



K'taka HC nod to Premium FAR opens door to high-rise buildings

Bengaluru: In a major boost to urban development in Bengaluru, the Karnataka High Court has upheld the state's Premium Floor Area Ratio (Premium FAR) policy, allowing property owners and builders to construct additional floors by paying a prescribed fee. A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C M Poonacha dismissed a batch of public interest litigations and appeals filed by builders, citizen groups and others challenging the Urban Development Department's notification introducing Premium FAR. The court clarified that the scheme is not intended to regularise illegal constructions. Instead, it permits additional built-up area within the framework of zoning regulations and master plans. The Bench observed that the state government has the authority under the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act to implement Premium FAR and that the policy does not violate the constitution-



al guarantee of equality under Article 14.

With the verdict, a prolonged legal battle over the policy has come to an end. The scheme will now be implemented not only across the five city corporations under the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA) but also across the state. The government had amended Section 13E of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act, 2015, and revised zoning regulations under the

Master Plan-2015 to introduce Premium FAR. A draft notification was issued on January 4, 2025, followed by a final notification after considering public objections. Under the policy, landowners, developers and builders can purchase Premium FAR by paying 28 per cent of the property's guidance value. The additional development rights can then be used to construct extra floors beyond the base FAR permitted under zoning

rules.

The extent of Premium FAR available depends on the width of the road adjoining the property. Buildings located on roads between 9 metres and 12 metres wide can avail Premium FAR of up to 60 per cent along with Transferable Development Rights (TDR). For properties on roads wider than 12 metres, builders can obtain Premium FAR up to 40 per cent even without TDR. Officials said that even after availing Premium FAR, the additional construction cannot exceed 40 per cent of the approved built-up area. Additional development rights beyond that limit can be achieved through TDR, which can also be traded under the new regulations. The scheme is applicable not only to new buildings but also to existing structures that were constructed after obtaining valid approvals. Owners of such buildings can add extra floors by obtaining Premium FAR, subject to compliance with setback and parking

norms.

Existing buildings will also get a 25 per cent relaxation in setback requirements. However, property owners must ensure that adequate parking and other statutory requirements are met before seeking approval for additional floors. Officials in the Greater Bengaluru Authority estimate that the Premium FAR policy could generate nearly Rs 2,000 crore in revenue for the government while promoting vertical urban growth in cities such as Bengaluru. For instance, if a building with five floors is situated on a plot abutting a road of 9 to 12 metres width, the owner may be permitted to construct one additional floor through Premium FAR, subject to payment of the prescribed fee and adherence to planning norms. Authorities have clarified that Premium FAR certificates purchased for a particular property are non-transferable and can only be used for the building for which they are issued.

Centuryply strengthens ties with AP

Amaravati: Centuryply(India) Ltd has further strengthened its association with Andhra Pradesh through its integrated manufacturing facility at Badvel in Kadapa district, established with an initial investment of Rs 1,000 crore. Spread across 100 acres, Badvel plant marks the company's first major investment in the State. Speaking at an event hosted by Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Kolkata, Minister for Information Technology, Electronics, Communications and Human Resource Development Nara Lokesh highlighted Andhra Pradesh as a preferred investment destination. He described the State's strengths as "Speed, Stability and Service." Welcoming investors from West



Bengal, Lokesh said Andhra Pradesh is emerging as a key growth engine for India and is committed to supporting businesses through efficient governance and investor-friendly policies. ICC Vice-president and Century Plyboards Executive Director Keshav Bhajanka stated that the company looks forward to expanding its pres-

ence in Andhra Pradesh. The Badvel plant began commercial dispatches of Medium Density Fibreboard (MDF) in 2024, enabling Centuryply to more than double its MDF production capacity from 900 cubic metres to 1,900 cubic metres. The facility has generated employment for around 2,200 people and has created significant opportunities for local farmers through direct procurement of raw materials. To support future production needs, the company is encouraging plantation activities across 80,000 acres over the next eight years. Already, 1,000 farmers have been engaged to cultivate trees on 5,000 acres under a subsidised plantation programme.

NEET-UG re-examination held peacefully across AP



Vijayawada: National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET)-UG re-examination, conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA), took place smoothly across Andhra Pradesh on Sunday, with no reported incidents at any examination center in the State. A total of 65,790 candidates registered for the examination, which was held in a pen-and-paper Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) format at 185 centers across 27 cities in the State. The test was completed in an orderly fashion, thanks to the coordinated efforts of the government, district administrations, police department, and other relevant agencies. Preliminary reports from the districts indicate that over 90% of registered candidates appeared for the exam. In NTR district, the examination was conducted at 31 centers where 10,279 out of 10,920 registered candidates participated, resulting in an attendance rate of 94.13%. In Krishna district, 652 out of 713 registered candidates took the exam, while 61 were absent. Narayana Bharath Gupta, the Commissioner of Higher Education, who served as the State Nodal Officer, closely monitored the examination process and coordinated with district officials and various departments to ensure effective supervision and seamless management of the test. The government provided necessary instructions to district collectors, police authorities, transport officials, and education department personnel to facilitate the exam for candidates. Adequate security measures were established at all examination centers, ensuring strict adherence to the guidelines issued by the NTA. Special provisions, including transportation facilities, drinking water, medical assistance, and help desks, were made available at several centers. Authorities also managed traffic near examination venues to ensure that candidates reached their centers on time. Officials monitored the examination throughout the day and maintained close communication with district-level authorities to quickly address any issues. The state government is also overseeing the secure transportation of OMR answer sheets to the NTA for further evaluation. The State Nodal Officer expressed satisfaction with the coordinated efforts of all involved departments and noted that the successful conduct of the examination demonstrated effective planning and inter-departmental cooperation.

KCR's strategic silence: BRS chief bets on Revanth's missteps?

Hyderabad: Is the sphinx-like silence of Bharat Rashtra Samithi chief and former chief minister K Chandrashekar Rao studied, though he has been taunted by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for being "confined to his farmhouse" and jeered for being away from public life since "BRS has a past, but no future"? Geographic Reference The answer seems to be in the affirmative, going by the statements of his aides who echo KCR's gut feeling that Revanth Reddy himself is helping the BRS party to return to power. According to BRS leaders deemed emotionally close to the BRS supremo, KCR is "not going to fall in the trap of Revanth Reddy" by reacting to each of his disdainful comments about their leader and BRS. They feel that the Chief Minister is making it easy for the BRS to come back to power. According to party leaders, the BRS chief has been keeping an eye on the day-to-day political activities and giving directions to party leaders on what should be done to corner the Revanth Reddy government. Asked whether KCR was worried over the repeated challenges thrown at him by Revanth Reddy, a BRS leader said that their party chief was "waiting for

an appropriate time and would respond "in a big way"... "KCR sir doesn't take Revanth Reddy seriously as he feels the Chief Minister is a gone case and has lost the game already and wants KCR to respond only to divert the attention of people from his administrative failures. Revanth Reddy is doing half the job of ours, let him continue to do... Party leaders should focus on public issues reminding them about the indiscriminate promises made to the people to come to power," the BRS leader said. So, when will KCR return to active public life? On this, party MLC Dasoju Sravan Kumar said: "KCR always chose his battles carefully. He never responded to unnecessary catcalls. Revanth Reddy is not being taken seriously by his own party. Except for some leaders in Delhi, he is not taken seriously. Revanth is an insignificant force in Telangana and he has lost the game already. The Congress cadre and Congress leadership and the community which supported Revanth has lost hope. He is incapable of running the administration." He further said that KCR thinks "Congress is a gone case and the future fight will be with BJP". Further, he countered why



KCR should respond to Revanth Reddy's occasional posers. He said that already KCR has fallen in the trap of Revanth Reddy by accepting his challenge of not changing MLA candidates and now there is no need to fall in his trap once again. "Will Revanth listen to whatever KCR says? KCR will say 'stop demolitions on Musi'; will he listen? KCR will argue for Pharma City, will Revanth Reddy listen to it? Hence, why should KCR respond to Revanth Reddy's challenges," asked Sravan. Politics Regarding the proposed 'Bus Yatra' by KCR, the BRS leader said that the party's working president has already hinted about the yatra and said it would be during an "appropriate time".

Violence committed for not giving right way...

- Aggression instead of yielding the way...
- High-handedness of a former corporator...
- Aggression instead of yielding the way...!
- Former public representative who turned the road into his own jagir..?

