



PM Modi to interact with participants of Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026 today

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with participants of the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026 on Sunday at 4:30 P.M. through video conferencing, the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) announced on Saturday. According to an official statement issued by the PMO, "Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will interact with participants of the Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026 on 26 July 2026 at 4:30 P.M. via video conferencing." The programme has been implemented through MY Bharat and is aimed at strengthening development and community participation in India's border villages. The PMO said the initiative has been designed in line with the Prime Minister's vision of transforming frontier villages into active contributors to the country's development. The official statement noted, "The Viksit Vibrant Village Programme, implemented through MY Bharat, has been conceptu-



alised to realise Prime Minister's vision of treating India's border villages as the first villages of the nation and making them active partners in the journey towards Viksit Bharat."

The Viksit Vibrant Village Programme 2026 was conducted in two phases between June 4 and June 30, 2026, covering 74 vibrant villages across Ladakh, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand. More than 400 young participants, representing every State and Union Territory,

were selected through a nationwide online quiz competition that attracted participation from over three lakh youth. During the programme, participants stayed with local communities to gain first-hand experience of life in India's border regions. They were involved in a wide range of community-based activities, including Swachhta drives, awareness campaigns on government schemes, Yuva Sammelans, cultural exchange programmes, tree plantation drives, Mini Model Panchayat simula-

tions, interactions with local artisans, and visits to institutions of strategic importance.

Highlighting the programme's broader objectives, the PMO stated, "The programme provided participants with first-hand exposure to the socio-economic landscape, cultural heritage and developmental aspirations of India's frontier regions, while fostering community participation, national integration and a deeper understanding of the strategic importance of border villages." The interaction with the participants is expected to provide an opportunity for the Prime Minister to hear their experiences from the field and reinforce the government's focus on inclusive development and the strategic importance of India's border villages. The initiative forms part of the broader vision of building a Viksit Bharat by ensuring that remote frontier communities play an active role in the nation's growth and development.

CM Chandrababu thanks PM Modi for approval of Guntakal-Ballari line

CM Naidu thanks PM Modi for approval of Guntakal-Ballari railway line. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed thanked PM Modi over approval for construction of 3rd and 4th Railway Line Between Guntakal-Ballari.



Taking to X handle formerly known as Twitter, Naidu said he was immensely thankful to the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi and Ashwini Vaishnav, Union Minister for the approval of the project. The Chief Minister said that the construction of these lines would add on to the east-west railway network, which would help in connecting Rayalaseema region, North Karnataka, and Goa. This project would reduce railway congestion and make fast passage for passenger trains and cargo trains possible. The Chief Minister said that while the total cost of the project was Rs 1,264 crore, about Rs 600 crore would be spent in the state of Andhra Pradesh. He said that the construction of these lines would lead to industrial growth and better connectivity with Krishnapatnam Port and the proposed Ramayapatnam Port. He said that the construction of these lines would open up new avenues of growth and opportunities for lakhs of people in Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka.

IMD forecasts rains for AP and Telangana for three days

Andhra Pradesh and Telangana will receive rain for the coming three days in some districts, said the Meteorological Department said announcing that rainstorms may be accompanied by lightning, thunder, and strong winds. The authorities have issued warnings to the citizens to be cautious since there is an expected possibility of lightning strikes in different areas. It has been suggested that they should not take shelter in trees or electric poles when raining. The farmers, agricultural laborers, and herdsmen working in the field are expected to be safe. The Meteorological department has also forecasted rain in the districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Eluru, Krishna, and YSR Kadapa of Andhra Pradesh. It said that there are possibilities of moderate rain in the districts of Rayalaseema. It also predicted that winds that blow at a speed of 30 to 40 kmph cause a local temperature decrease and cool weather conditions. On the other hand, Hyderabad Meteorological Center has forecasted the presence of light to moderate rains in northern and northeast districts in Telangana along with thunders and lightning.

AP Home Minister Anita's X handle hacked, office issues and alert

The Home Minister's office has announced that any content posted during this period should not be treated as official communication. Andhra Pradesh State Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha's 'X' account has been hacked, prompting officials from her office to issue an alert. Officials identified that unauthorized posts were being made from the Home Minister's personal 'X' account (handle: @Anitha_TDP) following the cyberattack. The Home Minister's office has announced that any con-

tent posted during this period should not be treated as official communication. The Home Minister's office has requested the public, the media, not to consider the posts in X handle as official messages for the time being. Meanwhile, the Home Minister Anita has lodged a complaint on the hacking incident, and probe is underway to identify the hackers and recover the account.



AP govt focuses on strengthening environment-friendly transport

Youth and Sports Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy inaugurates EV buses Visakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam is set to take a big leap towards sustainable and modern public transportation with the introduction of electric buses under the PM e-Bus Sewa Scheme, said Transport, Youth and Sports Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy. Inaugurating EV buses here on Friday, the minister announced that Andhra Pradesh has been allotted 1,050 electric buses under the scheme, of which 100 have been allocated to Visakhapatnam. In a major boost to airport connectivity, 20 of these buses have been earmarked exclusively for services to Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport. The transport minister

mentioned that the state government is committed to transforming the transport sector through environment-friendly initiatives and world-class public transport facilities. The electric buses will operate on key routes including Gajuwaka-NAD-Anandapuram and Gajuwaka-railway station-RTC Complex-Siripuram, ensuring seamless connectivity between Visakhapatnam city and Bhogapuram Airport.

Equipped with state-of-the-art amenities, the 12-mt-long electric buses feature air suspension for enhanced passenger comfort, automatic doors for improved safety, seating capacity for 35 passengers and wheelchair lifts to facilitate easy access for persons with disabilities. The minister noted that the introduction of



these buses marks another milestone in promoting fast, safe and pollution-free transportation in the state, while contributing to the state's green mobility goals.

Criticising the previous government for failing to procure new RTC buses during its tenure, he stated that the present government has prioritised not only infra-

structure development but also the welfare of RTC employees by releasing night allowances to workers. On the occasion, 17 RTC drivers from the Visakhapatnam Steel City Depot were honoured with certificates of appreciation for rendering accident-free services. Commending their discipline, alertness and dedication, the minister lauded their contribution to ensuring passenger safety and expressed confidence that they would continue to serve as role models in promoting road safety and excellence in public service. TDP state president Palla Srinivasa Rao and APSRTC Visakhapatnam Regional Manager B. Appalanaidu, TDP leader Lella Koteswara Rao, among others, were present.

Take advantage of the comprehensive voter registration....



Chairman of the Corporation for the Disabled, Muttineni Veeraiah.....

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The right to vote in a democracy is like the most powerful weapon for every citizen, said Muttineni Veeraiah, Chairman of the Telangana State Corporation for the Disabled. He attended and spoke as the chief guest at the intimate

meeting of the Perika caste people organized at the Perika Hostel premises in Kodad town on Saturday to commemorate the first Ekadashi festival.

He said that the process of vote registration and deletion is currently underway as part of the special comprehensive amendment program being conducted under the auspices of the Election Commission. He urged everyone who has completed 18 years of



age, especially the Perika caste children, to immediately fill out the forms and submit them to the BLOs to register their right to vote. He said that in a democratic country, vote is our identity and this is also very much linked to the benefits of welfare schemes. Later, he congratulated Kitha Srinivasa Rao, who has excelled in sports both in the country and abroad. Councilors Kandula Koteswara Rao, Kandula Chandrasekhar, Telangana State Lorry

Association Chairman Ramineni Srinivasa Rao, Perika Sangam District General Secretary Pattipaka Janardhan, Bathini Krishnamurthy, Nalam Rajanna, Chittaluri Satyanarayana, Sivayya, Ramineni Satyanarayana, Pattipaka Krishna, Ankati Venkanna, Barapati Koteswara Rao, Bachu Ashok, Dongari Srinivas, Kitha Srinivasa Rao, Vanam Nageswara Rao, Chittaluri Sivalingam and others participated in this program.

Students' demands non-negotiable, won't back off despite detention, threats: Rahul Gandhi

Elaborating on the students' demands, Rahul Gandhi said the first and foremost requirement was the removal of the Education Minister from the Union Cabinet. New Delhi: Leader of Opposition (LoP) in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Saturday said he met students who observed a hunger strike at Jantar Mantar during the ongoing protest over the paper leaks and examination irregularities, asserting that they would not withdraw from the agitation despite "detentions or threats" from the government. Addressing reporters after meeting the protesters, LoP Rahul Gandhi said the students had placed three "non-negotiable demands" before the government -- the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan, action against those responsible for the lathi-charge on protesters, and an apology from Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Elaborating on the students' demands, Rahul Gandhi said the first and foremost requirement was the removal of the Education Minister from the Union Cabinet.

