

Rajnath Singh Warns At SCO Meet: Terror Safe Havens Won't Be Spared, Calls For Global Action

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh delivered a strong message on terrorism during the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Defence Ministers' Meeting held in Bishkek, stating that countries providing shelter to terrorist infrastructure should not expect to escape accountability. Referring to the recent Pahalgam attack April 2026, Singh said the incident deeply impacted humanity and reaffirmed India's determination to respond firmly to such threats. He highlighted India's stance by mentioning Operation Sindoor, asserting that terror hubs are no longer beyond the reach of decisive action—remarks widely interpreted as a warning directed at Pakistan. Without naming any coun-



try directly, Singh emphasized the importance of adopting a consistent and uncompromising approach against terrorism, separatism, and extremism. He also referred to the Tianjin Declaration, reiterating the commitment of SCO

member nations to collectively combat terrorism and uphold international security standards. Placing the issue in a broader global context, Singh noted that the world is currently facing multiple crises marked by conflicts and instability. He

stressed the need to preserve a rules-based international order and cautioned against attempts to weaken established global norms. At the same time, he underlined that long-term peace depends on dialogue and diplomacy rather than excessive use of force. Singh urged SCO member countries to work together to ensure regional stability, highlighting the organisation's importance given its representation of a significant portion of the global population. Balancing a firm stance with a call for cooperation, he concluded that nations must pursue collective efforts with clarity and unity to address terrorism while promoting peace, coexistence, and mutual understanding.

Telangana Reports No Petrol or Diesel Shortage, Say Officials



The Civil Supplies Department in Telangana has assured the public that there is no shortage of petrol or diesel in the state. Commissioner Stephen Raveendra stated that Telangana currently has sufficient stocks to last around 70 days. In an interview with ABN Andhrajyothy on Tuesday, Raveendra explained that the temporary absence of fuel at some petrol stations is due to panic buying, with people purchasing more than they need. Despite some stations displaying "No Stock" signs, data shows that actual sales are exceeding typical daily averages. He attributed the surge in fuel purchases to fears of rising prices following the upcoming elections in Bengal. Raveendra added that, in response to last week's increase in industrial diesel prices, traders and consumers have been buying in bulk to protect themselves against potential losses. The Commissioner assured that the situation would be normalised by tonight. He also mentioned that authorities are closely monitoring the conditions in districts bordering Andhra Pradesh to prevent any disruptions.

Class 10 Results in Telangana likely to be announced today



The results for the Telangana Class 10 public examinations are set to be released earlier than initially planned, with officials now aiming to announce them by the end of April. The official date is expected to be either April 29 or April 30, according to reports. The Department of Education is expected to issue an official statement confirming the date either today or tomorrow. The examinations were held from March 14 to April 16, with a total of 528,239 students participating across the state. Of these, approximately 515,000 were regular students. The evaluation process was completed on April 23, and the results were initially scheduled for release in the first week of May. However, the authorities have now expedited the process. Sources indicate that the Revanth government has approved the revised schedule for the results announcement. If everything proceeds smoothly, the results will be declared on April 29; otherwise, they will be announced on April 30. Following the release, students can access their results via the official SSC Board website, through WhatsApp, or on TV9 Telugu's website. To check results via WhatsApp, send a 'Hi' message to 80969 58096, then follow the prompts by entering your Hall Ticket number and other required details. The results will then be displayed instantly on the screen.

'Even as Google is most preferred search engine, it selected AP for Google Cloud AI Hub': CM

Visakhapatnam: Even as Google is the most frequented search engine the world relies on, the global giant zeroed in on Andhra Pradesh for setting up its Cloud AI Hub, emphasised Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu with a tinge of pride. Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony of the Google Cloud AI Hub organised at Tarluwada in Visakhapatnam on April 28 (Tuesday), the Chief Minister termed the project a matter of 'immense pride' for North Andhra and a defining moment for the state's technological future. "With this development, Andhra Pradesh will stand tall on the global technology map. And the date will be remembered in the history of Andhra Pradesh and India forever," the CM expressed confidence. Highlighting the



scale of the project, Naidu noted that the AI data centre, backed by an investment of \$15 billion, approximately ₹1.35 lakh crore, will operate with a capacity of 1 Gigawatt, making it the largest of its kind in Asia. With the speed of doing business the AP believes in, the CM added that Andhra Pradesh is set to emerge as an international data gateway for India.

The Chief Minister further pointed out that the upcoming undersea cable landing station in Visakhapatnam will connect major global regions, including Australia, US West Coast, the Middle East, and the Cape of Good Hope, strengthening global digital connectivity even further. The Chief Minister said the event marks not just the foundation stone laying ceremony

but the laying of a strong foundation for Andhra Pradesh's digital future. Andhra Pradesh will integrate Google's innovation with the state's speed of governance to build a model for the world, Naidu mentioned, assuring that the NDA Government believes in grounding the projects in a time bound manner rather than confining to inking pacts.

Intense heatwave and scattered rains across Andhra Pradesh

Out of 28 districts, intense heat conditions are prevailing across 227 mandals in 20 districts, with temperatures surpassing 41°C in these regions. Authorities reported that on Tuesday, severe heatwaves are likely to impact 19 mandals, while moderate heatwaves are expected in 21 mandals. A surface trough extending from Rayalaseema through Tamil Nadu to the Comorin region is causing light rains with lightning in districts including Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Manyam, Alluri, Polavaram, Palnadu, Markapuram, Prakasam, Nellore, Kurnool, and Nandyal. Farmers and cattle herders have been warned to avoid standing under trees during sudden



Andhra Pradesh weather report



thunderstorms. Severe heatwaves are forecasted in 19 mandals, including Badangi, Bobbili, Ramabhadrapuram, Terlam, and Vangara in Vizianagaram district; and Balijipeta, Garugubilli, Gummalakshipuram,

Jiyammavalasa, Komarada, Kurupam, Makuva, Pachipenta, Palakonda, Parvathipuram, Salur, Seethanagaram, and Veeraghattam in Parvathipuram Manyam district. On Monday, maximum temperatures recorded in various locations included 45.7°C in Kambham, Markapuram district, and 45.1°C in Kommipadu, SPSR Nellore district. Other high temperatures reported were 44.8°C in Kopperapadu, Prakasam district; 44.2°C in Amaravati; 44.2°C in Besthapalli, Tirupati district; and 44°C in Allagadda, Nandyal district. Temperatures also reached above 41°C in several other districts, indicating the ongoing intense heatwave across the state.

Literature is the power to unite society



Music Director Bheems Cicerolio

Kodada April 28 Metro morning.....

Famous music director and singer Bhims Cicerolio said that literary and cultural fields have the great power to maintain the social balance and the intestinal bond that connects man to man. The 33rd anniversary of 'Thera' Cultural Arts Council was celebrated in Kodada town on Sunday. On this occasion, 'Kala Puraskar' was presented to Bheems and 'Sahitya Puraskar' was given to famous poet Chintala Yadagiri.

