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### Mayor Cracks Down on Sanitation Violations at Nellore's Hospital Hub



**(king Reporter)** Nellore: Nellore Mayor Devarakonda Sujatha Ashok on Tuesday conducted a surprise inspection of private hospitals in the Pogathota area and directed officials to take action against sanitation violations and unauthorised establishments. The inspection was carried out along with district medical and health officer Dr Sujatha and municipal health officer Dr Dinesh in one of the city's busiest healthcare zones. During the visit, the Mayor observed that some hospitals were allegedly disposing of waste in open areas instead of handing it over to municipal garbage collection vehicles. She also expressed concern over hospitals operating without necessary approvals from the municipal corporation and lacking adequate parking facilities. The Mayor noted that indiscriminate parking on roads was contributing to traffic congestion in the area, which receives a large number of patients and attendants every day. "Pogathota is home to a large number of private hospitals and receives hundreds of

patients daily. Sanitation and traffic management cannot be ignored in such a critical zone," she said. Sujatha Ashok said the issues would be brought to the attention of Municipal Administration Minister Dr P. Narayana and assured that measures would be taken to address the problems and improve facilities for patients and visitors. The district medical and health officer warned that notices would be issued to hospitals found violating cleanliness norms or operating without proper permissions. She stressed the need for strict adherence to government guidelines by all healthcare institutions. The municipal health officer said the corporation would identify unauthorised hospitals and initiate action against managements that failed to maintain hygienic premises or dispose of biomedical waste in accordance with prescribed norms. The civic authorities indicated that enforcement measures would be intensified to improve sanitation, traffic management and regulatory compliance in the Pogathota hospital zone.

### Guntur To Adopt Indore's Best Urban Governance Practices

**(king Reporter)** Vijayawada: Guntur Municipal Corporation (GMC) commissioner K. Mayur Ashok has undertaken a two-day study visit to Indore to examine best practices in sanitation, solid waste management, urban governance and infrastructure development for possible implementation in Guntur. During the visit on Tuesday, the GMC commissioner held discussions with officials of the Indore Municipal Corporation and reviewed various urban development initiatives. Also Read - Mayor Cracks Down on Sanitation Violations at Nellore's Hospital Hub Advertisement The study focused on the implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission, sanitation systems, door-to-door waste collection, scientific solid waste processing, resource recovery mechanisms, circular economy initiatives, technology-driven governance, administrative reforms, revenue enhancement and citizen participation. As part of the visit, Mayur Ashok inspected the door-to-door waste collection system and visited the Rajshahi Garbage Transfer Station. He also reviewed the operations of the integrated solid waste management control room and interacted with officials on its functioning. Also Read - TD Chief Palla Raises 14 Issues Before House Panel Discover more Video news clips Entertainment news digest Geographic Reference The commis-



sioner later visited the Kesarbogh Bridge Resource Recovery Centre to study recycling and waste recovery practices. He also toured the Devguradia processing site, where he reviewed scientific waste processing methods and sustainable waste management systems. Mayur Ashok said the visit provided insights into the use of technology, public participation, efficient administration and revenue-generation measures that have contributed to Indore's performance in national cleanliness rankings. He said suitable practices observed during the visit would be adapted to local requirements and implemented in Guntur to improve civic services and strengthen urban governance.

### CM Naidu to inaugurate Rs 405-crore gold mining project in Kurnool

**(king Reporter)** Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate a Rs 405-crore gold mining and processing project at Jonnagiri in Kurnool district on Wednesday, marking the commencement of commercial gold production in the state. The chief minister will also lay the foundation stone for the project's second unit as part of the expansion plans of the facility established by Geo Mysore Services India Private Limited and Deccan Gold Mines Limited. "The gold mining and processing project has been established with an investment of Rs 405 crore and commercial production of gold will formally commence with its inauguration by the chief minister," an official release on Tuesday said. The project is being touted as the country's largest private-sector gold mining venture and is expected to place Andhra Pradesh on India's gold mining map, which has traditionally been associated with Karnataka's Kolar Gold Fields. The state government has allotted 1,500 acres for the Jonnagiri gold fields project, with mining operations initially commencing on 600 acres in the first phase, while processing facilities have already been established. The project will be expanded to the remaining area in the second phase as production capacity increases, the release said. The plant is expected to produce 400 kilograms of gold



during its first year of operations, which is projected to rise to 900 kilograms annually from the following year and gradually scale up to two tonne per year. The project is expected to generate employment opportunities for around 700 people while contributing to the state's industrial development. The Andhra Pradesh government will receive a four per cent royalty on the value of gold produced at the mine. Based on current estimates, the state is expected to earn around Rs 57 crore in royalty from the production of 400 kilograms of gold and approximately Rs 144 crore from the production of 900 kilograms, it said. As per the schedule, the chief minister will arrive at Jonnagiri at 11.45 am and inaugurate the first unit of the gold processing plant besides laying the foundation stone for the second unit at 12.20 pm. He will later address a public meeting at Jonnagiri and subsequently interact with TDP leaders and party workers of the Pattikonda Assembly constituency.

### Nellore SP Reviews Security Arrangements For Bara Shaheed Dargah Rottela Panduga

**(king Reporter)** NELLORE: SPSR Nellore district superintendent of police Dr Ajitha Vejendla on Tuesday reviewed security and traffic management arrangements for the forthcoming Bara Shaheed Dargah Rottela Panduga, which attracts large numbers of devotees from across the state. At a review meeting held at the district police office, the SP directed officials to ensure comprehensive security, effective crowd management and smooth traffic movement during the festival. Also



Read - Mayor Cracks Down on Sanitation Violations at Nellore's Hospital Hub Advertisement Additional SP (administration) Ch. Soujanya briefed the SP on personnel deployment and responsibilities assigned to various teams.

### Nimmala Slams Jagan for Failing To Protect Interests of Kapus

**(king Reporter)** Vijayawada: Minister for water resources Nimmala Ramanaidu on Tuesday criticised YSRC president and former chief minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, alleging that he had failed to safeguard the interests of the Kapu community. Addressing the media, the minister spoke about the history of reservations for the Kapu community and credited Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and former chief minister Damodaram Sanjeevaiah for measures aimed at supporting the community. Also Read - Mayor Cracks Down on Sanitation Violations at Nellore's Hospital Hub Advertisement Ramanaidu said reservations for Kapus, which were available during the British period, were later withdrawn and subsequently restored during the tenure of Damodaram Sanjeevaiah. He alleged that the benefits were again revoked under a later government. Referring to the 10 per cent Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) quota introduced by the Centre, the minister said the previous Telugu Desam government had earmarked five per cent reservation for Kapus within the EWS category. He alleged that the subsequent



YSRC government had withdrawn the provision. The minister further alleged that the YSRC leadership was attempting to create divisions among people on regional, religious and caste lines for political purposes. He also accused the former chief minister of failing to protect the interests of several Kapu leaders within the YSRC and claimed that some leaders had been subjected to legal and political difficulties during the party's tenure in office. Ramanaidu said Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan were working together to implement the coalition government's agenda and alleged that the YSRC was targeting both the Deputy Chief Minister and the Kapu community for political reasons.

## TN Mishap Shows Safety Ignored

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## Tension Grips Medak as Rivalry Claims 2 Lives

Hyderabad: A village rivalry resulted in the murder of two persons including an elderly person at Suraram village in Medak district. Tension prevailed in the village following the two murder incidents prompting the police to deploy additional forces to prevent any untoward incident. A villager Prabhakar with the help of his associate waylaid and killed his rival Sridhar when he was on the way to another village. Enraged over this, Sridhar's family members went to the house of Prabhakar on Monday midnight to attack him. When they found that Prabhakar was not at home, they attacked his father Yadagiri and killed him. The attack and counter attack resulted in the murder of two persons' triggering tension in the village. Upon receiving information, the police rushed to the spot and deployed additional forces to prevent any untoward incident.

