

## Social media can't be used to malign judiciary: Delhi HC

The court made the observations on a plea moved by the DHCBA, seeking criminal contempt action against social media user Dr Kapil Kakar for his scandalous videos holding a high court judge responsible for the collapse of a multi-storey building in Saidulajab New Delhi. The Delhi High Court has said any endeavour to use social media to malign the judiciary and interfere with its independence cannot be accepted, and online platforms cannot act like "silent spectators" in such instances. The court has asserted that fair criticism of judicial orders and institutions is permissible in law, but baseless allegations attributing improper motives to judges are not legitimate criticism. The court made the observations in

its June 8 order on a plea moved by the Delhi High Court Bar Association (DHCBA), seeking criminal contempt action against social media user Dr Kapil Kakar for his "scandalous" videos holding a high court judge responsible for the collapse of a multi-storey building in Saidulajab here last month. The incident had claimed six lives.

Issuing a notice to Kakar on the contempt petition, a vacation bench of Justices Neena Bansal Krishna and Madhu Jain said the allegations in the videos are "absolutely scandalous, contemptuous", and amount to a direct interference with the justice-delivery system. The court directed social-media platforms, including Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and X, to remove the



offending links as well as block Kakar's accounts and handles. It underscored that as soon as these companies gain information about an unlawful act on their platforms, they are under

an obligation to immediately remove and disable access to that material. "While easy access to social media has undeniable benefits, as it enables information to spread

instantaneously, it cannot be overlooked that such tools must be used responsibly and not as instruments to undermine institutions or cause harm to the society. "Any endeavour to use them to cause harm to the society or to interfere with the independence of the judiciary and to malign institutions and individuals cannot be accepted in this country, where the rule of law and principles enshrined in the Constitution prevail," the court said in the order uploaded on its website on Wednesday. "While individuals who commit such contemptuous and scandalous acts are to be dealt with sternly as per law, intermediaries can also not be a silent spectator and wait for directions from the courts," it added.

## Modi govt cites sharp fall in data tariffs, rise in digital adoption over 12 years

The cost of 1 GB of data plunged by 97 per cent to around Rs 8-10 from Rs 269 in 2014, which led to an increase in internet usage in rural areas and opened a new world of opportunities for the people, an official document on 12 years of the Modi government said on Wednesday. The country, in the last 12 years, has seen around a four-fold surge in internet users to 103 crore up to December 2025 from around 25 crore subscribers in 2014. Meanwhile, broadband connections have jumped by about 17 times to nearly 100 crore from six crore during the same period. "Around 97 per cent reduction in per GB data cost between 2014 and 2026. In 2014, the cost of 1 GB data was Rs 269, now reduced to Rs 8-10. Internet consumption increased in rural areas as compared to cities. Opened a new world of information, resources and opportunities," the document said.

It added that 103 crore internet connections in the country indicate good digital reach and affordable internet service. The rise in data usage in the country has fuelled the growth of the dig-



ital economy in the form of e-commerce and online services, which in turn has contributed to employment generation and GDP growth, the document mentioned. According to the report titled 'Estimation and Measurement of India's Digital Economy' by the Ministry of Electronics and IT, India's digital economy was estimated at 11.74 per cent of the national income in 2022-23 and in absolute numbers, it was equivalent to Rs 31.64 lakh crore (around USD 402 billion). National Politics Updates Based on the projections in the report, India's digital economy is expected to grow almost twice as fast as the overall economy, contributing

to nearly one-fifth of national income by 2030.

The country has taken strides in technologies supporting digital transformation, from indigenously developed 5G telecom gears to chips that are vital for the functioning of high-tech products and equipment. In the semiconductor manufacturing space, there were no chip plants in 2014, whereas 12 plants have been approved under the Modi government. India has also transformed from being an importer of mobile phones to a leading exporter. The export of mobile phones from the country has shot up by about 163 times to Rs 2.6 lakh crore from Rs 0.016 lakh crore under the Modi government. The number of manufacturing units in the mobile devices segment has jumped to over 300 units now from just 2 units in 2014, the document said. Aadhaar card generation has crossed the 144 crore mark from only 61.01 crore in 2014, the document said.

## ED arrests Raj Kasireddy in AP liquor scam case

A significant development has occurred in the AP liquor scam case. ED officials have taken the prime accused, Raj Kasireddy, into custody. The ED has conducted raids on Thursday across various locations in the Telugu states, carrying out simultaneous searches at ten places, including Hyderabad. The officials inspected Raj Kasireddy's residence and offices, as well as the homes of other suspects. As part of these proceedings, Raj Kasireddy was taken into custody. Reports indicate that the ED intends to question him regarding the liquor scam and associated liquor transportation cases. Officials believe a comprehensive investigation into the matter is necessary. It is worth noting that the SIT in Vijayawada has already filed four charge sheets in this case, and preparations are now underway to file the final charge sheet.



## TTD's Nitya Annaprasadam crosses 4.4 crore servings in five months

Tirupati: Tirumala's renowned Nitya Annaprasadam programme has achieved a major milestone by serving more than 44 million free meals, breakfasts and beverages in the first five months of 2026, underscoring the massive scale of TTD's service to lakhs of devotees visiting the holy hill shrine. Often described as modern-day 'Akshaya Patra', the Nitya Annaprasadam programme ensures that every devotee visiting Tirumala receives a nutritious meal free of cost. What began on April 6, 1985, with just 2,000 servings a day has today grown into one of the largest free meal programmes in the world. According to TTD statistics, more than 44 million servings were distributed through various Annaprasadam centres in Tirumala between January 1 and May 31, 2026. The programme recorded nearly 10 million servings in January, 7.139 million in February, 8.485 million in March, 8.5 million in April and over 9.2 million servings in May.



At present, the programme caters to nearly three lakh servings a day on weekends, holidays and other peak days, while around 1.8 to 1.9 lakh servings on regular days. On an average day, around 70,000 devotees are provided beverages such as milk, tea and coffee, more than 60,000 are served breakfast, nearly one lakh receive lunch and about 57,000 devotees are provided dinner. Matrushi

Tarigonda Vengamamba Annaprasadam Complex remains the main centre for food distribution, serving more than 82,000 devotees every day. The sprawling complex has four dining halls that can accommodate nearly 4,000 devotees at a time. Annaprasadam services are also provided through Sri Akshaya Kitchen, food courts, Vaikuntam Queue Complex, Narayanagiri sheds, outside queue points and PAC buildings. The scale of the programme can be gauged from the huge quantity of ingredients used every day. Around 15.8 tonnes of rice, 3.1 tonnes of sunflower oil and 2.8 tonnes of red gram dal are consumed daily. Thousands of kilograms of wheat rava, suji rava, black gram dal, jaggery, salt and tamarind, along with several other ingredients, are also used in the preparation of meals and refreshments. TTD has taken up several modernisation initiatives

to further improve quality and efficiency of Annaprasadam services. The temple administration is planning to establish a satellite automated kitchen capable of preparing food for nearly two lakh devotees a day. Modern cooking equipment has already been installed in Annaprasadam kitchens, while QR code-based donation kiosks have been introduced to facilitate contributions from devotees. Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust, which is sustained by donations from devotees, currently holds fixed deposits exceeding Rs 2,500 crore. The income generated from these deposits enables TTD to provide free and quality meals to lakhs of pilgrims every day. The programme is backed by a dedicated workforce of around 1,000 employees and are assisted by another 1,000 Srivari Seva volunteers, who render service every day at various Annaprasadam centres, ensuring smooth distribution of food to devotees.

# Big shock to major parties in Janagama district..!

**Jangaon, June 11, MetroUdayam:**

Mass additions to Telangana Rajyadhikara Party will bring an end to upper caste rule – State Working President Madham Rajini Kumar Yadav says..

10,000 people should be moved from Janagama district for Rajyadhikara Samarabheri to be held in Bhuvanagiri on July 5 Janagama district president Katla Sadanandam conducted a grand meeting of district chief leaders. State Working President of Telangana Rajyadhikara Party Madham Rajini Kumar Yadav attended this meeting as the chief guest.

On this occasion, many leaders and activists belonging to various political parties were attracted to Telangana Rajyadhikara Party's principles and joined the TRP wearing the party scarf. Madham Rajini Kumar Yadav warmly invited them with party scarf.

Speaking on this occasion, Madham Rajini Kumar Yadav expressed his concern that even after the formation of Telangana state, BC, SC, ST and minority groups were not given due priority politically. He clarified that the aim of the Telangana Rajyadhikara Party is to end the decades-long political dominance of the upper castes in the state and provide state power to the downtrodden sections.

It is stated that the political power should belong to the masses who create the wealth of the state and that is the true definition of social justice. If BCs, SCs, STs and minorities stand united, it is sure to bring a historic change in Telangana politics.