Bheems, the awardee, said that song and music are the pillars of the evolu-

tion of human life. He said that it is a pleasure for Tera Council to give him this honor in recognition of his cultural journey over the years. He spoke passionately saying that the body can be cut into pieces but no one can kill the song and poem born from that body. The awardee Chintala Yadagiri said that Telangana Matti signed her Sahitya and said that she weaves songs with the spirit of struggle. The chief guest, former chairman of Telangana Sahitya Akademi Juluru Gauri Shankar said that Sahitya is what unites people beyond caste and religion. Nadigudem, Repala Kuchipudi and Kodada will remain forever in the art



history of the state, hence Kodada is described as Telangana's literary mouth. Minister asked Uttam Kumar Reddy and local leaders to build an auditorium like Rabintra Bharathi in Kodada. Vemula Venkateswarlu, who has been running the organization for three decades, praised the effort. The meeting was chaired by poet Peddireddy Ganesh, municipal chairman Erneni Kusuma Venkataratnam, economics experts Dr. Ande Satyam, Ramananda Tirtha Grameen Vidya Sansthan chairman Nara Kishore Reddy, district library Sanstha president Vangaveeti Rama Rao, former sarpanch Para

Sitaiah, Baddam Bhadra Reddy, Kalashri Bhikshu Naik, Singer Sirisha, Damini Chintala, Bolleddu Sripal, K. Sitaramulu, M. This. O. Salim Sharif, LBNagar ACP Amara Gani Krishnaiah, Excise Deputy Commissioner V. Somireddy, Councilors Karri Subbarao, Gundapaneni Padma Nageswara Rao, Thota Jyoti Srinu, Kattaboina Srinivas Yadav, Tera Kalamandali members Sheikh Meera, Sheikh Pir Saheb, Kola Srinivasa Rao, Paluri Satyanarayana, Polishetty Brahmam, Garlapati Veera Reddy and others participated. Cultural programs and drumming performances were impressive.

Arts should be promoted along with education :



- Noted film writer Sriram Chowdhury at the Kala Ratna Awards presentation ceremony

Chikkadapally, April 28 Metro Udayam :

Noted film writer Sriram Chowdhury said that arts should be promoted along with education. On Tuesday, under the auspices of Pinakini Youth Welfare Association, dance performances, Kala Ratna Award presentation ceremony and Summer Music Festival were held at the state level on the occasion of International Dance Day at the Townuhalu in Nellore. Dr. Medidi Venkate Swararao, founder of Medidi Subbaiah Trust, who was the chief guest at the event, said that

there are no people who do not respond to music and that music is a great thing that humans can express. He stated that music has the power to unite people regardless of race, caste, religion, class, region and country. The program was started with the lighting of the lamp. Later, the Kala Ratna awardees Dr. P. Narayana Murthy (Hyderabad), Rangasthala Swara Brahma G. Ramakrishna (Nellore), B. Girijalakshmi (Sullurpet), Natya Mayuri Aparna (Nellore), Panditi Subbaiah (Nellore), M.V.N.S. Durga (Tirupati), C.H. Raja Dasu (Dakkili), Nayab Rasool (Nellore), K. Mastanayya (Choutapalem) and Tummala Seetharamaiah (Yallam T)



were felicitated with shawls, medals, mementos, certificates of appreciation and crowns. Karnati Anjaneya Reddy, Dr. K. Babu Augustus, Dr. Sheikh Imtiaz, Lakshmi Nara Yana, Budati Radhakrishnaiah, Miriyala Venkata Ramanaih, A.M. Ratnam, Yanamala Nageswara Rao, S.V. Ramesh Babu, Sheikh Riyaz Basha, Sheikh Parveen, Ande Srinivasulu, Bittu Saraswathi, Bala Ramaiah Naidu, Murali Mohan Raju, Cheedarala Chennaiyya, Ravi Gogulapalli, Srikar Reddy, dance artists from various districts, local dignitaries and others participated in this program.

Youth Congress Constituency President Mohammad Abdul Azim

Kodada April 28 Metro morning.....

Kodada Constituency Youth Congress strongly condemned BRS leader Onteddu Narasimha Reddy's criticism of State Irrigation Minister Nalamada Uttam Kumar Reddy. In a meeting held in Kodada on Tuesday, Yuvajana Congress Constituency President Mohammed Abdul Azim said that Narasimha Reddy was making baseless allegations for the sake of political existence. He warned that Narasimha Reddy should immediately issue a public apology for his comments against the minister, otherwise legal action would be taken. He made it clear that if there is an attempt to mislead the people, the people themselves will show appropriate wisdom. Nadigudem Youth Congress President Gundu Mahender, Munagala Mandal Youth Congress President Thakkellapati Sai, Kodada Mandal Youth Congress President Tolla Anand, Youth Congress leaders Sheikh Nagul Pasha, Syed Sharif and others participated in this program.



Focus on Strengthening Congress; Call to Make Rahul Gandhi Prime Minister



Hyderabad, meeto udayam April 28 : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud has called for strengthening the Congress party in Telangana and bringing the "people's government" back to power in the upcoming elections. He urged party leaders and cadre to work with the larger goal of making Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister of India.

At a meeting held at Gandhi Bhavan in Hyderabad, AICC In-charge Meenakshi Natarajan and AICC Secretary Sachin Sawant participated along with the TPCC President. The leaders discussed in detail the need for organizational strengthening, energizing grassroots cadre, and effectively taking government welfare schemes to the people. Emphasizing party structure, it was decided to conduct constituency-wise meetings for the appointment of Booth Level Agents (BLAs) and formation of mandal, village, and district committees. Leaders were advised to actively engage at the grassroots level to reinforce the party's base. Speakers at the meeting highlighted that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the state government is implementing several welfare schemes, and it is crucial for party workers to ensure these benefits reach the grassroots. Senior leader Boddureddy Prabhakar Reddy stated that the next two years are crucial for the party. He urged every leader and worker to work diligently, promote the government's achievements among the public, and strive to bring Congress to power at the Centre as well. The meeting concluded with a clear roadmap for future action, stressing coordination among leaders to further strengthen the party across the state.

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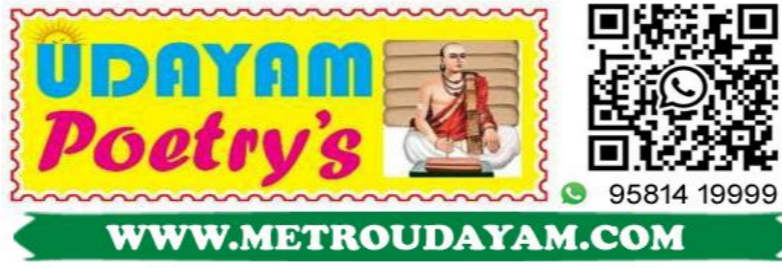
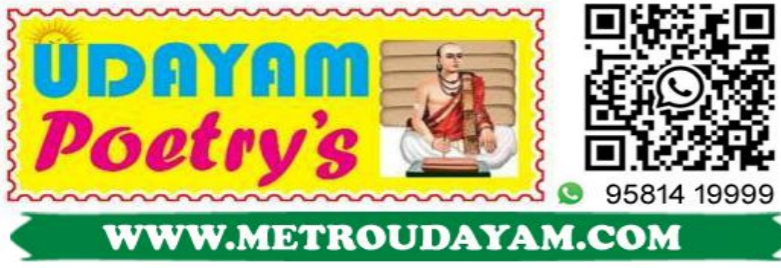
State Associate President of Retired Employees Association Ravella Seetharamayya..



Kodada April 28 Metro morning.....

Ravella Seetharamaiah, Associate President of Telangana State Retired Employees Association expressed his grief that the government's behavior towards the employees and retired employees of the state is worst. Kodada unit president Venepalli Srinivasa Rao presided over the birthday celebrations of the retired employees in the month of April at Kodada town pensioners building on Tuesday and congratulated them by cutting a cake. Later, they said that it is not appropriate to trouble those who have served the government for a long time and are resting. If you look at the situation 20 years ago, all the dues would have been received four days before the employee retired, but today it is unfortunate that the financial benefits from the government are not received even after years of retirement. District President Bollu Rambabu, Kodada Unit Secretary Raghuvara Prasad, Financial Secretary Tammana Boya Veerababu, Associate Presidents Janaiah, Ghulam Esdani, Bhramaramba, Balemia, Haji Naik, Bhupal Reddy, Jagannathan Rao and others participated in this program.