## Woman held for allegedly killing husband and staging suicide in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: A woman allegedly strangled her husband to death and attempted to portray the murder as a suicide after he reportedly became an obstacle to her extramarital relationship at their house in LB Nagar. According to the police, the victim, Boda Narsing (36), a vegetable vendor, was living with his wife Swarupa and their two daughters in NTR Nagar in LB Nagar. The family originally hails from Tattupalli village in Koravi mandal of Mahabubabad district. Police said Narsing had recently learned about his wife's alleged extramarital relationship with a man named Mohan, a native of their village. The revelation reportedly led to frequent disputes between the couple. It is believed that Swarupa considered her husband an obstacle to the extra marital relationship and planned to eliminate him. On June 20, after sending her younger daughter out to a nearby shop to purchase coconut, Swarupa allegedly sat on her husband's chest and strangled him with a

dupatta, causing his death. She then tied the same dupatta to a cot in an attempt to make it appear that Narsing had died by suicide. Following information from local residents, the LB Nagar police reached the spot and took up investigation. First they registered a case of suspicious death, however, the autopsy report from the Osmania General Hospital revealed that the victim had died due to strangulation, confirming it was a homicide.

## Major Fire Breaks Out At Furniture Factory In Gudimalkapur

Hyderabad: A major fire broke out at a furniture factory near Vintage Function Hall in Gudimalkapur on Monday night. The blaze spread to two adjoining furniture units, which spread rapidly due to the flammable material present in the workshops. On receiving information, the Gudimalkapur police and fire department personnel rushed to the spot and took up firefighting operations with four fire engines. They managed to bring the blaze under control after several hours of effort, ensuring that it did not spread to



nearby buildings. Kulsumpura ACP Tirupathi supervised the relief operations. The cause of the fire is yet to be ascertained, and an inquiry is underway.

## No Groundwater NOC, Incomplete Water Analysis Found at Gajularamaram Water Unit

Hyderabad: After food joints, the food safety teams of Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) carried out an inspection at a packaged drinking water unit at Rodamestry Nagar in Gajularamaram Circle and detected violations. The team inspected Natural Aqua packaged drinking water unit, as part of regular food safety inspections across Cyberabad. During the inspection, the food handlers were not using headcaps, gloves, or aprons, the bottling unit lacked proper barriers or mesh to prevent pest and dust entry, pest control, medical fitness, and cleaning schedule records were not available. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement A NOC for groundwater extraction was not obtained and the water analysis report was incomplete, with no microbial analysis. The FSSAI license for the transportation vehicle was not available, the NABL certification for packing materials was not produced and application documents were not properly self-attested. Officials collected drinking water samples collected for laboratory analysis and the Food Business Operator



(FBO) instructed to rectify all observations and resubmit the application with complete documentation for further processing. The officials, however, observed good practices including properly sloped flooring with no water stagnation, wastewater diverted into a rainwater harvesting pit, walls and ceilings found free from dust and cobwebs.

## Kanchi Cafe, Kodi Kura Chitti Gaare Among Outlets Flagged in Cyberabad Food Safety Drive

Hyderabad: A series of food safety inspections conducted by Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) Food Safety teams across Cyberabad on June 22 revealed multiple hygiene lapses and compliance issues at eateries and a packaged drinking water unit. During inspections at Kanchi Cafe in Puppallaguda, officials found several concerns including open dustbins, water stagnation, pest infestation, and improper food storage practices. The establishment scored 56 out of 94 in the hygiene assessment and was issued an improvement notice for immediate corrective action. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement At Natural Aqua, a packaged drinking water unit in Gajularamaram, a pre-license inspection highlighted gaps such as lack of protective gear for workers, absence of key certifications, incomplete water analysis reports, and missing documentation. Water samples were collected for testing, and the operator was instructed to rectify all deficiencies before



approval. The unit scored 101 out of 158. Meanwhile, Kodikura Chittigare restaurant in Nallagandla was found violating food safety norms, including use of unlabelled food items, poor storage conditions, and inadequate hygiene practices. Authorities discarded unlabelled items on the spot and issued an improvement notice.

The outlet scored 60 out of 98 in hygiene ratings. Officials stressed the need for strict adherence to food safety standards and warned that failure to comply could invite stringent action. Regular inspections will continue to ensure public health and hygiene across Cyberabad.

## Telangana ACB Books Excise Superintendent Malla Reddy in DA Case

Hyderabad: Continuing its crackdown against the tainted government officials, the sleuths of Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) registered a disproportionate assets case against the prohibition and excise superintendent Malla Reddy in Nizamabad district. The ACB teams are conducting raids at Reddy's house and other places since morning. A few days ago, the ACB on Saturday detected Rs.1.50 crore and gold jewellery in two lockers belonging to wife of Survey and Land Records Deputy Director S Narahari Rao at Canara Bank in Shahalibanda. An official said two lockers in the name of Rao's wife were also detected during the raids carried out by the ACB at dozen places belonging to Rao and his benamis after registering disproportionate assets (DA) case. The case was booked against Rao as he acquired assets disproportionate to his known sources of income by indulging in corrupt practices and dubious means during his service. As part of investigation, the ACB officials opened the locker on Saturday and much to their surprise, they found Rs.1.50 crore in it. After arresting him, the ACB produced Rao before the special court for ACB cases after which the court remanded him to 14 days judicial custody. digest During the searches, documents relating to five open plots in Ranga Reddy District, 1.24 acres of agricultural land at Maheshwaram, a residential flat admeasuring 2,500 sq. ft. in a high-rise building at Puppallaguda, two residential flats each admeasuring 1,860 sq. ft. in a high-rise building at Narsingi, and a residential flat admeasuring 1,377 sq. ft. in a high-rise building at Rajendra Nagar were found Also Read - No Groundwater NOC, Incomplete Water Analysis Found at Gajularamaram Water Unit Further, a ground plus three storeyed building at TNGOs Colony in Gachibowli, and a ground plus two storeyed residential building at Chatrinaka were also detected. Net cash of approximately Rs. 1.54 crore, bank balances amounting to Rs.2.29 crore, fixed deposits worth Rs.5.04 crore, gold ornaments weighing about 1.3 kg, and eight kg of silver were found at Rao's house. The total value of the assets detected during the searches is Rs. 13.05 crore. The market value of the immovable properties is expected to be many times higher than the document value. Further verification of additional assets is underway.

## Two Workers Killed in Fire Accident at Pharma Unit in Anakapalle

Anakapalle: Two workers lost their lives in a fire accident at Dakshina Energy Company located in Jawaharlal Nehru Pharma City in Anakapalle in the early hours of Tuesday. According to officials, the fire broke out suddenly at the industrial unit, leading to panic among workers on the premises. Fire safety teams rushed to the spot immediately after receiving information, along with police personnel and district authorities. operations were launched to bring the situation under control and prevent the fire from spreading to nearby units. The blaze was later contained after sustained efforts by emergency teams.

## BRS leaders kept under house arrest ahead of farmers' protest; KTR, Harish Rao slam government

Hyderabad: Several BRS leaders, including former minister and Balkonda MLA Vemula Prashanth Reddy, were placed under preventive house arrest on Tuesday ahead of a planned farmers' protest in Nizamabad district against the state government's urea distribution app system. Police reached Prashanth Reddy's residence in Banjara Hills early in the morning and prevented him from leaving to attend the protest at Tadwai mandal headquarters. The agitation, led by BRS Yellareddy constituency in-charge Jajala Surrender, was organised to demand withdrawal of the app-based urea distribution system and highlight fertiliser shortages faced by farmers. In Kamareddy district, former MLA Hanumanth Shinde was also placed under house arrest in Bichkunda to stop him from participating in the protest. Several other BRS leaders reportedly faced similar restrictions. Reacting strongly, BRS working president KT Rama Rao condemned the house arrests and termed it as evidence of the Congress government's anti-democratic attitude. After speaking to Prashanth Reddy over the phone, Rama Rao criticised the government for attempting to silence leaders who were raising farmers' concerns. Rama Rao said that, failing to address the urea shortage affecting farmers across Telangana, the Congress government was using the police machinery against the opposition. He



lashed out at the ruling Congress for forcing farmers to stand in long queues due to the app-based distribution system while the government remained indifferent to their hardships. He asserted that raising issues affecting farmers was the constitutional responsibility of the opposition and neither BRS leaders nor farmers would be intimidated by house arrests or restrictions. BRS Legislature Party deputy leader T Harish Rao also condemned the house arrest of Prashanth Reddy and other BRS leaders. He said the protest was aimed at demanding the immediate withdrawal of the urea app, which was causing more distress to farmers than providing relief. He accused the Revanth Reddy government of failing to ensure adequate urea supply and attempting to suppress opposition voices through undemocratic measures. "The government has completely surrendered on the issue of urea supply and is now trying to stifle dissent instead of addressing farmers' problems," he said.

