



PM Modi Gifts India's Finest Heritage Crafts To Seychelles Leaders

Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the leaders of the Seychelles with a selected collection of Indian handicrafts during his recent visit. The presents included a traditional handmade box, Kanjeevaram silk, and a brass tortoise. Prime Minister Narendra Modi showcased India's centuries-old craftsmanship and rich cultural traditions during his three-day visit to the Seychelles by presenting the leaders of the island nation with a carefully chosen set of gifts. The visit marked an unprecedented occasion when Seychelles President Patrick Herminie awarded the prestigious "Guardian of the Blue Horizon" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his proactive steps to enhance maritime and bilateral ties. The highlight of the diplomatic visit was an impressive brass tortoise, gifted to President Patrick Herminie by Moradabad. The present held special significance, as it was



handcrafted by the renowned artisans of Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh, the "Brass City of India". The Indian delegation was besotted with the beauty of a detailed brass tortoise, which served as a symbolic link to Seychelles' own iconic Aldabra

Giant Tortoise. The action beautifully turned a classical Indian art form into a mirror of the host country's natural heritage. The gifts selected for First Lady Veronique Herminie celebrated the Indian arts of weaving and metalworking. She was given a

Maheshwari Silk Stolen and a beautiful Box of Bidriware. The Maheshwari stole from the historic town of Maheshwar in Madhya Pradesh is a brilliant blend of fine silk and cotton yarns, adorned with delicate geometric and floral motifs that reflect royal design sensibilities. The stole was accompanied by a Box of Bidriware from Bidar, Karnataka. This masterpiece displayed the fine craftsmanship of inlaying brilliant silver into the highly corroded black surface of the zinc-copper alloy. Meanwhile, diplomatic symbolism continued to take centre stage with the presentation to Vice President Sebastien Pillay. Sikkim had given him one of the paintings to give to him, which was a custom orchid painting. The peacock became the national bird of India and the orchid the national flower of Seychelles, a beautiful juxtaposition in the artwork that formed a stunning visual metaphor for the growing

partnership.

The Prime Minister has selected a Kanjeevaram silk fabric of a timeless design for Second Lady Lina Pillay. It was embellished with a rich maroon base, richly inspired by the traditional Indian temple architecture and natural scenes. A traditional Toda Embroidered Shawl was presented to Seychelles National Assembly Speaker, Azarel Ernesta, to complement the exceptional collection. The textile is woven by the indigenous Toda people of the Nilgiri hills in Tamil Nadu, making it a highly complex and ancient weave. Traditionally, the shawl is reserved for sacred ceremonies and is sewn with bold red-and-black geometric embroidery on plain white cotton fabric. Being included in the state gifts reflected India's efforts to conserve and promote the knowledge systems of the tribes and their cultural identity worldwide.

After Jonnagiri, AP eyes revival of Chigurugunta gold project

Tirupati: Encouraged by the successful launch of gold production at the Jonnagiri Gold Project in Kurnool district, the state government has started efforts to revive the historic Chigurugunta-Bisanatham Gold Project in Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu's Kuppam constituency of Chittoor district. History Gold produced at the Jonnagiri mines has already reached several jewellery shops in Kurnool city in the form of gold bars. With the Jonnagiri project attracting attention from across the country, focus has now shifted to the long-closed gold mines at Chigurugunta, raising hopes of another major mining project in the State. The state government has invited fresh tenders to reopen the Chigurugunta gold mines, which has remained shut since 2001. Two companies participated in the tender process held on June 25. Officials are expected to examine the bids and complete the auction process



soon.

The mining area, which earlier covered 263 hectares, has been expanded by another nine hectares after a recent survey. According to estimates by the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC), the region may contain nearly 1.8 million tonnes of gold-bearing ore. Officials estimate that each tonne of ore could yield about 5.5 grams of gold, indicating total reserves of around 8.5 tonnes of the precious metal. Officials believe the revival

of the project could provide direct and indirect employment to nearly 5,000 people and boost economic activity in the region. The Chigurugunta and Bisanatham gold mines have a history spanning several decades. Gold deposits were first identified in the area after geological surveys. Mining operations began at Bisanatham in 1968 and at Chigurugunta in 1978 under Mineral Exploration and Consultancy Limited (MECL), which supplied gold ore to Bharat Gold

Mines Limited (BGML) at the Kolar Gold Fields in Karnataka. Government Later, BGML took over the mining operations and continued extraction until January 15, 2001. The mines were closed after BGML suffered heavy financial losses, leaving thousands of workers and their families without jobs. In 2011, the then Congress government drilled 150 boreholes to study the availability of gold reserves, and the survey confirmed the presence of significant deposits. Later, in 2022, the previous YSRCP government handed over the project to NMDC with an estimated investment of Rs 450 crore, though mining activities did not begin. With the commencement of the reopening process, hopes have risen among people in Chigurugunta and nearby villages as they can get more employment opportunities and boost economic activity.

Pawan Kalyan and M'rashtia CM Fadnavis, discuss tigresses Transfer



Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan met Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis in Mumbai today (Tuesday). During the meeting, the two leaders discussed tiger conservation efforts in the Eastern Ghats. Pawan expressed his gratitude to Fadnavis for providing two tigresses to Andhra Pradesh. They also discussed various issues of mutual interest between the two states. The discussions regarding tiger conservation in the Eastern Ghats and the transfer of two tigresses from Maharashtra to AP were successful. They decided to collaborate further on matters of shared interest in the future. Speaking on the occasion, Pawan Kalyan noted that a significant decline in the number of tigresses in the Eastern Ghats region of AP had led to genetic issues. He stated that they are seeking cooperation from the Maharashtra government to revive the tiger population and confirmed that Maharashtra has agreed to provide two tigresses to Andhra Pradesh. Pawan Kalyan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to CM Devendra Fadnavis for his support. Pawan Kalyan described this initiative as a significant milestone in the history of tiger conservation in the Eastern Ghats. He explained that the introduction of tigresses would help overcome inbreeding issues, enhance genetic diversity, and contribute to the long-term stability of the tiger population. They explained that this would create a healthy and self-sustaining tiger habitat within the Eastern Ghats. They noted that this joint conservation initiative reflects the commitment of both states to biodiversity conservation based on scientific approaches and sustainable wildlife management.

Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan visits PM SHRI Model school in Vizianagaram, lauds AP govt

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan Union Minister of Education Dharmendra Pradhan and Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education and IT Nara Lokesh visited the PM SHRI AP Model School in Bhogapuram, Vizianagaram district, today (Tuesday). Afterward, they departed from Bhogapuram for Visakhapatnam. During the visit, State Minister Nara Lokesh briefed Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan on the reforms being implemented in the state's education sector, the development of government schools, and the facilities provided to stu-

dents. Lokesh outlined the measures being taken to elevate state government educational institutions to a level comparable to private institutions. Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan interacted with students at the PM SHRI AP Model School and commended their talent. He expressed satisfaction with the students' confident responses to questions posed by the ministers. He also praised the school's academic standards, teaching methodologies, and infrastructure. Dharmendra Pradhan remarked that the steps taken by the Andhra Pradesh government to

strengthen the public education system are commendable. He lauded the state government's efforts to modernize government schools with advanced facilities and provide quality education. Subsequently, Minister Nara Lokesh spoke, stating that a special action plan is being formulated to implement a uniform policy for the management of kitchens in schools across the state. He stated that necessary standards would be formulated and implemented to provide quality and hygienic mid-day meals to students.