To be BUSY is a Choice

Life is never truly "busy" it's a reflection of what we choose to prioritize.

Every day gives us the same 24 hours, yet how we experience them depends on our decisions. When we say we're busy, it often means we've filled our time with things we consider important work, responsibilities, or even distractions. But beneath it all, it's always a matter of choice. We choose what deserves our energy, focus, and attention.

Sometimes, we get so caught up in obligations that we forget we have the power to rearrange our priorities. What feels like pressure is often just a buildup of unchecked commitments. When we pause and reassess, we realize we can create space for rest, for growth, and for what truly matters.

So the next time you say, "I'm busy," pause and ask yourself are you truly busy, or just prioritizing something else?

In the end, life isn't about being busy it's about being intentional.



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Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Jayanti celebrations in Boduppall...

MP Etala Rajender, MLA Mallareddy participated in special puja programs
Colonies around Ra Cheruvu filled with devotion



Medipalli April 28 (Metro udayam) : Vasavi Kanyaka Parameshwari Jayanti celebrations in Boduppall were held in grandeur. At the invitation of the temple construction committee, Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender and local MLA CH. Mallareddy participated in a special puja program during the Jayanti celebrations and visited the goddess. At the site where the temple is being built, under the auspices of former Corporator Podduturi Shobharani Venkatesh Gupta, the donor of the land for the construction of the Shiva temple, a homam and abhishekam to Vasavi Mata Shiva were performed by Sri Sri Vitthal Sharma and his disciples in the presence of the Vasavi land donor couple. A hundred women performed saffron pooja, and Shobharani Venkatesh Gupta presented new clothes and gifts to about 130 girls for the pooja program for 102 virgin girls. A cultural program was performed with a very beautiful dance performance under the guidance of dance teacher Lakshmi Satish and the devotees were entertained. Medchel Congress Party President Thotakura Vajresh Yadav and former Mayor Ajay Kumar sent their messages of happiness. Former ZPTC BRS President Manda Sanjeeva Reddy, Federation Chairman Rapolu Ramulu, local former corporators, leaders of various parties, Arya Vaishya Corporation Chairman Kalva Sujatha, IVF India Working President State President Uppala Srinivas Gupta, Arya Vaishya Sangam elders, Vaishya Corporation elders participated in the Jayanti celebrations and received the Tirtha Prasad. After learning about the construction of the temple, Shobharani Venkatesh Gupta conveyed her best wishes to the couple. Thousands of people received Anna Prasad at this event. Hundreds of devotees participated in the grand procession of Vasavi Mata from SSS Garden at 6 pm. Speaking on this occasion, Shobharani Venkatesh Gupta said that she would like to express her special thanks to everyone who honored the invitation of the temple construction committee and made the Jayanti celebrations, Homam and various puja programs a success, including the people of various colonies, Vaishya Sangam elders, Vasavi Club members, leaders of Boduppall, friends and well-wishers.



रु शरीर और आत्मा दोनों भी एक, दूसरे के पूरक हैं। एक मृण्मय है, एक चिन्मय है। एक मिटने वाला फानी है तो दूसरा बाकी रहने वाला है।... (शकील उवाच -६८७)

आदमी महत्व किसे देना चाहिए आत्मा को या शरीर को? यह प्रश्न अक्सर पूछा जाता है। देखने में यह प्रश्न सरल, बल्कि कुछ लोगों को बचकाना भी लग सकता है, लेकिन वास्तव में यह हमें कई गंभीर बातों पर सोचने के लिए मजबूर करता है। क्योंकि हमारे इस जीवन में शरीर और आत्मा, दोनों का अपना अपना महत्व है। एक बात और सोचने योग्य है कि इस जीवन में शरीर के बिना आत्मा का क्या मूल्य होगा, और आत्मा के बिना शरीर का क्या अर्थ रह जाएगा? ये दोनों एकदूसरे के बिना अधूरे हैं।



आत्मा के बगैर हमारे शरीर का क्या होता है? मृत्यु के बाद वह तो एक निर्जीव ढांचा बन जाता है। उसे तो दफनाया जाता है या जला दिया जाता है। तो फिर शरीर के बगैर आत्मा वे कर्म कैसे करेगी, जिन्हीं कर्मों के आधार पर हमें परलोक का जीवन प्राप्त होता है? इस तरह के तर्क और वितर्क तो हमेशा चलते रहते हैं। चर्चा में बैठे लोग हर बात की खाल निकालने में जुटे रहते हैं और अपने पांडित्य को साबित करते रहते हैं। मैंने भी ऐसे प्हा पंडितों को देखे हैं। उनमें से कोई कहता है कि शरीर को अहमियत है, तो कोई दावा करता है कि आत्मा को।

जबकि यह दोनों याने शरीर और आत्मा दोनों भी एक, दूसरे के पूरक हैं। एक मृण्मय है, एक चिन्मय है। एक मिटने वाला फानी है तो दूसरा बाकध रहने वाला है। लेकिन इन दोनों से भी बड़ा महत्व उस तत्व का है, जिसने इस शरीर और आत्मा याने मृण्मय और चिन्मय को एक साथ जोड़कर रखा है। बड़ी अफसोस की बात है कि हम न तो मृण्मय शरीर को ठीक से समझ पाए और न ही चिन्मय आत्मा को, फिर भी दावा कर रहे हैं कि हम इन दोनों के सृजनहार, पालनहार परमात्मा को समझ पाते हैं।

हमें न तो शरीर का ही सही ज्ञान है, न आत्मा का, तो फिर इन दोनों का खालिक (सृष्टिकर्ता) ईश्वर क्या खचक समझ में आएगा? हम शरीर की सतह पर ही जिंदगी गँवा बैठते हैं। हमारे यहाँ बहुतां के लिए शरीर और शरीर से जुड़ी वासनाएँ ही सब कुछ हो जाती हैं, और वे अपने आपको उन्हीं में समाप्त कर देते हैं। हमारी रसाई, हमारी पहुँच, आत्मा तक है, न आत्मा के चिन्मय तत्व तक। तो फिर जो इन सब का सृष्टिकर्ता, पालनहार परमात्मा है, उस तक हमारी पहुँच क्या होगी? सभी जागो हुए लोगों ने यही कहा है कि ईश्वर.प्राप्ति का पहला चरण आत्मबोध है।

ऐसे तो वेदों में ब्रह्म याने ईश्वर को श्नेति नेतिश् याने श्पेसा नहीं, ऐसा नहीं कहकर वाणी के परे और सूक्ष्म बताया गया है। और श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता में कहा गया है के, प्च परब्रह्म अनादि है और मेरा (परमात्मा का) स्वरूप है, वह न श्सत्त्व (कार्य रूप) कहा जा सकता है और न श्शसत्त्व (कारण रूप), क्योंकि वह इन दोनों से परे और सूक्ष्म है। (श्रीमद्भगवद्गीता अध्याय 13, श्लोक 13)। और कठोपनिषद 1२२६18 में प्चह आत्मा न कभी जन्मती है और न मरती है। यह अनादि, नित्य और शाश्वत है।

जिस ईश्वर के बारे में कुछ भी कहोगे तो शास्त्र ईश्वर को श्पेसा नहीं, ऐसा नहीं कहकर वाणी के परे और सूक्ष्म बता रहे हैं तो उस ईश्वर को हम शब्दों में कैसे ला सकेंगे? और अनादि निराकार परब्रह्म परमात्मा के स्वरूप को कैसे जानेंगे? जब ईश्वर न श्सत्त्व (कार्य रूप) है और न श्शसत्त्व (कारण रूप) है बल्के इन दोनों से परे और सूक्ष्म है तो फिर उसे किस तरह हम विश्लेषण कर सकेंगे? हमारी आत्मा न कभी जन्मती है और न मरती है। यह अनादि, नित्य और शाश्वत है तो फिर इसके स्रष्टा को कैसे जन्म से जोड़ सकते हैं?

