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### IMD predicts rains in AP for next seven days



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advised the public to remain alert due to the likelihood of strong gusty winds along the coast. The Meteorological Department has warned fishermen against venturing out to sea, as rough sea conditions are anticipated. It urged those currently at sea to return to the shore immediately and strictly adhere to official instructions.

Officials advised the public to take necessary precautions, as the intensity of rainfall is expected to increase in several parts of the state due to the low-pressure system.

### Vijayawada MP distributes elderly pension, says, record amount distributed in the State



Vijayawada MP Kesineni Sivanath (Chinni) participated in the door-to-door pension distribution program in the Vijayawada West constituency and personally handed over pensions to the beneficiaries. Speaking on the occasion, the MP stated that immediately after the alliance government assumed power, and following Chief Minister Chandrababu's directives, leaders and activists from the TDP, Janasena, and BJP have been working together to deliver pensions directly to people's homes. He noted that Andhra Pradesh has set a record for providing the highest pension amounts in the country. He added that the Chief Minister increased the pension amount with the aim of seeing happiness in the eyes of the poor. The MP revealed that Rs 32,000 crore is being distributed as pensions annually in Andhra Pradesh. He stated that despite any challenges or financial constraints, the pension distribution process begins at 6:00 AM on the

first of every month and is completed between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM. MP Kesineni Sivanath remarked that the public has warmly welcomed and appreciated this initiative

(king Reporter)Vijayawada:The state government would set up a dedicated grievance cell in the deputy chief minister's office to receive complaints related to social media abuse. Announcing this on Wednesday, Deputy CM K. Pawan Kalyan said such complaints must be backed by screenshots, links and videos. He warned that offenders would face stringent legal action. Kalyan said every genuine complaint would be scrutinised and forwarded to the competent authority to ensure action under the law. He assured victims of online harassment that the government would

### Social Media Abuse: Deputy CM to Open Complaint Cell

### President Droupadi Murmu flags youth power as vital catalyst for Viksit Bharat at Central University of Andhra Pradesh convocation



(king Reporter)Amaravati: Asserting that India is moving confidently towards becoming a developed nation by 2047, President Droupadi Murmu said on Wednesday that the vision of Viksit Bharat can be realised only through the energy, talent and commitment of youth. Addressing the first convocation ceremony of Central University of Andhra Pradesh at Anantha puramu, the President said that learning-oriented, resilient and innovative youth are precious national assets. "By combining their knowledge with creativity, determination and a sense of responsibility, our youth can transform challenges into opportunities and contribute to building a more inclusive and prosperous India," she said. She said whatever path the youth choose, they should pursue excellence with dedication and integrity. The President told the graduating

students that they are entering a world that is changing at an unprecedented pace. "Technological advancements are transforming every sector. In such a rapidly changing world, learning cannot and should not end with acquiring a degree. The inclination to continuously adapt to emerging technologies will be one of your greatest strengths," she said. She advised them to cultivate the courage to explore new ideas and acquire new knowledge. The President said that convocation is the culmination of years of dedication, perseverance and hard work of the students who entered the university with dreams, and today they leave with knowledge, confidence and a degree that opens new doors of opportunity for them. "Your success is the result of your own hard work, but it has also been shaped by the sacrifices of your parents, the guidance of your teachers and the support of society.

### Rural Jobs: CM, Union Ministers to Attend National Launch of VB-G RAM G Today

(king Reporter)Tirupati:Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu will attend the launch of the Centre's revamped rural employment programme, the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), at Mukkavaripalle village in Obulavaripalle mandal of Railway Kodur Assembly constituency on Thursday. The new scheme, which came into effect on Wednesday, replaces the two-decade-old Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). Deputy Chief Minister K. Pawan Kalyan, Union ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Pemmasani Chandrasekhar, along with other dignitaries, are also expected at the launch. The VB-G RAM G replaces MGNREGS, which has been in force since 2006. It increases the guaranteed employment



period from 100 days to 125 days and introduces a 60:40 cost-sharing model between the Centre and the states. The scheme provides for fixed weekly wage payments. Workers will receive compensation if wages are delayed beyond 15 days after the muster roll is closed. Employment must be provided within 15 days of an application, failing which unemployment allowance will be credited automatically to the beneficiary's bank account.

get all protection. Stressing that freedom of speech is a fundamental right guaranteed under the Constitution, he said the government fully respected criticism, dissent, satire and fair comments. "However, that right is subject to reasonable restrictions under Article 19(2). The establishment would not protect abusive language, criminal intimidation, defamatory allegations, cyber harassment, targeting of women, insults to religious beliefs, spread of misinformation or incitement to violence. The Deputy CM said stringent action would be initiated under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik



Suraksha Sanhita, the Information Technology Act and other applicable laws. The government, he said, would also enact a new law, if required, while fully safeguarding constitutional freedoms.



## El Niño and India's economy: From monsoon risk to macroeconomic challenge

The agriculture sector is particularly vulnerable El Niño, the periodic warming of sea surface temperatures in the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean, is not merely a distant climatic event but a significant economic concern for India. By altering global atmospheric circulation, it weakens the Indian Southwest Monsoon, which remains the backbone of the country's agriculture and rural economy. During El Niño years, weakened trade winds reduce the movement of moisture-bearing winds towards the Indian subcontinent, often resulting in below-normal rainfall. Since nearly 70 per cent of India's annual rainfall occurs during the monsoon season, any deficiency affects agriculture, reservoir storage, and groundwater recharge, triggering widespread economic consequences. The agriculture sector is particularly vulnerable because nearly half of the net sown area depends on rainfall. A weak monsoon disrupts the cultivation of major kharif crops such as rice, cotton, soybeans, and pulses. Farmers often compensate by increasing groundwater extraction, raising irrigation costs through greater diesel and electricity consumption. Reduced crop yields combined with higher input costs diminish farm incomes and intensify rural distress, especially among small and marginal farmers. Lower agricultural production soon translates into shortages of essential food items, pushing up the prices of cereals, vegetables, and pulses. Since food constitutes a major component of India's Consumer Price Index (CPI), rising food prices contribute significantly to inflation. Higher household expenditure on necessities reduces discretionary spending, slowing overall economic demand. El Niño also intensifies heat stress. Outdoor workers in agriculture, construction, and the informal sector experience lower productivity and reduced working hours during extreme heat conditions. Urban areas face additional challenges due to the Urban Heat Island effect caused by excessive concrete structures and reduced green spaces. While affluent populations can adapt through air conditioning and better infrastructure, economically weaker communities face greater health and livelihood risks. The combined effect of lower growth and rising inflation can create a stagflation-like situation. Declining agricultural output weakens rural demand, while food inflation places pressure on monetary policy. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) faces a difficult balance between controlling inflation through higher interest rates and supporting economic growth. Climate-related disruptions, along with global uncertainties and rising input costs, could moderate India's economic growth. The dangers of severe El Niño events are evident from history. The Great Famine of 1876-78, associated with prolonged monsoon failure linked to El Niño, caused millions of deaths across colonial India. Regions including the then Nizam's Dominions, the present-day Telangana, suffered heavily, highlighting how climatic disturbances can transform into humanitarian disasters when societies lack resilience. During El Niño, weakened trade winds allow warm Pacific waters to shift eastward.