President of Janagama District Katla Sadanandam said that the "Rajyadhikara Samarabheri" meeting to be held in Bhuvanagiri on July 5th has been called as a historic success. He said that a special operation is being prepared to move at least 10 thousand people from Janagama district to the



assembly. Special responsibilities have been assigned to district leaders and mandal leaders for the success of the meeting. It is suggested to take the movement to the village level by appointing an incharge for each mandal. Guiding the leaders on issues such as assembly campaigning, public mobilization, transport arrangements, social media campaigning etc did. On this occasion, appointment papers were handed over to many leaders who are working to strengthen the party. The leadership called upon the party to work dedicatedly for the development and participate in the achievement of the state power. State Leaders Polu Raju, Krishna, South Social

Media Convenor Martha Srinivas, Hanmakonda District Working President Pujari Satyanarayana, Janagama District Working President Jittaboyna Naresh, Vice Presidents Renukuntla Murali, Boda Ramesh, Secretary Bukka Vishnuvardhan, Youth President Pittala Suresh, Youth General Secretary Chennuru. Vamsi, Minority Cell President Bablu (Yakub Pasha), SC Cell President Ponuganti Narsingarao, Youth Town President Ponnaganti Krishna, Social Media Convenor Kukudala Kiran Kumar, Various Mandal Presidents Neela Lingam, Women's President Dandu Rani, Minority Cell Town President MD Pasha participated.

## Education should be imparted with values



**Kodada June 11 Metro morning.....**

Municipal Chairperson Yerneni Kusuma Babu said that students should be given education with values. On Thursday, she attended and inaugurated the newly established 'NRS School' under the auspices of NRS educational institutions at Vidyanagar in Kodada town as the chief guest. Speaking on

this occasion, she advised the management and teachers to teach moral and humanitarian values ??along with quality education to the students from the school level.

TPCC delegate Chintakuntla Lakshmi narayana Reddy and Chairman of District Library Vangaveeti Rama Rao, who participated in this program, said that the

NRS organization, which has achieved national level ranks in intermediate education, now hopes to achieve the same level of results in primary and high school education. It is a pleasure to arrange for special training in sports along with a spacious campus for the students. Eminent doctors Dr. Jasti Subbarao, Councilor Thota Jyoti, Congress leaders Thota

Srinu, Kambhampati Srinivas, Chairman Vadda Rajesh Chaudhary, Advisory Chairman Ravi Shankar Reddy, Director Manohar Reddy, Correspondent Venugopalarao, Principal Gandham Venkata ramana, Vice Principal PNR, PRO Mallikarjuna Rao and others participated....



**Hyderabad, June:11, MetroUdayam**

Details regarding the land dispute (specifically an overlapping dispute) involving Survey No. 57 in Hashmatpet Village, Balanagar Mandal, and Survey No. 157/1 in Tokatta Village, Tirumalagiri Mandal (spanning Medchal-Malkajgiri and Hyderabad districts). Date: 11-06-2026.

We request your esteemed presence at a press conference organized at the Press Club, Hyderabad, today (11-06-2026) between 4:00 PM and 5:00 PM. The conference addresses the issue of how permission to construct a wall was obtained for a prime land parcel in Hashmatpet Village (Boinpally area) by submitting fraudulent information to the Court and the Secunderabad Cantonment Board.

The matter concerning this land survey dispute is currently pending before the CCLA (Chief Commissioner of Land Administration) in an appeal. An interim order was issued by the CCLA in 2013. This interim order was subsequently challenged in 2014 before a Division Bench via Writ Appeal (W.A.) No. 64/2014. In response, the Division Bench directed V. Ashok and others to pursue the matter through the CCLA appeals process. Prior to this, the Division Bench of the Honorable High Court had granted a 'status quo' order regarding the said 10 acres of land—valued at hundreds of crores—in A.S. No. 5/2006. However, neither the Revenue Department nor the Police Department is complying with the orders of the Hon'ble Division Bench. They are misleading the Hon'ble Court with false information and are backing the Single Bench orders obtained in W.P. No. 9120/2026. By suppressing the Division Bench orders in W.A. No. 64/2014, V. Ashok and others obtained permission to construct a wall. This constitutes blatant land grabbing and thuggery by V. Ashok and others, as well as by the MS Maheshwari Infrastructure Private Limited group (also known as the Malpani Group).

The police took our camera DVR, ostensibly for one day, but have not returned it. For the past four days, the police have withheld the DVR, which contains evidence related to the alleged land grabbing. Furthermore, the Revenue Department lacks a proper response regarding the Division Bench orders; yet, they are insisting that action be taken based on new orders obtained through fraud and false evidence.

On the other hand, the government itself has certified this land as government land. Acting on a complaint filed by Mohammed Moizuddin Khan, the government wrote to the Registration Department and the Secunderabad Cantonment Board, directing them not to grant permission for the construction of a wall on the said land. In 2016, the CCLA summoned the parties for a hearing regarding the disputed survey matter. V. Ashok and others appeared as parties before the CCLA and filed counter-affidavits and implead petitions, citing the earlier NOC and reports from 2011. V. Ashok and others are now relying on these same reports and the NOC in High Court Writ Petition No. 9120/2026, even though the underlying issues remain pending for adjudication before the CCLA under Case No. P3/622/2003. This constitutes a fraud committed by V. Ashok and others against both the court and the other parties involved.

Based on orders from two Division Benches and two Single Benches of the High Court, as well as the order dated 07-12-2023 from the City Civil Court, Hyderabad (in A.S. No. 196/2017), the property remains in my possession; furthermore, the registered lease deeds executed with third parties are also held by me. Meanwhile, the Telangana State Government filed L.G.C. No. 104/1989 against us, alleging encroachment upon government land...

The LGC judgment was upheld by the Landgrabbing Court and thereafter we filed W.P.No.4692/2007. On this the Division Bench granted a stay on the LGC judgment. Thereafter the Government confirmed Survey No. 57 of Balanagar Mandal, Hashmatpet Village as patta lands belonging to Khurshid Jahi Paigah. The claims of Goldstone were also dismissed in W.P.No.11032 of 2018, S.L.P.No.24590/2018 and Contempt SLP No. 881 of 2019.. and SLP No. 2373-2377 and its batch, a Special Bench was constituted for C.S.No.14 of 1958 of Khurshid Jahi Paiga family and for C.S.No.13 of 1958 of Salarjung family. No one can claim ownership rights over the lands till the Special Bench decides the issues of the final degree proceedings. Further, the Receiver has submitted his report in C.S.No.13 of 1958 and with effect from the orders passed in OSA No.47 of 2015, it was held that non-parties in the compromise degree cannot claim title in CS No. 13 of 1958 of Salarjung Jung family. The receiver also filed a report in C.S.No.14 of 1958 and it was clearly stated that the issue of the void document should be decided by the Special Bench constituted in C.S. No. 14 of 1958.

In the interest of justice, I humbly request the press and print media to kindly highlight the above matter in the public domain. Because no one is above the law and the land of Hashmatpet village, Balanagar mandal, Medchal Malkajgiri district, Survey No. 57 and Tokatta village, Tirumalagiri mandal, Hyderabad district, Survey No. Goondaism should not exist in the state of Telangana to illegally acquire the property in the disputed survey site between 157/1.

**Thus, Mohammed Moizuddin Khan**

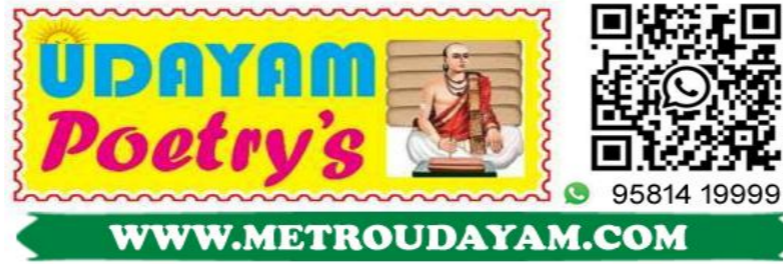
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## Handball Association of Hyderabad District office bearers were unanimously elected..



Hyderabad, June 11: MetroUdayam

The General Body Meeting of the Handball Association of Hyderabad District was successfully conducted on 11.06.2026 at FMC, L.B. Stadium, Hyderabad, under the chairmanship of S. Shiva Prakash, Treasurer, Handball Association of Telangana. During the meeting, the following office bearers were unanimously elected for the term 2026-2030: . R. Ranjith Reddy Chairman, CH. Franklin – President, B. Balakrishna – Secretary, B. Ajith Kumar – Treasurer. The members of the General Body congratulated the newly elected office bearers and wished them success in strengthening and promoting handball activities in Hyderabad District.