- Attack on a youth who questioned him..
Uproar in Boduppall

**Boduppall, June 22
(Metro udayam)**

The incident of violence committed by a former public representative who



should be a role model for the people has created a stir in Boduppall. Allegations have surfaced that former corporator Kumbham Kiran Kumar Reddy attacked a youth who asked him to remove bikes parked on the road and give way. According to the details



given by the victim, Kaude Vamsi (29), while he was going to his house in a car on Saturday evening, he asked him to move the bikes parked on the road in front of the former corporator's residence in RNS Colony as they were blocking the road. However, the victim

alleged that the former corporator attacked Vamsi who resorted to violence where the right of way should be given. Vamsi, who was injured in the incident, approached the police and the police registered a case based on the complaint and started an investigation. Not only was the road encroached upon, causing inconvenience to public movement, but the attack on the person who questioned it became a hot topic of discussion locally. It is reported that the colony residents are expressing anger over such behavior from a person who served as a public representative.

Meeting on Filing of Appeals Before GSTAT Held Successfully

**Hyderabad, June:22,
MetroUdayam**

The Andhra Pradesh Sales Tax Bar Association (APSTBA) organised a successful meeting on "Filing of Appeals Before GSTAT" today at the Staff College, Commissioner's Office, Nampally, Hyderabad. The programme brought together tax professionals, advocates, and association members to discuss practical aspects and legal procedures for filing appeals before the Goods and Services Tax Appellate Tribunal (GSTAT). The session aimed to raise awareness among practitioners and taxpayers about the GST appellate mechanism, procedural requirements, and the importance of timely



and accurate filing of appeals. Eminent speakers shared practical guidance, legal insights, and best practices to help practitioners navigate appellate proceedings effectively. The meeting attracted a large and engaged audience and received an encouraging response from the professional

community. The Association expressed its sincere gratitude to the speakers, participants, and organisers for their support in making the event a success. **P r e s e n t / N o t a b l e** Participants: Telangana State GSTAT members PV Subba Rao, Retd. JC (VAT)

Shaik Jeelani Basha, President, APSTBA M. Amarender, Vice President, APSTBA K. Nasing Rao, Joint Secretary, APSTBA Dr. T. Ramesh Babu, GC Member V. Nagendra Prasad, Senior Member, APSTBA Other senior members and members of the Association.

Efforts to construct a new school building with the support of the MLA



Councilor Gandham Balendra, Pandu.....

Kodada June 22 Metro Morning.

Kodada 34 Ward Councilor Gandham Balendra, Pandu said that he will work to construct a new building for the school with the support of MLA Uttam Padmavati Reddy. On Monday, he

distributed government-sanctioned textbooks to the students at the primary school in the ward along with the ward elders and spoke. MLA Uttam Padmavati said that the students are facing serious difficulties during the rainy season due to the lack of proper infrastructure and the dilapidated school building. He said

that he has already brought the issue to the attention of Municipal Chairperson Ernani Kusuma and Venkataratnam Babu. School principals Chigurupati Srinivasa Rao, Kampati Pullaiah, Gundu Pangu Ramesh, Chima Srinivasa Rao, K u d u m u l a Lakshminarayana, Tirup

Erpula, Karra Siva, Kudumula Rambabu, Kampati Sivaji, Erpula Shraavan, Kurumala Srinivasa Rao, Kudumula Thirapaiah, Kudumula Vamsi, Pandi Pawan, Pandi Shankar, Karla Rahul, Kudumula Kalavathi, Kalakonda Saidamma and others participated in this program....

Nayananandakaram...The dance performance of the Vaggeyakaar



Chikkadapally, June 22 Metro Udayam : The Thyagara Yagana Sabha on Monday thrilled with wonderful dance performances. Under the auspices of the Nataraja Natya Samiti, the dance guru Tarangini's disciple group presented a visual form in the Kuchipudi dance style in the name of Natya Tarangini-2026, in the context of devotion to the hymns of the Telugu Vaggeyakaar. About one hundred and fifty young artists danced in the form of Rama Katha dance and mesmerized the audience. Speaking as the chief guest at the assembly program held on this occasion, senior police officer Ramadasa Tejawat said that parents should give children the opportunity to learn the stories of the Ramayana and Mahabharata, which are the roots of Indian culture, from childhood. Through this, their behavior in the community will be cultured. He suggested that priority should be given to some art along with education by learning the mother tongue. Legal Cell Advisor Vani said that the support of husbands is important for the higher status of women. He congratulated Tarangini for running three dance departments in the twin cities with the support of her husband Rajendra Prasad and producing hundreds of dance artists. Former National Vice President of Vidya Bharati Murali Mohan, Satyana Rayana, Santosh and others participated and dance teacher Tarangini presented the report.



Hyderabad June:22 (Metro udayam)

A few days ago, the foundation stone of the CC road works was laid in Datta Nagar of Himayat Nagar division. The CC road works were started today. Former Corporator of the division Mahalakshmi Raman Goud, senior leaders G. Raman Goud, Mahesh, Zaki, Sarfaraz, Anish, Akhil Ahmed, bus passengers Mirza and others participated in this program.



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कुरआन हमें सिखाता है कि बाहरी रूप से समान दिखने वाले लोगों के बीच असली फर्क दिलों की नीयत और परीक्षाओं में उनका व्यवहार है।... (शकील उवाच -७३५)

आधुनिक संदर्भ और वर्तमान निहितार्थ बातें देखे तो पता चलता है कि, बाहरी भीतरी समानता का अर्थ आज भी वही है। सोशल मीडिया, दिखावा, और सार्वजनिक नुमाइशें आज अधिक प्रभाव प्राप्त कर चुकी हैं। आज के समय में मुनाफिक (पाखंडी) प्रवृत्ति अधिक छिपी हो सकती है। याने दिखावे, ऑनलाइन प्रदर्शन, और सार्वजनिक नुमाइशें सत्य से हटकर होती हैं। व्यक्तित्व के लगातार संकेत जैसे के नियमित इबादत, भक्ती, प्रार्थना, प्रेम, दया, करुणा, न्याय का आचरण, मुश्किल में धैर्य, लोगों के साथ सद व्यवहार के माध्यम से नीयत की जाँच यह हमारे पहचान की जाँच के तरीके हो सकते हैं।



समाज और समुदाय के लिए हम इस बात का भी ध्यान रखना चाहिए कि, मुनाफिक प्रवृत्तियों से समाज और समुदाय को सुरक्षित रखना हमारा कर्तव्य है। जैसे शिक्षा, पारदर्शिता, और सलाह-मशवरा की परंपरा में पाखंडता को मिटाते हुए सत्य, सात्विक भूमिका को मजबूत करना चाहिए। अपनी नीयत पर लगातार सवाल करते रहना, इखध्लास (निष्ठा, शुद्धता, ईमानदारी, और निस्वार्थता) बढ़ाने का अभ्यास, नैक काम जारी रखना इत्यादि कृत्य व्यवहारिक दृष्टि से कुरआनी मार्गदर्शन से हमारे आत्म-परीक्षण के सरल कदम हो सकते हैं।

सबसे बड़ी बात जागरूकता के साथ अपने आपका शुद्धिकरण इस मुनाफिकत (डोंगी, पाखंडवाद) को मिटाने का मूल्यवान और प्रभावशील अस्त्र-शस्त्र है। अपने विचारों, भावनाओं, दृष्टिकोणों, प्रेरणाओं और व्यवहारों का गहराई से मूल्यांकन करने के लिए समय निकालना चाहिए। यह स्वयं के साथ एक आंतरिक संवाद है, जो हमें यह समझने में मदद करता है कि हम जो करते हैं वह क्यों करते हैं और हम अपने जीवन को कैसे बेहतर बना सकते हैं।

उपरोक्त विधि को आसान शब्दों में आत्म-निरीक्षण या आत्म-चिंतन भी कहा जाता है। यह आत्म-जागरूकता का बेहतरीन पहलू है। यह हमें यह पहचानने में मदद करता है कि हमारी ताकत क्या है?, हमारी कमजोरियाँ क्या हैं? और हम किन परिस्थितियों में कैसा महसूस करते हैं?, यह सीखने की बेहतरीन प्रक्रिया है। इसके माध्यम से हम अतीत की घटनाओं या गलतियों का खुले दिमाग से विश्लेषण करते हैं ताकि वर्तमान सुधार सके तथा भविष्य में बेहतर निर्णय ले सकें।

