display of Telangana's cultural identity.

Government to Unveil Future City Master Plan in December

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The Telangana Government is set to unveil the comprehensive master plan for the ambitious Bharat Future City project in December, marking a major milestone in its vision to create a world-class smart industrial and innovation hub. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is expected to release the master plan during the Telangana Rising Global Summit 2026, which will be held at the project site, according to official sources. The government has entrusted Singapore-based urban planning firm Surbana Jurong with preparing the master plan for the core Bharat Future City. Meanwhile, DP Architects has been assigned the responsibility of preparing the broader master plan for the entire Future City Development Authority (FCDA) region, covering nearly 765 square kilometres across 56 revenue villages in seven mandals of Ranga Reddy district. The project is being developed by the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TIIIC) within the FCDA limits. It has been envisioned as a next-

generation, net-zero smart industrial city that will integrate sustainable urban planning, energy-efficient infrastructure, climate-resilient design, water recycling systems, and environmentally friendly development practices. Officials said the December unveiling of the master plan would provide a detailed roadmap for the city's phased development and investment strategy. The project is expected to emerge as one of India's largest integrated industrial townships, spanning nearly 30,000 acres—significantly larger than several existing industrial and economic hubs across the country. The Telangana Rising Global Summit 2026 will be hosted at the upcoming Young India Skills University, which is currently under construction within the project area and is expected to be completed before the summit. The government aims to position Bharat Future City as a global destination for investments by creating specialized economic clusters designed to attract multinational companies and high-value industries. As part of this vision, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy recently laid the



foundation stone for an Amazon data centre within the project area, signalling growing investor interest. To accelerate project execution, the Future City Development Authority has established its operational office at the site, enabling faster decision-making and

streamlined administrative services. The master plan proposes multiple dedicated zones, including an AI City, Health City, Life Sciences Hub, Education Zone, Global Capability Centre (GCC) Hub, sports and entertainment districts, eco-tourism areas, and advanced industrial parks. These specialized clusters are expected to create employment opportunities while promoting innovation and sustainable economic growth. Officials said the project would rely heavily on digital governance, with GIS-based planning, real-time monitoring systems, online approvals, and single-window clearance mechanisms to improve transparency and ease of doing business. The planning framework has also been designed to meet international standards, enabling the project to access funding from multilateral financial institutions. With its focus on sustainability, technology, and global investment, Bharat Future City is expected to become one of Telangana's flagship development initiatives, reinforcing the state's position as a major destination for advanced industries and future-ready infrastructure.

Governor Urges Universities to Boost Youth Campaigns



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Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Tuesday called upon State universities to intensify registrations under the My Bharat initiative, expand Red Cross enrollment, and actively implement the Nasha Mukti Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan in a mission mode. Chairing a review meeting with Vice-Chancellors of State universities at Lok Bhavan, the Governor stressed the need for higher educational institutions to play a proactive role in achieving the state's targets within the stipulated timelines. He directed universities to launch focused enrollment drives and ensure greater participation of students in national youth initiatives. The Governor instructed universities to appoint dedicated nodal officers and student ambassadors to coordinate the cam-

paigns effectively. He also emphasized the active involvement of National Service Scheme (NSS), National Cadet Corps (NCC), Youth Red Cross units, and student volunteers in mobilizing participation and spreading awareness. Highlighting the importance of youth in nation-building, Shiv Pratap Shukla said that a healthy, disciplined, and socially responsible generation is essential for realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. He noted that educational institutions have a crucial responsibility in creating awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse and encouraging young people to adopt healthy lifestyles. The Governor urged universities to conduct regular awareness programmes, outreach activities, and community engagement initiatives to strengthen the anti-drug campaign. He said collective efforts by students, faculty members, and educational institutions would significantly contribute to building an addiction-free society. During the meeting, the Governor also unveiled awareness posters promoting the Nasha Mukti Bharat Campaign, reaffirming the commitment to creating a drug-free India through sustained public awareness and youth participation. Vice-Chancellors and university officials attended the review meeting and discussed strategies to enhance student enrollment, improve coordination among institutions, and ensure effective implementation of the three flagship initiatives across Telangana's higher education campuses.

Centre Rules Out Separate Policy for Flex-Fuel Vehicles



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The Union Ministry of Heavy Industries has clarified that the Centre has not formulated any separate phased national policy to provide incentives for flex-fuel vehicles capable of operating on fuel blended with more than 20 percent ethanol. The ministry also stated that no dedicated study has been conducted on offering incentives for either flex-fuel or electric vehicles. The clarification came as the Central Government reaffirmed its commitment to the Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme, emphasizing that extensive testing and large-scale field experience have found no evidence that E20 petrol adversely affects vehicle performance or durability. According to the ministry, the govern-

ment has adopted a balanced approach while implementing the ethanol blending programme, ensuring that water conservation, food security, and farmers' welfare remain key priorities. Officials said the initiative has strengthened India's energy security by reducing dependence on imported crude oil while also helping shield consumers from fluctuations in global fuel prices. The ministry noted that ethanol production under the National Policy on Biofuels is based on a wide range of approved agricultural feedstocks. These include sugarcane-based raw materials, maize, damaged foodgrains, broken rice, foodgrains unfit for human consumption, and surplus foodgrains approved by the National Biofuel Coordination Committee (NBCC). Other approved



CM Orders Tight Vigilance for Police Recruitment

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Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed senior officials to ensure that the ongoing police recruitment process for 7,437 vacancies is conducted in a transparent, secure, and error-free manner, amid intelligence inputs indicating possible attempts to disrupt the examination process. The Chief Minister convened an emergency review meeting with Director General of Police (DGP) C.V. Anand and other top officials after intelligence agencies reportedly alerted the government about efforts by certain political groups and vested interests to interfere with the recruitment process. During the meeting, Revanth Reddy instructed officials to maintain the highest standards of transparency and strictly adhere to all prescribed rules and procedures throughout the recruitment exercise. He stressed that every stage of the examination process should be closely monitored to eliminate the possibility of irregularities. The Chief Minister directed authorities to strengthen security arrangements during the preparation, printing, storage, and transportation of question papers. He also instructed officials to ensure foolproof security at examination centres and to deploy adequate personnel to prevent any untoward incidents during the conduct of the examinations. Special emphasis was placed on monitoring coaching centres and preventing the spread of misinformation related to the recruitment process. The Chief Minister asked officials to

closely track any attempts to create confusion among candidates through rumours or false propaganda on social media and other digital platforms. Revanth Reddy also instructed the Cyber Crime Wing to intensify surveillance against touts, fake websites, and fraudulent social media accounts that lure job aspirants with false promises of securing government employment. He directed officials to take immediate legal action against individuals or groups involved in such activities. The Chief Minister further ordered the Cyber Security and Intelligence wings to remain on high alert until the recruitment process is completed. He said the government is committed to conducting a fair, merit-based, and transparent recruitment process that inspires confidence among candidates. Officials were also instructed to establish effective coordination among all departments involved in the recruitment exercise to ensure smooth conduct of the examinations without any lapses. The review meeting was attended by Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister V. Seshadri, DGP C.V. Anand, Home Department Principal Secretary Shikha Goel, Telangana State Police Recruitment Board Chairman V.V. Srinivasa Rao, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner C.V. Anand, and other senior officials. The government reiterated its commitment to protecting the integrity of the recruitment process and ensuring equal opportunity for all eligible candidates.



Centre Strengthens Health Infrastructure Under PM-ABHIM

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The Central Government is steadily expanding public health infrastructure across the country under the Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare Pratap Rao Jadhav informed the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday. Responding to a question raised by Rajya Sabha member Dr. K. Laxman, the Minister said the Centre has accorded administrative sanction of ₹32,961.10 crore to States and Union Territories under the flagship scheme to strengthen the public healthcare system. According to the Minister, approvals have been granted for the construction and strengthening of 11,001 Sub-Health Centre Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (SHC-AAMs), 5,456 Urban Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (U-AAMs), 2,151 Block Public Health Units (BPHUs), 744 Integrated Public Health Laboratories (IPHLs), and 631 Critical Care Blocks (CCBs). He noted that while public health is a State subject and implementation rests with the respective state govern-

ments, the Centre is extending administrative, financial, and technical support to ensure effective execution of projects. The Union Government is also closely monitoring fund utilization and implementation through review meetings, field inspections, and other monitoring mechanisms. Highlighting Telangana's healthcare infrastructure, the Minister said the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Bibinagar, has emerged as a key tertiary healthcare, medical education, and research institution serving Telangana and neighbouring states. He added that several advanced research and public health facilities are already operational at AIIMS Bibinagar, including the Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL), One Health Regional Coordination Centre, All India Network Programme on One Health, Centre for Research on Yoga-based Mind-Body Interventions (CCMBIY), and a Multidisciplinary Research Unit. The Centre reiterated that PM-ABHIM remains a key initiative to enhance healthcare infrastructure and strengthen preparedness for future public health challenges across India.

Hyderabad to Host Global Congress on Inherited Blood Disorders

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Hyderabad is set to host the GANSID Congress 2026, an international conference dedicated to sickle cell disease and other inherited blood disorders, from October 23 to 25 at the HICC, Novotel. The event is being organized by the Global Action Network for Sickle Cell and Other Inherited Blood Disorders (GANSID), USA, in collaboration with the Thalassemia and Sickle Cell Society (TSCS), Hyderabad, which is serving as

the local host. The three-day congress is expected to bring together hundreds of renowned experts, including clinicians, researchers, laboratory scientists, healthcare professionals, policymakers, patient advocacy groups, industry representatives, and global health organizations from across the world. Participants will discuss the latest scientific developments, emerging treatments, research findings, and best practices in the management of inherited blood disorders. The theme for

T-Fiber to Power All Government Offices from September 1

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The Telangana Government has decided to provide internet connectivity to all government offices in the state exclusively through T-Fiber from September 1 as part of its efforts to strengthen digital governance and improve public service delivery. The decision was taken during a high-level review meeting on T-Fiber chaired by IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu at the State Secretariat on Tuesday. Chief Secretary Sanjai Jaju, IT Department Joint Secretary Anudeep Durishetty, T-Fiber Managing Director Venu Prasad, and senior officials attended the meeting. During the review, the minister directed T-Fiber officials to complete all necessary arrangements to ensure seamless internet connectivity to every government office before the September 1 deadline. He instructed officials to ensure there is no disruption in services during the transition to the state-owned network. Sridhar Babu also made it clear that government departments should not make any further payments to private



internet service providers for connectivity after September 1. The move is expected to streamline internet services across government institutions while reducing dependence on private operators.

The minister further directed officials to complete the transfer of the existing Telangana State Wide Area Network (T-SWAN) to T-Fiber within one month, creating a unified and more efficient digital communication network for government departments. Emphasizing the importance of future-ready infrastructure, Sridhar Babu instructed officials to make comprehensive arrangements to provide high-speed T-Fiber connectivity to the proposed Future City project, ensuring that it is equipped with world-class digital infrastructure from the outset. The review meeting also focused on accelerating Telangana's flagship "Internet to Every Household" initiative. The minister asked officials to speed up the roll-out of broadband connectivity to households across the state, with the objective of bridging the digital divide and expanding access to affordable, reliable internet services. Officials were directed to closely monitor implementation and ensure that all targets are achieved within the prescribed timelines to support the state's digital transformation agenda.

Government Tightens CMR Oversight to Protect Farmers



Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government has ordered a comprehensive audit of the Custom Milled Rice (CMR) system covering the last 10 to 12 years, marking the first such exercise since the formation of the state. The decision was taken to strengthen accountability, recover pending government dues, and prevent diversion of public resources. Chairing a high-level review meeting at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on

Tuesday, Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister Captain N. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to examine every stage of the CMR process, including paddy procurement, milling, rice delivery to the Food Corporation of India (FCI), district-wise and miller-wise defaults, pending recoveries, vigilance inquiries, legal proceedings, and enforcement mechanisms. The Minister stressed that the government's priority is to recover every grain of government-owned paddy and every rupee due from

defaulting millers. He said the objective is not merely to impose penalties but to safeguard public assets purchased with taxpayers' money and ensure complete transparency in the procurement system. Officials informed the meeting that a majority of the pending dues had accumulated over previous years and that recovery efforts are currently underway through cash payments, return of grain stocks, and delivery of quality rice. They added that substantial recoveries had already been achieved following deadlines issued to defaulting millers, and further case-specific recovery plans would now be prepared. Describing every bag of procured paddy as public property, Uttam Kumar Reddy said even a minor diversion of grain weakens the Public Distribution System and ultimately affects the people of Telangana. While acknowledging that most rice millers have complied with their contractual obligations, he warned that those involved in diversion of government stocks or violation of agreements would face strict legal action. The government also decided to continue statewide vigilance inspections, including physical verification of rice mills,

stock reconciliation, examination of records, and investigations into alleged diversion of government grain. Criminal cases, recovery proceedings, and black-listing will be initiated wherever fraud or breach of trust is established. To prevent future irregularities, the government will introduce major reforms in the CMR system, including stronger agreements, enhanced bank guarantees, stricter penalties, and technology-driven monitoring. Proposed measures include QR-coded gunny bags, GPS tracking of transport vehicles, geo-tagged inspections, real-time stock reconciliation, database integration, early warning systems, and risk-based audits. The Minister assured farmers that paddy procurement at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and timely payments would continue without disruption. He also affirmed the government's full support for honest rice millers while making it clear that there would be zero tolerance for those misusing government resources. Senior officials from the Civil Supplies, Vigilance, Procurement, Finance, Legal, Marketing, and Logistics departments attended the review meeting.

Warangal Set to Emerge as Major Medical Hub



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The Telangana government has stepped up efforts to transform the erstwhile Warangal district into the state's second-largest medical hub by accelerating infrastructure development, strengthening healthcare services, and upgrading medical institutions. The roadmap was discussed during a comprehensive review meeting jointly chaired by Forest, Environment and Endowments Minister Konda Surekha and Health Minister Damodara Raja Narasimha at the Secretariat on Tuesday. The meeting reviewed the progress of the under-construction Warangal Super Specialty Hospital and assessed development works at key government institutions, including MGM Hospital, CKM Government Maternity Hospital, Kakatiya Medical College, the Government Regional Eye Hospital, Narsampet Government General Hospital, the Government Ayurvedic Teaching Hospital, Wardhannapet Area Hospital, and several Primary and Urban Health Centres. MLAs Revuri Prakash Reddy, Kadiyam Srihari, Nagaraju, and Naini Rajender Reddy, along with Health Secretary Christina Chongthu and senior officials, participated in the review and presented proposals for improving healthcare infrastructure across the district. The ministers directed officials to expedite completion of the Super Specialty Hospital by ensuring timely installation of advanced medical equipment, landscaping, internal roads, and essential facilities. They also instructed the department to establish emergency services, dialysis units, cath labs, oxygen infrastructure, and other specialized facilities so the new hospital can reduce the patient burden on MGM Hospital. Minister Konda Surekha emphasized the need to immediately fill vacancies for doctors, nurses, faculty members, and support staff in government hospitals and medical colleges. She also called for employee promotions, modernization of out-

dated infrastructure, strengthening of electrical, plumbing, and security systems, and procurement of advanced diagnostic and treatment equipment. Special focus was placed on upgrading Kakatiya Medical College by improving student hostels, academic buildings, the auditorium, and filling vacant faculty positions to meet the growing intake of MBBS and postgraduate students. The ministers also reviewed infrastructure requirements and staffing shortages at affiliated hospitals and healthcare institutions across the district. Highlighting the growing importance of Warangal as a regional healthcare destination, Minister Konda Surekha proposed the appointment of a Special Officer to coordinate medical services and oversee the expansion of healthcare infrastructure in the district. The review also emphasized environmentally sustainable healthcare practices. Minister Surekha instructed officials to eliminate the use of single-use plastics in government hospitals and promote eco-friendly alternatives under the proposed "Green Hospitals" initiative. She further directed the removal of accumulated scrap and waste from CKM Hospital and suggested utilizing the reclaimed space for expanding hospital facilities. Health Minister Damodara Raja Narasimha sought detailed reports on inpatient and outpatient services, staffing levels, infrastructure gaps, and operational challenges at major hospitals. He instructed officials to resolve pending issues promptly and ensure uninterrupted medical services. Concluding the meeting, the ministers reiterated that the government's priority is to provide high-quality, free healthcare to the public. They directed officials to implement all development plans within the prescribed timelines and ensure that every government medical institution in the erstwhile Warangal district evolves into a modern, well-equipped, and trusted healthcare centre in line with the vision of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Online Registration Mandatory for Fine Paddy Bonus



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The Telangana government has introduced a digital registration system to ensure that the incentive offered to farmers cultivating fine-variety paddy reaches genuine beneficiaries and is not misused by intermediaries. Beginning with the current Vanakalam (monsoon) season, farmers purchasing notified fine-paddy seeds must have their details registered online at the time of purchase. The Agriculture Department has issued detailed guidelines directing seed dealers to upload farmers' information through a dedicated web portal during every seed sale. Officials said the initiative is aimed at accurately identifying the area under fine-variety paddy cultivation and ensuring transparency in the disbursement of the government bonus. The online records must correspond with crop registration details maintained by Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOs). Any mismatch between seed purchase records and crop registration may affect the eligibility of farmers to receive the incentive. To accommodate farmers who use seeds preserved from previous harvests instead of purchasing new ones, the department has enabled a special mobile application through which AEOs can register their cultivation details. The government has announced that the bonus for the current Vanakalam season will be applicable only to seven notified fine-paddy varieties: Telangana (15048), Samba Masuri (BPT-5204), KNM-1638, HMT Sona, Jai Sriram, L-44, and TG-7715. Officials have also prescribed the crop duration for each approved variety to facilitate monitoring. A centralized system has been established to capture seed purchase information from dealers across the state, allowing the respective district agriculture offices to access real-time data regardless of where the seeds were purchased. Agriculture officials at both district and mandal levels will regularly monitor the registration process to ensure compliance. According to officials, paddy transplantation has already been completed on around 1.95 lakh acres in the district, of which nearly 1.45 lakh acres are under the government-approved fine-grain varieties. These records will later be verified during crop registration. The department has made it clear that farmers who fail to register their seed purchases online will not be eligible for the bonus. Dealers have been instructed to record essential details, including the farmer's name, Aadhaar information, mobile number, seed variety, company name, lot number, packet size, and purchase date, within the prescribed timeline. The QR code-enabled portal has been introduced to simplify the registration process and ensure timely data submission.