## Money Has No Memory

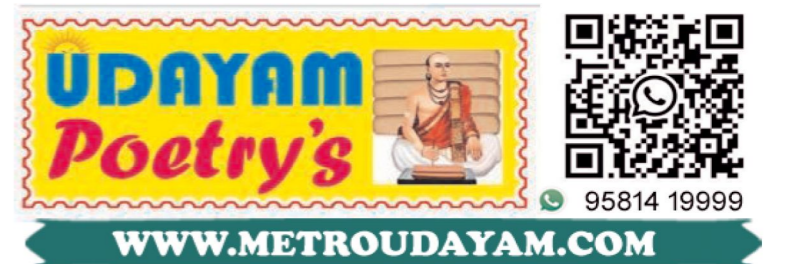
Money comes and goes. The salary we earned years ago is rarely remembered, but the moments we shared with family and friends stay with us forever. In the pursuit of more, many people postpone joy, believing there will always be time later. Yet, later often becomes never. Money is important it provides security and opportunities. But it should support life, not replace it. The laughter of loved ones, meaningful conversations, and shared experiences become memories that enrich our lives. When we look back, we remember moments, not monthly paychecks.



Earn well, but live well too. Build wealth, but also build memories. Money can buy comfort, but only experiences become memories. "Become memories" ties more naturally to the article's central theme, but your original line also works well.

LIVE LIFE... because life is beautiful.

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सत्य एक है, एक था और एक रहेगा। यही सरल पर अनन्त तथ्य है जो सभी धर्मों और आध्यात्मिक परंपराओं के केंद्र में खिंचा हुआ मिलता है ..

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यह बात और जटिल हो जाती है जब सारे शास्त्र और ग्रंथ, जो शब्दों के जाल से बुने गए हैं, उसी सत्य की व्याख्या करने लगते हैं। ग्रन्थ मनुष्य के अनुभव, अनुशासन और परंपरा का संकलन हैं। वे दिशा दिखाते हैं और कई बार मार्ग भी प्रशस्त करते हैं। फिर भी, यदि हम शास्त्रों को अंतिम सत्य मानकर वहीं ठहर जाएँ, तो अनुभव की सीधी परीक्षा से दूर रह जाते हैं। शास्त्रों की व्याख्या, शास्त्रों का अनुवाद और सामाजिक-ऐतिहासिक परिप्रेक्ष्य कभी-कभी हमें उस मूल अनुभव से भी भटका देते हैं, जिसका उद्धार करना उनका प्रयोजन था।



सत्य का साक्षात्कार शब्दों से नहीं, अपने भीतर के प्रत्यक्ष अनुभव से होता है। यही कारण है कि विवेक हमें चेतावनी देता है, शब्दों के पीछे चलो, पर शब्दों को ही सत्य मत समझो। ग्रन्थों, उपदेशों और सिद्धान्तों से प्रेरणा लो। उनका अभ्यास करो, पर उनसे आगे बढ़कर स्वयं का अनुभव परीक्षण करो। सभी शब्दों की दी हुई दिशा आंतरिक आत्मिक प्रकाश में परिवर्तित होगी। अभ्यास, ध्यान और आत्म निरीक्षण वे माध्यम हैं जिनके द्वारा सत्य का प्रकाश भीतर से उभरता है।

सत्य को जानने का मार्ग मौखिक चर्चा या बौद्धिक विमर्श मात्र तक सीमित नहीं रह सकता। विचार-विमर्श मन को विस्तृत करते हैं, पर वे अक्सर मात्र सतही समझ तक सीमित रह जाते हैं यदि उन पर अभ्यास और अनुभव न जुड़ा हो। सत्य को महसूस करना पड़ेगा, सत्य से गुजरना पड़ेगा और उसे जीना पड़ेगा, न कि केवल पढ़कर या सुनकर स्वीकार कर लेना। इस अर्थ में शब्दों की सीमाएँ टूट जाती हैं। शब्द केवल संकेत से रूपांतरित होकर हमारे आत्म-अनुभव के सहायक बनते हैं। तब इंसान के लिए सत्य केवल एक विचार नहीं रह जाता। वह हमारे चरित्र, हमारी क्रिया और हमारी मौनता में प्रतिबिंबित होने लगता है।

अंततः लक्ष्य यह नहीं कि हम कितने शब्दों से सत्य का वर्णन कर सकें, बल्कि यह कि सत्य हमारे भीतर कितना जीवंत है। जब अनुभव इतना प्रबल हो जाता है कि वह स्वयं प्रमाण बनता है, तब शब्द अप्रासंगिक नहीं होते पर सीमित भी नहीं रहते। उस अनुभव का समर्थन कर देते हैं, उसे साक्षात् करने का साधन बनते हैं, पर न कि उसका प्रतिस्थापन। तब हम न केवल शब्दों को समझते हैं, बल्कि स्वयं सत्य का जीता-जागता प्रमाण बन जाते हैं।

मैंने कहा था सत्य ही ईश्वर स्वरूप है। ईश्वर के अतिरिक्त जो भी सत्य कहा जाए, वह केवल नाम और रूप का खेल होगा। वास्तव में कोई अलग सत्य अस्तित्व में नहीं हो सकता। सत्य एक है, एक था और एक रहेगा। यही सरल पर अनन्त तथ्य है जो सभी धर्मों और आध्यात्मिक परंपराओं के केंद्र में खिंचा हुआ मिलता है। पर ध्यान देने योग्य बात यह है कि उस एक सत्य तक पहुँचने के मार्ग अनेक हो सकते हैं। भिन्न-भिन्न संस्कृतियों, शिक्षाएँ और साधन रास्ते के विविध मुख हैं, पर लक्ष्य एक ही है। यह और बात है कि इन अनेक मार्गों में कौनसा मार्ग सीधा और सरल है इसे जानना।

यत्रा की यह विविधता ही मानवता की महानता है। हर मार्ग ने, अपने-अपने समय और संदर्भ में, मनुष्य को सच्चाई की ओर उँचाई तक खींचा है। किन्तु एक सतर्कता आवश्यक है कृ रास्तों का होना उद्देश्य का स्थान नहीं ले सकता। यदि कोई यात्री मार्ग पर ही स्थिर हो जाए, मार्ग को अंतिम लक्ष्य मान ले, तो वह ठहराव ही पतन बन जाता है। मार्ग सुंदर और आकर्षक हो सकते हैं, शास्त्रों के शब्द, साधनाओं के अनुष्ठान, गुरुओं की वाणी, पर वे सभी अन्ततः उस एक सत्य की ओर ले जाने का माध्यम मात्र हैं। जब माध्यम ही लक्ष्य बन जाएँ, तब वे भ्रम और आत्मसंतुष्टि का माध्यम बन जाते हैं।

सबसे बड़ा भ्रम तब दूर होता है जब ईश्वर को एक ही माना जाए। पवित्र कुरआन, सूरह अल-इखलास (अध्याय 112, आयत 1, 4) में ईश्वर के एकत्व, अद्वितीयता और ईश्वर = सत्य की धारणा को संक्षेप में इस तरह बताया गया है कि, फ़हो! वह अल्लाह (ईश्वर) एक (अद्वितीय) है। अल्लाह स्व-प्रकाशित, पूर्ण और आत्मनिर्भर है। न उसने किसी को जन्म दिया और न उसे किसी ने जन्म दिया। और उसका कोई समतुल्य नहीं है। यह आयत इंगित करती है कि सत्य का मूल स्रोत एक ही है। अनेक मार्ग और शास्त्र उसी अद्वितीय सत्य की ओर इशारा करते हैं, पर स्वयं उसके बराबर कभी नहीं हो सकते। (क्रमशः)

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## Southern Command Chief Calls on Telangana Governor

Lieutenant General Sandeep Jain, AVSM, SM, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief (GOC-in-C), Southern Command, Pune, called on the Governor of Telangana, Shiv Pratap Shukla, at Lok Bhavan on Thursday. Lieutenant General Jain, who is on an official visit to Telangana, met the Governor along with other senior Army officers. The meeting was held as part of his ongoing visit to the state.



## DMHO surprise inspection..

## Suggestions on improving services

Charakonda, June 11 Metro Udayam : The newly-appointed Hyderabad District Medical Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Putla Srinivas conducted a surprise inspection at the Musheerabad Urban Primary Health Center (UPHC) on Thursday. He reviewed the various health programs being implemented at the center and inspected the facilities like ultrasound unit, X-ray department, lab, TB unit, drug distribution center, etc. On this occasion, the DMHO, who met with the medical officers and staff, made several suggestions. He suggested that quality

medical services should be provided to the people by strictly following the duty hours. He directed that steps should be taken to increase the number of deliveries in government hospitals and special attention should be paid to providing better services to pregnant women. He suggested that non-communicable diseases (NCD) identification tests and vaccination programs should be conducted more widely. He stated that every staff member should work responsibly to strengthen public health services. During the inspection, he expressed



satisfaction with the facilities and management of services at the center and provided necessary suggestions for further improvements.

