



Amit Shah Provides Assurance For Full Support Of Relief to Flood-Hit Assam, Arunachal Pradesh

The Union Minister called, assured full support, and enquired about the situation in the flood-hit areas of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. Executive Branch Union Home Minister Amit Shah assured the chief ministers of Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on Monday that the Centre would do everything in its power to support flood relief efforts in the two states, which had been severely damaged by heavy rains. He called Pema Khandu, the chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh, and Himanta Biswa Sarma, the chief minister of Assam, to assess the situation caused by flash floods and strong monsoon rains. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) reports that floods in 69 villages across four revenue circles in Dhemaji and had affected nearly 16,000 people. Himanta Biswa Sarma claimed in a social media post that he informed Shah about the current relief and rehabilitation efforts. He mentioned that the union minister has also assured them for all possible support and assistance from the Government of India to deal with this situation. He further



added that he thanked Amit Shah for his phone call and for enquiring about the flood situation in Dhemaji. Meanwhile, on Monday, Arunachal Pradesh continued to experience heavy rains, which caused catastrophic floods that destroyed infrastructure, interfered with road connectivity, and killed people in about 12 districts throughout the state. Additionally, the situation worsened, as in numerous other areas of Arunachal Pradesh, there have been reports of landslides and floods caused by persistent rainfall, damaging infra-

structure and submerging homes, forcing local authorities to launch rescue and evacuation efforts. Furthermore, the ongoing rescue operation, which was supported by the Air Force was halted overnight due to the poor visibility but the operation was resumed on Monday. Additionally, authorities have advised citizens to observe official cautions until the weather improves and to avoid travelling through landslide-prone and flood-affected areas unless absolutely essential.

India's airport infra likely to attract investments of up to Rs 4.2 lakh crore by 2029



India's airport infrastructure sector is poised to attract ₹4.2 lakh crore in investments by 2029. Driven by robust domestic travel and new greenfield projects like Navi Mumbai and Jewar, the sector maintains a stable credit outlook despite international traffic headwinds. India's airport infrastructure sector is expected to garner investments of up to Rs 4.2 lakh crore by 2029, a report said on Monday. The estimation includes Rs 3.7 lakh crore based on the value of projects announced and under implementation as of FY26 and project value likely to be commissioned by 2029 at nearly Rs 0.5 lakh crore, the report from Brickwork Ratings. After robust operating revenue growth in FY26 over record passenger traffic and tariff hikes, the revenue growth in FY27 is expected to remain strong driven by domestic air traffic growth and footprint expansion. The sector navigated an intensive capacity expansion phase in FY26, with regional airport development and terminal upgrades accelerating to absorb a structural surge in domestic travel. "Air traffic is expected to grow by 8-10 per cent driven by resilient domestic demand, expanding Tier-2 footprints and the launch of new greenfield assets including Navi Mumbai and Jewar airports," said Niraj Rathi, Senior Director - Ratings, Brickwork Ratings. These factors cushion a highly subdued international segment, he added. International growth has flattened due to route restrictions, rising fuel prices, and the Middle East conflict. The Middle East constitutes a massive 38-40 per cent share of India's entire international passenger traffic and instability in the region will have a major impact on the sector. "These combined headwinds will likely maintain growth in H1FY27 flat and subdued, but a sharp capacity and demand recovery could occur in H2FY27 as airlines adjust schedules for peak winter travel and new airport assets scale up," Rathi said. The report said the credit outlook for the airport infrastructure sector is stable. Heavy spending on terminal expansions pressures near-term cash flows, but steady growth in passenger traffic keeps the industry moving forward safely. Operating margins for FY26 surged to an estimated 53.8 per cent, up from 44.4 per cent in prior year due to completion of new terminals. Geographic Reference Margins are projected to improve to 54.5 per cent in FY27 as these expanded facilities open up, allowing operators to collect high-margin retail fees and airport charges from a larger volume of passengers. Tailwinds for the sector include UDAN initiative with a capital outlay of Rs 288 billion by FY36, and the 100 per cent FDI being permitted in greenfield airport development projects.

Waqf board maps out expansion drive for Bara Shaheed Dargah

Nellore: Describing the historic Bara Shaheed Dargah as a monumental pilgrimage center, Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy on Sunday stated that the shrine stands as an enduring symbol of communal harmony and secular unity that goes far beyond the barriers of caste and religion. The senior legislator, accompanied by newly appointed Andhra Pradesh State Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeez, visited the holy shrine on Sunday to offer prayers and Chadar for the sustained economic prosperity and holistic development of the state. Speaking to media personnel, Somireddy highlighted the exponential growth of the annual



Rottela Panduga, noting that pilgrim attendance has skyrocketed from roughly 4 lakh prior to 2014 to a massive 18 lakh at present. He attributed this growth to the consecutive infrastructure overhauls, high-load sanitation grids, and extensive drinking water networks deployed by successive administrations. The MLA highly appreciated Waqf Board

Chairman Abdul Azeez and Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy for their joint execution of on-site pilgrim facilities. In his address, Waqf Board Chairman Abdul Azeez revealed that because the current dargah premises face structural space constraints during peak festivals, comprehensive structural expansion maps are being drafted. He commended the district police department for their high alert status during Saturday's midnight Gandha Mahotsavam and praised their innovative use of real-time digital tracking systems to swiftly reunite missing family members in the dense crowds. Dargah Committee Chairman Munir Ahmed was also present.

Telangana can develop only with 'double-engine sarkar', says Nitin Nabin

BJP national president Nitin Nabin claimed on Monday that Telangana's development is possible only with the 'double-engine sarkar' of the BJP. Addressing the 'Viksit Bharat Student Conclave' at Ghatkesar near here, he exuded confidence that the BJP will come to power in Telangana. The BJP chief stated that Indian youth do not work with an anti-establishment mindset but strive for nation-building. "Gen Z is the youth sitting before me who are establishing themselves in their respective fields. Someone is a lawn tennis player, another is a cricket player. My sister was talking about badminton. Someone has a startup," he said. He remarked that the real Zen G is 2.25 lakh youth in the country who are building their future and the future of the country through



startups. The BJP chief stated that those who question the Constitution and culture, the very soul of the nation, can't be Zen G.

"Today, more than 2 lakh startups are operating in the country, and over 125 unicorns have emerged under the leadership and efforts of India's youth. I believe the state government's policies are a matter of political disagreement for us, but I also believe the Central govern-

ment's policies provide substantial support for the growth of startups. Today's youth are emerging as job creators. Their innovation and capabilities are being recognised, and they are creating employment opportunities for millions across the country." He urged the youth to join politics. He, however, said they should have clarity on what they want to do after entering politics. Nitin Nabin said public awareness has increased with the

growing use of social media. He believes that in the past, people did not have much awareness about their rights.

He remarked that people remember the promises made by parties and leaders. Nitin Nabin noted that the youth of Telangana are endowed with immense talent, innovation, and limitless potential and are well-positioned to become a driving force in India's development. Unfortunately, the Congress government in the state has failed to fulfil its key promises to young people, including commitments on employment and development, he said. The BJP chief believes that leadership demonstrates the ability to make decisions. "Let me give an example of how much difference leadership can make. I come from Bihar. In 2005, our govern-

ment was formed in Bihar. At that time, the same person had been serving as DGP for a long period. Then our NDA alliance leader, Nitish Kumar, came to power. Even after one and a half years, the same DGP remained in position. I am talking about the difference that leadership makes within an ecosystem. The leadership changed, a capable decision-maker came in, and that very DGP brought law and order across Bihar under control. This clearly shows that if the leadership is capable of making decisions and has confidence that it can take the country forward in the right direction, then the crores of young people in the country will naturally move in that direction as well..." Telangana BJP president N. Ramchander Rao and other party leaders were present.

FOUNDATION STONE LAID FOR CONSTRUCTION ROAD OVER BRIDGE IN LIEU OF LC GATE NO. 316 BETWEEN GUNADALA AND VIJAYAWADA STATIONS

In a significant step towards enhancing rail-road infrastructure and improving public convenience, South Coast Railway's Vijayawada Division will undertake the construction of a Road Over Bridge (ROB) in lieu of Level Crossing Gate No. 316 at Gunadala, connecting the busy Vijayawada-Gunadala corridor. The foundation stone laying ceremony for the ROB construction was held today, i.e. 29th June 2026 at LC No.316. Shri Kesineni Sivanath, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Vijayawada was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Shri Bonda Umamaheswararao, Hon'ble Member of Legislative Assembly, Vijayawada Central, Shri K Simon, Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti Unit, Vijayawada, Shri P E Edwin, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure), Vijayawada Division, SCoR also graced the occasion.

The proposed ROB, to be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹98.68 crore, is fully funded by the Railways. The bridge will



have a total length of 920 metres and a road width of 24 metres, including service roads. The structure will provide seamless connectivity between Gunadala, Nunna and Vijayawada, ensuring uninterrupted movement of both road and rail traffic. The commissioning of this ROB will eliminate delays caused by the prolonged closure of the level crossing, ensure uninterrupted and safer movement of road users; improve connectivity between Vijayawada, Gunadala and Nunna; reduce travel time and traffic congestion,



enhance safety for both road users and train operations and support the socio-economic development of the region by strengthening urban infrastructure. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Shri P.V. Ramana Rao, Deputy

Chief Engineer, Gati Shakti Unit, who reaffirmed the railway department's commitment to completing these transformational projects on schedule to boost the region's socio-economic growth.