आत्म-चिंतन, आत्म मंथन, आत्मनिरीक्षण से अपने विचारों, भावनाओं, उद्देश्यों और कार्यों को समझने की जागरूकता अपने भीतर जागती है। इस प्रक्रिया से आंतरिक प्रतिबिंब इस आंतरिक जाँच के माध्यम से प्रकट होता है। और एक व्यक्ति स्पष्टता, आत्म - जागरूकता और बुद्धिमान, अधिक सचेत विकल्प बनाने की क्षमता प्राप्त करता है। जब कोई आरोप करे तो शांति के साथ आत्म-रिप्लेक्शन, और जरूरत पड़े तो खुल्ला संवाद करना चाहिए। हतोत्साहित होने की बजाय अच्छाई निभाना अच्छे फल देता है।

इस परिवर्तन के लिए समुदाय के नेता व शिक्षकों की भूमिका भी महत्वपूर्ण होती है। व्यक्ति की नजरों में फलसफा न रखते हुए शिक्षा व नैतिक मार्गदर्शन बढ़ाने की आवश्यकता होती है। एक इंसान का मोमिन याने एक सच्चा धार्मिक होने का मतलब खुद की नजरों में बलुंद होना है। क्योंकि दुनिया को आसानी से धोखा दिया जा सकता है लेकिन खुद का जमीर (अंतरात्मा) हमारे हर सोच, और हर हरकत से वाकिफ होता है। जमीर (आत्मा) की अदालत से कोई व्यक्ति बच नहीं सकता।

कुल मिलाकर निष्कर्ष यही निकाला जा सकता है कि, कुरआन हमें सिखाता है कि बाहरी रूप से समान दिखने वाले लोगों के बीच असली फर्क दिलों की नीयत और परीक्षाओं में उनका व्यवहार है। मुनाफिक और मुमिन की पहचान अंतिमतः अल्लाह (ईश्वर) के पास है, पर हम अपने स्तर पर ईमान, तवक्कुल और नैतिकता को बढ़ाकर खुद को और समाज को और समुदाय को मजबूत कर सकते हैं। सुरह अल-मुनाफिकून और संबंधित आयतें स्पष्ट करती हैं कि बाहरी दिखावे के बावजूद अंदरूनी हालात अलग होते हैं कृ और अल्लाह (ईश्वर) ही दिलों का इल्म रखता है। (क्रमशः)...

-डॉ. मोहम्मदशकील ताजमोहम्मद जाफरी (शकील मंवर), मंवर, पुणे (महाराष्ट्र) भारत

AAA The Hunger to Be Seen

Most people are not driven by the act itself. They are driven by what the act might bring AAA Attention, Admiration, and Acknowledgement.

The applause often becomes more important than the performance. "Many don't seek meaning; they seek witnesses." A child seeks praise. An adult seeks validation. The methods change, but the hunger remains the same. Sometimes we don't post because we have something to say. We post because silence feels like invisibility. "Being ignored wounds the ego more deeply than

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being criticized." Psychology calls it the need for significance. The desire to feel that we matter. And when this need goes unmet, attention becomes a substitute for selfworth. That's why some people would rather be controversial than unnoticed. To the ego, negative attention is often preferable to no attention. "The danger begins when identity becomes dependent on an audience. Because applause is temporary, and validation has no finish line. The more you feed it, the hungrier it becomes. True

freedom arrives when your actions no longer need spectators. When purpose becomes greater than recognition, peace replaces performance. "The mature mind asks, 'Is this meaningful?' The insecure mind asks, 'Will they notice?' Perhaps the highest form of confidence is this, To keep doing what matters, even when nobody is watching.

And the paradox is simple, The people most obsessed with being noticed rarely feel seen, and those who no longer need attention are often



the ones the world notices most. And perhaps that is the hidden truth of human nature. Most people are not starving for success, they are starving for AAA Attention, Admiration, and Acknowledgement.

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Maha govt tables Rs 97,706-cr supplementary demands, Rs 20,552 cr earmarked for farm loan waiver

Amid mounting pressure on state finances due to rising public debt and a widening fiscal deficit, Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Monday presented supplementary demands of Rs 97,706.40 crore for the remainder of the financial year 2026-27. A major component of the supplementary demands is the allocation of Rs 20,552 crore towards government's farm loan waiver programme. The overall scheme, estimated to cost Rs 36,585 crore, is expected to benefit nearly 56 lakh farmers across the state. Defending the decision, Fadnavis, who also holds the finance and planning portfolios, said the loan waiver had been announced purely to provide relief to distressed farmers and was not linked to any electoral considerations. The state government had earlier presented a budget of Rs 7.60 lakh crore for 2026-27 and subsequently sought supplementary demands of Rs 11,552 crore during the Budget Session held earlier this year. Maharashtra has projected a fiscal deficit of Rs 1.50 lakh crore and a revenue deficit of Rs 40,000 crore, while its public debt is expected to touch Rs 11 lakh crore by the end of the current fis-



cal. Infrastructure and transport projects account for a substantial share of the latest allocations. The government has proposed a loan of Rs 3,372 crore to the Mumbai Metropolitan Region Development Authority (MMRDA) for metro projects. An additional Rs 4,550 crore has been earmarked for the Thane-Borivali twin tunnel project and the Orange Gate underground road corridor. A provision of Rs 800 crore has been set aside for distribution to local self-government bodies. Under the Central Government's special assistance scheme for states' capital investment, an allocation of Rs 9,934 crore has been made for various development works through interest-free loans. A fund of Rs 350 crore has been provisioned as the state government's share (equity) in Mumbai Metro. The government has ear-

marked Rs 9,934 crore towards Interest-free loan for development works in various sectors under Special Assistance Scheme for Capital Investment from Central Government to the States. It has been decided to provide fund of Rs 800 crore under Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF) to disburse loans received from National Housing Bank to urban local bodies. It has been decided to provide additional fund of Rs 1,000 crore as share capital contribution to Maharashtra State Infrastructure Development Corporation.

It has been decided to provide additional fund of Rs 181 crore for carrying out Civil, furniture and electrical works on various floors of the Air India building. The government has earmarked Rs 3,000

crore for payment of interest on loan taken by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company. A fund of Rs 4,000 crore has been earmarked for payment of electricity bills of state government offices through composite billing system. The government has earmarked Rs 5,000 crore for repayment of loan taken by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company and Rs 1,750 crore to cover deficit under the Minimum Support Price Scheme. Further, the government has earmarked Rs 1,734 crore for Honorarium of Anganwadi Workers, to meet the expenses on general items and salary under Anganwadi service scheme. It has been decided to provide fund of Rs 100 crore for the construction of new administrative buildings under the expansion of Vidhan Bhavan, Nagpur. Also, Rs 28 crore has been earmarked for the expenditure on Project of Digitalisation of Maharashtra Legislature Secretariat. The government has allocated Rs 21 crore to provide eco-friendly vehicle for promoting self-dependency in persons with disabilities (Mobile Shop on Vehicle). -1089065

Former Mayor Jakka Venkat Reddy paid a courtesy call on Medipally's new CI D. Jalandhar Reddy

Medipally June 22 (Metro Udayam)

Former Mayor of Peerzadiguda Jakka Venkat Reddy paid a courtesy call on D. Jalandhar Reddy, who took charge as the new CI of Medipally Police Station under Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation, on Monday and felicitated him with a shawl and presented him with a bouquet. He wished him to render distinguished services in maintaining law and order within the limits of Medipalli Police Station.

Along with them, BRS party general secretary Edavalli Raghuvardhan Reddy, former corporators Donthiri Harishankar Reddy, Mahesh, senior leaders Lethakula Raghupathi Reddy, working president Enugu Manoranjan Reddy, women's president Nirmala, leaders Javed Khan, Akula Madhukar, Shyamala Srinivas, Jilani Pasha, Shankaraiah and others were present.

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Drug-free society is the goal:

- Charakonda SI Veerababu



Charakonda, June 22 Metro Udayam

Charakonda SI Veerababu said that a drug-free society is the goal. On Monday, students were made aware of the eradication of drugs in KGBV at the mandal center. Speaking on the occasion, the SI explained to the students about the harm caused by drug use. He said that everyone should work to make it a drug-free society. He said that awareness programs on drugs are being conducted till the 26th of this month.

KGBV SO Manjula, police personnel, a teacher and others participated in the program.