## Uttam pledges irrigation boost for north Telangana

Nizamabad: Telangana Minister for Major Irrigation and Civil Supplies Uttam Kumar Reddy on Wednesday announced a series of measures aimed at strengthening irrigation infrastructure across North Telangana, including desilting works at the Nizamsagar and Sriramsagar projects to enhance water storage capacity. During a visit to Nizamabad district, the minister inspected the ongoing construction of the Siddhapur Reservoir in Varnimandal and inaugurated the Jakora and Chandur Lift Irrigation Schemes. Built at a cost of Rs106 crore, the schemes are expected to provide irrigation facilities to nearly



7,975 acres of farmland. Addressing a public gathering, Uttam Kumar Reddy said the state government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, was giving top priority to the irrigation sector. He revealed that Rs5,000 crore had been earmarked for land acquisition, forest

clearances and rehabilitation measures to accelerate major irrigation projects.

The minister said desilting operations were already underway at the Lower Manair, Mid Manair and Kadem projects, while similar works would soon be taken up at Nizamsagar

and Sriramsagar to improve reservoir capacity. He also directed officials to explore solar power generation along canal embankments. Criticising the previous administration over the condition of the Kaleshwaram project bargages, Uttam Kumar Reddy said efforts were being made to restore the Medigadda, Sundilla and Annaram bargages for the benefit of farmers. He further assured adequate funding for the completion of the Siddhapur Reservoir and reiterated the government's commitment to strengthening agriculture, ensuring irrigation coverage and supporting farmers through procurement and welfare initiatives.

# Modi has transformed the vocabulary of Indian politics

Few leaders since Independence have been able to establish such a direct connection with the electorate or shape the national conversation to the extent that Narendra Modi has done over the past decade, points out former Union minister Dr Karan Singh. On June 10, 2026, India witnessed a notable moment in its democratic journey as Narendra Modi became the longest-serving prime minister in the nation's history in terms of continuous tenure, having completed more uninterrupted days in office than any of his predecessors. Having been involved in public life virtually since Independence, I have had occasion to interact closely with two previous long-serving PMs. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru was my mentor. He inherited a wounded civilisation emerging from colonialism, poverty, partition and communal slaughter. His great achievement was to transform a vast and diverse subcontinent into a functioning democratic republic. With Mrs Indira Gandhi, I served in her Cabinet for 10 years and witnessed both her greatest triumph in the creation of Bangladesh and her darkest hour during the Emergency. Mr Modi's next challenge will be to surpass her overall tenure as PM.

PM Modi has several substantial achievements to his credit. The India that he inherited was vastly different from the India of Pandit Nehru's era. The country's population had grown from about 340 million to nearly 1.46 billion, while the electorate had expanded from about 110 million voters to over 830 million. The fact that he has led his party to three consecutive parliamentary victories is itself a remarkable political accomplishment. Should he succeed again in the next general elections, he would establish yet another unprecedented record in Indian politics.



Under Mr Modi, India has remained among the fastest-growing major economies in the world, sustaining strong growth despite the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, global inflationary pressures, geopolitical conflicts and supply-chain disruptions.

He has governed in an age of unprecedented real-time scrutiny through television, digital media and social networking platforms. His social welfare initiatives -- including Swachh Bharat, the expansion of rural sanitation, clean cooking fuel for women, rural electrification, housing programmes for the poor, solar energy initiatives and food-security measures benefiting hundreds of millions of citizens -- have significantly impacted the lives of ordinary Indians and thus remain substantial achievements of his government. The expansion of educational and health care institutions has also been noteworthy. Pandit Nehru established the first Indian Institutes of

Technology (IITs) and All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS). Under Mr Modi, the number of IITs, AIIMS and Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) has increased substantially.

These institutions represent a major investment in India's human capital and reflect the country's growing professional, scientific and intellectual aspirations. Infrastructure development has likewise been a defining feature of this period. The rapid expansion of highways, airports, railway modernisation, digital connectivity and public infrastructure has sought to lay the foundations for long-term economic growth. Whether one agrees with every policy or not, the scale of implementation has been considerable. Some of his decisions have undoubtedly been controversial, including demonetisation and the abrogation of Article 370. In a democracy, major policy initiatives will always evoke strong opinions on both sides. Yet Mr Modi has demonstrated a determination to

pursue his proclaimed goals.

In foreign affairs, PM Modi has also taken important initiatives. His extensive international engagements have strengthened India's relations with major powers as well as countries across the developing world. National Politics Updates India's growing diplomatic profile, leadership role in the Global South, and enhanced visibility in international forums have increased its stature on the world stage. His outreach to the Gulf countries has been particularly significant, helping deepen relationships with a region of immense strategic and economic importance to India, despite their apprehension that India was drifting away from secularism. I may add that although the word is included in the preamble of our Constitution, it had unfortunately come to acquire an anti-Hindu complex. Against this backdrop, a major achievement during his tenure has been the construction of the Shri Ram

Lalla temple in Ayodhya following the Supreme Court's historic judgment. For millions of Indians, this marked the resolution of a long-standing civilisational and cultural issue. Perhaps Mr Modi's most enduring contribution has been his ability to connect directly with vast sections of the Indian population and inspire confidence in India's future. His leadership has coincided with a period in which India has increasingly viewed itself not merely as a developing nation, but as a rising global power with growing economic, technological and strategic influence. Without going into further detail, it is sufficient to say that despite facing numerous national and international challenges, Mr Modi has succeeded in maintaining democratic governance while pursuing an ambitious agenda of change. The challenges ahead remain formidable: Strengthening India's federal structure, improving the quality of education, creating employment opportunities for a young population, addressing environmental concerns and ensuring inclusive growth. Whatever one's political persuasion, Mr Modi has transformed the vocabulary of Indian politics. Few leaders since Independence have been able to establish such a direct connection with the electorate or shape the national conversation to the extent that he has done over the past decade. As India enters the next phase of its development, these tasks will require wisdom, patience and national consensus. As someone who has witnessed India's journey from the dawn of Independence, it is my hope that the years ahead will see our country grow not only in power and prosperity, but also in wisdom, compassion and national unity. In that larger endeavour, party politics apart, we should all wish the prime minister success in serving the nation.

## Editorial Insight: Modi's Historic Prime Ministerial Tenure and the Road Ahead

The Bharatiya Janata Party has several reasons to celebrate. As the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance finishes 12 years in power at the Center, the event has been made even more noteworthy by a historic achievement for



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has become the longest-serving PM. This is a remarkable achievement for the NDA government in an age when voters are fast to lose faith in political leaders and parties. Mr. Modi's maintained electoral success and longevity in office are expected to be the envy of several of his political competitors. Massive public support for the prime minister has been the principal factor in this. For a long time, Mr. Modi has been active in ushering tectonic changes. The BJP and its electoral wins are proof of leadership record. It can justify a claim to be the natural party of governance for the nation. It has deepened its footprint across large chunks of territory; Bengal, Odisha, and the Northeast are examples that remain elusive. The prime minister and his party have also succeeded in shifting India's ideological temperament to the Right in another break from the past. Yet one more success has been the BJP's social engineering to discover a balance between its conventional upper-caste voter blocs and the more backward classes and Dalits. The Prime Minister Tenure clever harnessing of his social distinctiveness has played a role in this. Whether Mr. Modi is able to get the course correction on these worrying fronts may determine the duration of his spell at the helm.

## Delhi sizzles above 43 degrees Celsius

Delhi continued to reel under intense heat on Wednesday, with the maximum temperature crossing 43 degrees Celsius at most weather stations, even as meteorologists forecast a significant increase in pre-monsoon activity from Thursday that could bring widespread rain and relief from the scorching conditions. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a yellow alert with a forecast of very light to light rainfall and thunderstorm accompanied with lightning and gusty winds of speeds up to 40-50

kmph during the night. Safdarjung, the city's base weather station, recorded a maximum temperature of 42.4 degrees Celsius, 2.5 notches above normal. National Politics Updates Palam and Ridge were the hottest locations, recording 43.6 degrees Celsius each, 3.4 degrees and 3.3 degrees above normal, respectively. Lodhi Road registered a maximum temperature of 42.4 degrees Celsius, 3.4 notches above normal, while Ayanagar recorded 43 degrees Celsius, 1.5 degrees above the sea-



sonal average. The national capital had begun the day on a relatively cooler note, with Safdarjung recording a minimum temperature of 22.9 degrees Celsius, 6.3 degrees below normal.

Despite the intense daytime heat, weather experts said the conditions were favourable for stronger pre-monsoon activity over the coming days.

