



'Never forgive, never forget': PM Modi on 51st anniversary of Emergency

On the 51st Anniversary of the Emergency, imposed by Indira Gandhi's government in 1975, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called its imposition a "grave sin" and "darkest chapter in the history of Indian democracy". Targeting Congress, he asked citizens to "never forgive nor forget" those who imposed it. In a post on Instagram titled '51st Anniversary of the Emergency - know why it remains the darkest chapter in the history of Indian democracy', PM Modi highlighted how the period "oppressed" the rights of citizens and the media. He said: "All opposition leaders were arrested. Any form of political dissent was severely crushed. Thinkers, writers, journalists, social workers, students and ordinary citizens were jailed and tortured. The Constitution was trampled upon; nefarious attempts to bring the judiciary under political control were made."

"Media was curtailed. Those who refused to follow the diktat were shut down or intimidated into silence. Fundamental rights were suspended," he added. The Prime Minister remarked that during the Emergency period, Parliament was reduced to a "rubber stamp". "Every institution that was meant to protect the citizens was turned against them," he firmly stated. PM Modi also drew attention to those who fought against the draconian laws of the Emergency by keeping the "flame of



resistance alive at great personal cost". He said: "People from every background and across every ideology came together to protect democracy and the constitutional values." "I too had the honour of being a part of the anti-Emergency movement," the Prime Minister mentioned. Further, he underlined that the mass movement to resist the Emergency forced the then Congress government to "bow before the spirit of Jan Shakti". "The Emergency was lifted. Elections were called. Those who had imposed it lost badly," he added. Criticising the Congress, PM Modi said: "The grave sin of the Emergency sits permanently on the forehead of those who imposed it." "Today, we salute every person who stood firm, the democracy survived because of them," he added. Addressing the citizens, he said, "Never Forgive. Never Forget."

Karnataka, AP, Telangana CMs inaugurates four gates id Tungabhadra project

The Chief Ministers of Karnataka, Telangana, and Andhra Pradesh inaugurated four gates of the Tungabhadra Project in Hospet, Karnataka. Union Minister C.R. Patil also participated in the event. Telangana news Following the washing away of the 19th gate during the floods in August 2024, 33 new gates were installed at a cost of ₹51 crore, based on the recommendations of an expert committee that inspected the project. Water Resources Ministers from the three states also took part in the proceedings.



IMD predicts rains in AP and Telangana for two days

The Meteorological Department has issued a major rainfall alert for the people of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, warning of heavy rains over the next three days. Telangana news The Meteorological Department has issued a major rainfall alert for the people of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, warning of heavy rains over the next three days. Regarding Andhra Pradesh, the department stated that rains are expected in the North Coastal, South Coastal, and Rayalaseema regions. It specified that rainfall is likely on June 25 in the districts of Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Polavaram, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Eluru, Krishna, and NTR. Furthermore, scattered rains are forecast for various districts across the Coastal and Rayalaseema regions on the 26th and 27th of this month. The department warned of rains accompanied by thunder, lightning, and lightning strikes, urging the public to remain vigilant. It also cautioned that gusty winds blowing at speeds of 40 to 50 kmph are likely during the rainfall.



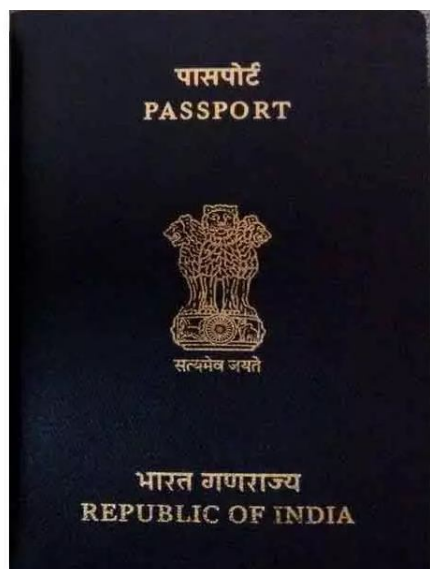
A cyclonic circulation persists over the North Bay of Bengal, and officials from the Meteorological Department stated that this is causing rainfall across the state. On Wednesday, rains occurred in several districts across North Andhra, Coastal Andhra, and Rayalaseema. The Southwest Monsoon is also advancing rapidly. Consequently, officials indicated a likelihood of heavy rains and advised the public to exercise caution during the downpours. They warned against taking

shelter under trees or standing near electric poles due to the risk of lightning strikes and advised people to avoid going outdoors during the rain unless absolutely necessary. Agricultural laborers and herders have been advised to exercise caution. Meanwhile, the AP State Disaster Management Authority has stated that hot weather conditions will persist across several districts. Heavy rains are expected in Telangana. The Hyderabad Meteorological Centre has warned of rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms, lightning, and gusty winds over the next three days. It stated that gusty winds blowing at speeds of 30 to 40 kmph are likely. Heavy rains are forecast for the districts of Mulugu, Bhadrachalam, Kothagudem, Khammam, Adilabad, Komaram Bheem Asifabad, Mancherla, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Jagtial, Rajanna Sircilla, Karimnagar, Peddapalli, Jayashankar Bhupalpally, Nalgonda, Suryapet, Mahabubabad, Warangal, Hanamkonda, Jangaon, Siddipet, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Ranga Reddy, Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, Medak, and Kamareddy. Light rain is also expected in Hyderabad today.

Row after MEA says passport is not proof of citizenship; cites Passport Act, HC ruling

The Ministry of External Affairs on Thursday clarified that the passport has never been proof of citizenship, after a controversy erupted on the issue a day before. It said this position has been there since the Passport Act came into force. It is not that it was decided in the last 12 years. The ministry said a passport is mainly a travel document, and its legal status has remained unchanged for many years. The issue gained attention after an MEA official said at a Passport Seva Divas event on Wednesday that a passport should primarily be understood as a document for travel. That comment drew criticism from opposition leaders, lawyers, and commentators, who questioned how a document issued by the government after checks and verification could fail to establish citizenship on its own.

In response to the backlash, the MEA issued a clarification saying the position was not new and had nothing to do with the present government. It said Indian



law has never treated a passport as final proof of citizenship. "It was not decided yesterday that a passport is not proof of citizenship. It was not even decided in the last 12 years. The Passport has never been a proof of citizenship. The Passport Act, 1967 says that passports can be given to non-citizens," the ministry said. The ministry also pointed to judicial precedents, particularly a Bombay High Court judgment

delivered in 2013, which held that possession of a passport alone does not automatically establish Indian citizenship. "Judgments of the Bombay HC from 2013 have made it clear that a passport is not proof of citizenship. Please inform and educate your audience rather than amplify uninformed quips and commentary," the MEA statement said.

The legal issue arises from the relationship between the Passports Act, 1967, and the Citizenship Act, 1955. Although a passport is issued by the government and generally reflects the holder's nationality, citizenship is ultimately determined under the Citizenship Act. In some cases, a person may still face scrutiny over citizenship even if they possess a passport. Section 20 of the Passports Act allows the Central Government to issue a passport or travel document to a non-citizen if it considers the action necessary in the public interest. This is an exception to the general rule that

passports are issued to Indian citizens. Again, Section 21 permits the government to delegate certain powers under the Act to officers, authorities, state governments, or Indian diplomatic and consular officials, subject to prescribed conditions.

The Bombay High Court's 2013 ruling is often cited in this context. The court said that documents like passports, Aadhaar cards, and birth certificates can be important evidence, but they do not amount to unquestionable proof of citizenship. It stressed that citizenship must be examined according to the law made by Parliament. The Supreme Court has also distinguished between identity documents and proof of citizenship in different cases. While it has recognised the value of documents such as Aadhaar for identification, it has made clear that such documents do not by themselves determine citizenship. Courts have similarly held in several cases that when citizenship is disputed, the burden is on the individual to estab-

lish their status through documents such as birth records, family lineage papers, or naturalisation certificates, rather than relying only on a passport.