"There are three non-

negotiable demands -- first, the Education Minister, who is corrupt, incompetent, and misaligned, has to be sacked. There is some talk going on in Mr Modi's Cabinet that the solution is to move Mr Dharmendra Pradhan to some other Ministry; this is not acceptable to the students of India or anybody. "The reason is Mr Pradhan is a symbol of corruption and of what has happened to the future of India's children; he is a symbol of the destruction of the most valuable thing this country has, which is our students and their future," LoP Gandhi said. Reiterating his stand, the Congress leader added, "There is going to be no conversation of Mr Dharmendra Pradhan being moved anywhere... Mr Dharmendra Pradhan has to be sacked. Period." LoP Gandhi also criticised the police action against the protesters, stating that many students had suffered injuries during the demonstrations and calling for accountability from those responsible.

"There are thousands and thousands of youngsters who have had lathis break their heads and legs; pel-



lets in their bodies. The organisers and implementers need to be punished and made accountable," he said. Referring to Prime Minister Modi, LoP Gandhi further said, "The third thing is the leader of the entire machinery who is doing this -- Mr Narendra Modi -- has to apologise for what he has done to the students and the future of this country." The Lok Sabha LoP also reacted to notices issued by several Delhi-based universities, including Delhi University and Jawaharlal Nehru University, advising students against participating in the ongoing protests. Claiming that the system was attempting to discourage students from continuing their agitation, Gandhi said he had

assured them that they should not be intimidated by administrative action or threats. "This is all the system that is attacking them (students). I told them, do not worry. No amount of strength... The entire Indian government, every single person from the Indian government, cannot remove you from there," he said. He asserted that the students would continue their agitation despite any attempts to stop them. "Do whatever you want; detain, threaten, but we will not back off. They (the students) will not back off. They are the future of India; no one can fight them. Narendra Modi is India's past, and the past cannot fight the future," LoP Gandhi added.

Farmers should turn to wet crops.....

Narasimhapuram Sarpanch Dr. Vemuri

Satyanarayana....



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A Gram Sabha was held in Narasimhapuram Gram Panchayat on Saturday under the chairmanship of Sarpanch Dr. Vemuri Satyanarayana. The development plan for the upcoming financial year 2026-27 as well as the work to be undertaken under the Employment Guarantee and Swachh Bharat Mission were approved. Speaking on the occasion, Sarpanch Satyanarayana called on farmers to cultivate wet crops as there are indications of less rainfall due to climate change and the effect of El Niño. He urged all villagers to participate in village development. He asked the authorities to keep a constant vigil on those selling fake seeds and pesticides. Agriculture Officer Bunga Raju gave appropriate instructions to the farmers on cultivation. In this program, Deputy Sarpanch Reddaboyina Prashanth, Panchayat Secretary Balaraju, Ward Members Pachipala Ashwini, Veeraboyina Naresh, Kesagani Kameshwari, Revuri Kalyani Babu, Aakupamula Medical Officer Dr. Divya, Revenue Officer Ravi Teja, Anganwadi Teacher Uma, VB K. Sameena, School Principal Narasimha Chari, Electricity Lineman Naresh, Farmers, Women, Youth and Panchayat Staff participated.....

Union Cabinet's green light for Ballari-Guntakal rail expansion



Briefing the media after the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Railways and Information & Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the 46-km multi-tracking project would benefit both Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and is targeted for completion within three years. Amaravati: The Union Cabinet on Friday approved a Rs 1,264 crore railway expansion project to construct third and fourth railway lines between Ballari in Karnataka and Guntakal in Andhra Pradesh, a move aimed at boosting rail capacity and reducing congestion on the busy route. Briefing the media after the Cabinet meeting chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Railways and Information & Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said the 46-km multi-tracking project would benefit both Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka and is targeted for completion within three years. As part of the project, a 762-metre mega railway bridge will be constructed across the Vedavati River, along with seven major bridges and 52 minor bridges. Vaishnaw said nearly 80 per cent of the required land for the project is already available, enabling faster execution. The Minister said the project would provide improved railway connectivity to 99 villages while significantly increasing line capacity and easing traffic congestion on the corridor. The Central Cabinet also approved the 'Bhavya Rasayan' scheme with an outlay of Rs 3,030 crore.

Ranbir Kapoor reveals why Ramayana trailer is delayed, says climax shoot with

The actor also heaps praise on Yash, saying his charisma and stardom made him the perfect choice to portray Ravana. Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Ranbir Kapoor is gearing for his upcoming movie 'Ramayana'. The movie has become one of the most talked about and much-awaited movies prior to its release. The fans are waiting for every update of the movie and as special screening for the trailer of the movie was

held earlier, fans wonder why it was not launched yet. Considering the demand of the fans for the release of the trailer, Ranbir Kapoor has revealed the reason behind its halt. The actor recently said that he hasn't shot for the Ramayana climax as of now. He said that the main reason behind the halt of the trailer is that he has not completed the shooting of the movie. The actor while speaking at San Diego Comic Con also

praised Yash's aura and said that he is the big fan of Yash. The actor was quoted by one of the leading entertainment portals as saying that, "Lord Rama and Ravana will be appearing together at the end of the film, with maybe a meeting in the middle. But we haven't shot that. So, we haven't had the opportunity to work together. But, I have known Yash for sometime now and I have been a big fan of his work. I truly believe

that we needed somebody with his aura, his stardom, his outlook to play this role." Yash was also seen admiring Ranbir Kapoor at the same event. He said that Ranbir Kapoor is a fabulous actor. He said that playing Lord Rama is not everybody's cup of tea and Ranbir Kapoor has proved to be one of the best actors by taking such roles. The Ramayana movie is an ancient epic that is directed by Nitesh Tiwari. The movie features Ranbir Kapoor as 'Ram', Sai Pallavi as 'Sita', Yash as 'Ravana', Sunny Deol as 'Hanuman' and Vivek Oberoi as 'Viduytjiva'.

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दूसरों के सामने हाथ फैलाने से पहले व्यक्ति को अपने आत्म-सम्मान का ध्यान रखना चाहिए, जो एक बार टूटने पर पुनर्प्राप्त नहीं होता।...

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मानव जीवन में सबसे ज्यादा प्रभाव भावनात्मक स्तर पर होता है। जो व्यक्ति यह चाहता हो कि अपने जीवन को सुख-समृद्धि से सुशोभित करे तो उसे चाहिए कि भावनात्मक दासता से खुद को मुक्त करे। भावनात्मक स्वतंत्रता प्राप्त करने के लिए व्यक्ति को चाहिए कि वह अत्यधिक आसक्ति, मोह-माया और दूसरों की अपेक्षाओं से मुक्त हो, क्योंकि ये सभी भावनात्मक गुलामियों हैं जो व्यक्ति को निरंतर दुःख और तनाव में रखती हैं। जब व्यक्ति यह समझ लेता है कि सभी संबंध अस्थायी हैं और केवल ईश्वर शाश्वत है, तो वह भावनात्मक रूप से स्वतंत्र हो जाता है और किसी के वियोग या अपमान से विचलित नहीं होता।



याने जिसका संबंध अपने सृष्टिकर्ता पालनहार परमात्मा से जुड़ जाता है वह वास्तव में स्वतंत्र हो जाता है। अंततः, पूर्ण स्वतंत्रता का अर्थ है, शारीरिक, मानसिक, आर्थिक, सामाजिक, राजनीतिक, धार्मिक, बौद्धिक और भावनात्मक सभी प्रकार की गुलामियों से मुक्त होकर केवल ईश्वर का दास बनना, क्योंकि ईश्वर का दास बनना ही वास्तविक स्वतंत्रता है। जब व्यक्ति इस परम सत्य को समझ लेता है, तब वह संसार की किसी भी शक्ति के सामने नहीं झुकता, क्योंकि उसे विश्वास होता है कि उसका पालनहार सर्वशक्तिमान, सर्वज्ञ और दयावान है, जो उसे कभी अकेला नहीं छोड़ेगा।