## Drone tech slashes TB patient costs from Rs 9,451 to Rs 91: AIIMS Bibinagar-ICMR study

Hyderabad: In a field-tested model, implemented in Yadadri-Bhongir district with a potential to be replicated throughout the country, researchers from AIIMS, Bibinagar and ICMR have demonstrated multiple health and economic benefits to patients by integrating drone technology with rural diagnostic health networks. Following a year-long evaluation under the ICMR i-DRONE initiative at Yadadri-Bhongir district, results that were published in the International Journal of Tuberculosis and Lung Disease Open and Digital Health) in 2026, the researchers proved that deploying drones to transport medical samples and drugs can act as an aggressive tool for treatment and poverty alleviation.

The study data revealed that a patient's average pre-treatment Out-of-Pocket Expenditure (OOPE) dropped from Rs 9,451 to just Rs 90.90. The study tracked 840 individuals across two distinct operational timelines, which included the normal ground transport phase (206 patients) and later a tech-driven drone transport phase (634 patients).

Under the old system, a patient with TB symptoms in areas linked to PHCs, faced tough logistics. The sputum samples



of such patients were transported in manual couriers over bad roads and tough terrain to district TB hospitals, which are equipped with advanced testing equipment. If a sample degraded in transit or a vehicle wasn't available, the entire diagnostic system stalled. Poor patients were forced to make multiple trips by auto/bus to urban hubs to track down their results or collect initial medication. When factoring in travel times, the mandatory requirement of paying for an accompanying family member, meals on the road and critically the loss of daily wages for every day spent away from work, the bill to avail a free government-run diagnosis crossed Rs 9,400. However, by utilising drone technology, the researchers established a high-speed hub-and-spoke system. When a patient shows symptoms at a local village

sub-centre, a local healthcare worker collects the sputum specimen. A drone is deployed from the central hub, picks up the sample, and zips over forest tree lines directly to the central diagnostic facility in minutes, bypassing slower intermediate designated microscopy centers entirely. On its return flight, the drone carries vital anti-TB prescription regimens back to the village. The study found that the Median Turnaround Time (TAT), the vital window between a patient handing over a sample and receiving a definitive result to begin treatment, was slashed from 15 days down to just 5 days.

### Important points:

Out of pocket expenditure for patients before drones was Rs 9,450

After drones, the out of pocket expense dropped to Rs 90.90

Time to get patient diagnostic results dropped from 15 days to 5 days

TB diagnosis improved in the remote rural establishments

AIIMS Bibinagar was the command centre

District TB centre was connected to 4 TB Units and 11 PHCs

All were covered through drone interventions

## KTR greets doctors on National Doctors' Day

Hyderabad: Marking National Doctors' Day, BRS working president KT Rama Rao on Wednesday extended greetings to the medical fraternity, praising doctors for their dedication and remarkable service in saving lives. He saluted doctors for serving society with compassion, courage and excellence. "Your healing hands and caring hearts make the world a healthier place. Happy Doctors' Day," he remarked. Sharing photographs of an eye camp organised by BRS cadre in Veernapally mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district social media, Rama Rao said the initiative was the party's commitment to carrying forward former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao's vision of better healthcare as a mis-



sion. He said the eye camp offered free eye examinations, spectacles and surgeries wherever required, while also extending eye screening to schoolchildren for the first time. He added that the BRS cadre planned to organise similar eye camps across the district in a phased manner.

## Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy displeased over constitution of Yadagirigutta temple board

Hyderabad: The appointments of Yadagirigutta Devasthanam Board Members have turned into a new flashpoint between 'original' Congress leaders and turncoats with Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy finding fault with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy's decisions. "I am the MLA for Munugode and my constituency falls within Yadadri district. I had absolutely no information regarding the Yadagirigutta Board of Trustees. This is a unilateral decision and it is simply not right. Had they consulted me, I would have ensured at least one Member from my constituency is included," Rajgopal Reddy said, expressing displeasure. The Munugode MLA said such appalling behaviour would make things very difficult in the party. "I do not wish to comment on the appointment of the Chairman, but surely, the matter of Members appointments should have been addressed. They lack even that basic sense of propriety," he said in an interview with a news channel. Rajgopal Reddy stated that he was in regular contact with Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and had met Congress MP Rahul Gandhi. "I continue to participate in all Congress party activities. We remain committed to the party. It would have been appropriate to give us an opportunity in this instance. This is truly terrible," he said. The Munugode MLA



further said there were many senior leaders who had the experience and expertise on how to run the party, how to make appointments, and how to respect senior leadership. "Do they not know these things?" he asked. Rajgopal Reddy expressed concern over the state of affairs in Telangana Congress. Newcomers have flooded the Congress party. The original Congress members—those who genuinely fought for the Telangana cause—are gradually fading into the background. A new batch of people from various backgrounds had arrived and everything was now being run by these newcomers, he fumed. The Munugode MLA has been critical of the Chief Minister and expressed his dissent openly over a few issues like evading Rythu Bharosa disbursement. On Sunday, the Congress party conducted a public meeting in Nalgonda but he did not participate in it. "I did not feel like attending the Chief Minister's meeting in Nalgonda. I had no interest in it. Their way of dealing with things is not good at all. I don't like it," Rajgopal Reddy said.

## Intermediate student killed in RTC bus accident at Chevella

Hyderabad: An intermediate student died after being hit by an RTC bus while waiting for a college bus at Chevella in the suburbs on Wednesday. The accident occurred at Shabad Crossroads in the morning when the victim, identified as Satvik Reddy, was standing by the roadside waiting for his college bus when an RTC bus passing through the area allegedly struck him. He suffered multiple bleeding injuries in the collision and died at the spot. On receiving information, the Chevella Police reached the spot and are investigating the circumstances.



## RPF Secunderabad recovers Rs 2.24 crore passenger belongings in first half of 2026

Hyderabad: The Railway Protection Force (RPF), Secunderabad Division, has recovered and returned lost passenger belongings worth over Rs 2.24 crore over the first six months of this year. Between January and June 2026, the RPF has solved 658 cases, restoring valuables to their rightful owners. According to RPF authorities, since January 2024, the division has resolved 2,747 cases and recovered property worth more than Rs 7.28 crore, including luggage, laptops, mobile phones, jewellery, cash, and important documents. In 2025, the RPF recovered valuables worth Rs 2.53 crore in 1,111 cases, while in 2024, it restored property worth Rs 2.50 crore across 978 cases. Senior Divisional Security Commissioner Alakunta Naveen Kumar said that what may appear to be a forgotten bag often contains a person's hard-earned savings or essential documents. The RPF has advised passengers who lose any item during travel to immediately call the Railway Helpline 139 or inform the nearest RPF post or railway staff.

## Man jailed for three years in POCSO case

Hyderabad: A POCSO court at Rajendra nagar on Wednesday convicted a man for sexually assaulting a minor boy and sentenced him to three years of rigorous imprisonment. According to the police, Pallati Venugopal (56), who runs a bangle shop at Bandlaguda, Rajendra nagar, sexually assaulted an 11-year-old boy on March 1, 2022, when the child had come to the shop to buy some items. The boy later informed his parents about

the incident, following which they approached the police and lodged a complaint. The police registered a case and filed a chargesheet before the court. After the completion of the trial, the court found Venugopal guilty and sentenced him to three years of rigorous imprisonment. The court also imposed a fine of Rs 1,000 on the convict and awarded Rs 50,000 as compensation to the victim.