Fishermen's Welfare Gets Government Push



Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana government is preparing a comprehensive action plan to strengthen the fisheries sector and improve the welfare of fishing communities across the state, Animal Husbandry, Dairy Development, Fisheries, and Youth Services & Sports Minister Vakiti Srihari said on Tuesday. Chairing a meeting with presidents and promoters of district fisheries cooperative societies at the Ministers' Quarters in Hyderabad, the Minister reviewed issues related to fishermen's welfare, cooperative societies, infrastructure development, and fish production. Srihari said the government is focused on promoting fish farming in nearly 26,000 tanks and 100 reservoirs across Telangana while ensuring that fishermen receive the facilities required to enhance their livelihoods. He announced that proposals are being prepared to provide insurance coverage, mopeds, and retail outlets for fishermen to improve their income and market access. The Minister assured representatives that review meetings with district fisheries cooperative society presidents would be held once every three months to monitor progress and address concerns promptly. He also reiterated the government's commitment to continuing the free fish seed distribution programme and clearing pending financial

dues owed to fishermen. Highlighting future initiatives, Srihari said the government is examining the feasibility of including fish in the mid-day meal scheme to improve the nutritional value of meals served to school-children while creating additional demand for fish produced by local communities. He also promised to resolve membership disputes within fisheries cooperative societies at the district, mandal, and village levels through a systematic approach. The Minister said construction of the integrated fish market at Koheda on the outskirts of Hyderabad is progressing steadily. Once completed, the facility will support modern marketing systems, including online fish sales and distribution, benefiting both fishermen and consumers. Srihari further announced that insurance claims amounting to ₹1.34 crore have already been settled for eligible beneficiaries. He assured cooperative society representatives that the government would also examine their demand for appropriate protocol recognition. Reaffirming the government's commitment to the fisheries sector, the Minister said every effort would be made to strengthen cooperative societies, improve infrastructure, and ensure the long-term economic well-being of fishermen across Telangana.

Ponnam Begins Consultation for Graduates' MLC Polls

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Hyderabad District In-charge Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has initiated a party-level consultation process ahead of the upcoming Graduates' MLC elections, seeking feedback from key Congress leaders on candidate selection and election preparedness. According to a press release issued on Tuesday, the Minister has directed his office to collect written opinions from MLAs, MLCs, District Congress Committee (DCC) presidents, former election candidates, and senior party leaders representing the 15 Assembly constituencies in Hyderabad district. The consultation aims to identify a strong and suitable candidate for the Graduates' MLC election while ensuring that the views of grassroots leaders are taken into consideration. Ponnam Prabhakar emphasized that the opinions gathered from each constituency would be carefully reviewed before being forwarded to the party high command for further decision-making. The Minister stated that involving local leadership in the selection process would help strengthen the organization and ensure greater coordination ahead of the elections. He noted that constructive suggestions from experienced party functionaries would play an important role in shaping the party's strategy. In addition to candidate selection,



Ponnam Prabhakar instructed party in-charges across all 15 Assembly constituencies to intensify the graduates' voter registration campaign. He directed them to conduct awareness programmes encouraging all eligible graduates to enroll as voters within the stipulated timeline. The Minister urged Congress leaders and workers to work collectively to maximize voter registration and meet constituency-wise targets. He stressed that a strong enrollment drive would be crucial for the party's performance in the upcoming Graduates' MLC elections. The consultation process and voter registration campaign are expected to continue over the coming weeks as the Congress prepares its organizational strategy for the election.

Two Love Letters Surface in Trainee Officer Uday Case

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Fresh details have emerged in the case involving trainee IPS officer Uday Krishna Reddy, who was arrested over allegations of harassing a fellow female trainee officer. Police investigating the case said additional evidence regarding his behaviour and personal relationships has been gathered. The probe, led by Lavanya Naik Jadhav, DCP of the city's Women's Safety Wing, included searches at Uday Krishna Reddy's room in Ashok Nagar. Police said they seized a laptop, mobile phone, knife and two love letters written in different handwriting. According to investigators, the letters revealed a connection between Uday and a married woman



from Andhra Pradesh. Police said the woman, who married in 2014 and had been living separately since 2023, became acquainted with Uday during this period. Officials stated that the woman joined an IAS coaching centre in Ashok Nagar after leaving her job on Uday's suggestion. Police said Uday later proposed a live-in relationship, which she declined as her divorce process was incomplete. Investigators said the woman distanced herself from Uday after meeting the victim trainee officer and learning about the allegations against him. Police have recorded statements from around 20 people and are preparing to seek custody of Uday Krishna Reddy for further questioning.

Kishan Reddy Alleges Mismanagement of Singareni

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy on Tuesday accused both the previous BRS government and the present Congress administration of mismanaging the affairs of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL). He alleged that the company's financial health had deteriorated due to unpaid dues and demanded that the State Government immediately clear outstanding payments amounting to ₹54,000 crore. Addressing a press conference in Hyderabad, Kishan Reddy claimed that successive state governments had failed to protect the interests of the public sector mining company. He questioned why the dues owed to Singareni had not been released despite the company's importance to Telangana's econ-



omy and employment. The Union Minister alleged that interference during the previous BRS regime had weakened the financial position of the compa-

ny. He further claimed that the Centre had taken several initiatives to strengthen SCCL after the Narendra Modi-led government assumed office.

Highlighting recent developments, Kishan Reddy said the Centre had facilitated the allocation of the Manuguru PKOC-2 Dip Side coal block to Singareni through the auction process. He stated that several companies had shown interest in the block, but the Centre ensured that it was awarded to SCCL to safeguard its long-term future. He added that the earlier allocation of the Tadicherla coal block, followed by the Manuguru block, would enhance the company's production capacity and generate new employment opportunities. The minister also spoke about the recent cybercrime case related to objectionable social media posts targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his family. He said a case had been registered under the provisions of the Information Technology Act and the Bharatiya Nyaya

Sanhita, asserting that filing such a complaint was in accordance with the law. Kishan Reddy alleged that the State Government had transferred a senior police officer after the case was registered, claiming that frequent transfers were being used to intimidate officials. He also expressed concern over the rise in cybercrime cases in Telangana and stressed that social media platforms must function within the framework of the Constitution and the law. Concluding his remarks, the Union Minister criticized the decline in political discourse and appealed to political parties to maintain dignity in public life. He said healthy democratic debate should prevail without personal attacks or abusive language, adding that such conduct was essential for preserving democratic values and public confidence.

Hyderabad to Host Global Congress on Inherited Blood Disorders

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this year's event, "From Innovation to Implementation: Bridging Science and Access in Inherited Blood Disorders," highlights the importance of translating scientific discoveries into accessible and effective healthcare solutions for patients worldwide. The conference programme will feature keynote addresses, plenary sessions, scientific paper and poster presentations, industry symposia, career development sessions for young and experienced professionals, patient engagement programmes, presentation theatres, and several networking events, including an inaugural ceremony and a networking reception. Speaking about the event, Dr. Chandrakanth Agarwal, President of TSCS, said hosting the prestigious international congress in Hyderabad reflects the city's growing importance in healthcare and medical research. He noted that the conference would provide an excellent platform for participants to interact with leading global experts, exchange knowledge, and explore collaborative opportunities. Organizers said the congress aims to promote innovation, strengthen global partnerships, and improve access to quality care for people living with sickle cell disease, thalassemia, and other inherited blood disorders. The event is expected to contribute significantly to advancing research, clinical practice, and patient care while reinforcing Hyderabad's reputation as a destination for international medical and scientific conferences.

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agricultural feedstocks are also being utilized to support ethanol production. To ensure sustainable implementation of the programme, the ministry said an Expert Committee constituted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in 2024 examined the water requirements of various ethanol-producing crops. The committee's recommendations are currently being considered while expanding the ethanol blending initiative. The Centre maintained that the EBP programme is being implemented with careful consideration of environmental sustainability and agricultural needs. It reiterated that the policy is designed to balance energy security with the interests of farmers while promoting cleaner fuel alternatives. Officials added that the government will continue reviewing the programme to ensure its long-term economic and environmental benefits without compromising food security or natural resources.

BJP Broadens International Connect

New Jersey (USA), August 04 | TPN Bureau

Telangana BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao has called upon the Indian diaspora to support the party's mission of bringing the BJP to power in Telangana, asserting that the party is working with renewed determination ahead of the upcoming Greater Hyderabad civic and Assembly elections. Ramchander Rao made the remarks while addressing a "Meet and Greet" programme organised by the Overseas Friends of BJP (USA) at Royal Albert Hall in New Jersey. The event was attended by members of the Indian diaspora, BJP supporters, community leaders, and entrepreneurs from various parts of the United States.

Speaking at the gathering, Ramchander Rao highlighted India's economic growth and infrastructure development under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said the country has emerged as a major global economic force and pointed to the expansion of airport infrastructure, stating that the number of airports had increased from around 75 during the previous Congress-led government to nearly 150 under the NDA government. He also highlighted flagship Central Government initiatives, including Digital India, Make in India, Startup India, Vande Bharat trains, Ayushman Bharat, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Jal Jeevan Mission, and PM-Kisan, claiming that these programmes have significantly contributed to the country's develop-



ment. Criticising the Congress government in Telangana, Ramchander Rao alleged that it had failed to meet public expectations. He also claimed that the previous BRS government's decade-long rule had adversely affected the state's development. Expressing confidence in the BJP's prospects, he said the party aims to secure victory in the forthcoming Greater Hyderabad civic and Assembly elections and form the next government in Telangana. Telangana BJP State Treasurer D.

Vasudeva Rao described Ramchander Rao as an honest and committed leader. Former Overseas Friends of BJP (USA) President Krishna Reddy Anugula, Telangana Convenor Vilas Reddy Jambula, and several diaspora representatives also addressed the gathering, expressing support for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The event concluded with the organisers felicitating the guests in the presence of hundreds of members of the Indian diaspora.

BRS Demands Apology Over Remarks Against Harish Rao

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BRS General Secretary Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress party, accusing its leaders of making offensive and baseless allegations against senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao and demanding an apology to the Hindu community. Addressing a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Praveen Kumar said Telangana was formed through the sacrifices of thousands of people and alleged that Congress leaders were insulting the state's values through what he described as "malicious politics." Referring to recent remarks linking Harish Rao with alleged occult rituals, he said political discourse should be based on rational and scientific thinking rather than personal accusations. The BRS leader alleged that Congress leaders, including Addanki Dayakar, Sama Rammohan Reddy and Mahesh Kumar Goud, had made irresponsible statements targeting Harish Rao. He maintained that visiting temples and offering prayers is a constitutional right and that Harish Rao was free to visit any place of worship as a matter of personal faith. Praveen Kumar claimed the remarks had hurt the sentiments of Hindus and followers of Aghora traditions. He demanded that Congress leaders publicly apologize, warning that the issue would have consequences if no apology was forthcoming. He also urged the Congress



to respond to legal notices reportedly issued by Harish Rao over the controversy. The BRS leader further accused the Congress leadership of encouraging personal attacks instead of addressing public issues. He alleged that statements made by party leaders were politically motivated and questioned why the BJP had remained silent on the issue despite claiming to protect Hindu traditions. Praveen Kumar also made several allegations against the Congress and BJP on unrelated political matters during the press conference. The Congress and BJP had not issued an official response to his remarks at the time of filing this report.

Harish Rao Seeks Full-Time Head for Secondary Health Directorate



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Former Telangana Minister and BRS Deputy Floor Leader T. Harish Rao has demanded the immediate appointment of a full-time official to head the Directorate of Secondary Health, warning that the future of 184 government hospitals is at risk due to the prolonged administrative vacuum. The demand was made after representatives of the Telangana Medical Education Employees' Joint Action Committee met Harish Rao on Tuesday and submitted a representation highlighting the issues faced by employees and healthcare institutions. Addressing the media, Harish Rao alleged that the Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP), which provides specialized healthcare services such as gynecology, orthopedics, urology, and pediatrics to people in both rural and urban areas, has been functioning without a full-time Commissioner for the past two months. He said the absence of a senior official has affected the administration of 184 institutions, including district hospitals, area hospitals, maternity and child health centres, and Community Health Centres (CHCs). According to Harish Rao, there is no dedicated authority to monitor hospital management, quality of healthcare services, doctors' attendance, laboratory operations, or the availability of medicines. As a result, both healthcare workers and patients are facing significant difficulties, with several employee-related issues remaining unresolved. He recalled that the previous BRS government had decided to merge the TVVP into the government system under the Directorate of Secondary Health to provide a permanent solution to issues concerning salaries and service conditions of medical staff. However, despite nearly three years passing since the decision, service rules and operational guidelines have not been finalized, leaving doctors and employees uncertain about their future. Harish Rao criticized the State Government for allegedly ignoring repeated representations and protests by medical employees. He urged the government to act without further delay by constituting a committee to prepare comprehensive service regulations and guidelines for the Directorate of Secondary Health. He also called for the immediate appointment of a full-time administrative head, stating that effective leadership is essential to improve hospital administration, safeguard the interests of medical professionals, and ensure uninterrupted healthcare services for the public across Telangana.

Telangana Labour, Employment and Mines Minister Dr. G. Vivek Venkataswamy on Tuesday criticized the previous BRS government, alleging that its decade-long rule had caused severe financial damage to the state. He also highlighted the Congress government's initiatives in the mining sector, infrastructure development, and employment generation. Addressing the media at the B1 Camp Office, the minister accused BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) of making "baseless allegations" against the government over the Formula E race issue. Referring to the ongoing investigation, Vivek Venkataswamy questioned KTR's criticism, stating that the former minister himself had appeared before the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) court in connection with the case. The minister further sought an explanation regarding the financial resources of the BRS, alleging that the party possessed bonds worth thousands of crores. He claimed that the opposition was resorting to criticism because it was unable to accept the Congress government's performance and developmental initiatives. Welcoming the allocation of the Tadicherla-2 and Manuguru Deep-side coal blocks to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), Vivek Venkataswamy described the development as a major boost for the state's mining sector. He expressed confidence

that additional coal blocks would also be secured in the future to strengthen Singareni's operations and create employment opportunities. The minister urged the people of the Chennur Assembly constituency to compare the performance of the present government with that of the previous administration. He also said preparations were underway for the upcoming Mandammarri municipal elections. Later, Vivek Venkataswamy chaired a review meeting with officials from the municipal, revenue, and electricity departments. He reviewed the status of ongoing development works and directed officials to complete all pending projects within the stipulated timeframe. Electricity department officials assured him of uninterrupted power supply in the region. The minister also visited the Singareni Skill Development Centre at Mandammarri, where he interacted with trainees undergoing free vocational courses. He said the centre, established nearly two years ago, has been providing skill-based training to unemployed youth with the aim of enhancing overseas employment opportunities. According to the minister, more than 75 candidates have successfully completed their training and are prepared to pursue employment opportunities. He reiterated that the Telangana Government is committed to reducing unemployment by equipping young people with industry-relevant skills and facilitating overseas placements through specialized training programmes.

BJP Alleges Education Crisis, Seeks Revanth's Resignation

Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Tuesday accused the Telangana Government of neglecting the education sector and demanded that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy resign as Education Minister, alleging failure to address the concerns of students and educational institutions. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Hyderabad, BJP State Official Spokesperson Rani Rudrama claimed that nearly 20 lakh students had not received fee reimbursement benefits over the past two-and-a-half years, resulting in colleges withholding their certificates. She alleged that students completing courses such as engineering, degree, nursing, polytechnic, ITI, B.Ed., D.Ed., medicine and agriculture were facing difficulties in pursuing higher education and employment. The BJP leader alleged that the state had 24 districts without District Educational Officers (DEOs) and more than 500 mandals without Mandal Educational Officers (MEOs). She also claimed that 1,969 teaching and non-teaching posts

remain vacant across 16 state universities, including around 950 vacancies out of 1,258 sanctioned posts at Osmania University. Rudrama criticized the government over delays in scholarships and recruitment, alleging that promised assistance for Intermediate students had not been implemented. She also sought an extension of the application deadline for DIET Lecturer posts, citing disruptions caused by heavy rains, power outages and technical issues. Raising concerns over police recruitment, she urged the government to grant an additional four years of age relaxation to constable and Sub-Inspector aspirants who, she claimed, had been affected by delays in recruitment notifications. The BJP leader also stated that the party would support students and job aspirants through democratic means in their demands for fee reimbursement, certificates and timely recruitment. The Congress government had not issued an immediate response to the allegations at the time of filing this report.

New Delhi, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Telangana State NSUI leader Golla John paid a courtesy visit to senior state ministers Bhatti Vikramarka, Damodara Raja Narasimha, Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Seethakka at the AICC Indira Bhavan office in New Delhi on Tuesday. During the meeting, the leaders discussed the prevailing political situation in Telangana, organizational strengthening of the Congress party, and measures to ensure that the welfare and development initiatives introduced by the state government effectively reach every household. The ministers emphasized the importance of taking the Congress party's ideology and the government's achievements directly to the people. They encouraged party workers, particularly youth leaders, to actively engage with the public and strengthen confidence in the government's development and welfare agenda. The ministers also appreciated Golla John's involvement in addressing issues concerning students, youth, and the pub-

lic. They acknowledged his commitment to grassroots work and encouraged him to continue serving the people while contributing to the growth of the party. They expressed confidence that dedicated young leaders would play an important role in strengthening the Congress organization across the state. Speaking after the meeting, Golla John said the interaction with the ministers was both encouraging and inspiring. He stated that their guidance had given him a greater sense of responsibility and renewed motivation to work for the welfare of students and youth. He reaffirmed his commitment to the principles of the Indian National Congress and said he would continue working to expand the party's outreach while ensuring that government welfare schemes reach deserving beneficiaries. He also pledged to remain actively involved in addressing public concerns and strengthening the party at the grassroots level through dedicated service and continuous engagement with the people.