यही पैगम्बर साहब मोहम्मद (स्व.) के पहिले उत्तराधिकारी इमाम अली इब्न अबू तालिब अलैहिस्सलाम के इस महान वचन (सबसे बड़ी दौलतमंदी (समृद्धि) यह है कि दूसरों के हाथ में जो है उसकी आस न रखी जाए।) का गूढ़ और विस्तृत संदेश है। यह संदेश व्यक्ति को आत्म-निर्भर होने और केवल ईश्वर पर भरोसा रखने की प्रेरणा देता है। जब व्यक्ति दूसरों की उम्मीदें छोड़ देता है, मानसिक शांति प्राप्त होती है। साथ में निराशा और दुःख से भी मुक्ति मिलती है, क्योंकि अपेक्षाएं ही अक्सर दुःख का कारण बनती हैं।

सच्ची समृद्धि भौतिक धन की लालसा से मुक्त होना है। भौतिक धन-दौलत से अधिक बड़ा धन संतोष और निर्भरता का अभाव है। स्वतंत्रता की परिभाषा की दृष्टि से देखा जायें तो मानवीय गर्व की सबसे ऊँची सीमा तब हासिल होती है, जब व्यक्ति अपनी रोजी-रोटी और जीवन की जरूरतों के लिए केवल ईश्वर (और अपने परिश्रम) के सिवा किसी और का मुँह ताकना छोड़ देता है। स्वतंत्रता का वास्तविक अर्थ भौतिक धन का ढेर लगाना नहीं, बल्कि आत्मा को दूसरों की भीख या उम्मीदों से मुक्त करना है। यह आंतरिक शक्ति है जो व्यक्ति को हर परिस्थिति में सिर ऊँचा रखकर जीने का साहस देती है।

यह संदेश आत्म-सम्मान का संरक्षण करने वाला संदेश है। गैरतमंद याने स्वाभिमानी, आत्मसम्मान रखने वाला और अपनी इज्जत या शर्म का ख्याल रखने वाला व्यक्ति कभी दूसरों से आस नहीं रखता। दूसरों के सामने हाथ फैलाने से पहले व्यक्ति को अपने आत्म-सम्मान का ध्यान रखना चाहिए, जो एक बार टूटने पर पुनर्प्राप्त नहीं होता। समाज में इज्जत पाने का रास्ता यह नहीं है कि आप दूसरों से अधिक धन जमा करें, बल्कि यह है कि आप किसी के सामने अपनी कमी जाहिर न करें। जो व्यक्ति अपने भरोसे पर जीता है, वह समाज में सदा सम्मानित रहता है।

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दूसरों के हाथ में जो है उसकी आस वही नहीं रखता है जो ईश्वर पर पूर्ण भरोसा रखता है। धार्मिक दर्शन में खासकर इस्लामी दर्शन में तवक्कल को बहुत अहमियत है। तवक्कल का अर्थ है कि मनुष्य केवल ईश्वर पर भरोसा रखे और संसार के साधनों को केवल माध्यम समझे। जब व्यक्ति यह समझ लेता है कि देने वाला और छीनने वाला केवल वही एक ईश्वर है, तो वह दूसरों से निराश होकर ईश्वर से आशावान हो जाता है। यह भरोसा ही सबसे बड़ा वास्तविक आध्यात्मिक धन है।... (क्रमशः)

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Mumbai: Bollywood superstar Salman Khan is grabbing headlines for his health and discussions on social media. The actor recently became a center of discussion after his health was discussed online. After a few days, the Sultan of Bollywood extended his support to the students who are protesting against the alleged NEET exam paper leak. The actor now shares a cryptic message on his Instagram while flaunting his abs. Salman Khan took to Instagram and shared a bunch of photographs. The actor is shown flaunting his abs while standing in front of

the mirror. In the pictures the actor's head was seen wrapped by a towel and it seems he had intense hard work. The actor captioned the pictures, "Salman Khan darrrrr Gaya.... Hmmm Joe darr gaya vo mar gaya.. The cryptic post got the attention of fans as some related his post with his recent support to protesting students while others are of the opinion that he shared the pictures to let social media users know that he is doing fine.

The actor's every post becomes the center of discussion online. The picture's gym connection

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Most of us die without leaving a valid will behind! Some script a perfect document or utter an oral wish even before their death and their kith and kin make their wish come true. In one case, a son fulfills his father's last wish by taking him to his graduation ceremony, in another case a grand-daughter takes her granny to her favourite sea shore for one last time. A single father suffering from a terminal disease feels happy when his last wish of finding care-takers for his 4 year old son comes true.



wish of her late father whom she hasn't even seen.

It touches our hearts when the kith and kin of a zoo employee carry him on a stretcher to the zoo to make him fulfill his last wish of caressing the animals that he has fed for years. The hospital staff allow an octogenarian to hug his pet dog for one last time on his death bed. It is true, last wishes and longing lingering looks leave lasting impressions on us.

When parents die as testates, only a few children take upon themselves to fulfill their last wishes. Fiza is one such committed daughter who starts a book store as per the last

The novel opens with a scene at St. Xavier's college, Mumbai where Fiza Khalid, sitting in an English literature class, feels it terribly boring, and waste of time. When the class ends, Fiza heads towards the lending library which, she thinks, is less a place for the wise than the wayward. She goes there for her heart throb, Dhruv, waiting amidst books and books and musty aisles. Time seems endless for these young lovers who together enjoy things like bunking classes, eating out, going to movies, playing cricket and all such beautiful things in the

Salman Khan's cryptic caption sparks buzz after his support for NEET protesting students



shows that Salman Khan wants to say that he is healthy enough while the caption makes one think it is about the post in which he appreciated the student protestors. For the unversed, Salman Khan recently posted a long note in which he takes a dig at police for doing lathi

charge on students. He showed his support to reform the education system and warned those who think of hijacking the protest for political gains. Well, what do you think about the actor's post, do let us know in the comments section. You can attach the Insat link

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carefree, charmed college life. Like many Literature students, Fiza is a great lover of books and a voracious reader.

One day D K Batliwala, a friend of her late father, calls Fiza up to tell her that her father Iqbal has left behind a handsome fortune for her to fulfill his unrealized wish of starting a book store in Mumbai. He gives Fiza all avuncular advice, affection, and also helps her in finding a suitable building for the book store. But Noor, Fiza's singer mother, is for spending the money on some other useful thing.

When the store is ready, Fiza names it as "Paper Moon", a term taken from a song Noor has sung for the play, 'A Streetcar Named Desire'. In the movie, 'Paper Moon' of 70s, real-life father and daughter have played the lead roles and this might also be a source for the title and the story line. The movie is based on the novel "Addie Pray" and after the release of the movie, the novel was retitled as Paper Moon. This book store ushers in a new chapter in Fiza's life. With the passage of time, Fiza becomes more and more busy with the book business, adding new attractions and trapings to cater to all sections of readers.

The store is Fiza's new world, filled with new energy and excitement and it also opens up doors for new relationships and new challenges and how

she grapples with them all is the story Rehana tells us with great ease and aplomb.

Like Fiza, Rehana was also an alumnus of St Xavier college and had run a bookshop in Mumbai after getting an MA in English Literature. This aura of autobiographical streak the author seems to gloss over by narrating the story in the third person.

In this maiden novel, Rehana has successfully created one character which borders almost on the complexity of the character of Elizabeth Bennet in Pride and Prejudice. Though the use of idiom and character delineation reflect Rehana's writing prowess as a journalist and columnist and make the reader expect a lot from her, it is essentially a novel of Fiza Khalid. And it makes a good read.