## Burglars steal Rs 21 lakh cash, 20 tolas of gold from house in Habeebnagar

HYDERABAD: Burglars made away with around Rs 21 lakh in cash, 20 tolas of gold, and other valuables from a house in Habeebnagar on Tuesday night. The owner of the house had left for the Umrah pilgrimage a week ago, and the house was locked. A relative, Rahman Mohiuddin, noticed the lock on the front door of his brother's house had been broken and informed the police. The police reached the spot and collected fingerprints and other clues from the cupboards and doors of the house. Rahman told the police that his brother informed him that around Rs 21 lakh in cash, gold ornaments weighing 20 tolas, and other valuables were missing. The Habeebnagar police have started an investigation. A case has been registered, and special teams have been formed to identify and track down the burglar.



## In a first, Telangana govt hospital performs rare five-organ transplant surgery

Hyderabad: For the first time in government hospitals of Telangana, transplant surgeons at Osmania General Hospital (OGH) conducted a five-organ transplantation on a single patient. The OGH surgeons, led by Head, Gastroenterology and Chief Transplant Surgeon, Dr Ch Madhusudan conducted the rare multi-visceral transplant of five organs on a 30-year-old young engineer from Siricilla. The stomach, duodenum, pancreas, small bowel, and large intestine (right colon) were transplanted all at once. The highly complex surgery, which included medical teams from multiple health specialities of OGH, lasted for 36 hours. This is for the first time that such a complex surgery was done in a Government hospital. The transplantation, which will never be taken up at a private hospital due to the risks involved, was conducted free of cost under the Aarogyasri health insurance scheme, doctors said. Health Minister, Damodar Raja Narasimha congratulated the medical team for the achievement which reflects the immense talent of doctors in government hospitals in Telangana.

## Revanth Reddy Extends Warm Wishes on Chartered Accountants Day



Hyderabad: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy here on Wednesday extended his warm greetings to all Chartered Accountants on the occasion of Chartered Accountants Day. He lauded their invaluable contribution to strengthening the nation's economy through transparency, accountability, and the highest ethical standards. The Chief Minister noted that Chartered Accountants serve as trusted advisors to businesses and investors and play a vital role in supporting the implementation of the government's financial and economic policies. Appreciating their dedication, discipline, and integrity, he said Chartered Accountants are instrumental in building a robust financial system and driving sustainable development. He expressed confidence that they will continue to achieve greater success and contribute significantly to India's economic growth and national progress.

## H-FAST Team Detects Severe Hygiene Violations at Zepto Store in Mallepally

Hyderabad: A team from H-FAST, led by SI V. Akhil, detected serious hygiene violations at a Zepto store in Mallepally in Hyderabad. During the inspection, officials found evidence of cockroach and rodent infestation, raising significant concerns over food safety standards at the outlet. Following the findings, the case has been handed over to Food Safety Officer Sameena Begum of HMC for further action under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Authorities are expected to initiate appropriate legal proceedings based on the violations identified.



## BJP Rendering Injustice to Telangana, Alleges Ponnamm

Hyderabad: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has been in power at the Centre for 12 years, should explain what it has done for Telangana. The BJP national president Nitin Nambini should first explain what the BJP has done for Telangana and then ask for votes to win elections. After being in power for 12 years, the BJP restricts only to criticizing the Congress while discriminating against Telangana and doing injustice to the state and its unfortunate, BC Welfare Minister



Ponnamm Prabhakar said on Wednesday. "I'm leaving it to your political wisdom. When the BJP national president comes, he should protect his own dignity. If criti-

cizing the State government is the only task, the Central government has given many assurances," the Minister said. "Can the BJP leaders count how many corporators they won in local body elections in Telangana, how many sarpanches won?" he said, alleging that the BRS sacrificed and surrendered before the BJP in the political game ensured MPs victory in Lok Sabha elections. "If we say it here, you have nothing on the ground. Speak according to your position," he said.

## Heavy Rainfall Expected in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana This Week

Hyderabad: The influence of El Niño, which often affects the Indian monsoon, resulted in less rainfall in several regions this year. According to the reports, weather conditions are expected to change in the coming days, with forecasts predicting heavy rainfall over the next seven days in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely to be seen in AP and TG, while gusty winds with speeds of 40-60 kmph are also expected in some areas of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The impact of a Low Pressure Area over Bay of Bengal is expected to be seen across Telangana from Wednesday. According to the reports, a fresh low-pressure area is likely to form over the Bay of Bengal on July 3, as a result, heavy rains are predicted across the two Telugu states. Authorities have been instructed to remain on alert and take precautionary measures in low-lying areas to prevent flooding and waterlogging.



The Meteorological Department has advised the state governments to take all necessary action needed. According to the Telangana Weatherman report, heavy rainfall is expected in Adilabad, Kumuram Bheem Asifabad, Jagtial, Mancherial, Peddapalli, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Jayashankar Bhupalpally and Mulugu districts from late afternoon until overnight.

## Major General Srinivas Assumes Command as GoC Telangana, AP

Hyderabad: Major General G Srinivas assumed the appointment of General Officer Commanding (GOC), Telangana and Andhra Sub Area (TASA) on Wednesday. On assuming command, the General Officer paid homage to the Bravehearts at the War Memorial and laid a wreath in a solemn ceremony. The officer is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy, Khadak wasla and Indian Military Academy, Dehradun. He did his early schooling from Sainik School, Korukonda. He was commissioned into Regiment of Artillery in 1990. During the career spanning thirty five years, the General Officer has held important Command, Staff and Instructional assignments to include an exposure with United Nations in Democratic Republic of Congo, Military Secretary Branch, Command of a Brigade in Strike Formation, Brigadier Quartermaster of a Corps, Chief Instructor at School of Artillery. Also Read - H-FAST Team De-



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## Maharashtra and Telangana irrigation dept officials release water from Babli project



Irrigation officials from Maharashtra and Telangana have opened 14 gates of the Babli project on the Godavari River. Learn about the annual water release process following Supreme Court directives. The irrigation department officials from Maharashtra and Telangana released stored water from the Babli project through its gates. Fourteen gates of the Babli project—constructed across the Godavari River near Babli in the Dharmabad taluk of Nirmal district—were lifted to release water downstream. In accordance with Supreme Court directives, these gates remain open from July 1 to October 28.

## Mandal Officer's Absence from SIR Awareness Meeting Raises Questions in Bhurgampahad



Bhurgampahad ( Kothagudem): The absence of the Mandal Officer from a key awareness meeting on the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls at the Tahsildar's office in Bhurgampahad mandal has triggered criticism and raised questions over official accountability. The meeting, organised to create awareness about the ongoing voter list revision process, was attended by representatives of various political parties, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Agents (BLAs). However, the non-attendance of the concerned Mandal Officer became a subject of discussion among participants. Several political leaders expressed dissatisfaction, stating that the electoral roll revision is a crucial democratic exercise

and that the presence of the responsible administrative officer was essential to address procedural issues and clarify doubts related to the SIR process. Participants questioned why the officer failed to attend such an important meeting and sought an explanation from the administration. They demanded clarity on whether the absence was due to unavoidable circumstances or reflected official negligence.