Grand Alumni Silver Jubilee Celebrations 1987-88 SSC, Vani Shishu Vidya Mandir in Jangaon town

Jangaon, June 29, Metroudayam:

Grand Alumni Silver jubilee celebrations were held at PLJ Convention, Jangaon the former students of Vani Shishu Vidyamandir 1987-88 batch students in grand level who attended from different places from Andhra Pradesh and Telengana States, Hyderabad, Bangalore, Thirupathi etc., All the alumnis of the school shared their previous student life experience along with their classmates boys and girls. They felt so happy while they met each others and the teachers who taught them not only teaching value, moral education but also communication skills from their master Murali sir, well versed in teaching English language. They reminded their masters 'Pakeer Yadaviri Reddy sir who was the head of the institution, Sathyam sir, Mothe Surrender reddy sir, Parusharamulu sir with affectionately. The alumni students Kodam Kumaraswamy, Mothe Srinivas reddy, Pokala Venu, Vasundhara, Madhuraveni, Manjula, Madhu, Nagaraju, Srinivas, Madhu, Pamu Mohan, spoke on this occasion that they were settled well in good position with guidance, discipline and teaching the teachers in Vanishishu mandir by the grace of god and teachers. On this occasion Pakeer Yadagiri Reddy spoke that better to prefer our children to live India for



employment doing service to Indian people and never go to for foreign countries. He and the teachers also said that save our Indian culture and tradition by reciting the slokas, doing practice of yoga, meditation etc., Live happily along with our parents and habituate the children to go through the holybooks of the

Ramayana, The Mahabharatha etc., to develop the Indian culture and unity in diversity. It was followed by Suresh, Pagidala Srinivas, Paavani, Sujatha, Teli Jagadish, Aravind, Bhayalaxmi, Anitha and others participated in this programme.

DRM CONDUCTS SURPRISE INSPECTION OF VISAKHAPATNAM RAILWAY STATION



Divisional Railway Manager, Visakhapatnam Division, Shri Lalit Bohra, conducted a surprise inspection of Visakhapatnam Railway Station today to review the standards of cleanliness, passenger amenities, and train punctuality, reaffirming the Division's commitment to providing safe, efficient, and passenger-centric railway services.

During the inspection, Shri Lalit Bohra undertook a comprehensive

review of cleanliness across station premises, including platforms, circulating areas, waiting halls, and passenger facilities. He also assessed the availability and maintenance of essential passenger amenities to ensure a comfortable travel experience.

As part of the inspection, the Divisional Railway Manager interacted with passengers onboard trains and at the station to obtain firsthand feedback on the quality of

services, cleanliness, punctuality, and overall travel experience. DRM instructed concerned officials to promptly address any shortcomings observed during the inspection and to sustain continuous monitoring for further improvement.

Shri Lalit Bohra was accompanied by ADRM (Operations) Shri K. Rama Rao and other senior officials of the Visakhapatnam Division during the inspection.

Nadda hails PM Modi's vision for strengthening of medical education ecosystem

New Delhi: Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda said on Tuesday that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the government has strengthened medical education by focusing on "hardware" and "software," or infrastructure and an enabling ecosystem. Addressing the 10th Convocation of the Institute of Liver and Biliary Sciences (ILBS) in New Delhi, Nadda said that while the "hardware" comprises world-class infrastructure, medical institutions and healthcare facilities, the "software" represents the enabling ecosystem, policy framework and academic environment that empower students, researchers and healthcare profes-

sionals to excel. History He remarked that the true strength of a nation's healthcare system lies not merely in creating institutions, but in building an ecosystem where excellence can flourish.

Underscoring the impact of policy reforms, Nadda stated that students must appreciate how visionary policymaking and a supportive ecosystem together create lasting change. He noted that at the end of the twentieth century, India had only one AIIMS. During the tenure of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, six more AIIMS were approved. Since then, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, 16 new AIIMS have been operationalized,

bringing the total to 23. The Union Minister highlighted the unprecedented expansion of medical education infrastructure across the country, pointing out that the number of medical colleges has increased from 387 to 818. Similarly, undergraduate medical seats have risen from around 50,000 to over 1.20 lakh, he said. Referring to the Prime Minister's announcement from the Red Fort, Nadda said that the Government has set a target of creating an additional 75,000 undergraduate medical seats over the next five years, and that nearly 25,000 seats have already been added, reflecting steady progress towards achieving this objective.

Invitation to eminent leaders for Rajyadhikar Samarabheri' meeting



Jangaon, June 30, Metroudayam:

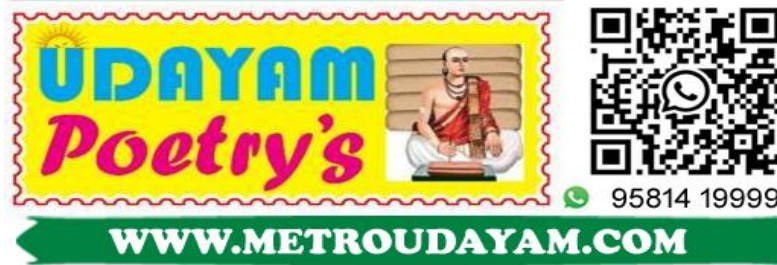
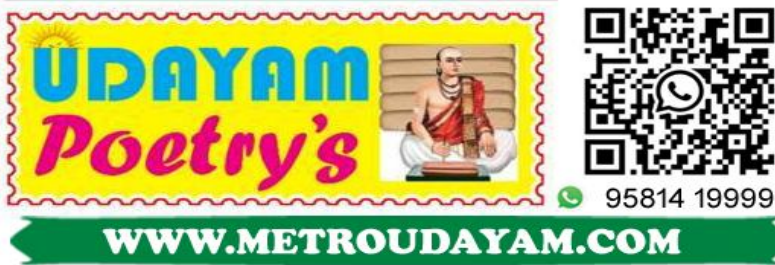
In Jangaon district a wide campaign is going on in for the 'Rajyadhikara Samarabheri' Mahasabha, which will be organized in Bhuvanagiri on 5th July under the auspices of Telangana Rajyadhikara Party. As part of this, under the leadership of the district president of the party Katla Sadanandam, many prominent labor and social union leaders were cordially invited to attend the meeting today. Many officials were invited DTO Shilpa, Senior assistant Sudhrashan in RTO office Jangaon, Dr Balaji IMA president of Jangaon district also cordially invited for the meeting.