Raghav Chadha in Punjab for first time after quitting AAP, attends key BJP meet



Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament Raghav Chadha on Monday visited Punjab for the first time since quitting the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in April and attended a key BJP meeting in Ludhiana, chaired by party National President Nitin Nabin, to chalk out a strategy for the 2027 Assembly elections. Chadha attended the meeting along with another MP, Rajinder Gupta, who also switched loyalties from AAP to the BJP. His presence at the meeting is being viewed as a significant political development, with indications that he could be assigned a key organisational role ahead of the polls. Politics According to party sources, BJP chief Navin urged the leaders and MPs present at the meeting to work at the grassroots. "Keeping the 2027 elections in mind, he clarified the newly arrived MPs may be entrusted with important electoral responsibilities within the organisation," a senior BJP leader who attended the meeting told IANS, requesting anonymity.

Besides Chadha and Gupta, five other AAP Rajya Sabha members -- Sandeep Pathak, Ashok Mittal, cricketer Harbhajan Singh, Swati Maliwal, and Vikramjit Sahney -- had announced their decision to quit the AAP in April and joined the BJP. Except for Swati Maliwal, six other MPs represent Punjab in the Upper House. After quitting AAP, Chadha took to social media to explain the reasons behind his exit, alleging that his decision to join the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) would help him implement the causes he supports more effectively. Since seven out of 10 AAP Rajya Sabha MPs have jumped ship together with a strength of two-thirds, none of them attracted disqualification under the Tenth Schedule of the Constitution, commonly known as the anti-defection law. Had Raghav Chadha or any other MP acted alone, he would have risked losing his Rajya Sabha seat under the anti-defection law. However, it did not apply as two-thirds of the members of a legislative party merged with another one.

A rare success with cutting-edge Hip replacement

The doctors of Malakpet Yashoda Super Specialty Hospital have brought a patient who was unable to walk due to an accidental fracture of his hip bone back to life with cutting-edge surgery. Pasupuleti Ravi (54) from Huzurnagar accidentally slipped and fractured the femoral neck bone in his left hip. In addition, he had diabetes and blood pressure problems, making the case complicated. In this context, under the supervision of cardiology and general medicine



experts, senior orthopedic surgeon Dr. Krishna Subramaniam successfully performed the 'Modular Bipolar Hemiarthroplasty'

(hip replacement) surgery on the patient. Later, with the help of physiotherapy, the patient recovered quickly and is now able to

walk with the help of a walker, the doctors revealed at a meeting organized at the local Sai Baba Kalyanamandapam on Sunday. He said that if treatment was not received in time, there was a risk of permanent disability. Associate Vice President Srinivas Chidura said that with state-of-the-art facilities and an expert medical team, even the most complex bone injuries are successfully treated at Yashoda Hospital...

Students should scale higher peaks with the blessings of Goddess Saraswati....



Kodad MLA Uttam Padmavati Reddy....

Kodad June 22 Metro Morning.....

Kodad MLA Uttam Padmavati Reddy said that students should study hard and scale higher peaks with the blessings of Goddess Saraswati, the mother of education. On Monday, she attended the unveiling ceremony of the statue of Goddess

Saraswati, the mother of education, at the Government Boys' High School in Kodad town as the chief guest and unveiled it. Speaking on the occasion, the MLA said that it is commendable to install the statue of Goddess Saraswati, the mother of education, in schools. He said that installing the statue of Goddess Saraswati in schools, which are temples where education is



taught, will enhance the spiritual feeling and concentration among the students. She specially congratulated the organizers and members of the Swarna Bharathi Charitable Trust for their participation in community service and installing a statue in the school. District Library Chairman Vangaveeti Rama Rao, Municipal Vice Chairman Devarapalli Malleswari, former Sarpanch Para

Seethaiah, Trust Presidents Dr. Neela Satyanarayana, Charugandla Praveena, Rajasekhar, MEO Salim Sharif, Oruganti Kittu, local councilors Saidi Babu, Chennakesava Rao, Pandiri Satyanarayana, Oruganti Prabhakar, Vempati Venkataramana and others participated in the program.....

Grand Felicitation to the Madiga councilors newly elected in jangaon town successful

Jangaon, June 22, Metro Udayam:

On behalf of Madiga association, a grand felicitation held at community bhavan Dharmakanche, jangaon town successfully with a call from Madiga elders senior citizens. Felicitation programme was arranged and conducted by Panuganti Narsinga Rao Telangana Rajadhikara Party District SC cell president of jangaon district. The councillors Sanju Durga prasad 1st ward, Ramagalla Vijaykumar 2nd ward, Middepaka Bhasker 5th ward, Chandupatla Manjula 8th ward, Neerati Rajani 10th ward,



Panuganti Suvatha 13th ward, Kadamanchi Susheela 16th ward, Udegula Kistaiah 17th ward and Botla Narsinga Rao AMC director were felicitated with garland and shawl grandly. It was fol-

lowed by Paidipati Sugunakaraju Ex municipal chairman, Dr Sugunakar Raju, Vamshi, Meda Srinivas, Botla Ramchander, Gadepaka Ramchander, Malligari Chandrakala Raju, Botla

Suguna Srinivas, Jeripothula Parusharamulu, Middepaka Stalin, Thipparapu Vijay Kumar and others participated

Parliamentary panel to meet soon to discuss economic situation

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Finance will be meeting soon to discuss the evolving economic situation in the country amid the uncertainties due to the West Asia crisis. Committee Chairman Bhartruhari Mahtab said: "Despite the serious headwinds, India's economy is emerging in a better way. There are certain very good indicators where household savings also increased in comparison to last year." However, the challenge is that private investment is not picking up, even though government investment is increasing to spur the economic growth rate. This challenge has to be addressed, he added. The committee has decided to meet again towards the third week of this month and will also prepare a report with recommendations to the government. According to a Lok Sabha bulletin, the Standing Committee on Finance has chosen "Evolving Economic Conditions in the Country" as an additional subject for detailed examination during the year 2025-26.

Parliamentary committees select subjects that they have up to take up for discussion shortly after they



are constituted. But they have the freedom to select additional subjects, keeping in mind evolving circumstances. Meanwhile, the minutes of the RBI's monetary policy committee meeting released on Friday show that India has been able to withstand the disruptions of the West Asia crisis because of the strong fundamentals of the economy. MPC member Nagesh Kumar said: "The Indian economy entered the West Asia crisis with much stronger macroeconomic fundamentals than most previous economic crises (including the global financial crisis, the taper tantrum, or Covid-19). Before the conflict started at the end of February, the Indian econo-

my was enjoying a 'goldilocks moment' of robust growth and very benign inflation."

Emphasis on fiscal consolidation over the past years has helped in bringing down the fiscal deficit from 6.5 per cent of GDP in 2022-23 steadily to 4.4 per cent by 2025-26. This provides some fiscal space to address the challenges posed by the West Asia crisis, including through supporting economic growth by sustaining and even enhancing public investment to mitigate any weaknesses in private consumption due to rising costs and to absorb rising subsidies for absorbing the high crude prices. The minutes further

state that reservoirs holding above 20 per cent higher water levels than the 10-year average could help to mitigate the possible shortfalls in the monsoon. In any case, over time, Indian agriculture has tended to be less affected by monsoon fluctuations with growing resilience.

However, the RBI said the inflation outlook remains vulnerable to prolonged supply-chain disruptions arising from the conflict in West Asia and uncertainty over the spatial and temporal distribution of the southwest monsoon. MPC member Prof. Ram Singh stated: "RBI's analysis indicates a clear relationship between energy prices and domestic inflation: If crude oil prices are higher by 10 per cent than the baseline, assuming full pass-through to domestic product prices, inflation could turn out to be higher by around 50 bps. Inflated crude import bill expands our CAD." However, since the meeting took place, the US and Iran have signed a peace deal, which has resulted in a sharp decline in crude prices to around \$75 a barrel, and this is expected to bring down inflation going ahead.

EESL, Driving the Clean Cooking Initiative in India, Applauds Andhra Pradesh's Milestone

EESL partners with Andhra Pradesh to revolutionize clean cooking, installing induction-based systems in over 55,000 Anganwadi centers. Discover how this initiative boosts energy efficiency, cuts costs, and supports India's green energy goals. Aligned with the Government of India's vision for sustainable energy, Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) is intensifying its efforts to promote clean cooking solutions across the country. Focusing on making induction-based cooking accessible and affordable for all, the organization is expanding its reach to states such as Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, and Bihar. EESL has commended the pioneering efforts of the Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister in adopting clean cooking practices across more than 55,000 Anganwadi centers. This initiative aims to improve health outcomes, reduce pollution, and support the environment, while also serving as an inspiration for other states to follow suit. As a key partner, EESL has played a pivotal role in

translating India's clean cooking agenda into tangible action. Through large-scale deployment, partnerships with financial institutions, public awareness campaigns, and innovative support mechanisms, EESL is working to bring clean cooking solutions to households across the nation.