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CWG 2026: Oluwafemiayo sets record as Nigeria surge ahead in para- powerlifting



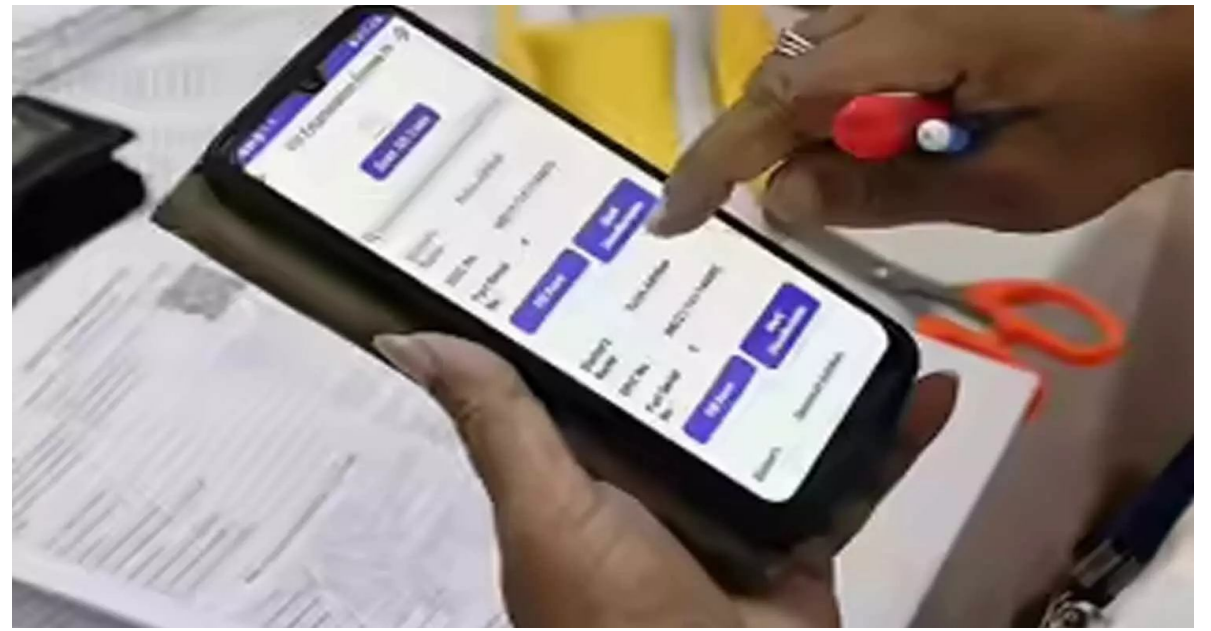
Witness history as Team Nigeria dominates the Para Powerlifting arena at the 2026 Commonwealth Games World records tumbled as Folashade Oluwafemiayo won Nigeria's second Para Powerlifting gold of the day, in the Heavyweight division, with three world records set in the event. Oluwafemiayo twice broke the world record in the +86kg category, lifting a best of 175kg. Silver medalist Rita Ferdinand, also of Nigeria, managed a world-record 158kg in the +79kg category. Fellow Nigerian Rita Ferdinand took the silver medal while Hani Watson of Australia finished with the bronze medal. Earlier, Nigeria surged to the top of the medal table after a stellar performance in the first two sessions on the first day of competitions at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow on Friday. Nigeria dominated the Para Powerlifting competitions, with Esther Nworgu and Esther Oyema winning gold and silver, respectively, in the Women's Lightweight. At the same time, Roland Ezuruike took silver earlier in the day in the Men's Lightweight event. Nigeria lead the medal table with one gold and two silver medals, with England second with two medals – one gold and one bronze. Malaysia are third with one bronze. England's Mark Swan won the first gold medal of the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games in the most dramatic of circumstances on Friday in the Men's Lightweight category of Para Powerlifting. Swan lifted more than three times his body weight to post 222kg on his second attempt, and was tied for gold with Nigerian veteran Roland Ezuruike on 153.9 points going into the final round. Malaysia's Bonnie Bunyau Gustin - the two-time Paralympic champion and world record holder at up to 72kg - was only 0.4 points behind in third but could not produce the goods on his final lift, relinquishing the title he won in Birmingham four years ago. Ezuruike then fouled his final lift before Swan failed in a Games Record attempt at 232kg, to leave the second round scores unchanged. The Men's Lightweight category pulled in athletes with a body weight up to and including 72kg. Medals were decided by a coefficient formula to rank lifts fairly against the athletes' body weights. Lifters were roared on by an enthusiastic crowd who had themselves been energised by Scottish actor Sam Heughan hitting the venue DJ decks during the build-up. "The whole atmosphere here, the crowd, that was crazy," Australia's Daniel Bos said after finishing ninth. "That gave me a massive adrenaline rush. It's really surreal because you have these little moments on stage where I'm like, 'Whoa, this is it'. It's really cool. I've never experienced anything like this."

Thalapathy Vijay Biography: The film actor Chandrasekaran Joseph Vijay (Joseph C Vijay), popularly known as Thalappathy Vijay, was born on 22 June 1974. Early Life The film actor Chandrasekaran Joseph Vijay (Joseph C Vijay), popularly known as Thalappathy Vijay, was born on 22 June 1974. His father is a renowned movie director SA Chandrasekhar, whereas his mother is a famous playback singer Shoba Chandrasekhar. Vijay did his school and college in Chennai and graduated from Loyola College with a Visual Communication course. However, he quit the job and started his film acting career. The actor started his career in the late 80s with the film 'Naalaiya Theerpu' (1992) as a child artist. Nevertheless, his initial career grew at a slow pace, and he had to act in less-known movies. It was the movie 'Poove Unakkaga' (1996), where he played the lead hero, made him a superstar. Other notable films in which he played the lead role are 'Kadhalukku Mariyadhai,' 'Thullatha Manamum Thullum,' and 'Kushi'.

Thalapathy Vijay Career After once getting popular among audience, Vijay began to take on more roles in various genres. Thus, transitioning from romance to action stunts, 'Thirumalai' (2003). Then he played

Telangana: 64% of SIR forms digitalised in Karimnagar, says commissioner

Karimnagar Commissioner Prafull Desai stated that 64% of the digitisation work under the Special Intensive Revision process has been completed. Karimnagar Commissioner Prafull Desai stated that 64% of the digitisation work under the Special Intensive Revision process has been completed. A special meeting was held at the Karimnagar Municipal Corporation office with representatives from various political parties. He held detailed discussions with the representatives regarding the progress of the ongoing special voter revision process in the city and inquired about issues encountered at the field level. He urged them to cooperate in accelerating the collection of enumeration forms and the online registration process, and also inquired about technical challenges faced on the ground. Speaking on the occasion, the Commissioner asked party representatives to cooperate in further expe-



editing the special voter revision process. He requested an increase in the completion rate of the revision process within the remaining eight-day deadline, specifically urging a focus on polling stations (PS) where progress has been slow. He emphasised on the need to submission of enumeration forms to the Booth Level Officers (BLOs). With only eight days remaining, he stressed the need to accelerate the process in pending polling stations.

He asked them to bring issues regarding shifted, untraceable, or deceased voters to the authorities' attention. He directed Booth Level Officers to conduct door-to-door visits to ensure the collection of all remaining enumeration forms and advised citizens to submit their completed forms to the BLOs to ensure their votes are not missed during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). With only eight days remaining, enumera-

tion forms were distributed, and a call was made to complete the registration online. Representatives of political parties were urged to take special initiative to ensure 100% completion across all polling stations. Political party leaders—including Dr. Anjan Kumar, Nampally Srinivas, Sattineni Srinivas, Sirisilla Anjaiah, Majid Hussain, and Erravelli Ravinder—as well as MROs and others, participated in the meeting.

Thalapathy Vijay Biography: Early life, Career, Awards, Personal life, Political career

memorable roles in 'Ghilli,' 'Thirupaachi,' 'Pokkiri,' 'Thuppakki,' 'Kaththi,' 'Theri,' 'Mersal,' 'Sarkar,' 'Bigil,' 'Master,' 'Leo,' and 'The Greatest of All Time'. Subsequently, he became one of the most famous actors in the country. He also said that 'Jana Nayagan' would be his last film, and he would retire from acting in 2024. **Thalapathy Vijay Awards and Recognition** Apart from being a renowned film actor, Thalappathy Vijay has won many trophies and awards. He has won many Tamil Nadu State Film Awards and SIIMA Awards. He also received many popular awards for his work in the film industry. He received the Kalaimamani award from the Government of Tamil Nadu in 1998 for his brilliant performance in 'Thiruchelvan Asuran'. He also received an Honorary Doctorate from Dr. M.G.R Educational and Research Institute for his excellent contributions towards Indian Cinema. 'Mersal' helped him in earning international recognition and made more famous worldwide. He is also well known for his dances and screen presence, and his ability to appeal to a large audience. He has been named one of the top influential people in India many times.

