

CM directs intensified search for seven missing fishermen off Visakhapatnam



KUPPAM (CHITTOOR DISTRICT): Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to intensify the search operation to trace and rescue the seven fishermen who went missing at sea after setting out from Visakhapatnam. Speaking to officials from Kuppam on Sunday, the Chief Minister reviewed the steps being taken to locate the missing fishermen. Officials briefed him on the ongoing rescue efforts and the measures initiated by various agencies. Naidu instructed the authorities to step up the search using Coast Guard ships and ensure that all available resources are deployed for the rescue

operation. Officials informed the Chief Minister that the rescue operation had been expanded with the deployment of Navy helicopters to strengthen the search efforts over the sea. The Chief Minister also directed the Marine Inspector General of Police and the Visakhapatnam Police Commissioner to coordinate the search operation closely so that the efforts of all agencies remain well organised and effective. Officials were asked to keep him informed about the progress of the search operation at regular intervals until the missing fishermen are traced.

Rayalaseema attracts over Rs 4.5 lakh crore in proposed investments

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh has attracted proposed investments worth over Rs 4.5 lakh crore across 172 SIPB-approved projects in Rayalaseema, while another 103 proposals signed during the CII Partnership Summit have taken the region's investment pipeline to more than 275 projects capable of generating over 3.5 lakh employment opportunities, sources said on Sunday. The investment push comes as the Andhra Pradesh government seeks to transform the drought-prone region into a major industrial and manufacturing hub through large-scale investments, infrastructure development and cluster-based industrialisation. "Rayalaseema is emerging as a major industrial growth engine with investment commitments exceeding Rs 4.58 lakh crore across more than 275 projects, reflecting the government's focus on region-balanced development," sources said. The government is creating specialised manufacturing ecosystems across Rayalaseema instead of concentrating industrial development in a few locations, while strengthening infrastructure and skilling to generate long-term employment. The launch of the Rs 16,350-crore JSW Rayalaseema Integrated Steel Plant in Kadapa on Friday marked the latest milestone in the region's industrial transformation. Rayalaseema, once associated with drought, water scarcity and



migration despite its abundant mineral resources, land availability and strategic location between Bengaluru, Chennai and Hyderabad, is now at the centre of the state's investment-led development strategy, sources said. The 172 State Investment Promotion Board (SIPB)-approved projects alone are expected to attract investments worth Rs 4.58 lakh crore and generate nearly 2.76 lakh jobs. Along with the 103 investment proposals signed during the CII Partnership Summit, these projects are expected to create more than 3.57 lakh employment opportunities across the region. Tirupati is emerging as an electronics and advanced manufacturing hub, led by Sri City, which has attracted investments from companies including LG Electronics, Daikin, Carrier Global and RRP Electronics.



YS Jagan slams Naidu's 'rowdy policing' in Andhra

Amaravati: Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy said on Sunday that the police machinery under Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's 'malicious' rule was heading in a highly dangerous direction. He accused the Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of steering the police system in Andhra Pradesh toward a perilous path to facilitate political suppression and silence those who question him. In a social media post on X, the YSRCP Chief told

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu that Andhra Pradesh needs is neither a regime of 'rowdy policing' nor 'Jungle Raj'. "The state requires an administration that ensures public safety and a system that delivers justice to victims. It needs a society that believes everyone is equal before the law. We need a police force that operates in accordance with the Constitution rather than acting on political directives," he said. Jagan Mohan Reddy alleged that Chandrababu Naidu through the toxic precedents had sown seeds of

poison across the state and these are gradually sprouting and transforming into poisonous trees. "There is no urgency in the investigation when children go missing. There is no action taken even when complaints regarding crimes against women are filed. No arrests were made even after a tribal woman was stripped and assaulted. Yet, if the state government is questioned on social media, you resort to filing cases, making arrests, inflicting torture, and invoking non-bailable sections?" the former Chief Minister said.