The MEA's clarification has also triggered political reactions. Politics Rajya Sabha MP Kapil Sibal asked what document ordinary citizens should rely on if a passport is not accepted as proof of citizenship. Public commentary also added to the debate. Lyricist and commentator Javed Akhtar questioned the logic of the government's position, saying authorities would normally verify nationality before issuing a passport. The government's position is that if citizenship is disputed, the matter must be decided under the Citizenship Act, not simply on the basis of possessing a passport. Although the MEA says it is only restating an established legal principle, the episode has renewed public discussion about the difference between identity documents, travel documents, and legal proof of nationality in India.

Bhuvanagiri Samarbheri Mahasabha invitation

Campaign held in Jangaon successful Katla Sadanandam Trp District president

Jangaon, June 25, Metro Udayam: Invitation letters were given to former ZP vice chairman Giroboina Anjaiah Bhagyalakshmi as per the order of MLC Teenmar Mallanna Telangana Rajyadhikara Party Chief. It was followed and participated in the event, District Vice President Renukuntla Murali Bindla and Janagama District SC Cell President Panuganti Narsinga Rao, the invitation cards are given to Kalyani Parashuramulu mudiraj the sarpanch of Bachannapet and District Director of fisheries society Vaddi Venkataiah Mudiraj, Giroboina Balasuddulu,

Vaddi Kranthikumar in bachannapet mandal. The Samarabheri invitation cards were also given and handovered to Puli madhusudhan mudiraj, Pragnapur Ramanja neyulu rajaka, Venkataiah yadav, Kukatla Krishna yadav of Narmeta mandal and chiluveru Uppalaiah of Tharigoppula mandal. On this occasion TRP district vice president Renukuntla Murali and District SC cell president Panuganti Narsinga Rao said that there is a great support from the of sc, st, bc, minority people to make this Samara Bheri Mahasabha with their own gathering people community wise of their own expenses and participate responding for Teenmallanna call for doing success the Bhuvanagiri Samarabheri Mahasabha.



Don't ruin your life with addictions...

Government teacher Rachakonda Prabhakar....

Kodad June 25 Metro morning.....

The state-wide Jana Chaitanya Bike Yatra, which was undertaken to commemorate the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking on June 26, has reached Kodad. On this occasion, Government teacher Rachakonda Prabhakar from Suryapet district headquarters organized a special awareness seminar for the youth on the harms caused by using drugs and ganja. Speaking, he expressed



his concern that drug addiction not only damages physical and mental health but also causes serious social and economic losses. He called on the youth not to ruin their lives by falling

prey to addictions at a young age, and everyone should set a lofty goal and work towards achieving it. He said that the youth have the responsibility to bring a good name to their parents, teachers and this

society. Teachers Ramanjaneyalu, Ramulu, Police Constable Baba and a large number of local youth participated in this program.

FOOD PLAZA OPENED FOR PUBLIC USAGE VISAKHAPATNAM RAILWAY STATION



A modern Food Plaza opened for public usage today on Platform No. 1 of Visakhapatnam Railway Station. The unit, awarded by IRCTC to Sri Sai Enterprises, has been developed into a state-of-the-art dining facility with a seating capacity of over 100 patrons, featuring both air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned dining sections. The Food Plaza will provide hygienic, good quality, and delicious food to the rail users. Equipped with modern amenities and a comfortable ambience, the facility offers a wide range of food options to cater to diverse customer preferences. The opening of the Food Plaza marks another step towards enhancing passenger amenities at Visakhapatnam Railway Station. The facility is expected to provide a convenient and pleasant dining experience and better customer service at the Visakhapatnam station.

Stray dogs killed a dog raised for ten years



Kodad June 25 Metro Morning.....

A pet dog lost its life in a street dog attack in Kothagudem under Kodad mandal. A group of stray dogs attacked a dog that an animal lover from the village had been raising for ten years. The seriously injured dog was taken to Kodad Veterinary Hospital, where Assistant Director Pentayya, who examined it, said that the severity of the injuries was severe and that surgery would be difficult. The dog died before the operation could begin as per the owner's request...

Teenmar Mallanna MLC appreciates Murali bindla for his best singing



Jangaon, June 25, Metro Udayam :

This is not a song, this is a wound in the hearts of many people said by Teenmar Mallanna while he listened the song "Bahujanlara lendira" sung by Renukuntla Murali Bindla, TRP district vice president of jangaon district.

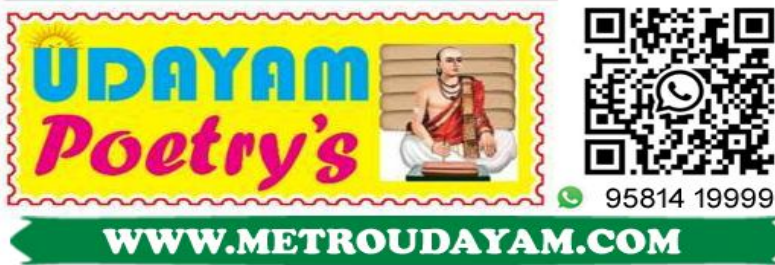
Bahujana society is going to change with the song "Bahujanlara lendira..ee baanisa bathukulu vaddura" TRP Janagama district vice-president Murali Bindla raised dust in the party central office with a song. Telangana Rajyadhikara Party chief MLC Teenmar Mallanna was very happy to see this powerful revolutionary song from Murali Bindla's voice and the way he sang it. He appreciated and gave the word nickname as "Jangaon Gaddar" that this song clearly shows the self-esteem and aspiration of the Bahujanas. It was followed by Katla Sadanandam Trp district president, Town president Gujjuka Raju, Trp youth district president Pittala Suresh, Rani women cell district president, Seesha Sridher Trp state leader and others participated in this programme of joining the cadre in the Trp party from jangaon district.

Abdul Kalam Foundation supports studying girls"



Hyderabad, June:25, Metro Udayam

On the occasion of the 2026-27 academic year, Abdul Kalam Foundation Founder & Chairman and Adab Hyderabad Sub Editor (Input) M. Sivashankar (Apuroop), Vice Chairman Prabhakar, Foundation Heads Mirza Mujeeb Baig, Treasurer Sampath, Telangana In-charge Chavalla Uday, Munir. Directors Dinesh, Rakesh, Vijay, Ramanaidu, Vinod, Mahesh, Madhav, Chandrasekhar, Sama Narender, Sakshi, along with students of Rainbow Homes Orphanage, distributed textbooks, pens, fruits, and fruit juices under the auspices of In-charge Lakshmi. Chairman Shivshankar (Apuroop) said that the Abdul Kalam Foundation will always provide support and assistance to the aspiring children, urging them to take Abdul Kalam as a role model and study well.