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Personal life In 1999, Vijay marries Sangeetha Sornalingam

and the couple has two children Jason Sanjay and Dhivya Sasha. Jason is making his debut as a director, whereas Dhivya made a guest appearance in one of Vijay's film. Later, after 27 years Sangeetha filed a divorce citing emotional distress, adultery, and constructive desertion. Moreover, he is a philanthropist who has been spending his time and money on philanthropic activities and social work. Through the VMI (Vijay Makkal Iyakkam), he has been conducting many charitable work and campaigns to help Tamil Nadu people.

Political career

In February 2024, Thalappathy announced his entry into politics by start-

ing the Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK) party. He stated that TVK would be a secular party and called for the people's support as he prepared to take on the political landscape. He left acting to contest public office and mounted a strong challenge to the established political parties. In the 2026 Tamil Nadu legislative assembly elections, TVK (Tamil Nadu's Thalappathy Vijay Kumar) recorded a phenomenal victory by polling the maximum votes and winning 108 seats. Vijay was elected to the post from Perambur and Trichy East constituency but lost his re-election from Perambur. He was sworn in as the 9th Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu for the second time on 10 th May 2026. The Dravidian party's century-and-a-half dominance of Tamil Nadu politics ended as he helped his allies to power.

Conclusion A detailed biography of Thalappathy Vijay captures his journey from being a humble child artiste to one of India's superstars and the current Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu. His contribution to the film industry and shift towards politics, abandoning a massive legacy behind are undoubtedly praiseworthy. His significant contribution to Tamil Nadu and as well as India as an actor, philanthropist, and politician made him one of the best. The influence of Thalappathy Vijay will continue to be visible long after his work in the film industry, philanthropy, and politics.

Tech-driven policing key to combating cybercrime: DGP C V Anand

Telangana DGP C V Anand on Thursday stressed that the state police must stay ahead in technology to effectively combat the growing threat of cybercrime. Hyderabad: Telangana DGP C V Anand on Thursday stressed that the state police must stay ahead in technology to effectively combat the growing threat of cybercrime. He directed officers of all police units to improve the state's performance across all cyber security parameters prescribed by the central government and strive to secure a top position in the national rankings, an official release said. The DGP reviewed the implementation of Cyber Security initiatives, e-Zero FIR and the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) through a video conference attended by officers from all police units. During the review, the DGP said that the Prime Minister's PRA-GATI (Pro-Active



Governance and Timely Implementation) platform regularly monitors the progress of key projects and governance initiatives across the country. He noted that the Centre has also expressed serious concern over the increasing number of cyber frauds, particularly "digital arrest" scams.

Anand said the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs

periodically reviews the cyber security preparedness of states. The national ranking is based on nine Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), and Telangana Police should ensure effective implementation across all these parameters to significantly improve its standing, he said. The DGP observed that the implementation of e-Zero FIR in the state is yet to reach its full potential and instructed officers to ensure its effective

rollout. He appreciated the coordinated efforts of T-SPARK and the Telangana Cyber Security Bureau (TCSB), which resulted in the registration of nearly 20 e-Zero FIRs within just two days.

Reviewing Telangana's current national performance, the DGP noted that the state is currently ranked 13th in e-Zero FIR implementation, 18th in Money Restoration with a recovery rate of 46.6 per cent, 15th in Cyber Security parameters, and eighth in Capacity Building. He further directed officers to strengthen Capacity Building and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities to enhance cyber awareness among the public. Stressing the importance of technology-driven investigations, he instructed all officers to make effective use of the CCTNS for cyber-crime investigation and policing, the release added.

Uttam directs irrigation dept secy to write to Centre, NDSA

Wants clear technical guidance on future operation of 3 KLIS barrages



Hyderabad: Telangana Irrigation and Civil Supplies Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday directed officials concerned to immediately write to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS) and the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA), seeking "clear technical guidance on the future operation of the Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages under the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS)".

Chairing a high-level review with senior Irrigation Department officials, engineers, and technical experts at the Dr B R Ambedkar Secretariat here, the Minister made it clear that the Telangana government maintained the barrages in free-flow condition as advised by NDSA to address safety challenges. Written advice by any competent technical authority will be mandatory to decide whether storage and pumping operations could be safely resumed, he said.

Uttam Kumar Reddy instructed officials to attach the relevant portions of the NDSA report, previous technical observations and supporting documents in the written note to the Centre and NDSA so that the entire technical basis for the government's decision was placed on record. "The correspondence with the Ministry of Jal Shakti should clearly explain why the barrages have not been used for storage or pumping and seek a formal opinion from the competent technical authorities," he said. On ongoing studies, Uttam Kumar Reddy was informed that the Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) was in the final stages of analysing the latest GPR data and other technical inputs. Water cannot be impounded at the present stage in Annaram barrage also as certain issues indicating cavities have surfaced in the raft foundation, said the officials. Based on the available investigations, officials informed the Minister that a rehabilitation concept design for the Medigadda Barrage would be prepared by the end of August. A preliminary estimate of the rehabilitation cost would be ready by mid-September. Officials informed him that presently the Detailed Project Report (DPR) could not be processed because issues relating to water allocations and tribunal proceedings remained unresolved.

CM Chandrababu Naidu turns into teacher at PTM

Rampachodavaram: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu stepped into the shoes of a teacher during the fourth Parents-Teachers meeting held at the Government upper primary school here in Polavaram district on Friday. As part of it, the Chief Minister interacted with students, parents and teachers in the classroom and personally reviewed students' progress report cards. He explained students' academic performance, attendance, and health details directly to parents, emphasising greater parental participation in education. The Chief Minister also taught to the students briefly as a teacher. Naidu instructed the District Collector to ensure that report cards of students studying in residential ashram schools are delivered to their parents at their homes for easier access. The Chief Minister reviewed the use of smart boards for classroom teaching. While interacting with the Chief Minister, several tribal mothers said that the state government's 'Talliki Vandanam' scheme has eased their burden by providing financial assistance for every child, enabling them to continue their children's education with greater confidence.

'Talliki Vandanam' is a welfare scheme which offers Rs 15,000 per annum for school-going children. The tribal mothers said that they noticed



visible improvements in government schools, including better infrastructure, improved teaching standards and hygienically prepared nutritious mid-day meals. According to them, these changes have encouraged parents to send their children to government schools with renewed confidence. The women further highlighted the benefits of the Stree Shakti free bus travel scheme, saying it has made it easier for them to travel to nearby towns to run small businesses and earn additional income, strengthening their economic independence. IT & HRD Minister Nara Lokesh informed the

Chief Minister that the government had extended the Talliki Vandanam benefit to eligible Anganwadi staff also in response to their financial concerns. The interaction concluded on a warm note, with the Chief Minister and the HRD Minister taking selfies with the tribal women. The Chief Minister appreciated students who have been nurturing saplings on the school campus. Officials explained that each plant carries a QR code tag, allowing anyone to scan it and access information about the tree. The students were also issued green passports to encourage environmental stewardship.

HM highlights how education sector in AP getting revamped

Anakapalli: Home Minister Vanagapudi Anitha on Friday visited Kotavuratla mandal in the Payakaraopeta constituency and inaugurated and laid foundation stones for several development projects while participating in the Mega Parents-Teachers meeting held at the Government High School. The minister inaugurated the newly constructed Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) building, built at a cost of Rs.1.68 crore under Comprehensive Education funds at the Kotavuratla mandal headquarters. Later, she inaugurated the Treasury Office building constructed at a cost of Rs.75 lakh with Finance (FMU-GAD-2) funds. Addressing the gathering at the Mega Parents-Teachers meeting, Anitha said the pro-

gramme was conducted across Andhra Pradesh like a festival, portraying the government's commitment to strengthening the education system. She lauded Education Minister Nara Lokesh for introducing several transformative reforms in the education sector and for laying a strong foundation for the state's future.

Stating that Andhra Pradesh's progress begins in classrooms, she said teachers and students play a pivotal role in shaping society. The Home Minister mentioned that the government is committed to providing world-class facilities in government schools while encouraging talented students to excel in academics and other fields. The Home Minister called upon par-

ents to remain involved in their children's education and behaviour, stressing that parental guidance is essential for building responsible citizens. She assured that the government is extending every possible support to ensure no child is deprived of education due to poverty or financial constraints. Highlighting the development initiatives in the Payakaraopeta constituency, Anitha said establishing several industries in the region would create employment opportunities for thousands of youths. She reiterated the NDA government's resolve to eradicate the menace of ganja cultivation and trafficking and urged people to remain vigilant against the growing threat of cyber-crimes.