Public Demands Action on Accident-Prone Road

Quthbullapur, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The recently widened Boddurayi-Oakridge main road in Dundigal Circle has become a growing cause of concern for commuters, with residents alleging that inadequate safety measures have turned the busy stretch into an accident-prone zone. While the improved road has enhanced connectivity, locals say the absence of essential traffic safety infrastructure has compromised public safety. The road, extending from Bowrampet Boddurayi to Oakridge School, carries heavy traffic throughout the day due to its direct connection with Outer Ring Road (ORR) Exit-4A. Vehicles from Pragathi Nagar, Bowrampet, Bahadurpally, Mallampet, and nearby localities use this route regularly. Hundreds of school buses, IT employee vehicles, tourist buses, container trucks, and heavy commercial vehicles contribute to continuous congestion and increased accident risks. Residents point to several shortcomings, including poor street lighting, unsafe median openings, the absence of speed breakers, and a lack of cautionary signboards. They say these deficiencies reduce visibility, particularly during nighttime, making it difficult for motorists to react to approaching vehicles and increasing the likelihood of collisions. According to local residents, accidents occur on the stretch almost every week. They also recall a tragic incident in which three people lost their



lives, adding that despite repeated accidents, no significant improvements have been made to road safety. The situation is particularly alarming because the road passes near Oakridge School, where thousands of students and parents travel daily. Residents argue that the absence of school zone signage, zebra crossings, pedestrian safety measures, and speed control mechanisms poses a serious threat during peak hours. Locals claim they have repeatedly appealed to the concerned authorities to address the issue, but permanent corrective measures are yet to be implemented. They have urged officials to prioritise preventive road safety initiatives, including better lighting, regulated traffic movement, speed-calming measures, and improved pedestrian facilities, rather than responding only after accidents occur.

BJP to Organise Statewide 'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign

Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The Telangana BJP has announced a statewide 'Har Ghar Tiranga - Tiranga Yatra' campaign from August 10 to 15 as part of the Independence Day celebrations, with a massive Tiranga Rally planned in Hyderabad on August 14. The decision was taken at a meeting held at the BJP state office in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The meeting was attended by BJP State Vice President Dr. Boora Narsaiah Goud, State General Secretaries Dr. N. Gautam Rao and Chandrashekhar Ji, former MLAs Chintala Ramachandra Reddy, Prem Singh Rathod and K.S. Ratnam, BJP Mahila Morcha State President and Har Ghar Tiranga State Executive Convener Dr. Mekala Shilpa Reddy, along with party office-bearers, district presidents, conveners and senior leaders. Addressing the meeting, Dr. Mekala Shilpa Reddy said the campaign would be conducted across all districts under the theme "Ek Bharat - Shreshtha Bharat" to encourage citizens to proudly display the national flag at their homes and strengthen the spirit of patriotism. She said district-level planning meetings are being held on August 4 and 5, followed by mandal-level meetings on August 6 and 7 to ensure the smooth conduct of the programme. The campaign will involve outreach to Padma awardees, sportspersons, sports academies, educational institutions, bar associations and various social organisations, while national flags will be distributed to encourage widespread participation. According to the plan, BJP booth presidents and party leaders, along with their families, will hoist the tricolour at their homes between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. on August 10 and share photographs on social media as part of the campaign. Dr. Shilpa Reddy also announced that around 30,000 people from the eight districts under the GHMC limits are expected to participate in the Tiranga Rally in Hyderabad on August 14. BJP MPs, MLAs and senior party leaders will join the event. She appealed to the people of Telangana to hoist the national flag at every household and actively participate in the Tiranga Yatra to celebrate Independence Day with pride and patriotism.

BJP Hails Coal Block Allocation, Seeks Answers on MLA's Loans

Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

BJP State Vice President Raghunath Rao on Tuesday welcomed the Central Government's decision to allocate the Manuguru PKOC-2 Dip Side coal block to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and simultaneously demanded an explanation from the Telangana Government over the alleged repayment of loans by Congress MLA Prem Sagar Rao. Addressing a press conference at the BJP state office in Hyderabad, Raghunath Rao thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Coal Minister G. Kishan Reddy for facilitating the allocation of the coal block. He said the Manuguru PKOC-2 Dip Side block is expected to produce around 180 million tonnes of coal over the next 30 years, generating an estimated ₹42,360 crore in revenue for Singareni and ₹10,500 crore for the Telangana Government, besides creating employment opportunities for nearly 2,000 people. He further stated that, with the support of Union Minister Kishan Reddy, the Centre had earlier allotted the Naini coal block in Odisha, Tadicherla-2, and PKOC-2 coal blocks to Singareni to strengthen the company's financial position and expand employment opportunities for the state's youth. Raghunath Rao also raised allegations concerning Congress MLA Prem Sagar Rao, questioning how the legislator had reportedly repaid bank loans exceeding ₹470 crore within one-and-a-half years after the 2023 Assembly elections. He claimed the MLA had been a major loan defaulter before the elections and sought an explanation from Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy regarding the source of the funds. The BJP leader further alleged that Prem Sagar Rao is closely associated with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister D. Sridhar Babu, and called on the state government to respond to the allegations. The Congress has not issued an official response to the claims.

Retired TGSRTC Employees Demand Release of Pending Dues

Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

A large number of retired employees of the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) staged a protest outside Bus Bhavan in Hyderabad on Tuesday, demanding the immediate release of their long-pending retirement benefits. The protesters alleged that repeated representations to the TGSRTC management and the State Government had failed to yield any positive response. They urged the authorities to settle all pending dues without further delay. Warning of intensified agitation if their demands remain unaddressed, the retirees announced plans to stage a symbolic protest by seeking alms in front of the Secretariat and to organize demonstrations at major bus depots across the state. According to the protesting employees, nearly 17,000 staff members who retired from 2017 onwards are awaiting the payment of retirement benefits amounting to ₹861 crore. The pending amount reportedly includes ₹311 crore towards gratuity and leave encashment, along with ₹550 crore in arrears arising from



the 2017 revised pay scales. The retirees also highlighted outstanding liabilities related to the RTC Credit Cooperative Society, claiming that around ₹910 crore remains unpaid. They said the cooperative society has not been paying monthly interest to retired employees since August 2024. In addition, the protesters pointed to pending dues of nearly ₹1,700 crore payable to the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), expressing concern over delays in resolving the issue. The retired employees urged the government and the TGSRTC management to take immediate steps to clear all outstanding payments and provide financial relief to thousands of pensioners awaiting their legitimate benefits.

Operation Muskaan Rescues 1,413 Children

Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The Hyderabad City Police rescued 1,413 children during the month-long Operation Muskaan XII conducted in July as part of a coordinated effort to identify and rehabilitate children engaged in labour, begging, and other vulnerable situations. According to the police, the rescued children included 1,331 boys and 82 girls. Of the total, 828 children were from Telangana, 563 belonged to other states, and 22 were identified as being from Nepal. The operation was carried out by 26 divisional teams in coordination with the Child Welfare Committee, Labour Department, Department of Women and Child Welfare, Childline, Anti-

Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU), Juvenile Bureau, and several non-governmental organisations. As part of the enforcement drive, police registered 64 FIRs against employers found engaging children in illegal labour practices. Additionally, 723 cases were booked under the Minimum Wages Act, resulting in fines totalling ₹25.90 lakh being imposed on employers who violated labour laws. Police said the operation began with a coordination meeting chaired by Additional Commissioner of Police (Crimes) M. Srinivasulu, bringing together all participating departments and agencies to ensure effective implementation of the initiative. In a press release issued on Tuesday, DCP Women Safety Wing



(WSW) Dr. Lavanya Naik said the joint effort helped strengthen child protection measures

across the city. She appreciated the dedication of the teams, who worked throughout the

operation to safeguard the rights, dignity, and welfare of vulnerable children while ensuring legal

action against those exploiting child labour.

CPI Pays Tribute to Youth Leader Santosh

Quthbullapur, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Communist Party of India (CPI) paid their last respects to party youth leader and Guburugutta branch Assistant Secretary Comrade Santosh, who passed away after a prolonged illness. Party leaders laid floral wreaths on his mortal remains and remembered his dedication to the organization. They described Santosh as a committed and hardworking activist who played an active role in the successful implementation of several party programmes and public campaigns. Speaking on the occasion, CPI leaders said the untimely demise of the young leader was an irreparable loss to the party. They conveyed their heartfelt condolences to the bere

aved family and assured them of the party's continued support during their time of grief. Several senior CPI leaders attended the funeral and paid homage to the departed leader. Among those present were CPI National Council member Yusuf, District Secretary Umamahesh, State Council member Yesu Ratnam, Mandal Secretary Swami, Assistant Secretaries Ramulu and Harinath Rao, Praja Natya Mandal President Praveen and Babu, branch secretaries Kondaiah and Venkatesh, and CPI leaders Imam, Yadagiri, Venkatesh, Aravind, Srikanth, Jambu, and others. The gathering observed a moment of silence in memory of Santosh and recalled his contribution to the party's activities and commitment to serving the people.



BRSV Lodges Complaint Against Congress Leaders



Nacharam, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Leaders of the Bharat

(BRSV) submitted a complaint at the Osmania

University Police Station on Tuesday against Congress leaders Addanki Dayakar and Sama Rammohan Reddy, alleging that they made false and defamatory remarks against former minister T. Harish Rao. Addressing the media, BRSV leaders claimed that the Congress leaders were deliberately attempting to tarnish the image of Harish Rao, whom they described as a leader with an unblemished political record. They alleged that misleading

statements regarding temple visits were being circulated to create misinformation, adding that such claims had hurt the sentiments of devotees. The student wing demanded that Addanki Dayakar and Sama Rammohan Reddy immediately withdraw their remarks and issue a public apology through the same media platforms where the statements were made. They also urged them to remove all related videos, social media posts, and digital content containing the allegations. BRSV leaders warned that if the Congress leaders failed to apologise and remove the disputed content within the stipu-

lated time, they would initiate both civil and criminal defamation proceedings. They said the organisation would also intensify its protest if their demands were ignored. The complaint was submitted in the presence of BRSV State Secretary Jangayya and several student leaders, including Chatari Dasharath, Katam Shiva, Bollu Nagaraju Yadav, Kompalli Naresh, Mithun Prasad, Srikanth, Nagender Rao, Avinash, and others. The allegations made by BRSV reflect the organisation's claims, and the response of the Congress leaders was not immediately available.

DCP Calls for Safer and Smoother Traffic Flow

Quthbullapur, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Medchal Zone Traffic DCP Seshadrini Reddy, IPS, on Tuesday conducted a field inspection of the newly established U-turn at the Cromia Junction in Kompally to assess its effectiveness in easing traffic congestion and improving road safety. During the inspection, the DCP closely monitored vehicle movement on the main carriageway, the flow of traffic using the U-turn, and the overall traffic management at the busy junction. She also reviewed safety measures and interacted with officials regarding possible improvements to ensure smoother vehicular movement. Seshadrini Reddy instructed traffic officials to introduce necessary modifications to reduce congestion at the U-turn while ensuring that traffic on the main

road remains uninterrupted. She emphasized the need for both technical and physical changes in traffic management to provide motorists with a safer, faster, and more efficient commuting experience. Addressing officials during the visit, the DCP said the Cyberabad Traffic Police is continuously working to reduce traffic congestion, prevent road accidents, and enhance transportation facilities across the city. She noted that special attention is being given to major traffic bottlenecks, with permanent and sustainable solutions being implemented wherever required. Officials informed her that once the proposed modifications at the Kompally Cromia U-turn are fully implemented, traffic flow is expected to improve significantly. The measures are also likely to reduce travel time for commuters



while enhancing road safety for motorists using the junction. The inspection forms part of the Cyberabad Traffic Police's ongoing efforts to strengthen traffic management through regular field reviews and infrastructure improvements at key intersections experiencing heavy

vehicular movement. Jeedimetla Traffic ACP Y. Venkateswara Rao, Medchal Traffic Inspector K. Kranthi Kumar, and other traffic officials were present during the inspection and participated in the review of the proposed traffic management measures.

Patient Harassment Allegation at NIMS Under Police Probe

Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Police have launched an investigation after a young woman undergoing treatment at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS) Hospital in Panjagutta allegedly faced inappropriate behaviour from a fellow patient's attendant during her hospital stay. According to the complaint, the woman had been admitted to the hospital after sustaining fractures in both legs in a road accident. The alleged incident reportedly occurred during the early hours of the morning, between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m., while she was receiving treatment in the ward. The victim alleged that the attendant of a patient occupying a nearby bed behaved



towards her, leaving her frightened and distressed. She later informed her family about the

incident. Following the disclosure, the woman's father, who is an RMP doctor, approached the

police and lodged a formal complaint. Based on the statements of the victim and her father, the

Panjagutta police registered a case and began an investigation. Police officials are examining the circumstances surrounding the incident and collecting evidence to identify and trace the accused. They are also reviewing available information and speaking to witnesses as part of the inquiry. Hospital authorities are expected to cooperate with investigators in establishing the sequence of events. The incident has raised concerns over patient safety and security, particularly during night hours in healthcare facilities. Police stated that appropriate legal action will be taken based on the findings of the investigation. Further details are awaited as the inquiry progresses.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Joins Bonalu Celebrations

Nizamabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud participated in the Bonalu celebrations organised by the Are Katika Association in Nizamabad on Tuesday, where he offered special prayers to the presiding Goddess. During the celebrations, Mahesh Kumar Goud prayed for the peace, prosperity, good health, and long life of the people of Telangana. Addressing the gathering, he said Bonalu is a symbol of Telangana's rich culture and traditions and urged people to celebrate the festival with devotion and reverence. He said festivals such as Bonalu



strengthen social harmony, unity, and brotherhood while preserving the state's cultural heritage. Several public representatives attended the event, including MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana, Nizamabad Mayor Umarani, DCC President Nagesh Reddy, Corporation Chairmen Shekhar Goud and Kesha Venu, former MLC Akula Lalitha, Ramakrishna, Dayakar, Mallikarjun, and other Congress leaders. Representatives of the Are Katika Association, party workers, and a large number of devotees also participated in the celebrations, making the Bonalu festival a grand community event marked by traditional rituals and cultural fervour.

Collector Promotes Breastfeeding Awareness



Nizamabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

District Collector Garima Agarwal on Tuesday emphasized the importance of breastfeeding, stating that breast milk provides all the essential nutrients required for a baby's healthy growth and development. She was speaking after inaugurating the World Breastfeeding Week celebrations at the District Headquarters Hospital, organized by the District Medical and Health Department. Addressing the gathering, the Collector stressed that newborns should be placed with their mothers immediately after birth and encouraged mothers to feed colostrum-the first milk-within the first hour of delivery. She described colostrum as highly beneficial for both the mother and the infant and advised that babies should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months. Garima Agarwal noted that breast milk supports a child's physical growth, strengthens immunity, and contributes to healthy weight gain. She also highlighted that breastfeeding offers long-term

health benefits for mothers, including reducing the risk of certain types of cancer. The Collector urged nursing mothers to maintain a nutritious diet, including healthy foods and dry fruits, and directed doctors to educate mothers on proper breastfeeding techniques. She instructed health officials to observe Breastfeeding Week across all government hospitals in the district from August 1 to 7 and conduct awareness activities as planned. She also called upon ASHA workers to actively counsel mothers in their communities on breastfeeding, maternal nutrition, child healthcare, and the importance of regular medical care. As part of the programme, nursing students presented an awareness skit highlighting the benefits of breastfeeding and addressing common misconceptions. The Collector later distributed fruits to new mothers and unveiled the official Breastfeeding Week awareness poster. District Medical and Health Officer Angela Alfred, Hospital Superintendent Praveen Kumar, and other officials attended the event.

Collector Extends RS.1 Lakh Aid for Child's Treatment



Adilabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Adilabad District Collector Rajarshi Shah extended financial assistance of RS.1 lakh to the family of a young boy suffering from acute pancreatitis, offering much-needed support for his ongoing medical treatment. The beneficiary, Rakesh, the youngest son of Narayana and Gangamma from Nipani village in Bhimpur mandal, has been undergoing treatment for the serious illness over the past few days. His family, facing severe financial constraints, had been struggling to meet the mounting medical expenses. After learning about the family's situation, the District Collector intervened and personally handed over a cheque for RS.1 lakh to the family during a programme held at the Collectorate meeting hall on Tuesday. The financial assistance is expected to help the family continue the child's

treatment without additional financial burden. The Collector's prompt response was widely appreciated by the family and local residents. Expressing their gratitude, the parents said the support had come at a crucial time when they were finding it difficult to arrange funds for treatment. They thanked the district administration for its compassionate approach and timely intervention. Residents of Nipani village also welcomed the Collector's gesture, stating that the assistance had given the family hope during a difficult period. They praised the district administration for responding swiftly to the family's appeal and ensuring that financial constraints did not become a hurdle in the child's treatment. The incident highlights the role of district authorities in extending humanitarian assistance to families facing medical emergencies.

13 Farm Workers Injured in Autorickshaw Mishap

Nalgonda, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Thirteen agricultural labourers sustained injuries after an autorickshaw overturned at Ratnavaram village in Nadigudem mandal of Suryapet district on Tuesday while they were on their way to work in paddy fields. According to the police, the labourers were travelling from Ramapuram to Ratnavaram to take up paddy transplantation work when the accident occurred. Preliminary investigation revealed that the autorickshaw lost balance after passing over potholes that had formed due to ongoing road-widening works in the area. The vehicle subsequently overturned, leaving several passengers injured. Local residents rushed to the spot and alerted emergency services. Ambulances shifted the injured workers to the Government Hospital in Kodad, where they received medical treatment. Police officials said that none of the injured sustained life-threatening injuries and all were reported to be in stable condition. During the investigation, it was found that the autorickshaw was carrying more passengers than its permitted seating capacity, which may have contributed to the accident. Nadigudem Sub-Inspector A. Tejaswini said the driver was counseled and warned against overloading passengers, emphasizing that such violations pose serious risks to public safety. The incident has once again highlighted concerns over road safety and the dangers of overcrowded transport vehicles, particularly in rural areas where agricultural workers frequently rely on autorickshaws for daily travel. Police advised drivers to strictly follow traffic regulations and passenger limits to prevent similar accidents in the future. The condition of the road and the impact of ongoing construction works are also being examined as part of the inquiry.