जो शरीर को भी ठीक से समझ ना सका हो वह आत्मा को क्या समझ पाएगा भला? और जो आत्मा को न समझा हो वह परमात्मा को क्या समझेगा? हमारी आत्मा न शरीर की तरह फानी है, न समय की गिरिफ्त में बंद हो सकती है। जब आत्मा ऐसी है तो फिर परमात्मा कैसे होगा? पवित्र कछुरआन में परमात्मा के बारे में कहा गया है के प्लै स क मिरिलही शै-उन याने उस जैसा कोई नहीं (पवित्र कछुरआन, अश शूरा 42२11) और प्ल लघ्म यकुल्लहू कुफुवन अहद याने और वह अहद (एक) है, उसके बराबर कोई नहीं (पवित्र कछुरआन, सुराह इखलास 112२04)

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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav Praises Chandrababu and Vizag's IT Future

Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav lauded Chandrababu Naidu as a visionary leader whose contributions have shaped India's IT landscape. Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Google AI Data Centre in Tharuvaada, Vaishnav highlighted Chandrababu's role in developing Cyberabad and the iconic Cyber Towers, which significantly advanced the IT sector.

He expressed confidence that, under Chandrababu's leadership, Visakhapatnam is once again set to become an "IT-patnam". The minister praised the vision of Prime Minister Modi and Chandrababu Naidu, as well as the energy and leadership of young leader Lokesh, describing him as a role model for emerging leaders.

Vaishnav emphasised that India is now recognised globally as a major electronics manufacturing hub, with semiconductor production playing a vital role. He pointed out that even a single missing chip can halt goods worth millions, underscoring the importance of this industry.

Literature is the compass of society

Renowned poet, Managing Director of Sudha Bank, Peddireddy Ganesh.



Kodada April 28 Metro morning.....

Renowned poet and managing director of Sudha Bank Peddireddy Ganesh said that it is our minimum responsibility to respect the artists and writers who fill the society with dynamism. On Sunday, he participated in the 33rd anniversary meeting of 'Thera' Cultural Arts Council. On this occasion, he said that the efforts of organizations like 'Thera' in promoting literature and culture in Kodada region are very important. He praised Vemula Venkateswarlu's hard work, perseverance and love of art behind his father's legacy for more than three decades and successfully running a Tera Cultural Art Council. He said it is commendable to bring great artists like Bhims Cicerolio and literary figures like Chintala Yadagiri on the same stage.



NHRC & Government of India organize "India Short Film Competition 2026"



Jangaon, April 28, Metro udayam:

Janagama District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha said in a statement on Tuesday that "NHRC India Short Film Competition-2026" will be organized by the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Government of India.

This competition is being organized with the aim of protecting, promoting and raising awareness of human rights.

Anyone of any age can participate. Short films may be submitted in Hindi or other Indian languages with English subtitles or entirely in English.... Film duration should be minimum 3 minutes and maximum 10 minutes.

There will be cash prizes for the best films....First Prize Rs.2 Lakh, Second Prize Rs.1 Lakh, Third Prize Rs.1 Lakh....Additionally, cash incentive prizes will be given to films selected for special mention.

Those who want to participate in the competition should send their entries online to nhrcshortfilm@gmail.com in the form of google drive link before 30-06-2026...Application form, terms and other details are available on the website www.nhrc.nic.in

District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha urged students, youth, artists, voluntary organizations, colleges, universities and interested citizens of the district to utilize this opportunity and participate in large numbers.

Karnataka Minister hails Greenko's project as a global green model



Kurnool: Karnataka State Energy Minister KJ George said that the development of any country or region largely depends on the availability of electricity. He made these remarks during his visit on Monday morning to the Greenko Integrated Renewable Energy Project at Pinnapuram in Orvakal mandal of Kurnool.

After inspecting the facility, the Minister addressed the media at the Greenko office and described the project as one of the most unique power generation initiatives and the world's largest integrated renewable energy project. He stated that establishing a major power project requires approvals from the Central Government, State Government, Forest Department, and several other regulatory agencies, making such ventures highly challenging.

Appreciating Greenko for successfully overcoming these hurdles, he termed the Pinnapuram pumped storage station an "excellent and remarkable project."

He added that Karnataka is currently meeting its electricity needs efficiently through a combination of state-generated power and supply from other states, ensuring uninterrupted power availability.

Looking ahead, the Minister said Karnataka is also developing a 3,000 MW pumped storage power project at Sharavathi over 125 acres, which is expected to be commissioned soon.

He noted that Greenkohas already established wind and solar power projects in Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Karnataka, contributing significantly to the nation's growth.

He further observed that renewable sources such as wind and solar can fluctuate depending on weather conditions, while governments are gradually reducing dependence on coal-based power generation.

In such a scenario, pumped storage projects will play a crucial role in meeting peak electricity demand without shortages

Some land grabbers and brokers are trying to occupy the road leading from Husnabad to Hanmapuram...?

The trees planted across the road...the brokers fled as soon as the revenue officials entered the field.

If a government road is encroached upon...if trees are planted across the road, legal action will be taken against them:- Bhuvanagiri Tahsildar Jaganmohan

Yadadri Bhuvanagiri April:28 (Metro udayam)

Some land grabbers and brokers tried to block the road leading from Husnabad to Hanmapuram by planting trees. The farmers there complained to Bhuvanagiri Tahsildar Jaganmohan, who immediately sent revenue staff and the Hanumapuram secretary to the scene and took up an investigation. The real landowners are facing many difficulties in survey numbers 205, 207, 208 as the landowners are short of land. Some brokers have deceived them that there is surplus land in the respective survey numbers..they have five hours of land per acre and have registered it secretly..for 50 years, the fake landowners Marri Vasantha, Marri Chandrayya and their sons, (who have no land, no paper cover..the fake landowners Allam Mallesha and his sons who sold the land once) have been paying them off..the brokers Nakkala Anjaiah, Gundeboina Narasimha, come to the landowners' lands on Tuesday



mornings and plant fences..plant fences across the roads...measure the land night after night, plant fences..this has become their daily occupation. Threatening the landowners as if these lands are theirs.. and the landowners come and take them away.. has been happening for the past year and a half. In this regard, the agricultural landowners, Mandava Srisailam and Allam Mahesh Niranjana Reddy, have complained to the police several times.. but to date, there has been no result.. the land grabbers.. the brokers.. have become more agitated.. and are trying to seize the government road itself.. When the agricultural landowners complained to the Bonagiri Tahsildar on Tuesday afternoon, he sent his staff to the scene.. Although he asked the fake landowners to remove the trees planted across the road.. but since they did not remove them, they said that they would report the matter to their concerned officer, the

Tahsildar. When Bhuvanagiri Tahsildar Jaganmohan was asked to explain this matter, he sternly warned that whoever tries to close the government road from Husnabad to Hanmapuram, who planted obstacles, should remove them immediately, otherwise legal action will be taken against them. Although land grabbers and brokers are eyeing the lands of agricultural farmers in Husnabad... despite the agricultural pattees complaining to the police on this matter several times... what is the point in the police acting as if they are not involved... people are questioning. At least the senior police officers should take the initiative and register land grabbing cases against the land grabbers and illegal brokers and take legal action against those involved, the land mafia and bigwigs who are inciting the anonymous people and take steps to ensure peace in Husnabad village.