पाखंडियों की शब्दावली और व्यवहार में एक बड़ी समस्या हैकूवो अपनी निजी महत्वाकांक्षा और सत्ता की भूख को छुपाने के लिए धर्म के शब्दों को मोड़ देते हैं।... (शकील उवाच -७३८)

मुनाफिकत (पाखंडवाद)
इस्लाम का नकाब पहनकर इस्लाम को बहुत नुकसान पहुंचाया। इस्लाम का मूल उद्देश्य ईसाफ, रहम और समानता रहा है। पैगंबरों का आवागमन इसी मकसद याने जुलूम को मिटाना और इंसानों को परस्पर भलाई की राह दिखाना था। मगर समय के साथ कुछ लोगों ने धर्म को सत्ता और स्वार्थ के साधन में बदल दिया। जब धर्म का चोला ताकट और लाभ के लिए पहन लिया जाता है तो उसकी असल शिक्षाएँ दब जाती हैं और लोगों की धारणा बदलनी शुरू हो जाती है।



ऐतिहासिक तौर पर कई बार शासक और प्रभावशाली व्यक्तियों ने धार्मिक शब्दावली और प्रतीकों का उपयोग अपनी वैधानिकता और स्वायत्तता कायम रखने के लिए किया। ऐसे में धर्म के पैगाम को राजनीतिक व उपकरणात्मक रंग दे दिया गया, और जो कृत्य धर्म के नाम पर हुए वे उसकी वास्तविक भावनाकुरहमत और ईसाफकुरसे टकराने लगे। बाहर से देखने पर तय होता है कि जो व्यवहार हो रहा है वह उस धर्म के सिद्धांतों से मेल नहीं खाता।

मुनाफिकों (पाखंडियों) की शब्दावली और व्यवहार में एक बड़ी समस्या हैकूवो अपनी निजी महत्वाकांक्षा और सत्ता की भूख को छुपाने के लिए धर्म के शब्दों को मोड़ देते हैं। इमामात, उलील अम्र या अन्य धार्मिक पदों की मान्यता को वे अपने फायदे के अनुसार परिभाषित करते हैं, जिससे धार्मिक मार्गदर्शकता और नैतिक जवाबदेही कमजोर होती है। नतीजा यह होता है कि समाज में धार्मिक आस्थाओं और संस्थाओं पर से भरोसा पूरी तरह से उठने लगता है।

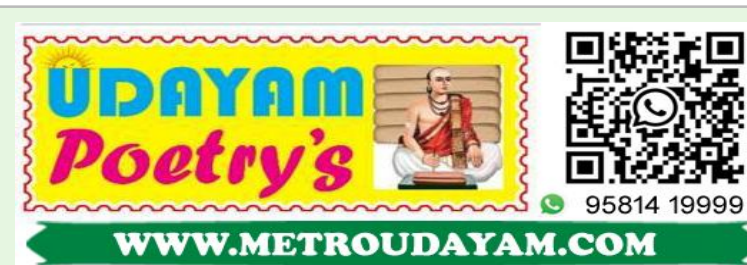
मीडिया और विपरीत प्रचार द्वारा इन ढोंगियों के कर्म बहुत तेजी से फैलते हैं। किसी एक खराब घटना या अत्याचार का चित्रण दुनिया भर में तुरंत पहुंच जाता है और लोग उसे पूरे समुदाय का प्रतिनिधि समझने लगते हैं। इस तरह की घटनाओं पर मुस्लिम समुदाय का मौन या कमजोर प्रतिक्रिया भी लोगों में गलत धारणाएँ मजबूत कर देती है। दूषित सिद्धांत लोगों की नजर में धार्मिक सिद्धांत बनकर सामने आते हैं। और पाखंडता के पार जाकर लोग सच्चे धर्म तक पहुंच नहीं पाते।

धर्म के बदनामी में पवित्र कुरान और पैगंबरी सन्देश के मूल तत्वों से विचलन भी अहम कारण है। पाखंडियों द्वारा जब धार्मिक शिक्षाओं की गहराई और संदर्भ को उपेक्षित कर दिया जाता है और सिर्फ बाहरी रस्मों या शक्ति के प्रदर्शन पर जोर दिया जाता है, तो असल मार्ग और उसकी नैतिकता गायब हो जाती है। ऐसे में पकड़ता के प्रभाव में आकर कुछ लोग हिंसा या अन्याय को धार्मिक वैधता देने की कोशिश करते हैं, जो धर्म की सच्ची पहचान को धुंधला कर देता है।

ऐसे में जागरूक होकर देखे तो सुधार के रास्ते भी स्पष्ट हैं। धार्मिक शिक्षाओं की सही समझ और उन्हें रोजमर्रा की जिन्दगी में लागू कराना धार्मिक नेताओं की जवाबदेही और नैतिक मानकों का पालनय शिक्षा और संवाद को बढ़ावा देना ताकि लोग बुनियादी सिद्धांतोंकृ न्याय, करुणा, ईसानियतकुरको पहचानें और मुस्लिम समुदाय के भीतर सशक्त आलोचनात्मक विमर्श जिससे भ्रातियों और दुरुपयोगों का सामना किया जा सके।

अंततः इस्लाम की बदनामी किसी किताब, किसी धर्म या किसी पैगंबर की वजह से नहीं हुईकुरह उन इंसानी हठों और स्वार्थों का परिणाम है जिन्होंने धर्म के नाम पर अन्याय किया। अगर मुसलमान अपने धर्म के असली संदेशकुरन्याय, दया और ईसाफकुरको फिर से जगाएँ और गलत उपयोग के खिलाफ सक्रिय हों, और पाखंडी सत्ताधीशों के चुंगल से आजाद होकर पैगंबर साहब (स्व.) के सच्चे उत्तराधिकारी लोगों का मार्गदर्शन स्वीकार करें तो इस्लाम की सच्ची छवि बरकदर की जा सकती है और दुनिया में फिर उसका असली चेहरा लौट आएगा। (क्रमशः)

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The Gift and Burden of Feeling Deeply

Have you ever wondered why some words stay with you long after they are spoken?

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There are days when sensitivity feels more like a burden than a gift.

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Revanth Warns Against Ignoring the Impact of SIR

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy warns against overlooking SIR's impact, stressing its significance for governance and future supporting developments. On Wednesday, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy warned Congress leaders against treating the special intensive revision of the electoral roll casually. Revanth Reddy warned that the party would not bear neglect in a crucial exercise, such as SIR controversy, to defend the voting rights of real electors. He directed ministers, MLAs, MPs and constituency in-charges to be additional vigilant during the SIR process, which begins on Thursday, across Telangana. Addressing a Zoom conference taken part by TPCC president Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC Telangana in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy shown up a serious concern over reports that some party leaders were not treating the SIR exercise with due significance in their constituencies. He said he



had previously received district-wise reports on SIR's impact on Telangana and warned that the Congress would not stay a silent viewer if such negligence caused damage to the party.

As per Revanth Reddy latest news, he is also known to the Congress sarpanches to conduct wide awareness campaigns in villages and teach people about the significance of the voter

verification process. He said the party had complete information about contribution levels in district-wise awareness meetings. It is cautious leaders against creating a state where penal action would become required. Revanth Reddy SIR impact cautioned that any slip in the voter list revision process could result in poor people and weaker sections losing the right to vote. The Chief Minister said safeguarding every

entitled vote must be the party's prime objective and stressed that negligence in the exercise would amount to unfairness to weak sections of society. The Chief Minister warned leaders to improve their performance within the next 10 days or face action. He said the party was intimately monitoring the act of MLAs. It would appoint a new in-charge in constituencies where MLAs failed to work efficiently.

To shore up finances, TGSRTC to lease out 694 commercial spaces at bus stops in state

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has announced that it will lease out 694 vacant commercial spaces and shops located in RTC bus stations and commercial complexes across the state. Telangana news Known primarily for providing public transport services, TGSRTC is now taking a fresh step toward strengthening its financial resources. As part of this initiative, the corporation is offering its vacant commercial complexes on a rental basis, opening up a significant opportunity for entrepreneurs looking to start new businesses as well as established firms planning to expand. TGSRTC Managing Director Y Nagi Reddy said that the commercial spaces are strategically located in busy public areas such as bus stations and transport hubs that witness heavy footfall every day. With lakhs of commuters passing through these



premises regularly, businesses operating in RTC complexes are likely to gain easy visibility and customer access. "From hotels, food courts, supermarkets and branded showrooms to small retail outlets, the RTC commercial spaces are being positioned as ideal business destinations," said Nagi Reddy.