SP Hands Over Aid to Deceased Head Constable's Family

Suryapet, August 04 | TPN Bureau

Suryapet Superintendent of Police K. Narasimha, IPS, said the government's Police Bhadratha Scheme serves as a vital source of financial support for the families of police personnel who die while in service. At a programme held at the District Police Office on Monday, the SP handed over a financial assistance cheque sanctioned under the scheme to the family of late Head Constable Yadagiri of Pempahad Police Station, who recently passed away. Addressing the gathering, SP Narasimha expressed condolences to the bereaved family and assured them that both the State Government and the Police Department would stand by the families of personnel who dedicate their lives to public service. He said the welfare of police families remains a priority and emphasized that the Police Bhadratha



Scheme has been introduced to provide financial security during difficult times. The SP stated that the department would extend every possible assistance to Yadagiri's family and ensure they receive all eligible benefits without delay. He appreciated the dedication and commitment shown by the late Head Constable during his service. The programme was attended by Additional SP Ravinder Reddy, DSP Ravi,

District Police Office Administrative Officer Manju Bhargavi, Police Association President and SI Ramchander Goud, along with police officers and staff members, who paid tribute to the deceased officer and expressed solidarity with his family. The event highlighted the department's commitment to supporting the families of police personnel who make sacrifices in the line of duty.

Collector Urges United Fight Against Drug Abuse



Nalgonda, August 04 | TPN Bureau

District Collector B. Chandrasekhar has called upon citizens, especially young people, to actively participate in creating a drug-free society. He made the appeal while attending the "10 Crore Drug-Free Pledge" mega campaign held at NG Government College in Nalgonda on Tuesday. The awareness programme was jointly organized by the Welfare and Police departments, Prajapita Brahma

Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya, along with the NSS and NCC wings. Addressing students and participants, the Collector expressed concern over the growing menace of substance abuse among youth. He said that, apart from drugs, addictions to alcohol, smoking, social media, and digital technology are also affecting the physical and mental well-being of young people. The Collector observed that narcotic substances, once considered accessible only

to a limited section of society, have now spread widely and emerged as a serious social challenge. He warned that drug addiction not only destroys the future of individuals but also causes lasting damage to families and the community. He urged educational institutions, parents, and community organizations to work together to spread awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and encourage healthy lifestyles among students. He also stressed the importance of counseling, guidance, and preventive measures to keep young people away from addictive substances. As part of the campaign, participants took a pledge to stay away from drugs and contribute towards building a healthier and addiction-free society. The event witnessed the participation of officials, faculty members, students, NSS and NCC volunteers, and representatives of the organizing institutions.

AIUKS Seeks Relief for Rain-Hit Farmers



Julurupadu, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The All India United Farmers' Association (AIUKS) has urged the Central and Telangana governments to provide immediate relief to farmers who have suffered crop losses due to inadequate rainfall during the ongoing Kharif season. On Tuesday, the AIUKS Julurupadu Mandal Committee submitted a memorandum to the Mandal Tahsildar, seeking urgent measures to address the hardships faced by farmers. Speaking on the occasion, AIUKS District Assistant Secretary Banothu Dharma said many farmers had begun cultivation with confidence after government announcements and weather forecasts predicted normal rainfall. However, the expected rains did not materialize, and prolonged dry condi-

tions coupled with high temperatures caused newly sown crops to dry up, resulting in heavy losses. The association demanded that the governments announce compensation for affected farmers and introduce support measures to help them recover from the setback. It also sought the free distribution of suitable seeds for re-sowing, waiver of last year's crop loans, and fresh agricultural loans for the current cultivation season. AIUKS leaders said timely intervention was essential to prevent further financial distress among farmers and to ensure agricultural activity continues without disruption. AIUKS Mandal Secretary Thotakura Nareesh and leaders Parupalli Baburao, S. Madhu, B. Nageswara Rao, Narasimha Rao, Appa Rao, and others participated in the programme.

CITU Calls for Massive Participation in Jail Bhara Protest



Hyderabad, August 04 | TPN Bureau

The Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) has appealed to workers, farmers, agricultural labourers, and the public to participate in large numbers in the proposed Jail Bhara programme scheduled for August 10. Speaking at a programme held at the College Ground on Tuesday, CITU district secretary G. Jyoti unveiled pamphlets highlighting the campaign and called for widespread public support against what she described as the Central Government's anti-labour, anti-farmer, and anti-people policies. Jyoti alleged that the four labour codes introduced by the Centre weaken workers' rights and demanded their withdrawal. She also expressed concern over changes to the rural employment guarantee programme, claiming that increased use of machinery could reduce employment opportunities for rural labourers.

She criticized the proposed Electricity Amendment Act, alleging that it could adversely affect benefits currently available to farmers and domestic consumers. She further claimed that policies encouraging large-scale corporate agriculture and increased grain imports could negatively impact local farmers by reducing remunerative prices for their produce. Announcing an extensive awareness campaign, Jyoti said CITU activists would visit villages and urban wards to explain these issues to the public and mobilize support for the August 10 protest. She urged workers, farmers, agricultural labourers, and economically weaker sections to actively participate in the Jail Bhara programme to press for their demands. CITU leaders S. Venkata Swamy, Bonkuru Sagar, Rajaiah, Anvesh, Devamma, Kanaka Lakshmi, Kondaiah, and several workers attended the event.

BRS Demands Changes to Police Recruitment Rules

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BRS MLA Devi Reddy Sudhir Reddy on Tuesday criticized the Telangana Government over its recruitment policies, alleging that the Congress administration has failed to address the concerns of unemployed youth and police job aspirants. Speaking at a press conference at Telangana Bhavan, Sudhir Reddy claimed that the Congress government has provided only 13,000 jobs so far, while the Director General of Police (DGP) has reportedly stated that nearly 19,000 posts remain vacant. He questioned why the government had issued a notification for only 7,000 police vacancies despite the larger number of vacant posts. The BRS leader alleged that although the government had issued GO 31 increasing the upper age limit for constable and Sub-Inspector (Civil) posts, the recent recruitment notification retained the previous age criteria. He demanded that the revised age limits be implemented to benefit eligible candidates. Sudhir Reddy also opposed the requirement of a driving licence for Fire Department recruitment and urged the government to fill vacancies in newly created police commissionerates based on the old district structure without delay. He further demanded that the government withdraw the revised long jump standards for police recruitment, claiming they were unfair to candidates. Referring to protests by Congress leaders on the issue, he accused the government of ignoring genuine concerns after coming to power. The MLA also criticized the examination fees of RS.1,500 for Sub-Inspector posts and ?1,000 for constable posts, alleging that the government was placing an unnecessary financial burden on unemployed youth. He urged the government to revise the recruitment rules and provide greater opportunities for aspiring candidates.

BJP's NVSS Prabhakar Alleges Governance Failure

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Former BJP MLA N.V.S.S. Prabhakar on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Congress government in Telangana, alleging administrative failure, rising corruption, and poor governance after more than two and a half years in office. Speaking at the BJP state office, Prabhakar claimed that the state's administrative machinery had weakened due to frequent transfers of IAS and IPS officers, resulting in a lack of coordination among ministers. He alleged that while government assets were shrinking and public debt was increasing, the personal assets of ministers had grown significantly. Prabhakar also criticized the government over law and order, recurring food poisoning incidents in schools, and the delay in cabinet expansion. He alleged that the Congress leadership was more focused on the party high command than addressing public issues. The BJP leader further claimed that the Congress government had failed to fulfill its promised "Six Guarantees" and accused it of sidelining investigations into issues such as the Kalashwaram project, Formula E race, phone tapping, and drug-related cases. The Congress government has not yet responded to the allegations.

Editorial

A Political Gift or a Calculated Strategy?

In politics, controversy may generate instant headlines, but it rarely guarantees lasting public support. Leaders who deliberately provoke disputes in the hope of gaining political mileage often underestimate the wisdom of the electorate. While sensational remarks may keep them in the news, they can also create a negative public image that becomes difficult to erase. Once a politician is identified with unnecessary controversies, future opportunities may gradually diminish as people begin to question both judgment and maturity.

The recent political conduct of Udayanidhi Stalin has once again brought this issue into focus. As a young leader with the opportunity to play a significant role in shaping the future of his party, he is expected to demonstrate restraint and responsibility. However, his repeated involvement in controversial remarks has attracted criticism rather than appreciation. His earlier comments on Sanatana Dharma had already sparked a nationwide debate, and now his decision to bring actress Trisha into political discourse has reportedly resulted in legal complications, further adding to the controversy surrounding him.

The developments also raise questions about the political strategy of the DMK. After facing electoral setbacks and the emergence of Vijay as a new political force in Tamil Nadu, the party appears eager to counter its new rival. However, targeting a newcomer through aggressive political attacks may not produce the desired results. On the contrary, such an approach could strengthen public sympathy for Vijay while reinforcing a negative perception of the ruling party.

History has repeatedly shown that voters appreciate constructive politics over personal attacks and sensationalism. Political parties must focus on governance, development, and public welfare rather than creating controversies for short-term attention. In the long run, credibility, dignity, and responsible leadership earn greater public confidence than provocative statements. Controversy may offer temporary visibility, but it is performance and public trust that ultimately determine political success.

Editor

Gen Z and the New Work Ethic: Redefining Commitment in a Changing World

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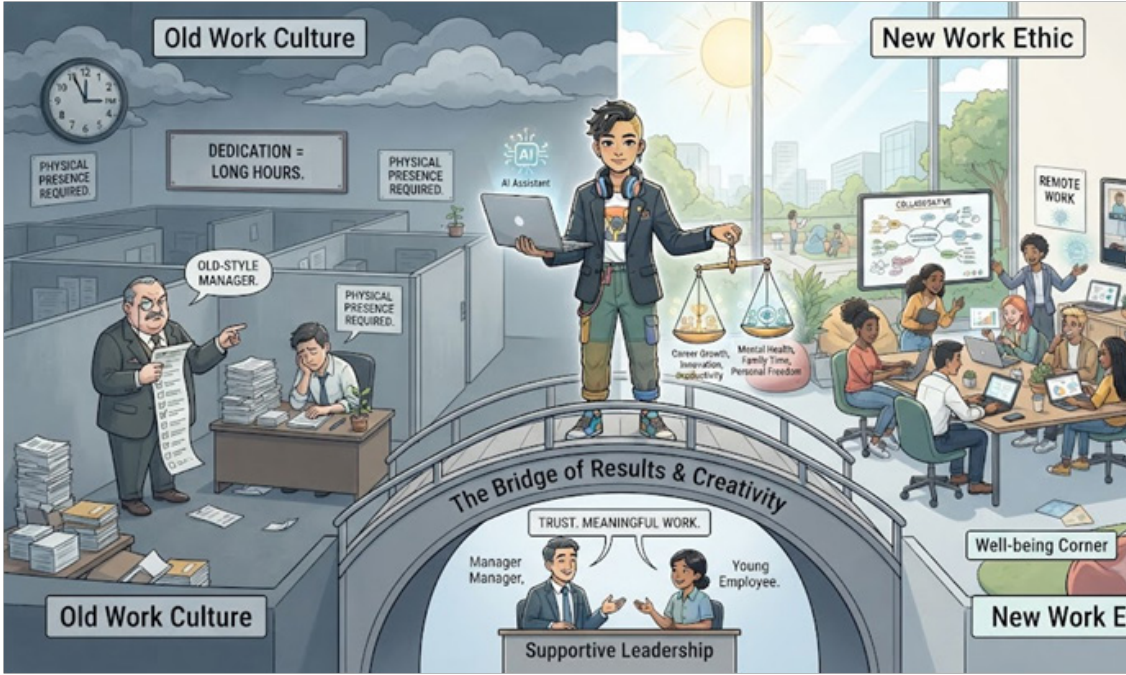
Everywhere you look today, the conversation seems to circle back to Gen Z. From political movements to workplace dynamics, this generation is increasingly shaping narratives across the globe. In countries like Bangladesh and Nepal, youth-led protests have demonstrated the power of collective action, while in India, student mobilisations around issues such as the NEET examination controversy have highlighted their growing political awareness. These developments have fueled a broader belief that the future of leadership—both political and economic—may well rest in Gen Z's hands. Yet, even as their influence rises, a paradox is emerging: a recent study points to a noticeable shift in how young employees approach work, raising questions about commitment, productivity and the very meaning of professional responsibility.

Gen Z today forms a significant portion of the workforce, spanning government offices, private companies and emerging industries. However, according to the "Great Place to Work India 2026" study, there is a growing reluctance among young employees to take on responsibilities beyond their defined roles. This trend, described as an "effort recession," suggests that many employees are unwilling to go the extra mile unless compelled by urgency or direct instructions from superiors. Unlike earlier

generations that often equated long hours with dedication, Gen Z appears to be redefining the boundaries of work.

The study, which surveyed 380 organisations nationwide, found that in nearly 63% of workplaces, employees were not engaging in discretionary effort—actions such as voluntarily working beyond official hours or taking up additional tasks. On average, this decline stood at 5%. At the same time, Gen Z now constitutes around 26% of the workforce, nearly double its share in 2023. This growing demographic places greater emphasis on work-life balance, flexible schedules, continuous learning, career growth and mental well-being rather than simply increasing their workload.

Artificial Intelligence is another factor reshaping workplace attitudes. As AI tools become more integrated into daily operations, traditional metrics of productivity—such as hours worked—are losing relevance. Instead, efficiency, innovation and adaptability are gaining importance. However, the study also highlights sectoral differences in attitudes toward additional responsibilities. Reluctance is highest in the retail sector at 88%, followed by IT and professional services at 77%, and construction and real estate at 71%. Manufacturing shows comparatively lower resistance at 44%, indicating that workplace culture and job nature significantly influence employee



behaviour.

Interestingly, the report underscores the critical role of organisational culture. When employees feel valued and supported by leadership, their willingness to take on extra responsibilities rises dramatically—up to 99%. Conversely, in environments marked by mistrust or lack of recognition, this willingness drops sharply to 29%. Similarly, when leadership is approachable and inspiring, 98% of employees are ready to go beyond their assigned duties, compared to just 32% in less supportive settings. These figures make it clear that employee engagement is less about generational attitudes and more about the quality of workplace relationships.

Experts argue that this shift should not be misinterpreted as declining work ethic. Rather, it reflects a transformation in how

commitment is understood. For Gen Z, dedication is not measured by the number of hours spent at a desk but by the quality of outcomes achieved. Problem-solving, collaboration and meaningful contributions are seen as more valuable indicators of performance than sheer busyness. This perspective aligns with the evolving demands of modern workplaces, where creativity and critical thinking are increasingly prized.

Moreover, broader societal changes are reinforcing this mindset. The rise of remote and hybrid work models, along with growing awareness of mental health, has encouraged employees to prioritise personal well-being. Gen Z, in particular, is unwilling to sacrifice quality of life for professional advancement unless they perceive genuine value in their work. They are more like-

ly to invest extra effort when they feel respected, trusted and aligned with the organisation's goals.

In many ways, this evolution presents an opportunity rather than a challenge. Employers who recognise and adapt to these changing expectations can build more engaged, productive and innovative teams. By fostering trust, offering flexibility and creating meaningful work environments, organisations can unlock the full potential of this generation.

Ultimately, Gen Z is not rejecting work—it is redefining it. Their approach signals a shift from quantity to quality, from purpose obligation. As industries continue to evolve under the influence of technology and changing social values, this redefinition may well prove to be not just relevant, but essential.

Beyond Borders: The Evolution of India's Civilizational Diplomacy

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When the world's leaders bent into their first hesitant yoga poses on June 21, 2015, something unusual was happening in international relations. India had persuaded the United Nations to dedicate a day not to a treaty, a cause, or a crisis, but to a five-thousand-year-old practice of breath and posture. One hundred and seventy-five countries co-sponsored the resolution, a near record. It was a quiet announcement that India intended to walk into the world not only as a market or a military power, but as a civilization.

An Old Instinct, A New Confidence

Civilizational diplomacy is not new to India; it is arguably India's oldest export. Long before the modern state existed, Indian ideas travelled without armies. Buddhism crossed the Himalayas and the seas to shape China, Korea, Japan, and Southeast Asia. The temple complexes of Angkor and Borobudur, the Ramayana traditions of Thailand and Indonesia, and the Sanskrit inscriptions scattered across Asia are reminders that India's most durable conquests were conquests of the imagination.

What has changed in recent years is the confidence and coherence with which this inheritance is being used. Where earlier decades treated culture as a decorative afterthought to foreign policy, it now sits close to the centre of it. The phrase "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam," the world is one family, was not merely quoted during India's

G20 presidency in 2023; it was the presidency's official theme, printed on every document and displayed at every venue. An ancient Upanishadic idea became the organising principle of the world's premier economic forum. That is civilizational diplomacy in its most literal form.

The Many Instruments of Soft Power

The toolkit has expanded impressively. Yoga and Ayurveda now have global constituencies, supported by institutions such as the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine, established in Jamnagar; the first of its kind anywhere in the world. The International Solar Alliance, headquartered in India, frames climate cooperation through the old reverence for Surya, the sun, giving a technical body a cultural soul.

The diaspora, thirty-five million strong, has become a living bridge. The spectacular community receptions for Indian leaders abroad, from Madison Square Garden to Sydney, are not mere spectacle; they signal to host governments that the Indian community is engaged, organised and proud of its roots. Meanwhile, the repatriation of stolen antiquities has added a moving new chapter. Hundreds of sculptures and artefacts have returned home from the United States, Australia and Europe in recent years, each homecoming a small ceremony of civilizational self-respect.

Even vaccine diplomacy carried this imprint. When India shipped Covid vaccines to dozens of countries under Vaccine Maitri, the gesture was framed through the ideal of "Seva,"



service, echoing the dictum that the world is one family. Aid became an expression of ethos rather than a transaction.

Buddhism and the Neighbourhood

Nowhere is the civilizational thread more visible than in India's engagement with Asia. The nurturing of Buddhist circuits connecting Bodhi Gaya, Sarnath, Kushinagar and Lumbini speaks directly to the spiritual geography of Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam, Japan and beyond. The gifting of sacred relics for exposition abroad, the restoration of temples in Cambodia and Vietnam by Indian archaeologists, and the establishment of institutions such as Nalanda University as a revived seat of ancient learning all serve a patient purpose. They remind Asia that its cultural bloodstream carries Indian memory, and that this connection predates and outlasts the anxieties of contemporary geopolitics.