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw Announces Gazette Notification for South Coastal Railway and Major Expansion in Andhra Pradesh

The Minister announced that Andhra Pradesh has achieved 100% electrification of its Railway Network, positioning it among the leading regions in Railway Modernisation

Addressing the gathering after Ground Breaking Ceremony of Google Cloud India AI Hub at Visakhapatnam, Union Minister for Railways, MeitY and Information & Broadcasting, Shri. Ashwini Vaishnaw has stated that the Gazette Notification for the creation of South Coastal Railway Zone will be issued, with June 1, 2026 being notified as the effective date. He indicated that this development marks a significant step toward strengthening Railway Administration in Andhra Pradesh.

The Minister further explained that Andhra Pradesh has received a record railway budget allocation of ₹10,134 crore, a substantial increase compared to the ₹886 crore allocated in earlier years for the combined states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

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rently underway in Andhra Pradesh, aimed at enhancing connectivity across the state, including links to ports, tourism destinations, and major cities.

Referring to infrastructure achievements, the Minister highlighted that 74 railway stations in Andhra Pradesh are being reconstructed and fully redeveloped describing it as a historic accomplishment in the country.

Providing further details, he stated that, in AP:

- 832 flyovers and underpasses have been completed
- 299 flyovers and underpasses are under construction
- 1,759 km of railway track has been completed
- 3,300 km of track is under construction.

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On passenger services, the Minister mentioned that 16 Vande Bharat trains and 22 Amrit Bharat train services currently serve the state, improving travel efficiency and comfort.

Additionally, he stated that the entire East Coast Railway Corridor is being upgraded to a four-line network, which is expected to double capacity and enable the operation of up to 500 new trains. The Minister further emphasized that cargo and container train services are being strengthened to connect ports, tourism centers, and major cities along the East Coast Corridor, thereby boosting logistics and economic growth.

Addressing future high-speed connectivity, he further elaborated the proposed high-speed connectivity across major Southern Corridors along with travel time:

- Amaravati to Hyderabad – approximately 70 minutes
- Amaravati to Chennai - approximately 112 minutes
- Hyderabad to Pune – approximately 1 hour 55 minutes
- Pune to Mumbai – approximately 48 minutes
- Chennai to Bengaluru – approximately 73 minutes

- Hyderabad to Bengaluru – approximately 2 hours 8 minutes

He described this network as a "High-Speed Diamond", which will significantly enhance mobility, economic integration, and regional growth across southern India.

The Minister concluded that these initiatives reflect the union Government's commitment to transform Andhra Pradesh into a major railway and logistics hub, driving economic growth and regional integration

He emphasized that the Government is committed to ensuring balanced development and welfare, stating that the NDA government at the Centre would deliver complete justice to the southern states in terms of infrastructure growth and public welfare. He also remarked that opposition parties were politicising developmental issues.

No fuel shortage in Nandyal, Kurnool dists: Collectors

Nandyal/Kurnool: District administrations in Nandyal and Kurnool on Monday assured the public that there is no shortage of petrol or diesel and appealed to vehicle owners not to indulge in panic buying or unnecessary stockpiling.

Officials said fuel supply across both districts remains under control and adequate stocks are being maintained at retail outlets through constant monitoring and coordination with oil marketing companies.

In Nandyal, District Collector G Rajakumari, accompanied by Superintendent of Police Suneel Sheoran, conducted surprise inspections at several fuel stations operated by IOCL, BPCL and HPCL.

She stated that all 223 fuel



outlets in the district, including Reliance and Jio stations, have sufficient petrol and diesel stocks.

While minor temporary shortages of diesel were noticed in some places during the morning hours, officials said supplies would be fully normalized by evening through coordination with oil

company representatives. Meanwhile, in Kurnool, District Collector Dr A Siri accompanied by SP Vikrant Patil inspected multiple petrol bunks in the city and reiterated that there is no scarcity of fuel in the district. She said the district has 166 fuel stations and revenue officials have been deployed at outlets to moni-

tor incoming fuel loads and ensure smooth distribution.

The Collector also interacted with motorists and urged them to purchase only as much fuel as required for regular use.

Authorities in both districts announced strict measures against black marketing and unauthorized sale of fuel in cans, drums and bottles. Officials clarified that diesel for agricultural needs such as tractors and harvesters would be supplied only against authorized coupons certified by revenue and agriculture officials. Kurnool SP Vikrant Patil said police personnel have been stationed at fuel stations to regulate queues, while enforcement teams have already booked several cases and seized illegally stored petrol and diesel.

Manish Sisodia Backs Kejriwal, Boycotts Court Proceedings Over Bias Allegations In Excise Policy Case



Former Delhi Deputy Chief Minister has aligned with AAP chief in refusing to participate in court proceedings related to the excise policy case. In a letter addressed to , Sisodia stated that neither he nor his legal team would appear before the court, citing a complete loss of faith in the judge and choosing to follow a path of "satyagraha." Sisodia expressed doubts about receiving a fair hearing, even making a controversial claim that the judge's children's future was linked to , who is representing the opposing side in the matter. This move comes shortly after Kejriwal raised concerns over a potential conflict of interest, pointing out that Justice Sharma's children are associated as panel lawyers with the central government and have professional links with the Solicitor General. Kejriwal argued that this situation creates a perception of bias and undermines trust in the judicial process. Both leaders decided to boycott the proceedings after the judge declined to recuse herself from the case. Kejriwal announced that he would neither appear in court personally nor through counsel, while also keeping the option open to approach the Supreme Court. In response, Justice Sharma rejected the allegations, emphasizing judicial independence and stating that there was no evidence to support claims of bias. She asserted that her duty is to uphold the Constitution without fear or favour and clarified that stepping aside without valid grounds would amount to neglecting her responsibility. The judge further highlighted that judicial impartiality is presumed unless proven otherwise with concrete evidence. She cautioned that allowing such recusal requests without strong justification could weaken public confidence in the judiciary. Legal experts have warned that refusing to appear in court could lead to coercive measures, including the possibility of warrants being issued. The case stems from a challenge by the (CBI) against a lower court's decision that had earlier discharged Kejriwal, Sisodia, and others in the excise policy matter. The High Court is currently reviewing aspects of that ruling after identifying potential issues in the earlier judgment.

Op Sindoor showed terrorism centres no longer immune, says Rajnath Singh at Kyrgyzstan SCO meet

Bishkek: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting in Bishkek, stressing the urgent need for a collective and uncompromising approach to tackle the "evils" of terrorism, separatism and extremism by dismantling safe havens and rejecting any political justification for such acts.

"Operation Sindoor demonstrated India's firm resolve that terrorism epicentres are no longer immune to justifiable punishment," Singh said while addressing the SCO gathering.

He underscored that the global community must remain mindful of the threat posed by state-sponsored cross-border terrorism that undermines the sovereignty of nations, asserting that there is no room for selective approaches or double standards in dealing with such challenges. Singh emphasised that the SCO must take decisive steps against those who support, shelter or facilitate terrorist activities. "By tackling terrorism, separatism, and extremism without exception, we transform regional security from a challenge into a cornerstone for peace and prosperity," he said.

Highlighting counter-terrorism as a core principle of the SCO, the Defence Minister noted that the organisation has consistently condemned such acts and ideologies as part of a unified fight against the menace. He also referred to the Tianjin Declaration of the previous year, describing it as a reflection of India's firm and collective position against terrorism and its perpetrators, reinforcing the country's zero-tolerance approach.