Nara Lokesh seeks Jaishankar's help for Telugu family stranded at Hong Kong airport after losing passports



Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Minister for Human Resources Development and Information Technology, Nara Lokesh, on Sunday appealed to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to provide immediate assistance to a Telugu family stranded at Hong Kong Airport after they lost their passports. Lokesh, son of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, took to 'X' on Sunday to make an appeal to the External

Affairs Minister. He appealed after one Rajeswari Bolla tagged Lokesh, seeking his help. The family, while travelling from Hyderabad to Chicago via Hong Kong, lost their passports. Rajeswari Bolla posted that they are in an emergency. "My family were supposed to travel from Hyderabad to Chicago via Hong Kong with Cathay Pacific airlines on July 2nd, but we lost our passports on the airplane. We are stranded in Hong Kong Airport for the last 52 hrs. We have little kids aged 5 yrs and 3 yrs with us and we are really in a difficult situation. Requesting your team's urgent intervention or guidance to help us reach the right authorities to help us get replacement passports issued. Please help," reads the post.

Andhra missing youth case: Mother threatens self-immolation over missing son's ashes

Vijayawada: The mother of a missing youth, whose mother alleged that he was murdered in custodial torture, threatened on Saturday to end her life by burning herself on the road if her son's ashes were not given to her. The case of Gade Sai Krishna's disappearance recently rocked Andhra Pradesh, with his mother, Gade Vijaya Lakshmi, accusing former Vijayawada Krishna Lanka police inspector SSVV Nagaraju of torturing her son to death and then clandestinely cremating his body without the knowledge of family members. Speaking to reporters, a sobbing Vijaya Lakshmi said, "I want my son's ashes wherever they are. Otherwise, I will drench myself with petrol and burn

myself to death in the middle of the road". Claiming that she has been devastated without her son, Lakshmi said she doesn't want "assets, gold or anything else". "Two months have lapsed. What did they give me? Instead, they are maligning my son by calling him a criminal," she said. Observing that her son was "honest," against whom a few cases were pending, Lakshmi accused Nagaraju of gruesomely killing Sai Krishna by driving nails into his body. "Why was he killed? For what was he killed? Who all were involved? you all have the responsibility, bring it out," she said. Meanwhile, YSRCP leaders Ambati Rambabu.



Why blame short circuits for all fire mishaps

However, as it often happens, the disaster was attributed to 'short circuit'. The owners and system managers were immediately absolved. It's well known that this habit of calling every fire an electrical fault covers failures in safety. Even assuming it was caused by an overload, were preventive measures taken beforehand? Was it due to poor-quality wiring? The world recognizes India as a land richly endowed with nature and one that bursts with resources in every direction. But recent events are bringing back memories of things we once read long ago. People used to say that when population is large, nature balances things with natural and unnatural deaths to reduce the burden on the earth. Having embraced modernity in many ways and entering the "modern age," humanity can no longer avoid these natural reversals or unnatural disasters. Time allows us to cover up repeated system failures. Many kinds of accidents occur in our country — some natural, and some caused by human error or by failing to follow regulations. Rains turn into storms, causing landslides; large vehicles cause crashes that kill many people. No matter how brutal natural calamities or politics may be, people tend to forget them after a while. Indian Current Events With nature's destructive dance and sudden disasters, the country is thrown into turmoil. Despite governments and responsible authorities trying to stop the everyday fatal road accidents, control measures somehow fail to work. Statistics show that every year there are anything between 4.50 lakh and 4.80 lakh road accidents in India, with an average of 485 people dying every day. The container crash on the Mumbai-Pune Expressway, caused by brake failure, is a glaring example of such an accident. Natural floods, the Himalayan mountain avalanches, the disaster in Uttarakhand and many other accidents across most states seem like we have invited the wrath of nature! The Air India crash has been an extremely tragic accident. Along with fires, there have been countless building collapses. The recent warehouse collapse in Kolkata killed several people. With so many kinds of disasters battering our country, preventive measures are woefully inadequate. In the ghastly Lucknow fire, 15 students lost their lives. It is quite terrifying to read about the deaths of students following the collapse of buildings or succumbing to fires. Driven by profits, some commercial entrepreneurs have rushed into education with sky high plans but without providing proper facilities. Their makeshift, unsafe buildings and half done arrangements are taking a heavy toll on youth and students, much to the anguish of their parents. Eyewitnesses describe the scene as horrific. Even though regulations exist and it is known that such accidents can occur, the failure to take appropriate action in time has indeed led to these incidents. Profit-rich educational institutions have meanwhile grown like other service-sector businesses! Although towns have rules, the failure to enforce them and the authorities 'lack of oversight in ensuring compliance' trigger such disasters. Coaching centers and training institutes have sprung up indiscriminately across cities. Because these education providers are not run according to proper standards, commercial operators and institution owners, driven purely by profit, use promotional tactics to lure students who hope to acquire high-ranking jobs or skills.