BRS seeks bullet train stop at Zaheerabad



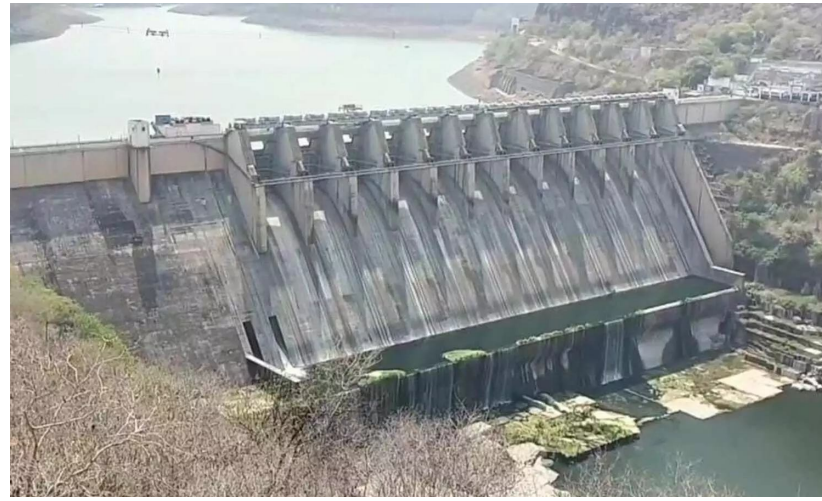
Rajya Sabha MP Vaddiraju Ravichandra, on Thursday urged Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to include Zaheerabad railway station in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the proposed Hyderabad-Mumbai High-Speed Rail (Bullet Train) Corridor and sanction a stop there. The delegation, comprising MLAs Chinta Prabhakar and K Manik Rao, along with former Medak DCCB Chairman M Shivakumar, met the Railway Minister at the Parliament House and submitted a memorandum highlighting the strategic and industrial importance of Zaheerabad. The BRS leaders lauded the Centre's efforts to strengthen the country's transport infrastructure, industrial corridors and logistics networks, describing the Hyderabad-Mumbai High-Speed Rail Corridor as a nationally significant project that would enhance economic integration, industrial growth and regional connectivity. They said Zaheerabad has emerged as one of the country's fastest-growing industrial hubs and deserves inclusion in the proposed bullet train corridor. According to the memorandum, the Centre has approved a National Investment and Manufacturing Zone (NIMZ) spread over 12,656 acres at Zaheerabad, one of the largest industrial development projects in the country, with land acquisition for around 8,000 acres already completed. The delegation also pointed out that the Centre had approved the development of the Zaheerabad Industrial Smart City, which is expected to become a major hub for manufacturing, logistics, exports and industrial innovation. The memorandum stated that the convergence of major projects such as the NIMZ, Industrial Smart City, dry port, Hyderabad-Mumbai Economic Corridor and Hyderabad-Nagpur Industrial Corridor is expected to transform Zaheerabad into a nationally significant manufacturing and logistics hub, creating more than three lakh direct and indirect employment opportunities. The BRS leaders argued that a bullet train stop at Zaheerabad would provide seamless connectivity between Mumbai and one of India's emerging manufacturing centres, facilitating faster movement of investors, industrialists, skilled professionals and international business partners while boosting exports, logistics efficiency and regional economic growth.

TG govt writes to Centre, NDSA

Pumping ops stalled by Dam Safety Authority until repairs

Hyderabad: In an interesting turn to the Congress-BRS row over lifting of water from the Bahubali pump of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project, the Telangana government has written a letter to Jal Shakti Ministry and the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) seeking clearance for lifting of Godavari River water the Kannepalli pump-house (aka Bahubali pump) of the Kaleshwaram project.

Following the insistent demand of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to lift the flood water in Godavari from the pump-house and utilise it for meeting the irrigation needs to mitigate the prevailing drought conditions, the state government has raised its apprehensions over the safety of the damaged Meligadda,



Sundilla and Annaram barrages if water is lifted presently from the pump-houses without rehabilitation of the structures.

After reviewing the regular increase of flood flow in the river, the Irrigation Department sought the help of the Union Ministry and NDSA on lifting water. Top officials said that not less than 60,000 cusecs of water flowed alongside

Godavari from Pranahita river every day. Utilisation of flood water would help address the water crisis. However, "without the approval of the NDSA and the Ministry, water will not be lifted from the pump house," the officials said. The Irrigation Department has not yet received any communication either from the Ministry or NDSA, which is the apex body in the maintenance of dams and

reservoirs in the country.

The NDSA has already warned the state government to stop the pump-house operations and filling water at the barrages until the repairs are completed.

The possibility of lifting water from the Kannepalli pumphouse would be considered if the NDSA gives approval. The technical wing of the dam safety authority is conducting surveys at the damaged barrages and the outcome of their study would help to take a call on the lifting of water from Kannepalli without causing any further damage to the three barrages.

Officials pointed out that the government has already set the deadline, asking the officials concerned to complete the rehabilitation of the three barrages by December next year.

New generation needs discussion, not orders: RSS chief Bhagwat amid paper leak protests

Reflecting on the changing relationship between generations, the RSS chief said the present generation prefers discussion and reason over unquestioned acceptance of instructions. New Delhi: Amid the ongoing protests over the paper leaks and exam irregularities, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) chief Mohan Bhagwat has said that the younger generation today seeks answers rather than unquestioning obedience, underscoring the importance of engaging with them through dialogue, affection and mutual understanding. Addressing the concluding session of the Vishwa Mangalya Sabha's National Enlightenment Meeting on 'Contemporary Motherhood' at the Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi on Friday, Bhagwat said society must recognise the changing outlook of young people and respond



by communicating with them instead of expecting blind compliance. Reflecting on the changing relationship between generations, the RSS chief said the present generation prefers discussion and reason over unquestioned acceptance of instructions.

"When we were young, it was an era of obedience. That is not the case anymore. The new generation

asks questions. We have to explain the reasoning to them. We need to give them a lot of affection. We need to spend time with them," Bhagwat said. He further emphasised that meaningful conversations and consensus-building are essential while engaging with young people. "We need to communicate. Not dictation, but discussion. Not orders, but consensus," Bhagwat said. Although Bhagwat did

not make any direct reference to the ongoing protests at Jantar Mantar over the paper leak and examination-related irregularities, his remarks came at a time when demonstrations by students and political parties over the issue continue across the country, drawing attention to the concerns and aspirations of the youth. Meanwhile, talks are underway between the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), which initiated the protests, and the Centre. Later in the day, the third round of talks will be held between the CJP delegation and the government. Earlier on Friday, Union Ministers J.P. Nadda and Jitendra Singh held the second round of talks with the CJP at the Constitution Club, where the government had told the CJP delegation that they would get back on their demands.

Six FIRs registered over rowdyism during joint rally by CJP-Left parties in Kolkata; police say criminals joined stir

Kolkata: A total of six FIRs have been registered by the Kolkata Police over rowdyism during the joint rally of the Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) involving the youth and the students' wings of different Left parties over the NEET examination paper leak protest on Friday. According to the police, several criminals had infiltrated the students' protest and they are mainly responsible for the hooliganism that took place that day. Of the six FIRs, one had been registered suo motu by the city police at Hare Street Police Station under Central Division of Kolkata.

The remaining have been registered on the basis of five separate complaints about alleged incidents of manhandling of media persons by a section of the protestors on Saturday in which some journalists and photo-journalists were allegedly injured.

West Bengal Chief Minister, Suvendu Adhikari, had already condemned the incident strongly on Friday and assured that strict action would be initiated against the culprits. Meanwhile, the police are on the alert after the incident.

"Several footages have already been



examined. Several footages have been collected. Several criminals have also been identified to have assembled among the student protesters and they are mainly responsible for the rowdyism and hooliganism on Friday. In the meantime, cases have been registered with the police under multiple sections," a city police official said.

On Friday afternoon, the entire

Esplanade turned into a virtual battlefield amid the protest program. The protest programme was initially convened by the students' wings of the different Left Parties and later CJP also joined the protest after the latter's plea for a separate rally against the NEET examination paper leak was declined permission by the Kolkata Police.

Bricks, stones, glass-bottles, bamboo

sticks, and shoes were hurled by a section of the protesters towards the cops and even the media persons covering the vents. The police had to resort to baton-charge and firing of teargas shells to control and disperse the unruly mob.