In raghunathpally mandal Ex zptc Marjodu Rambabu, BC JAC leaders Chintakindi Krishnamurthy, Mutyalu Gugulothu Komurelli Veldi subsarpanch Edla Bhaskar along with the party leaders handed over invitation letters to the main leaders of the Sanghas. In Lingala Ghanpur main leaders were invited to attend. It is mentioned that the Mahasabha is going on. Irrespective of parties, everyone should come together to protect our rights and make the meeting a success. The leaders who received the invitation responded positively and wished the meeting a success. Others participated. District Vice President Renukuntla Murali Bindla, Youth District President Pittala Suresh, Youth General Secretary Chennuru Vamsi, youth District Vice President Aleemuddin Baba, Secretary Gangaraju, Women wing President Dandu Rani, District Youth Secretary Leaders and activists etc. participated in this programme.

Grand Retired Employees Association 30th Anniversary Celebrations...

Chikkadapally, June 30 Metro Udayam : Andhra Bank Retired Employees Association 30th Anniversary Celebrations were held grandly at the local civic library. In this program, Tankala Kameswara Rao, Assistant General Secretary Vasudevarao, Deputy General Secretary Moola Bhaskara Rao, Vice President explained to the employees about the awareness to be taken on insurance issues. He said that the upcoming general body meeting will be held in Hyderabad and everyone should attend in large numbers and know about the contents. He said that 10000 will be given to the expenses of those who die suddenly, and the employees should be aware of this. He said that if there are any difficulties, they will talk to the management and solve the problems. Mrutunja Rao took the responsibility of managing the program. K Koteswara Rao, Patnaik K.S.V.S. Murthy, Ravikumar, Friends Comedy Club Founder President M.V. Subrahmanyam, around 60 retired employees and others participated.





धार्मिक शिक्षा की जितनी अहमियत है उतनी ही अहमियत आधुनिक शिक्षा की भी है। इन दोनों में समतुल्य समन्वय साथे बगैर समाज की उन्नति नहीं हो सकती।

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आज की दुनिया में आर्थिक असमानता और सामाजिक सुरक्षा की कमी सभी की स्थिति को और जटिल बनाती है, इससे अनाथों की भी हालत जटिल है। इसलिए धार्मिक हुक्म को आधुनिक सामाजिक कानूनी ढाँचों के साथ जोड़कर काम करना जरूरी है। बढ़ते शहरीकरण और बदलते परिवार संरचना को ध्यान में रखते हुए लोकतांत्रिक प्रणालियों या प्रशासनिक विभागों को अधिक स्थिर, सर्वमान्य और मजबूत बनाना। बढ़ते शहरीकरण, कामकाजी मातापिता और टूटती पारिवारिक संरचनाओं के कारण बच्चों की देखभाल पारंपरिक तरीकों से कठिन होती जा रही है।



इसलिए आधुनिक सामाजिक नीतियाँ और संस्थागत समेकन आवश्यक हैं। अनाथों की देखभाल करने वाले यतीमखाने या अनाथालयों में बच्चों को केवल पारंपरिक धार्मिक शिक्षा तक सीमित नहीं रखना चाहिए। पारम्परिक और शिक्षा संस्थाओं दोनों का समावेश होना जरूरी है। क्योंकि धार्मिक शिक्षा की जितनी अहमियत है उतनी ही अहमियत आधुनिक शिक्षा की भी है। इन दोनों में समतुल्य समन्वय साथे बगैर समाज की उन्नति नहीं हो सकती। धार्मिक शिक्षा के साथ आधुनिक शिक्षा का संतुलन अनाथों के दीर्घकालिक कल्याण के लिये आवश्यक है। उन्हें जीवनयापन के समुचित कौशल प्रदान किए जाने चाहिए।

अनाथों के सर्वांगीण विकास के लिए श्रमशक्ति अनाथ संरक्षण केंद्र बेहतरीन योगदान दे सकते हैं। सरकार की देख-रेख में एक ऐसी स्थानीय स्तर का केंद्र की आवश्यकता होगी जो शिक्षा, स्वास्थ्य, परामर्श और कानूनी सहायता प्रदान करें। इस केंद्र के माध्यम से दीर्घ कालिक छात्रवृत्ति के साथ सहानुभूति के साथ रचनात्मक प्रतिक्रिया देने वाले व्यक्तिगत मेंटर असाइन करना लाभदायक होगा ताकि बच्चे शिक्षा के प्रवाह में बने रहें। और अपने विकास के खुद सारथी बन सकें। इस केंद्र के माध्यम से स्थानीय समुदाय द्वारा संचालित निधि उपलब्ध करवा सकते हैं जो अनाथों की तात्कालिक आवश्यकताओं (खाना, कपड़ा, दवाई) और आकस्मिक संकट में सहायता हो सके।

अनाथों के सुरक्षा सरकार और समाज दोनों का भी नैतिक और धार्मिक कर्तव्य है। पवित्र कुरआन का कहना है कि संधेह जो लोग अनाथों का माल अन्यायपूर्वक (जुल्म से) खाते हैं, वे वास्तव में अपने पेट में आग भर रहे हैं और वे जल्द ही भड़कती हुई आग में झोंक दिए जाएंगे। (सूरह अन-निसा, अध्याय 4, 10)। इस आयत में अनाथों की संपत्ति हड़पने वालों को सीधे तौर पर जहन्नम (नरक) की आग की चेतावनी देती है। ये शिक्षाएँ समाज में कमजोर और बेसहारा बच्चों को सुरक्षा और सम्मान देने का आदेश देती हैं।

इस सूरह अन-निसा की आयत अनाथ की संपत्ति को अन्याय से ग्रहण करने वालों के लिए चेतावनी सीधे और स्पष्ट है। यह न सिर्फ व्यक्तिगत दोष है बल्कि समाज में संपत्ति के वितरण और उत्तराधिकार के नियमों के उल्लंघन का मामला है। इस आयत का मकसद आर्थिक रूप से कमजोरों को कानूनी और नैतिक संरक्षण देना है ताकि उनके अस्तित्व और भविष्य की सुरक्षा सुनिश्चित हो सके। अनाथों के आत्मसम्मान की रक्षा समाज में आत्मविश्वास के साथ बढ़ने में मदद करती है।

शिक्षा एवं कौशल विकास के बगैर समाज का विकास नहीं हो सकता। इस बात को ध्यान में रखते हुए अनाथ बच्चों के लिए निःशुल्क और गुणवत्तापूर्ण शिक्षा, कौशल प्रशिक्षण और मार्गदर्शन की व्यवस्था होनी चाहिए ताकि वे आत्मनिर्भर बन सकें। साथ में इस बात की ओर भी विशेष ध्यान देना चाहिए कि इसके लिए प्रामाणिक, पारदर्शिक, स्पष्ट और दोष रहित योजनाओं के आचरण की आवश्यकता होगी। स्कॉलरशिप, मेंटरशिप और करियर काउंसलिंग की इन मामलों में महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका होती है।