16th Raising Day of BRO's Project Brahmanak celebrated



Project Brahmanak of the Border Roads Organisation celebrates its 16th Raising Day, highlighting 15 years of building critical infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh. Learn how this project has transformed connectivity in the Siang and Siyom valleys for both the military and local communities. Project Brahmanak of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) celebrated its 16th Raising Day on Monday at Ranaghat, Arunachal Pradesh, marking 15 years of development of strategic infrastructure and connectivity in the region, said a Defence Ministry official. The Project is responsible for

the development and maintenance of strategic road infrastructure across the Siang, East Siang, West Siang, Upper Siang and Shi-Yomi districts of Arunachal Pradesh, as well as parts of Dhemaji district in Assam, the official said in a statement. The Project is entrusted with the maintenance and development of 811 km of roads and approximately 86 bridges, ranging from culverts to major steel and arch bridges. Some of its major engineering achievements include the 100-metre steel arch bridge over Siyom Nallah and the 165-metre PSC bridge over Simang Nallah on the Along-Yingkiong Road,

said the statement.

During FY 2025-26, Project Brahmanak achieved significant milestones with the inauguration of 13 bridges having a cumulative span of 390 metres across the Siang and Siyom Valleys and the blacktopping of 61 km of roads to NHDL specifications. The Project has also developed helipads to improve connectivity and strengthen strategic infrastructure in the region. As part of the 16th Raising Day celebrations, various social outreach and welfare activities were organised at Headquarters and Task Force locations. Sainik Sammelans, troop

interactions and Bada Khana/Mess functions were also organised to mark the occasion and foster camaraderie among personnel. Raised on June 29, 2011, at Ranaghat, East Siang District, Arunachal Pradesh, the Project became fully functional on December 3, 2011, said the statement. Despite difficult conditions characterised by rugged terrain, frequent rainfall, poor connectivity and limited infrastructure, the Project has been instrumental in providing strategic and operational connectivity to the Armed Forces while bringing remote villages into the national mainstream.

13 Accused arrested in Boduppall Devender Nagar attack

The rest will be arrested soon..



Medipally June 29 (Metro udayam)

13 Accused have been identified, arrested and remanded in the indiscriminate attack incident in Boduppall Devender Nagar Colony on Sunday night, the Medipally police said. According to the details given by the police, on June 27 at 8 pm, while Anup Kumar was organizing the housewarming ceremony of his newly built house in Devender Nagar Colony in Boduppall, keeping in mind a previous minor dispute, about 30 youths came on two-wheelers and attacked Anup Kumar's family members and relatives with sticks and hockey sticks indiscriminately. They also entered the house and destroyed the belongings in the house and destroyed 4 cars and 3 bikes and fled. The remaining accused will be arrested soon

Police said that while Vishnu goud, a journalist living nearby, was filming the attack on his mobile phone, he was attacked and his car was destroyed. Cases under sections 935 and 937/2026 have been registered at Medipally Police Station in connection with this attack and an investigation has been launched.

On the night of June 28, 13 accused were arrested and remanded. The arrested accused are Vasavi Saikumar (33), Puli Pradeep Kumar (32), Kemiti Ramakrishna (23), Kommu Venu (21), Arutla Sushanth Reddy (25), Thatikayala Vishnu (23), Kumkudu Pamula Uday Kumar (22), Mohammed Akhtar (25), Medikonda Santosh Kumar (24), Kaduru Sai Teja (21), Akunuri Arun (20), Thonda Mahesh (32), and Vasuri Yakaya (60). Medipally Inspector Jalandhar Reddy said that the other accused involved in this attack will also be arrested soon and sent to remand.

SRM-AP to launch B.Tech in health engg



Amaravati: SRM University-AP, Amaravati, in collaboration with the International Council on Systems Engineering (INCOSE), India, hosted the Healthcare Industry-Academia Dialogue Forum on June 27 to pave the way for the launch of its innovative B.Tech in health engineering programme, scheduled to commence in August. The forum brought together 13 leading experts from India's healthcare technology, medical devices, digital health and research sectors to collaborate with faculty members in designing an industry-oriented curriculum and exploring research partnerships. The event was led by Prof K A Sunitha, Founder Head of the Department of Health Engineering and Coordinator of the Biomedical Research and Artificial Intelligence Network (BRAIN) Lab. Representatives from leading organisations, including Philips, Baxter International, Stryker, Medtronic, Evai Technologies, InnAccel, HRS Navigation, ROPODS, AMTZ and RICH, participated in the discussions. South Asians & Diaspora Addressing the gathering, Vice-Chancellor Prof Ch Satish Kumar outlined the university's vision behind establishing the Department of Health Engineering. Dean of the School of Engineering and Sciences Prof C V Tomy and Director of Entrepreneurship and Innovation Srinivasan Thirumalai also participated in the deliberations. Director of Communications Pankaj Belwariar said the forum reflected the university's commitment to building academic programmes in close partnership with industry.

The White Catamaran Tree (Tella Poniki): Not Just a Plant, But the Breath of a Living Tradition

Among the countless gifts nature has bestowed upon us, a handful of trees do more than simply exist as flora — they sustain entire civilisations, nurture timeless art forms, and provide livelihoods to thousands of families. The White Catamaran Tree (Tella Ponniki) — *Givotia moluccana* / *Givotia rottleriformis* — is one such rare and remarkable species.

Prized for centuries for its exceptionally light and soft wood, this tree has long been the backbone of two globally celebrated craft traditions — the Kondapalli wooden toys and the Nirmal wooden artefacts. Without this single species, the very authenticity of these art forms would be placed in jeopardy.

Found predominantly in the dry deciduous forests of southern India, the species is today under severe ecological stress. Indiscriminate felling, declining natural regeneration, shrinking forest cover, recurring fires and excessive grazing have all contributed to a sharp decline in its availability. Botanical records indicate that the species occurs naturally in India and Sri Lanka.

The significance of the White Catamaran Tree, however, extends well beyond toy-making. Its flowers attract bees,



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making it a valuable contributor to pollination. Its seeds, leaves and the micro-ecosystem that forms around it provide shelter to a host of smaller organisms, lending the tree an important role in maintaining the ecological balance of dry forest landscapes. Beyond toys and wooden sculptures, artisans also use its timber to craft lightweight decorative objects, and certain traditional systems of medicine have recorded the use of sap extracted from the tree. If we lose this tree today, we stand to lose an entire art form tomorrow. If we lose the art form, we lose the families whose livelihoods depend on it. And ultimately, we stand to lose a vital strand of our cultural heritage.

In light of this, conservation efforts already under way for native species at the government level urgently need to be strengthened. Saplings

of the White Catamaran Tree must be raised, without exception, in every district nursery. Each village should undertake a plantation drive to grow at least 100 saplings. Biodiversity Management Committees (BMCs), panchayats, the forest department, schools and colleges must come together to launch a dedicated movement towards this end.

On behalf of the Ayurveda Parampara Moolikha Vaidya Maha Sangham, we too are committing ourselves to this cause through the following initiatives:

A dedicated movement for the conservation of endangered native tree species. Establishment of herbal gardens featuring rare medicinal and forest tree species. Public awareness campaigns on species such as the White Catamaran Tree.

Free training programmes for students and farmers. Seed collection drives and the development of nurseries.

Coordination with the government, the forest department and the Telangana Biodiversity Board.

A "One Family — One Catamaran-Tree Sapling" movement.

This is not merely an environmental programme. It is a movement to safeguard our culture — a collective resolve to secure a greener future for our children. Every nature lover, every farmer, every student and every artisan has a role to play in this movement.

"Plant one White Catamaran Tree sapling — and in doing so, protect an art form, a thread of biodiversity, and a future."
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अनाथों के साथ होने वाला व्यवहार पूरे समाज पर असर दिखाता है। अगर उनपर सद्भाव हो रहा है तो समाज के विकास में योगदान देगा। ...

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पवित्र कुरआन में जो अनाथों पर जुल्मो सितम करता है उसका धिक्कार किया गया है। फ़्या तुमने उस व्यक्ति को देखा जो (आखिरकार) न्याय के दिन को झुल्लाता है? वही है जो अनाथ को धक्के देता है (दुल्कारता है)। (पवित्र कुरआन, अध्याय क्रमांक 107, सूरह अल-माऊन, आयत क्रमांक 01)। इस आयत में बताया गया है, जो इंसान अनाथों के साथ बुरा बर्ताव करता है, उसका परलोक (आखिरात) और न्याय के दिन पर ईमान सच्चा नहीं हो सकता।



इस सूरह अल-माऊन में जो व्यक्ति रोज़े हिसाब (प्रलय के दिन) को नकारता है, उसे यतीम (अनाथ) की तिरस्कार की आदत से जोड़ा गया है। ऐसे व्यक्ति का ईश्वर पर आस्था और ईश्वर द्वारा न्यायपूर्ण विधान से कर्मों का प्रतिफल देने पर विश्वास न रखने के सबूत के तौर पर पेश किया है। इस आयत का अंतरंग यह है कि ईमान सिर्फ़ जबानी या धार्मिक रस्मों तक सीमित नहीं है बल्कि वह व्यवहार में परिलक्षित होना चाहिए। अनाथ के प्रति निर्दयता से मनुष्य की आचार संहिता भी सिद्ध है। और अनाथों के साथ दुर्व्यवहार करनेवाला व्यक्ति सामाजिक न्याय और आध्यात्मिक जिम्मेदारी दोनों से भी विमुख है।