With the government committed to transforming clean cooking into a national movement, EESL—under the guidance of the Ministry of Power—reaffirms its dedication to India's energy transition and climate goals. The organization highlights its proven track record in deploying clean cooking technologies across several states and now aims to spearhead the next phase of the country's green energy revolution. Induction-based cooking improves the health of women and children by minimizing exposure to harmful pollutants and reducing indoor air pollution, while also supporting environmental sustainability through lower emissions. This transition offers economic benefits, including reduced household energy costs. The partnership between the Department of



Women Development and Child Welfare and EESL facilitated the provision of clean cooking technologies to Anganwadi centers even before recent global energy supply disruptions occurred. EESL CEO Akhilesh Kumar Dikshit highlighted the program's success in safeguarding communities and fostering sustainable growth.

In a recent presentation, E. Surya Kumari, Secretary of the Department of Women Development and Child Welfare, and Director M. Venugopal Reddy outlined the program's key benefits: a safer environment for Anganwadi workers, 35% cost savings, 30% higher energy efficiency compared

to LPG, reduced reliance on cylinders, decreased indoor pollution, and the avoidance of over 28,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions annually. In the first phase, induction cooktops and utensil kits were distributed to 11,400 centers, while another 20,000 centers received this equipment in the second phase. By the end of this month, a total of 55,746 Anganwadi centers will be brought under the ambit of this program. This milestone reflects Andhra Pradesh's commitment to sustainable development and aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision for a clean and green India.

Women Yoga centre established at Vakalapudi village in Kakinada



Kakinada Rural MLA Pantam Nanaji stated that a Yoga center for women was established in Vakalapudi village, Kakinada Rural Mandal, within a span of eight months using Rs 45 lakhs in CSR funds from Universal Biofuels. He expressed gratitude to the management of Universal Biofuels for setting up the center, noting that it would greatly benefit women from Vakalapudi, Valasa Paka, and surrounding villages. MLA Pantam Nanaji attended the event—presided over by Village Secretary P.P. Ranga Rao—as the chief guest and inaugurated the yoga center by cutting the ribbon. Subsequently, Sanjeev Kumar, MD of Universal Biofuels Private Limited, spoke and mentioned that, following a request from MLA Pantam Nanaji, the company had constructed the ₹45-lakh yoga center—fully equipped for women's use—on a 250-square-yard plot provided by the panchayat. He also mentioned the installation of filter beds for the Panduru CPWS scheme at a cost of ₹20 lakhs and noted that various other developmental activities are being undertaken in the village. MLC Padmasri and former MLA Pilli Anantha Lakshmi Satyanarayana Murthy also spoke at the event, expressing happiness that the yoga center, dedicated to women, was being inaugurated on the occasion of World Yoga Day. They emphasized that yoga is essential for every woman to maintain good health. Alliance leaders Srinivasa Baba, Chappidi Venkateswara Rao, Rambala Venkateswara Rao, and Nandipati Trimurtulu; Universal Biofuels HR Manager Satya Gangadhara Rao and Production Manager Govindarajulu; Yoga Guru Satyanarayana; and other alliance leaders participated in this program.

APUWJ hosts seminar to deconstruct social media's impact on public opinion



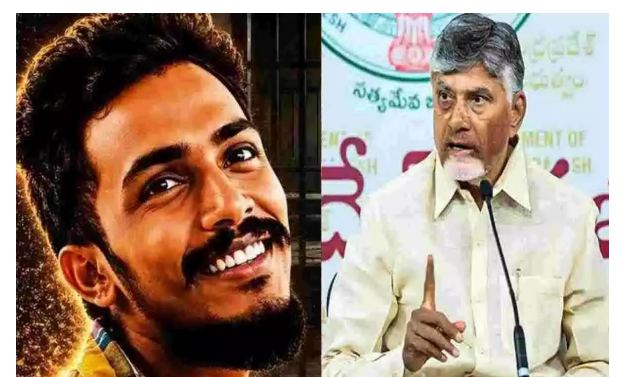
Anantapur: The Andhra Pradesh Union of Working Journalists (APUWJ) organized a seminar titled "Awareness of the Impact of Social Media on Society" at Ramnagar on Saturday. Andhra Pradesh news Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav attended as the chief guest, calling for accountable and constructive usage of online networks. The event witnessed active debate on digital misinformation and public opinion dynamics. Government Whip Kalava Srinivasulu, Anantapur Urban MLA D Venkateswara Prasad, and Kalyandurg MLA A Surendra Babu joined regional journalists to deliberate on the growing role of digital platforms in regional communication.

The coalition government has constituted a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the case. IG Ravi Prakash has been appointed as the SIT chief, with three IPS officers named as members. The Andhra Pradesh government headed by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, which suspended CI Nagaraju in connection with the disappearance of Gade Saikrishna, has now taken another significant step. The coalition government has constituted a Special Investigation Team

AP govt. forms SIT in Saikrishna missing case

(SIT) to probe the case. IG Ravi Prakash has been appointed as the SIT chief, with three IPS officers named as members. The government issued orders to this effect on Sunday. The team members include West Godavari District SP Adnan Nayeem, Manyam Alluri Sitarama Raju District SP Amit Bardar, and Bapatla Additional SP L. Sudhakar. Meanwhile, preparations are

underway to arrest CI Nagaraju; police have traced his location to a house in Singh Nagar. The investigation into Saikrishna's disappearance has been intensified. Over the past three days, search operations have been conducted in all areas deemed suspicious, and CCTV footage from these locations is being thoroughly examined. Senior police officials have also seized the



Telangana eyes Olympic glory with world-class sports university



Hyderabad: The government's primary objective is to identify hidden sporting talent in rural areas and provide them with the right training to showcase their abilities on the global stage. With this vision, Telangana will soon establish a state-of-the-art Sports University with international standards, aiming to help athletes win medals at the Olympic Games in the future, announced Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka. City & Local Guides Attending as the chief guest at the grand opening of the TG 20 Cricket League mega tournament held at Uppal Stadium, the Deputy CM expressed confidence that the league would serve as a strong foundation for the development of sports and building a bright future for athletes. He stated that cricket was previously limited largely to urban areas, but the people's government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, has changed that perception by selecting district-wise teams to provide a major platform for rural youth. He revealed that the upcoming world-class Sports University in Hyderabad will be equipped with top-notch infrastructure to deliver Olympic-level training, building a robust sports ecosystem. Notably, Uppal Stadium where global football icon Lionel Messi once played stands as a testament to the city's capability to host international-level sporting events. The TG 20 Cricket tournament will continue for 21 days, creating a festive atmosphere for sports enthusiasts across the state. The Deputy CM assured that the government is fully committed to encouraging athletes and would extend complete support to ensure the grand success of this mega tournament.

Kurnool mobilises 5.34L people for mega IYD drives across district hubs



Kurnool: The 12th International Day of Yoga was celebrated on a massive scale across Kurnool district on Sunday, with District Collector Dr. A. Siri describing the ancient practice as India's priceless gift to global wellness and the most effective path toward physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Spearheading a grand mass yoga session at the SAP Camp Grounds, Dr. Siri emphasized that yoga is not merely a routine of physical exercises but a holistic way of life that instills self-discipline, inner peace, and balanced health. The event witnessed an overwhelming turnout of senior bureaucrats, public representatives, students, NCC cadets, and local citizens. Prominent dignitaries included Joint Collector Noorul Qamar, Panyam MLA Gowru Charitha Reddy, Superintendent of Police Vikranth Patil, and Municipal Commissioner Challa Obulesu.

"Regularly practicing yoga for at least 30 minutes daily acts as a shield against modern lifestyle disorders like diabetes, hypertension, obesity, and cardiovascular diseases, while simultaneously boosting concentration and memory retention among students," the Collector advised, noting that healthy families form the bedrock of a robust nation. The district-wide mega campaign caps a meticulously planned 14-day drive spanning government offices, village secretariats, educational institutions, health centres, and historic temples. Over 5.34 lakh citizens registered and participated in these decentralized community camps, which notably featured specialized wellness sessions for municipal sanitation workers. To mark the conclusion, Dr. Siri distributed prizes to the winners of district-level yoga competitions and unveiled the Union Ministry of AYUSH's Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan poster.