कुरआनी निर्देशों का सार यह है कि अनाथों की रक्षा और उनका सम्मान केवल धार्मिक निर्देश नहीं बल्कि सामाजिक न्याय की अनिवार्य शर्त है। आयतें हमें न केवल सहानुभूति सिखाती हैं, बल्कि ठोस नैतिक और व्यावहारिक मार्गदर्शन भी देती हैं। कृ चाहे वह व्यक्तिगतरूप से हो, संस्थागत स्तर पर, या कानूनी व नीतिगत ढाँचे के माध्यम से। आज के संदर्भ में इन शिक्षाओं को समकालीन नीतियों, सामाजिक कार्यक्रमों और सामुदायिक भागीदारी के साथ जोड़ना आवश्यक है ताकि अनाथों को संपूर्ण सुरक्षा, शिक्षा और गरिमा मिल सके। (क्रमशः)

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Vadodara: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Tuesday said India's defence exports had risen from around Rs 1,000 crore in 2014 to approximately Rs 39,000 crore, attributing the increase to reforms aimed at expanding domestic manufacturing and encouraging private sector participation. Speaking at the valedictory session of the Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference (VGRC) in Vadodara, Singh said the country's defence industry had undergone major changes over the past decade. "There was a time when India depended heavily on other countries to meet its defence requirements, importing much of what it needed. But today, India is rapidly moving forward in the fields of defence manufacturing and exports," he said. The minister said domestic defence production had also increased significantly during the same period.

"If I speak in terms of figures, in 2014 our domestic defence production was approximately Rs 46,000 crore. Today, you will be pleased to know that our defence production has increased to Rs 1.78 lakh crore," he emphasised. Singh said the growth had been supported by indigenous platforms, increased private-sector participation, and the emergence of start-ups. "The success of indigenous platforms, the growing participation of the private sector

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BJP leaders submit petition to MLA.....



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Bharatiya Janata Party leaders met the MLA and requested him to provide basic facilities in the double bedroom houses built by the previous government for the poor in Balaji Nagar in the city and immediately hand them over to the beneficiaries. On Tuesday, BJP leaders under the leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party Suryapet District Committee member Jalla Janardhan met Kodad MLA Nalamada Uttam Padmavati Reddy at her camp office and handed over the petition.

Speaking on the occasion, Jalla Janardhan expressed his concern that the double bedroom houses built at a cost of crores of rupees with public money are not being delivered to the beneficiaries and are becoming waste due to lack of facilities. He expressed concern that there is a risk that these houses will become useless if there is no proper supervision. They requested the MLA to take the initiative to realize the dream of owning a house for the poor and immediately resolve this issue. Ramesh Nayak, Yada Naveen, Sandhya Rani, Kranthi, Annapurna, Saidabi and many other BJP leaders and activists participated in this program.....



India's defence exports rise from Rs 1,000 crore to Rs 39,000 crore: Rajnath Singh

and the new energy brought by start-ups have together created a strong defence ecosystem in India," he said. He said initiatives under the Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign, together with Make in India, the Defence Acquisition Procedure and the Technology Development Fund, had strengthened domestic capabilities in aerospace and defence. The minister said provisions for modernisation and capital procurement in the Union Budget were intended to encourage domestic industries and integrate them into global supply chains.

Despite the increase in production and exports, Singh said the government viewed the current achievements as only the beginning. "However, I believe this is only the beginning. We still have to go much further," he added. GeographicReference He said Gujarat would play an important role in supporting the next phase of growth due to its industrial infrastructure, skilled workforce, and entrepreneurial ecosystem. Singh pointed to the state's expanding semiconductor ecosystem in Sanand and Dholera and said future economic and strategic competition would increasingly depend on advanced technologies. "I believe that both future warfare and the future economy will run on chips," he said. He added that artificial intelligence, quantum comput-



ing, cybersecurity and space technology would also become increasingly important in strengthening India's defence capabilities. Singh reiterated that India's pursuit of self-reliance did not imply economic isolation. "We wholeheartedly welcome collaboration with foreign Original Equipment Manufacturers. We also encourage technology transfer and joint ventures. However, our endeavour is always

to ensure that the real benefits accrue on Indian soil, to the people of India, and that India's own capabilities are built here," he said. He concluded by urging industrial partners to support India's self-reliance mission and said the country aimed to develop products designed and manufactured in India that would meet domestic requirements while serving international markets.

GENERAL MANAGER REVIEWS WORKSITE SAFETY AND ASSET FAILURE ACROSS SOUTH COAST RAILWAY



General Manager, South Coast Railway, Shri Sandeep Mathur, today chaired a comprehensive safety review meeting with Principal Heads of Departments (PHODs) and Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs) of all four divisions to assess the Zone's safety performance with focus on worksite safety, asset failures and operational efficiency.

The meeting focused on strengthening worksite safety, preventing asset failures, and further improving train punctuality across the Zone. The General Manager emphasized that safety remains the foremost priority of Indian Railways and called upon all departments to maintain the highest standards of vigilance and adherence to established safety procedures.

Reviewing worksite safety, Shri Sandeep Mathur stressed the importance of careful planning and strict compliance with safety protocols during maintenance and infrastructure works. He directed officials to ensure adequate protection at worksites, proper supervision of field activities, and continuous monitoring to eliminate unsafe practices and safeguard both railway personnel and train operations.

General Manager also reviewed the status of critical railway assets and instructed officials to adopt a proactive approach towards preventive maintenance to minimize asset failures and enhance the reliability of railway infrastructure and rolling stock. During the meeting, special emphasis was laid on improving train punctuality with proper operational planning, close coordination among departments.



CM A. Revanth Reddy's recent Nalgonda public meeting has laid bare deep-rooted factionalism within the Telangana Congress. From the marginalization of the DCC president to the conspicuous absence of MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, the event highlighted the internal challenges facing the party's district leadership Nalgonda: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's recent visit to Nalgonda district and the massive public meeting has allegedly exposed deep-rooted factionalism within the ruling party, bringing long-simmering internal differences into the public eye. Developments before and during the meeting highlighted the growing rivalry among local Congress leaders, making Nalgonda's political scene a topic of discussion across Telangana. GeographicReference It all began traces to the beginning. District Congress Committee (DCC) president, Punna Kailash Netha was officially responsible for coordinating the programme. However, he reportedly faced repeated setbacks during the event due to his strained relationship with the camp of Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy. His photograph, along with that of Legislative Council Chairman Gutta Sukender Reddy, was missing from official flex banners and publicity material, triggering widespread speculation. There were even rumours that Kailash might be placed under house arrest to prevent him from attending the meeting.

However, defying the speculation, he appeared directly on the Chief Minister's

stage. Political observers noted that Revanth's decision to mention Kailash Netha by name during his speech was seen as a clear gesture of recognition, which supporters interpreted as a political setback for his rivals. Venkat Reddy camp's setback? While Kailash Netha emerged with renewed political visibility, two close associates of Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy faced an embarrassing moment. Nalgonda Town Congress President Gummula Mohan Reddy and former Municipal Chairman Burri Srinivas Reddy attempted to enter the main stage but were stopped by Chief Minister's Office security personnel due to protocol and security restrictions. The incident became a major talking point, with opposition groups within the district Congress viewing it as a symbolic blow to the minister's camp.