Many journalists were seriously injured in the melee.

The Chief Minister went to the hospital where the media persons were admitted and enquired about their medical conditions. At that point in time, he also assured of strict action against those responsible for the rowdyism. The Chief Minister also issued a social media statement condemning the attack on the cops and media persons.

"Several injured Journalists are currently undergoing treatment at SSKM Hospital. I visited the Hospital to meet the injured Journalists and personally enquired about their health. I have issued directions to ensure that they receive the best treatment possible. Strict legal action will be taken against all the culprits involved. I have asked CP @KolkataPolice to identify the miscreants and initiate legal action against them" the Chief Minister's social media post read.

Indian Seafarer died in an attack on ship in Black Sea

An Indian died killed in an attack on a merchant ship in the Black Sea. An Indian seafarer died in an attack on a merchant ship in the Black Sea. The total number of sailors aboard the ship were ten in number, out of which three were Indian; whereas, while one Indian sailor died due to the attack, the other two are fine. India has expressed deep concern over the situation. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) confirmed the situation



and termed such attacks on merchant ships is unacceptable. The Ministry further stated that the incident took place on July 18 during transit of the ship MV Omorphy, in an area claimed as the territorial waters of Russia. It stated that while one Indian sailor lost his life in the incident, the other two are

safe. MEA stated that securing the safety of international merchant ships is the obligation of all states and that any interference in the freedom of navigation would affect international business. It further stated that all support and assistance are being provided to the family of the deceased. Apart from this, the government of India is keeping constant contact with the management of the ship and the authorities of the countries concerned.

Kamal Haasan: Nation has failed when its children are met with barricades, batons instead of answers



Kamal penned a strong note to voice his opinion on X, formerly called Twitter, as he wrote: "We should have listened when one child cried. Instead, we waited until far too many of our children died." Actor-politician Kamal Haasan shared a scathing note on the state of the country's education system, saying a nation has failed when its children are met with "barricades and batons instead of answers." Kamal penned a strong note to voice his opinion on X, formerly called Twitter, as he wrote: "We should have listened when one child cried. Instead, we waited until far too many of our children died." "A system where coaching replaces learning, anxiety replaces curiosity, and criminality replaces merit is rotten. A nation has failed when its children are met with barricades and batons instead of answers." Urging activist Sonam Wangchuk to end his fast, Kamal also stressed that the dreams of children should never be overshadowed by the system's failures. "@Wangchuk66, the nation will need your conscience for the journey ahead. Please end your fast. To the children of India: You are the best of us. You have done your duty. It is now time for the country to do its duty by you. May your dreams forever be bigger than our failures."

Thousands of supporters of the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP), along with students, marched from Jantar Mantar towards Parliament demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over recurring examination irregularities, including the NEET-UG paper leak. The protests, which began at Jantar Mantar, drew students, opposition leaders, and activists demanding accountability in the education system. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP) on Thursday said that it will not negotiate on the demands seeking the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over exam paper leaks, while maintaining that if the Centre wants to communicate with the agitators, it will have to hold a meeting at the protest site at Jantar Mantar. Wangchuk, who is currently admitted at Gurugram's Medanta Hospital, entered the 26th day of his hunger strike on Thursday. A day before, the activist had said that he would end his fast if the Centre assured that no action would be taken against the protesters.

Angelina Jolie reflects on Cambodia conflict, says son Maddox's birthplace remains close to her heart

The Oscar-winning star penned a note on Instagram, where she spoke about how nearly 30,000 people remain internally displaced. Mumbai: Global star and humanitarian Angelina Jolie has marked the first anniversary of the Cambodia border conflict, saying the country, where her son Maddox was born, continues to hold a special place in her heart. The Oscar-winning star penned a note on Instagram, where she spoke about how nearly 30,000 people remain internally displaced. "One year ago, conflict broke out along Cambodia's border, upending the safety and stability of so many. Now, nearly 30,000 people remain internally displaced and unable to return home," she wrote. Angelina shared that the place is her son Maddox's birth country "Cambodia has always been a special country for me and my family. This is my son's country of birth, our home is here, and for over 20 years, we've worked with a fully locally-led team on conservation and community development. The Maddox Foundation is headquartered on the same border where the recent conflict took place," she added.

Shehnaaz Gill talks Gen-Z relationships as 'Ishqnama' trends online

Mumbai: Shehnaaz Gill is trending everywhere on Instagram for her new film 'Ishqnama' as the movie's songs are catching the attention. The social media users are making reels on the songs of Ishqnama songs and tagging Shahnaaz and Jayy Randhawa. The movie is inspired by a real story which is about the timeless tale of two souls divided by circumstances beyond their control. The film revolves around a Sikh student from Punjab and a Muslim girl from Pakistan. The love story involves borders, religion and the emotional scars left behind by the Partition. As the movie is being discussed everywhere, actress Shehnaaz Gill in an interview recently discussed how love has changed over time. She

said that it is hard to move from the old relationships but for any Gen-Z it is not an uphill task. She said that if someone moves on easily, what's the problem? If someone doesn't want to take the stress of a relationship anymore, moving on is a good thing.

The actress said that it is better to move on rather than take the stress. She added that we come to this world alone and have to leave it alone, so learn to move on. She urged fans to not get stuck to the one person only and stay where they feel safe. The actress also discussed the rise in violent crimes between intimate partners now. She said that one should quit the relationship if she or he is not happy there. She said it is better to leave than to kill someone. She was quoted



saying, " There's news of people killing their partners so often these days. Moving on when a relationship isn't working seems like a far better thing to do." Shehnaaz Gill was earlier dating Siddharth Shukla

and after his death she had undergone stress. After his death, Shehnaaz featured in Salman Khan's ' Kisi Ka Bhai Kisi Ki Jaan' . The actress' new film 'Ishqnama' was released in theaters on 24th of July 2026.

Priyanka Chahar Choudhary opens up about grueling Naagin Shoot

The Bigg Boss 16 star recalled initially refusing Naagin and shared how back-to-back shoots for Naagin and Battleground left her surviving on just 40-minute naps. Popular actress Priyanka Chahar Choudhary who has become a household name in the Television industry has recently opened up about managing the shooting schedules. The actress has appeared on various shows and interviews and spoken about her career and personal life. She was recently seen on Farah Khan's Youtube channel where she recalled her Naagin days and the difficulties she had faced during shooting time. Priyanka Chahar said that she was not sure about doing the show. She shared that had initially refused Naagin as she wanted to do a show that involved more natural acting. She said, " I didn't say no outright, but I definitely had second thoughts. I was on a flight to the US when I received the call. I had Wi-Fi, so they spoke to me, but I said, 'I haven't thought about it yet.' Later, the casting person told me that after I hung up, my entire team panicked."

Priyanka Chahar revealed how she managed the shooting schedule during Naagin and Battleground simultaneously. She revealed that she had worked for 26 days a month on Naagin, with 12-hour shifts each day. She said that managing the two



shows at a sametime was extremely difficult. The actress shared on Farah Khan's show that her sleep cycle was affected during the shooting. She said that when she signed Naagin, she wanted to do something different. That's why she also took up Battleground. She said that she used to shoot from 10 pm to 7 am for Battleground. Priyanka Chahar said that she used to reach home around 6 or 7 in the morning, take a quick shower and get ready for the Naagin

set by 9 am. She revealed how she used to work on the Naagin set from 9 am to 9 pm. She said, " It felt like working almost 36 hours at a stretch. I would survive on 40-minute naps because I simply can't sleep in the afternoon." Priyanka Chahar Choudhary was one of the popular contestants of the 16th edition of Bigg Boss and was the second runner-up. She has also appeared in various Punjabi music videos, including Hanju, Mai Bewafa, and Online.

Anahat Singh storms into World Junior Squash final, ends India's 21-year wait

The top seed, aiming for her first World Junior title, became the first Indian finalist since Joshna Chinappa in 2005. She won against the 3/4 seed 11-3, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6 in a high-quality semifinal. Nigara-on-the-Lake: India's Anahat Singh moved within one victory of creating history after becoming the first Indian in 21 years to reach the final of the World Junior Championships, defeating Egypt's Barb Sameh in four games on Friday. The top seed, aiming for her first World Junior title, became the first Indian finalist since Joshna Chinappa in 2005. She won against the 3/4 seed 11-3, 8-11, 11-4, 11-6 in a high-quality semifinal. Singh started strong, winning the opening game 11-3. Sameh then fought back, leveling the match with an 11-8 win in the second game. However, the Indian player responded decisively, dominating the last two games 11-4 and 11-6. This victory secured her spot in the title match and brought her closer to being the first Indian to win the World Junior crown.