## Minister Sridhar Babu Seeks Centre's Support For Industrial Push

Hyderabad: IT and industries minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu on Monday urged the Centre to support measures aimed at accelerating Telangana's industrial growth and advancing its "Telangana Rising Vision 2047" after a meeting with Union commerce and industry minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi. Sridhar Babu submitted a memorandum seeking central approval and funding for projects to strengthen manufacturing, defence, logistics and export infrastructure. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement The state requested priority consideration under the Bhavya Scheme - Phase 1, noting that detailed project reports are being prepared for 15-20 plug-and-play industrial parks. He sought sanctioning of an Aero Defence Corridor to attract aerospace investments and strengthen supply chains. Telangana offered to host a National Design Centre in Hyderabad to boost design-led manufacturing and innovation. The minister also requested allocation of two mMega leather parks under the MLFACD scheme to strengthen the footwear ecosystem.

the Union minister that Hyundai Group plans to set up a Global Innovation and



R&D Centre in Zaheerabad Industrial Smart City with a proposed investment of ₹8,500 crore, and sought central assistance for a logistics hub at the site. Approval was also sought for a ₹2,050 crore multi modal logistics park at Manoharabad in Medak district, being developed with National Highways Logistics Management Limited, to enhance freight connectivity. Telangana requested funding under the trade infrastructure for exports scheme for an irradiation facility at Koheda in Rangareddy district to improve compliance for agricultural products. Highlighting last year's fertilizer supply disruptions, Sridhar Babu urged that the entire urea production from the Ramagundam Fertilisers and Chemicals Limited plant be allocated to Telangana. He also asked the Centre to restore the import duty on crude palm oil to 44 per cent to protect palm oil farmers from volatile international prices.

## Heavy rain brings pleasant weather across Hyderabad and surrounding areas

Hyderabad: Widespread rains lashed Hyderabad and suburbs on Monday late night, ushering in a pleasant Tuesday morning. The rains which commenced around midnight in most parts of the city and the suburbs lasted for more than five hours. In varying intensity, the rains in some parts of suburbs continued till early hours. The extended western sunburbs of Chandanagar, Patancheru and Serlingampalli among other areas received the most intense spells with some places recording more than 12 cm rainfall. For Tuesday, the weather forecast has been about possible spells of moderate rains across the city and suburbs. Rainfall recorded in different



locations is as follows: Chandanagar - 12.7 cm, Lingampally - 12 cm, Ramachandrapuram - 12.7 cm, Gachibowli - 10 cm, Sivarampally - 10.1 cm, Patancheru - 7.6 cm, Rajendranagar - 6.5 cm.

## Akasa Air targets 30 per cent capacity growth in FY27



New Delhi: Akasa Air aims at 30 per cent capacity growth in the current financial year and the long-term plans have not gone through any rethink amid the geopolitical uncertainties, the airline's Chief Financial Officer Ankur Goel said on Tuesday. The airline, which has been flying for nearly four years, currently has a fleet of 39 Boeing 737 MAX planes and around 25 per cent of its capacity is deployed on international routes. In the 2025-26 fiscal, the airline's operating revenue increased by 37 per cent and capacity measured through Available Seat Kilometres (ASKs) rose 30 per cent. At a briefing in the national capital, Goel said

the focus is to remain well-capitalised and the airline has enough cushion to tide over the current situation. The West Asia conflict and higher fuel prices have pushed operational costs for airlines and some of them have temporarily cut flights.

According to Goel, Akasa Air aims to increase capacity by 30 per cent in this financial year and the capacity growth would be in the range of 30-40 per cent in the next 4-5 years. "Long-term plans have not gone through any rethink.. plans remain on firm footing," he said. The airline currently connects 27 domestic and 7 international destinations.

## Heavy rains cause low lying areas inundated in Aminpur of Sangareddy



Heavy overnight rainfall has caused severe waterlogging in Aminpur, Sangareddy district. Residents of Raghavendra Colony are dealing with flooded cellars and damaged vehicles, while the High Tension Road in Jayalakshminagar remains inundated. Local efforts are currently underway to pump out floodwaters and mitigate property damage. The low-lying areas in Aminpur, Sangareddy district, were in-

undated following heavy rainfall on Monday night. Residents are facing difficulties as floodwaters have surged into several colonies. Rainwater entered the cellar of an apartment complex in Raghavendra Colony, submerging the cars and vehicles parked there. Residents are attempting to move their cars out and are using motors to pump out the accumulated water. The High Tension Road in Jayalakshminagar has also become waterlogged.

## Speeding lorry runs over DTO inspecting vehicles

Bhupalpally: District Transport Officer (DTO) Venkanna died after being struck by a speeding coal lorry while conducting vehicle inspections near the RTO office at Chelpur in Ghanpuram mandal of Bhupalpalli district on Monday morning. The officer died on the spot, triggering grief across the district administration. State Transport Minister Ponnampalabhar expressed shock over the incident and spoke to District Collector Rahul Sharma to gather details. He termed the death of an officer while on duty as extremely tragic and ordered a thorough investigation into the accident. The Minister also assured full government support to Venkanna's family. Meanwhile, hours after the DTO was mowed to death while on duty, the Telangana government has ordered a detailed inquiry into the case. The probe will be led by Joint Transport Commissioner (Road Safety Cell) M Chandra Shekar Goud, who will investigate the accident, examine existing enforcement



protocols and recommend measures to ensure the safety of field officers. Telangana news "The inquiry will also look into safety equipment and standard operating procedures for vehicle checks and seizure operations to prevent similar incidents in the future," stated a release from the government. On the other hand, Collector Rahul Sharma and other officials paid tribute to the deceased officer at the district hospital. Venkanna, a native of Maripeda Bangla in Mahabubabad district, joined the Transport Department as an AMVI in 2012 and was recently transferred from Jagityal district. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and a son.

## Theft at Basara Temple Complex: Silver Crown, Hundi Stolen from Mahakali Shrine

Nirmal: A major theft has been reported at the historic Basara Gnana Saraswati Temple in Telangana's Nirmal district, raising concerns over security at one of the state's most revered pilgrimage sites. According to reports, unidentified thieves broke open the doors of the Mahakali Devi temple located within the temple complex and decamped with a silver crown and the temple hundi (donation box). The theft allegedly occurred despite six staff members being on night duty at the time of the incident. Temple authorities discovered the burglary and alerted the police, who rushed to the spot and initiated an investigation. A case has been registered, and officers are examining



CCTV footage from the temple premises and surrounding areas to identify the culprits. Police have intensified their probe to determine how the thieves managed to enter the shrine and escape with the valuables unnoticed. Further investigation is underway.