The incident has sparked debate over the seriousness with which election-related responsibilities are being handled at the mandal level, with political representatives urging authorities to ensure greater accountability during the ongoing voter list revision exercise.

## Pulse Polio campaign achieves 100% coverage in Mahabubabad

Over 76,000 children administered polio drops during the 3-day drive The National Pulse Polio Immunisation programme achieved 100 per cent coverage in Mahabubabad district during the three-day campaign conducted from Sunday to Tuesday, according to District Medical and Health Officer Dr Ravi Rathod. He said the drive was carried out across all village panchayats and tribal hamlets to ensure that every child below the age of five received polio drops. On the first day, 469 booth centres were set up and 73,570 of the 76,660 eligible children were covered. Medical teams later conducted house-to-house visits and administered polio drops to the remaining children. District officials and health staff



participated in the campaign, which concluded with complete coverage of all eligible children in the district.

## Warangal Collector inspects Govt Ayurvedic Hospital



Dr Satya Sharada reviews healthcare services, medicine availability and sanitation standards District Collector Dr Satya Sharada conducted a surprise inspection of the Government Ayurvedic Hospital in Warangal on Tuesday. She reviewed patient care services, availability of medicines, staff attendance, cleanliness and infrastructure facilities. The Collector interacted with patients and sought feedback on the treatment and services being provided. She directed officials to

ensure timely healthcare, maintain adequate stocks of essential medicines and uphold cleanliness across the hospital premises. Dr Satya Sharada also stressed the need for medical staff to perform their duties responsibly to strengthen public confidence in government hospitals. Medical Superintendent Dr GSK Dharma Raj, Ayurvedic College Principal Dr K Anasuya and other medical officers were present during the inspection.

## Vivek hits back at Harish over Sigachi accident allegations

Minister says Congress acted swiftly, provided compensation and initiated legal action against company management Executive Branch Peddapalli: Telangana Labour Minister Venkataswamy on Monday criticised senior BRS leader Harish Rao for his remarks on the Sigachi industrial accident, accusing him of making politically motivated allegations against the Congress government. He said the government responded promptly after the tragedy, which claimed 54 lives, and provided Rs 50 lakh compensation to each bereaved family. Addressing a press conference in Godavari Khani, the Minister said Chief Minister Revanth Reddy personally visited the injured workers and directed officials to take action



against the company. He added that a case was registered against the firm's CMD and legal proceedings were initiated. Venkataswamy also questioned the BRS government's response to past incidents, including the Kondagattu bus accident and paper leak cases, alleging that Harish Rao was ignoring the government's efforts and indulging in false propaganda.

## Kerala's KSRTC Announces 5-Day Hyderabad Tour With Ramoji Visit

Commuters from Kerala will now be able to travel to Hyderabad in air-conditioned KSRTC buses. The Hyderabad package is the highlight of the latest release of travel calendar for the month of July by the Kollam Budget Tourism Cell of the Kerala State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC). The package will offer a five-day, four-night complete trip to Hyderabad, covering all expenses including food, accommodation and entry to the famed Ramoji Film City. The release has also mentioned packages regarding pilgrimage tours owing to the beginning of Karkidaka masam, the final month



of the traditional Malayalam calendar otherwise referred to as the Ramayana masam. The spiritual itineraries include seasonal highlights like the Karkidakam Nalambala Darshanam, Aranmula Vallasadhya, and trips to destinations like Nelliampathy, Vattavada, and Gavi.

## Bharti mulls establishing 2nd headquarters of Airtel in Hyd

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy said the State government has proposed exploring the possibility of establishing a big comprehensive Data centre and AI infrastructure campus in Telangana. Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal paid a courtesy call on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy at the MCRHRD Bodhi Pavilion on Tuesday. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised the need to focus on the expansion of Airtel's digital, cloud, cybersecurity, and AI operations in Hyderabad. Revanth Reddy also suggested launching the Chandanvelli data center project soon. The Chief Minister advised Mittal to nominate a senior executive to coordinate and work with the Telangana government on future investment opportunities and resolve the issue expeditiously. Announcing that the Bharti company was considering Hyderabad as the second headquarters for Airtel, Mittal assured that the company will move forward to further increase data center capacity and also expand fiber connectivity. Mittal also said scholarships would be provided to students of government schools and ITIs transformed as Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs) in the state through the Bharti Founda-



tion, a state government release said here. The chief minister suggested launching the data center project being established by Bharti Enterprises at Chandanvelli near here soon. City & Local Guides He urged Mittal to consider establishment of a bigger data centre and AI infrastructure campus in Telangana. Reddy also mooted expansion of Airtel's digital, cloud, cybersecurity, and AI operations in Hyderabad, it said. "Mittal assured that the company will move forward to further increase data centre capacity and expand fibre connectivity. The CM briefed Mittal about the reforms introduced by the state government in the education sector, establishment of Young India Skill University to enhance the skills of the unemployed youth, upgradation of ITIs as ATCs and development of polytechnic colleges.

## Collector warns of action against food safety violations

Khanapur: District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials to take strict action against food manufacturers and vendors found violating food safety regulations in the district. Chairing a food safety review meeting at the Nirmal Collectorate on Tuesday, the Collector instructed restaurants, hotels, tiffin centres, sweet shops, dhabas and other food outlets to strictly follow prescribed norms. He stressed that business owners must ensure the supply of safe and quality food to consumers. Mishra directed food safety

officials to conduct regular inspections, verify licences and check the quality, labelling and expiry dates of food ingredients and products.

He warned that stringent action would be taken against the use of expired items, artificial food colours and unhygienic or substandard food products. Later, the Collector distributed certificates to Anganwadi teachers who recently completed food safety training. Several district officials attended the meeting.

## Actress Sreeleela recalls balancing MBBS medical exams with Viral Vayyari song shoot on Doctors Day

Mumbai: Actress Sreeleela has opened up about balancing her medical studies with her film career while shooting for the energetic track "Viral Vayyari." On the occasion of Doctor's Day, the actress shared how she remained committed to her MBBS dream even amid a busy shooting schedule. She recalled how she used to rush between sets and examinations. Calling medicine her lifelong passion, Sreeleela revealed that she always ensured her academics took priority. Speaking about shooting for the energetic song "Viral Vayyari," she shared, "Being a doctor has always been my dream and my biggest passion. Even while shooting for Viral Vayyari, I made sure my MBBS exams came first. I'd finish my shoot, rush back for my practical's, and return to the set whenever I got a break. It wasn't easy, but pursuing medicine has always meant the world to me." The peppy dance number 'Viral Vayyari' is from the Telugu romantic entertainer 'Junior.' The song composed by Devi Sri Prasad features Kireeti Reddy and Sreeleela.



leased on 18 July 2025. "Junior narrates the story of a young man named Abhi (played by Kireeti), who works under Vijay Soujanya (Genelia Deshmukh). His life takes an unexpected turn when he uncovers a shocking truth linked to her and his father's past, changing everything he thought he knew." Up next, Sreeleela is set to be seen in a strong slate of upcoming films spanning different languages and film industries. Her upcoming projects include the Telugu action film "Ustaad Bhagat Singh," the Tamil drama "Parasakthi," and a Hindi romantic musical directed by Anurag Basu, in which she will share screen space with Kartik Aaryan.