अनाथों के साथ होने वाला व्यवहार पूरे समाज पर असर दिखाता है। अगर उनपर सद्भाव हो रहा है तो समाज के विकास में योगदान देगा। अगर उनपर दुर्व्यवहार थोपा जा रहा है तो समाज के विनाश का पूरक बनेगा। व्यवहारिक नीतियों और संस्थागत उपाय कानूनी सुरक्षा के माध्यम से हम एक बेहतरीन समाज को विकसित कर सकते हैं। जिसके अंतर्गत अनाथों की संपत्ति, विरासत और गोद लेने और उनके संरक्षण के अधिकारों को स्पष्ट कानूनों के तहत संरक्षित किया जाना चाहिए। सरकारी और गैरसरकारी संस्थाओं को मिलकर पारदर्शी तंत्र विकसित करना होगा ताकि कानून का दुरुपयोग रोका जा सके।

धार्मिक अभ्यास और नैतिकता के मेल की नजर से देखा जाए तो कुरआनी निर्देश स्पष्ट करते हैं कि धार्मिक आचरण तभी सार्थक है जब वह समाज के सबसे असहाय सदस्यों के प्रति दया और न्याय में परिणत हो। यह निजी ईमान (विश्वास) को सार्वजनिक नैतिकता से जोड़ता है। और धर्म उन तमाम के तमाम शुभ कामों को (जो प्रेम, करुणा, न्याय के आधार पर हो) इबादत (भक्ती) में गिनता है। याने इबादत केवल नमाज (प्रार्थना), रोज़ा (उपवास), हज (तीर्थयात्रा), जिक्र (नामस्मरण) मात्र का नाम नहीं बल्कि सब शुभकर्म इबादत में ही आते हैं।

सबसे बड़ी बात यतीमों के मानसिक और सामाजिक देखभाल के अनुषंग से उठाये गए प्रामाणिक आचरण की होगी। अनाथों को भावनात्मक और मनोवैज्ञानिक सहारा जरूरी होता है। परामर्श, सामूहिक गतिविधियाँ और सामाजिक समायोजन कार्यक्रम उनकी भावनात्मक पुनर्बलता के लिए आवश्यक हैं। जिन्हें यह बल मिलता है उनमें सृजनशील विकास होता है। हम ऐसे कई यतीमों को देख सकते हैं जिन्होंने देश के विकास में अपना सात्विक योगदान दिए हैं। और ऐसे भी कई अनाथ देखे जा सकते हैं जो समाज के शोषण के कारण विध्वंसक रूप धारण किए हैं।

अनाथों की जीवन प्रगति के लिए आर्थिक सहायता और संरक्षण की बहुत जरूरत है। अनाथवृत्तियों, आवास अनुदान, और छोटे-छोटे आर्थिक प्रोजेक्ट्स (जैसे उद्यमिता प्रशिक्षण) के द्वारा उन्हें आर्थिक आधार दिया जा सकता है। अनाथों के लिए पारिवारिक और संस्थागत संरक्षक व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए। पारिवारिक गोद लेने, पारिवारिक आधारित देखभाल तथा विश्वसनीय बाल गृहों की निगरानी और मानकीकरण जरूरी है। संस्थागत व्यवस्था में पारदर्शिता और नियमित निरीक्षण आवश्यक हैं।

किसी भी तरह के समाज विकास के लिए सामुदायिक भागीदारी को बहुत महत्व है। मंदिर-मस्जिदें, दरगाह-खानखाने, धार्मिक संस्थान, सामुदायिक संगठन, शिक्षा संस्थान और स्वयंसेवी संगठन अनाथों के संरक्षण में सक्रिय भूमिका निभा सकते हैं। सामुदायिक समझ और समर्थन से अनाथों के जीवन को बेहतर बनाया जा सकता है, जो समाज को स्वर्गमय कर सके। लाभार्थियों की विश्वसनीय पहचान, सही रिकॉर्डिंग और पारदर्शी वितरण के लिए डिजिटल प्रणालियाँ उपयोगी हो सकती हैं। पर गोपनीयता और दुरुपयोग से बचाव की व्यवस्था भी बहुत जरूरी है। (क्रमशः)

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The Thought Prison

Not every prison has walls; some exist inside the mind. A single painful thought, repeated often, becomes a mental loop. The mind clings to pain because it mistakes it for protection. It believes replaying the past will prevent future hurt.

But rumination rarely solves problems it prolongs suffering.

The brain prefers familiar thoughts, even painful ones. Each repetition strengthens the neural pathway. Soon, the thought feels like reality instead of a passing experience.

You begin to identify with your pain instead of learning from it.

Fear becomes a habit. Doubt becomes a lifestyle. The prison grows stronger every time you believe every thought. Breaking free starts with awareness, not resistance. Notice the thought without becoming the thought. Question whether it is true or simply familiar. Shift your attention from overthinking to meaningful action.

Move, create, connect, and stay present. New actions build new mental pathways.

Your mind can be retrained just as it was conditioned.

The moment you stop feeding the loop, the prison begins to disappear.



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Villain vibes for Rashmika in 'Raaka?'



Excitement builds for Atlee's 'Raaka' as Rashmika Mandanna reportedly joins the cast in a surprising negative-shaded role. Discover the latest updates on this ambitious pan-India project starring Allu Arjun and Deepika Padukone. Looks like director Atlee has a few surprises hidden up his sleeve for his ambitious pan-India entertainer Raaka. While fans were already excited about Allu Arjun teaming up with the filmmaker, the latest buzz from the sets has made things even more interesting. The grapevine suggests that Rashmika Mandanna has quietly joined the film's ongoing Mumbai schedule, but that's not the part everyone is talking about. Industry circles are abuzz with speculation that the actress could be stepping into a negative-shaded role, something she has rarely explored in her career so far. After winning hearts with

charming, glamorous and emotional performances over the years, seeing Rashmika on the other side of the fence could be quite the shocker. Insiders claim that Atlee has crafted the character with plenty of twists, keeping audiences guessing till the very end. Interestingly, this marks another collaboration between Allu Arjun and Rashmika after the blockbuster success of Pushpa and Pushpa 2. But unlike their fiery romantic chemistry in those films, sources hint that Raaka may present an entirely different dynamic between the two stars. Adding to the excitement is Deepika Padukone's presence as the female lead, while young music sensation Sai Abhyankar is composing the soundtrack. Mounted on a lavish budget and packed with visual effects, Raaka is shaping up to be one of the most ambitious projects in Indian cinema. Of course, the makers are keeping details tightly under wraps, so until an official announcement arrives, fans can only enjoy the speculation and wait for the surprises to unfold.

"The Sanctity of Conscience".

Time is an impartial witness to human conduct. It neither halts for applause nor pauses for reproach. Amidst the ceaseless flow of opinion, the maxim presented here offers a profound philosophy of life: "Be righteous in thine own sight and labour with honesty. If, thereafter, men find fault with thee or malign thee, be not troubled. For men find imperfections even in the Divine; we are but mortal beings."



The first principle this thought establishes is the sovereignty of conscience. The phrase "apni nazar mein sahi raho" elevates the internal tribunal above the external court of public judgment. A man's conscience is his most authentic judge, for it alone bears witness to his intentions. Society often judges by appearances, by outcomes, and by conformity to prevailing norms. Yet history is replete with instances where the majority erred and the solitary voice of conscience prevailed. Socrates chose hemlock over falsehood. Galileo upheld truth against ecclesiastical dogma. Gandhiji walked alone when the multitude doubted non-violence. Each was "right in his own sight" before he was vindicated by time.

The second pillar is "imaandaari se kaam karo" — to act with integrity. Honesty is not merely the absence of deceit; it is the presence of wholeness. The word integrity itself is derived from the Latin integer, meaning whole or complete. An honest action is complete in itself; it requires no external validation. When one's deed is born of truth and diligence, the deed becomes its own reward. The Bhagavad Gita enunciates this as 'Karmanye vadhikaraste': one's right is only to action, never to its fruits. Therefore, to work with honesty is to liberate oneself from the bondage of results, including public opinion.

The third, and perhaps most liberating, insight is the injunction not to fear censure: "fikir mat karo kyunki log to bhagwan mein bhi kami nikaal lete hain". This is not cynicism; it is realism grounded in human nature. Criticism is inevitable. The sun that nourishes life is also blamed for scorching heat. The rain that sustains crops is also cursed for floods. If the Omniscient, Omnipotent, and Omnipresent are not spared by the tongue of man, then to expect immunity from criticism is to expect the impossible. Once this truth is accepted, the mind attains serenity. One ceases to live for certificates of approval and begins to live for the quiet satisfaction of a duty well performed.

Furthermore, this philosophy does not advocate arrogance or disregard for constructive feedback. To be "sahi" in one's own sight demands rigorous self-examination. It requires that one's conscience be educated, enlightened, and aligned with 'dharma' — the universal principle of righteousness. The difference between stubbornness and conviction lies in humility. The truly honest man welcomes truth, even when it arrives as criticism, but he does not surrender his integrity to appease the crowd.

In the modern age, where reputation is often quantified by likes and followers, this ancient wisdom is a necessary antidote. The digital world has amplified the voice of censure. To anchor oneself to one's conscience is to find a lighthouse amidst the storm. When one acts with honesty, sleep remains undisturbed, and the soul remains unburdened. The world may misjudge, misinterpret, or malign, yet the man who has kept faith with his own conscience possesses a peace that no external verdict can bestow or destroy.

Thus, the path prescribed is clear: cultivate an incorruptible conscience, perform every task as an offering of honesty, and remain indifferent to unworthy censure. For perfection belongs to none, and if the Divine endures complaint, man must learn to endure it with grace. To live thus is to live free — free from the tyranny of opinion, and bound only to the eternal law of truth.

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Beyond the Resume: How English Proficiency Scores Are Replacing Gut Instinct in Global Hiring

As global hiring becomes the norm, standardized English proficiency assessments are bridging the gap between talent and opportunity. Discover why verified language credentials are now essential for Indian professionals to stand out in the competitive international job market of 2026.