## Hyderabad: Jewellery Trader, Family Booked For ₹20.59 Crore Fraud

Hyderabad: Hyderabad Central Crime Station (CCS) registered a criminal case against a jewellery businessman, his family members and staff for allegedly cheating four traders of gold ornaments worth ₹20.59 crore. According to the FIR, the Hyderabad-based complainants said they had been supplying ornaments to the accused, who operated establishments in Somajiguda. The arrangement began in 2024 when he projected himself as a reputed jeweller with links to leading chains. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement Initially, the businessman honoured commitments by making RTGS payments and adjusting equivalent quantities of gold, which helped him gain the suppliers' con-

fidence. Between April 2025 and the first week of June 2026, the traders collectively entrusted 13.649 kg of ornaments valued at ₹20.59 crore. The accused acknowledged receipt and issued cheques as security. However, despite repeated demands, he allegedly failed to return the ornaments or pay their value, and instead misappropriated the gold. The complainants said inquiries revealed several of his business claims were false. They alleged he absconded from Hyderabad with family members after switching off mobile phones. Family members and staff were also named in the case on allegations of conspiracy. Based on the complaint, CCS police registered a case under BNS Sections 316(5) and 61(2).

## Telangana: Enumeration Forms Can Be Filled in English Md Nizamuddin

Hyderabad: Clearing apprehensions over language options for filling Enumeration Forms (EF), election authorities clarified that while Telugu forms are being distributed across Telangana, except Hyderabad district, they can also be filled in English. Volunteers are being engaged to assist voters facing language issues. Responding to a query during an awareness programme on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) organised by the Telangana Press Academy on Monday, B. Chennaiah, state level nodal officer (Training), said the BLO App has provision for both languages. "While the form may be in Telugu, voter details can be entered in English as well. To resolve language issues, volunteers are being appointed, particularly in Urdu-dominated areas and tribal belts. In districts such as Nagarkurnool and Nalgonda, where

Gonds and Chechus live, local interpreters will be engaged to ease the process," he said. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement According to Chennaiah, anomalies affecting 89.88 lakh voters are expected to be reduced by 70-80 per cent. "As per the CEO's expectation, at least 70 to 80 per cent will be cleared, since those with wrong mapping cannot be corrected during the process," he noted. After publication of the draft roll, notices will be issued to voters with no linkage to the previous SIR or those with anomalies. Electors whose EFs have been received, irrespective of mapping status, will be included in the draft roll. Lists of voters who could not submit EFs due to shifting, absence, death or duplicate entry will be displayed on the CEO's website and at the offices of EROs and gram panchayats.

## Hyderabad: History-Sheeter Held For Alleged Extortion of Builders

Hyderabad: Dabeerpura police arrested a 57-year-old history-sheeter on Monday for extorting builders and property owners by threatening them with criminal complaints and demolition proceedings unless they paid him large sums of money. The arrest was made following a complaint lodged by a builder from Azampura, who is constructing a building in the Kaladera area of Malakpet. According to the police, the accused had allegedly been pressuring the builder for several months to pay ₹50 lakh, threatening that a serious criminal case would be registered against the builder if the demand was not met. said that two months ago, the accused entered the construction site wielding a knife, threatened workers asking for the builder's whereabouts and abused him. He warned that he would ensure the builder was jailed if his demands were ignored. Police also said the accused

again visited the site on June 9 and threatened the watchman and the builder in an attempt to extort money. According to police, the accused, who had earlier lived in Saudi Arabia, was targeting newly constructed buildings after returning to India. His alleged modus operandi involved identifying suspected building violations, photographing properties and posting the images on social media while tagging government departments and senior officials. He would then allegedly demand money from builders and threaten to pursue official complaints if they refused. Police said the accused is a rowdy sheetar and has been involved in several criminal cases registered at Narayanguda and Abids police stations between 2017 and 2023. Download the Deccan Chronicle Android and iOS app on your phone for news and views from around the world - accurate and immediate.

## Three Realtors Booked for 177 Crore Fraud

Hyderabad: Cyberabad Economic Offences Wing (EOW) registered a criminal case against three realtors over allegations of misappropriation of partnership assets, illegal property registrations and diversion of funds amounting to nearly ₹177 crore across multiple real-estate projects. According to the complainant, the accused are identified as Neeli Srinivas Babu, his wife Neeli Lavanya Sree and businessman Julakanti Madhusudhan Reddy. Srinivas Babu had established a partnership firm, Sri Aditya Squares Ornate, in 2017 with equal shareholding to undertake real-estate development. The complainant alleged that although he was a partner, Srinivas Babu exclusively handled finances, banking operations, investor dealings and accounts. The firm acquired over

three acres at Pati village in Sangareddy district for around ₹40 crore and launched a residential project of nearly 300 flats after HMDA and RERA approvals. Another company, Sri Squares Infra Pvt Ltd, later undertook projects including Green Tech phases at Kistareddypet and Golden Exotica at Kadthal. The complainant alleged he was forced to invest personal funds and raise private finance after Srinivas Babu distanced himself from project activities. Around 80,000 sq ft of property worth ₹54 crore was allegedly registered in the name of Lavanya Sree without consideration to the firm. Another 45,000 sq ft was registered in favour of Madhusudhan Reddy and his family beyond agreed settlement terms.

## 60 Police personnel Undergo Training In Narcotic Investigation

HYDERABAD: In a move to strengthen narcotics law enforcement and improve the quality of investigations under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act (NDPS act), Telangana Police Academy on Monday launched NDPS investigation training for 60 officers. The four-day specialised training programme for the 37th batch of the NDPS cases investigation course aims to enhance legal knowledge, investigative skills and procedural compliance in drug-related cases. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement The programme focused on improving the capacity of police officers to effectively investigate NDPS cases and ensure successful prosecution through scientifically sound and legally compliant procedures. More than 5,000 police personnel have undergone training through



the course since its introduction. The training combines classroom instruction with practical, scenario-based exercises and includes modules on the use of digital tools, recent judicial pronouncements and updated investigation practices relating to narcotics offences. The participants include police officers drawn from different units and different positions. Faculty members from policing, law, prosecution and forensic disciplines are contributing to the programme.

## Madhapur Apartments Harvest Rainwater, Cut Tanker Use

Hyderabad: A rainwater harvesting project implemented at an apartment complex in Madhapur is expected to improve water security for residents and reduce dependence on private water tankers, officials said. Beverly



Springs Apartments in the Beverly Hills area had relied heavily on tankers last summer, spending nearly ₹1 lakh to meet daily requirements. In response, residents and officials explored a long-term solution to recurring shortages. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement With technical support from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), the complex installed a har-

vesting pit and an injection borewell. Rainwater collected from rooftops was connected to a centralised system designed to recharge groundwater and improve borewell sustainability. Officials said the project has already shown signs of improving groundwater levels and enhancing borewell recharge capacity. Residents expressed hope that shortages would reduce significantly by next summer.

## Worker Dies in Fall at Jeedimetla Site

Hyderabad: A 36-year-old construction worker died after falling from the third floor of an under-construction building in New Vivekananda Nagar under Jeedimetla police station limits on Monday. Allegations of negligence prompted police to register a case against the contractor. The deceased was identified as Bolle Kurumaiah, a native of Tukkadinne village in Nagarkurnool district and resident of Santhoshgiri Nagar, Yousufguda. He was employed as a daily wage labourer at the site. Also Read - Part Time Job Fraud Tops Cyberabad Crime in 2025 Advertisement According to a complaint lodged by his wife, Kurumaiah had been working under a contractor iden-

tified as Srinu for several months. On Monday around 11.30 am, he was working on the third floor when he fell from the structure and suffered grievous injuries. He was immediately shifted for medical treatment, but doctors declared him dead. In her complaint, the victim's wife alleged that the contractor failed to provide proper safety equipment and adequate protective measures for workers at the construction site. She held the contractor responsible for the death and sought legal action. Based on the complaint, police registered a case under BNS Section 106(1) and initiated an investigation. Further probe is underway.