## TDP leaders target Bhumana family for TDR bond scam in Tirupati

Tirupati: TDP leaders JB Srinivas and A Ravi Naidu alleged that the Bhumana family has brought a bad name to Tirupati, a city known worldwide for the temple of Lord Venkateswara. Speaking at a press conference held at Tirupati Press Club on Wednesday, Srinivas said the Vigilance Department had prima facie found irregularities worth Rs 414 crore in the TDR bonds issue, as

TDP had been alleging from the beginning. He said Tirupati, which was once identified with Lord Venkateswara, is now being discussed for issues such as bogus votes, ganja activities and TDR bond scam. Officials, who trusted former TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, are now facing a situation where they may have to answer before the law. Srinivas further claimed that the people



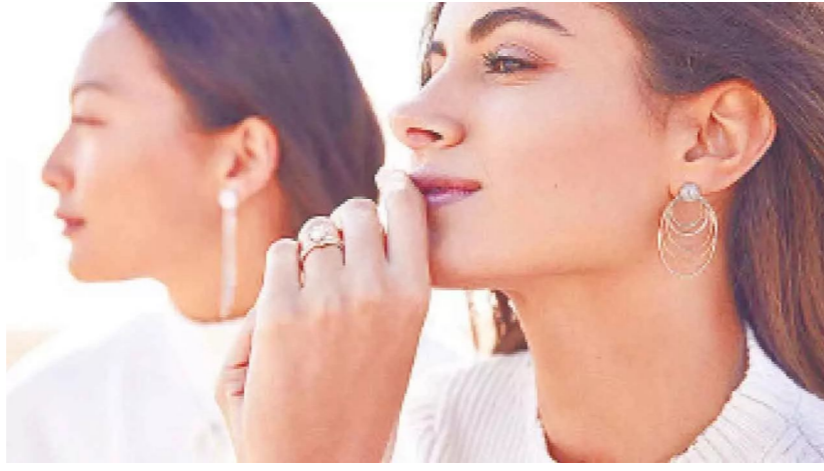
of Tirupati defeated YSRCP by a margin of 63,000 votes because of the alleged irregularities and misconduct committed by its leaders including Bhumana and his son Abhinay. SAAP Chairman Ravi Naidu

said the political future of the Bhumana family in Tirupati is nearing its end. He alleged that many people, who suffered due to the family's actions, would soon come forward and raise their voices. Tatayyagunta G a n g a m a Devasthanam Chairman N Mahesh Yadav, Kapu Corporation Director Thota Vasudev, JB Raghu and others were present

# The most popular diamond jewellery current trends

One of the simplest ways to add personality to your style is by choosing a piece of diamond jewellery that reflects who you are whether it's a sculptural cuff, a refined stack of rings, or a delicate solitaire necklace that pairs effortlessly with everything. Wearing natural diamond jewellery goes beyond just adding sparkle, it's about appreciating gemstones that have been formed over centuries, carrying a depth and significance that transcend fleeting trends. For those seeking pieces that feel contemporary yet timeless, here's a look at the diamond jewellery trends set to define 2026. The Shifts Shaping Diamond Jewellery in 2026 From heirloom pieces that carry a legacy across generations to intimate, personalised designs, the diamond jewellery trends of 2026 mirror the evolving mindset of today's consumers. Conscious consumption, along with a focus on versatility and adaptability, is shaping how diamonds are chosen and styled.

As buyers increasingly lean towards mindful spending and intentional luxury, diamond jewellery that carries a story or personal significance is becoming more sought after than ever. Quiet Luxury: The Art of the Understated Today, more people are gravitating towards jewellery that transitions seamlessly from workwear to evening looks. Solitaire pendants and slim bracelets lend a refined sparkle to office outfits, while delicate rings subtly catch the light during relaxed outings or weekend gatherings. The unifying theme is clear lightweight, versatile pieces that feel



effortless to wear. The Big Bold Statement Pieces This year's diamond jewellery trends also cater to those who favour bold, statement-making designs. Oversized hoops, sculptural rings, chunky cuffs and layered chokers bring instant impact, adding a dramatic edge to any look. For those with a more understated style, smaller statement pieces like classic diamond studs or delicate drop earrings offer just the right amount of sparkle to elevate everyday outfits.

Stacking & the New Mix-and-Matching Not every trend calls for investing in new jewellery. Layering, in particular, invites you to reimagine pieces you already own in fresh, creative ways. Whether chunky or delicate, gold or silver, minimal or ornate, this trend now widely embraced encourages a playful mix of old and new. Have a cherished watch passed down from your grandfather? Let it take centre stage in your bracelet stack by pairing it with a classic tennis bracelet and a slimmer piece featuring a personalised natural diamond charm. You can also layer long chains with heirloom pendants or style a choker with polki diamonds and mixed metals. In doing so,

you'll discover combinations that feel distinctly personal and uniquely yours. Next-gen Diamond Earrings When it comes to earrings, opt for sleek studs with clean lines that are effortless to wear. For a bolder touch, elongated drops or hoops with unconventional shapes and striking proportions can instantly elevate your look. The appeal lies in their ability to make a statement without feeling trend-driven or short-lived.

And it doesn't have to stop at the first piercing. Second, third, or even fourth piercings are no longer an afterthought. If yours has taken a backseat, this is the perfect time to give it a diamond upgrade. A refined solitaire offers a sharp point of light, while a slim huggie or delicate drop adds subtle depth. For those who prefer a more expressive style, sculptural forms, vintage-inspired details, or intricate settings can create a striking contrast against a simpler main earring. Delicate Diamond Necklaces Ease of styling and a strong sense of personal expression define diamond necklace trends for 2026. Minimalist chains particularly Y-shaped silhouettes along with delicate pendants featuring personalised motifs are taking centre stage. Designed for

effortless layering, these pieces pair seamlessly with almost any look, making them easy to mix, match, and truly make your own.

Diamond Bangles & Bracelets Stackable bangles are set to take centre stage in 2026. Slim tennis bracelets offer clean, refined lines, sculptural cuffs introduce a bold edge, and mixed-metal designs bring together contrasting finishes in unexpected ways. This year, however, stacking goes beyond personal style it's also about connection. Whether it's matching diamond tennis bracelets with a partner or coordinating bangles with a close friend or sibling, shared styling adds a deeper layer of meaning. Distinct yet versatile, diamond bangles make it easy to layer pieces while expressing your individual style. Personalisation to Build Legacy Diamond Jewellery While design trends may continue to evolve, personalisation remains timeless. It's what transforms jewellery from something decorative into something deeply meaningful and intimate. Look for symbolic charms that reflect important moments in your life, motifs that connect you to your cultural roots, or pendants engraved with your initials. Choosing pieces grounded in authenticity ensures they hold lasting emotional value. Ultimately, select jewellery that truly resonates with who you are. Natural diamonds aren't just trend-forward additions they are enduring expressions of personal style. (The writer is a director of the Forevermark Design and Innovation Centre in Milan)

## India dominates global visa programmes, ranks as best exporter of high-skilled talent

New Delhi: India ranks at or near the top across major visa programmes tracked, including as the number one source of US H-1B visas, number two for UK Skilled Worker visas and number two for EU Blue Cards, a report said on Thursday. India continues to power major global skilled visa pipelines and is poised to benefit from shifting migration patterns as employers pay premiums for scarce talent rather than seeking cost saving, the report from workforce management services firm Deel said. Indians also led in both UAE Golden Visas and standard employment visas while already accounting for 38 per cent of the UAE's total population. The report, covering data from over 40,000 companies hiring across more than 150 countries, found visa holders consistently earn more than local workers in comparable roles, underscoring that



global hiring is driven by skill scarcity rather than wage arbitrage.

In the United States, H-1B workers earn a median \$140,000 versus \$130,000 for citizens in similar roles; in the UK Skilled Worker visa holders earn £96,000 versus £87,000 for nationals; and in the UAE Golden

Visa holders earn 6,05,000 AED compared with 4,59,000 AED for standard employment visa holders. Australia recorded the fastest growth in hiring Indian talent on Deel's platform, surging 724 per cent year-over-year, followed by the UK at 142 per cent and the US at 139 per cent. The

UAE remains the top destination for Indian professionals globally, followed by Singapore, the UK, the US, and Canada. The report highlighted growing international demand for Indian tech talent, particularly across engineering, software development, AI, and digital services. Germany's Opportunity Card programme, designed to attract skilled non-EU workers without requiring a job offer beforehand, has already issued nearly one-third of its total permits to Indians. "Rather than concentrating in a handful of traditional destinations, talent is moving across a broader set of markets," said Lauren Thomas, Economist at Deel. The report said that India may be entering a new phase of increasingly attracting globally trained professionals back home as domestic opportunities expand. National Politics Updates

### Somali WC referee denied entry to US arrives home to hero's welcome



A World Cup referee from Somalia who was denied entry to the United States arrived Wednesday in Somali's capital of Mogadishu, where he was received by a crowd of supporters and officials. Omar Artan was set to be the first referee from Somalia to officiate at a World Cup after making FIFA's final list for the tournament. He is one of Africa's top referees and was named the continent's best male referee in 2025. He was denied entry at Miami International Airport on Saturday over "vetting concerns," U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement without giving details of those concerns. FIFA subsequently cut him from the tournament's referee list. Artan was issued a visa to travel to the U.S. last week, according to the Somalia Embassy in Kenya that processed it. He returned to a hero's welcome at the airport in Mogadishu. He thanked the Somali government and people as well as FIFA for their support for him. "I promise you, God willing, that I will attend the next one," he said as hundreds of supporters at the airport waved the Somali flag. "I want the Somali public to take comfort in this and remain confident." The Trump administration said on Tuesday the United States had denied Somali soccer referee Omar Abdulkadir Artan entry for the World Cup because of his links to "suspected members of terror organizations". Iran's national football team, who are currently training in Tijuana, Mexico, will be permitted to arrive in the United States the day before their matches, the Department of Homeland Security said. The clarification comes after media reports over the weekend quoted Iran's ambassador to Mexico, Abolfazl Pasandideh, as saying that the team would be required to enter and exit the United States on the same day of their matches, raising concerns over travel logistics and possible impact on performance, according to Reuters. Officials have now confirmed that the squad will be allowed to arrive a day prior to each fixture, easing earlier uncertainty surrounding their match-day movement arrangements. "These statements are untrue. "Thanks to the generosity of President (Donald) Trump the Iranian team will be able to arrive the day before their matches," the spokesperson said in a statement.