The corporation said the decision has been taken not only to improve its revenue but also to create employment and business opportunities for local entrepreneurs and unemployed youth. The commercial spaces will be allotted through transparent rules and lease procedures,

it said. Details of all available commercial spaces, covering major cities, towns and depot premises across Telangana, have been uploaded on the corporation's official website tgsrtc.telangana.gov.in. According to TGSRTC, details of vacant commercial properties located in major cities, towns and depot areas across Telangana have been uploaded on its official website. "Tenders will soon be invited for 694 shops that are currently vacant across the state," said the managing director. Nagi Reddy said the process for leasing and operating shops in RTC premises has been simplified to make it easier for businesspersons to utilise the opportunity without hassle. He appealed to traders and entrepreneurs to take advantage of the initiative to grow their businesses and become partners in the corporation's progress.

Global SREDay Conference to Be Held in Hyderabad for the First Time on June 27

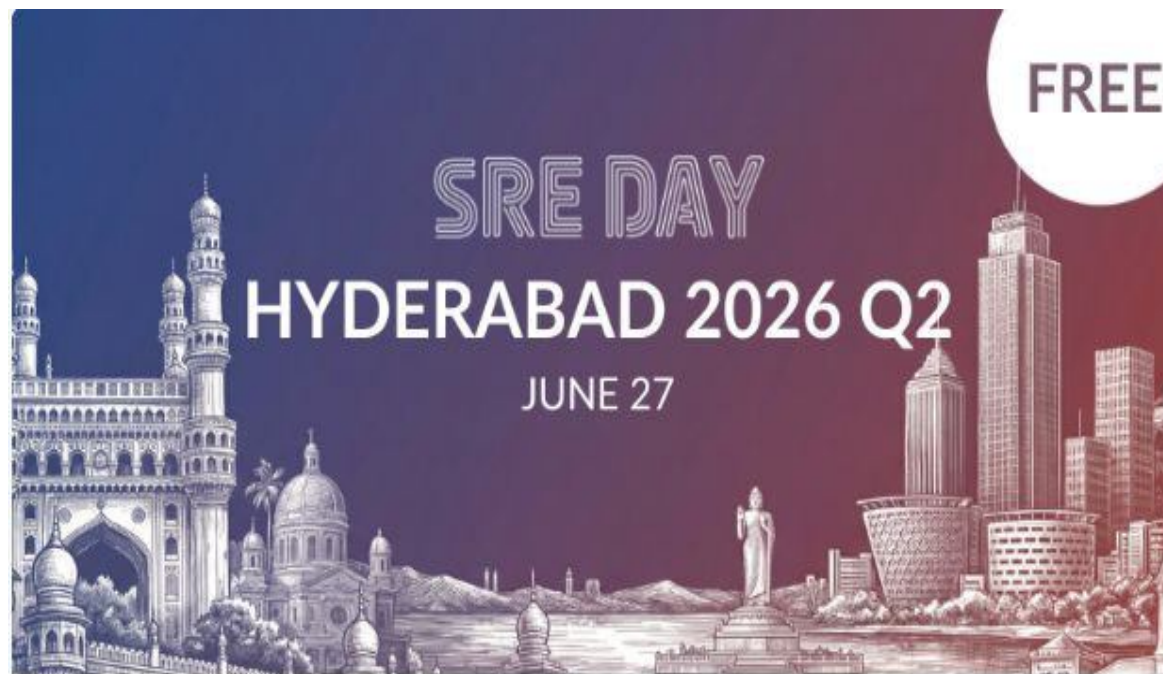
Technology Experts, Engineers, Researchers, Students, and Industry Leaders from Across the Globe to Participate

Hyderabad, June 24:

The globally recognized Global SREDay Conference, one of the premier events in the field of Site Reliability Engineering (SRE), will be held in Hyderabad for the first time on June 27, 2026. Organized by the local SREHyderabad LinkedIn Community, the conference is expected to attract technology experts, engineers, researchers, students, startup founders, and industry leaders from India and abroad.

The event has already received more than 1,200 registrations, highlighting the growing interest among technology professionals and students in emerging domains such as Site Reliability Engineering, Cloud Engineering, Observability, and Artificial Intelligence. Organizers expect around 500 delegates to attend the conference in person.

Experts from major technology hubs including Pune, Chennai, Delhi and Bengaluru will participate in the event. One of the co-founders of SREDay is also scheduled to travel from London to attend



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the conference. More than 20 distinguished speakers and technology leaders will share their insights on industry trends, innovations, and best practices.

The conference will feature two dedicated technical tracks covering topics such as Site Reliability Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Engineering, Platform Engineering, Observability and

Monitoring, DevOps, and Automation. Participants will gain valuable knowledge about industry challenges, modern solutions, and emerging technologies from experienced professionals.

A special attraction of the event will be a Leadership Panel Discussion featuring senior technology leaders. The discussion will focus on future technology skills, the impact of Artificial Intelligence, digital

infrastructure resilience, the growing importance of platform engineering, and the role of technology in driving organizational growth and transformation.

Organizers stated that Global SREDay is among the few large-scale technology conferences being offered completely free of cost, with the objective of making knowledge-sharing accessible to everyone in the technology community.

The conference venue is being hosted by a leading IT company, while Grafana Labs and NIIT StackRoute are supporting the event as principal sponsors. Several technology communities and startups, including CNCF Hyderabad, HydPy, Global AI Community, Grafana and Friends, Consistency AI, and RKIT Labs, are also extending their support.

Technology experts believe that international conferences such as Global SREDay will further strengthen Hyderabad's reputation as a global destination for technology innovation, investment, and talent development. Organizers expressed confidence that the event will encourage collaboration among students, professionals, startup founders, and industry leaders, paving the way for future innovation and knowledge exchange.

The Rajyadhikara Samarabheri should be successful on 5th July



Jangaon, June 25, Metrodayam:

Achievement of Kingdom power can be possible only with the unity of SC, ST, BC, Minorities people. On July 5th is not only a massive meeting, but a battle for the future of Bahujana youth and the people. Janagama District JAC (JAC) announced its full support to the "Hello BC.. Chalo Bhuvanagiri" public meeting organized by Rajyadhikara Samarabheri on July 5 at Bhuvanagiri on the call of Telangana Rajyadhikara Party chief MLC Theenmar Mallanna. A round table meeting was held under the auspices of Janagama District TRP Youth president Pittala Suresh on Thursday. On this occasion JAC leaders and representatives of various affiliated societies attended the meeting in large numbers. On this occasion, JAC convener Mangalampalli Raju said that SC, ST, BC, minority community people, youth and students should come to the public meeting on July 5 and make it a success. TRS state leaders Asarla Subhash said that the beginning of this movement with the goal of Bahujan's statehood is a good result. TGVP district general secretary Thunga Kaushik said that the samarabheri mahasabha should be successful only with the unity of the Bahujana communities. BC women's president Gangabhavani said that women should come in large numbers for this meeting. TRP district president Katla Sadanadam district youth president Pittala Suresh expressed special thanks to the JAC leaders who supported the program. They called the youth to take the lead in achieving the ambition of Teenmar Mallanna. In this program, TRP Youth District Secretary Chennuru Vamsi, Vice Presidents Yamanki Vijay, Ali Moddeen, Baba, Secretary Varikuppala Gangaraju, Student Section District President Vempati Ajay, Town President Panuganti Krishna, Town Secretary Satish, Manda Saikiran, Salman, Umesh, Elagandula Vijay, Ajay, Shankar and others participated.

Indian Curls Premium Hair & Beauty Salon Inaugurated in Visakhapatnam



Grand Launch Held in the Presence of Eminent Dignitaries and Film Celebrities

Visakhapatnam, June 25, 2026.....