The global talent market has never been more open or more competitive. Indian professionals are pursuing careers in the UK, Canada, Australia, Singapore, the UAE, and Germany at an unprecedented scale. Cross-border hiring is no longer the exception; it is rapidly becoming the norm. And as organizations build more distributed, more global, and more AI-augmented workforces, the way they evaluate talent is changing fundamentally. For decades, hiring decisions, particularly across borders, relied heavily on subjective judgment. A well-crafted resume, a confident interview, a trusted referral. These signals carried weight because there was little else to go on. Evaluating whether a candidate from a different country, education system, or cultural context could truly communicate and perform in a global workplace was, at best, an educated guess.

That era is ending. The Problem: Gut Instinct Has a Cost Across industries and geographies, employers are confronting the same uncomfortable truth: informal evaluation of communication skills is unreliable, and the cost of getting it wrong is measurable. The TOEIC® Global English Skills Report 2026, based on a survey of over 1,300 HR decision-makers across 17 countries, puts numbers to this challenge. 74% of organizations say their employees have experienced client miscommunications due to language gaps. 83% say hiring candidates with insufficient English skills directly imposes costs on their organization, including



higher turnover, lower retention, and reduced productivity. These are not edge cases. They are patterns, playing out across sectors and markets every day. The deeper problem is that most organizations know this and still haven't solved it. 68% of HR decision-makers globally admit they do not currently have a reliable way to screen new hires for English proficiency. They are making consequential hiring decisions on the basis of impression, inference, and instinct. In a global workplace, where a candidate's ability to collaborate across time zones, communicate with international stakeholders, and navigate AI-enabled workflows can determine the success of an entire project, that is a significant risk.

For Indian professionals specifically, this gap cuts both ways. India produces some of the world's most capable talent, which is technically skilled, highly educated, and increasingly globally oriented. Yet a capability that cannot be clearly communicated, credentialed, and verified across hiring systems in different markets often goes unrecognized. The talent is there. The visibility mechanism frequently isn't. The Solution: Assessment as the Common Language Geographic Reference This is precisely where standardized English proficiency

assessments are stepping in, and their role is expanding rapidly. Governments and employers across the world are moving in the same direction. From January 2026, all skilled visa applicants to the UK must demonstrate B2-level English proficiency through an approved standardized test, assessed across speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Canada requires a minimum proficiency score for immigration points, while Australia mandates demonstrated competency across skill levels for most skilled visa categories. Even the UK-India Young Professionals Scheme requires applicants to demonstrate a minimum B1 proficiency level on the CEFR scale. These requirements exist not because Indian professionals lack English skills, for many are among the most fluent in the world, but because in a global hiring system, fluency must be verifiable, comparable, and consistent across markets.

A standardized proficiency score does something a resume cannot. It eliminates ambiguity. It gives a hiring manager in Amsterdam, Toronto, or Singapore a clear, objective signal, one that travels across borders without losing meaning. And for the candidate, it converts a capability they already pos-

sess into a credential that opens doors they may not have known were available to them. The TOEIC® Global English Skills Report 2026 found that organizations using standardized third-party assessments report 17 percentage points higher satisfaction with workflow efficiency and employee professional growth and 16 points higher on productivity compared to those that don't. This is not coincidental. When communication capability is measured objectively and consistently, organizations make better hiring decisions, and candidates find better-matched opportunities. For Indian professionals navigating global career pathways in 2026, the implication is straightforward. Proficiency in English is not the question; most already have it. The question is whether that proficiency is visible, credentialed, and legible to employers and immigration systems operating in an increasingly assessment-driven world. South Asians & Diaspora The resume tells your story. The proficiency score validates it. And in today's global talent market, validation is what gets you across the border and into the room. (The author is Ajay Pratap Singh, Regional Director — South Asia, ETS (TOEIC®))

'He clearly has a talent though...': Iceland Cricket mocks Gambhir after Ireland series debacle

New Delhi: Iceland Cricket kept the social media sparks flying and delivered yet another classic viral jab, this time targeting India men's cricket coach Gautam Gambhir following India's humiliating T20I series loss to Ireland. Geographic Reference Ireland's greatest triumph in cricket, a 2-0 blanking of double world champions, ended India's unbeaten run, which spanned 16 series and nearly three years. Seizing the moment, Iceland Cricket took to X to playfully rub salt into the wounds of men in blue, calling out head coach Gautam Gambhir. "We can confirm that we don't wish to add Gautam Gambhir to our coaching staff. He clearly has talent, though. To take those Indian players and deliver those results in Ireland takes truly remarkable gifts," Iceland Cricket posted on X. The sarcasm pointed towards India's star-



studded lineup, which included World Cup winners Sanju Samson, Ishan Kishan and Abhishek Sharma, succumbed to Ireland's exceptional bowling performance.

Notably, India remained unbeaten in every T20I series since Gambhir took charge in 2024, a streak that ended on Sunday. Under his stewardship, India have whitewashed Sri Lanka (3-

0) and Bangladesh (3-0) at home, triumphed 3-1 in South Africa, and edged England 4-1 at home. They also registered a 2-1 series win in Australia and beat New Zealand 4-1 at home. This was India's first visit to Ireland after 2023. Prior to this series, India and Ireland have met on eight occasions in T20Is, with India winning all eight, the last encounter being at the 2024 ICC Men's T20 World Cup in New York. Before the tour, India's last T20I on Irish soil was in 2023. However, Ireland broke a winless run against India in the opening T20I by registering their first-ever win over reigning world T20 champions by 34 runs; they picked up where they left off in the second T20I and scripted their historic first-ever series win over the Men in Blue.

Future historians will divide modern India into pre-2014 and post-2014 eras: HM Shah

Union Home Minister Amit

Shah on Sunday said that 2014 would be remembered as a "defining year" in India's history and predicted that historians writing about the country's journey to the centenary of Independence would divide modern India into two distinct periods, before and after 2014. Addressing a gathering at the launch of the pilot project of the PM Family Care Tracker (PM-FCT) and Health Passports in Gandhinagar, HM Shah attributed the transformation to the election of Narendra Modi as Prime Minister in 2014 after serving as Gujarat's Chief Minister. "2014 will be recorded as an important year in the history of this country. Twenty-five to 50 years from now, when someone writes the history leading up to 100 years of India's Independence, there will be two sections in that history: India before 2014 and India after 2014," the Home Minister said.



He said the shift became possible because the people democratically accepted a new leadership during the 2014 General Election. "This transformation became possible because of the democratic acceptance of leadership by the people. In the 2014 General Election, the people of this country elected Narendra Modi, who was then the Chief Minister of Gujarat, as the Prime Minister of India," he said. According to HM Shah, the BJP-led Union government introduced structural changes across

sectors after assuming office. "Since 2014, the central government led by the Bharatiya Janata Party has brought fundamental changes in every sector of the country. There is hardly any sector for whose development there is no long-term, time-bound planning," he said. He said Prime Minister Modi had established "a new definition of inclusive and all-round development" by adopting a long-term approach to governance.

HM Shah said policies were

Shah on Sunday said that framed to deliver transformational outcomes and that implementation received continuous monitoring. "In every sector, with long-term vision, policies were framed to bring transformational results. Not only were these policies created, but they were continuously monitored and implemented on the ground," he said. The PM-FCT pilot project, launched in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency, integrates health, nutrition, education and welfare databases to monitor beneficiaries from pregnancy through childhood and adolescence. "The initiative represented the next phase of the government's welfare delivery model by using technology to ensure that eligible beneficiaries receive services without omission," he added.

Advanced PCB manufacturing to enhance India's global competitiveness: Vaishnaw



Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and CM Yogi Adityanath have laid the foundation for new PCB and electronics manufacturing plants in Jewar. With over Rs 6,700 crore in investments from Amber Enterprises and ASCENT-K Circuit, India aims to slash PCB imports and boost its global electronics competitiveness. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw has said the upcoming Amber and Ascent Electronics manufacturing facilities will mark a new chapter in India's electronics sector, with advanced printed circuit board (PCB) production set to strengthen the country's electronics ecosystem and enhance its global competitiveness. "A new chapter in Bharat's electronics manufacturing. The Amber & Ascent Electronics Manufacturing Plant will produce advanced Printed Circuit Boards (PCBs), strengthening India's electronics ecosystem and global competitiveness," Vaishnaw said in a post on social media platform X. "Every PCB manufactured here will save foreign exchange, strengthen the rupee and improve India's balance of payments," he added. The minister made the remarks after jointly laying the foundation stones for the projects with Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Yamuna City, Jewar. The projects include a Rs 3,250-crore advanced printed circuit board manufacturing facility by ASCENT-K Circuit, a joint venture with South Korea's KCC, which will manufacture high-density and multi-layer PCBs for the electronics industry. Amber Enterprises will separately invest Rs 3,500 crore to establish a manufacturing facility for HVAC components and PCB assemblies. Vaishnaw had earlier said that India currently imports PCBs worth nearly Rs 40,000 crore annually and that increasing domestic manufacturing capacity would significantly reduce the country's dependence on imports. History He also highlighted the rapidly developing infrastructure ecosystem in the Jewar region, stating that the operational Noida International Airport, improved connectivity through the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC), and the proposed Delhi-Lucknow-Varanasi bullet train project are making the area an attractive destination for global investors. The minister said the emerging industrial ecosystem, supported by modern infrastructure and manufacturing investments, would help position India as a major electronics manufacturing hub while boosting local production capabilities and employment generation.