### Balagani Ortho Hospital successfully corrects severe spinal deformity in child

Spine specialists at Dr Balagani Spine and Ortho Hospital in Gundlapochampally, Kompally, successfully performed a complex, eight-hour neuromuscular scoliosis surgery on a 12-year-old child. Discover how advanced IONM neural monitoring and structural reconstruction corrected the deep spinal deformity. Hyderabad: Spine specialists successfully operated on a severe case of neuromuscular scoliosis in a 12-year-old child from Mulugu village, Toopran. The complex surgery lasted eight hours at Dr Balagani Spine and Ortho Hospital in Gundlapochampally, Kompally. Geographic Reference Surgeons utilized multiple structural screws and rods to safely correct the deep spinal deformity. They deployed the advanced IONM neural monitoring system during the operation. Post-operation, the young patient is walking well with excellent correction of the spine.



## Parineeti Chopra joins Pregarnews' 'Mama's Day Out' celebration



Pregarnews, one of India's leading pregnancy care brands, successfully hosted the third edition of its flagship initiative, Mama's Day Out, at the Jio World Centre in Mumbai. The event brought together mothers and prominent mom influencers for a day dedicated to relaxation, connection, and celebration of motherhood. National Politics Updates Adding a special touch to the occasion was actress Parineeti Chopra, who recently embraced motherhood herself. During the event, she shared personal experiences and reflections from her journey, creating an emotional and inspiring atmosphere for the attendees. Her candid interaction resonated with mothers present at the gathering, encouraging meaningful conversations around parenting and self-care. Designed as a refreshing break from daily responsibilities, Mama's Day Out offered mothers an opportunity to unwind and engage with a supportive community. Participants explored interactive product zones, took part in fun activities and games, and exchanged stories about their motherhood journeys in a warm and welcoming environment.

Over the years, the initiative has evolved into a key platform for Pregarnews to connect with women beyond its pregnancy detection products. The first edition was held in Mumbai with actress Sonam Kapoor, followed by a Bengaluru edition featuring Kajal Aggarwal. Both events witnessed strong participation from influencers and helped introduce the brand's expanding pregnancy care portfolio. Speaking about the initiative, Joy Chatterjee, Vice President and Head of Sales and Marketing at Mankind Consumer Products, said the brand remains committed to supporting women through every stage of motherhood. He noted that Mama's Day Out has grown into a valued community experience that mothers eagerly look forward to each year. Parineeti Chopra emphasized the importance of celebrating mothers, saying that women often spend so much time caring for others that they rarely pause to appreciate themselves. The event reaffirmed Pregarnews' commitment to building a strong community rooted in care, empathy, and support for mothers across India.

## APSDMA issues rain alert to AP amid surface trough in Bay of Bengal



Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority MD Prakhar Jain stated that rains accompanied by lightning are likely in several districts of the state on Thursday due to a trough extending from the central Bay of Bengal to Karnataka, Coastal Andhra, and Telangana. He mentioned that light to moderate rains with lightning are expected in the Markapuram and Rayalaseema regions. Telangana News App He added that light rains accompanied by lightning might occur in isolated areas across the districts of Alluri Sitarama Raju, West Godavari, Eluru, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla, Palnadu, Prakasam, and Nellore. He noted that by 5 PM on Wednesday, rainfall of 72.5 mm was recorded in Garikipalem and 64.5 mm in Laveru, both in Srikakulam district. Meanwhile, he revealed that a maximum temperature of 44.3 degrees Celsius was recorded in Makavarapalem (Anakapalli district) and Kovvur (East Godavari district).

# Eight tourism circuits set for major makeover in Telangana

Government plans iconic landmarks, skywalks, cruise tourism and eco-tourism projects to attract visitors and generate employment. The government would prepare special master plans for development of tourist facilities in eight zones in the state after studying tourism potential, geographic conditions and unique features of the area. This was disclosed by Tourism Minister Jupally Krishna Rao while reviewing plans with senior tourism officials, consultants, architects and engineers on Monday. As part of the state's new tourism policy, the government is focusing on formulating comprehensive master plans to develop eight selected locations out of a total of 27 identified special tourism zones into attractive destinations. The Minister said that tourists today seek a unique experience rather than merely visiting places. He emphasised that a visit to the state should become an unforgettable memory for tourists and directed officials to promote 'slow tourism' a blend of nature, heritage, spirituality and adventure sports.

It was suggested that comprehensive master plans be formulated to ensure tourists do not merely visit

and leave a location, but instead enjoy its nature, history, culture, spirituality, and local lifestyle, thereby gaining an unforgettable experience. The Minister said that for the first phase covering special tourism zones such as Vikarabad, Somasila-Alampur, Warangal-Ramappa, Nagarjunasagar, Yadadri-Pochampally, the Adilabad tribal cluster, Bhadrachalam, and Kaleshwaram specific master plans should be created based on a study of each area's unique features, geographical conditions, historical background, and tourism potential, rather than applying a one-size-fits-all proposal. The Minister advised studying best practices from successful global tourism destinations and implementing them in a manner suitable for Telangana, citing the example of the 'Jatayu' project in Kerala and how effectively it attracts tourists.

He directed officials to prepare plans for iconic landmarks, cantilever view decks, skywalks, adventure activities, cultural performances, and nature-based experiences within Telangana. Noting the immense potential for developing Bhuvanagiri



Fort, the Minister pointed out that the Bhuvanagiri Hill area covers a larger expanse than the Jatayu project site in Kerala. He suggested exploring ways to develop Bhuvanagiri into a premier heritage and adventure tourism hub in the country while simultaneously preserving its historical heritage. The Minister directed that special focus be placed on developing the Somasila-Alampur circuit. He noted the immense potential for developing cruise tourism, water sports, trekking trails, elevated viewpoints, eco-tourism,

and wedding destinations in the Somasila-Krishna backwaters area. He suggested transforming the Somasila circuit into the state's most attractive tourist destination by integrating historical and spiritual sites such as Jataprolu and the Madanagopala Swamy Temple. The Minister stressed on the need for development plans for special tourism zones that would enable the tourism sector to become a key driver of the state's economic growth and employment generation.

## NCH warns against misleading statements on Homoeopathy, urges factual and responsible public discourse

New Delhi: The National Commission for Homoeopathy (NCH) on Wednesday issued an advisory calling on media organisations, institutions and the public to exercise responsibility and ensure factual accuracy while making statements about Homoeopathy and registered homoeopathic practitioners. In an advisory issued through a circular, the Commission called upon media organisations, healthcare institutions, professional bodies and social media users to ensure factual accuracy before making public statements regarding Homoeopathy or registered homoeopathic practitioners. NCH Chairperson Dr. Tarkeshwar Jain said the Commission had taken serious cognisance of instances where defamatory and unsubstantiated remarks about Homoeopathy were being circulated across print, electronic, digital and social media platforms.

He stressed the importance of responsible communication

and fact-based discussions concerning the medical system. Dr. Jain noted that Homoeopathy is a legally recognised system of medicine under the National Commission for Homoeopathy Act, 2020. He also pointed out that homoeopathic medicines are regulated under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940, and that education in the field is conducted through a structured academic framework prescribed by the Commission. According to the NCH chief, admissions to undergraduate and postgraduate Homoeopathy programmes are made through candidates who qualify the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET). He added that registered homoeopathic practitioners undergo prescribed education and training and are authorised to practise in accordance with applicable laws and regulatory provisions.