Indian Curls, a trusted name in premium hair extensions, hair transformation solutions, and beauty services, has officially launched its new Premium Hair & Beauty Salon at A.S.N. City Centre Complex, 1st Lane, Dwaraka Nagar, Visakhapatnam. The grand inauguration ceremony was attended by several distinguished guests, including Mr. Palla Srinivasa Rao, President of the Andhra Pradesh Telugu Desam Party (TDP); Mr. M. Sribharat, Member of Parliament; Mr. Ganta Srinivasa Rao, Former Minister and MLA; Mr. Vamsi Krishna Srinivas, MLA, Visakhapatnam South Constituency; and renowned film actresses

Riddhi Kumar and Bindu Madhavi. The dignitaries formally inaugurated the salon and extended their best wishes to the Indian Curls team. Designed to offer a world-class beauty experience, the new salon combines modern infrastructure, advanced technology, premium products, and a team of highly skilled professionals. With a strong reputation in the hair extensions and hair transformation industry, Indian Curls now brings its expertise and commitment to excellence to the people of Visakhapatnam through a comprehensive range of premium hair and beauty services. Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Balakrishna, Founder of Indian Curls, said, "Our mission has always been to help individuals enhance their natural beauty and confidence. We are delighted to bring the Indian Curls experience to Visakhapatnam through



this premium salon. We remain committed to delivering exceptional quality, personalized care, and innovative beauty solutions that exceed customer expectations." The salon offers a wide range of services, including premium hair extensions, hair styling, hair coloring, hair transformation services, specialized hair treatments, bridal hair services, and other advanced beauty solutions tailored to meet the evolving needs of modern clients. With this launch, Indian Curls aims to redefine the premium salon experience in Visakhapatnam and invites customers to discover world-class hair and beauty services in a sophisticated and wel-

coming environment. About Indian Curls Indian Curls is a leading premium hair extensions and hair transformation brand known for its quality, innovation, and customer-centric approach. The brand has earned the trust of clients across India by delivering high-quality hair solutions and personalized beauty experiences.

Indian Curls – Premium Hair Extensions & Beauty Salon

Address:
A.S.N. City Centre Complex,
1st Lane, Dwaraka Nagar,
Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

NEET retest: Not just end of ordeal, NTA's student-centric focus presents model for future

The retest of National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET-UG) was conducted with all fairness and without any major hiccups on June 21 across the country by the National Testing Agency (NTA), the central agency under the Ministry of Education for conducting multiple national-level competitive exams for admission to higher institutions. This came as major relief for over 22 lakh medical aspirants as well as the NTA, particularly in light of intense criticism and backlash after the cancellation of the May 3 NEET exams due to paper leaks. The exams also marked an end to the ordeal for students and their parents. Newspaper subscription For conducting the NEET re-examinations, the NTA not only plugged all gaps but also created a robust framework to ensure smooth examinations and addressed the concerns of anxious and distressed students by adding a 'human touch' to its preparations.

The NTA made extensive arrangements, ranging from essentials like drinking water to a series of "thoughtful measures" to extract the best out of the competing students. Many education experts saw the exams, not just a "big success" but as something "designed entirely around students". A look at the humane steps undertaken



during the June 21 retest showed NTA's commitment to students: Clean drinking water to counselling. When students walked into examination centres for the NEET (UG) re-exams, they were greeted not just by invigilators but by a carefully designed environment built around their comfort, dignity, and peace of mind. The NTA undertook a series of thoughtful, student-first measures to ensure that every candidate could perform at their best -- free from stress, physical discomfort, or logistical anxiety.

Cool, Comfortable, and Well-Lit Every examination centre was equipped with adequate lighting,

fans and power backup systems to ensure uninterrupted comfort throughout the session. Hydration as a right, not a privilege. Students were permitted to carry their own clear, transparent water bottles into the examination hall -- a practical measure that respected candidates' individual needs and reduced unnecessary anxiety during a high-pressure session. Medical and diabetic accommodations. Basic first aid and medical support were stationed at centres. Diabetic candidates were permitted to carry permitted items such as fruits and sugar tablets. Ballpoint pen provided at exam centres To streamline entry and reduce the risk of malpractice,

NTA provided black ballpoint pens at the venue. Students were relieved of carrying stationery, and the examination hall was kept free of unnecessary items.

More time for exams The examination window was also extended by 15 minutes from 2:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., ensuring that invigilation formalities did not eat into the students' actual test-taking time. Every minute of the exam belonged to the student. The question booklet itself was redesigned with four pages of rough workspace, double that of earlier. Tele-MANAS: A helpline for the heart Perhaps the most quietly significant initiative was the integration of Tele-MANAS (Helpline: 14416) -- the government's mental health support service -- as part of the examination ecosystem. Those students experiencing exam-related stress or anxiety were made to interact with the trained counselors, who not only comforted them with valuable guidance but also helped lift their spirits. The string of measures undertaken by the NTA shows that there was a 'fundamental shift' in the way competitive examinations are conducted. The exam's focus was not just on conducting smooth exams but also on handling students the moment they walked into the examination

centres.

More than 20 lakh candidates appeared for the NEET-UG re-examinations on June 21 at more than 5,000 centres across the country, and also 14 centres abroad. The re-examinations also saw the NTA mobilising Central machinery and engaging various government departments to conduct the exams. Around seven lakh officials, including police teams, observers and examination staff, were mobilised across the country, and this was done in just one month. The scale of extensive preparations by the NTA also earned it praise from various quarters, including a plethora of students who appeared relieved and relaxed over the successful execution of the re-examinations. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also applauded the successful conduct of the NEET-UG re-examination on Wednesday. He said that the exercise demonstrated a "whole-of-government" approach and was organised "smoothly and with integrity". PM Modi, speaking at the cabinet meet on Wednesday, commended all the ministers involved in the exercise for fool-proof planning and execution and urged that the same coordinated model be adopted for similar occasions in the future.

Govt tourism schemes transform infrastructure across India

The government's flagship schemes have transformed tourism infrastructure across India, with 76 Swadesh Darshan projects and 54 projects worth more than Rs 1,700 crore under PRASHAD scheme, an official statement said on Thursday. Under the first phase of the Swadesh Darshan scheme to develop tourism infrastructure in the country, an investment of over Rs 5,000 crore has been made across 15 tourist circuits nationwide. Of these, 75 projects have been physically completed, resulting in improved visitor amenities, enhanced connectivity, and strengthened tourist facilitation infrastructure. The PRASHAD pilgrimage scheme has sanctioned 54 projects worth over Rs 1,700 crore. It has significantly improved convenience and safety at high-footfall spiritual destinations such as Somnath, Srisailem, and the holy Govardhan in Uttar Pradesh. In addition, Special Assistance to States for



Capital Investment (SASCI) has approved 40 projects across 23 states with an outlay of Rs 3,295.76 crore. The scheme aims to transform high-potential destinations into world-class tourism hubs. From 2014 to 2025, India recorded 181.25 million international arrivals and 93.35 million foreign tourist arrivals. International arrivals represent the total number of visitors entering India, including both foreign nationals and

non-resident Indians (NRIs). Over 100 destinations have been upgraded over the last decade and proposed development of 50 key destinations will further enhance destination quality, amenities, and tourism readiness. Travel facilitation is being strengthened through the significant expansion of the e-Visa system, making India more accessible to visitors from a large number of countries. The country is steadily posi-

tioning itself as one of the world's leading tourism destinations, the statement noted. India is currently ranked eighth among the world's top tourism economies, and the sector contributes \$231.6 billion to the national economy. The World Travel & Tourism Council (WTTC) projected India to rise to the fourth place globally over the next decade.

Container overturns on Vizag NAD flyover, no casualties

A major accident was averted on the Visakhapatnam NAD flyover. A massive container truck traveling from Gajuwaka towards the city suddenly overturned. The accident occurred late at night while the vehicle was taking a turn on the rotary section of the new NAD flyover. Fortunately, there were no casualties, as the usually busy flyover was devoid of traffic at the time. Kancharapalem traffic police arrived at the scene to regulate traffic and removed the overturned container with the help of cranes.