"The real test of collective credibility remains in consistency. We must not forget that terrorism has no nationality and no theology. Nations must take a firm and collective stance against terrorism," he added.

Singh further highlighted the role of the SCO's Regional Anti-Terrorist Structure, noting that the joint statement issued during India's Chairmanship on countering radicalisation leading to terrorism, separatism and extremism represents a shared commitment among member nations.



He also pointed to the evolving global landscape, stating that in times of increasing uncertainty and fragmentation, the SCO holds a crucial role.

"Do we need a new world order or a world which is more orderly? We need an order where every citizen of this world is treated with dignity and respect. We need an order where differences do not become disputes, and disputes don't precede disasters. The real crisis today is not of a non-existent order but a tendency to question the established rule-based world order. We must focus on a global consensus where co-existence, co-habitation and compassion take precedence over chaos, competition and conflict," Singh said.

He added that ensuring both regional and global peace and stability is a shared responsibility of SCO members.

"We should continue to follow the path of dialogue and diplomacy and not of unrelenting force. We should not allow it to become an era of violence and war, but an era of peace and prosperity. Let me recall the message of Mahatma Gandhi that an eye for an eye makes everyone blind, and before every action, we must remember how that action can make a difference to the life of a poor and needy person. As people responsible for defence and security, we have the responsibility to

uphold this spirit of brotherhood and harmony. The real test of power is not in using it against the poor and the weak, but to use it in the interest of those who are unable to defend themselves," he stated.

The Defence Minister reiterated India's belief that the SCO has the capacity and determination to play a meaningful role in maintaining peace and stability. Referring to the ancient Indian philosophy of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', he said it reflects a spirit of global unity that transcends differences of race and religion.

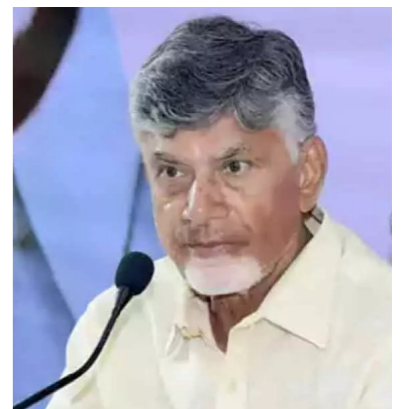
Singh also reaffirmed India's commitment to contributing constructively to the SCO's objectives, stressing that stronger cooperation and mutual trust among member nations, based on equality and respect, can position the organisation as a beacon of peace.

During the meeting, the Defence Minister and representatives of member countries held detailed discussions on issues related to security, terrorism and radicalisation, along with their broader implications for global peace and stability.

The SCO members also highlighted the importance of 2026, marking the 25th anniversary of the organisation's founding, noting that its relevance has grown significantly amid increasing global unpredictability and uncertainty.

CM Chandrababu hails Google Data Centre as Game-Changer for AP

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu described today as an historic milestone for the state. He called the opening of Google's AI Data Centre in Tharuvada a "game-changer" that will usher in a new era for Andhra Pradesh. Naidu performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the ₹1.35 lakh crore Google Data Centre, which he said would act as a "growth engine" for the entire nation. He emphasised that the project is a matter of regional pride, noting that the data centre will be the largest in Asia. The Chief Minister highlighted that Google's decision to establish a centre in Visakhapatnam is a proud moment for the North Andhra region and the state as a whole. He pointed out that both Google and Airtel play crucial roles in this development. Naidu stated that the data centre is expected to be fully operational by September 2028 and that AI-driven services would soon be available across various sectors. He also announced that water from the Godavari river would reach Anakapalli and Visakhapatnam within the next 60 days, further supporting the region's growth.



Encumbrance Certificate – Online Check & Download Guide

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Key benefits:

Helps verify ownership history
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Required for property loans
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Ensures safe investment
Without checking this document, one might actually end up purchasing a property with hidden defects.

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Choose the required time period
Submit the request
View and download the certificate
Enter details properly to ensure a reliable result.

Types of Encumbrance Certificate

There are mainly two types of certificates you should know about:

Form 15
Shows complete transaction details
Includes sale, lease, mortgage records
Used when property has past activity
Form 16
Issued when no transactions are found
Indicates a clean property record
Understanding the difference helps you read the document correctly.

Documents Required for EC Online

To apply or search for property records, you may need:

Property details (survey number or address)
Registration details
Owner information
ID proof (for login)
Perfect information often helps in speeding up and smoothing out the process.

Common Mistakes to Avoid

Several people validate records regardless of how easy it may sound. Avoid these to get accu-

rate results:

Entering wrong property details
Selecting incorrect date range
Ignoring transaction history
Not verifying downloaded document
Do not accept any information as reliable until you double-check.

When Do You Need an Encumbrance Certificate?

This document is required in many situations related to property.

Common use cases:

Buying a new property
Selling property
Applying for a home loan
Legal verification

Property inheritance
It acts as proof that the property is free from any hidden issues.

Advantages of Using EC Online
Using online services has made property verification much easier.

Benefits include:

Saves time and effort
Easy access anytime
Quick download option
No need for middle agents
Transparent records
This is why more people now prefer ec online over offline methods.

Tips for Safe Property Verification

To make sure your property deal is safe, follow these simple tips:

Always check past 10–15 years of records
Verify owner details carefully
Cross-check with local records if needed
Keep a copy of downloaded documents
Consult a Lawyer if unsure
There are many little things you can do that are designed to prevent you from tackling major problems down the track.

Conclusion

Checking property records before any transaction is not optional anymore—it is necessary. The Encumbrance Certificate gives you a clear picture of the property's legal status and helps you make informed decisions. Whether you are a buyer, seller, or investor, this document protects you from future risks.

With platforms like treginet, accessing property records has become simple and quick. You can now complete the entire process from home using ec online without depending on others. Make it a habit to verify every detail before making any property deal.

Hyderabad International Airport Elevates the Travel Experience with Iconic Global Luxury Brands

Hyderabad International Airport, redefines travel retail with the opening of an exclusive luxury shopping destination, bringing together some of the world's most iconic fashion and lifestyle brands—BOSS, Michael Kors, Brooks Brothers, and CHANEL—within a sophisticated airport retail environment.

Designed as immersive brand spaces, these thoughtfully curated stores transform transit time into moments of indulgence and discovery. BOSS presents its signature men's collection featuring refined polos, elevated casualwear, sharply tailored suits, footwear, and

accessories—crafted for confident, modern professionals. Michael Kors introduces its globally loved range of luxury accessories including handbags, watches, eyewear, perfectly suited for the jet set lifestyle.

Adding heritage and timeless appeal, Brooks Brothers, the original authority on American style since 1818, offers classic menswear including tailored suits, shirts, blazers, knitwear, and accessories that blend tradition with contemporary elegance. Completing the luxury lineup is CHANEL, showcasing an exquisite selection of fragrances, beauty, and select

fashion accessories—where heritage craftsmanship meets modern sophistication through iconic creations.

Spanning expansive, meticulously designed retail spaces, these luxury stores create an atmosphere of exclusivity and refinement like never before. With global brands and thoughtfully curated product ranges,

Hyderabad International Airport redefines what it means to travel in style.



Sudharsan is a kind of player who can give maximum reward with minimum risk, says Gill

Gujarat Titans captain Shubman Gill heaped praise on opener Sai Sudharsan after his match-winning knock, highlighting the youngster's ability to maximise returns with minimal risk following their emphatic eight-wicket win over Chennai Super Kings in Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026.