# Maa Inti Bangaram OTT Release: Know When and Where to Watch

Samantha is basking in the success of her recent outing, Maa Inti Bangaram. The film is performing exceptionally well at the box office, and audiences are eagerly awaiting its digital release. It grossed Rs 43 crore in the first three days, as per Tralala Moving Pictures. Day 4's figures are not yet out. The digital rights for Maa Inti Bangaram have been acquired by Jio Hotstar. However, the digital release could be delayed because of the movie's strong theatrical run. The BV Nandini Reddy-directed family action drama is expected to make its streaming debut only after completing its theatrical window. Typically, it will be available on the OTT platform four to six weeks following its theatrical release. Therefore,



Maa Inti Bangaram is likely to stream sometime in late July or early August of 2026. Maa Inti Bangaram also features Gulshan Devaiah, Sreemukhi, Diganth, and Gautami. The film's music is composed by Santhosh Narayanan. Meanwhile, it's confirmed that Samantha is pregnant. Director Nandini herself confirmed the same in an inter

# Baahubali: The Eternal War for Ancey Animation Festival



Baahubali: The Eternal War has earned a major international boost. It has been selected for the Work in Progress sessions at the Ancey International Animation Film Festival 2026, widely regarded as the "Cannes of Animation." Prabhas, who played a dual role (as Amarendra and Mahendra) in the duology, expressed his delight on Instagram. "The team is building something truly special. Can't wait for the world to see it," he wrote. The ambitious animated

venture has been closely monitored by VFX experts and producer Shobu Yarlagadda. SS Rajamouli was involved in the early stages of writing, but not in an intense way. The first part of Baahubali: The Eternal War will hit the screens next year (2027). Baahubali: The two-part CG-animated epic serves as a spiritual continuation of the live-action Baahubali films. Like Varanasi, which will span multiple physical and spiritual realms, this one's story will span 14 realms of existence.

# The Sreeleela-Amruta Controversy: How a Video Clip Lied to Netizens

A few seconds of video can mislead millions. That is what nearly happened following a yoga event in Mumbai on International Yoga Day. A short clip went viral, apparently showing Amruta Fadnavis, wife of Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis, gesturing at actress Sreeleela to move away during a photo session. But the full video told a different story. The photographers themselves had requested separate photographs of Amruta Fadnavis with her daughter. Sreeleela was simply stepping aside so that a mother-daughter picture could be taken. The paparazzi played a central role here. Crowded public events routinely involve organizers and attendees adjusting positions for photographs. Camera crews chase angles. What gets filmed is rarely the full moment. Negativity spreads



faster than correction. Neither Sreeleela nor Amruta Fadnavis commented on the controversy. Ustaad Bhagat Singh with Pawan Kalyan and Parasakthi with Sivakarthykeyan are Sreeleela's movie releases this year. Last year, she was seen in Mass Jathara, Junior, and Robinhood.

# Save The Tigers 3 emerges as major Telugu OTT hit, reinforces Mahi V Raghav's streaming success



Hyderabad: The recently released web series Save The Tigers has emerged as a major success on JioHotstar, with the third season reportedly clocking impressive viewership numbers within days of its premiere on June 19. According to the makers, the latest season has become one of the best-performing Telugu titles on the streaming platform, further strengthening the franchise's popularity among digital audiences. The success of Save The Tigers 3 also adds to the growing OTT track record of filmmaker and showrunner Mahi V Raghav, who has been associated with the franchise since its inception. His previous streaming ventures, including the first two seasons of Save The Tigers and the crime thriller Shaitan, have also received positive responses from viewers. Known for directing films such as Anando Brahma and Yatra, Mahi V Raghav has increasingly focused on long-form storytelling through

digital platforms. Industry observers note that his projects have successfully blended commercial appeal with engaging narratives, helping him establish a strong presence in the Telugu OTT space. Speaking recently about the evolution of streaming content in India, Mahi V Raghav remarked that the country lacks a long-standing television series tradition, which has affected the development of a mature OTT culture.

His production banner, Three Autumn Leaves, has been actively investing in original regional intellectual properties and experimenting with new content strategies for digital audiences. The company has also focused on developing premium content aimed at connecting with a wide spectrum of viewers. With Save The Tigers 3 continuing to attract viewers, the franchise has further consolidated its position as one of the most successful Telugu originals in the OTT space.

# Venkatesh-starrer #VenkyAnil5 makers caution public about fake casting call being made using their film!

Hyderabad: The makers of ace director Anil Ravipudi's next film, tentatively being referred to as #VenkyAnil5 - #NKRAR2 and featuring actors Venkatesh and Nandamuri Kalyan Ram in the lead, on Monday cautioned public about a fake casting call that had now been put out by fraudsters. In a statement, which it shared on its social media timelines, Shine Screen Studios, one of the production houses producing the eagerly awaited film, said, "It has come to our notice that a fake casting call is being circulated in the name of our film. We hereby clarify that the said casting call is completely false and unauthorized. We request everyone not to fall prey to such fraudulent activities or share any personal information, photographs, documents, or money with individuals claiming to represent the film." The makers also went on to say, "Any official announcements regarding casting opportunities for our film will be made only through our verified and official social media handles. We urge everyone to stay vigilant and rely solely on information shared through our official channels. Team #venkyanil5 #nkrar2." Meanwhile, sources close to the unit of the film said that shooting for the film was to begin on Monday. The film's launch had taken place with a traditional pooja ceremony on Thursday last week. The first clap for the film was given by eminent producer Allu Aravind, who is the father of actor Allu Arjun. Shine Screen Studios, one of the production houses producing the film, had made it clear that actresses Keerthy Suresh and Krithi Shetty had come on board the unit of the film. Only a few days ago, director Anil Ravipudi had welcomed National Award winning music director G V Prakash on board the film. Anil Ravipudi had taken



to his X timeline to post a hilarious video and said, "I've always admired @gvprakash's ability to make music that connects instantly with audiences. Thrilled to welcome him on board for #VenkyAnil5 - #NKRAR2. And we had a blast pulling off this fun concept... A big thank you to GV for trusting the idea, joining in wholeheartedly, and making it so much fun. Looking forward to making some beautiful memories together brother. Victory @VenkyMama garu @NANDA MURIKALYAN garu."

The video that Anil Ravipudi posted opened with a nostalgic tribute to legendary filmmaker Jandhyala. The makers recreated an iconic scene from 'Aha Naa Pellanta', in which the characters were seen buried in the sand up to their necks. Sources close to the director have said that the film is likely to hit screens for the festival of Sankranti in January, next year. This project is especially notable as it marks Anil Ravipudi's fifth collaboration with Venkatesh, following blockbuster entertainers like 'F2', 'F3', 'Sankranthiki Vasthunnam', and an extended cameo in 'MSG'. It is also his second film with Kalyan Ram, after the sensational blockbuster 'Pataas'. Sources say the director has brought together stars from the Daggubati and Nandamuri families for this exciting new film to be made as a clean entertainer with a fresh and highly relatable storyline.

## Mother Sold Jewellery for My Cricket: Kranti Gaud

Part of the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup 2025-winning team, Kranti Gaud, the pacer from a small town in Madhya Pradesh, is eyeing another podium finish at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. Speaking on JioStar, the India pacer reflected on her early struggles, the sacrifices made by her family, the impact of her success on young girls in her village, and the challenges of life as a fast bowler. Speaking on JioStar, Kranti Gaud opened up on her early struggles, growing up in a small town wanting to take up cricket: Also Read - A Dream Fulfilled: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi On Team India Selection Advertisement "I never dreamt that big about playing cricket. Coming from a small village, from a place where girls are not even allowed to step out freely. If girls go out or try to do anything, they have to face taunts and criticism from people. But I always heard that those who keep working hard never



lose. So, I just kept going. I kept bowling, kept learning and kept believing. I didn't let the noise around me stop me. I kept working hard, session after session, match after match. And today, I have reached this stage where I am representing India in the T20 World Cup. Wearing this jersey, standing on this big stage, it feels like all those struggles were worth it."