Harish Rao dares Revanth to dissolve Assembly

Hyderabad: Stating that Revanth Reddy should face the people instead of resorting to personal attacks, BRSLP Deputy Leader T Harish Rao strongly criticised Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy over his remarks. He dared the Chief Minister to dissolve the assembly and face the public if he possessed true confidence in his government. The BRS leader was responding to comments made by the Chief Minister at a public meeting in Nalgonda. Harish Rao accused him of deliberately diverting public attention from government failures by resorting to personal abuse instead of addressing key public issues. He questioned why the Chief Minister chose to attack him personally instead of answering critical concerns over Telangana's rightful share in the Krishna and Godavari river waters following recent meetings with the Chief Ministers of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.

The BRS leader said it was highly unfortunate that a Chief Minister was making derogatory remarks about the physical appearance of Opposition leaders rather than focusing entirely on governance. He stated that whether he was tall or short was irrelevant, as what mattered was their commitment to serving people



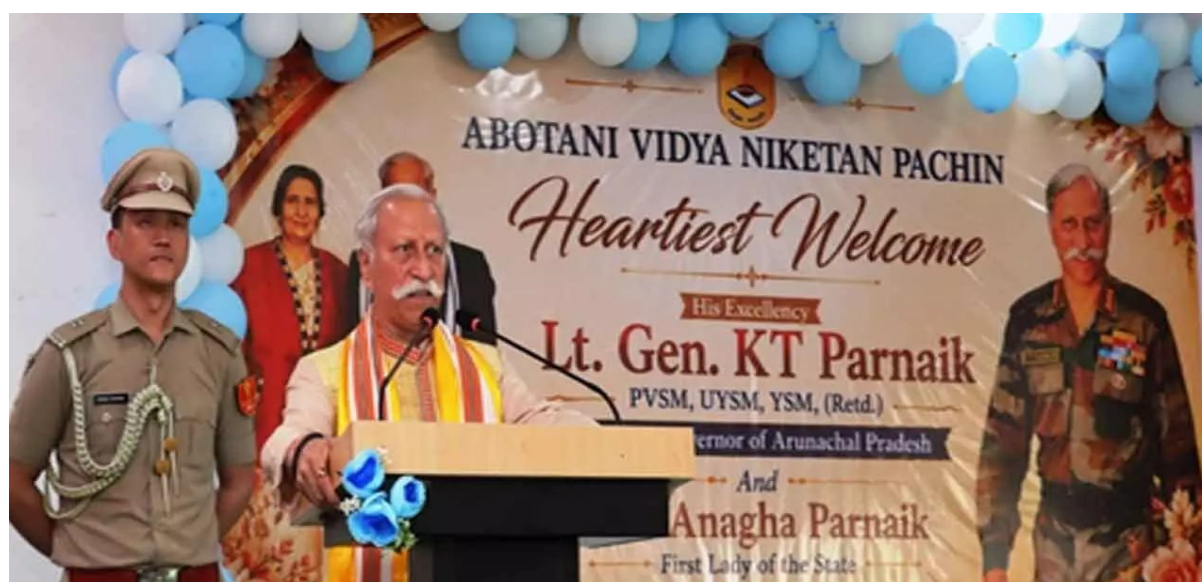
and delivering development, adding that the Chief Minister's mindset was small. He alleged that Revanth Reddy was unable to fulfil major electoral promises, including Rs 2,500 monthly assistance to women, scooters, one tola of gold, Rs 4,000 pensions, two lakh government jobs, and Rs 15,000 Rythu Bharosa. He claimed the Chief Minister was therefore attempting to divert public attention by repeatedly targeting the BRS and its leadership due to growing political inse-

curity. Challenging the Chief Minister to dissolve the Assembly immediately and let the people decide, Harish Rao rejected claims that the BRS had become politically irrelevant. Recalling the statehood movement, Harish Rao asserted that BRS leaders had resigned from office, faced imprisonment, and endured criminal cases, meaning Revanth Reddy lacked the moral authority to question their sacrifices.

Arunachal Governor asks students to stay rooted in tradition while embracing innovation

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lt Gen K.T. Parnaik (Retd) on Sunday urged students to remain deeply rooted in their traditions and cultural identity while embracing innovation, new ideas and experiences with an open mind, stressing the importance of striking a balance between preserving heritage and adapting to a rapidly changing world. The Governor on Sunday visited Abotani Vidya Niketan at Pachin Naharlagun and celebrated his birthday with the students, teachers and staff of the institution. Interacting with the students, Lt Gen Parnaik (Retd) shared valuable life lessons and encouraged them to make the most of their educational journey. Emphasising the importance of education and discipline, he advised the students to cultivate a habit of continuous learning, curiosity and self-discipline. He said that true success is built not only on academic excellence but also on good character, integrity and a strong sense of responsibility.

Lt Gen Parnaik (Retd) reminded them that even small acts of kindness, compassion and service can create a positive impact on society and contribute to nation-building. Highlighting the importance of holistic



development, the Governor urged the students to adopt the guiding motto, "mentally alert, physically strong, and morally straight". He encouraged them to respect their parents, teachers and cultural heritage, noting that these values provide a strong foundation for personal growth and responsible citizenship. The Governor, who presented sports items to the students, also

stressed the importance of maintaining good health and leading a disciplined lifestyle. He encouraged the students to stay physically active, avoid harmful habits, and channel their talents and energy towards constructive pursuits and service to society.

He noted that healthy, confident and socially conscious young people are the nation's

greatest assets. Deeply impressed by the discipline, enthusiasm and impressive turnout of the students, the Governor announced that he would facilitate coaching and mentoring for Sainik School aspirants through Indian Army units in the state. SouthAsians & Diaspora He also announced the establishment of an Advanced Learning Centre and the provision of books to enrich the school library and promote learning. The students captivated the audience with a vibrant cultural programme, beautifully reflecting Arunachal Pradesh's rich heritage and traditions, followed by an inspiring yoga demonstration that highlighted discipline, harmony and well-being. Reinforcing his commitment to environmental conservation and sustainability, the Governor also participated in a plantation programme along with the teachers and students. He encouraged the young learners to become ambassadors for environmental protection and develop a lifelong commitment to preserving nature. Abotani Vidya Niketan is managed by the Arunachal Shiksha Vikas Samiti under the aegis of Vidya Bharati Akhil Bharatiya Shiksha Sansthan.

PoK burns: Pakistan's crackdown exposes selective silence of global rights groups

New Delhi: Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir (PoK) is burning and neither are the protesters or the establishment showing any signs of backing down. The directive from the top man in Pakistan, Field Marshal Asim Munir is clear and that is to put down the protests using brute force. However, Pakistan's crackdown has exposed the selective silence of global rights groups. SouthAsians & Diaspora In recent days, horrific stories are emerging from PoK. 1,500 people have been arrested using anti-terror laws. Women and children have been fired upon by the Pakistani security forces, while the bodies of the men killed by the security forces are not being returned to the family members. Officials say that the atrocities continue with each passing day. The international community and global human rights advocacy groups who usually are very vocal about issues relating to Jammu and Kashmir are surprisingly quiet when it comes to PoK.

The official said what is taking place in PoK is brutal abuse of human rights. The same groups had spoken out loudly when it came to the abrogation of Article 370 and the crackdown on terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir. Despite the Joint Awami Action Committee (JAAC) pleading with the international community and human rights advocacy groups, there is pin drop silence, the official added. Another official said

that the silence clearly signals how a network of digital platforms, western lobbies and regional figures are selectively silent and prioritise Islamabad's geopolitical narrative over the human rights of the PoK people. The crisis in PoK erupted when the Pakistani establishment failed to yet again keep its promise of bringing reform to the region. The protests are being now led by the JAAC which comprises a coalition of traders, lawyers and civil society members.

They have been seeking economic relief, political sovereignty and curtailment of elite privileges and luxury administrative expenditures for government officials. On one hand the establishment assured that there would be talks with the JAAC and on June 5, the state officially banned the group under anti-terrorism laws. Officials say that this move turned the civilian community organisers into enemies of the state overnight. Further, Pakistan-banned Internet and mobile services in the region and local channels, too, were suspended. SouthAsians & Diaspora The state police which is in charge of law and order was replaced with heavy contingents of the Punjab Rangers to crush the protests. On June 7 and 8 the Rangers opened fire on demonstrators in Rawalot during which 30 civilians were killed. Disinfo Lab, a



group of researchers who investigate Info-warfare and Psy-war, in a series of posts on X questioned the silence of the global ecosystem, think-tanks and NGOs which claim to stand up for Kashmiri self-determination.

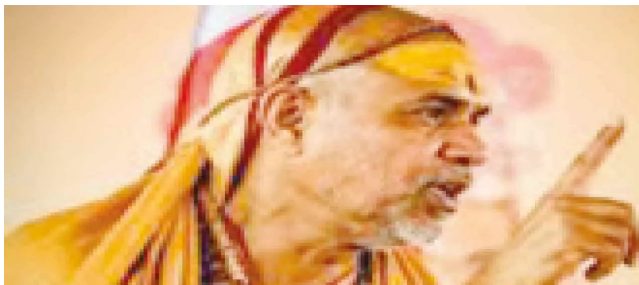
These groups are quick to post updates regularly about civil rights in Jammu and Kashmir, but not PoK. There was a stoic silence from these groups to the events that took place on June 7 and 8, Disinfo Lab also said. The feed of the international advocacy handles such as @standwith-kashmir and @wka kashmir only posted anti-India feed through June. Despite the deaths in PoK being documented, these groups offered no solidarity and no human rights reporting on the crisis.