The advisory emphasised that any complaints, allega-



tions or concerns regarding the conduct of an individual practitioner should be addressed through established statutory, regulatory, disciplinary or judicial channels rather than through broad generalisations against the profession as a whole. The Commission reiterated its commitment to maintaining standards of education, professional conduct and ethical practice in Homoeopathy while safeguarding the dignity and lawful standing of registered practitioners. Dr. Jain fur-

ther stated that the Commission may pursue appropriate action, including legal recourse where necessary, against deliberate attempts to spread baseless, misleading or defamatory information about Homoeopathy and its practitioners. The NCH said the advisory was issued as part of its mandate to regulate and uphold standards in Homoeopathy and to promote informed and responsible public discourse on the subject.

## Raghunatha Reddy slams YSRCP criticisms, details direct benefit payouts

Puttaparthi: Formerminister Dr Palle Raghunatha Reddy on Wednesday criticized former YSRCP MLA Duddukunta Sridhar Reddy for lecturing on morality after being routed in the elections. Palle stated that under Puttaparthi MLA Palle Sindhura Reddy, the region has been freed from the rowdism and false cases that defined the

previous regime. Highlighting the alliance's welfare milestones, Palle noted that the state is spending over Rs 35,000 crore on enhanced Rs 4,000 pensions, rolling out free bus travel for women, introducing three free LPG cylinders under Deepam-2, and delivering Rs 20,000 annually to farmers through Annadata Sukhibhava.



# Tamil Nadu to accord full state honours to Bharathiraja; final rites

Chennai: Legendary Tamil filmmaker Bharathiraja, whose pioneering work reshaped the landscape of Tamil cinema and brought rural life to the forefront of storytelling, will be laid to rest with full state honours at his farmhouse near Vathalagundu in Theni district on Thursday. The acclaimed director passed away in Chennai on Wednesday due to age-related health complications, triggering an outpouring of grief from the film fraternity, political leaders and admirers across the country. Movies Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay visited Bharathiraja's residence in Chennai on Wednesday and paid his last respects by placing a wreath on the filmmaker's mortal remains. He also met members of the bereaved family and conveyed his condolences. Recognising Bharathiraja's



immense contribution to Tamil cinema and culture, the Chief Minister announced that the director's final rites would be conducted with full state honours. Throughout the day, a steady stream of political lead-

ers, actors, filmmakers, and members of the public gathered at the residence to pay homage to the veteran director.

Among those who paid their respects were DMK leader M.K. Stalin, Leader of the Opposition

Udhayanidhi Stalin, Ministers N. Anand, R. Nirmal Kumar and Rajmohan, actors Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, Sivakumar, Vijayakumar and Radha Ravi, music maestro Ilaiyaraaja, poet-lyricist Vairamuthu and directors S.A. Chandrasekhar and K. Bhagyaraj. Speaking to reporters, Vairamuthu said Bharathiraja's mortal remains would be buried on Thursday at his farmhouse near Vathalagundu, where the filmmaker had spent much of his time in recent years. He also expressed gratitude to the Tamil Nadu government for deciding to accord state honours to the late director. The filmmaker's body was kept at his Chennai residence until Wednesday night to enable the public, film personalities and political leaders to pay their respects before it was

transported to his native district. Meanwhile, the South Indian Film Employees Federation (FEFSI) announced the suspension of all film shooting activities across Tamil Nadu on Thursday as a mark of respect. Bharathiraja made his directorial debut with the path-breaking "16 Vayathinile" in 1977 and went on to create several landmark films, including "Kizhakke Pogum Rail", "Alaigal Oivathillai", "Mudhal Mariyadhai", "Vedham Pudhithu", "Karuthamma" and "Kizhakku Cheemayile". Revered as "Iyakkunar Imayam" (Peak of Directors), he is widely credited with transforming Tamil cinema by taking stories rooted in villages, ordinary lives and rural landscapes to mainstream audiences, leaving behind a cinematic legacy that will endure for generations. Politics

## Imtiaz Ali's border encounter with Pakistani fan trends online

Amritsar: An emotional cross-border interaction between a Pakistani fan and filmmaker Imtiaz Ali has captured the internet's attention, highlighting the unifying power of art and cinema ahead of the release of Main Vaapas Aaunga. The heartwarming incident took place at the Attari-Wagah Border during the special event 'Jai Ho - A Musical Salute to the Bravehearts', where Oscar-winning composer A.R. Rahman performed live in tribute to the Border Security Force (BSF). The event was organised as part of the promotional campaign for Imtiaz Ali's upcoming film Main Vaapas Aaunga. Movies According to reports, a fan from Lahore travelled nearly 20 kilometres to the border after learning that Imtiaz Ali and A.R. Rahman would be attending the event. The fan later shared a heartfelt account on social media, describing how the encounter transcended borders and celebrated the shared cultural and artistic heritage of people on both sides.

The admirer recalled calling out to Imtiaz Ali from across the border and expressing how the filmmaker's work had inspired an entire generation of storytellers in Pakistan. Ali reportedly



responded warmly and thanked him for his kind words. The exchange concluded with the fan saying, "Main Vaapas Aaunga" (I will return), a remark that resonated deeply with those present and echoed the title and themes of the filmmaker's latest project. The touching moment quickly went viral on social media, with users praising the interaction as a reminder that cinema, music and storytelling have the power to bridge divides and

foster human connection. Main Vaapas Aaunga is set against the backdrop of the 1947 Partition and explores themes of love, longing, memory and belonging. Directed by Imtiaz Ali, the film stars Diljit Dosanjh, Naseeruddin Shah, Sharvari and Vedang Raina in key roles, with music composed by A.R. Rahman and lyrics by Irshad Kamil. The film is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on June 12, 2026.

## Samyuktha shares why watching Vijay Sethupathi perform in person is a 'completely different experience'

Mumbai: Samyuktha, who primarily works in Malayalam and Telugu films, has shared her admiration for South superstar Vijay Sethupathi. In an exclusive quote shared with IANS, she described the experience of watching Vijay perform in person as "completely different." Samyuktha, who will be seen alongside the actor in the film 'Slumdog - 33 Temple Road', said his on-set presence and natural style of performance bring a unique energy that stands apart from what audiences usually see on screen. Speaking about working with Vijay Sethupathi, Samyuktha mentioned, "I'm a huge fan of Vijay sir. Watching him perform in person is a completely different experience. The way he transitions into a character is so seamless and natural. When he delivers his lines, it genuinely feels like they're coming from within. As a co-actor, getting to witness that process up close was truly special."

She also opened up about the challenges of portraying a character with extreme contrasts in "Slumdog - 33 Temple Road." Talking about her role in the film, Samyuktha shared, "My character is a very beautiful one. I've never played something like this before. It has contrasting yet extreme variations, and that's what excited me the most. It challenged me as an actor, and I'm really happy that I got the opportunity to portray such a unique character." Further, the actress spoke about the film's director Puri Jagannadh and praised his unique filmmaking style and on-set energy. She said, "Everyone kept telling me that this film was going to be one of its kind, and once I came on set, I understood why. The way Puri sir directs is effortless, stylish, and truly beautiful. In fact, I should correct something people often say—he doesn't just finish shoots on time, he starts on time and finishes early. It's amazing to watch him work." Directed by Puri Jagannadh, the upcoming movie is slated to release theatrically on June 19, 2026.



## Akshay Kumar on Raveena Tandon: Earlier she was a heroine, now a heroine's mother

Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar, whose romance with actress Raveena Tandon during the 1990s enjoyed extensive public attention, has now spoken up about the actress. The actor attended the trailer launch of his upcoming film 'Welcome to the Jungle' in the city on Thursday. The actor spoke with the media on the sidelines of the trailer launch, and shared how times has changed as his former flame once ruled Bollywood as a heroine but now she has become the heroine's mother. The superstar pointed to Raveena's daughter Rasha Thadani. Movies The actor also lauded Raveena for her professionalism and strong set of ethics, as he said, "I want to tell you about Raveena that she has been very very professional. I still remember, I was shooting a film where the sun was about to set. And when the sun was about to set, there were only 25-30 minutes. And the green room was very far and she had to quickly change and come. That was impossible. But I still remember, she went to the generator van and quickly changed and came".



"So that has been, a lot of changes have happened. She is a brilliant actor. And one more thing that has changed, earlier she was a heroine, now she is a heroine's mother", he added. Akshay Kumar and Raveena Tandon were among Bollywood's most talked-about couples of the 1990s. Their romance reportedly blossomed after working together in films such as

'Mohra', whose blockbuster success and iconic songs made them a fan-favourite pair. During the late 1990s, the two were engaged and publicly acknowledged their relationship, but the engagement was eventually called off and they went their separate ways. Akshay married Twinkle Khanna in January 2001. They have two children, son Aarav and daughter Nitara. Raveena married film distributor Anil Thadani in 2004. She is the mother of four children, adopted daughters Pooja and Chhaya, and her biological children Rasha and Ranbirvardhan. Over the years, both Akshay and Raveena have moved on personally and professionally, occasionally sharing cordial interactions in public, while their 1990s romance remains one of Bollywood's most remembered love stories.