"Junior," written and directed by Radha Krishna Reddy, is produced by Sai Korrapati through Vaaraahi Chalana Chitram. Shot simultaneously in Telugu and Kannada languages, the film also featured Genelia D'Souza and V. Ravichandran in important roles. The film was re-

## Sachin Tendulkar meets Gipsy Kings, reveals how life came full circle with Asha Bhosle's 1990 gift

Mumbai: Cricket legend Sachin Tendulkar once followed the music recommendation by the late playback singer Asha Bhosle, and loved it thoroughly. The cricketer recently shared how life came full-circle for him with regards to the recommendation.

On Wednesday, the cricketer took to his Instagram, and shared a series of pictures and videos of his meeting with the French musical group, Gipsy Kings. He shared that he was gifted CDs of Gipsy Kings by Asha Bhosle, and how he instantly fell in love with the music of the musical group. He penned a long note in the caption, as he wrote, "Back in 1990, Asha Tai gifted me a couple of Gipsy Kings CDs, and I've been a huge fan ever since. Thirty six years later, the circle felt complete when I got to meet the legendary Nicolas Reyes at Neeraj's summer party! What a wonderful surprise. Truly, some moments are worth waiting decades for". One of the most influential singers of her time, Asha Bhosle passed away earlier this year. The singer was admitted to the Breach Candy Hospital on Saturday. Ashish Shelar, the Culture Minister of Maharashtra had notified about her de-



mise. The last rites of the legendary playback singer were held in Mumbai at the Shivaji Park. Several prominent members of the music and the film industries, political and business arenas paid their respects to the departed legend. The singing legend was given the guard of honour at her residence. The mortal remains travelled from her Lower Parel residence to Shivaji Park crematorium in Dadar.

## Gaurav Khanna breaks silence after Akanksha Chamola announces divorce, says 'She Is Still My Wife'

The couple, who got married in 2016, had often been regarded as one of television's most admired pairs. Mumbai: Television actor Gaurav Khanna has finally broken his silence after his estranged wife, Akanksha Chamola, publicly confirmed that the couple is heading for divorce. The revelation, made by Akanksha during her appearance on the reality show Lock Upp: Sach Ya Sazaa, surprised fans and sparked widespread discussion on social media. Following the announcement, Gaurav addressed the situation for the first time while interacting with the media during a public appearance. Re-

ferring to Akanksha with warmth and respect, the actor said, "Meri biwi hai yaar" (She is still my wife), making it clear that despite their separation, he continues to hold deep affection and respect for her. The actor further stated that the love he has for Akanksha has not diminished with the separation. He added that he would always stand by her and wished her the very best for her future. His emotional remarks quickly went viral, with many fans appreciating the maturity and grace with which he handled the sensitive situation. Sach Ya Sazaa that she and Gaurav had been living separately for nearly a year

## "My six pack": Mom-to-be Samantha flaunts her baby bump

Mumbai: Mom-to-be Samantha Ruth Prabhu was seen flaunting her baby bump in her latest Instagram post. On Tuesday, she took to the Stories section of her official Instagram handle and published a picture of her prominent baby bump from the top angle. However, the 'Yashoda' actress had covered her stomach with a large pillow. "My six pack. I'll see you when I see you. (sic)," read the text overlay on the post. Samantha recently confirmed that she is expecting her first child with her filmmaker husband, Raj Nidimoru. Addressing the media during the success meet of her latest release 'Maa Inti Bangaaram', Samantha revealed that she will be taking a maternity break after wrapping up her present professional commitments. "After Maa Inti Bangaaram, I will have to take a small break, given my condition. I'll have to take maternity leave. After that, I'll be back with another film for my fans," Samantha was heard saying during the event. The speculations around Samantha's pregnancy started doing the rounds after her appearance at the success celebration of



'Maa Inti Bangaaram'. The netizens noticed Samantha's baby bump after the 'Kushi' actress made an appearance in a fitted white bodycon top paired with blue denim. If the reports are to be believed, Samantha and Raj are expected to welcome their little bundle of joy in December this year. For those who do not know, Samantha tied the knot with filmmaker Raj Nidimoru, one-half of the acclaimed director duo Raj & DK, in December last year. Samantha is believed to have first met Raj while shooting the Amazon Prime Video series, "The Family Man 2", in which she played a powerful role. This is Samantha's second marriage. She was previously married to actor Naga Chaitanya. They tied the knot in October 2017 after dating for some time. However, the two announced their separation in October 2021.

## Michael arrives on OTT after record-breaking run, beats Oppenheimer at global box office

Released earlier this year, Michael chronicles the extraordinary journey of Michael Jackson from his early years with the Jackson 5 to his rise as one of the most influential entertainers in music history. Mumbai: Michael Jackson's biographical drama Michael has created box office history by becoming the highest-grossing biographical film of all time, overtaking Christopher Nolan's Oscar-winning Oppenheimer in worldwide earnings. The film, directed by Antoine Fuqua and starring Jaafar Jackson as the legendary King of Pop, has earned approximately \$977 million globally, surpassing Oppenheimer, which previously held the record with around \$975.8 million at the worldwide box office. The achievement also cements Michael as the highest-grossing musical biopic ever made. Released earlier this year, Michael chronicles the extraordinary journey of Michael Jackson from his early years with the Jackson 5 to his rise as one of the most influential entertainers in music history. Jaafar Jackson, the late singer's nephew, has received widespread praise for portraying his uncle on the big screen. Also Read - John Stamos reveals how Michael Jackson's plastic surgeon fixed his botched nose job Advertisement The film's remarkable commercial performance has been driven by strong audience turnout across North America and international markets. Industry analysts say the biopic has consistently maintained



momentum at the global box office, helping it overtake one of Hollywood's most successful films. In addition to rewriting the record books, Michael has emerged as one of Lionsgate's biggest commercial successes and is edging closer to the coveted \$1 billion milestone worldwide.

The film has also become the most successful music biopic in cinema history, surpassing previous record-holder Bohemian Rhapsody. Geographic Reference The milestone represents another landmark in the enduring legacy of Michael Jackson, whose influence on global music and popular culture continues to resonate with audiences decades after his rise to international fame. After its successful theatrical run, Michael has arrived on digital platforms. However, there is a catch. The film is currently available only as a premium video-on-demand (PVOD) title, meaning viewers must rent or purchase it. It is available on Amazon Prime Video, Apple TV and BookMyShow Stream, but it is not yet included with a regular subscription.



before deciding to part ways. She also spoke candidly about their differences, including their contrasting views on parenthood, which reportedly played a significant role in their decision to separate. The couple, who got married in 2016, had often been regarded as one of television's

most admired pairs. News of their separation came as a shock to many fans, especially after they had dismissed breakup rumours in the past. Soon after Gaurav's comments surfaced online, social media was flooded with reactions. While many users praised the actor for choosing kindness and respect over controversy, others expressed sadness over the end of a relationship they had admired for years. His statement has also fuelled speculation that the separation remains amicable despite the ongoing divorce proceedings. Although both Gaurav and Akanksha have now acknowledged that they are moving forward separately, their recent statements suggest that mutual respect continues to define their relationship. Neither has spoken negatively about the other, and both have requested privacy as they navigate this personal chapter.