## Olympic Spirit Should Reach Every Home: Vakiti Srihari DC Correspondent



Hyderabad: Minister for Sports and Youth Services Vakiti Srihari participated in the Olympic Day Run-2026 event organized under the auspices of the Telangana Olympic Association. The program, held at the LB Stadium in the city, was attended by Telangana Olympic Association President Jitender Reddy, SATS Chairman Shiva Sena Reddy, government advisor Venu Gopala Chari, and others. On this occasion, speaking at the event, Minister Vakiti Srihari congratulated every athlete who brought the Olympic flame from all corners of the city. He noted that the Olympic Day Run is conducted worldwide every year with the aim of instilling the Olympic spirit in every

individual. The minister stated that the Olympic Day Run not only promotes interest in sports but also contributes to building a healthy society. He emphasized that only disciplined athletes can excel at national and international levels, and suggested that athletes should possess the same level of discipline as military personnel. The minister informed that the government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, has accorded unprecedented priority to sports over the past two and a half years and has successfully implemented several programs. He said the government is working towards the goal of Telangana athletes winning medals in the 2036 Olympics.

## A Dream Fulfilled: Vaibhav Sooryavanshi On Team India Selection

New Delhi: Teenaged batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi says getting selected in the Indian T20 squad is the "biggest step" of his nascent career so far, and he does not have words to describe how it feels. The 15-year-old was included in the India squad for the tours of Ireland and England starting June 26 after a stellar run in the IPL 2026, where he scored 776 runs for Rajasthan Royals at a strike rate of over 230. "Words can't explain it. The reason I picked up a bat from day one and went to the cricket ground for practice, and today that dream is fulfilled," Sooryavanshi said in a brief video posted by BCCI on its social media handles. "The biggest step in the journey was completed today. I truly cannot put this feeling into words," he added. Sooryavanshi said he deeply cherishes the moment he unboxed his India T-shirt with his name imprinted on the back. "I just felt it like a dream, the moment I saw that T-shirt. I couldn't stop smiling," he said. "Sometimes, something happens that you never even imagined could happen and when it finally does, you don't



know how to react. That's exactly what I felt," he beamed. Sooryavanshi started his cricketing journey from the humble surroundings of Samastipur in Bihar and came to the limelight in IPL 2025, scoring a marauding hundred against the Gujarat Titans. At 14 years and 32 days then, he remains the youngest centurion in T20 cricket with his 38-ball 101 on April 28, 2025, against Gujarat. Now, the left-hander's national debut might happen in Belfast against Ireland either on June 26 or 28. If he appears against either Ireland or England, Sooryavanshi could become the youngest ever international cricketer for India at 15, surpassing the great Sachin Tendulkar's record of 16 years and 205 days.

## Tilak's ton helps Medak Falcons win against Warangal Warriors

Hyderabad: Medak Falcons captain Tilak Varma led from the front as his side pulled off a heist to chase down 259 against Warangal Warriors to clinch a three-wicket win in the Hyderabad Cricket Association's Sreenidhi University TG20 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium in Hyderabad on Monday. Warriors captain Aman Rao Perala set the tone for the high-scoring contest with his blazing 32-ball century, scoring 142 in 48 balls to help his side post a daunting target of 259. In reply, Tilak's unbeaten 136, which included 14 fours and 8 sixes, along with a crucial cameo from Vikram Naik (27 off 12), led the Falcons home after they were 190/6 in the 15th over, helping them get over the line with two balls to spare. Warangal Warriors got off to a flying start courtesy Aman, who came out all guns blazing and raced to a scintillating 17-ball half-century. Alongside Harshit Choudhary, he put the Medak Falcons bowlers under immense pressure from the outset, with the pair powering the Warriors to 101/0 in the powerplay — the highest powerplay score of the tournament so far. The opening duo continued to pile on the runs, adding 133 for the first wicket before N Surya Teja finally provided the breakthrough by dismissing Harshit for

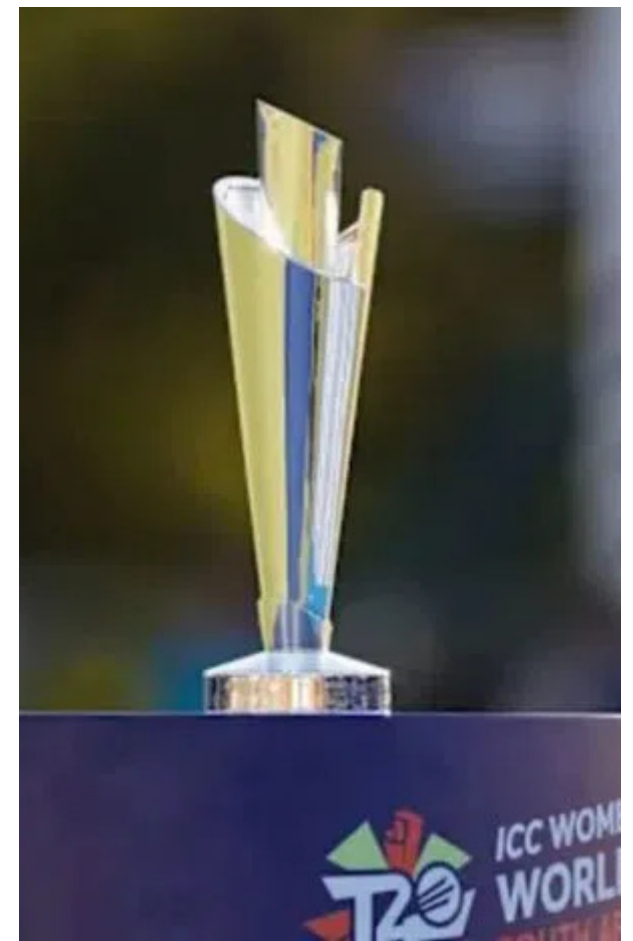


a brisk 35 off 23 balls in the ninth over. By then, however, the foundation for a massive total had already been laid.

Aman showed no signs of slowing down after his partner's departure, continuing his assault with a range of clean and powerful strokes all around the ground. The opener went on to become the first batter to score a century in the Sreenidhi University TG20, reaching the landmark in just 32 deliveries and producing one of the most memorable knocks of the tournament so far. The 22-year-old, who was picked by the Rajasthan Royals in IPL 2026, anchored the Warriors to 146/1 at the halfway stage of the innings. His side amassed 200 in the 14th over before Rahul Kunta bagged the crucial wicket of Aman for the Falcons. That brought an end to his 142-run marathon knock off 48 balls, which included 12 fours and 13 sixes.

## ICC, UNICEF to host matchday takeover at Lord's during Women's T20 World Cup

Hyderabad: The International Cricket Council (ICC), UNICEF UK and the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) will host a special matchday takeover at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London when England take on the West Indies at the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 on 24 June. In taking over Lord's, the ICC and UNICEF are aiming to raise both funds and awareness for UNICEF's projects supporting children around the world, with a fundraising target of £100,000 from the activation. UNICEF UK Supporter Nabhaan Rizwan, a passionate cricket fan and two-time BAFTA-nominated actor, will attend the game and walk out with the trophy alongside England legend Isa Guha in support of the Play for UNICEF matchday. "I'm excited to be at Lord's on Wednesday, 24 June for the Play for UNICEF match day takeover," said Rizwan. "As a huge cricket fan, I can't wait to see England play West Indies for this ICC Women's T20 World Cup game, during which fans will also be able to donate to support UNICEF's work for every child." The wider takeover of Lord's will see a branded UNICEF pres-



ence across the ground, with the UNICEF flag featuring in the Anthem Ceremony, and global broadcast audiences encouraged to support through dedicated donation messaging throughout the day.

## Rishabh Pant returns to Delhi Capitals in major IPL trade

Hyderabad: Former Lucknow Super Giants captain Rishabh Pant is set for a return to Delhi Capitals (DC), while Kuldeep Yadav will join Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), following one of the most significant player trades in recent IPL history. Pant returns to the franchise where he spent nine seasons between 2016 and 2024, making 111 appearances, the most by any player for DC. One of the defining faces of the franchise for nearly a decade, he also captained the side in 43 matches across four seasons from 2021 to 2024. At the TATA IPL 2025 Player Auction, Pant was acquired by LSG for a record-breaking Rs 27 crore, the highest winning bid in IPL history. Following the trade, he will rejoin DC at a revised fee of Rs 15 crore. Kuldeep joins LSG



after a highly successful spell with Delhi Capitals lasting five seasons. Since arriving at the franchise in 2022, the left-arm wrist spinner has claimed 72 wickets in 65 matches and established himself as one of the most effective wicket-taking bowlers in the tournament. One of India's premier white-ball bowlers, Kuldeep will join LSG at his existing fee of Rs 13.50 crore.