Police machinery under Andhra CM Chandrababu Naidu heading in 'dangerous direction': Jagan Mohan Reddy

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Chief Minister said. Indian Current Events He cited various incidents, including the case of little Ganeswari from the Tuni constituency in Kakinada district who went missing a month ago, delay in registering the case of sexual assault against a mentally challenged girl in Peddapuram and a former TDP Councillor assaulting a tribal woman after stripping her naked in Nellore district.

"The case involving the custodial death of Sai Krishna and the subsequent disappearance of his body has rocked the state; you still have no answers to the questions raised by his mother. The public was deeply distressed by the suicide of Kranthi Kumar, the dying declaration he gave, and the fact that people witnessed it unfold on social media. Incidents such as the custodial deaths of Ganga mma and Tirupatamma, and the suicide of Kalavathi due to police harassment, have brought great disrepute to the state's police force. Yet, there is no check on your brazen conduct." The former Chief Minister accused Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of diverting public attention from these issues, by directing every Station House Officer to charge

social media activists under non-bailable sections and link their cases to organised crime, rather than applying the relevant standard provisions. says YS Jagan Advertisement "This is an extremely dangerous trend. Attempting to intimidate people because you cannot answer their questions amounts to nothing less than the murder of democracy," Jagan Mohan Reddy said. The YSRCP Chief said it was utterly reprehensible that KVR -- a YouTube influencer and an Osmania University gold medallists in journalism -- was brought from Hyderabad by a massive police force without adhering to due legal process, and was imprisoned after being implicated in an FIR for acts he never committed. "In the case of YouTuber Raavan, even after bail was granted by four different courts, you acted with unbridled arrogance and had your associates directly attack the concerned police stations. Driven by intolerance, you levelled charges against him that are typically reserved for terrorists. Mr. Chandrababu Naidu, the very words and questions that you, Pawan Kalyan, Lokesh, and your party leaders have used in the past—and continue to use—are exactly what these individuals are now saying and questioning. By that logic, shouldn't the same charges be levelled against you as well? Branding critics as criminals, sending your people to attack police stations with the intent to kill, and having the police remain silent spectators—these are all dangerous signs for democracy. This is an assault on constitutional rights; this is an assault on democratic values."

Flood inflows surge at Medigadda Barrage after heavy rains in Maharashtra

Hyderabad:

Heavy rains in upstream Maharashtra triggered a sharp rise in flood inflows into the Medigadda Barrage of the Kalesh waram Lift Irrigation Scheme on Sunday, even as most reservoirs across Telangana continued to witness negligible inflows amid a weak monsoon. The inflows at the barrage rose to around one lakh cusecs during the day and were expected to increase further. Officials of the Major Irrigation Department said the water level reached around 96 metres and all 85 gates of the barrage were lifted to release the incoming floodwaters downstream. Authorities also issued alerts to residents of low-lying villages along the Godavari River, advising them to remain vigilant.