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Retired Employees' Association State President Peri Venkat Reddy said that PRC will come soon with a good fit for employed teachers' pensioners. On Tuesday, at the invitation of State Associate President Ravella Seetharamaiah, he participated as the chief guest in the mass birthday celebrations and the program to present prizes to the winners of district-level sports and cultural competitions held

at the Kodad Retired Employees' Association office. He said that the government has accepted their main demands like health cards, retirement benefits, PRC, CPS and they will soon be implemented. He said that the previous government has not ignored their problems even once in 10 years. He said that the power to change governments lies in the hands of pensioners. He thanked Seetharamaiah on this occasion that he became the state president due to the efforts of Ravella Seetharamaiah. He wanted everyone to take Seetharamaiah as an example, who is constantly striving for the welfare of the association members. He praised the Kodada Retired Employees Association for setting an example for the



state by undertaking many service programs. Later, the birthday celebrations of the retired employees celebrated in the month of June were held collectively and prizes were given to the winners of the district level competitions. Kodada Unit President Venepalli Srinivasa Rao, District President Bollu Rambabu, State Finance Secretary Prahallada Rao, Vice Presidents Shankar Reddy, Danda

Madhusudhan Reddy, Secretary Pandiri Raghuvara Prasad, Finance Secretary Tammaboyina Veerababu, Vice Presidents Yasdani, Balemia, Bramaramba, Bhupal Reddy, Varakala Janaiah, Presidents and Secretaries of various Mandals and Khammam District Association members participated in this program.....

CM Revanth's Nalgonda visit exposes Cong's factionalism



Another significant development was the absence of Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy. While MPs, MLAs and MLCs from the district attended the public meeting, Rajagopal Reddy stayed away, adding weight to speculation that he remains unhappy over being left out of the recent state cabinet expansion. Ahead of the event, police detained several of his supporters who reportedly planned to protest demanding a ministerial berth for him. Although the public meeting itself was

considered successful, the event highlighted the widening divisions within the district Congress. Political analysts believe Revanth attempted to assert his authority over district politics by publicly acknowledging the DCC president despite the influence of local ministers. The Nalgonda meeting may have showcased the Congress government's development agenda, but it also revealed that internal rivalries remain one of the party's biggest challenges in the district.

EAGLE transforms AP into nat'l reference model in anti-drug enforcement: Chief Ake Ravi

The Tamil Nadu government has formally approached Andhra Pradesh to study and replicate the strategies of the Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE) for its own state anti-drug campaigns. EAGLE chief Ake Ravi Krishna reveals that while local commercial cultivation has been virtually wiped out via Operation Chaitanyam, the agency is now focusing heavy resources on choking contraband influx routes from neighboring states. File photos of Eagle Chief Ake Ravi Krishna addressing the occasion and with Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha and DGP Harish Kumar Gupta.

Kurnool: The state has emerged as the premier national model in combating narcotics trafficking and drug abuse through the comprehensive strategies of the Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE), according to its Chief, Ake Ravi Krishna.

Speaking exclusively to The Hans India over the phone from Mangalagiri, Ravi Krishna stated that the



agency's roadmap aligns with the Prime Minister's vision of a Drug-Free Bharat by 2047. Established in November 2024 under Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu, EAGLE has evolved into a national enforcement benchmark. Ravi Krishna explained that while domestic commercial ganja cultivation in Alluri Sitarama Raju district has been virtually eliminated via Operation Chaitanyam—with tribal farmers successfully transitioned to sustainable alternative crops—the agency's

current focus is intercepting contraband trafficked from neighboring states. Highlighting performance indices between January 2025 and June 2026, the EAGLE Chief revealed that AP Police registered 2,436 NDPS cases, arrested 6,319 accused, and seized over 60.3 tonnes of ganja along with 1,041 transport vehicles. Striking at organized networks, the force froze traffickers' assets worth over Rs 10.4 crore. Furthermore, 128 repeat offenders have been jailed

under the Preventive Detention clauses of the PIT NDPS Act of 1988, with 150 more proposals in the pipeline. The agency's success has drawn national attention; recently, the Tamil Nadu government approached AP to study the EAGLE framework for domestic replication. Citizens can report drug peddling via the toll-free helpline 1972 or confidential WhatsApp number 8977781972.

Massive explosion occurs at Hyderabad's Saroornagar residence, no casualties



A massive explosion caused a major stir within the limits of the Saroornagar police station in the city. The blast, accompanied by a loud noise, occurred at the residence of a retired employee on Road No. 4. The force of the explosion completely destroyed the house's walls, doors, and windows. South Asians & Diaspora However, the cause of the explosion remains a mystery; it was determined that the three gas cylinders, refrigerator, and geyser inside the house did not explode, nor were there any signs of fire. Family members were present in the house at the time of the incident but escaped safely without any injuries. Retired bank employee Devender has been living there with his wife and son for the past 24 years. A loud noise was suddenly heard coming from the kitchen, and the house sustained severe damage due to the blast. Upon receiving the information, Saroornagar police and HYDRABAD personnel arrived at the scene to inspect the premises and are investigating the cause of the massive explosion. The police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the incident.

2 Bangladeshi nationals apprehended in Delhi; one had sneaked in after deportation

New Delhi: In a significant operation against illegal migrants, the Delhi Police on Tuesday apprehended two Bangladeshi nationals, including a woman living illegally, and handed them over to the concerned department for initiating deportation proceedings. The two illegal migrants, named Rahul Amin and Jibon Miah, were nabbed from the Azadpur area of North-West Delhi recently. Rahul Amin (25) is said to be a native of Ashra village in Dhaka, while Jibon Miah (36) hails from Hari Nagar village in the Brahmanbaria region. The duo was found to have Bangladeshi IDs, and their smartphones were also installed with a banned IMO application. The police, during the investigation, found that Ruhul Amin had sneaked back into the country after he was deported

from the country. The North-West District police said that he was apprehended by the Foreigner Cell in June 2025 and subsequently deported. However, he illegally re-entered the country and was traced again by the Foreigner Cell, this time near Mahendra Park.

The police team acted on a specific intelligence input and nabbed the Bangladeshi nationals staying in Azadpur, near Mahendra Park. The police team conducted detailed surveillance and, at the instance of an informer, apprehended two illegal migrants from the area. Both apprehended persons were found to be residing and operating in North-West District, Delhi, without valid travel documents. During further interrogation, the apprehended persons dis-



closed that they used to disguise themselves as transgender persons during night hours to attract customers and allegedly used chilli spray on customers to rob them of their belongings. One chilli spray was recovered from Ruhul Amin's bag. Jibon Miah used to work as a cook, and both were found

to be residing together. According to police, necessary legal action has been initiated in accordance with the law. They were produced before the Foreign Regional Registration Office (FRRO), and deportation proceedings were initiated in accordance with the established procedure.