## Air India to launch direct Guwahati-Dubai and Abu Dhabi flights from August 4



Guwahati: Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday announced that Air India will commence direct flights from Guwahati to Dubai and Abu Dhabi from August 4, describing the move as a major step towards strengthening Assam's international connectivity and positioning Guwahati as a key travel and transit hub in the region. In a post on X, Chief Minister Sarma said the launch of the two international routes comes just days after European Union member states lifted their travel advisory for Assam, opening new avenues for the state's engagement with the global community. "Opening new avenues to connect Assam to the global community. Just days after EU member states lifted their travel advisory for Assam, I am happy to share that from August 4, Air India will commence direct flights from Guwahati to Dubai and Abu Dhabi," the Chief Minister wrote. According to Sarma, the introduction of the non-stop services will significantly enhance international access to Assam and the Northeast. With the addition of the two routes, Lokpriya Gopinath

Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati will be directly connected to four countries — the United Arab Emirates, Thailand, Singapore and Bhutan. The Chief Minister said the state government is continuing its efforts to further expand Guwahati's international air network.

He revealed that his next objective is to facilitate direct flight services between Guwahati and Vietnam, adding that updates on the proposal would be shared in due course. The announcement marks another milestone in Assam's strategy to improve global connectivity, boost tourism, attract investment and facilitate easier travel for businesspersons, students and the large Assamese and Northeastern diaspora residing abroad. Over the past few years, the state government has prioritised the expansion of international air links as part of its broader vision of transforming Guwahati into the gateway to Southeast Asia. Improved connectivity is also expected to support trade, cultural exchanges and economic cooperation with countries in the region.

## Reliance Industries shares rise after Jio Platforms files for IPO

New Delhi: Shares of Reliance Industries ended over 1 per cent higher on Monday after its digital services arm Jio Platforms filed draft papers for what could become India's largest-ever initial public offering. The positive trend in the stock also came after billionaire Mukesh Ambani unveiled a roadmap for the company's next phase of growth spanning artificial intelligence, satellite broadband, clean energy and consumer businesses at the company's 49th annual general meeting on Friday. The bellwether stock settled at Rs 1,326.55, up 1.31 per cent, on the BSE. During the day, it rallied 2.75 per cent to Rs 1,345.45. At the NSE, the stock ended unchanged at Rs 1,309.50. Shares of the company edged higher by 2.70 per cent to Rs 1,344.90 in intraday trade. The company's market valuation surged by Rs 23,275.96 crore to Rs 17,95,158.92 crore on the BSE. The rally in the blue-chip stock was also instrumental in driving the markets higher. The 30-share BSE Sensex climbed 291.17 points, or 0.38 per cent, to end at 77,094.07. The 50-



share NSE Nifty rose 89.80 points, or 0.37 per cent, to 24,102.90. Jio Platforms, the telecom-to-technology company that transformed India's digital landscape over the past decade, filed a draft red herring prospectus with market regulator SEBI on Friday for a fresh issue of up to 27 crore shares. Sources familiar with the matter had said that the IPO could raise about Rs 37,700 crore (USD 4 billion), valuing the company at around USD 137 billion. The public offer aims to unlock value from Jio Platforms, whose telecom arm has grown into the world's second-largest mobile operator by subscribers in a single country after China Mobile.

## RBI Bulletin warns adverse monsoon may affect growth and inflation outlook

Mumbai: An adverse south-west monsoon may pose headwinds for the domestic growth and inflation outlook, even as the global economic landscape remains fragile, the Reserve Bank Bulletin said on Monday. Geopolitical tensions and trade disruptions persisted despite the recent interim peace deal in West Asia, according to an article on the State of the Economy published in the June Bulletin. The global economic landscape remains fragile despite some respite gained through the interim US-Iran peace agreement, the article said. "Any breakdown of the agreement may reignite material risks in terms of inflationary expectations, disrupted critical energy infrastructure, delayed investment spending, food security concerns, an adverse financial stability outlook and structurally lower growth," it noted. Amid the challenging global environment, the Indian economy grew at 7.8 per cent in Q4 of 2025-26, supported by private consumption and fixed investment. High-frequency indica-



tors during the first two months suggest sustained economic momentum in 2026-27, it added. Despite a pick-up in May, Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation remained anchored. India's external sector remained resilient, supported by FDI inflows and adequate foreign exchange reserves. "The Indian economy entered this turbulence with much better fundamentals relative to many other countries to withstand the shock," it said. The central bank said the views expressed in the Bulletin article are those of the authors and do not represent the views of the Reserve Bank of India.

## India's core sector growth slows to 0.5 per cent in May



New Delhi: The combined index of India's eight core infrastructure industries increased by 0.5 per cent during May this year compared to the same month of the previous year, with cement, steel, and electricity recording positive growth, according to data released by the Commerce and Industry Ministry on Monday. Meanwhile, the final growth rate of the eight core industries for April 2026 was revised to 1.8 per cent. The cumulative growth rate of the core industries during April to May 2026-27 now works out to 1.1 per cent compared to the corresponding period of last year. Steel production recorded a 5 per cent increase in May over the same month of the previous year, while the cement sector clocked a robust 8.4 per cent growth during the month as demand for these products stayed buoyant due to large government investments in big-ticket infrastructure projects such as highways, ports, and railways. Electricity generation

increased by 8.7 per cent in May, compared to the same month of the previous year. However, coal production decreased by 9.3 per cent during the month while crude oil output declined by 4.6 per cent.

The production of natural gas fell by 4.9 per cent in May this year compared to the same month last year, while the output of refinery products fell 8.7 per cent during the month. Fertiliser production dipped by 0.9 per cent in May due to the decline in raw materials caused by the West Asia conflict. The Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) measures the combined and individual performance of production of eight core industries — coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilisers, steel, cement, and electricity. The eight core industries comprise 40.27 per cent of the weight of items included in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) and are a good indicator of the overall industrial growth in the economy.

## Silver tumbles Rs 8,158 as dollar strength dents bullion demand



New Delhi: Silver futures retreated by Rs 8,158 to Rs 2.26 lakh per kg, tracking weak global trends amid a strong dollar and rising expectations of higher interest rates by the US Federal Reserve. On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), the white metal for July delivery slumped by Rs 8,158, or 3.48 per cent, to Rs 2,26,152 per kilogram in a business turnover of 10,059 lots. Similarly, the September contract also plunged by Rs 8,629, or 3.59 per cent, to Rs 2,31,509 per kg in 6,291 lots. Analysts said bullion sentiment remained under pressure as traders reassessed the outlook for US monetary policy amid a rally in the dollar and elevated Treasury bond yields. "Silver prices moved lower in the domestic markets, as a stronger US dollar and rising expectations of a further interest rate hike by the Federal Reserve weighed on investor sentiment," Navneet Damani, Head of Research - Commodities at Motilal Oswal Financial Services Ltd, said. The dollar index is close to a one-year high,

following the possibility of a Fed rate hike as early as September and elevated Treasury bond yields, he added. The weakness in domestic markets mirrored a sharp selloff in overseas trade. In international markets, Comex silver futures for July delivery fell USD 3.57, or 5.45 per cent, to USD 62.01 per ounce in New York. "Silver saw a sharper decline in overseas trade, dropping to USD 62 per ounce level as uncertainty surrounding US-Iran peace talks weighed heavily on market sentiment," Gaurav Garg, Research Analyst at Lemonn Markets Desk, said. Market participants also weighed developments in the global energy market after the US granted Iran a 60-day license to sell oil, raising expectations of a quick recovery in crude supplies. Traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has improved, while producers such as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have stepped up efforts to secure alternative routes. Meanwhile, investors are awaiting fresh inflation signals from Washington.