## Child online safety comes into focus amid increasing screen use

Growing parental concerns over children's screen time and online exposure have brought digital safety back into the spotlight, with technology companies introducing new tools aimed at helping families create safer online experiences. At its annual developer conference, Apple announced a series of parental control and child-safety enhancements designed to give parents greater oversight of how children use digital devices and interact online. The new features allow parents to create dedicated child accounts with age-appropriate protections enabled from the outset. Through simplified setup options, parents can decide which applications their children can access and maintain control over future downloads and installations. A major focus of the update is communication safety. Parents can require approval before children



connect with new contacts and can activate safeguards that automatically intervene when potentially explicit or violent content is shared. Education and digital wellbeing experts note that such measures come at a time when screen use among children continues to rise worldwide. Beyond managing screen time itself, many parents are increasingly concerned about the type of content children encounter, online interactions, privacy risks,

and exposure to inappropriate material.

Industry analysts believe that digital wellbeing is becoming an important factor for families when choosing technology platforms. Child-friendly safety features, content controls, and privacy protections are increasingly viewed as essential tools for helping children navigate the digital world responsibly. Experts also point out that technology alone cannot

solve the challenges associated with excessive screen use. Healthy digital habits require a combination of parental involvement, open communication, age-appropriate guidance, and balanced offline activities. The latest developments highlight a broader shift in the technology industry toward creating safer digital environments for younger users. As children spend more time online for learning, entertainment, communication, and creativity, the demand for stronger parental controls and digital wellbeing tools is expected to grow. For educators and parents alike, the conversation is no longer only about limiting screen time. Increasingly, the focus is on ensuring that children's digital experiences are safe, meaningful, and supportive of their overall development and wellbeing.

## Dutch legend Ruud Gullit calls on FIFA president to resign over World Cup immigration chaos

New York: Dutch football legend Ruud Gullit published an open letter on Wednesday, a day before the start of the FIFA World Cup 2026, calling on FIFA President Gianni Infantino to resign amid growing controversy surrounding U.S. immigration policies. Recent days have seen a series of incidents involving teams and officials travelling to the tournament, with Iran's national team forced to move its training camp to Mexico and several support staff denied visas. Somali referee Omar Artan was reportedly refused entry into the United States, Iraqi striker Aymen Hussein was held for seven hours at Chicago airport, and team photographer Talah Salah was denied entry to the country. The Senegal and Uzbekistan squads were also subjected to extensive searches upon arrival in the United States, while uncertainty remains over whether fans and journalists from countries affected by U.S. travel bans will be able to attend the tournament, reports Xinhua.

"I have stayed quiet for a long time because I wanted to judge this World Cup on football matters. But the deeper we get into the preparations, the more it becomes clear that football is no longer the main story. For that reason, I believe Gianni Infantino should seriously consider stepping down as FIFA President," wrote Gullit, who earned 66 caps for the Netherlands and is widely regarded as one of the game's greatest players. "A World Cup should unite people. Instead, this tournament is becoming a symbol of division, political disputes, travel restrictions, and administrative failures," he said. Politics "We are hearing reports that Iranian supporters have had their ticket allocations withdrawn. We have seen the case of Somali referee Omar Artan, selected by FIFA on merit to officiate at the highest level, yet reportedly denied entry into the host country. These are not minor issues. They strike at the heart of what the World Cup is supposed



to represent," he continued. Gullit said FIFA could not speak about football as a universal game, "while qualified supporters, officials, and participants face barriers that appear unrelated to football itself." "The organisation's first responsibility is to protect the integrity and accessibility of the competition," he insisted. He then launched a direct criticism of Infantino. "Leadership is not about appearing in photographs with politicians or celebrating commercial success. Leadership is about taking responsibility when things

go wrong. That is why I believe Mr Infantino must ask himself whether he is still the right person to lead world football." "The football world deserves answers, accountability, and leadership. If those cannot be provided under the current administration, then perhaps the time has come for new leadership at FIFA," he added. Gullit concluded by saying the World Cup "belongs to the world, not to governments, political interests, or football administrators. It belongs to the players, the referees, and the supporters."

## Australia suffer first ODI loss to Bangladesh in 21 years

Dhaka: Australia captain Josh Inglis cut a disappointed figure after his side slumped to an 86-run defeat against Bangladesh in the opening ODI in Dhaka, a result that marked Australia's first loss to Bangladesh in the format in 21 years. Arriving in Bangladesh without several first-choice players, Australia were outplayed in all facets of the game at the Sher-e-Bangla National Stadium as Bangladesh produced a clinical display to take a 1-0 lead in the series. The hosts were powered by a brilliant unbeaten 86 from Mosaddek Hossain, who marked his return to the ODI side after four years with the highest score of his career. The all-rounder then capped a memorable outing by claiming two



wickets, while pace spearhead Nahid Rana tore through Australia's batting order with figures of 4 for 41. Australia's fielding proved costly throughout the contest. They dropped four catches, including three opportunities offered by Mosaddek, allowing Bangladesh to recover from early setbacks and post a competitive 284 for 8. "A pretty disappointing total on our

part. Obviously, we probably dropped four or five catches. And 284, if it was somewhere around 230 or 240, I thought it was very chaseable. But it was a disappointing day all around," Inglis said during the post-match presentation ceremony. The Australian captain, however, reserved praise for fast bowler Nathan Ellis, who was one of the few bright spots for the visitors. Ellis finished with three wickets and consistently troubled Bangladesh's batters throughout the innings. "I thought Nathan was excellent again. I thought he performed very well in all three phases of the game. He used his change-ups and maneuvered his field well. He had a really good day out," Inglis added.

## Tanvi stuns world No 11 Chiu, Sindhu cruises



Sydney: Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu led a strong show by Indian women with an easy victory while teenager Tanvi Sharma pulled off an upset win in the women's singles competition at the Australian Open Super 500 badminton tournament here on Wednesday. India Travel Guide Third seed Sindhu, Tanvi, Malvika Bansod, Isharani Baruah and Tanya Hemanth all progressed to the round of 16, but it was a disappointing day for the Indian men with Kiran George, Tharun Manneppalli and qualifier Saneeth Dayanand bowing out in the opening round. Sindhu barely broke a sweat in her opener, outclassing Peru's Ines Lucia Castillo Salazar 21-13, 21-11 in just 32 minutes. The former world champion was in complete control throughout the contest, dominating the rallies and never allowing her opponent to settle into a rhythm. Sindhu will next face compatriot Isharani, who fought hard to overcome China's Han Qian Xi 22-20, 10-21, 21-14 in a one-hour three-minute battle. The biggest result of the day came from 17-year-old Tanvi, who upset fifth seed and world No. 11 Chiu Pin-Chian of Chinese Taipei 21-12, 22-20 in 45 minutes. World No. 36 Tanvi will now take on fellow Indian Malvika in the round of 16 after the latter recovered from a game down to beat Thailand's Tonrug Saeheng 15-21, 21-7, 21-13. Tanya also joined the winning brigade, defeating Ishika Jaiswal of the USA 21-17, 21-18 in 39 minutes. She will face world No. 8 and second seed Pornpawee Chochuwong of Thailand in the next round. In the men's singles, George suffered a hard-fought 19-21, 21-14, 15-21 defeat to Malaysia's Justin Hoh in a match that lasted one hour and two minutes. Qualifier Dayanand found the going tough against China's Hu Zhe'an, losing 8-21, 10-21 in just 35 minutes.

## Suthar to play for Warwickshire



London: Left-arm spinner Manav Suthar, who starred in India's win against Afghanistan in the recent one-off Test, has signed with English club Warwickshire for the next two rounds of the County Championship. Warwickshire on Wednesday announced the signing of Suthar on a short-term contract. It said he will be available for selection for the next two rounds of the Rothesay County Championship -- the game against Yorkshire at Scarborough from June 12-15 June and the next fixture against Somerset at Taunton the following week. Suthar, a left-arm finger spinning all-rounder, made his Test debut for India in the one-off Test against Afghanistan in New Delhi which ended on Monday, and announced his arrival on the international stage by taking six for 33 in the first innings and 1-29 in the second. The 23-year-old Suthar has also taken 129 wickets in 29 first-class matches prior to his Test debut. "We're delighted to welcome Manav to the Bears, at a really exciting time for the team. We've played some good red-ball cricket already this season, and Manav will bring a new aspect to our bowling attack," Warwickshire Performance Director James Thomas said in a statement. "It shows how highly he's rated in India after his selection to their Test team last week, so it's going to be great to have him around the group." Suthar will be hoping to make an immediate impact, as Warwickshire look to maintain their title push in the County Championship. "I'm incredibly excited to be joining Warwickshire for the next two County Championship games. The team have started the season very well, so I'm hoping that I can play a part in helping them in their push for the title," he said.