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The results of the AP EAPCET 2026—eagerly awaited by lakhs of students in Andhra Pradesh—are set to be released today at 3 PM. Nara Lokesh, the Minister for Education and IT, will announce the results via the social media platform 'X'. The EAPCET exams were conducted between May 12 and May 20, with over 3.29 lakh students appearing for them. Although the results were originally scheduled for release on June 1, a delay occurred; officials waited for the full declaration of results from the Second-Year Intermediate Advanced Supplementary exams and the revised CBSE results to ensure that no student would be disadvantaged, given the 25% weightage assigned to Intermediate marks.

Traffic restrictions imposed at Hyderabad's Gachibowli amid flyover works

Cyberabad Traffic Police have imposed traffic restrictions to expedite the construction of a multi-level flyover and underpass at the IIIT Junction in Gachibowli, Hyderabad. It was announced that the road stretch from DLF Gate No. 1 to the Gachibowli Traffic Police Station would be closed for three months, starting July 1. Officials stated that these restrictions were implemented to alleviate traffic congestion, given that the construction work is expected to

continue for approximately one year. Cyberabad Police Commissioner M.Ramesh urged employees commuting to IT companies in the IIIT, DLF, Gachibowli, and Financial District areas to plan their journeys in advance and use alternative routes whenever possible. According to diversions, vehicles traveling from the Radisson Hotel side towards IIIT Junction will be permitted only up to DLF Gate No. 1; movement beyond that point will not

be allowed. These vehicles must reach IIIT Junction via Gachibowli Junction and Indira Nagar. Employees commuting via the TCS Non-SEZ (CMC) gate have been permitted to continue using the same entry and exit route as usual. Vehicles heading towards the DLF road from the Lingampally side will be diverted at the Gachibowli Traffic Police Station. From there, you need to reach the DLF area via IIIT Junction, Gachibowli Junction, and Radisson Junction.



8 Leadership Habits Helping Women Rise to Senior Leadership Roles

Unlock the path to senior leadership with these 6 essential habits. From building visibility and executive presence to mastering collaborative leadership, learn the intentional practices that help women break barriers and advance their careers. The path to senior leadership is rarely linear and for women, it often comes with an additional layer of complexity. Yet, across industries, women who rise to the top share certain traits that set them apart. These are not innate traits but intentional practices, cultivated over time with purpose and consistency. Here are the key habits that are helping women break barriers and claim their seat at the table.

1. Build Visibility Competence alone does not get you to the boardroom - visibility does. Women who rise to senior roles understand that their work needs to be seen, not just done. They actively seek opportunities to present ideas, lead initiatives, and contribute to conversations that matter. Building visibility means showing up consistently in spaces where decisions are made and ensuring that the right people are aware of the value you bring.

2. Develop Executive Presence Executive presence is not about how you look - it is about how you make others feel when you walk into a room. It is the ability to communicate with confidence, command attention, and inspire



trust. Women who rise to leadership invest in developing a strong point of view, speak with clarity and conviction, and carry themselves with an authority that is both earned and expressed. Presence is a skill, and like any skill, it can be built. 3. Seek Mentors and Sponsors Mentors guide you. Sponsors advocate for you. Both are essential. Women who rise intentionally build relationships with senior leaders who can offer perspective, open doors, and champion their growth when they are not in the room. Seeking mentors and

sponsors is not a sign of weakness - it is a strategic move that accelerates growth and expands access to opportunities that may otherwise remain invisible.

4. Embrace Risks and New Opportunities Playing it safe has never built an extraordinary career. Women who rise to senior leadership roles are those who raise their hand for the stretch assignment, take on roles they are not fully ready for, and step into discomfort with intention. Every risk taken is a signal to yourself and to others

that you are ready for more. The willingness to embrace uncertainty is one of the most powerful accelerators of career growth. 5. Lead Through Collaboration The most effective leaders do not lead alone. Women who rise to the top understand that leadership is not about having all the answers it is about bringing the right people together to find them. They build strong teams, create psychologically safe environments, and lead with empathy and inclusion. Collaborative leadership is not soft leadership. It is smart leadership, and it is

increasingly what organisations need at the top.

6. Continuously Invest in Upskilling The workplace is evolving faster than ever before. Women who sustain their growth into senior roles are those who never stop learning. Whether it is staying current on industry trends, developing financial acumen, building digital fluency, or sharpening strategic thinking the commitment to continuous learning signals ambition, adaptability, and readiness for greater responsibility. Upskilling is not a one-time investment. It is a career-long habit. Final Thought Rising to senior leadership is not about waiting for permission, it is about showing up prepared, purposeful, and unapologetically ambitious. These habits are not reserved for the few. They are available to every woman willing to practise them, consistently and courageously. The question is not whether you are ready. The question is whether you are willing to begin. Amneet Kaur Sahdra is the Founder of Catalyze, a career readiness platform bridging the gap between learning and real-world performance. With 15 years of corporate HR experience, she is a sought-after speaker and advocate for women in leadership. (The author is Amneet Kaur Sahdra Founder, Catalyze | HR Leader | Advocate for Women in Leadership)

How many jobs were really filled? BRS asks CM



Opposition cites Assembly records to dispute Revanth Reddy's recruitment claims BRS leaders on Monday alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy misled the public during his Nalgonda meeting by falsely claiming that his government had filled 70,000 posts. The opposition leaders recalled that the Chief Minister had previously stated in writing within the State Assembly that only 16,978 government jobs were provided. Addressing a press conference here, former corporation chairman K Vasudeva Reddy said that the Chief Minister continually repeated the same lies regarding job appointments. He questioned whether the leader was speaking with a sound mind and claimed he had turned into a Ghajini character due to his brazenly inconsistent statements regarding official job figures. SouthAsians & Diaspora The BRS leader expressed intense frustration, stating that such absurd comments from the head of government provoke deep anger among citizens. He alleged that Rahul Gandhi had merely used unemployed youth as pawns in a larger political game. Vasudeva Reddy challenged the Chief Minister to join him at the Ashok Nagar library to discuss the reality directly with job aspirants. He questioned why intelligence agencies were failing to inform the leader about the widespread dissatisfaction brewing among the unemployed. Furthermore, he criticised the government for issuing a notification for only 5,000 police jobs when the DGP himself explicitly stated that there are 19,000 active police vacancies across the state, asking who the ruling party was trying to fool with such an inadequate recruitment drive.