## TD Chief Palla Raises 14 Issues Before House Panel

Visakhapatnam: Telugu Desam state president and Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivasa Rao on Tuesday submitted a memorandum to the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly Petitions Committee, highlighting 14 issues related to land disputes, rehabilitation, compensation and livelihood concerns in Visakhapatnam district. The committee, chaired by Deputy Speaker and Petitions Committee chairman K. Raghu Rama Krishna Raju, reviewed the representations at the Visakhapatnam collectorate. Srinivasa Rao urged the committee to ensure time-bound resolution of long-pending issues affecting local residents. Addressing the panel, the MLA said the matters raised had a direct bearing on the livelihoods, property rights and welfare of thousands of people. He highlighted the difficulties faced by residents of Kunchamamba Colony, Rasamma Colony, Gudivada Appanna Colony and Siddhartha Nagar due to the classification of their lands as water-body properties. The MLA also raised concerns over pending rehabilitation benefits for families displaced by the Pharma City project. He said several affected families were yet to receive house-site allotments. The committee instructed officials to complete the allotment and registration process within two months. Other issues discussed included the con-



tinued inclusion of residential areas in the 22-A prohibited lands list, alleged irregularities relating to R-Cards issued to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant evacuees, pending compensation for lands acquired for public infrastructure projects and unresolved grievances of Akkireddypalem farmers whose lands were acquired more than three decades ago. Srinivasa Rao also sought action on the underutilisation of the Apparel Park at Yadava Jaggarajupeta, ownership rights for residents of Sri Varalakshmi Housing Colony and pending commitments made to displaced fishing communities of Gangavaram. The committee directed the concerned departments to prepare action plans and submit compliance reports within the stipulated timelines. The review focused on expediting solutions to long-pending public grievances and ensuring follow-up action by the departments concerned.

## YSRC Doctors' Wing Seeks Probe Into KGH Irregularities

VIJAYAWADA: The YSRC NTR district doctors' wing on Tuesday sought an inquiry into alleged irregularities at King George Hospital (KGH), Visakhapatnam, and called for measures to safeguard the welfare of medical trainees. A delegation led by Dr Ambati Naga Radhakrishna Yadav, chairman of the YSRC NTR district doctors' wing, met Director of Medical Education (DME) Dr Vishnu Vardan in Vijayawada and submitted a representation outlining allegations relating to the department of general surgery at KGH. According to the memorandum, post-graduate medical students were allegedly subjected to financial exploitation through payments purportedly linked to examination results and attendance records. The representation also referred to an audio clip that allegedly featured Visakha Institute of Medical Sciences (VIMS) director Dr Manmadhara Rao using objectionable language against female doctors and

staff. The delegation further alleged violations of National Medical Commission (NMC) norms, claiming that post-graduate trainees were being made to work continuous shifts of up to 32 hours and more than the prescribed 74 hours per week. It urged the DME to conduct a transparent inquiry into the allegations and implement NMC Task Force recommendations, including strict enforcement of duty-hour regulations, mandatory rest periods, grievance redressal mechanisms, protection against academic and financial exploitation, and improved welfare facilities for trainees. Dr Vishnu Vardan assured the delegation that the issues raised in the representation would be examined on priority and that appropriate action would be taken.



## Nuda Preparing 20-Year Master Plan Covering 2,200 Sq km: Chairman Kotamreddy

Nellore: The Nellore Urban Development Authority (Nuda) is preparing a master plan with a 20-year vision to guide planned development across its jurisdiction, Nuda chairman Kotamreddy Srinivasulu Reddy said on Tuesday. Addressing a stakeholder consultation meeting conducted by RV Associates, the Nuda chairman said the proposed master plan would cover nearly 2,200 sq km under the authority's limits. He said the first phase of consultations was being held for three of the 23 mandals falling under Nuda's jurisdiction. Nuda vice-chairman M. Venkateswarlu participated in the meeting through video conference. Officials informed the meeting that detailed mapping had been undertaken covering road networks, environmentally sensitive and



protected areas, water bodies, residential zones, commercial centres and business districts. Opinion columns access Srinivasulu Reddy said the final master plan would be prepared after incorporating suggestions from local MLAs and other stakeholders. He said the plan was being designed to address future population growth, infrastructure requirements and urban expansion over the next two decades. The Nuda chairman directed local officials to bring major development projects within the master plan area to the notice of Nuda for inclusion in the planning process.

## Appalayagunta Temple Cleansed Ahead of Annual Brahmotsavams



TIRUPATI: The traditional Koil Alwar Thirumanjanam, a temple cleansing ritual, was performed at the Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy Temple in Appalayagunta on Tuesday ahead of the annual Brahmotsavams scheduled from June 24 to July 3. The ritual began in the early hours with Suprabhatam, followed by Thomala Seva, Koluvu and Archana. As part of the purification process, the main idol of Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy was covered with a white cloth, while other deities, lamps and puja articles were removed, cleansed and reinstated after the ritual. The temple premises, including walls and ceilings, were cleaned and sanctified. Sacred water mixed with aromatic herbal ingredients was sprinkled throughout the temple in accordance with Agama traditions. Located about 16 km from Tirupati, the Sri Prasanna Venkateswara Swamy Temple is one of the promi-

nent shrines under the management of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD). The presiding deity is worshipped in the unique Abhaya Hastha posture. Lord Venkateswara blessed Sri Siddeswara Yogi and other sages at Appalayagunta after his marriage to Goddess Padmavathi and remained at the site in a blessing posture at their request. Apart from the main shrine, the temple complex houses shrines dedicated to Sri Andal, Sri Padmavathi Ammavaru and Sri Prasanna Anjaneya Swamy. Built by the rulers of Karvetinagaram, the temple came under the administration of the TTD in 1988. The annual Brahmotsavams will commence with Ankurapnam on Wednesday evening. Dhwajaroohanam is scheduled for June 25, Garuda Seva on June 29 and Rathotsavam on July 2. The festival will conclude with Chakrasnanam and Dhwajaroohanam on July 3.

## ASI Finds 16th Century Rock Inscription of Sadasivadevaraya in Seshachalam Reserve Forest

Vijayawada: The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) has documented a 16th-century rock inscription of Vijayanagara ruler Sadasivadevaraya in the Seshachalam Reserve Forest area of Andhra Pradesh during a recent exploratory survey. The inscription, copied during a geographical and archaeological survey in the forest region, is written in Telugu, Kannada and Tamil scripts and languages. According to the ASI, the inscription records the construction of a Siva temple and a monastery at Papavinasa in Sadasivakona during a visit by King Sadasivadevaraya for a holy bath at the site. Also Read - Mayor Cracks Down on Sanitation Violations at Nellore's Hospital Hub Advertisement The inscription also records that the ruler assigned taxes collected from the temple lands of



the Parasuramesvara Temple at Gudimallam for the maintenance of religious activities at the Siva temple in Sadasivakona. The revenues were entrusted to Sadasivabasavanna Odeya, a disciple of Linganna Odeya of Bendekari and a functionary associated with the temple, for conducting daily food offerings to the deity and other sacred services. The discovery is expected to provide fresh insights into the religious patronage and administrative practices of the Vijayanagara period in the region.

## Andhra Pradesh: Narayana's Institutions Faced No Curbs Under YSRC Rule: Chandrasekhar Reddy

NELLORE: YSRC MLC Parvatha Reddy Chandrasekhar Reddy on Tuesday alleged that the coalition government was targeting educational institutions run by him, while maintaining that institutions owned by municipal administration minister Dr P. Narayana had not faced restrictions during the previous YSRC government's tenure. Addressing a press conference at the YSRC district office along with district president Kakani Govardhan Reddy and Nellore Rural constituency in-charge Anam Vijay Kumar Reddy, Chandrasekhar Reddy questioned



claims that Narayana's educational institutions had been subjected to difficulties under the YSRC government. "If Narayana's institutions were really troubled, he should explain how, because no permissions were cancelled and no approvals were withheld during our tenure," he said.