European Boxing: India finish with 12 medals, including 8 golds, at Usti nad Labem Grand Prix

India delivered a dominant performance at the 56th Grand Prix Usti nad Labem (European Boxing Gold Tournament) in Czechia, finishing with an impressive haul of 12 medals, eight gold, three silver and one bronze, in one of their strongest international campaigns of the season. The women's team led the charge, winning four gold medals and one silver from five boxers. Olympic medallist Lovlina Borgohain (75kg), reigning Asian champion Preeti Pawar (54kg), Sakshi (51kg) and Priya (60kg) all clinched gold with unanimous victories in their respective finals, while Parveen (65kg) added a silver medal to cap a remarkable showing. The men's team matched the women with four gold medals, as Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (55kg), Sachin (60kg), Ankush (80kg) and Narender (+90kg) emerged champions in their respective weight categories. Congratulating the team, Boxing Federation of India President Ajay Singh said, "Congratulations to all our medal winners for their outstanding performance at the 56th Grand Prix Usti nad Labem. Winning eight gold medals and three silver medals against strong international competition is a remarkable achievement and reflects the dedication, discipline and fighting spirit of our boxers." "A special appreciation to our women's team for their exceptional performance, securing four gold medals and one silver medal from just



five boxers. This is a proud moment for Indian boxing. Congratulations also on your well-deserved selection for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Scotland. This is another important step in your journey. We wish all of you the very best for the Commonwealth Games. Train hard, stay focused and compete with confidence. May you continue to deliver outstanding performances and bring glory to India," he added. Lovlina defeated Italy's Melissa Gemini 5-0 in the 75kg final, while Preeti outclassed France's Jeyssa Marcel by the same margin in the 54kg title clash. Sakshi registered a dominant 5-0 victory over France's Mayssoun Bourega in the 51kg final, and Priya defeated home favourite Barbora Maxova of Czechia 5-0 to secure the 60kg gold. Among the men, Jadumani edged England's Abdul Burton 4-1 in the 55kg final. Sachin and Ankush recorded commanding 5-0 wins over Hungary's Veres Rohland

and Czech Republic's Florian Daniel respectively, while Narender claimed a hard-fought 3-2 victory over Armenia's Davit Chaloyan in the heavyweight final. Aditya Pratap Yadav (65kg) and Kapil Pokhariya (90kg) settled for silver after narrow defeats in their respective finals, while Sumit Kundu (70kg) claimed the lone bronze medal for India. One of Europe's oldest and most prestigious boxing competitions, the Usti nad Labem Grand Prix served as a key international assignment for the Indian contingent as preparations for the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow continue. India's Medal Winners Gold: Sakshi (51kg-W), Preeti Pawar (54kg-W), Priya (60kg-W), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg-W), Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (55kg), Sachin (60kg), Ankush (80kg), Narender (+90kg) Silver: Parveen (65kg-W), Aditya Pratap Yadav (65kg), Kapil Pokhariya (90kg) Bronze: Sumit Kundu (70kg)

Maha Governor Jishnu Dev Varma joins Coast Guard in performing yoga

Maharashtra Governor Jishnu Dev Varma on Sunday joined the senior officers of the Indian Coast Guard in performing yoga on the occasion of the International Day of Yoga at Lok Bhavan in Mumbai. This year the International Day of Yoga at Lok Bhavan was organised in collaboration with the Indian Coast Guard, which is stepping into the Golden Jubilee year of its inception. Officers and personnel of the Indian Coast Guard, their family members, and officials of Lok Bhavan attended the programme. Addressing the gathering, the Governor called upon universities across Maharashtra to promote yoga on a large scale and produce yoga tutors and trainers for the world. Recalling the global recognition accorded to yoga, the Governor said that for centuries yoga was practised mainly in homes, ashrams and dedicated institutions. A historic turning point came when Prime Minister Narendra Modi appealed to the United Nations to declare 21 June as the International Day of



Yoga. The initiative received unprecedented international support, leading to the adoption of a UN resolution backed by a record number of member states.

The Governor praised the Indian Coast Guard for its outstanding contribution to the nation since its establishment in 1977. Congratulating the force as it approaches the milestone of completing 50 years of service, he said the nation looks back with immense pride on its remarkable journey marked by dedication, professionalism and selfless

service. The Indian Coast Guard has emerged as a vital pillar of India's maritime security architecture through countless operations and relentless vigilance. Maharashtra, with its extensive coastline, busy ports and strategic maritime interests, has greatly benefited from the commitment of the Coast Guard. The force has played a crucial role in ensuring the safety of life at sea, protecting fishermen and mariners, preventing illegal activities and maintaining security along our coastline, he said.

The Governor noted that

the tireless efforts of Coast Guard personnel, often undertaken in challenging conditions, ensure that India's seas remain safe, secure and prosperous. He observed that the International Day of Yoga celebration reflected the ethos of the Indian Coast Guard, where physical fitness, mental resilience and a spirit of service go hand in hand. Referring to his role as Chancellor of 29 state universities with more than three million students, the Governor appealed to universities to actively promote yoga. "I believe our universities can produce the finest yoga tutors and trainers for the entire world and contribute significantly to the global spread of this invaluable Indian tradition," he said. Additional Director General, Western Seaboard, Indian Coast Guard, M.V. Pathak, PTM, TM, and Inspector General Bhishm Sharma, PTM, TM, felicitated the Governor on the occasion. The yoga and pranayama session was conducted by yoga instructor Dilip Dauneria from Kaivalyadhama.

Yoga is a holistic way of life, not just exercise: Minister Janardhan

Banaganapalle: Marking the International Day of Yoga, Andhra Pradesh Minister for Roads and Buildings, BC Janardhan Reddy, participated in the Yogandhra programme organised at the Banaganapalle Camp Office on Sunday morning. The Minister joined hundreds of participants in performing various yoga asanas, highlighting the importance of yoga in promoting physical fitness, mental well-being, and a healthy lifestyle. A large number of residents, youth, students, government officials, and leaders and workers of the coalition parties gathered early in the morning to take

part in the event. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said that yoga is a remarkable tool for achieving physical and mental wellness. He noted that yoga is not merely a form of exercise but a holistic way of life that helps individuals attain inner peace, spiritual balance, and overall well-being. Calling upon people to embrace the spirit of Yogandhra, BC Janardhan Reddy urged everyone to make yoga a part of their daily routine. He stated that both the Central and Andhra Pradesh governments are committed to promoting yoga on a large scale with the objective of building a healthier and more vibrant



society.

Big B moved by Tom Hanks' WWII documentary, questions if world has really changed

Mumbai: Amitabh Bachchan revealed that he spent some time in watching the documentary on World War 2 narrated by Hollywood star Tom Hanks. Moved by the immense human cost of the conflict, the megastar contemplated the futility of war, innocent lives lost, and the lasting scars left on generations. Big B took to his blog, where he shared a string of images from his regular Sunday fan meet-up on the gates of his home. He also shared that Lord Hanuman's Sahastra Puja was performed at Jalsa. He then mentioned: "And later spent some time in watching the documentary on World War 2, through the narration of Tom Hanks, and realising the futility of war, of millions of innocent lives lost - for what... On the whim and fancy ego of one man - often... to what end..." "The armaments the battle machinery, the ruthless killings and beliefs that bear no place in the peaceful World... and the AI puts it all in one encompassing view: the conflict from the invasion of Poland in 1939 through the end of the war and the dawn of the atomic age, emphasizing not only strategy and



leaders but also the suffering of ordinary soldiers and civilians."

He shared the "idea of the futility of war emerges from several observations" and wrote: "Tens of millions died, yet almost every nation involved believed it was acting out of necessity. Cities were destroyed, populations displaced, and entire communities erased. Even the victors suffered enormous losses and trauma." "The war ended one tyranny, but left a world facing new tensions, including the Cold War and nuclear weapons. Individual acts of courage shine through, but they occur against a backdrop of

immense human tragedy. A thought often associated with serious WWII documentaries is that war may sometimes be unavoidable, but it is never glorious when viewed from the perspective of those who must endure it." "As the old saying goes: 'The old men declare war. But it is the youth that must fight and die.' war through the lens of a new century, the lessons of the war are at risk of being forgotten. emotional weight in stark terms: it is flesh and blood and the stasis of years asked of an entire generation — plus some — to say, 'Put the present on hold. Your future doesn't mean anything right now, because there is a

moral task before us."