Google offers the Nano Banana-powered image generation feature to free users, though not to everyone

Google is making one of Gemini's most personalised AI image generation features available to more users for free. The company has begun rolling out its personalised image generation tool, powered by the Nano Banana model, to eligible free users in the US, after previously limiting it to Google AI Plus, Pro, and Ultra subscribers. The feature allows users to create AI-generated images using much shorter prompts by leveraging the context from their connected Google services. Gemini's image generation relies on its "Personal Intelligence" feature, which helps the AI understand user preferences by using information from connected Google services. Thus, instead of describing every minute detail in a prompt, users can ask Gemini to create images based on their interests, memories, or lifestyle, provided they have granted the necessary permissions. How the feature works According to Google, "Personal Intelligence" operates using its Nano Banana image generation model and can connect to services like Gmail, Google Photos, YouTube, and Google Search to provide more personalised responses and images. The company states that this allows Gemini to understand user preferences and context without the need for lengthy



prompts. For example, a user can simply type "Design my dream home" instead of explaining their preferences regarding architecture, colours, or décor. Similarly, someone might ask Gemini to "Create an illustration of me with my favourite things," and the app can automatically use photos stored in Google Photos, saving the user from having to upload images manually. How to use it To use this feature, users must first enable "Personal Intelligence" and connect the Google services compatible with Gemini. Google notes that the feature is entirely optional and requires user consent

before Gemini can access any personal data.

Once enabled, Gemini can use context from connected apps—such as Gmail, Google Photos, YouTube, and Google Search—to generate personalised images. Users can choose which Google apps Gemini can access and can revoke permissions or disable "Personal Intelligence" at any time via the Gemini app's tools menu. Google emphasises that users retain control over their data and can modify these settings whenever they wish. Available only to eligible users Despite making this feature free, Google has not

rolled it out globally. The company states that personalised image generation using Nano Banana is currently available only to eligible users in the United States. Google has not announced when this feature will be extended to other regions. The rollout is also limited to users eligible for 'Personal Intelligence'. While Google has expanded the broader 'Personal Intelligence' feature to countries like India and Japan in recent months, the free personalised image generation capability has—for now—been limited to U.S. users.

Tillotama Shome recalls mistaking Akshaye Khanna due to his rare smile

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Jr NTR joins hands with Trivikram Srinivas again for mythology-inspired spectacle



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ful figure deeply rooted in Indian mythology. While the makers have not officially revealed the complete plot, industry insiders suggest that the narrative will explore themes of destiny, leadership, courage and immortality, offering audiences a fresh cinematic experience.

The collaboration marks a significant reunion between Jr NTR and Trivikram Srinivas, two of the most respected names in Telugu cinema. Their previous association had generated considerable interest, and the announcement of their latest venture has further heightened expectations among movie enthusiasts. Sources indicate that extensive pre-production work has already begun, with the creative team focusing on world-building, visual effects and

character development. Given the scale of the project, the film is expected to be mounted as a pan-India release, targeting audiences across multiple languages. City&Local Guides Jr NTR, who continues to enjoy immense popularity following the global success of RRR, has several major projects lined up. The actor is currently balancing multiple commitments, and filming for the Trivikram directorial is likely to commence once his existing schedule is completed.

Trivikram Srinivas, known for delivering both commercial blockbusters and critically acclaimed films, is reportedly crafting a screenplay that combines mythology with contemporary storytelling techniques. The director's ability to create com-

PELLING characters and emotionally engaging narratives is expected to be a major highlight of the project. Check X Post Here Industry observers believe the film could become one of the biggest Telugu productions in recent years, considering the star power of Jr NTR and the creative reputation of Trivikram Srinivas. Although an official title, cast details and release timeline are yet to be announced, anticipation surrounding the project continues to grow. Fans are now eagerly awaiting further updates from the makers regarding the film's title, supporting cast and production schedule, with many expecting a formal announcement in the coming months.

GV Prakash Kumar's horror thriller 'Immortal' set for worldwide release on July 23



Reports suggest that the makers initially planned to release the film in May. Chennai: Actor and music composer G V Prakash Kumar's upcoming horror thriller Immortal is all set for a worldwide theatrical release on July 23, the makers announced on Monday. The announcement was made by G V Prakash Kumar through his official social media handle, where he shared the release update with fans. The film, directed by Mariyappan Chinna, stars Kayadu Lohar as the female lead and has generated considerable buzz among movie enthusiasts since the release of its intriguing teaser. Taking to X, G V Prakash Kumar wrote, "#Immortal from July 23 in theatres," confirming the release date of the much-awaited horror entertainer. Earlier this year, the actor had informed fans that the shooting of the film had been successfully completed. Reports suggest that the makers initially planned to release the film in May. However, the release was later postponed, with the team now locking July 23 as the official date for its worldwide theatrical debut.

The teaser of Immortal, released last year, received a positive response from audiences for its unique blend of romance, comedy and supernatural horror. The teaser begins with a light-hearted romantic conversation featuring G V Prakash's character before gradually shifting into a spine-chilling narrative filled with mystery and suspense. The story follows a young man who develops feelings for a woman played by Kayadu Lohar while living in the same apartment complex. As the narrative unfolds, strange and terrifying incidents begin to occur, leading to the discovery of a horrifying bat-faced creature that transforms the film into a gripping horror experience. Apart from G V Prakash Kumar and Kayadu Lohar, the film features an ensemble cast including TM Karthik, Kumar Natarajan, Lollu Sabha Maaran, Aaditya Kathir, Arshu Maharjan, Pema Tsamchoe and Sunita Shrestha. Produced by Arunkumar Dhanasekaran, Immortal boasts cinematography by Arun Radhakrishnan and music composed by Sam CS. The film's editing has been handled by San Lokesh, while Siva Sankar serves as the art director. Action sequences have been choreographed by R. Sakthi Saravanan, and the dance sequences have been choreographed by Sabarish. With its intriguing storyline, supernatural elements and strong performances, Immortal is expected to be one of the notable Tamil horror releases of 2026.

Football may never see this again': Oliver Kahn hails Messi-Ronaldo rivalry

German football legend Oliver Kahn believes Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo created a football rivalry unlike any other, with their relentless pursuit of excellence pushing each other to unprecedented heights for nearly two decades. Reflecting on one of football's greatest-ever debates, Kahn highlighted how the two superstars transformed competition into a driving force for greatness, creating a level of consistency and longevity that may never be repeated. "Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi have pushed each other for almost two decades, and it is truly remarkable to see the level of football they continue to play. Their rivalry was never built on words; it was built on performances. Every season, they pushed each other to become even better. Football may never see another rivalry with that level of consistency and excellence," said Kahn, who is part of the FIFA World Cup 2026 expert



panel on ZEE5.

Ronaldo and Messi are stalwarts of football, and they have presented a tough challenge to each other in club football, but the duo has never had the opportunity to clash in the FIFA World Cup. With the ongoing tournament considered to be their last, the two celebrated footballers would definitely want to showcase their skills and add another chapter to their rivalry on the biggest stage of the game. SouthAsians & Diaspora Looking back at his unfor-

gettable 2002 FIFA World Cup campaign, where he became the only goalkeeper in history to win the Golden Ball despite Germany finishing runners-up, Kahn reflected on the pride of that achievement while admitting that lifting the World Cup trophy remains the ultimate dream for every player. "The 2002 World Cup remains one of the greatest experiences of my career. Losing the final still hurts because, as an athlete, you always want to win, especially the World Cup. But with time, you

begin to appreciate the journey, the team spirit and the experiences you shared with the squad," he said.