Organisations such as the Kashmir Institute of International Relations which has offices in PoK were clearly compromised. Moreover organisations in the West which are linked to the Ghulam Nabi Fai network, the Kashmiri American Council, Pakistan House and Centre for Strategic and Contemporary Research also had nothing to say about the events in June.

These entities according to Disinfo Lab are built on a specific narrative framework that is designed to challenge Indian sovereignty while portraying Pakistan as the champion of human rights in Jammu and Kashmir. Officials say speaking about the PoK issue would undermine the premise of their lobbying efforts and endanger

their support structures. Another development that one got to witness was when prominent Kashmiri-origin political figures instead of condemning the violence stepped up to delegitimise the protesters in PoK. None of them appealed to Asim Munir to put an end to the hostilities and gross violation of human rights in PoK. Mushaal Hussein Malik, a prominent political figure and former advisor to the Pakistani government finally broke her silence. However this was not to condemn the civilian killings in PoK's Rawalot, but to call on the JAAC protesters to disband immediately. She called the protests a political conspiracy which is aimed at destabilising the region. An official said that these groups have only focussed on Jammu and Kashmir and even in the past never uttered a word about what is going on in PoK. These groups have always spoken about the lives of people in Jammu and Kashmir so that they can use it as a leverage against New Delhi. All these advocacy groups are well aware that post the abrogation of Article 370, the lives of the Kashmiris have only improved. The eradication of separatism and the fight against terror has only seen tourism booming in Jammu and Kashmir and this is much to the disliking of these international advocacy groups, officials also said.

Seer questions Ram temple FIR, calls BJP's Hindutva fake



Swami Avimukteshwaranand Saraswati of Jyotirmath on Friday questioned the FIR registered in the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya, saying only lower-level employees had been named while those responsible for the alleged larger wrongdoing had been "spared". Speaking to reporters in Sambhal during his ongoing 'Gau Dharma Yatra', he said, "What can one say about the theft of donations? From the very beginning, arbitrary decisions have been taken in the Ram temple. Neither the scriptures nor the Vedas nor the advice of religious leaders has been followed. The trust was constituted with people chosen by political leaders, while saints, seers and priests were kept away." "Had everything been intended to be fair, the trust could have been entrusted to the four Shankaracharyas, Ramanandacharya and other religious leaders. Instead, trusted political associates were appointed, which showed the intention from the beginning," he added. Referring to the FIR lodged in the alleged donation embezzlement case, he said, "We have heard that the FIR has been registered against those who counted the currency notes. They merely straightened the notes, counted them and bundled them. Tell us about the larger theft that happened afterwards. A person engaged in counting notes, even if he were to steal, could at best take a few notes. Large-scale thefts are committed by influential people. There is no FIR against them." Eight persons named in an FIR over the alleged embezzlement of donations received at the Ram temple in Ayodhya have been arrested, senior officials said on Friday. The FIR, lodged at the instance of Krishna Mohan, a member of the Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, follows recommendations made in the preliminary report of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) constituted by the Uttar Pradesh government to probe the allegations.

Amrabad emerges as stable and active tiger reserve

Nallamala Forest (Nagarkurnool): The eight-month-long scientific survey conducted as part of the All India Tiger Estimation (AITE)-2026 exercise completed successfully recently signalling a presence of cubs as a healthy breeding population at the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. South Asians & Diaspora According to preliminary findings, a total of 42 tigers were identified in the reserve. The estimated population includes: 18 females; 14 males; two sub-adults; and eight tiger cubs. The findings indicate a stable and active tiger population within the reserve ecosystem. Officials state that the AITE exercise marks an important milestone in wildlife conservation and scientific monitoring. The survey was carried out from November 2025 to June 2026, to assess tiger population, distribution, breeding trends, prey avail-



ability, and habitat conditions across the reserve. The extensive exercise covered a total area of 2,611 sq km within the Amrabad Tiger Reserve. To ensure systematic monitoring, the reserve was divided into 2 sq. km grids, enabling teams to collect data in a structured and scientific manner across different landscapes and habitats.

As part of the estimation process, authorities installed 2,240 camera traps at 1,120

locations throughout the reserve. The survey was conducted in four blocks, with cameras operating continuously for 30 days in each block. The camera traps captured images and movement patterns of tigers and other wildlife, generating valuable field data. The exercise was supervised by Dr Sunil S. Hiremath, IFS, Field Director of Amrabad Tiger Reserve, and Revanth Chandra, IFS, District Forest Officer, Nagarkurnool. Forest divi-

sional officers, range officers, field staff, and frontline forest personnel actively participated in the operation. Wildlife biologists and the Hyticos team also provided technical and research support. The presence of cubs and sub-adult tigers is being viewed as a positive sign for conservation efforts. Officials noted that these observations indicate continued breeding success and reflect the availability of suitable habitat and ecological conditions supporting tiger survival. The completion of the All India Tiger Estimation-2026 highlights the collective efforts of forest officials, frontline staff, researchers, and conservation partners. The data generated through this exercise is expected to play a key role in strengthening future tiger conservation strategies and scientific wildlife management in Amrabad Tiger Reserve.

Jupally launches Rs 30.32 crore projects, hands over 440 houses in Bhainsa

Khanapur: State Excise, Tourism and Cultural Affairs Minister Jupally Krishna Rao on Sunday said the government was committed to improving the living standards of people through welfare and development initiatives. During his visit to Bhainsa town in Nirmal district, he laid the foundation stone for development works worth Rs 30.32 crore and inaugurated several welfare projects. The minister, accompanied by Mudhole MLA Pawar Ram Rao Patel, Adilabad MP G. Nagesh, District Collector Bhavesh Mishra and SP Janaki Sharmila, distributed keys and ownership documents to beneficiaries of 440 double-bedroom houses. He said the government would continue efforts to ensure every eligible poor family owned a house. Under the AMRUT scheme, Krishna Rao launched works for the modernisation of the town's drinking water supply system and new pipeline network at a cost of Rs 28.18 crore. He also laid the foundation stone for the restoration of Mahadevpur Cheruvu with an investment of Rs 2.14 crore. The minister said adequate funds were being allocated for Bhainsa's development and assured support for those affected by the Palsikar Rangarao project. He also highlighted various welfare schemes being implemented by the State government. Several officials, public representatives and beneficiaries attended the programme.



Anil Kapoor recalls how 'Woh Saat Din' was adapted from K. Bhagyaraj's work

Mumbai: Veteran actor Anil Kapoor recalled how his first movie as a lead, 'Woh Saat Din' which also turned out to be a major milestone in his career, was adapted from late Tamil actor, director, and screenwriter K. Bhagyaraj's work. Through his latest social media post, Anil revealed that he recently met Bhagyaraj at the wedding of Avantika Sundar, the elder daughter of actor-politician Khushbu Sundar and filmmaker Sundar C. The 'Animal' actor took to his official Instagram handle and wrote, "Deeply saddened and shocked by the passing of K. Bhagyaraj sir. It feels especially unreal because I had the opportunity to meet him recently at Khushbu's daughter's wedding and spend some time



with him. Bhagyaraj sir was a creative genius whose contributions to Indian cinema go far beyond what many people know. (sic)."

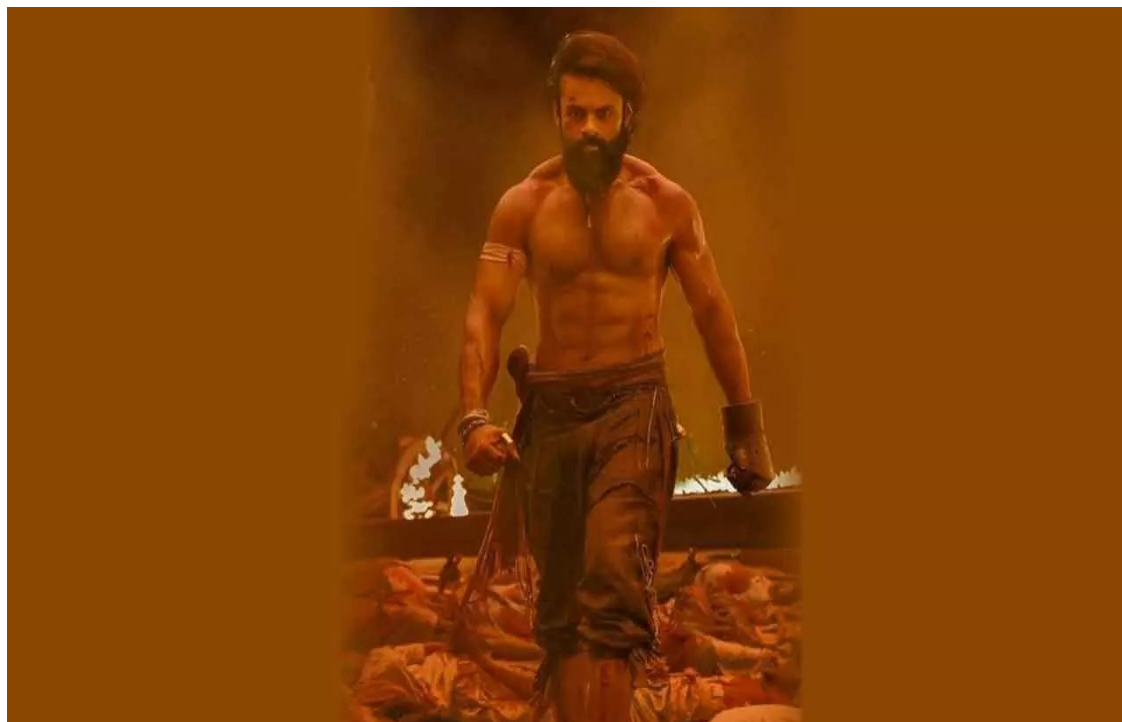
"He was the original creator behind stories that went on to become landmark Hindi films and career-defining milestones for so many of us. Woh Saat Din, adapted from his work, became