Why Civilizational Diplomacy Works

Sceptics sometimes dismiss soft power as ornamental. This misunderstands how influence actually accumulates. Military alliances shift, and trade deals expire, but cultural affinity compounds quietly across generations. A student who studies at an Indian university on an ICCR scholarship, a Japanese pilgrim who visits Bodhi Gaya, a

Brazilian who begins her morning with pranayama, each becomes a small ambassador for an idea of India that no press release could manufacture.

Civilizational diplomacy also gives India a distinctive voice in a crowded world. Many nations can offer markets and weapons; very few can offer an unbroken living tradition of philosophy, medicine, art, and pluralism stretching back millennia. By speaking as a civilization, India offers the world not just partnership but perspective on sustainability through simple living, on harmony through dialogue, on universalism through "the world is one family."

The Road Ahead

The evolution is far from complete. The next frontier lies in institutions: more chairs of Indian studies abroad, deeper translation of classical literature, stronger global platforms for Indian cinema, cuisine and digital creativity. The raw material is inexhaustible; the task is curation and consistency.

What is already clear is that India has stopped being shy about its inheritance. It has learned to convert memory into a message and heritage into a handshake. In a century likely to be defined by contests of technology and power, India is making an older wager, that the deepest borders are crossed not by force, but by ideas that feel, to those who receive them, like something they had always known.

Owls: Silent Guardians of Nature That Need Protection

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Owls are among nature's most fascinating creations, known for their unique appearance, silent flight and remarkable hunting skills. International Owl Awareness Day, observed on August 4 every year, reminds us of the importance of protecting these unique birds. Beyond myths and beliefs, owls play a vital role in maintaining ecological balance by controlling pests and supporting agricultural ecosystems. Their presence in nature reflects the health of our environment.

Owls - Unique Birds With Big Eyes

Owls look different and sometimes appear scary because of their large eyes. They are considered auspicious birds and are traditionally regarded as the vehicle of Goddess Lakshmi. Owls are special birds that can fly silently due to their unique feather structure. Owls can turn their heads up to 270 degrees and can see clearly even in complete darkness. They are found in forests and deserts on all continents except Antarctica. A group of owls is called a "parliament".

A pair of owls can eat up to 3,000 mice during their nesting season, which is beneficial to farmers. They can even detect and catch prey hidden under deep snow through their excellent hearing ability. Their feathers and spots blend with the colour of tree bark, providing safety during resting and hunting.

Let's Protect This Rare Bird Species

The declining population of

owls worldwide should be considered a warning sign of biodiversity loss. Their numbers have been reduced due to habitat destruction, pollution, excessive pesticide use, poisoned food and indiscriminate hunting. Protecting owl habitats, reducing the use of poisonous rodenticides and creating awareness through wildlife conservation programmes are essential steps. Schools and communities should encourage conservation activities to ensure ecological balance.

There are more than 200 species of owls worldwide. These nocturnal birds mainly move during the night, though some species also hunt during the day. As skilled carnivorous hunters, they feed on insects,

Unknown Facts About Owls

- Owls have special feathers that help them fly almost silently.
- They cannot move their eyes but rotate their heads to see around.
- Their facial discs help capture and focus sounds.
- Some owls can locate prey hidden under snow.
- Owls act as natural pest controllers and help farmers.

lizards, mice, crabs and worms.

While some cultures believe owls bring prosperity and good fortune, others consider them a bad omen. It is important to understand their ecological value and protect these unique birds.



Lok Sabha Passes Appropriation Bill, Adjourns Amid Opposition Protests

The Lok Sabha was adjourned for the day on Tuesday after passing the Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2026, amid continued protests by Opposition members over the alleged theft of donations at the Ram Temple and other issues. When the House re-assembled at 2 pm after an earlier adjournment, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, to replace an Ordinance that removed income tax provisions relating to foreign investment in government securities. Although several Opposition members had submitted notices to oppose the introduction of the Bill, none spoke when their names were called by the Chair. The Bill proposes amendments to the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, the Income-tax Act, 2025, and the Finance Act, 2027. Despite the uproar, the Lok Sabha passed the Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2026 by voice vote. The legislation authorises the appropriation of money from the Consolidated Fund of India to cover expenditure incurred on certain services during the financial year ending March 31, 2023, that exceeded the amounts originally approved. Earlier in the day,



Speaker Om Birla appealed to members to allow Question Hour to function smoothly and sought cooperation from all parties. Opposition members continued raising slogans, including "Home Minister, answer us", protesting police action against student demonstrators during their march to Parliament on July 20. Birla said he had requested leaders of all political parties during the Business Advisory Committee meeting to ensure the smooth functioning of Parliament. Describing Parliament as the country's highest

democratic institution, he said it should be used for debating and passing legislation rather than slogan-shouting or displaying placards. During the ongoing Monsoon Session, the Lok Sabha has passed five Bills. Two have already received approval from both Houses, while the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Bill, 2026, the Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2026, and the Supreme Court Judges (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, are awaiting consideration in the Rajya Sabha.

Security Tightened in J&K Ahead of Article 370 Anniversary

Security has been intensified across Jammu and Kashmir ahead of the seventh anniversary of the Centre's August 5, 2019 decision to revoke the erstwhile state's special constitutional status under Article 370 and bifurcate it into the Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh. Several political parties have announced protests and Black Day observances on Wednesday, prompting authorities to deploy additional security personnel, especially in the Kashmir Valley.

Officials in Srinagar and Jammu are scheduled to hold security review meetings to finalise measures to regulate or prevent political gatherings. While the National Conference (NC) has not disclosed its complete plans, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Congress, Awami Ittehad Party (AIP) and other regional parties have announced protest programmes. Party leaders have expressed concerns that they may face house detention or preventive restrictions.

PDP president and former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti has directed party workers to organise district-level demonstrations demanding the restoration of Articles 370 and 35A and the release of political de-



tainees. The party has also appealed to the public to observe a 15-minute lights-out blackout as a symbolic protest. The protest schedule was issued by General Secretary (Organisation) G.N. Lone Hanjura.

NC Provincial President (Jammu) Rattan Lal Gupta said the party would observe August 5 as Black Day, calling the 2019 decisions unconstitutional and asserting that people continue to face political, constitutional and emotional consequences. He also criticised the BJP over the delay in restoring statehood.

The Congress has planned statewide protests under the

slogan "Meri Riyasat, Mera Haq", reiterating its demand for the restoration of statehood.

Meanwhile, AIP, led by MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid, popularly known as Engineer Rashid, announced Black Day programmes in Srinagar and New Delhi. Party spokesperson Inam Un Nabi said Rashid would wear black clothes in Parliament and observe a day-long hunger strike as a peaceful protest. The party will also hold seminars highlighting its demand for the restoration of democratic and constitutional rights in Jammu and Kashmir.

Rahul Gandhi Attacks RSS, PM Modi Over History and Student Protest Crackdown

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Tuesday launched a sharp attack on the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing the RSS of attempting to rewrite India's history and asserting that the country's historical legacy would not be allowed to be distorted.

Addressing the media, Gandhi said the RSS could not alter India's past and insisted that the nation would not tolerate any attempt to undermine or rewrite its history. He maintained that India's historical heritage belongs to its people and cannot be changed to suit any political ideology.

"The RSS can't change our history. India will not tolerate its history being trampled upon by anybody," Gandhi said while criticising what he described as efforts to reshape the country's historical narrative.

The Congress leader also



strongly criticised the Union government's handling of recent student protests, saying students had suffered because of police action and deserved justice instead of symbolic gestures.

Referring to the police action against student protesters, Gandhi said the Prime Minister should apologise to them rather than seek forgiveness. "Students are in severe

pain. They don't need the Prime Minister's forgiveness; Modi needs to apologise instead," he said.

His remarks came amid an ongoing political confrontation between the Opposition and the ruling BJP over the treatment of student demonstrators and wider ideological issues. Opposition parties have repeatedly accused the government of suppressing

dissent and using excessive force against protesting students. The BJP, however, has defended the government's actions and accused the Congress of politicising the issue for electoral gains.

The comments also coincided with continued disruptions in Parliament, where Opposition parties intensified their protests over multiple issues. Among the key concerns raised were the police action against student protesters and allegations regarding the theft of donations at the Ayodhya Ram Temple.

The exchange has further sharpened the political divide between the Congress and the BJP, with both sides continuing to trade allegations over governance, democratic values and the handling of public protests. The issue is expected to remain a major point of contention during the ongoing Monsoon Session of Parliament.



Gen Z Should Lead Youth Outreach, Says Abhijeet Dipke

Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) founder Abhijeet Dipke on Tuesday welcomed Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat's planned interaction with students but said such initiatives would be more meaningful if they were led by young people from Gen Z.

Bhagwat is scheduled to interact with Gen Alpha and Gen Z students in Mumbai on August 6. The programme will bring together more than 2,000 students aged between 15 and 19 from over 100 cities across the country.

Speaking to reporters at his residence in Chhatrapati Sambhajanagar, Dipke said the growing engagement with young people reflected the influence of the youth on national politics. He remarked that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi had started posting Instagram reels and Bhagwat was now preparing to interact with Gen Z.

"The youth has forced this. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has to post a reel on Instagram, and Mohan Bhagwat also wants to interact with Gen Z," Dipke said.

He added that while the dialogue was a positive step, Gen Z needed representatives from

its own generation to lead such conversations. According to Dipke, interactions would be more effective if young people engaged directly with other young people instead of senior leaders.

Dipke said it was encouraging that the importance of Gen Z was finally being recognised, describing young people as the future of the country. However, he stressed that youth outreach should feature younger faces to better understand the aspirations and concerns of students.

He also referred to the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as Union Education Minister on July 25 following CJP-led protests over the alleged NEET examination paper leak.

Commenting on student protests in Jharkhand, Dipke accused the state government of ignoring the demonstrators. Students have been holding an indefinite protest in Ranchi since July 29 over alleged paper leaks in the Jharkhand Public Service Commission examinations and other recruitment tests. Dipke said he had spoken with the protesting students and claimed they lacked basic facilities, adding that the CJP stood in solidarity with their agitation.



Ranchi Protesters Seek Independent Probe into Paper Leak Allegations

Job aspirants protesting the alleged paper leaks in the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC) examination and other recruitment tests have demanded an investigation by an independent panel of retired High Court judges from outside Jharkhand, expressing a lack of confidence in the ongoing probe.

The protesters have been staging an indefinite sit-in at Jaipal Singh Munda Stadium in Ranchi since July 29. They alleged that the JMM-led government was attempting to "whitewash" the issue by assigning the investigation to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

Earlier, the protesters had demanded a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry along with an Enforcement Directorate (ED) probe, claiming the alleged recruitment scam involved large-scale financial transactions.

Vinay Mehta, a job aspirant from Hazaribag district, said the protesters had lost faith in the CID investigation. He claimed that during the earlier JSSC-CGL paper leak inquiry, the CID found that answers to 135 out of 150 questions had

been leaked, with 120 questions matching the actual examination paper.

Mehta also alleged that despite candidates submitting documentary evidence through emails and WhatsApp, authorities neither acknowledged nor acted on the complaints. He reiterated the demand for either a CBI investigation or an independent inquiry by retired High Court judges from outside the state.

The protesters also announced plans to pay tribute to former Chief Minister Shibu Soren on his first death anniversary. Pawan Goswami, a protester from Palamu district, said the students would march to Soren's residence to pay their respects, describing him as an inspiration.

While emphasising that the agitation would remain peaceful, Goswami warned that the protesters would intensify their movement if the government continued to ignore their demands. He said they would gherao the Jharkhand Assembly on August 10 if no action was taken. The protest has received support from several organisations in recent days.

Udhayanidhi Stalin Released After High Court Order in Trisha Remarks Case

DMK leader and Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin was released by the police on Tuesday after the Madras High Court directed authorities to free him immediately following questioning in connection with a case over his alleged objectionable remarks about actor Trisha Krishnan.

Udhayanidhi was arrested earlier in the day from his residence in Chennai after a case was registered over comments he made during a public meeting. During the hearing, Tamil Nadu Advocate General Vijay Narayan informed the High Court that Udhayanidhi had been taken to Thanjavur for questioning and that the police had no intention of seeking judicial remand. He said the plan was to question him and release him on station bail.

Taking note of the submission, the Madras High Court ordered the police to release Udhayanidhi immediately after the questioning was completed. He was subsequently released on Tuesday evening.

The controversy stems from a speech delivered by Udhayanidhi on Monday during a protest over the Cauvery water dispute. While criticising the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) government, some party workers began chanting "Trisha, Trisha." In response, Udhayanidhi made remarks that were alleged to carry a double meaning and were widely criticised as inappropriate.

Following the backlash, Udhayanidhi clarified that his comments were intended to refer to the Cauvery issue and not the actor. However, the explanation failed to end the controversy, with several political parties demanding an unconditional apology, alleging that the remarks were derogatory towards women.

The TVK lodged a police complaint over the comments, leading to the registration of a case against Udhayanidhi. He then approached the Madras High Court seeking relief, prompting an urgent hearing that resulted in his release after police questioning.

MK Stalin Targets CM Vijay After Udhayanidhi Stalin's Arrest

DMK president MK Stalin on Tuesday launched a strong attack on Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay and the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) government following the arrest and subsequent release of Leader of the Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin.

Udhayanidhi Stalin was detained for nearly four hours over alleged double entendre remarks linked to actor Trisha Krishnan before being released on the orders of the Madras High Court.

Reacting to the incident, MK Stalin accused the state government of using arrests to divert attention from governance failures, particularly on the Cauvery water dispute and the Mekedatu dam issue. He said the arrest, carried out a day before the state budget session, was intended to prevent Udhayanidhi Stalin from participating in the Assembly. "Arrogance leads to destruction; persistent arrogance only accelerates it," MK Stalin said while criticising the Vijay-led



government. He also alleged that instead of fulfilling electoral promises, Chief Minister Vijay had focused on social media publicity. "From the moment he assumed office, instead of striving to fulfil promises, Chief Minister Vijay, content to roam as a mere reels creator, must now awaken to his responsibilities," he said. The DMK chief further accused the government of repeatedly using arrests against political opponents, students, farmers and protesters. He claimed protests against the NEET examination, farmers' demonstrations and awareness campaigns against NEET had faced restrictions under the present administration. The

controversy stems from remarks made by Udhayanidhi Stalin during a protest in Thanjavur over the Cauvery water dispute. The comments drew criticism from several political leaders and public figures, who alleged they contained a vulgar double meaning. Police booked Udhayanidhi Stalin under multiple legal provisions, including charges related to the use of obscene words, outraging the modesty of women, promoting enmity, provoking riots and criminal intimidation. Provisions of the Tamil Nadu Prohibition of Harassment of Women Act were also invoked before he was released following court intervention.

Police Halt Kejriwal's March Against E20 Petrol Policy

Delhi Police on Tuesday stopped Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal and other party leaders from marching to the Prime Minister's residence to submit more than 2.30 lakh petitions opposing the Centre's E20 petrol policy. The action prompted AAP leaders and supporters to stage a sit-in protest on Firoz Shah Road. Kejriwal, accompanied by former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia, AAP leader Jasmine Shah and other party members, sat on the road after police prevented the group from proceeding towards the Prime Minister's residence. The party had begun the march with around 100 participants carrying petitions collected from people across the country. According to AAP, the petitions represent the concerns of vehicle owners over the government's promotion of E20 petrol, an ethanol-blended fuel. The party alleged that the increased use of E20 petrol was adversely affecting vehicle owners and urged the Centre to reconsider the pol-

icy. AAP leaders said the petitions were intended to highlight public opposition to the fuel initiative and seek a review of the government's decision.

Addressing supporters before the march, Kejriwal said the party had collected more than 2.30 lakh signatures from citizens across the country. He appealed to the government to take note of the concerns raised by crores of vehicle owners and respond to the issues associated with the E20 fuel policy. The protest remained peaceful as police restricted the march before it could reach the Prime Minister's residence. AAP leaders continued their demonstration on the roadside, reiterating their demand that the government engage with the concerns expressed through the petitions. "The E20 petrol policy has become a point of political debate, with AAP claiming it could negatively impact vehicle users, while the Centre has been promoting ethanol blending as part of its broader fuel and energy strategy.

Bangladesh Seeks India's Stand on Sheikh Hasina's Planned Address

Bangladesh has sought clarification from India over former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's proposed virtual address from New Delhi, saying that allowing a fugitive to engage in political activities could negatively affect the improving bilateral relationship between the two countries.

The issue marks Dhaka's first official response to Hasina's planned participation in an August 5 event organised by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of South Asia (FCCSA) in New Delhi. The programme is being held to mark the second anniversary of the student-led uprising that led to the fall of Hasina's government in 2024.

The matter comes as Bangladesh continues to pursue Hasina's extradition from India, where she has been living since leaving Bangladesh in August 2024. Despite facing multiple criminal cases, Hasina recently told Reuters that she intends to return to Bangladesh in December. Bangladesh's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Shama Obaed Islam said her government was committed to maintaining a forward-looking relationship with India but wanted New Delhi to clarify its position on the issue. "We are moving forward with India with a forward-looking approach. We don't want that progress to be affected. India has to be clear about its stance," Islam told reporters. According to the FC-



CSA, Hasina, 78, is scheduled to address the event through video conferencing. She is expected to be joined by her son, Sajeeb Wazed Joy, and other speakers. The organisation has not responded publicly to Bangladesh's concerns. Islam said Bangladesh had repeatedly conveyed its objections to India regarding Hasina and other Awami League leaders making political statements while staying in India. She said Dhaka did not want bilateral relations to suffer because of comments made by individuals facing legal proceedings in Bangladesh. She also noted that India had earlier indicated it did not expect fugitives to carry out political activities from its territory. Although she acknowledged that the event was not being organised

by the Indian government, Islam said Bangladesh would raise the issue through diplomatic channels if required. There was no immediate response from India's Ministry of External Affairs. Relations between India and Bangladesh have remained strained since Hasina's removal from office, though both governments have recently expressed interest in rebuilding ties through increased engagement and cooperation after the formation of Tarique Rahman's government following February's elections. Bangladesh has also sought Hasina's extradition after she was sentenced to death in 2025 for crimes against humanity related to the 2024 crackdown, a verdict she has rejected as legally invalid.