TG PGECET 2026 admissions counselling schedule announced

The Telangana PGECET-2026 Admission Committee, chaired by V Balakista Reddy, Chairman of the Telangana Council of Higher Education, has finalised the schedule for admissions into M.E., M.Tech., M.Arch., M.Pharm., and Pharm.D (P.B.)



programmes for the academic year 2026-2027. The official notification released on Wednesday said the TG PGEC / TG PGECET-2026 Admissions Counselling notification will be released on Thursday, June 25 with detailed updates available on the official portal. As per the schedule, online registration and certificate verification for M.E., M.Tech., and M.Arch. programmes will be held from July 2 to July 9, 2026. Special category certificate verification for NCC, CAP, PH, and Sports is scheduled for July 7 to July 9, 2026, at the Directorate of Admissions, Osmania University, Hyderabad. The verified list of eligible candidates will be displayed on July 12, 2026, followed by Phase I web options from July 13 to July 15, 2026. Editing of web options will be allowed on July 16, 2026, with the provisional list of selected candidates published on July 19, 2026. Students must report to their allotted colleges between July 20 and July 24, 2026, for physical certificate verification and tuition fee payment. For M.Pharm. and Pharm.D (P.B.) programmes, online registration will take place from July 26 to July 31, 2026, with special category verification scheduled from July 29 to July 31, 2026. The verified list will be displayed on August 3, 2026, and Phase I web options will be exercised from August 4 to August 6, 2026. Web option editing is permitted on August 7, 2026, while the provisional list of selected candidates will be published on August 10, 2026. Students must report to their respective colleges between August 11 and August 14, 2026, to secure admissions.

iOS 27 brings a new Siri mode that could change how you use your iPhone camera



Apple's second developer beta of iOS 27 adds a new Siri mode within the iPhone's Camera app. This change brings visual intelligence to a familiar interface and streamlines instant searches. Apple has released the second developer beta of iOS 27, and it brings much more than just bug fixes and performance improvements. One of the standout features of iOS 27 is the revamped Siri experience. While not all anticipated features made it into the first developer beta, the latest version introduces several new additions, including an entirely new Siri mode within the iPhone Camera app. This feature joins existing camera options—such as Photo, Video, and Portrait—offering users a completely new way to interact with the world around them. Your camera could become a smarter assistant Apple officially unveiled iOS 27 at WWDC 2026 earlier this month, introducing a much smarter version of Siri. The enhanced assistant is designed to enable more natural conversations, offer superior visual intelligence, and perform smarter actions across various apps. Now, some of those capabilities are coming directly to the Camera app.

Instead of simply taking photos or recording videos, the camera can now help users understand what they are looking at. The new mode integrates visual intelligence features directly into the camera interface. Previously, these functions were tied to the iPhone's Camera Control button and were part of a standalone experience separate from the Camera app itself. With iOS 27, that changes. Point, look, and get answers. When using the Siri mode, the iPhone camera can provide information and perform actions based on what is in front of you. For example, users can point the camera at a restaurant and instantly access its Maps listing. Siri can then display details such as reviews, opening hours, and other relevant information. The idea is simple: instead of performing manual searches, users can simply point their camera at something and let Siri do the work. A logical change. From an accessibility standpoint, this move also makes a lot of sense. Instead of hiding useful AI features elsewhere, Apple is integrating them into one of the iPhone's most frequently used apps.

Telangana CM Revanth Reddy to visit Nalgonda on 28 June to start development activities

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is scheduled to visit Nalgonda district on the 28th of this month. During this visit, he will lay the foundation stones for several development projects in the district, including the construction of R&B 'HAM' (Hybrid Annuity Model) roads at a cost of ₹13,000 crore. Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has already overseen the arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit. Revanth Reddy will travel by helicopter from Hyderabad to Kanagal



Mandal in Nalgonda district; his first engagement will be the unveiling of the 'HAM' roads pylon at the

AMC Market Yard in Kanagal Mandal around 3:30 PM. City & Local Guides The Chief Minister will also lay the foundation stone for the first phase of the drinking water supply project for the Nalgonda Municipal Corporation. He is set to attend a massive public meeting at the NG College grounds. Following his address, he will distribute cheques to Self-Help Group (SHG) women's associations. The district administration is making all necessary arrangements for the Chief Minister's visit.

BRS calls for national drive to weed out duplicate voters

Says Special Intensive Revision must be strengthened to ensure accuracy BRS leaders on Wednesday demanded that the Election Commission have a policy of one country one citizen and one vote by bringing up a system to weed out the fake voters. A delegation of BRS leaders led by MLC Dasoju Sravan met Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C Sudershan Reddy on Wednesday. Later, speaking to reporters Sravan said that the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls cannot achieve its true objective unless the electoral process, which forms the foundation of democracy, was completely freed from the menace of bogus and duplicate votes. Sravan stressed on the need to implement KCR's vision of 'One Nation – One Citizen – One Vote'. He warned that failure to comprehensively address the problem of bogus and duplicate votes would put the very democratic framework at risk. He noted that duplicate and bogus voters not only influence election outcomes but also distort the genuine

mandate of the people. Although the Election Commission has undertaken the Special Intensive Revision exercise to address this issue, he expressed concern that there was still no clear mechanism to identify and remove individuals, who remain registered as voters in more than one state. Sravan pointed out that Hyderabad has evolved into an international city where people from across the country now reside. Citizens from various states, stretching from Kashmir to Kanyakumari, have settled in Telangana, particularly in Hyderabad. Many of them may continue to retain their voting rights in their native states while also registering as voters in Telangana. City & Local Guides He asserted that allowing a single individual to possess voting rights in two states was contrary to the spirit of democracy and urged the ECI to take special measures to identify and remove such registrations.

He further stated that the ongoing SIR was particularly significant because it is the first comprehensive



electoral roll revision exercise being conducted after the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. There was a possibility that people from Andhra Pradesh, who had settled in Telangana, and Telangana residents living in Andhra Pradesh, may have retained their previous voter registrations while obtaining new registrations in their place of residence. Therefore, he suggested that the CEOs of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh should work in coordination and undertake a joint verification of electoral rolls in

both states. Sravan further urged that this exercise should not be limited to Telangana and Andhra Pradesh alone. Since residents from states such as Bihar, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and others also reside in Telangana, he called for the establishment of a national-level mechanism to identify and eliminate duplicate voter registrations across all states. He reiterated the principle advocated by BRS President K Chandrashekar Rao- 'One Nation – One Citizen – One Vote.'

Collector reviews Tangadan cheruvu development works

Stresses quality and timely completion Nandyal: District Collector G Raja Kumari has directed officials to ensure that the development works being undertaken at Tangadan Cheruvu under Jaladhara-Jalaharathi programme are completed with high quality standards within the stipulated timeframe and provide long-term benefits to public. On Wednesday, she chaired a review meeting at the Collectorate to assess the progress of feeder channel development, strengthening of tank bunds, improvement of water flow routes, and enhancement of tank's storage capacity. The Collector noted that feeder channel works would sig-



nificantly improve water inflow into the tank, resulting in higher storage capacity than in previous years. Officials were also instructed to prepare detailed reports on the expected increase in water storage and the impact on groundwater recharge once the works are completed. Raja Kumari directed Revenue, Irrigation, and Survey departments to jointly conduct field

inspections and submit a comprehensive report. She called for the preparation of detailed sketches covering tank area, feeder and supply channels, encroachments, present storage capacity, and the additional storage that can be created through the ongoing development works. The Collector said Tangadan Cheruvu should be developed as a model water resource that benefits both farmers and local residents. She stressed that funds allocated under District Mineral Foundation (DMF) should be utilised effectively to improve irrigation, groundwater levels, and rural livelihoods. She also ordered strict monitoring of encroachments, illegal excavations, and land-use changes around the tank.