one of the most important films of my career," he added. Shedding light on some of Bhagyaraj's other memorable contributions to the Indian cinema, Anil went on to write, "Mohabbat, with its story, screenplay and dialogues by Bhagyaraj sir, not only gave us a memorable film but also helped launch the journey of Indra Kumar and Ashok Thakeria as producers through Maruti International. Later, Beta, another adaptation of his brilliant writing, became a blockbuster and remains one of the defining films of its era. Boney and I had acquired the rights and passed them on to Indra Kumar and Ashok Thakeria during a difficult phase in their journey. The film went on to become a massive

success, with all of us receiving tremendous recognition." The 'Mr India' actor further revealed how Bhagyaraj was also the brain behind, Salman Khan, Akshay Kumar and Priyanka Chopra starrer 'Mujhse Shaadi Karogi'. "Another remarkable example of Bhagyaraj sir's brilliance was Mujhse Shaadi Karogi. Directed by David Dhawan, produced by Sajid Nadiadwala, and starring Salman Khan, Akshay Kumar and Priyanka Chopra, the film's story and screenplay were by Bhagyaraj sir and adapted into Hindi by Anees Bazmee. The film became a major success and marked another important milestone in Akshay Kumar's career," Anil penned.

'SYG' in final stage of filming; makers planning December release

Sai Durgha Tej's ambitious pan-India project 'Sambarala Yeti Gattu' enters its final shooting schedule in Hyderabad. Directed by Rohith KP and produced by the makers of 'HanuMan', the film is set for a grand theatrical release in December 2026. GeographicReference The makers of Sambarala Yeti Gattu, starring Supreme Hero Sai Durgha Tej, have commenced the film's final shooting schedule in Hyderabad, taking the ambitious pan-India project a step closer to its theatrical release in December 2026. Directed by debutant Rohith KP, the film is being produced by K. Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy under the Primeshow Entertainment banner. Known for backing the pan-India blockbuster HanuMan, the production house is reportedly mounting the film on a grand scale with no compromises on production values. A massive specially designed set has been erected for the ongoing schedule, where the team will shoot several key sequences featuring large-scale action, emotional moments and visually striking episodes involving the lead cast. Sai Durgha Tej is said to be portraying one of the most intense and challenging roles of his career. The actor has undergone a notable



transformation for the film, which promises to present him in a powerful new avatar. Director Rohith KP is blending action, emotion and grand visuals to create an immersive cinematic experience for audiences across languages. The post-production work is expected to begin immediately after the completion of the current schedule. The film

features Aishwarya Lekshmi as the female lead, while Jagapathi Babu, Sai Kumar, Srikanth and Ananya Nagalla play pivotal roles. The makers have also roped in a leading Bollywood actor for a crucial character, although details remain under wraps. Music for the film is being composed by Ajaneesh Loknath.

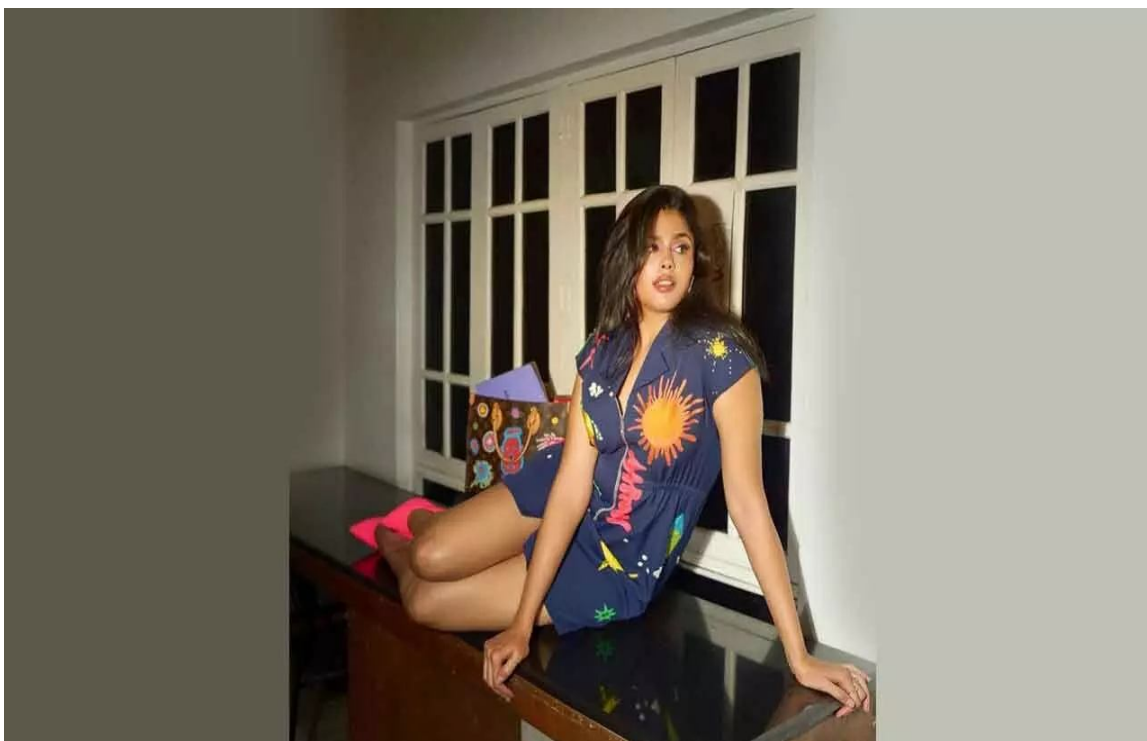
People still recognize me as 'Bahubali' in every country



Prabhas on film's global reach A decade after 'Baahubali' transformed Indian cinema, Prabhas reflects on his global journey and the lasting impact of the iconic franchise. Discover how the warrior king role turned him into an international star. History A decade after Baahubali: The Beginning transformed Indian cinema and rewrote box-office history, actor Prabhas continues to witness the extraordinary global impact of the franchise that changed his life forever. As audiences celebrate ten years of the landmark epic, the actor opened up about how the film turned him into an internationally recognised star. Speaking in connection with the release of the documentary series Baahubali: The Torch Bearer, Prabhas recalled memorable experiences from his travels around the world, where fans continue to identify him with the iconic warrior king even years after the film's release. The actor revealed that he was surprised to find admirers of Baahubali in countries far away from India. Recalling his travels, Prabhas shared that people recognised him in Italy, while children in Peru spoke to him about their love for the film during a charity visit. According to the actor, the scale of the phenomenon that followed the release of Baahubali was beyond anything he had imagined. Prabhas also narrated an incident involving filmmaker S.S. Rajamouli, who was recognised by a stranger in Norway as the director of Baahubali, highlighting the franchise's remarkable international reach. Reflecting on how fame changed his personal life, the actor joked that travelling anonymously is no longer possible. "When I wake up in a new country and people still recognise me, I call Rajamouli sir and ask if he will ever allow me a personal life," he said. Even ten years later, Baahubali remains one of Indian cinema's defining achievements, while Prabhas continues to be its most celebrated global ambassador.

Faria Abdullah entertains with playful fashion statement

Discover how actress Faria Abdullah maintains her relevance in Telugu cinema through consistent social media engagement and a vibrant sense of style while gearing up for her upcoming bilingual film, Sigma. Actress Faria Abdullah continues to stay firmly in the spotlight with her vibrant social media presence, proving that consistency can be just as important as blockbuster success in the film industry. While the actress is still awaiting a major breakthrough as a lead heroine, she has managed to remain relevant and connected with audiences throughout her five-year journey in Telugu cinema. Faria recently grabbed attention after sharing a fresh set of photographs on social media that showcased her lively fashion sense. The actress was seen wearing a navy blue printed mini dress adorned with colourful graphic patterns, pairing the outfit with striking pink heels and a stylish printed tote bag. Keeping her hair loose and opting for bold eye makeup, she completed a youthful and playful look that quickly caught the attention of her followers. On the professional front, Faria was recently seen in Gaayapadda Simham and is now preparing for the release of Sigma, an upcoming Telugu-Tamil



bilingual project that has already sparked curiosity among movie lovers. Despite not having landed a big-ticket lead role yet, Faria has successfully avoided disappearing from the public eye between releases. Whether through films, public appearances or social media interactions, she contin-

ues to engage with her audience and maintain her visibility in a highly competitive industry. At a time when many actresses fade away after a handful of projects, Faria Abdullah's persistence and steady presence suggest that she is playing the long game and waiting for the right opportunity to arrive

Sooryavanshi ready to play, but must 'bide his time and wait,' says ten Doeschate

Discover why India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate says teenage IPL batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi must wait for his international T20I debut despite the team's shock series loss to Ireland.

Dynamic teenaged opening batter Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is ready to play international cricket for India, but will have to 'bide his time and wait' for his opportunity in a packed line-up, said India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate.

The swashbuckling Sooryavanshi was fast-tracked into the India T20I side after amassing 776 runs at a staggering strike-rate of 237.30 to bag the Player-of-the-Tournament honour in IPL 2026. But Sooryavanshi was unused in Ireland, as India suffered a shock 2-0 series loss. "He's absolutely ready to play international cricket, there's no doubt about that. But also, I think it's not a question to say you can leave Sanju Samson out. A guy who went a long way to winning India the World Cup three months ago. A guy who's had a fairly good IPL."