The icon spoke about how more than "20 million Soviet people were killed in the war, including approximately 10 million soldiers, compared with around 400,000 U.S. military casualties." "The millions from other Allied force nations and territories... the Axis powers joining hands with the prominent Axis forces... their loss of human lives and the devastation..." Calling the documentary a powerful reminder of what "total war truly costs," the actor questioned whether humanity has genuinely learned from history, ending his note with a poignant thought: "World War II... the war that changed the world. Has it?" "The documentary forms a remarkably complete, humanizing portrait of what total war truly costs, the young smiling faces of the newly recruited fighting squads... an adventure for them for the first time - until reality strikes..." "The desire to own, capture and command, through the joy of victory and then to be vanquished into oblivion and ultimate defeat... World War 2... the war that changed the World... HAS IT...?"

Sushmita Sen's 'Aarya' turns 6, director says 'Salute to all the strong women'



Mumbai: As Sushmita Sen's action-packed web series "Aarya" clocked 6 years of release on Friday, director Ram Madhvani dropped a gratitude note on social media. In his post, he said that "Aarya" shared the tale of extraordinary courage with ordinary people. Taking to his official Instagram handle, Ram Madhvani shared a heartfelt note that read, "Dear Aarya Season 1, Six years ago, you entered our lives and changed us forever. What began as a story became a journey. A journey that taught us about resilience, courage, family, loss, and the extraordinary strength that often lies hidden within ordinary people (sic)." "You reminded me that vulnerability can be powerful, that compassion can coexist with strength, and that the most meaningful stories are the ones that reflect our shared humanity", he went on to add. Ram Madhvani further recalled how "Aarya" was selected as the International Emmy-nominated series for 'Best Drama Series'. He went on to pen, "From touching hearts across the world to becoming an International Emmy-nominated series for Best Drama Series, your journey exceeded anything we could have imagined." The director thanked the makers, Sushmita, the other cast and crew for making it possible to bring the story to life. "None of this would have been possible without @jiohotstar, @EndemolShineInd, the incredible cast headed by @Sushmitasen47, crew, writers, technicians, producers, and every single person who poured their heart into bringing this world to life. Thank you for your trust, your talent, and your belief in the story. Salute to all the strong women that surround us", he added. At the end, he showed his gratitude to the audience for showering so much love on "Aarya" "And to the audience, thank you for embracing Aarya and making her a part of your lives. Every conversation, every message, every moment of connection made this journey truly special. Looking back today, I feel nothing but gratitude," Ram Madhvani signed off.

Palak Tiwari turns up the glam quotient

Actress Palak Tiwari has once again grabbed attention with her latest glamorous photo-shoot, leaving fans impressed with her striking style and effortless elegance.



The young star, who has steadily built a strong fan following through her acting projects and fashion choices, showcased a sophisticated new look that quickly became a talking point on social media. In the photographs, Palak is seen posing in a shimmering brown sequined gown that perfectly accentuates her chic and contemporary fashion sense. The body-hugging outfit, paired with statement accessories and soft makeup, creates a refined yet glamorous appearance. Her flowing hairstyle and confident expressions further elevate the visual appeal of the shoot. Set against a minimalist backdrop, the photos highlight Palak's natural charisma and screen presence. The warm-toned aesthetic and artistic styling give the images a high-fashion feel, earning praise from fans and fashion enthusiasts alike. Social media users flooded the comments section with compliments, applauding her elegance, confidence, and ability to carry bold looks with ease. Over the years, Palak has emerged as one of the most talked-about young celebrities in the entertainment industry. Whether through her public appearances, brand collaborations, or fashion-forward photoshoots, she continues to make headlines and attract attention for her evolving style. The latest pictures further reinforce her status as a rising fashion icon among the younger generation. Many fans described the look as sophisticated and glamorous, while others praised the actress for experimenting with different fashion statements.

Allu Arjun skips court appearance in theatre stampede case

Tollywood actor Allu Arjun failed to personally appear before a city court on Monday in the Sandhya Theatre stampede case. The actor, currently in Mumbai for a film shoot, requested the court to grant an exemption from personal appearance in the case and informed it, through his counsel, that he would attend the proceedings virtually. The Nampally Criminal Court advised the actor to file a memo and adjourned the hearing to July 6. Allu Arjun's counsel told the court that the actor would join the next hearing through virtual mode. All other accused in the case appeared before the court on Monday, in response to the summons issued last week. Allu Arjun was also directed to personally appear before the court. The actor is accused number 11 (A11) in the case relating to the stampede at the Sandhya Theatre on



December 4, 2024.

A woman was killed, and her son was critically injured in the stampede during the premiere show of "Pushpa 2: The Rule". The police had named a total of 23 accused in the case. Individuals in the management of the theatre are named as the first 10 accused in the case. Eight bouncers of the actor are also listed as accused. The trial in the case is expected

to begin after all the accused personally appear before the judge. On December 4, 2024, Allu Arjun attended a special screening of 'Pushpa 2: The Rule' at the Sandhya Theatre. The victim, M Revathi, had attended the premiere with her husband and their children. On the actor's arrival, the crowd went crazy, leading to a stampede in the theatre. The woman died in the stampede while her son suffered seri-

ous injuries. The police booked the theatre management, Allu Arjun and his team for culpable homicide not amounting to murder. Allu Arjun was arrested on December 13, 2024, in the case. He was produced before the Nampally court, which sent him to 14-day judicial custody. His lawyers approached the High Court, which granted him interim bail the same day. He was released from jail the next day. Later, the Nampally Court granted him regular bail. As part of the investigation into the stampede, the police interrogated Allu Arjun on December 24. He was questioned for three hours at Chikkadpally Police Station based on a 10-minute video prepared by the police by compiling CCTV footage of the incident. Police had filed a charge sheet against 23 accused in December last year.

Kamal Haasan, Raghava Lawrence greet Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay on birthday

Chennai: Actor, producer and parliamentarian Kamal Haasan and actor and producer Raghava Lawrence were among several celebrities who greeted former actor and present day Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay on his birthday on Monday. Taking to his X timeline, Kamal Haasan in Tamil wrote, "My heartfelt birthday wishes to Honorable Tamil Nadu Chief Minister, Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam's Chief and my beloved younger brother Vijay, who has won the love of crores of hearts." Actor and producer Raghava Lawrence, who only recently expressed his desire to join politics, too took to his X timeline to greet the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister. He wrote, "Every year, I wish my Nanba (friend) a happy birthday. But this year it's extra special and I'm happy to say, Happy Birthday to Honorable Chief Minister of Tamilnadu! @TVKVijayHQ"



Shanthanu and Khushbu Sundar, production houses and distribution entities too greeted Vijay on the occasion. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi too greeted the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister on the occasion of his birthday. While Prime Minister Modi, in his birthday message on X, said, "Birthday greetings to the Chief Minister

of Tamil Nadu, Thiru C. Joseph Vijay Ji. I pray for his long and healthy life", the Leader of the Opposition Rahul Gandhi, in his greeting, said, "Wishing the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Thiru Joseph Vijay, a very happy birthday. I wish you good health and success in all your efforts. I stand with you in defending the rights, dignity, and aspirations of the Tamil people, and in working together for the state's progress." For the unaware, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay, who was born on June 22, 1974, in Chennai, celebrates his 52nd birthday on Monday. Vijay, who was a popular star in Tamil cinema, formally entered politics in 2024 by launching the Tamilaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK). The party made its electoral debut in the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections and emerged as the single-largest party in the state, winning 108 of the 234 seats.

When and where to watch Australia vs Pakistan clash, know all details

Australia looks to cement their semi-final spot against an eliminated Pakistan in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup at Headingley. Get the latest match preview, broadcast details, and team news for this Tuesday's clash. Australia will look to tighten their grip on a semi-final berth when they take on an already-eliminated Pakistan in a Group 1 clash of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 at Headingley on Tuesday. The reigning champions have enjoyed a blistering campaign so far, winning all three games to top the group, which includes their convincing victories over South Africa and Bangladesh, by a significant net run rate. With the likes of South Africa having also beaten India in recent days, another win here will take six-time world champions Australia a big step closer to reaching the final four, where they will join the top qualifiers from the other group. Pakistan have not had a tournament to remember; after suffering defeats at the hands of



India, South Africa and Bangladesh they are already out of contention and can only play for pride in their remaining fixtures of the competition. The green and gold's only win of the campaign came against Ireland in their first match of this tournament.