"I'm really happy. I played Barb a few months ago at the British Junior Open, and it was a close match like this, so I knew I'd have to play really well," Singh said after her win. "I didn't play my best yesterday, and I knew I had to come out today and show what I can do on court. I've played in four World Juniors and lost in the quarters and semis, so reaching the final has made my parents and coaches really happy, but the tournament's not over yet." Between Singh and history stands Egypt's second seed Ruqayya Salem. She defeated her compatriot and 3/4 seed Malika Elkaraksy to reach the final.

Salem, who did not qualify for last year's championships, took control early. She won the first two games 11-5 and 11-9. Elkaraksy, only 15 years old, fought back and claimed the third game, but Salem maintained her composure. She edged out a tense fourth game 11-9 to secure her championship match spot. An emotional Salem said afterwards, "I'm speechless right now. I've worked so hard for this moment. Not qualifying for the event last year was devastating. I knew coming into this event that I wanted to make that pain worth it. I'm so happy to

make it to the final." In the men's competition, Egypt's top seed Mohamad Zakaria continued his pursuit of a third World Junior title. He defeated compatriot Selfeldin Refaay in straight games, reaching his fourth consecutive final. Zakaria will face fellow Egyptian and second seed Adam Hawal, who advanced when Marwan Assal retired injured during the third game of their semifinal. Hawal had already built a 2-0 lead before Assal had to withdraw. Hawal expressed sympathy for his compatriot after the match. "I'm gutted that Marwan couldn't continue. We were playing some quality squash. He was playing very well, and I just had to shut down everything he does well. But yeah, I'm just gutted, and I wish him a speedy recovery. He's an amazing player, and we've been friends since we were young. I'm over the moon to progress, but it's not the best way to win." The finals of the 2026 World Squash Junior Championships will take place on Saturday as Singh aims to become the first Indian ever to lift the prestigious women's title.

Performing early on boosts confidence for future games: Sooryavanshi



Teenage batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi said his record-breaking fifty against Zimbabwe has boosted his confidence, dedicating the milestone to his family and coaches. Harare: Teenage batting prodigy Vaibhav Sooryavanshi reflected on his match-winning performance in the opening T20I against Zimbabwe, saying that making an impact early in one's career plays a crucial role in boosting confidence for upcoming assignments. Sooryavanshi became the youngest to score a fifty in international cricket during the first game of the three-match series. The opener scored 50 off 19 balls for his maiden T20I fifty, surpassing Nepal's Kushal Malla, who was 15 years and 340 days old when he made an ODI half-century against the USA in 2020. Sachin Tendulkar, who was 16 years and 213 days old when he scored 59 against Pakistan on his Test debut tour in Faisalabad in 1989, was the previous youngest Indian batter to score an international fifty. Sooryavanshi's record-breaking knock came in just his fourth T20I, having become India's youngest-ever men's international cricketer earlier this month at the age of 15 years and 99 days.

"When it's the starting phase of your career and you get these kinds of innings early on and you perform well it builds confidence for the upcoming matches. And it felt like I was in my zone and I just bagged my strength; that was all. I would dedicate this fifty to my family and to my coaches and to everyone who has supported me along my journey through every good and bad phase," he said in a video shared by BCCI.tv After reaching his fifty, he seemed to make an 'A' sign with both his hands above his head. Explaining his celebration, the teenager clarified that the celebration was in fact a tribute to his mother 'Aarti'. He also made 'Thumbs up' sign which he said was 'I did that celebration for my mum, and the other one was based on a conversation with Rinku Bahia and I had,' he explained. Harare has proved to be a happy hunting ground for Sooryavanshi. Earlier this year, he struck a sensational 175 off 80 balls against England in the ICC Under-19 World Cup final at the same venue after blasting 68 against Afghanistan in the semi-finals, helping India lift a record sixth title. The innings also marked a timely return to form after scores of 14, 13 and 15 in his first three T20Is against England. "You could say that I like the vibe here. There are some grounds where we just love scoring runs maybe it's like that but I'm not taking this for granted at all. I'm just trying to give my best contribute to the team and perform well whenever I play," he added.

World Cup hero Vozinha set for Colo Colo move after agreement reached

The 40-year-old free agent is set to go to Chile in the coming days for a medical examination before the transfer is completed and he is officially presented at the Estadio Monumental. New Delhi: Cape Verde goalkeeper Vozinha, one of the breakout stars of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, is set to continue his remarkable rise after reaching an agreement to join Chilean giants Colo Colo, club president Anibal Mosa confirmed on Friday. The 40-year-old free agent is set to go to Chile in the coming days for a medical examination before the transfer is completed and he is officially presented at the Estadio Monumental. Mosa told the reporters earlier on, before Colo Colo's league game against Deportes Limache, that Vozinha would

be one of the club's players and that in the coming days he would go to Chile, have the standard medical examinations, and then be introduced at the Estadio Monumental. Mosa stated that the experienced goalkeeper had won the chance through his excellent performances at the World Cup, although he also acknowledged that the transfer would bring a commercial advantage to the Chilean club. Even though the deal has not yet been officially completed, Colo Colo hinted at the signing on social media by posting an image which seemed to display Vozinha's characteristic curly hair and thus excited the supporters. Vozinha emerged as one of the tournament's greatest surprises after having left the Portuguese second-division club

Chaves prior to the World Cup; he was subsequently included in FIFA's fan-voted World Cup Dream Team as a result of his series of inspiring performances while playing in the tournament with Cape Verde. In Cape Verde's successful campaign the experienced goalkeeper played a vital part by keeping the eventual champions, Spain, without scoring in a goalless draw and then again showing excellent form by getting the eventual runners-up, Argentina, into extra time in the Round of 32; his remarkable performances made him one of the standout features of the tournament and have now led to a transfer to one of South America's most successful clubs.

ATP Tour: Van Assche stuns Rublev for landmark win, SF berth in Estoril

Luca Van Assche secures the biggest win of his career at the 2026 Estoril Open, upsetting top seed Andrey Rublev to reach his first-ever ATP Tour semifinal. Luca Van Assche kept his nerve and refused to be overpowered as he progressed to the semifinals of the Estoril Open ATP Tour 250 event, turning the tables on top seed and World No. 14 Andrey Rublev with a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory for the biggest win of his career on Friday. Rublev arrived in Portugal riding a five-match winning streak after lifting the title in Bastad on Sunday, but Van Assche matched and surpassed his opponent's firepower to complete a remarkable two-hour, 15-minute comeback. The 22-year-old Frenchman, who is into his first ATP Tour

semi-final after falling in his previous three tour-level quarter-finals, will next face countryman Hugo Gaston at the clay-court ATP 250 event. "I'm very, very happy about the win today. It's the best win of my career so far," Van Assche, the No. 78 player in the ATP Rankings, said. "It means a lot to me. It was a tough match. I'm happy with the level I played. I love Portugal. I've played well here during my career so far. It's a place that I love, and to be in the semifinals, it's a great step in my career." Rublev saved all five break points he faced in the opening set, according to ATP Stats, but could not hold off Van Assche's relentless surge after the opener. The Frenchman raised his level as the match wore on,

repeatedly coming out on top in extended forehand-to-forehand exchanges to level their ATP head-to-head series at 1-1. Gaston kicked off Friday's action in Portugal by ending the dream run of local wild card Tiago Torres. The Frenchman repeatedly used his trademark drop shot to draw Torres forward before sealing a 6-3, 6-4 victory and advancing to his fourth ATP Tour semi-final, and first since 2024. "There is no secret," Gaston replied when asked about the key to a good drop shot. "Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. Today it was difficult. With the wind, it can help me, but Tiago is a guy who can run really fast. It's one of my best shots, so I have to use it. Not too much... But sometimes it's good



in these conditions, so I will keep it in my pocket." Both Gaston and Torres are guaranteed significant rises in the ATP Rankings. Gaston has climbed

19 places to No. 90 in the Live Rankings with his run to the last four, while Torres — who made his tour-level debut this week — has soared 96 spots to No. 331.