High Court pulls up govt over pending fee reimbursement payments

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday once again questioned the state government over the continued non-payment of fee reimbursement dues to private educational institutions, asking how admitted dues running into crores of rupees could be kept pending indefinitely. Telangana news Hearing a batch of petitions filed by engineering colleges challenging certain provisions of G.O.Ms No 7 dated April 29, 2026, High Court Judge Justice J Sridevi orally observed, "You do not clear the dues and at the same time, how can the institutions be prevented from collecting fees from students? How can students be admitted without payment of fees?" The court was informed that despite earlier directions, the state had not furnished a clear explanation regarding the timeline for clearing admitted dues under Clause XIV of the Government Order, which provides for continuation of the existing mechanism for settlement of pending fee reimbursement amounts through institutions. Expressing concern over the uncertainty surrounding payment of the dues, Justice J Sridevi directed the state government to place on record a clear stand on the issue and furnish the necessary clarification by Thursday. The matter was adjourned for further hearing to Thursday, while the interim suspension of Clause XII of the Government Order was extended.

Panchayat fame Ashok Pathak recalls meeting with PM Narendra Modi

The actor said the interaction left a lasting impression on him, adding that he never imagined the Prime Minister would recognise him through his on-screen character. Mumbai: Ashok Pathak, widely recognised for his portrayal of Binod in the popular web series Panchayat, recently shared details about his memorable interaction with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, recalling the first words spoken by the Prime Minister when they met. Speaking in an interview with a leading entertainment portal, Pathak reflected on the special moment and described it as one of the most cherished experiences of his life. The actor revealed that he was pleasantly surprised by the warmth and familiarity displayed by the



Prime Minister during their meeting. According to Pathak, PM Modi greeted him with the words, "Sun raha hai na Binod,"

a phrase that instantly resonated with fans of Panchayat and left the actor delighted. The unexpected reference to his popular

character highlighted the Prime Minister's awareness of contemporary entertainment and the impact the series has had on audiences across the country.

The actor said the interaction left a lasting impression on him, adding that he never imagined the Prime Minister would recognise him through his on-screen character. Pathak noted that the moment reflected the widespread popularity of Panchayat and the affection viewers have shown towards the show's characters. Over the years, Panchayat has emerged as one of India's most loved streaming series, earning praise for its relatable storytelling, humour, and strong performances. Ashok Pathak's character Binod,

despite being a supporting role, has become a fan favourite and generated countless memes and social media discussions. Recalling the encounter, Pathak expressed gratitude for the recognition and said the experience motivated him to continue working hard as an actor. He also acknowledged the love and support he has received from audiences, which he believes played a major role in making Binod such a memorable character. The actor's revelation has since generated excitement among fans of Panchayat, many of whom praised the light-hearted exchange between the Prime Minister and the actor on social media.

Priyanka Chopra admits Hollywood success hasn't matched Bollywood stardom

Speaking about her journey from Indian cinema to the international entertainment industry, Priyanka reflected on the challenges of establishing herself in a completely new market. Mumbai: Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas has candidly admitted that despite building a successful career in Hollywood, she does not believe she has been able to replicate the level of success and influence she achieved in Bollywood. Speaking about her journey from Indian cinema to the international entertainment industry, Priyanka reflected on the challenges of establishing herself in a completely new market. The actress acknowledged that while she has secured significant projects and recognition overseas, her Hollywood career is still different from the dominance she once enjoyed in Bollywood. Priyanka explained that she spent more than two decades building her reputation and fan base in India before making the transition to Hollywood. As a result, recreating the same level of impact in a new industry was always going to be a difficult task.

The actress noted that success should not always be measured by comparisons, adding that she remains proud of the work she has accomplished internationally. Over the years, Priyanka has featured in several acclaimed projects, including television series and major



and later appeared in films including Baywatch, The Matrix Resurrections and Love Again. She has also become a prominent voice for diversity and representation in global entertainment. Despite her achievements abroad, Priyanka acknowledged that Bollywood remains a significant part of her identity and professional journey. She emphasised that every phase of her career has contributed to her growth as an artist and individual. The actress is currently balancing multiple international projects while continuing to maintain strong connections with her Indian roots and audience.

Priyanka Chopra Jonas lauds 'Obsession', says Hollywood's barriers are falling

Actor Priyanka Chopra Pays Tribute to Heroic Pony Guide in Pahalgam Los Angeles: Actress Priyanka Chopra Jonas, who was last seen in 'The Bluff', has shared her opinion on becoming a producer, and how she desires to expand her career in the U.S. The actress also cited the low-budget horror smash hit 'Obsession' as a marker of how barriers to entry for talent and filmmakers have fallen, reports 'Variety'. She attended the Cannes Lions conference on Wednesday, and said, "I feel like if you have an idea, shoot it, put it on YouTube, and it can become 'Obsession,' the movie that just came out". "What a wonderful time to be an entertainer, to be in the entertainment business, because ideas are your cur-

rency", she added. As per 'Variety', that wasn't always the case. Priyanka has been building a career in Hollywood for the last decade, said she faced some challenges when she got into film because she had no connections.

She said, "My parents were doctors, so none of us had any idea how to navigate film. It used to be such a niche industry when I first started. If you wanted to get into filmmaking, you had to figure out what department you wanted to be in". She also recalled being told early in her career that Indian cinema would "never be as global as Hollywood because we're not English-language, and not everybody understands whatever language our movies might be in, whether Hindi, Telugu, Marathi or anything else", she said. She said she started her production house to support "new filmmakers, or filmmakers who have great ideas but don't have the ability to open doors that I may be able to open". The actress, who is coming off a pair of streaming hits 'Citadel' and 'Heads of State', also spoke candidly about wanting to take her English-language career to the next level. "In my Hindi-language career, I've worked with all the best filmmakers and the best actors, I've told amazing stories and done a variety of genres. Whereas in America, in Hollywood, in my English-language work, I haven't really done that as much", she added. She credited streaming services, and the pandemic, for pushing audiences to explore content from around the world.

Main Vaapas Aaunga holds strong at box office, nears Rs 33 crore in 13 days



Set against the backdrop of Partition, the romantic drama has resonated with audiences across key markets, particularly in North India. Mumbai: Director Imtiaz Ali's period romantic drama Main Vaapas Aaunga continued its impressive run at the box office, maintaining a steady hold in its second week and emerging as one of the most talked-about films of the season. Starring Diljit Dosanjh, Sharvari, Vedang Raina and Naseeruddin Shah, the film collected approximately Rs 32.5 crore nett in India by the end of its 13-day theatrical run. The movie has benefited significantly from positive word-of-mouth and strong audience appreciation, helping it sustain momentum despite competition from newer releases. The film witnessed remarkable growth during its second week, with collections showing a steady upward trend. Trade analysts noted that discounted ticket offers and strong audience recommendations contributed to the film's consistent performance. On its second Tuesday alone, the film earned around Rs 3 crore nett, taking its 12-day total to nearly Rs 30 crore before crossing the Rs 32 crore mark on Day 13. Main Vaapas Aaunga opened to modest numbers but gradually gained traction due to its emotional storytelling, performances and Imtiaz Ali's direction. The film's strong hold during weekdays has surprised industry observers and positioned it as a potential box-office success. Set against the backdrop of Partition, the romantic drama has resonated with audiences across key markets, particularly in North India. The film's growing popularity has also helped it cross the Rs 50 crore mark worldwide, further strengthening its theatrical run. With another weekend approaching, industry experts believe the film still has room for growth and could continue its successful run in cinemas over the coming weeks.