The wicket keeper was rested during Holland's innings in their previous encounter, however she does look to have passed it with no concerns meaning she would strengthen the batting line up once again

for the Australian top order. Team management also have a dilemma with young debutant Lucy Hamilton impressing greatly in her first taste of international action last time out meaning that they may take a chance with continuing her or bring back experienced speedster Megan Schutt to give some variation to an already formidable array of Australian bowlers. History also favors Australia in Women's World Cup matches with them having already faced Pakistan four

times in T20 WCs and beating them on every occasion and they should continue this pattern by easing to victory here today. When: Tuesday, June 23 at 11:00 PM IST Where: Headingley Carnegie, Leeds Where to watch: The Australia vs Pakistan clash will be broadcast on Star Sports Network and live streaming on JioStar. Squads: Australia: Australia: Sophie Molineux (c), Ashleigh Gardner (vc), Tahlia McGrath (vc), Nicola Carey, Kim Garth, Lucy Hamilton, Grace Harris, Alana King, Phoebe Litchfield, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland, Georgia Voll, Georgia Wareham and Tahlia Wilson (Traveling Reserve) Pakistan: Fatima Sana (c), Aliya Riaz, Ayesha Zafar, Diana Baig, Eyman Fatima, Gull Feroza, Iram Javed, Muneeba Ali (wk), Nashra Sundhu, Natalia Parvaiz, Rameen Shamim, Sadia Iqbal, Saira Jabeen, Tasmia Rubab, and Tuba Hassan

Desperate Sri Lanka face winless Ireland in must-win clash

A desperate Sri Lanka will look to keep their mathematical semifinal hopes alive when they square off against a winless Ireland in a crucial Group B fixture of the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup at the Bristol County Ground on Tuesday. For Sri Lanka, the tournament has been a roller-coaster ride. After being thoroughly outplayed by England in the tournament opener, the Chamari Athapaththu-led side bounced back spectacularly to upstage defending champions New Zealand in a tense chase. But a comprehensive five-wicket defeat to the West Indies has left their knockout aspirations hanging by a slim thread. Currently sitting on two points from three matches with a dismal net run rate of -1.913, Sri Lanka not only needs to secure massive victories in their remaining fixtures against Ireland and Scotland but also rely on favorable external

combinations to progress into the knockouts. On the flip side, Ireland find themselves knocked out of the semifinal contention following three consecutive defeats. Making their fifth appearance in the global showpiece event, Ireland pushed defending champions New Zealand to the limit before falling agonizingly short by just four runs. While individual sparks from Gaby Lewis and Orla Prendergast have kept Ireland competitive, Ireland's recurring inability to seize crucial moments has proved to be their downfall. Nevertheless, the side will be fiercely determined to break their tournament jinx and script a historic maiden Women's T20 World Cup victory. Sri Lanka clearly hold the upper hand in terms of experience and firepower, primarily riding on the match-winning capabilities of players like skipper Chamari.

However, if Ireland can exploit the inconsistencies in the Sri Lanka Lankan batting order, an upset cannot be completely ruled out. Squads: Ireland: Gaby Lewis (c), Jane Maguire, Christina Coulter Reilly, Alana Dalzell, Georgina Dempsey, Amy Hunter, Arlene Kelly, Louise Little, Aimee Maguire, Lara McBride, Cara Murray, Leah Paul, Orla Prendergast, Rebecca Stokell, and Alice Tector Sri Lanka: Chamari Athapaththu (c), Hasini Perera, Vishmi Gunarathne, Harshitha Samarawickrama, Imesha Dulani, Nilakshika Silva, Kaveesha Dilhari, Hansima Karunarathne, Kaushini Nuthyanga, Sugandika Dassanayaka, Nimasha Madushani, Kawya Kavindi, Malki Madara, Mithali Ayodhya, and Chethana Vimukthi.

Resurgent New Zealand face spunky Scotland in must-win clash



Defending champions New Zealand take on a resilient Scotland in a must-win Group B clash of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. Catch all the latest match updates, team news, and key player spotlights as both teams fight to stay in the semi-final race. A resurgent New Zealand will look to keep their semifinal hopes alive when they lock horns with a spunky Scotland in a crucial Group B clash of the 2026 ICC Women's T20 World Cup at the Bristol County Ground on Tuesday. Having revived their stuttering campaign with a nerve-wracking four-run victory over Ireland, New Zealand, the defending champions find themselves in a must-win situation. Currently third in the standings, New Zealand cannot afford any more slip-ups in their remaining fixtures. While the Kiwis will rely heavily on the tactical acumen of skipper Melie Kerr and her all-round prowess, their batting unit still needs a cohesive effort. Contributions from Brooke Halliday and young Izzy Sharp will be vital on a Bristol surface that tends to slow down as the game progresses.

On the other hand, fourth-placed Scotland will be no pushovers. Despite a 38-run loss to heavyweights England and going agonisingly down to the West Indies, Scotland will count on the batting contributions from Darcey Carter and the dependable Bryce sisters, Sarah and Kathryn, to exploit New Zealand's lack of a genuine wicket-taking threat. Furthermore, Scotland's spin twins, Kirstie Gordon and Katherine Fraser, who shared six wickets against Ireland, could pose a serious challenge to a top-heavy New Zealand batting lineup that has lacked consistency. With both teams tied on two points from three games, this encounter promises a fascinating encounter between an experienced outfit and a fearless one. Squads: New Zealand: Melie Kerr (c), Suzie Bates, Sophie Devine, Flora Devonshire, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Bree Illing, Polly Inglis, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Nensi Patel, Georgia Plimmer, Izzy Sharp, and Lea Tahuu Scotland: Kathryn Bryce (c), Chloe Abel, Olivia Bell, Sarah Bryce, Darcey Carter, Priyanaz Chatterji, Gabriella Fontenla, Katherine Fraser, Kirstie Gordon, Ailsa Lister, Maisie Maceira, Hannah Rainey, Megan McColl, Rachel Slater, and Pippa Sproul

When and where to watch New Zealand vs Scotland clash, know all details

Defending champions New Zealand will look to build on their dramatic revival and keep their semifinal hopes alive when they take on Scotland in a crucial Group B encounter of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 at the Bristol County Ground on Tuesday. The White Ferns registered a vital four-run win against Ireland to open their account after two early losses. It opened a path to the knockout stages but New Zealand still has no room for error and need a win here to keep the hopes of reaching the semis alive. Captain Melie Kerr is the key for the White Ferns. The all-rounder has performed well with both bat and bowl and would be the main hope of New Zealand once again. Her late bowling spell which ripped Ireland's innings was instrumental in the team's



victory over Ireland after a 110 run stand had threatened to steal the game. There is still doubt over New Zealand's batting. Brooke Halliday and Izzy Sharp made a partnership that

guided New Zealand from the brink of collapse but it will again depend on them for another similar rescue mission on a turning Bristol surface. Scotland showed they are the kind of side that

could spring an upset through out the course of the tournament. They haven't won a lot of games but they have been close enough against the top sides such as England and West Indies, having same point of New Zealand in the standings.

Darcey Carter and two of the Bryce sisters Sarah and Kathryn carry the Scottish batting, and if they get set can score plenty. New Zealand's bowlers have struggled to break partnerships and it could be an opportunity for Scotland to play on that and try and built partnerships with the bat. The duo of Kirstie Gordon and Katherine Fraser will turn their arms over for Scotland and if they find the going tough then this could be easy sailing for New Zealand but they did pick six wickets against Ireland in

there last match. When: Tuesday, June 23 at 3:00 PM IST Where: Bristol County Ground, Bristol Where to watch: The New Zealand vs Scotland clash will be broadcast on Star Sports Network and live streaming on JioStar. Squads: New Zealand: Melie Kerr (c), Suzie Bates, Sophie Devine, Flora Devonshire, Izzy Gaze, Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Bree Illing, Polly Inglis, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Nensi Patel, Georgia Plimmer, Izzy Sharp, and Lea Tahuu Scotland: Kathryn Bryce (c), Chloe Abel, Olivia Bell, Sarah Bryce, Darcey Carter, Priyanaz Chatterji, Gabriella Fontenla, Katherine Fraser, Kirstie Gordon, Ailsa Lister, Maisie Maceira, Hannah Rainey, Megan McColl, Rachel Slater, and Pippa Sproul