Sudharsan's fluent 87 anchored a clinical chase of 159, continuing his impressive run this season and drawing special appreciation from his skipper.

"He's been batting brilliantly. Even in the innings that he got out in the middle, he was batting beautifully. So with him, it's always a matter of spending that much time on the wicket. And once he's set, he is that kind of player who can give the maximum reward with minimum risk, and that's his advantage," Gill



said after the win.

Gill also expressed overall satisfaction with the team's performance in challenging conditions, noting the significance of securing a convincing win at a venue known for testing visiting sides, as he said, "Really happy. To get

a win like that here is always difficult in this part of India, so I'm really happy with the win."

While GT dominated for most of the contest, Gill admitted there were minor lapses, particularly in the field during the latter stages of the first innings, saying, "Yeah, apart from the last four or

five overs of fielding, I think it was a pretty good effort from us out there."

The GT skipper further elaborated on the decision-making at the toss, revealing uncertainty over how the pitch would behave, before crediting his bowlers for maintaining control during the powerplay, a phase where the team has consistently excelled.

"Actually, I was a little bit confused whether to bowl first or bat first on this wicket. But I think we bowled pretty well in the Powerplay, and Power-play has been one of the areas where consistently we have done well. And if I have to be really critical, finishing the innings has been a little bit of concern for us, and hopefully, in the upcoming matches, we improve on that," he said.

ill also shed light on tactical calls during the backend of CSK's innings, including the limited use of Rashid Khan and entrusting Washington Sundar with the final over. With the game largely under control, the Titans opted to stick to their broader plans.

"In the middle, when Dube just came in, we were like, should we bowl one over to Washi? But we thought the game was in our hands, and let's go as deep as possible. Maybe they are 8 or 9 down, and the last overs don't matter as much. But yeah, I think he bowled a decent over. I think he gave away 12 or 13 runs in that last over. All in all, I think it was a pretty good effort from us with the ball," the GT skipper concluded.

Jennifer Lopez flaunts toned physique in gym selfie, sets fitness goals at 56

The film, based on a story by John Hughes, followed the story of a hard-working hotel maid whose life takes a romantic turn after being mistaken for a wealthy socialite. The movie was a box office success and remains a fan favourite.

Mumbai: Global icon Jennifer Lopez once again proved that age is just a number as she showcased her sculpted physique in a series of gym mirror selfies, leaving fans inspired by her fitness dedication.



The 56-year-old star shared images on social media, where her toned abs and fit silhouette took centre stage. Dressed in a crop top paired with low-waist gym tights, the "On The Floor" hitmaker highlighted her strong core while posing confidently in front of a mirror. Keeping it minimal, Lopez captioned the post with just a bicep flex emoji, letting the visuals speak for themselves.

In another highlight, the Grammy-winning artist recently marked a major

milestone by performing for the first time at the iconic Coachella. She took the stage alongside David Guetta, calling the experience special and describing her current phase as a "happy era" that is transforming her life.

Sharing glimpses from the performance, Lopez expressed her excitement

and encouraged fans to keep evolving and surprising themselves. Her appearance at the festival further reaffirmed her enduring appeal in both music and entertainment.

On the film front, Lopez is embracing her romantic comedy roots once again with her upcoming project Office Romance. Reflecting on her journey, she also revisited memories from her popular 2002 film Maid in Manhattan, which starred Ralph Fiennes and Natasha Richardson.

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With multiple projects lined up and her fitness game stronger than ever, Jennifer Lopez continues to inspire millions across the globe with her discipline, talent, and timeless charm.

Neetu Chandra reflects on journey from Bihar to Hollywood, says focus remains on meaningful work over glamour

Mumbai: Actress Neetu Chandra has opened up about her inspiring journey from a modest background in Bihar to making a mark internationally, stating that her priority has always been meaningful work rather than superficial aspects of stardom.

In an exclusive interaction, Neetu addressed the perception that she had taken a break from the industry, clarifying that she has been consistently seeking quality projects. She said that finding the right roles takes time and patience, especially for someone who has built her career from scratch.

Reflecting on her journey, the actress emphasised the challenges she faced, noting that coming from a middle-class joint family in Bihar and reaching Hollywood was not an easy feat. She highlighted that such a path requires immense resilience and determination, particularly when navigating the industry independently.

Neetu also pointed out that she prefers investing her time in selecting impactful projects rather than engaging in glamour-driven trends like airport fashion appearances. According



to her, staying focused on her craft has been key to her growth as an actor.

Speaking about her struggles, she said that standing alone in a competitive industry demands strength and perseverance. Despite the challenges, she remains committed to her purpose of delivering meaningful per-

formances and earning the audience's love.

The actress, known for films such as Garam Masala, Traffic Signal, and Oye Lucky! Lucky Oye!, is now gearing up for her upcoming project Khalnayak 2, where she will share screen space with Sanjay Dutt.

Akshay Kumar sets return with 2nd season of 'Wheel of Fortune'



Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar has set his return with the 2nd season of the gaming reality show 'Wheel of Fortune'.

The actor shared that the show gave him the opportunity to meet people from different walks of life, adding to his repository as an actor.

The actor said, "The amount of love that 'Wheel of Fortune' has given me knows no bounds. I've had the pleasure to meet people from all walks of life. I've been a witness to so many perspectives and stories that are unique and incredible".

He further mentioned, "With all this love we are happy to announce that Sony Pictures Networks India and I will be back with another season of 'Wheel of Fortune'. Cheers to much more laughter and many more winners".

Earlier, on the show, Akshay Kumar had shared an emotional yet inspiring anecdote about ace choreographer turned filmmaker Farah Khan about a heartbreaking incident from her childhood. He highlighted her deep love for films since childhood, giving everyone a glimpse into her early struggles.

Revealing about the incident, Akshay said, "Bachpan se hi Farah ko films dekhne ka bahut shauk tha. Jab tujhe koi film pasand aati thi, toh uska record kharidti thi. Phir inke saath ek haadsa hua inke father ne ek film produce ki thi, lekin woh chali nahi. Uske baad inhe apne saare records bechne pade".

Correcting him, Farah said, "Pehle record player becha tha". Akshay continued, "Haan, pehle record player becha, phir saare records. Aur aaj dekho yeh itni mehnat karke khud records todti hai". Farah has often spoken about her childhood days filled with struggle and almost no money post her father's demise.

For the uninitiated, Farah Khan's father, Kamran Khan was a former stuntman who later turned filmmaker. He fell into severe poverty after his film Aisa Bhi Hota Hai flopped and a big-budget project collapsed. After facing immense failure, he struggled with alcoholism, which caused intense tension in the household.

'Wheel of Fortune' is available on Sony Entertainment Television and SonyLIV.

We didn't do it after 2017, T20 WC win could change women's cricket in England: Nat Sciver-Brunt

New Delhi: England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt has admitted the team has not fulfilled their potential in the years following the iconic 2017 World Cup triumph at Lord's, saying a major title this summer could redefine the landscape of women's cricket in the country.

Widely considered contenders in most global tournaments, England have endured a prolonged drought since that historic victory, failing to secure a major ICC title or an Ashes series in the years that followed. As they prepare to host the upcoming T20 World Cup, beginning June 12, the side faces the prospect of completing nearly a decade without silverware unless they can reverse their fortunes.

Reflecting on the period since 2017, Sciver-Brunt acknowledged that the team expected more of itself, especially during transitional phases when younger players were being integrated into the setup. "Being in those teams and being in those squads, the feeling was that we certainly could have won a bit more. There was quite a large change of personnel and people trying to find their feet in the team, and getting some youngsters into the group where you rely on your senior players to help them along and are



trying to accelerate their learning. We would have liked to have won a lot more than we have done, and we'd obviously like that to change this summer," the England skipper told BBC Sport.