"Winning the Golden Ball as a goalkeeper was a tremendous honour and something very special. However, I would still exchange it for a World Cup trophy," he added. Sharing his advice for goalkeepers competing on football's biggest stage, the former Germany captain urged young players to embrace pressure, continue learning and stay focused on every moment of the tournament. "My advice to young players is simple: learn, learn and keep learning. Most importantly, learn to enjoy pressure instead of fearing it. At the World Cup, the entire world is watching you, but that is exactly what you play football for," he said. "Stay focused on every single action because one moment can define your entire tournament," he added.

'Vaibhav may have to wait for the first three games': Pujara urges patience over teenager's selection



New Delhi: Former India batter Cheteshwar Pujara believes teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi should not allow the growing attention around him to become a distraction as he awaits a possible opportunity in India's upcoming T20I series against England. SouthAsians & Diaspora Speaking ahead of the tour, Pujara said the youngster is unlikely to feature immediately given the stability of India's current top order, while stressing that preparation and patience will be crucial to his long-term success. Pujara first advised Sooryavanshi to stay grounded despite the widespread excitement surrounding his emergence. "There is a lot of hype around Vaibhav Sooryavanshi. As a young player, he shouldn't pay attention to what is being said about him. He needs to block out the outside noise and focus on his game," Pujara told JioStar.

While backing the youngster's mindset, Pujara explained that earning a place in the playing XI depends on more than just talent, especially with India's batting lineup already settled. "But even if he is mentally ready, selection is a different matter. I don't think he will get a chance straight away in the England series because India wouldn't want to change their top three. Abhishek Sharma, Sanju Samson, and Ishan Kishan are quality batters who have helped India win the T20 World Cup. So, Vaibhav may have to wait for the first three games," he added. Pujara also outlined the approach he believes Sooryavanshi should adopt whenever his opportunity eventually arrives. "If the opportunity arrives, the key for him will be to stay relaxed and calm. He shouldn't put pressure on himself to score big runs. He should just go out and express himself," he said. The veteran batter cautioned that conditions in England will pose a fresh challenge, making thorough preparation essential before expecting the same level of success he enjoyed in franchise cricket. "What he did in the IPL won't be easy to replicate in English conditions. So, he needs to prepare well and get used to the conditions. Once he has done that, it will be about watching the ball and playing it on its merit. Everything else will fall into place," Pujara stated. India begin their T20I series in England with a settled batting unit, meaning Sooryavanshi may have to bide his time before receiving his first opportunity at the international level.

Nepal: Cricket tournament organised by Indian Embassy strengthens ties

Kathmandu: The Indian Embassy in Nepal organised the second edition of the Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament from June 26-28 in Kathmandu, bringing together diplomats, government officials, media professionals, former cricketers, corporate representatives, and members of the Indian diaspora in the country, the Embassy said on Tuesday. The three-day tournament featured eight teams representing the Indian Embassy in Nepal, Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the diplomatic community in Kathmandu, Nepali media, former Nepali cricketers, Government of Nepal officials, corporate organisations, and the Indian community in Nepal (ICAN). Government After a series of competitive matches, the tournament concluded on June 28 with the final held between the Indian Embassy and ICAN. Following the match, India's Ambassador to Nepal, Naveen Srivastava, and representatives of the organising partners pre-



sented trophies and awards to the winning team and the outstanding performers. The opening ceremony was held on June 26 in the presence of Ambassador Srivastava, Joint Secretary of the South Asia Division at Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Gahendra Rajbhandari and senior diplomatic representatives. Following the tournament's conclusion, a reception was held on June 29 to celebrate its successful completion. On the occasion, Ambassador Srivastava

also presented professional-grade cricket kits to three promising Nepali Under-19 women cricketers — Sana Praveen, Krishma Gurung, and Sabitri Dhami — and wished them success in the ICC U-19 Women's T20 World Cup scheduled for next year. The tournament is scheduled to be jointly hosted by Nepal and Bangladesh. The first edition of the Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament was held in Kathmandu in June last year, involving six teams. The Embassy of India stated that the Indian Ambassador's Cricket Tournament reflects India's commitment to strengthening people-to-people ties with Nepal through sports diplomacy while also supporting the development of young sporting talent in the country. "This annual tournament celebrates the spirit of cricket — a sport that continues to bring the people of India and Nepal closer and strengthen the people-to-people ties between the two countries," the Embassy said.

Hamilton takes 'heaps of confidence from India' heading into T20 WC semis

London: Australia fast bowler Lucy Hamilton says she will carry renewed belief into her side's ICC Women's T20 World Cup semi-final against the West Indies after producing three disciplined performances with the new ball during the tournament. Speaking at The Oval ahead of the knockout clash, the 20-year-old reflected on her experience of playing on cricket's biggest stage, her confidence after facing India at Lord's, and the challenge awaiting Australia as they chase a place in Sunday's final. Hamilton, who earned selection in Australia's World Cup squad despite limited international experience, said every outing has strengthened her confidence as she continues to settle into the role of opening the bowling. "It's been really fun. (It's) really exciting to run out there and take the first over," Hamilton told cricket.com.au. The left-arm quick identified Australia's group-stage victory over India as a defining moment in her tournament, saying the

occasion had helped reinforce her belief ahead of the semi-finals. "Personally, I took heaps of confidence (out of the India game). Everyone feels nervous, and you always have those moments, but running out, singing the anthem in front of so many people (at Lord's) and knowing how much it means to everyone, you always have those couple of nerves, but I think once you get that first over under away you settle into the game," she added. Hamilton believes those experiences have prepared her for another high-pressure contest, with Australia needing to overcome the West Indies to keep their title hopes alive. "Knowing that the team did really well ... the semi-finals are an even bigger occasion, so knowing that I've got that under my belt, and with a massive crowd and against a really strong Indian team, gives me lots of confidence," she stated.

She also welcomed the short turnaround between matches, saying the team wants



to build on its recent performances rather than lose momentum. "It's a fast turnaround, but I think it's really good in T20 cricket to have that momentum; we're all ready to go and can't wait. The quality of cricket that we've been playing recently ... you want that leading into a semi,"

Hamilton said. SouthAsians & Diaspora The semi-final will also mark Hamilton's first appearance at The Oval, prompting her to visit the venue before match day to familiarise herself with the conditions. "I haven't played at The Oval before ... I'm glad I came down (on match eve) just to have a look at the facilities and get used to it and see how fast the outfield is. The conditions can change a lot, so we just have to adapt to them as fast as we can and play our style of cricket," she mentioned. Hamilton expects a fearless approach from the West Indies, whose captain has already suggested her side will embrace the underdog tag in the knockout contest. "I think (West Indies) have nothing to lose in the semi, so they'll come out hard, and they're a great opposition," Hamilton said. Australia face the West Indies in the first ICC Women's T20 World Cup semi-final at The Oval, with the winner advancing to Sunday's final at Lord's.