## Cheteshwar Pujara reveals why England felt like home ahead of Australia

New Delhi: Standout performances of Cheteshwar Pujara's exemplary Test career came in Australia but the former India number three, who was recently honoured with the MCC life membership, says he only got the home away from home feeling in England. Having toured with the Indian team thrice and played for multiple teams in county cricket, Pujara has spent the most amount of time outside Rajkot driving across the length and breadth of England. Now bestowed with the honorary life membership of Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC), the owner of the fabled Lord's stadium, Pujara has another reason to visit the "Home of Cricket". "I've played a lot of county cricket in the UK. So when you end up playing a lot of cricket over there, you feel like you're at home. And for me, it's a great pleasure and privilege to be part of the MCC. "And getting this honorary membership, it means a lot. As a cricketer, when you have worked hard throughout your career and when that effort is recognised, you feel proud about your achievements as a cricketer," the 38-year-old told PTI in an interview. In the three Test matches he was part of at Lord's, India won two. He could not get a hundred at the iconic venue for his national team but he looks back fondly at his double hundred for Sussex at a ground steeped in history.

Pujara, a veteran of 103 Tests, has played at all famous grounds around the world but there is something different about turning up at Lord's. "So I've got some fond memories of being at Lord's, playing cricket, also watching cricket there. When I had my second ACL reconstruction, that was in 2011, when I was playing for RCB and I got injured. And then my knee surgery was actually in London. "So when I was there consulting a doctor, I went to the Lord's cricket ground just to have a feel of it. Because before that, I'd never played at Lord's. "So when you walk into that ground, it has a different aura, different vibe. And now when you become a lifetime member at MCC, so you have this privilege of going there and watching cricket. But as a child, I always dreamt of playing cricket there," he said. Lord's has a vibe like no other venue but as a batter, being out in the middle has its fair share of challenges. "The best part about it is the historical balcony, which we have seen for many, many years, which hasn't changed even now. When you walk into



the field from the long room, everyone appreciates your effort, whether you're walking in or coming out during the lunch break or a tea time break or end of day's play. "It doesn't matter how you have performed, but they will always appreciate good cricket on the field. And that's the best part about being at Lord's," said Pujara.

### What about the challenges?

"Firstly, it's a pitch where you have to settle in. You have to spend enough time as a batter on the crease and then start playing your shots. So it's a slightly challenging pitch for any batter. With the slope around, if you are not very familiar with the slope, you struggle to take the stance early on. "You have to make a few adjustments in your stance as a batter. But once you get used to it, it's a phenomenal pitch to bat on. And it's a great outfield as well. You have value for your shots. "But you always put a lot of pressure on yourself as a cricketer. When you're playing at Lords, you want to get your name on the honours' board. Overall, if I could change something in my cricketing journey, I think scoring a 100 at Lord's would have been a great achievement," said Pujara whose only Test hundred in England came in Southampton. Australia has been great for his overall statistics, but it is England where Pujara has enjoyed his cricket the most outside India. "...when it comes to international cricket, yes, my record in Australia has been phenomenal. And I enjoy batting over there. Because Australia, I would say is slightly easier to bat on once you have your eye in. "In England, it has always been challenging. I mean, things have changed. Now, if you look at the kind of pitches which are produced in England, it's slightly different now," he said. Of all the bowlers he has faced in England, Pujara said he cherishes his battles with James Anderson and Stuart Broad the most.

## Debutant Suryansh Shedge says wearing India jersey is a dream come true

Hyderabad: Suryansh Shedge, who made his debut for India in the T20 internationals against Ireland last week, said that the first time he really cried watching cricket was when India won the 2011 World Cup. "That night, watching the Indian team lift the trophy, something changed inside me. I knew that this is what I want to do, represent my country on the biggest stage. From that day, I started working towards that dream," Suryansh said on the JioStar TV show. "I knew it wouldn't be easy, but I was ready to give it everything. When I received the Indian jersey and wore it for the first time, I can't describe that feeling. All those early mornings, the hard work, the sacrifices, it all felt worth it. I have worked for this since childhood. Wearing that jersey is not just a dream come true; it's the start of a new journey," he said. On Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, Suryansh said: "His mentality is incredible. He genuinely enjoys batting and never overcomplicates things. He has such a strong belief in his ability that even if he gets out for a duck, he doesn't let it affect him. He backs himself to score a



hundred off 30 balls in the next game." "That kind of self-belief is rare. He doesn't carry any baggage from the previous ball or the previous match. He lives in the moment and plays with complete freedom. That is what makes him so dangerous. He is the perfect example of being instinctive and playing without fear," the India all-rounder said. On getting a call from Arshdeep Singh after his selection in the Indian team was confirmed, Suryansh said: "When my selection was confirmed, I received a video call from Arshdeep paaji. He congratulated me and shared his own experience of getting selected. I spoke to him for a while. It was a very emotional moment. It was really hard to process. Even now, it hasn't fully sunk in yet. It still feels like a dream."

## Former selector Sarandeep Singh backs Vaibhav Sooryavanshi for India T20I debut against England

New Delhi: Former India selector Sarandeep Singh wants to see Vaibhav Sooryavanshi in the Indian playing eleven for the T20 series opener against England in Durham. Sooryavanshi did not get to play in the series against Ireland that world champions India lost 0-2. If he plays against England on Wednesday, he would become the youngest cricketer to play for India. "He should have played (against Ireland). The team management has to see how it should place him in the playing eleven. Sometimes tough calls have to be made. Give some senior players rest and he might get his opportunity. "If you are building the team for the future, then a rotation policy must come into play. Then you have to sit some players out and give them an opportunity," Sarandeep told PTI on the sidelines of the DPL auction here. The 15-year-old was in stellar form in the IPL before scoring a match winning 94 off 29 balls for India A in Sri Lanka. Sarandeep backed Sooryavanshi to carry that form at the highest level. "This is the time to test him; don't leave him out. If there is an opportunity, just play him in the XI. The form which he is in right now, this is the right



time to start playing with him as soon as possible. The way he is batting, he can win matches on your own," the former India spinner observed. Sarandeep feels Sooryavanshi can go on to represent India in all formats. "He is very young, he can also learn red-ball skills. He is also playing for Bihar in the Ranji Trophy. He has the talent to play all 3 formats," he noted.

## Badminton Asia Junior Championships 2026: Dhyans Santosh stuns 6th seed; Tanvi Patri, Dev Ruparelia advance to round 2

Hyderabad: Dhyans Santosh upset sixth seed Punnatat Prempunpong of Thailand while Dev Ruparelia and Tanvi Patri registered contrasting victories in the first round of the Badminton Asia Junior Championships in Yatsushiro (Japan) on Wednesday. Dhyans Santosh put up a clinical show to beat Prempunpong 21-17, 21-18 in boy's singles first round on an otherwise mixed day for the Indian contingent. Tanvi Patri breezed through her girls singles opening round, beating Indonesia's Christabel Purwanto 21-18, 21-6 while fifth seed Ruparelia was pushed to a third game by Sri Lanka's Pamudu Randiligama 21-13, 16-21, 21-7. Among the other Indians in action,



Adarshini Shri defeated Lee Kay Xin of Malaysia 21-12, 21-12 while Abhinav Garg went down 21-13, 24-22 against Lucas Lee of Malaysia.

## Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships 2026: Abhinandh and Divyanshi Bhowmick beat China to guarantee medal in Bangkok

Hyderabad: India's top-seeded under-19 mixed doubles pair of P.B. Abhinandh and Divyanshi Bhowmick moved within one step of the final after producing a sensational victory over the second Chinese combination to storm into the semi-finals of the Asian Youth Table Tennis Championships in Bangkok on Wednesday. With the emphatic 11-9, 11-6, 11-7 quarterfinal triumph, the Indian pair has not only secured a place in the last four but also assured the country of at least a bronze medal in the prestigious continental championships. Abhinandh and Divyanshi displayed remarkable composure and tactical discipline to outplay Yiren Tang and Yiyi Jiang of China. The victory underlined the growing stature of the Indian pair, who entered the championships as the top seeds and have so far lived up to that billing with a string of commanding performances. Earlier in the competition, the Indian duo had comfortably negotiated their Round of 16 encounter, booking their place in the quarterfinals. Against the Hong Kong pair of Alvin Wong and Su Tsz Tung, they raised their game further, combining aggressive attack with consistent placement and excellent co-

ordination to deny their opponents any opportunity to settle into rhythm. The Indians won 11-6, 11-8, 11-9.

The victory has set up an intriguing semi-final clash tomorrow against Thailand's Thitaphat Preechayan and Kulapassr Vjittviriyagul, who will enjoy home support but face the daunting task of stopping the tournament's top-seeded pair. A win on Thursday would take the Indians into the championship final and keep alive their hopes of winning the coveted Asian title. India's second mixed pair of Priyanuj Bhattacharyya and Syndrela Das also impressed before bowing out in the quarterfinals. The duo began the day on a high, defeating an Uzbek combination, Diyorbek Dilshodov and Arujan Kamalova, 11-6, 11-6, 8-11, 12-10 in the pre-quarterfinals to advance to the last eight. Their impressive run, however, came to an end against the formidable third-seeded Chinese pair, Hechen Li and Ruixuan Yao. Despite putting up a spirited fight, the Indians were unable to overcome the higher-ranked opponents, whose experience and consistency proved decisive in the knockout encounter, which they lost 7-11, 16-18, 7-11, especially in the second game, dampening their spirit.

## US removes four Indian firms from sanctions list



Washington: The US has de-listed four Indian companies from its sanctions list, which were accused of supplying advanced technology and equipment for Russia's military-industrial base. The companies have been deleted from the Office of Foreign Assets Control's (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List. The four companies include Hyderabad-based RRG Engineering Technologies Private Limited and Lokesh Machines Limited, Ahmedabad-based Galaxy Bearings and New Delhi-based Shaurya Aeronautics Private Limited, according to details shared by the US Department of the Treasury on Tuesday. The US had sanctioned

Galaxy Bearings Ltd in October 2024, accusing it of exporting dozens of high-priority dual-use equipment, including roller bearings and roller assemblies, to Russian entities. Shaurya Aeronautics Private Ltd was sanctioned for allegedly sending shipments of radar apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus, radio remote control apparatus and electrical apparatus to Russia. The US had accused RRG Engineering Technologies of sending over 100 shipments of microelectronics to SDN-listed, Russia-based Arteks Limited Company. Lokesh Machines had been accused of sending dozens of shipments of machine tools to various Russian manufacturing companies.

## Rupee falls 5 paise to Rs 94.56 against US dollar



Mumbai: The rupee depreciated by 5 paise to close at Rs 94.56 against the US dollar on Tuesday as a strengthening greenback overseas and risk-averse investor sentiment weighed on the local currency. Forex traders said the rupee slid to Rs 95.55 against the US dollar in early trade, driven by month-end corporate import demand and lingering risk-off sentiment. However, relatively stable global crude prices and expected central bank interventions supported the currency and restricted the decline. In the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at Rs 94.60 against the American currency and finally closed at Rs 94.56, down 5 paise from its previous close. On Monday, the rupee pared its initial gains and settled 6 paise lower at Rs 94.51 against the US dollar. "The Indian rupee depreciated for the third consecutive session, weighed down by persistent safe-haven flows into the greenback and strong corporate dollar demand. Broader risk-off sentiment across global markets continues to keep the domestic currency under pressure," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities, said.

Parmar added that, from a technical standpoint, the spot USD/INR faces immediate resistance at Rs 95.10, while

Rs 94.40 will act as a key support level. Experts said month-end and quarter-end dollar demand was keeping the US dollar well supported. Importers, corporates and banks typically use this period to square off positions and meet payment obligations. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading at 101.34, up 0.23 per cent. Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading 0.37 per cent lower at USD 72.88 per barrel in futures trade. On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex declined 249.70 points to settle at 76,478.67, while the Nifty fell 80.50 points to 23,865.75.

Foreign institutional investors sold equities worth Rs 2,556.75 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, according to exchange data. Meanwhile, US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor said on Tuesday that the US-India trade deal was in its "final steps", with only the last one per cent of negotiations left to be concluded. Addressing the US-India Strategic Partnership Forum Leadership Summit, Gor said he was determined to finalise the agreement as it would benefit both countries, and it would be sealed after nearly 18 months of talks.

## NLC India CMD Prasanna Kumar Motupalli Honoured with Einstein World Records Recognition

Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, Chairman and Managing Director, NLC India Limited (NLCIL), was conferred the prestigious Einstein World Records Recognition in appreciation of his exemplary and visionary decision to introduce free bus transportation for school students studying in Neyveli Township, a welfare initiative that has significantly benefited thousands of students and their families. The recognition was presented on 30th June 2026 at A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Hall, Neyveli by Dr. J. Monica Roshinee, Co-Founder of Einstein World Records, in the presence of the Functional Directors of NLC India Limited, senior officials, teachers, and students from NLCIL schools. The initiative, introduced under the leadership of Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli, in August 2024 has transformed the daily commute of school children by ensuring safe, timely and cost-free transportation to educational institutions across Neyveli Township. The initiative has not only eased the financial burden on families but has also enhanced accessibility to quality education. Also Read - NLC India Limited Cmd Conferred "Best Leader Of The Year 2026 For Corporate Csr" At State Csr Corporate Awards & Conclave 2026 Advertisement Discover more Artificial Intelligence News Business News Feed Live News Streams A touching testimony was shared by a girl student of NLC Girls Higher Secondary School, Block 11 during the function, who expressed that the free bus service had brought significant economic relief to her family while ensuring that she reached school safely and on time every day. Her heartfelt words reflected the positive impact of the initiative on thousands of students across the township. Speaking on the occasion, a teacher from NLC Girls Higher Secondary School, Block-11, observed that the



availability of free transportation has encouraged many parents, particularly those with girl children, to admit their daughters in Neyveli schools with greater confidence, thereby promoting girls' education and educational inclusiveness. Reading the citation, Dr. J. Monica Roshinee, Co-Founder of Einstein World Records, stated that the recognition was being conferred in appreciation of a socially impactful decision that has directly benefited thousands of children. She remarked that NLC India Limited is fortunate to have such a visionary Chief Executive Officer whose leadership reflects compassion, commitment and concern for society.

Addressing the students, she encouraged them to dream big, remain ambitious and aspire to become transformational leaders like Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli. Accepting the recognition, Shri Prasanna Kumar Motupalli stated that nearly 30,000 school children are pursuing their education in Neyveli Township, a number that exceeds the employee strength of NLC India Limited itself. He noted that the consistently outstanding academic performance of students from Neyveli schools stands as testimony to the unwavering commitment of the teachers, the hard work of the students and the strong support extended by parents.