US Begins Largest Citizenship Revocation Drive Against 25 Naturalised Citizens

The United States Department of Justice (DoJ) has initiated proceedings to revoke the citizenship of 25 naturalised citizens, including an Indian-origin man, in what officials describe as the largest coordinated denaturalisation effort in the department's history. The cases involve allegations ranging from identity fraud and marriage fraud to attempted murder, child sexual abuse and other serious offences.

Among those named is 65-year-old Narinder Singh, a resident of Delaware, who is accused of obtaining US citizenship by using a fraudulent identity. According to the DoJ, Singh allegedly used two different identities to gain admission into the United States beginning in 1996 before becoming a naturalised citizen on May 1, 2008. The complaint against him includes seven counts related to alleged misrepresentations and unlawful conduct that authorities say reflect adversely on his moral



character.

The list of 25 individuals also includes two people of Pakistani origin, Zia Murad Bhatti and Mohd Wasif, who are accused of falsifying their identities. Others facing denaturalisation proceedings are naturalised citizens originally from Moldova, Mexico, Colombia, Nigeria, Liberia, Ghana, Jamaica, Taiwan, Honduras, Cameroon, Jordan, Cuba, El

Salvador, Haiti and Sweden.

The complaints were filed between July 20 and August 3. With these new filings, the total number of denaturalisation cases initiated by the Justice Department since January 20, 2025, has risen to 123 as part of the Trump administration's intensified immigration enforcement measures.

Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche said US citizen-

ship is one of the nation's highest privileges and must be obtained lawfully and honestly. He stated that the complaints allege the individuals secured naturalisation through fraud, concealment or other unlawful conduct, including hiding violent crimes, sexual offences against children, fraudulent identities and other disqualifying facts.

Blanche said the latest actions marked only the beginning of the department's efforts to protect the integrity of the naturalisation process and public safety.

Assistant Attorney General Brett Shumate described the initiative as the largest denaturalisation surge in recorded history. The Justice Department said the allegations across the 25 cases include attempted murder, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, identity fraud, passport fraud, bank and credit card fraud, marriage fraud and practising medicine without a licence.

Former FBI Agent Accused of Stealing \$1 Million in Cryptocurrency

A former FBI counterintelligence agent has been arrested in the United States on allegations of stealing nearly \$1 million worth of cryptocurrency from digital wallets that the bureau was monitoring as part of an investigation, according to court documents.

Patrick Steven Yaroch, who previously served in the FBI's Counterintelligence and Espionage Division, is accused of using his access to government systems to transfer cryptocurrency from accounts linked to a foreign adversary. According to CNN, the accounts were connected to Russia.

Prosecutors allege that Yaroch became dissatisfied with the FBI's handling of the cryptocurrency accounts and, in late 2024, created a personal digital wallet. Investigators claim he accessed FBI databases to obtain passphrases linked to the monitored wallets and transferred the funds through 10 to 12 separate transactions.



Authorities estimate the stolen cryptocurrency was worth about \$1 million. During a search of Yaroch's home in Ashburn, Virginia, investigators recovered cryptocurrency valued at approximately \$925,426. They also seized a hardware wallet, handwritten seed phrases used to access digital assets, and documents indicating that Yaroch may have been planning to relocate abroad, including paperwork

related to Portugal.

The FBI said it acted immediately after learning about the allegations. In a statement, the agency said it had launched an investigation, executed an arrest warrant and reaffirmed that it holds its employees to the highest ethical standards. The bureau added that such conduct would not be tolerated and declined to comment further because the investigation remains ongoing.

Investigators also recovered conversations from Yaroch's mobile phone in which he allegedly used ChatGPT to seek advice on investing or spending \$1 million and asked about relocating overseas. Court records state that he later admitted to a colleague that he had made poor decisions before contacting the US Department of Justice.

Bloomberg News reported that Yaroch was dismissed from the FBI and arrested on the same day federal agents searched his residence. He has been charged with interstate transportation of stolen goods and receipt of stolen goods. A federal magistrate judge has ordered that he remain in custody temporarily while legal proceedings continue. His lawyer has not issued a public statement regarding the allegations. The case remains under investigation by federal authorities.

UN Experts Urge Canada to Protect Sikh Activist Moninder Singh

A group of United Nations human rights experts has called on Canada to take all possible measures to protect Sikh activist Moninder Singh, citing allegations of foreign intimidation and repeated threats to his life.

In a letter dated June 3 and made public two months later under standard UN procedures, five independent UN experts expressed concern over what they described as allegations of foreign intimidation and reprisals against Singh, a Canadian citizen. They noted that Canadian authorities had issued Singh four "duty to warn" notices since 2022, informing him of credible and imminent threats to his life.

The experts urged the Canadian government to ensure the safety of Singh, his family and others facing similar risks. They also called for accelerated investigations into the allegations, accountability for those responsible, appropriate remedies for victims and measures to prevent similar incidents in the future.

The letter was signed by the UN Special Rapporteurs on protecting human rights while countering terrorism, freedom of peaceful assembly and association, human rights defenders, freedom of religion or belief, and the Independent Expert on promoting a democratic and equitable international order. A copy of the com-



munication was also sent to the Government of India.

UN Special Rapporteurs and independent experts are appointed by the UN Human Rights Council to examine and report on specific issues. They serve in an independent capacity and do not speak on behalf of the United Nations.

Earlier this year, Singh visited the UN in Geneva to seek international attention to what he described as the targeting of Sikh activists abroad and broader concerns about transnational repression.

The issue has remained a source of diplomatic tension between India and Canada since the 2023 killing of Sikh activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar in British Columbia. Canada alleged Indian involvement in

the killing, an accusation India has consistently denied. The dispute led to a deterioration in bilateral relations and the expulsion of diplomats by both countries in 2024. Relations have improved in recent months following renewed diplomatic engagement.

Singh, who supports the Khalistan movement advocating an independent Sikh state, welcomed the UN experts' intervention. He said the letter highlighted concerns about the safety of Sikh activists and reaffirmed that his advocacy was based on international law, human rights principles and the experiences of his community. India has consistently rejected allegations of targeting Sikh activists abroad.



UK Man Jailed for Hiding Mother's Body and Claiming Benefits

A court in the United Kingdom has sentenced a 60-year-old man to two years and four months in prison after he kept his mother's body in a chest freezer for nearly three years while continuing to claim her pension and government benefits worth more than £78,000 (about Rs 99 lakh).

Christopher Phillips, from Porthcawl in South Wales, concealed the body of his mother, Sylvia Phillips, following her death in March 2023. According to court proceedings, he failed to inform authorities of her death and continued to receive state pension payments, attendance allowance, housing benefits, winter fuel payments and other financial support that should have ceased after her passing. The case came to light in February 2026 after doctors became concerned about Sylvia Phillips' welfare and requested a police welfare check. When officers visited the property, Phillips initially claimed that his mother was staying with relatives in London. However, inconsistencies in his statements prompted further investigation, leading police to discover her body inside a chest freezer at the home they had shared. Investigators also found that Phillips had continued accessing his moth-

er's bank accounts while receiving benefits in her name. The court heard that the total amount fraudulently obtained exceeded £78,000 during the nearly three-year period. During the trial, Phillips' defence lawyer said he had been his mother's full-time carer for many years and struggled emotionally after her death. According to the defence, Phillips told investigators he "didn't want to let her go." His lawyer also cited mental health difficulties following his mother's death as a contributing factor to his actions. Judge Tracey Lloyd-Clarke sentenced Phillips to two years and four months in prison after he pleaded guilty to preventing a lawful burial and multiple fraud offences related to the continued receipt of government benefits. Police described the case as deeply distressing and expressed sympathy for Sylvia Phillips' relatives. Authorities said the discovery of her body finally allowed family members to arrange a proper burial and bring the matter to a close. The case has drawn attention across the UK because of its unusual circumstances and the prolonged misuse of public funds through fraudulent benefit claims after the death of a family member.

Lufthansa Cuts Profit Outlook as West Asia War Raises Fuel Costs

German aviation giant Lufthansa on Tuesday lowered its earnings outlook for 2026, citing rising jet fuel prices caused by the ongoing conflict in West Asia. The announcement triggered a sharp decline in the company's share price, which fell more than 11 percent in trading on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. The airline now expects its core operating profit to be between 1.7 billion euros and 2.2 billion euros for 2026. Earlier, Lufthansa had projected significantly higher earnings than its 2025 core profit of 1.96 billion euros. Speaking during the company's earnings call, Chief Financial Officer Till Streichert said the biggest challenge remained the sharp increase in fuel costs and uncertainty over how much of the additional expense could be passed on to customers. Streichert said Lufthansa intends to continue raising ticket prices during the second half of the year to offset higher fuel expenses. However, he noted that predicting customer demand had become more difficult because travellers were booking flights closer to their departure dates rather than making advance reservations. Despite a 10 percent increase in revenue to 11.1 billion euros during the April-June quarter, Lufthansa's core operating profit, excluding one-time items, dropped nearly 56 percent to 383 million eu-

ros. According to the airline, higher fuel prices alone added around 750 million euros to its operating costs during the period. Lufthansa said it had managed to recover approximately 60 percent of those additional costs by increasing ticket prices, but the higher fares were not enough to fully compensate for the surge in fuel expenses. The airline group, which also operates Swiss, Brussels Airlines and Eurowings alongside the Lufthansa brand, has become the latest global carrier to feel the financial impact of the prolonged conflict in West Asia. The war has disrupted petrochemical supplies moving through the strategically important Strait of Hormuz, contributing to higher jet fuel prices worldwide. Lufthansa also reported that labour unrest significantly affected its financial performance. Repeated strikes by pilots and cabin crew over pay and pension disputes led to the cancellation of thousands of flights this year, costing the airline around 200 million euros during the second quarter. Several major international airlines, including British Airways parent IAG, Air France-KLM, EasyJet, American Airlines and Ryanair, have also reported weaker profits in recent weeks, attributing the decline largely to rising fuel costs linked to the conflict in West Asia.



UFC Flyweight Allan Nascimento Dies at 34 After Reported Heart Attack

Brazilian UFC flyweight fighter Allan Nascimento has died at the age of 34, the Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) confirmed. According to reports, Nascimento was found unresponsive on the morning of August 3 after reportedly suffering a heart attack in his sleep.

In an official statement, the UFC said medical personnel responded to the incident but were unable to revive the fighter. The organisation extended its condolences to Nascimento's family, friends, teammates and loved ones.

Known by his nickname "Puro Osso", meaning "skin and bones," Nascimento had

been part of the UFC roster since 2021. He last competed in June at UFC Fight Night: Kape vs Horiguchi, where he lost to Mitch Raposo by split decision. The bout took place only weeks before his unexpected death.

Nascimento first gained recognition in 2018 after appearing on Dana White's Contender Series, where he lost a closely contested split decision to Raulian Paiva. Despite that setback, he later earned a UFC contract and went on to compile a respectable record of four wins and two losses in the promotion. During his UFC career, he also received two Fight of the Night bonuses

for his performances.

Overall, Nascimento finished his professional mixed martial arts career with an impressive record of 22 wins and seven defeats. Competing in the flyweight division, he was known for his technical skills, resilience and entertaining fighting style.

The Brazilian was also a respected Brazilian jiu-jitsu black belt and trained at the renowned Chute Boxe Academy in São Paulo alongside former UFC lightweight champion Charles Oliveira.

Following the news of his passing, Oliveira paid an emotional tribute to his long-time training partner on so-

cial media, describing Nascimento as a brother and thanking him for the years they spent training, competing and supporting one another. He said Nascimento would be deeply missed and remembered as a legend.

Tributes have continued to pour in from fellow fighters, coaches and fans across the mixed martial arts community, who remembered Nascimento not only for his achievements inside the octagon but also for his humility and dedication to the sport. His untimely death has left the MMA world mourning the loss of a respected athlete at the age of 34.



Zoho CEO Says Flexible Work Is About People, Not Gen Z

Zoho Chief Executive Officer Mani Vembu has said that flexible working is not a concept introduced by Generation Z, pointing out that the software company has followed flexible work practices for nearly three decades. Vembu made the remarks while responding to a post on X that claimed the traditional 9-to-5 work culture was fading because Gen Z employees preferred more flexible work schedules. Rejecting the idea that flexibility is a new workplace trend, he said Zoho had adopted such practices long before Gen Z entered the workforce. "We've been working this way at Zoho for nearly 30 years. Interesting that it's been framed as new Gen Z culture," Vembu wrote on X. He added that the desire for flexible working is not limited to any particular generation but reflects a broader human preference. According to him, employees have always valued flexibility, provided that work



is completed efficiently and business objectives are achieved. "I think this is more about human beings. We always preferred flexibility, as long as work gets done," Vembu said. His comments come at a time when organisations across the world continue to debate the future of workplace

policies. While many companies have encouraged employees to return to offices after the pandemic, others have retained hybrid or remote work models in response to changing employee expectations. Vembu's remarks suggest that workplace policies should be based on business require-

ments and productivity rather than being driven by generational stereotypes. His comments also contribute to the ongoing discussion on balancing employee flexibility with organisational performance. Mani Vembu has been associated with Zoho for several years and is one of the company's senior leaders. He is the brother of Zoho co-founder and Chief Scientist Sridhar Vembu, who has also been an advocate of unconventional workplace and business practices. The debate over flexible work continues to gain momentum as companies explore ways to attract and retain talent while maintaining collaboration and productivity. Vembu's observations highlight that flexible working arrangements have existed well before the emergence of Gen Z in the workforce and should be viewed as a practical business approach rather than a trend associated with a single generation.

Viral Videos of Misconduct at Bhogapuram Airport Spark Civic Sense Debate

Videos showing visitors allegedly damaging property and removing plants at the newly inaugurated Alluri Sitarama Raju (ASR) International Airport at Bhogapuram in Andhra Pradesh have gone viral on social media, triggering widespread criticism and a debate on civic responsibility.

The videos show several visitors stepping into and playing in decorative fountains within the airport premises, while another clip allegedly captures people removing ornamental plants from landscaped areas. The footage also shows some visitors treating parts of the airport premises like a recreational space.



The airport, which recently began operations, is considered a major infrastructure project aimed at boosting connectivity and economic development in Andhra Pradesh. However, the viral videos have shifted public attention from the new facility to concerns over public behaviour and the protection of public property.

The clips have attracted thousands of reactions across social media platforms, with many users expressing disappointment over the incidents. Several commentators said modern public infrastructure can only be preserved if citizens demonstrate responsible behaviour and respect for shared spaces.

Many users argued that dam-

aging public property or taking plants from landscaped areas undermines efforts to improve civic infrastructure. Some also called for stricter monitoring at the airport to prevent similar incidents in the future.

Several social media users urged airport authorities to deploy additional security personnel and impose penalties on those found vandalising or stealing public property.

One user commented that authorities might even need the Forest Department to protect the airport's plants from irresponsible visitors. Another remarked that a lack of civic sense, coupled with a sense of entitlement, was responsible for such behaviour. A third suggested introducing civic

sense as a compulsory subject in school curricula along with stricter punishments for acts of vandalism.

The incidents have reignited discussions about the need for greater public awareness regarding the preservation of public infrastructure. Many users stressed that newly developed facilities represent significant public investment and should be treated with care rather than misused.

Airport authorities have not yet issued an official statement regarding the viral videos or indicated whether action will be taken against those involved. Meanwhile, the footage continues to circulate widely, prompting renewed calls for stronger enforcement and greater civic responsibility.

Hyderabad Father Uses AI to Help Son Build Robotic Arm for School Project

A Hyderabad-based technology enthusiast has shared how Artificial Intelligence helped him and his son build a working robotic arm for a school technology fair, with the experience winning praise from social media users.

In a post on X, the father explained that his son initially wanted to build a robot for the school event. However, considering the limited time available, they decided instead to create a voice-controlled robotic arm. To bring the idea to life, they relied on Anthropic's AI assistant, Claude, as a virtual engineering guide throughout the project.

According to the father, they first searched YouTube for ideas as before using Claude to create 3D designs for the robotic arm. The components were then 3D printed in Tolichowki and delivered through Rapido. They later visited Koti to purchase motors, chips, capacitors, resistors and other elec-



tronic components needed for the project.

The father said Claude also helped write the programming code, troubleshoot technical issues and suggest improvements. He added that they continued refining the design using Opus 5 and Fable until the robotic arm functioned more effectively.

Reflecting on the experience, he said the project became

much more than a school assignment. Instead, it turned into an opportunity for learning, experimentation and spending quality time together as father and son.

He also emphasised that using AI did not reduce the learning process. Rather, it encouraged curiosity and enabled them to attempt a project they might not have considered otherwise.

The post quickly gained attention online, with many users appreciating how AI had been used as a learning tool rather than a replacement for human effort. Several parents said the story demonstrated how technology could make challenging school projects more engaging and accessible.

One user commented that AI had helped bridge the gap between the child's ambition and their existing technical knowledge without replacing the experience of working together. Another praised the father-son collaboration, while a third remarked that successfully completing such a project after overcoming technical challenges felt like a major achievement.

The story has sparked discussions about the positive role Artificial Intelligence can play in education by supporting creativity, problem-solving and hands-on learning when used responsibly.

OpenAI Faces Online Criticism Over Influencer Retreat in New York

OpenAI has come under criticism on social media after hosting an exclusive three-day retreat for influencers at Wildflower Farms, a luxury resort in New York's Hudson Valley. The event, described by attendees as an "OpenAI summer camp," has sparked debate over the company's marketing strategy and the environmental impact of artificial intelligence.

The retreat took place at the 140-acre resort, where room rates typically range from 1,500 to 3,100 US dollars per night. Influencers shared videos and photos showcasing private cabins, farm-to-table meals and branded gifts, including tote bags and honey jars.