Hollywood films, while also representing South Asian talent on a global stage. Priyanka's journey from winning the Miss World title in 2000 to becoming one of India's most recognised global celebrities has inspired many aspiring actors. Her Bollywood career includes blockbuster films such as Fashion, Barfi!, Don and Bajirao Mastani, which helped establish her as one of the industry's leading actresses. After moving to the United States, Priyanka gained international recognition through the television series Quantico

Never look at what your peers are doing': Bopanna recalls 'role model' Stefan Edberg's advice

Ahead of the 2026 Wimbledon Championships, Indian tennis veteran Rohan Bopanna reflected on the guidance that shaped his long career and the perseverance that eventually led to his maiden men's doubles Grand Slam title at the 2024 Australian Open. Speaking about his journey, Bopanna credited a piece of advice from his childhood idol, Stefan Edberg, and his ability to stay committed through more than a decade of waiting for a major breakthrough. Looking back further, Bopanna revealed that one of the most influential moments of his career came through a conversation with two-time Wimbledon champion Stefan Edberg, a player he admired while growing up. "We are fortunate enough to have this kind of community where we can reach out to athletes and legends of the sport. I remember once, back in the day, meeting my role model, Stefan Edberg,



who remains my role model even today," Bopanna told JioStar.

The Indian star explained that Edberg's words stayed with him throughout the highs and lows of professional tennis, offering a blueprint for longevity and self-belief. "I happened to be chatting with him and he said, 'When you're playing the sport, never look at what your peers are doing. Do what works best for you. Don't do something just

because someone else is doing it. Look at your strengths, work on them, and build on them.' Coming from someone I watched growing up, especially at Wimbledon, it was advice that I carried throughout my journey," he added. For a player whose career has spanned more than two decades, the road to Grand Slam glory was anything but straightforward. Bopanna admitted that after an early taste of success, he expected big-

ger achievements to arrive much sooner than they eventually did. "When it all came quickly, I thought, 'Oh, next year everything else will change.' Little did I know that it would take another 13 years for it to happen. But I'm glad I stuck around. I stayed with the grind and did all the right things. I think that's what you need to do to remain relevant in the sport. That's where I felt you and I are very similar, we've stayed relevant and competitive because there are always a lot of people trying to take your spot, chasing what you've achieved. I think that experience helped as well," Bopanna stated. The Australian Open triumph in 2024 made Bopanna the oldest first-time Grand Slam champion in men's doubles history and served as a reward for years of persistence in a sport where careers are often measured by immediate results.

FIFA WC: Bosnia beat Qatar for first World Cup win 12 years

Bosnia and Herzegovina keeps knockout hopes alive after a 3-1 victory over Qatar in the 2026 FIFA World Cup. See match highlights and tournament impact. Bosnia and Herzegovina bagged their first FIFA World Cup match win in 12 years after beating Qatar 3-1 here at Seattle Stadium. They will have to wait before finding out whether or not it is enough to make the knockout stages. Sergej Barbarez's team finished third in Group B behind section winners Switzerland and Canada, with confirmation of the next stage to come at the end of Matchday three. Qatar, meanwhile, are heading home after finishing bottom of Group B with one point, although they did improve upon their showing as hosts in

2022, when they lost all three games. Bosnia and Herzegovina's only previous World Cup victory came against Iran at Brazil 2014. That match also came on Matchday 3, and also finished 3-1. It was a dominant start from the Bosnians with Qatar goalkeeper Mahmud Abunada called into action on several occasions in the opening stages. The pressure paid off for the Dragons when 18-year-old Kerim Alajbegovic lit up Seattle with a solo goal fitting of a World Cup. The teenager, who is his nation's youngest-ever World Cup player, cut inside, beat two Qatar players and fired a right-footed shot into the top corner, reports FIFA.

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BWF US Open: Tanvi, Devika, Rounak, Srikanth register wins to advance

World Junior Championship silver medallist Tanvi Sharma and Thailand Masters champion Devika Sihag registered comfortable wins to kick off their US Open campaign in style here on Thursday (IST). Tanvi defeated Yvonne Li of Germany 23-21, 21-16, while Devika beat Ines Lucia Castillo of Peru 21-14, 21-14 in the women's singles first round. In the first of the two all-Indian clashes, up-and-coming Rounak Chouhan defeated former world junior silver medallist S Sankar Muthusamy 23-21, 21-16. Fifth seed Kidambi Srikanth then dominated the match against compatriot D. Saneeth to win 21-14, 21-12 in just 30 minutes. Also advancing to the next

round were Rakshitha Sree in women's singles and the mixed doubles combination of Dhruv Rawat and K Maneesha. Rakshitha defeated Tereza Svabikova of the Czech Republic 21-15, 21-8 while the seventh-seeded mixed doubles pairing of Rawat and Maneesha needed just 26 minutes to pack off Indonesia's Wirawan Ihsan Adam and Serena Kani 21-15, 21-16.

On Day 1, women's doubles pair of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand made a winning start to their campaign after battling past Spain's Paula Lopez and Lucia Rodriguez to reach the second round. Treasa and Gayatri are the only Indian representatives in

the women's doubles draw. The duo had returned to action at the Indonesia Open earlier this month after Treasa's three-month-long rehabilitation from an injury. There will be no Indian entries in the men's doubles draw, as Asian Games champions Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty are out of action with Satwik continuing to recover from an injury he sustained during the Indonesia Open earlier this month. Meanwhile, defending men's singles champion Ayush Shetty will not return to defend the title he won at last year's US Open. Another former Indian champion at the US Open, HS Prannoy, also skipped the meet.

Women's T20 WC: Matthews backs WI to make up for England loss



London: West Indies captain Hayley Matthews has urged her side to remain positive and focus on their must-win clash against Ireland after England handed them their first defeat of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 at Lord's in the recently concluded encounter. The loss left the Caribbean side needing a victory in their final Group B fixture to keep their semi-final hopes firmly in their own hands, with Matthews insisting that the team still controls its destiny despite the setback. Reflecting on the result, Matthews admitted that West Indies may have got their tactics wrong at the toss after opting to bowl first against an England side that eventually posted a challenging total. "It certainly was hot out there, but I feel like it was a bad decision for us to bowl. The batters started off pretty well for the England side. We probably missed our lengths at some intervals and towards the end, but I still felt like we were too bad; we probably let ourselves down a bit in the field more so than anything," Matthews said post-match.

England capitalised on the decision through strong contributions from Danni Wyatt-Hodge and Heather Knight, setting a target that West Indies never seriously threatened despite a late partnership in the chase. The contest was played at the historic Lord's Cricket Ground, a venue that carries significant prestige, but Matthews dismissed suggestions that the occasion may have contributed to her side's shortcomings. "I don't think the occasion necessarily caused it. I think we're all pretty excited to get the opportunity to play at Lord's. These are opportunities and chances that some people get once in a lifetime. So I think it was a case where everyone was absorbing the fact that things won't always go your way during a major occasion. But we're going to have to come back to the next match, get a win against Ireland and then hopefully we can be right back at a big spot to make up for that," she added.

One of the talking points of the match was Matthews' own dismissal. The West Indies skipper was given out caught behind after England successfully reviewed an on-field not-out decision, a call that sparked debate. Asked about the incident, Matthews maintained that she believed she had not edged the ball but accepted the verdict. "I certainly felt that when I cut the ball, I didn't hear a noise, but I felt like I definitely did not hit it. But at the end of the day, I feel like the umpire's decision has got to be final. I think there was a clear gap between the bat and ball, but at the same time I've got to respect the decision that was made and go ahead with that," the all-rounder stated. Matthews also revealed a fitness concern involving senior batter Stefanie Taylor, who was forced to leave the field during England's innings after experiencing breathing difficulties. "Stefanie (Taylor) was feeling a bit unwell today. She left the field in the first inning due to chest tightness and difficulty breathing. So I think she's got a bit of a respiratory illness, so hopefully, she can get better for the next match. And that's a really crucial match for us," she mentioned. Despite the disappointment of the defeat and concerns surrounding Taylor's health, Matthews remained confident that the West Indies can respond when they face Ireland in their final group-stage encounter. "It's all in our control, and coming up against Ireland, I think we just need to stay really positive, and once we're playing our best band of cricket, we should come out on top of the game at the end of the day," Matthews stated.