He encouraged the students to continue striving for excellence, set higher goals and achieve even greater milestones in life.

## Jivial Industries shares list at 20 pc discount, extend losses after weak debut



Jivial Industries made a weak debut on the BSE SME platform on Wednesday, with its shares listing significantly below the initial public offering (IPO) price. The stock opened at Rs 156.80 per share, reflecting a discount of 20 per cent compared to its issue price of Rs 196. Selling pressure continued after the listing, dragging the stock down by nearly 4 per cent from its opening level. At one stage, the share price had declined 22.83 per cent from the IPO price, highlighting a disappointing market debut for the SME-listed company. The lacklustre listing followed a muted investor response during the IPO subscription period. The public issue, which was open for bidding from June 23 to June 25, was subscribed 93 per cent by the close of the final day. Jivial Industries had fixed the IPO price at Rs 196 per equity share with a face value of Rs 10 each. The public issue consisted of a fresh issue of shares worth Rs 26.65 crore and an offer-for-sale (OFS) valued at Rs 5.34 crore, taking the total issue size to Rs 31.99 crore.

Established in 2021, Jivial Industries is engaged in the manufacturing of aluminium railing systems and architectural hardware used in residential and commercial construction projects. Its product portfolio includes handrails, spigots, brackets, locks, end caps, bends, jointers, and other aluminium fittings designed for applications such as balconies, glass partitions, façades, and viewing windows. The company caters primarily to construction firms, architects, interior designers, fabricators, and glass solution providers across India. It has a strong presence in Gujarat, Maharashtra, and Chhattisgarh, while also exporting a portion of its products to Oman. On the financial front, Jivial Industries reported revenue of Rs 12.2 crore and a net profit after tax of Rs 2.95 crore for the nine-month period ended December 2025. For the full financial year 2025, the company posted revenue of Rs 12.07 crore and a net profit of Rs 2.97 crore. It also maintained a relatively low debt level of Rs 1.23 crore.

## YSRCP to go with Mavigan agenda in next elections, says YS Jagan



Former CM Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy introduces the 'Mavigan' agenda as a cost-effective alternative to the Amaravati capital project, setting the stage for a major political debate in Andhra Pradesh. Government Former Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy made significant political remarks. He clarified that his party would approach the electorate in the upcoming elections with the 'Mavigan' agenda. Noting that the next election would essentially be a contest between 'Mavigan' and 'Amaravati,' he stated that the polls would determine which approach the people support. Speaking to media on Wednesday, YS Jagan stated that they would contest the elections under the 'Mavigan' banner and remain committed to the verdict delivered by the people. He emphasised that their goal is to develop the capital transparently, without any scope for corrup-

tion. He explained that the objective of 'Mavigan' is to build the capital in a manner that leaves no room for scams. Jagan alleged that while his visit to the capital region was not an issue in itself, some were attempting to turn it into a political controversy. He announced plans to send individuals of the rank of retired judges to hold discussions with farmers and assess the situation.

He reiterated his commitment to standing by the farmers and speaking on their behalf. Furthermore, Jagan stated that they would address public issues by rising above partisan politics. He assured that party leaders would visit any location where a problem exists and stand in support of the affected people. He also declared that they would join forces with anyone fighting for the public interest and that he would personally participate in such movements if necessary.

## Two lorries collided, three burnt alive at Boyapalem



A tragic collision between two lorries on National Highway 16 near Boyapalem, Guntur, resulted in three fatalities on Wednesday morning. Following the high-speed impact, both vehicles caught fire, leaving the drivers and a cleaner trapped inside. Local police and fire services are investigating the incident. Guntur :Three persons were burnt alive,when two lorries collided on the National Highway no:16, at Boyapalem of Guntur district at 5.45 AM on Wednesday. According to police, the ill fated lorry was coming from Ongole to Guntur. When it reached Boyapalem, the

driver of the vehicle lost control over it due to brake failure. The lorry rammed into another lorry coming in the opposite direction from Guntur to Chilakaluripet. Due to its impact, a fire broke out. The drivers of the both lorries and another person traveling in one lorry were burnt alive. Fire engines rushed to the spot to put out flames. Guntur district SP Vakul Jindal rushed to the spot and enquired about circumstances leading to the fire accident. Police officials are trying to trace the details of the deceased. Investigation is underway.

## Security blanket in place ahead of President's visit to CUAP



Anantapur: The district police have intensified security arrangements ahead of President Droupadi Murmu's visit to the Central University of Andhra Pradesh (CUAP) on Wednesday, where she will attend the institution's first convocation as the chief guest. Reviewing the bandobast arrangements at the university campus near Jantaluru in Bukkarayasamudram mandal, Anantapur Superintendent of Police P Jagadish conducted a rigorous sector-wise briefing for the police officers deployed on duty on Tuesday. The SP issued detailed protocol instructions, assigned responsibilities to sector in-charges, and directed all personnel to maintain close coordination to prevent any security lapses for the nation's First Citizen. As a critical precautionary measure, the district police have declared the area within a five-

kilometre radius of the CUAP campus a 'Red Zone' (No-Flying Zone). This restriction strictly prohibits the operation of civilian drones, remote-controlled cameras, paragliders, and all other flying objects. These airspace restrictions will remain in force from Tuesday evening until 6:00 PM on Wednesday, with police warning of stringent legal and criminal action against violators. Surveillance and vehicle checks have been intensified across the notified zone, and the public has been urged to report any suspicious activities. SP P Jagadish appealed to local residents, university staff, and students to extend full cooperation for a smooth visit. Tadipatri ASP Rohit Kumar Choudary, Additional SPs M Nagabhushanam and Ilyas Basha, along with local DSPs and Inspectors, were present at the meeting.

## AP EAPCET 2026 results announced, check here



The AP EAPCET 2026 results have been officially released! Minister Nara Lokesh announced that 1,82,317 students qualified in the engineering stream and 63,546 in the agriculture and pharmacy stream. Check your rank cards and scorecards on the official APSCHE portal today. The AP EAPCET 2026 results have been released. Nara Lokesh, the Minister for Education and IT, announced the re-

sults—eagerly awaited by lakhs of students—via the platform 'X'. Across the state, 2,76,572 candidates applied for the engineering stream, with 2,58,545 appearing for the exam; Minister Lokesh revealed that 1,82,317 (70.52%) of them qualified. Similarly, in the agriculture and pharmacy stream, 79,231 candidates applied and 70,929 appeared, with 63,546 (89.59%) qualifying.

## BEST varsity partners with TCS iON to launch corporate B.Tech prog

Gorantla: BEST Innovation University has signed a strategic MoU with TCS iON Industry Honour Programs to introduce a specialized "TCS-Empowered B.Tech Programme." Designed to bridge the gap between academia and corporate expectations, TCS iON experts will directly teach one industry-oriented course every semester. Students will benefit from internships, capstone projects,

and six technical certifications. Crucially, eligible students will bypass the initial competitive TCS corporate screening test, gaining direct entry into recruitment processes. Chairman Bharat Lal Meena, Chancellor Dr Rupa Vasudevan, and Vice Chancellor Dr Nagajyothi Korepella finalized the partnership with senior TCS delegates.