The posts quickly drew criticism across platforms such as TikTok, Instagram, X and Reddit. Many users accused the ChatGPT maker of "greenwashing," arguing that a nature-themed event conflicted with the environmental costs associated with running large-scale AI data centres, which consume significant amounts



of electricity and water. Critics described the retreat as "dystopian" and questioned the company's decision to promote sustainability-themed experiences while operating energy-intensive AI infrastructure. Some social media users also criticised influencers who attended the event, asking why they promoted AI technologies without discussing their broader environmental and social implications. One attendee, content creator Grace McCarrick, de-

fended her participation on social media, saying that attending discussions about emerging technology did not compromise her personal values. Technology journalist Taylor Lorenz also commented on X, noting that creators attending the event had received widespread criticism, while similar retreats organised by competing technology companies had attracted far less attention. Responding to the controversy, OpenAI said the

gathering was an educational initiative linked to the recent launch of ChatGPT Work. According to the company, the retreat was designed to help creators better understand its AI tools so they could explain practical use cases to their audiences. An OpenAI spokesperson said content creators are an important part of the company's community and play a significant role in helping people discover and understand new technologies. However, the company declined to disclose whether influencers were paid to attend, whether travel and accommodation expenses were fully covered or whether participants were contractually required to publish promotional content. The episode has renewed discussions about the environmental footprint of artificial intelligence and the growing public scrutiny facing technology companies as they promote AI products while addressing concerns about sustainability, transparency and responsible innovation.

Google Executive Shares Six Leadership Lessons From 20-Year Career

An Indian Google executive has reflected on his two-decade journey with the technology giant, sharing six leadership lessons that shaped his career from the company's early days in India to leading teams in California.

Shankar Murali, an Engineering Analyst Manager in Google's Trust & Safety Payments division in California, marked 20 years at Google with a LinkedIn post recounting his professional journey and the experiences that influenced his leadership style.

Murali said he joined Google India when the company was still in its early stages in the country. At the time, the office was small, there were no cafeterias and the workforce was relatively limited. He recalled working on Google's early payments initiative, Checkout, where he helped design the company's first risk, merchant review and order review models while collaborating with engineering teams. He also remembered Google's early "TGIF" meetings, where employees could openly interact with senior leaders and ask questions. Over the years, Murali contributed to Google's payments licensing efforts in the United States before moving to Dublin. There, he worked on scalable compliance systems for UK payment licences and financial reporting. He later led Google's counterfeit operations team during the company's early advertising policy enforcement initiatives, worked on account security projects and eventually re-



turned to the payments business. Reflecting on his career, Murali shared six leadership principles. He said leadership begins with listening, explaining that effective managers often allow people to talk through problems rather than immediately offering solutions. He also stressed the importance of remaining curious and continuously learning, adding that knowledge becomes truly valuable when it is shared with others. Murali said leaders should lead by example and encourage their teams by working alongside them rather than directing from a distance. He highlighted empathy as another

essential quality, urging leaders to recognise that everyone faces unseen challenges and to assume good intentions. He also encouraged professionals to build resilience by accepting differing opinions, developing a thick skin and treating others with respect despite disagreements. Finally, Murali said embracing change is essential because technology, products and leadership styles evolve constantly. He thanked his managers, colleagues and mentors for their support over the past 20 years and expressed confidence that his curiosity would continue to guide the next phase of his career.

Sensex, Nifty End Lower as Profit Booking Weighs on Markets

Indian equity markets witnessed a sharp reversal on August 4 as benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty declined after a four-day rally, with investors booking profits and volatility increasing across sectors. The Sensex slipped nearly 700 points from its intraday high, while the Nifty ended the session around the 24,600 mark. The market downturn was driven by several factors, including profit booking, rising volatility and cautious investor sentiment ahead of key economic developments. After a strong upward movement in recent sessions, traders preferred to lock in gains, leading to selling pressure in several major stocks. One of the major reasons behind the decline was profit booking following the recent rally. Investors took advantage of higher valuations and reduced their exposure, resulting in weakness across multiple sectors. Fifteen out of the 16 major sectoral indices ended lower, highlighting the broad-based nature of the selling. Another factor affecting market sentiment was the rise in volatility. The India VIX, considered a measure of market fear, moved higher as traders remained cautious about short-term market movements. Concerns over changing trading conditions and increased fluctuations also contributed to nervousness among participants. The newly introduced closing auction mechanism in the derivatives market also added uncertainty among traders. Market participants remained watchful about its impact on index movements, especially during expiry-related sessions, which contributed to higher swings in the market. Sector-wise, IT, banking, real estate and other major segments witnessed selling pressure. Weakness in heavyweight stocks also dragged the broader indices lower. Investors adopted a cautious approach as they assessed global cues, domestic economic factors and upcoming policy decisions. The market decline came after strong gains in the previous session, when easing global concerns and improved sentiment had supported buying interest. However, analysts said short-term corrections are common after sharp rallies as investors rebalance their portfolios and secure profits. Despite the fall, market experts indicated that the broader outlook would depend on corporate earnings, global developments, foreign investor activity and upcoming economic policy signals. Traders are expected to closely monitor volatility levels and sector-specific performance in the coming sessions. The decline serves as a reminder that even during a strong market phase, investors remain sensitive to valuations, global risks and changes in trading patterns.

Manipal Health Lists Amid Weak GMP



Manipal Health Enterprises is set to make its stock market debut on August 5, with its shares scheduled to list on the BSE and NSE. Ahead of the listing, the company's grey market premium (GMP) indicates a subdued opening, suggesting limited gains for investors despite strong demand during the initial public offering (IPO) period. The healthcare company's IPO received a positive response from investors, with strong participation from institutional buyers. The issue attracted bids significantly higher than the shares offered, highlighting investor interest in the healthcare sector and the company's long-term growth potential. However, the sentiment in the grey market remained cautious ahead of the listing. The latest GMP trends pointed towards a nearly flat debut compared with the IPO issue price, indicating that investors may not see a major listing-day premium. Market observers said the muted GMP reflects concerns over valuations and broader market conditions. Manipal Health had launched its IPO with a price band of ₹560 to ₹590 per share. The issue included a fresh issue component along with an offer-for-sale portion, and the shares are scheduled to begin trading on both major stock exchanges on August 5. The company operates a large multispecialty hospital network and has attracted attention due to its strong presence in India's expanding healthcare market. Investors have been tracking the IPO closely as healthcare continues to remain a key growth sector driven by rising demand for quality medical services. Analysts said that while listing gains may remain limited due to the current GMP trend, long-term investors may focus on the company's business fundamentals, expansion plans and financial performance rather than short-term market movements. The IPO's valuation also remained a point of discussion among market participants. Some investors expressed caution over pricing, while others highlighted the company's scale, brand value and growth opportunities in the healthcare industry. As the company enters the listed market, investors will closely watch trading volumes, institutional participation and market sentiment after the debut. The stock's performance in the first few sessions is expected to provide further insight into investor confidence and valuation acceptance.

LIC OFS Tops Govt PSU Stake Sale Drive in 2026

The central government has accelerated its disinvestment programme through Offer for Sale (OFS) transactions in public sector companies, raising significant funds while increasing public shareholding in key state-owned firms. So far in 2026, the government has raised around ₹25,491 crore through PSU stake sales, marking one of the highest collections through the OFS route in recent years. The latest major transaction is the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) OFS, where the government has proposed selling up to a 6.5% stake. The offer has a floor price of ₹382 per share and is expected to help the government raise around ₹31,000 crore if fully subscribed. The move is also aimed at increasing LIC's public shareholding to meet regulatory requirements. Before LIC, several major PSU companies witnessed government stake sales through OFS. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), Coal India, Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) and NHPC were among the companies where the government diluted its holdings. These transactions helped the Centre mobilise funds while allowing investors to participate in leading public sector companies. BHEL, a major engineering and power equipment manufacturer, attracted strong investor interest during its stake sale. The company has benefited from expectations of higher infrastructure spending and increased demand for power sector equipment. However, investors continue to track its order pipeline, execution capabilities and profitability. Coal India, the country's largest coal producer, remains a key PSU stock due to its dominant position in the energy sector. The company continues to benefit from strong domestic coal demand, although concerns over energy transition and renewable energy growth remain long-term factors for investors to consider. IRFC, the financing arm of Indian Railways, has also remained in focus due to railway infrastructure expansion plans. The company plays an important role in financing railway projects and has gained investor attention because of government infrastructure spending.

SEBI Proposes Mutual Fund-Only PMS Route to Widen Investor Choices

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed a new mutual fund-only Portfolio Management Services (MF-PMS) framework that could change the way some investors access professionally managed portfolios. The proposal aims to create a separate PMS category where portfolio managers can build portfolios using only mutual fund products instead of directly selecting individual stocks. Under the proposed structure, investors may get access to professional asset allocation and fund selection services at a lower entry point compared with traditional PMS. SEBI has suggested reducing the minimum investment requirement for MF-PMS to ₹25 lakh, making the product accessible to a wider group of affluent investors. The biggest change for investors is that the portfolio manager will not directly buy and sell individual shares.



Instead, the manager will decide which mutual fund schemes to include, how much allocation each fund should receive and when to switch between different funds based on market conditions and investment goals.

However, investors may still face the possibility of paying two layers of management costs. The underlying mutual fund already charges expenses for managing the scheme, while the PMS manager may charge a separate fee for

portfolio construction, monitoring and allocation decisions. This additional cost structure will be an important factor for investors to evaluate before choosing the product. Supporters of the proposal

argue that the two roles are different. A mutual fund manager focuses on managing an individual scheme according to its investment objective, while the PMS manager focuses on broader portfolio construction, asset

MTAR Technologies Hits Fourth Upper Circuit on Strong Q1 Results

MTAR Technologies shares continued their strong rally on Tuesday, hitting the upper circuit for the fourth consecutive session after the company reported impressive June quarter results. Investor sentiment has also improved due to optimism around the company's key US client relationships and strong future growth prospects. The stock has delivered a massive return over the past year, gaining around 335%, while it has risen nearly 163% so far in 2026. The recent surge came after MTAR posted significant improvement across revenue, profitability and order inflows in the first quarter of FY27. For the June quarter, MTAR Technologies reported a 130.4% year-on-year increase in revenue from operations to \$360.7 crore. EBITDA increased nearly 200% to \$85.1 crore, while consolidated profit after tax jumped 364.5% to \$50.2

crore compared with \$10.8 crore in the same period last year. A major positive factor for the company is its record order book. MTAR secured orders worth \$2,895.1 crore during Q1 FY27, its highest-ever quarterly order inflow, taking the total order backlog to \$5,143.3 crore as of June 30, 2026. The orders include contracts related to nuclear power, aerospace, defence and data centre infrastructure. Analysts believe the strong order pipeline provides revenue visibility for the coming years. The company has also received support from its growing presence in clean energy, aerospace and defence sectors, along with new opportunities from global customers. However, after such a sharp rally, experts have advised investors to remain cautious. Market analysts said new investors should avoid chasing the stock during consec-



maintain its current growth pace. Overall, MTAR Technologies has attracted strong investor

interest due to robust financial performance and order visibility. While long-term prospects remain positive,

investors should consider valuation and market volatility before making fresh investment decisions.

Tech Startups Brace for Lower IPO Valuations



India's upcoming wave of new-age technology companies planning to enter the stock market is preparing for a more challenging fundraising environment, with firms likely to accept lower valuations and smaller issue

sizes compared with their earlier private market expectations. Industry executives told Moneycontrol that valuations in private markets are often negotiated among a limited group of investors,

rather than only growth potential. The shift marks a change from the earlier startup funding boom, when companies in sectors such as fintech, quick commerce, arti-

while public market valuations face wider scrutiny from institutional investors, retail shareholders, analysts and listed competitors. This makes it difficult for companies to justify the high valuation multiples they achieved during private funding rounds. Several technology startups that have recently moved towards public listings have already adjusted their expectations, either reducing their issue sizes or accepting more realistic valuations amid changing market conditions. Investors are increasingly focusing on profitability, revenue growth, cash flows and long-term business sustainability

ficial intelligence and digital services attracted large investments at aggressive valuations. However, public market investors are now comparing these companies with already listed peers and demanding stronger financial performance before assigning premium valuations. Experts said companies approaching IPOs need to demonstrate clear paths towards profitability and efficient business models. High customer acquisition costs, heavy cash burn and uncertain earnings projections are among the concerns that could affect investor sentiment. The changing environment has also influenced some major startups preparing for listings. Investors have become more cautious after seeing mixed post-listing performances from some new-age companies, leading funds to push for more reasonable pricing. For founders and early investors, lower IPO valuations could mean reduced returns compared with expectations set during private funding rounds. However, market observers believe realistic pricing could help companies build stronger long-term investor confidence and avoid excessive volatility after listing. India continues to have a strong pipeline of technology IPOs, but the current market trend suggests that companies will need to balance growth ambitions with realistic valuations. The focus is shifting from hype-driven pricing to fundamentals, profitability and sustainable expansion as investors demand greater accountability from new-age businesses.

LEAP India IPO Opens August 7 Amid Muted GMP

KKR-backed supply chain solutions provider LEAP India is set to launch its initial public offering (IPO) on August 7, with the company aiming to raise ₹2,480 crore through the issue. Ahead of the opening, the grey market premium (GMP) remains subdued, indicating limited expectations of strong listing gains among investors. The LEAP India IPO has been priced in the range of ₹151 to ₹159 per equity share. The issue will remain open for subscription from August 7 to August 11, while the company's shares are expected to list on the stock exchanges on August 14. The IPO includes a fresh issue of ₹480 crore and an offer for sale (OFS) component worth ₹2,000 crore. The company's shares were trading at a grey market premium of around 2.5% over the upper price band, suggesting a modest listing expectation. Market observers said GMP is only an unofficial indicator of investor sentiment and actual listing performance will depend on subscription demand, market conditions and broader investor interest. LEAP India operates in the supply chain management and asset pooling segment, providing solutions such as reusable

packaging, pallets, containers and related logistics services. The company serves industries including e-commerce, fast-moving consumer goods, automotive and manufacturing sectors. The IPO is being closely watched as private equity firm KKR-backed companies continue to attract investor attention in India's capital markets. The funds raised through the fresh issue are expected to support the company's financial requirements, including repayment or reduction of borrowings and strengthening business operations. For retail investors, the minimum application requirement is expected to involve one lot of 94 shares, requiring an investment of approximately ₹14,946 at the upper price band. The IPO comes at a time when investors are showing selective interest in new market offerings, focusing more on company fundamentals, growth potential and valuations rather than relying only on listing gains.



Analysts said the muted GMP suggests that investors may adopt a cautious approach toward the issue. However, the company's position in the supply chain sector, its institutional backing and growth opportunities in logistics and asset management could remain key factors influencing investor decisions. The final response to the IPO will depend on subscription levels from qualified institutional buyers, non-institutional investors and retail participants during the three-day bidding window.

Wasim Jaffer Recalls Rare Moment KL Rahul Lost His Cool at Punjab Kings



Former India batter and ex-Punjab Kings batting coach Wasim Jaffer has recalled the only occasion when he saw KL Rahul visibly angry during their time together at the Indian Premier League (IPL) franchise. According to Jaffer, a series of heartbreaking defeats from winning posi-

tions left Rahul deeply frustrated despite his normally calm and composed personality. Speaking on The Great Indian Cricket Show on Doordarshan, Jaffer described Rahul as a reserved leader who rarely displayed his emotions on or off the field. He

said the former Punjab Kings captain generally remained composed, even during difficult situations. "KL is naturally very composed, a bit reserved, and keeps to himself. It is very rare to see him lose his cool or get visibly angry on or off the field," Jaffer said. However, Jaffer recalled one particular match during his stint as Punjab Kings batting coach when the team suffered yet another narrow defeat after being in a commanding position. The repeated losses in close contests eventually tested Rahul's patience. "Every single game felt like a heartbreak. We were losing matches from winning positions, and almost every game was going down to the final over. After one of those close losses, I saw him get genuinely angry for the first time. He didn't say anything out of line, but you could see how deeply frustrated he was with how badly we had played," Jaffer said. Rahul represented Punjab Kings from 2018 to 2021 and captained the side during the 2020 and 2021 IPL seasons. Indiv-

idually, he enjoyed tremendous success, winning the Orange Cap in 2020 after scoring 670 runs in 14 innings at an average of 55.83, including one century and five half-centuries. He followed it up with another outstanding campaign in 2021, scoring 626 runs in 13 innings with six fifties. Despite Rahul's consistency with the bat, Punjab Kings narrowly missed out on the playoffs in both seasons. In 2020, close defeats against Delhi Capitals in a Super Over and Kolkata Knight Riders by two runs proved costly as the team finished with 12 points, two behind fourth-placed Royal Challengers Bengaluru. A similar story unfolded in 2021 when Punjab Kings suffered narrow defeats against Rajasthan Royals and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, again finishing with 12 points and missing the playoffs. Rahul remains Punjab Kings' highest run-scorer, amassing 2,548 runs in 55 matches at an average of 56.62 and a strike rate close to 140, with two centuries and 23 half-centuries. Since leaving Punjab, he represented Lucknow Super Giants before joining Delhi Capitals, where he has enjoyed a resurgence in T20 cricket with an aggressive batting approach and consistent performances. Jaffer's recollection offers a rare glimpse into Rahul's competitive nature, showing how repeated narrow defeats affected even one of India's calmest personalities.

Auqib Nabi's Selection Signals Tough Road Back for Mohammed Shami

The selection of Jammu and Kashmir pacer Auqib Nabi as Jasprit Bumrah's replacement for the upcoming Test series against Sri Lanka has raised fresh questions over Mohammed Shami's future in India's Test squad. Bumrah was ruled out of the two-match series due to injury despite featuring in the recent ODI series against England. Instead of recalling the experienced Shami, the Ajit Agarkar-led selection committee opted for Nabi, signalling a greater emphasis on current form and fitness. Shami has not played a Test for India since 2023, while his last ODI appearance came against New Zealand in 2025. Although he returned to domestic cricket after recovering from fitness issues, he has yet to earn a place back in the national team. Earlier, chief selector Ajit Agarkar had indicated that Shami was not yet fit enough for the demands of Test cricket. However, the veteran pacer has produced impressive performances in domestic competitions. In his last seven Ranji Trophy matches, he bowled 1,383 deliveries, claimed 37 wickets at an average of 16.72, bowled 50 maiden overs and registered three five-wicket hauls, including career-best first-class figures of 8 for 90. Despite Shami's strong numbers, Nabi's exceptional domestic season appears to have influenced the selectors.