"It's important in terms of giving players confidence, and the message we're sending to players. We



want to give guys a long run in the team. So, as ready as Vaibhav is and as excited as we are and you are to see him play, he's going to have to go through the same process as everyone else and, you know, bide his time and wait. But certainly no questions about how good he is and how ready he is," said ten Doeschate at the conclusion of the series.

Sooryavanshi will now travel to England for the five-game T20I series starting in Durham on July 1. If either of Sanju Samson or Abhishek Sharma don't make big runs, then an opening for Sooryavanshi's much-awaited international debut can be made. Ten Doeschate refused to hide behind scheduling constraints in Ireland being a

factor in them losing the series.

"I think training more does give you a better chance to adapt. I think you also really need to tread carefully in terms of freshness and giving guys time off and making sure that they're mentally fresh for series as well. In hindsight, I wouldn't have done things differently."

"We got here on Thursday and, again, we know how hard the Irish are trying to put on good facilities. The training facilities weren't ideal, so we had a little hit there but of course you'd rather have three or four hits like you would for a normal tour."

"Again, no excuse. If we're really critical of ourselves, it's the desire to want to adapt and to play different-

ly when you are presented with a different challenge. We put our hands up, and say that's something we need to get better at a lot quicker," he added.

Ten Doeschate, who played for Netherlands, was also effusive in his praise for Ireland's landmark achievement. "Without being disrespectful, no. You mark guys player to player and what the Indian players have achieved in their careers. There's a couple of guys sitting there who have won two World Cups on the bounce."

"There's guys who have played hundreds of IPL games, and I think that sort of just underlines what an achievement it is (for Ireland). I wouldn't even say we had two bad days. I thought the Irish were fantastic over both days. Not a razzmatazz 240, 250 type of cricket. They (were) smart enough to navigate their way to two good scores."

"I mean we won both tosses as well. I'm pretty chuffed for them. It's obviously super disappointing to lose, but to see them make progress like that and just win by making the most of what they have is very impressive, and we take our hats off to them," ten Doeschate concluded.

'Richa should've been sent in by 17th over': Anjum questions India's decisions after T20 WC exit



New Delhi: Former India captain Anjum Chopra believes India's batting strategy cost them dearly in their crucial Women's T20 World Cup clash against Australia, with the former skipper highlighting delayed tactical decisions, unsettled batting positions and an overly cautious approach as key reasons behind the team's defeat. South Asians & Diaspora Speaking after India's exit from the tournament, Anjum also backed Harmanpreet Kaur to continue leading the side while urging the team management to redefine its batting philosophy for the shortest format. Anjum felt India's total failed to put enough pressure on a batting line-up as experienced as Australia's and argued that the innings lacked the finishing flourish that could have changed the complexion of the contest. "Firstly, the runs on the board were not enough. 170 is a good total, but against Australia, in basically a World Cup knockout, it was slightly below par. Then you have to back it up with early wickets. Against a team like Australia, one or two wickets won't cut it. To choke a team like Australia, you have to score those extra runs so that your bowlers have some cushion," Anjum told JioStar.

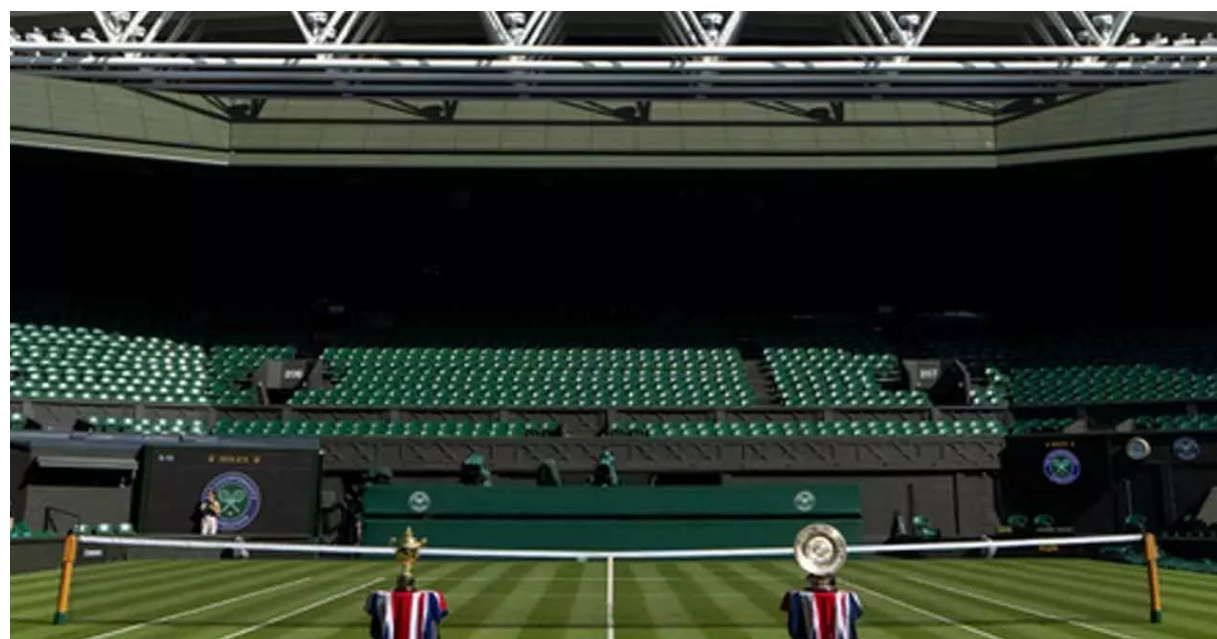
She also questioned the timing of Richa Ghosh's arrival at the crease, believing India delayed deploying one of their most destructive finishers. "Also, I felt Richa Ghosh should have been sent in by the 17th over. You didn't get the finishing kick by sending Richa in one over too late. And the fifth bowler, as usual, continued to be an issue for the Indian team," she added. Moving beyond the result itself, Anjum pointed to the absence of consistency in India's batting order, suggesting that constant reshuffling prevented players from settling into defined roles. "If Yastika Bhatia was your No. 3 batter, then why didn't she bat at that position in this game? If Jemimah Rodrigues was playing at No. 3 in the England series, then why didn't she do that in the World Cup?," Anjum questioned.

She then laid out the batting structure she believes would allow India to maximise their strongest resource. "I personally believe Harmanpreet should bat at No. 3 and, at No. 4, you should have a batter who can make a positive impact on the game, and that is Richa Ghosh. Apart from the Bangladesh game, Richa didn't bat at No. 4 throughout the tournament. Bowling is not their greatest strength, everyone knows that, even the opposition knows it. So, if batting is India's strength, then let it create the impact you need and hope that the bowling does the rest. Australia is a well-oiled unit, against them, scoring at seven an over won't win you games, you'll have to go at 9s," the former India captain expressed. Despite India's disappointing campaign, Anjum expressed confidence that Harmanpreet remains the right person to captain the T20I side. However, she insisted that the team must embrace a more fearless batting identity if it hopes to compete consistently with the world's leading teams. "I still think she is the best captain to lead India. I don't think any other player is ready for captaincy at this point. If we start talking about areas to work on, from captaincy to batting to bowling, it will be a long list of homework. The most important focus area should be the approach needed for the T20 format. We only see it in its full glory in the WPL. "As soon as they come back to the Indian team, they go into their shell again. Go all out. If not 200, at least get to 180. Back yourself to go that distance. The top order didn't back itself enough. I feel Harmanpreet is your best captain at this point, but who are your best batters when it comes to that fearless approach? Finding answers to that should begin from the very next day," Anjum stated.

Wimbledon: Players suspend media protest after breakthrough talks on prize money

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Wimbledon organisers and top tennis players have reached a temporary breakthrough, ending a media-access protest as negotiations over prize money and governance reform continue. Learn more about the core demands regarding Grand Slam revenue sharing and the future of player representation. Wimbledon organisers and the world's leading tennis players have reached a temporary understanding that will allow normal media operations to continue during this year's Championships, easing tensions in a dispute that has been simmering across all four Grand Slams since early 2025. Geographic Reference The breakthrough came after a series of discussions between player representatives and the All England Club over the weekend. The talks followed concerns that top players were preparing to extend a media-access protest throughout the opening week of Wimbledon, limiting post-match and pre-match interview commitments to just 15 minutes. The disagreement stems from a broader campaign launched by



players in March 2025 seeking a greater share of Grand Slam revenues, increased contributions to player welfare initiatives and the creation of a formal player committee within the major tournaments' governance structure.

While Wimbledon had already announced a record prize-money increase for the 2026 edition, players signalled last week that financial concerns remained unresolved. The move raised fears of a prolonged standoff and even the possibility of future tournament boycotts if negotiations failed to progress. Following the latest round of talks, however, players agreed to restore full media participa-

tion for the tournament. "Following constructive meetings between player representatives and AELTC leadership over the weekend, players have confirmed they will resume normal tournament media duties from Monday 29 June," a statement from the players said, as quoted by The Guardian. "This decision is based on Wimbledon's commitment to return with specific proposals addressing all three points of the players' July 2025 submission. The underlying matters remain unresolved and players will carefully evaluate the proposals once received. "Players will also be providing Wimbledon with further information they have

requested in connection with those proposals during the course of the tournament. Constructive dialogue with Wimbledon and the other grand slams will continue. The players and the club will make no further comment at this time," the statement read further. The said publication also stated that the All England Club has agreed to develop concrete proposals on a revised prize-money model and stronger player representation, mirroring discussions already initiated at the French Open. The players emphasised that the broader dispute has not been settled and that further negotiations will continue during and beyond the Wimbledon fortnight.