Since taking over the captaincy last year, Sciver-Brunt has overseen a side that reached the semi-finals of the most recent 50-over World Cup but has yet to convert consistency into titles. Over the past several years, England have fallen short in multiple global events, including T20 and ODI World Cups, the Women's Ashes, and even missed out on a podium finish at the 2022 Commonwealth Games. Despite the lack of trophies, structural progress in the domestic circuit, including the professionalisation of the women's game and the launch of The Hundred, has strengthened the overall

ecosystem. However, Sciver-Brunt believes that lifting a major trophy at home could have a far more profound impact.

"A win could change what women's cricket looks like in this country. Just the carrot of that is enough to motivate anyone really. It certainly could change what this team is about. We didn't really do it after 2017, but being a consistently good team is something that everyone tries to do. I'm hoping we can be a consistently good team and we'd love to start off with a T20 World Cup win," Sciver-Brunt said.

England are expected to announce their squad for the tournament soon, with only a handful of players from the 2017 final, including Sciver-Brunt and former captain Heather Knight, likely to feature again. While the core of the squad remains largely

unchanged from recent campaigns, the team management faces key decisions on whether to introduce fresh talent into the mix.

Sciver-Brunt defended the team's approach to preparation, particularly the decision to prioritise internal training camps over domestic match commitments, stressing the importance of high-intensity practice in the absence of sufficient international fixtures.

"We thought it was our best preparation for our bowlers to be bowling against our batters and really be put under pressure to execute their skills. I know that meant that some games were missed, but as a team we found it really valuable to be together. We haven't played that much cricket over the winter, so being together as a squad and trying to recreate some of those pressure situations was really important," she stated.

With expectations building ahead of a home World Cup, England now have an opportunity not only to end their title drought but also to reshape the narrative of women's cricket in the country, something Sciver-Brunt believes could have a lasting impact well beyond the tournament itself.

When and where to watch MI vs SRH, know all details



Mumbai; Five-time champions Mumbai Indians (MI) will take on 2016 winners Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) in the 41st match of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026 at the iconic Wankhede Stadium on Wednesday. GeographicReference

MI are struggling to get their momentum in the ongoing season as they are currently placed at ninth on the table with just two wins from seven matches. They are coming to the contest after suffering their biggest defeat in IPL history, which came at the hands of Chennai Super Kings (CSK), who beat the Hardik Pandya-led side by 103 runs on April 23. However, after a break of six days, they would be eager to make a strong comeback.

SRH, on the other side has turned their fortunes after a poor start where they lost three out of four opening games as they registered four consecutive victories in the next matches. SRH sit third in the standings with five wins from eight matches. They are coming to the contest after a five-wicket win against the Rajasthan Royals (RR), and they would look to continue the momentum and strengthen their position in the top four.

When: Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 PM IST

Where: Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai

Where to watch: The MI vs RR match will be broadcast on Star Sports channels, with JioHotstar live-streaming the game.

Squads

Sunrisers Hyderabad: Abhishek Sharma, Travis Head, Ishan Kishan(c), Heinrich Klaasen, Salil Arora(wk), Aniket Verma, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Shivang Kumar, Harsh Dubey, Sakib Hussain, Eshan Malinga, Dilshan Madushanka, Smaran Ravichandran, Praful Hinge, Liam Livingstone, Harshal Patel, Jaydev Unadkat, Kamindu Mendis, Zeeshan Ansari, Shivam Mavi, Gerald Coetzee, Krains Fuletra, Onkar Tarmale, Amit Kumar

Mumbai Indians: Quinton de Kock(wk), Danish Malewar, Naman Dhir, Suryakumar Yadav, Tilak Varma, Hardik Pandya(c), Sherfane Rutherford, Keshav Maharaj, Krish Bhagat, Jasprit Bumrah, AM Ghazanfar, Ashwani Kumar, Raj Bawa, Corbin Bosch, Mayank Rawat, Raghu Sharma, Rohit Sharma, Deepak Chahar, Trent Boult, Shardul Thakur, Will Jacks, Mayank Markande, Ryan Rickelton, Robin Minz, Mohammed Salahuddin Izhar

Indian women crash out after losing to China in last group tie

Horsens: Indian women's campaign at the 2026 Uber Cup ended after losing to defending champions China in their final Group A fixture.

India came up with a spirited performance against China but could not avoid a 0-5 loss. Facing a must-win situation to stay in the hunt for a quarterfinal berth, former world champion PV Sindhu returned to play the first singles and had her chances against world no 2 Wang Zhi Yi. Sindhu led Wang for most of the third game and even opened up a 18-12 lead in the decider. The Chinese then took seven consecutive points to take the lead and wrapped up the match a couple of points later.

India's other two singles players — Isharani Baruah and Devika Sihag — also built pressure on their much fancied Chinese opponents but could not carve out a win.

Isharani lost to former Olympic Champion Chen Yu Fei 20-22, 13-21 while Devika went down 21-19, 17-21, 10-21 against Xu Wen Jing.

India's scratch women's doubles combination of Tanisha Crasto and Kavipriya Selvam raised hopes of winning a point when they took the opening game against Luo Xu Min and Zhang Shu Xian but ended on the losing side of a 10-21, 21-12, 21-19 score line.

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Bhopal: Originally from Poonch, a distant district in Jammu and Kashmir, only 8 kilometres from the Line of Control and with limited sporting opportunities, 16-year-old Akshra Dutta has earned her spot in Hockey India's U-18 National Coaching Camp at SAI, Bhopal.

Akshra received this opportunity thanks to her outstanding performance at the 16th Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship 2026 Division 'C'. Playing for Hockey Jammu and Kashmir, she netted four field goals and was the second-highest scorer in her division. Her efforts were instrumental in her team finishing first in Pool B and earning promotion to Division 'B' for the following season.

Behind her rise is a strong sporting environment at home. Her father, Santosh Kumar Dutta, a professional gymnast, introduced her to sports and remains her biggest supporter. Her



mother is a government school teacher, her grandfather is a retired army officer, and her sisters are also engaged in sports, fostering a culture of discipline, ambition, and patriotism in the family. Reflecting on her journey, Akshra said, "When I was around seven years old, my father took me to the ground and asked me which sport I wanted to play. That day, I chose hockey, and since then, I have been playing the sport regularly. My father has always been my biggest support and motivation."

Akshra was raised in a community where participating in sports was fre-

quently met with skepticism, leading to social challenges early on. "In the beginning, people around me used to say that playing sports is a waste of time and that nothing would come out of it. But my parents always believed in me. Their support gave me the confidence to continue and work harder towards my dream of playing for India," she shared.

"I played the Hockey India Sub Junior Women National Championship for the first time in 2022 in Manipur and although my performance wasn't the best at the time, that tournament gave me confidence that I can pursue

hockey professionally and give my best and play for India in the future," she added.

As a forward herself, Akshra finds inspiration in former Indian forward Vandana Katariya, whom she has looked up to as a role model growing up. "I remember watching a match with my father on TV where India was playing against Argentina. Vandana ma'am was playing. My father told me to observe her skills and learn from her. Since then, I have followed her closely and tried to improve my game by watching her play. I really enjoy her game and some day wants to score goals for my country the way she did."

Speaking about her experience in the camp so far, training under coach Rani, she said, "Before coming here, I did not realise how important it is to enjoy the game while playing. Training under Rani ma'am has been an amazing experience. She has taught me discipline and how to play with confidence, but most importantly she has taught me to enjoy my hockey and play freely."