The young fast bowler finished the Ranji Trophy campaign with 60 wickets at an outstanding average of 12.56, making a strong case for his maiden Test call-up. Nabi's selection indicates that the Indian team management is rewarding consistent domestic performances and investing in emerging pace talent. For Shami, the path back into the Test side has become increasingly challenging. He will likely need to maintain top form in domestic tournaments, including the Duleep Trophy, while proving his full fitness to compete with a new generation of fast bowlers. With younger pacers now competing for regular places rather than reserve roles, India's pace attack appears to be entering a period of transition, making future selection increasingly competitive.

Neeraj Chopra Set for Lausanne Diamond League Challenge



Two-time Olympic medallist Neeraj Chopra will compete in the Lausanne Diamond League on August 21, where he will face a world-class men's javelin field led by Commonwealth Games champion and current world leader Rumesh Pathirage of Sri Lanka. The competition will feature five athletes who recently competed at the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, where Chopra claimed the silver medal with a season-best throw of 85.83 metres. It was his second event after returning from a lower-back injury that kept him out of action since September last year. Apart from Pathirage, Chopra will compete against Olympic champion Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan, reigning world champion Keshorn Walcott of Trinidad and Tobago, former world champion Anderson Peters of Grenada, and former Olympic champion Thomas Rohler of Germany. The strong field also includes Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, Germany's Julian Weber, Switzerland's Simon Wieland and American Curtis Thompson, currently ranked world No. 2 this season. Announcing the elite lineup, the organisers said the competition would feature the stars who have won the last four Olympic and World Championship javelin titles, promising a contest of exceptional quality. The Lausanne meet will be Chopra's third event since his comeback. He began the season by finishing fourth at the Doha Diamond League with a throw of 85.69 metres before improving to 85.83 metres to secure silver at the Commonwealth Games. Following his Glasgow performance, Chopra expressed satisfaction with his progress, saying he was pleased with his season's best throw and believed his comeback was moving in the right direction. Chopra won the Lausanne Diamond League title in 2022 with a throw of 89.08 metres and finished runner-up in 2024 with 89.49 metres. Meanwhile, Pathirage enters the meet in outstanding form after winning Commonwealth Games gold with a throw of 89.75 metres. The Sri Lankan also holds the season's best mark of 92.62 metres, achieved in Rome in June, making him the only javelin thrower to cross the 90-metre mark this year.

Mohammed Shami Picks Ravi Shastri as His Favourite Coach

Veteran Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami has named former India head coach Ravi Shastri as his favourite coach, praising the freedom and aggressive mindset he encouraged among players. Shami's remarks come at a time when his chances of returning to the Indian team appear increasingly uncertain despite impressive performances in domestic cricket. Shami has not represented India since March 2025, when he last played an ODI. His most recent Test appearance came in 2023. Although he has consistently performed in domestic competitions, the 35-year-old pacer has struggled to regain his place in the national squad. Speaking in an interview with Times Now Navbharat, Shami was asked to choose his favourite coach from among

Gautam Gambhir, Rahul Dravid, Anil Kumble and Ravi Shastri. "It's a bit difficult to compare. I haven't played much under Gauti bhai. I've spent a good amount of time with Rahul bhai and Anil bhai. But if I have to choose one, I would choose Ravi bhai because of the freedom and aggression he brought into the team. You could see that fighting spirit in the players," Shami said. Shami also reflected on his memorable campaign in the 2023 ODI World Cup, where he emerged as the tournament's highest wicket-taker with 24 wickets in just seven matches. However, he admitted that India's defeat to Australia in the final remains the biggest regret of his career. He said the disappointment of losing the title still stays with him, adding that personal



records mean little compared to winning the World Cup. Shami also expressed regret over the international matches he missed due to injuries, saying he often wonders how many more wickets he could have taken had he remained fit throughout ICC

tournaments. The experienced pacer said those missed opportunities still come to mind whenever he sees statistics or highlights from past World Cups. Despite an uncertain international future, Shami remains one of India's most accomplished

fast bowlers. His performances in domestic cricket continue to demonstrate his quality, but with younger pacers establishing themselves in the national setup, his path back into the Indian team has become increasingly challenging.

BCCI Thanks Ryan ten Doeschate and T Dilip After Coaching Stints End

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has expressed gratitude to assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate and fielding coach T Dilip after deciding not to extend their contracts with the Indian men's cricket team. In a post on X, the BCCI thanked both coaches for their dedication and contribution to Team India's recent success. "Thank you, Assistant Coach Ryan ten Doeschate and Fielding Coach T Dilip, for your invaluable contributions to Team India. Your dedication, professionalism and tireless efforts behind the scenes have played a big role in the team's journey and success. Wishing you both every success in the next chapter of your careers," the board said. Earlier, BCCI secretary Devajit Saikia clarified that the departures were purely due to the expiry

of their contracts and not resignations. Saikia said T Dilip's contract had already been extended by one year after its original term ended, while Ryan ten Doeschate's contract expired on June 10. Both continued in their roles until the conclusion of India's tour of England on July 19 before being officially relieved. He added that the BCCI is in the process of appointing replacements and an announcement is expected shortly. Dilip first joined the Indian team as fielding coach in 2021 and earned praise for significantly improving the team's fielding standards. He also introduced the popular "Best Fielder of the Match" medal ceremony during the 2023 ODI World Cup, a feature that became widely appreciated by fans and players alike.



Ryan ten Doeschate, the former Netherlands captain, joined India's coaching staff when Gautam Gambhir became head coach after Rahul Dravid stepped down following India's 2024 T20 World

Cup triumph. During his tenure, India won the 2025 Asia Cup and successfully defended the 2026 ICC Men's T20 World Cup title. However, the Test team struggled during the same period,

suffering defeats in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy series in Australia and home Test series against New Zealand and South Africa. Following his departure from the national team, ten Doeschate

has taken up the role of Head of Cricket Strategy with Kolkata Knight Riders. The BCCI is expected to name the new assistant and fielding coaches in the coming days.

Five Names Emerge as Possible Successors to FIFA President Gianni Infantino



FIFA President Gianni Infantino is facing growing opposition ahead of the next FIFA presidential election after the football federations of Serbia, Sweden and Wales withdrew their support following a controversial proposal to sell a stake in the FIFA World Cup to private investors. The election for the 2027-2031 presidential term is scheduled to be held in Morocco on March 18. Amid increasing criticism of Infantino's leadership, five prominent football administrators have emerged as potential candidates to contest the post. Among them is CONCACAF President Victor Montagliani, the Canadian football administrator who is reportedly considering entering the race. Although CONCACAF opposed Infantino's private equity proposal, it stopped short of joining UEFA's stronger protest. UEFA President Aleksander Ceferin is another possible contender. The Slovenian official has been one of Infantino's strongest critics and even boycotted the FIFA World Cup final following a series of disagreements between UEFA and FIFA. Asian Football Confederation (AFC) President Salman Bin Ibrahim Al Khalifa

has also emerged as a potential candidate. A senior FIFA Council vice president from Bahrain, he opposed expanding the FIFA World Cup to 64 teams and criticised FIFA's decision-making process over the private investment proposal. Another name being discussed is Paris Saint-Germain President Nasser Al-Khelaifi. According to reports, several European football officials view the Qatari sports executive as a strong challenger capable of leading world football. The fifth potential candidate is Norwegian Football Federation President Lise Klaveness, one of the most influential women in global football. Klaveness has been outspoken in opposing Infantino's World Cup investment proposal and has previously questioned FIFA's governance on several issues. The controversy surrounding the proposed World Cup investment deal has intensified scrutiny of Infantino's leadership, making the upcoming election one of the most closely watched in FIFA's recent history. With support from several national federations weakening, the race for the presidency is expected to become increasingly competitive in the months leading up to the vote.

With just days left for its theatrical release, Varun Tej's upcoming horror-comedy Korean Kanakaraju is generating strong buzz, thanks to encouraging reports from censor board and trade circles. Directed by Merlapaka Gandhi, the film is set to hit theatres this Friday and is expected to be one of the major Telugu releases of the week.

The recently released theatrical trailer has been well received by audiences, creating excitement around the film. The combination of horror and comedy, along with Varun Tej's makeover, has drawn attention from moviegoers and industry observers alike.

According to reports emerging from trade circles, Korean Kanakaraju has impressed viewers who watched it ahead of release. Merlapaka Gandhi's writing and screenplay are said to deliver a steady mix of humour, suspense and entertainment throughout the film.

The director, known for his comedy entertainers, is reportedly returning with another engaging commercial entertainer.

One of the biggest highlights is said to be Varun Tej's performance in two distinct roles. Industry insiders suggest that the actor has undergone noticeable transformations for the characters, offering audiences a fresh on-screen experience. If the positive early feedback translates into strong public response after release, the film could emerge as one of Varun Tej's successful outings in recent years.

Another major attraction is comedian Satya, who has earned a reputation for consistently delivering memorable performances in recent Telugu films. Reports indicate that his comic timing, witty one-liners and scenes with Varun Tej are among the film's strongest assets. Their on-screen chemistry is expected to provide several laugh-out-loud moments, making the comedy portions a key selling point.

The film has completed the censor formalities and received a U/A certificate. It has an approved runtime of 2 hours and 36 minutes, suggesting a full-length commercial entertainer packed with horror, comedy and action elements.

Ritika Nayak plays the female lead opposite Varun Tej, while the film is jointly produced by Rajeev Reddy and Sai Baba Jagarlamudi under the banners of UV Creations and First Frame Entertainments.

The music has been composed by Thaman, whose songs and background score are expected to add further appeal to the film.

While the encouraging reports have significantly raised expectations, the film's ultimate success will depend on audience reception after its theatrical release. For now, Korean Kanakaraju appears to have generated the right momentum, with positive pre-release buzz positioning it as one of the most anticipated Telugu films arriving in cinemas this week.

Positive Buzz Builds Ahead of Varun Tej's 'Korean Kanakaraju' Release



Ranbir Kapoor Says 'Ramayana Part Two' Is Already 50% Complete



Actor Ranbir Kapoor has shared a major update on Ramayana, director Nitesh Tiwari's ambitious mythological epic, revealing that Ramayana: Part Two is already 50 percent complete. The announcement has further heightened excitement sur-

rounding one of the most anticipated Indian film franchises in recent years. Ranbir, who will portray Lord Ram in the two-part epic, spoke about the project's progress while promoting the film in the United States. According to the actor, work

material that could easily span ten films. However, he noted that director Nitesh Tiwari and the creative team carefully selected the most significant portions of the story while remaining faithful to the original epic.

The film boasts a star-studded cast featuring Sai Pallavi as Sita, Yash as Ravana, Sunny Deol as Hanuman and Ravi Dubey as Lakshman. The ensemble has generated considerable interest among audiences, with fans eager to see these actors portray some of the most iconic characters from Indian mythology.

The ambitious project is being produced by Namit Malhotra under the banner of Prime Focus Studios in association with Yash's Monster Mind Creations. The collaboration between the two production houses has enabled the makers to mount the film on a grand scale with cutting-edge visual effects and world-class production values.

The recently released trailer for the first installment has already created strong buzz across social media and among cinema enthusiasts. The visuals, especially those designed for the IMAX format, have received widespread appreciation for their scale and technical quality, raising expectations ahead of the film's release.

With the first film set to release later this year and the sequel already halfway through production, the makers appear confident of delivering the story as planned. Ranbir Kapoor's latest update has reassured fans that the massive production remains on track, making Ramayana one of the biggest cinematic events to look forward to over the next two years.

Aditi Shankar and Arjun Das' 'Once More' to Release Worldwide



The makers of the upcoming romantic drama Once More, starring Arjun Das and Aditi Shankar, have officially announced that the film will release in theatres worldwide on August 28. The announcement has generated excitement among movie lovers, with fans eagerly awaiting the fresh pairing of the two actors.

Aditi Shankar, who made her acting debut as the daughter of acclaimed filmmaker Shankar, has steadily built a place for herself in the Tamil film industry with her performances. Once More marks another important project in her growing career and is expected to showcase her in a romantic role alongside Arjun Das, who is known for his distinctive voice and impactful screen presence.

The film is directed by Vignesh Srikanth, while Yuvaraj Ganesan is producing it under the Million Dollar Studios banner. Confirming the release date, the production house shared a special message on social media that read: "This is the day of celebration. Where the wait ends and love begins. We've found the favorite date on our love calendar. Once More is releasing worldwide on August 28."

One of the biggest attractions of the film is its music, composed by Hesham Abdul Wahab, who is making his Tamil cinema debut

with Once More. The composer has earned widespread appreciation for his memorable soundtracks in films such as Hridayam and Hi Nanna. The songs released from Once More have already received a positive response from music lovers, raising expectations for the film's complete album and background score.

Apart from the lead pair, the film also features model and actor Sona Olickal in a pivotal role. The supporting cast and technical team are expected to play an important role in bringing the romantic drama to life.

The film's visuals have been handled by cinematographer Aravind Viswanathan, while Nash is in charge of editing. Raj Kamal has worked as the art director, contributing to the film's visual design and production aesthetics. Harish Durairaj serves as the executive producer, while Vijay MP is the creative producer. With an experienced technical crew, an appealing lead cast and music from Hesham Abdul Wahab, Once More has emerged as one of the notable Tamil romantic films scheduled for release this month. The official release date announcement has further increased anticipation, and the film will now compete with other major releases when it arrives in cinemas across the world on August 28.

Nani's 'Bloody Romeo' Likely to Begin Shooting in October

Natural Star Nani is currently focused on The Paradise, one of the most ambitious projects of his career. While work on the film is progressing, reports suggest that its production schedule has been delayed, leading to changes in the timeline of his next film, Bloody Romeo, which will be directed by Sujeeth. According to the latest industry reports, the shooting of Bloody Romeo is now expected to begin in October. Nani is said to have allocated dates for the project from that month, allowing the makers to move ahead with principal photography after adjustments to the production schedule.

A significant portion of the film is reportedly planned to be shot in London, where the production team intends to film several major sequences. The overseas schedule is expected to play an important role in shaping the film's visual



appeal and narrative. Bloody Romeo has generated considerable interest since its announcement, primarily because it marks the first collaboration between Nani and director Sujeeth. The filmmaker is best known for stylish action entertainers

and is expected to present Nani in a completely new avatar. According to reports, Nani will portray a gangster-turned-chef, a role that is expected to combine action, drama and emotional depth. The unusual character has already sparked curiosity

among fans, who are eager to see the actor take on another unconventional role. The project has also witnessed a change in production. Initially, DVV Entertainment was expected to bankroll the film. However, the project later shifted to Niharika

Entertainment, headed by producer Venkat Boyanapalli, who will now finance the ambitious venture. Meanwhile, Nani continues to oversee the work on The Paradise, a film that has been creating strong expectations ever since it was announced. As

the actor remains committed to completing that project, the revised schedule for Bloody Romeo is expected to ensure that both films receive adequate attention during production. Although the makers are yet to make an official announcement regarding the shooting dates, the latest reports indicate that preparations are progressing steadily for an October start. If everything goes according to plan, the London schedule will kick off the film's production before additional portions are filmed in other locations. With Sujeeth at the helm, a fresh storyline, an intriguing lead character and a new production banner backing the project, Bloody Romeo has already emerged as one of the most anticipated upcoming Telugu films. Fans are now eagerly awaiting an official confirmation on the shooting schedule and further updates from the makers.

The makers of #RAPO23, the upcoming big-budget entertainer starring Ram Pothineni, are currently filming some of the movie's most important sequences in Pondicherry. Mounted on a lavish scale with a reported budget of over ₹100 crore, the film has already generated significant buzz among fans and the Telugu film industry.

According to the latest reports, the production team has begun an extensive 15-day shooting schedule in the scenic coastal town of Pondicherry. Several key portions of the film are being shot during this schedule, with the makers aiming to capture visually rich sequences that match the film's grand scale and high production values.

One of the major highlights of the ongoing schedule is a lavishly mounted song featuring the lead cast. The musical sequence is being choreographed by renowned dance choreographer Brinda Master, who is known for creating memorable songs across multiple Indian film industries. The makers are reportedly focusing on delivering an eye-catching visual experience, with elaborate sets, colourful locations and stylish choreography expected to enhance the song's appeal.

Apart from the musical portions, the team is also filming a series of high-intensity action scenes that are expected to become one of the film's biggest attractions. These sequences are being designed by acclaimed action choreographer

Vikram Mor, who has earned recognition for his work in block-buster films such as KGF: Chapter 1, Kantara, and Karuppu. Industry sources suggest that the action episodes are being planned on a grand scale with a focus on realism, technical excellence and powerful visuals.

The makers are reportedly leaving no stone unturned to ensure that every frame reflects the ambitious vision behind the project. With large-scale production design, carefully planned action blocks and elaborate song sequences, #RAPO23 is shaping up to be one of the most expensive and technically advanced films in Ram Pothineni's career.

Ever since the project was announced, expectations have

remained high among fans, who are eager to see the actor in a new commercial entertainer. The film's large budget, experienced technical crew and ambitious execution have further increased curiosity about the project. Although the makers have not yet revealed many details about the storyline or the complete cast, regular updates from the shooting locations continue to keep audiences engaged. The ongoing Pondicherry schedule is considered one of the most important phases of production, with several crucial scenes expected to be completed over the next two weeks.

With Brinda Master handling the choreography, Vikram Mor overseeing the action sequences and the production progressing at a brisk pace, #RAPO23 appears to be

'RAPO23' Shoots Grand Song and Action Sequences

moving steadily toward completion. As filming continues, fans are now eagerly waiting for the makers to unveil the film's official title, teaser and release date. The combination of grand visuals, high-energy action, melodious songs and a substantial production budget has positioned #RAPO23 as one of the most anticipated Telugu films currently under production. If the ongoing shoot lives up to expectations, the film could emerge as one of the biggest cinematic spectacles in Ram Pothineni's career.