They warned fishermen and residents of villages on the riverbanks against venturing into the swollen river. The flood surge, generated largely by heavy rainfall in Maharashtra and Chhattisgarh through the Pranahita River, comes at a time when Telangana is grappling with below-normal rainfall attributed to El Nino conditions. While most reservoirs in the State are receiving little or no inflows, the

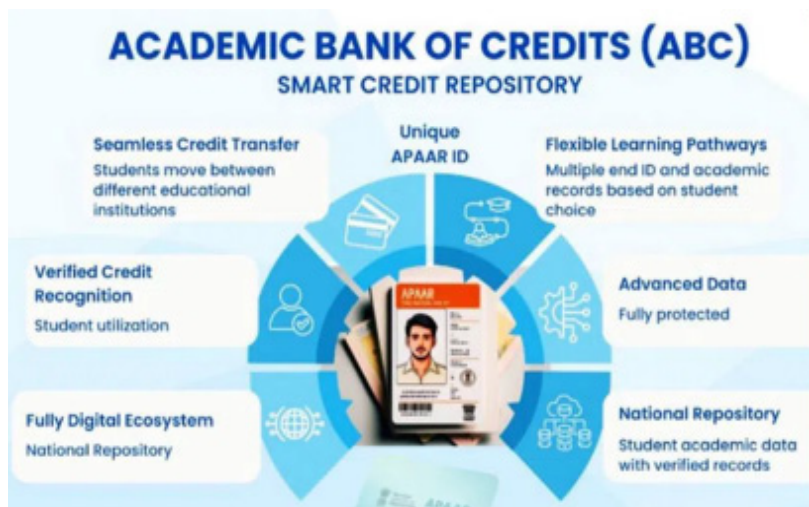
Godavari River at Medigadda witnessed around one lakh cusecs of floodwater, marking the first major flood spell of the season. The development has once again brought the spotlight back on the Kalesh waram project and the continuing political debate over its utilisation. The opposition BRS argued that the substantial inflows at Medigadda, despite deficient rainfall across much of Telangana, reinforced the strate-

gic importance of locating the lift irrigation project at Kalesh waram to harness the Godavari waters during upstream flood events. During his visit to the Kanne palli pump house on Sunday, the party working president, KT Rama Rao, asserted that every possible cusec should be lifted to replenish reservoirs and support irrigation, particularly with forecasts

pointing to a challenging agricultural season. However, the Congress government maintained that floodwaters were being released downstream to safeguard the barrage structure in accordance with NDSA guidelines. The issue became a fresh flashpoint after BRS leaders on Sunday accused the government of failing to utilise the available river flows through the Kannepalli p u m p i n g

system. Meanwhile, heavy rains also disrupted normal life in parts of Komaram Bheem Asifabad district. Both the Pranahita and Penganga rivers flowed in spate, with floodwaters reaching the Pushkar ghats at Koutala and the Penganga crossing the danger mark near Tatipalli. A major road near Cheelapalli in Sirpur mandal was washed away, disrupting traffic.

26.35 crore verified APAAR IDs generated across India



New Delhi: About 26.35 crore verified APAAR (Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry) IDs have been generated across India till July 2, creating a single academic identity for every learner as part of the 'One Nation, One Student ID' initiative, an official factsheet said on Sunday. APAAR ID is a unique 12-digit student identification number linked to the ABC system. Accessible through DigiLocker and the Academic Bank of Credits (ABC) platform, it brings together a student's educational records from higher education, skill and vocational education, and other learning professional programmes onto one

platform. "Further school education records will be also credited and mapped with APAAR ID under NAD-ABC. For remote and underserved areas, APAAR IDs can be generated through the nearest Common Service Centre (CSC) too," the factsheet informed. According to it, the main objective of ABC is to create a flexible, learner-friendly education system in which learning achievements can be recognised, stored, and used throughout a person's life. It supports the vision of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and the National Credit Framework (NCrF) by enabling credit transfer, multiple entry and exit options.

West Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari announces Rs 313.30-crore package for tea garden workers



Kolkata: West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari on Sunday announced a Rs 313.30-crore special assistance package for tea garden workers in the state, who are primarily concentrated across the plains and hills of North Bengal. In a statement issued on Sunday morning, CM Adhikari stated that a state-level committee had finalized the implementation plan for the 'Pradhan Mantri Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana' (PMCSPY) scheme in West Bengal. The project carries a total financial allocation of Rs 313.30 crore aimed at transforming the livelihoods of tea garden workers. "We are committed to the comprehensive welfare and the development of health and educational parameters of our hardworking tea garden workers of North Bengal," the Chief Minister said. The Chief Minister also provided a breakdown of the financial allocation, detailing the various heads under which the funds will be deployed. According to the statement, Rs 177 crore has been earmarked to boost educational infrastructure and drive quality interventions for the families of tea garden workers. Additionally, CM Adhikari noted that Rs 72 crore has been allotted to upgrade local health infrastructure and guarantee robust medical services in the tea gardens. An allocation of Rs 63 crore will fund the construction of 321 modern resting sheds, with 88 designated for the hills and the remaining 233 for the plains.

Mumbai wakes up to brief respite after heavy rain; IMD issues red alert for more showers

Mumbai: Heavy overnight rain lashed Mumbai and neighbouring cities, easing slightly by morning even as the IMD on Sunday kept a red alert in place with forecasts of continued downpours and isolated extremely heavy showers, civic officials said. In view of the forecast, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has appealed to people to remain alert and venture outdoors only if absolutely necessary. Several areas recorded more than 200 mm of rainfall, while a few areas logged a whopping 300 mm of downpour in the last 24

hours. Officials said public transport services, including Metro and buses of the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) undertaking, were operating normally this morning, while commuters complained that suburban railway services were running with some delays. The BMC urged people to strictly follow advisories and contact the civic body's helpline 1916 for immediate assistance in case of any emergency. It also advised citizens to exercise caution, particularly in low-lying areas and along the coastline, as a high tide of 4.19 metres is



expected at 3.22 pm on Sunday. Another high tide of 3.51 metres is forecast at 3.41 am on Monday. Torrential downpours battered Mumbai on Saturday, with several parts of the city receiving nearly 200 mm of rainfall in 12 hours, inundating low-lying areas, triggering road cave-ins, tree falls and house collapses, and disrupting road and rail traffic. Incessant rains also dis-

rupted normal life in neighbouring Thane, Palghar, Navi Mumbai as well as the Pune region that witnessed landslides, road closures in waterlogged areas and evacuation of people from flooded localities. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a red alert for Sunday, predicting very heavy rainfall at a few places and extremely

Congress alleges Ram Temple donation scam, targets BJP-RSS over PM's silence

New Delhi: The Congress on Sunday launched a blistering attack on the BJP-RSS over the alleged embezzlement of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, saying it is a "scam" perpetrated by their ecosystem on which Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah are "totally silent". Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh alleged that the BJP has a three-pronged strategy vote chori, seat chori, chanda chori". He also lashed out at the RSS, saying its statement on the issue was "disgraceful and shameful". The 'chanda chori' has taken place



which is absolutely beyond any doubt. The RSS statement is disgraceful and shameful. These are the people, who try to give certificates to others for integrity, honesty and nationalism, have been caught in a most disgraceful and shameful manner," Ramesh told PTI Videos. "Donations run-

ning into thousands of crores have been siphoned off. Of course, there should be an inquiry by a sitting Supreme Court judge, of course the toughest action should be taken against all the accused but the silence of the prime minister and the home minister is shocking," Ramesh said. "We expect the prime

minister, who took credit for building the Ram Temple and inaugurating it on January 22, 2024, just before the Lok Sabha elections, after which they ended up losing Ayodhya to make a statement. They have been completely silent," the Congress general secretary in-charge communications said. Politics The BJP's is a three pronged strategy: 'vote chori, seat chori, chanda chori', Ramesh said, in an apparent reference to the Congress' earlier allegation of poll irregularities and the rejection of Rajya Sabha nomination of its Madhya Pradesh candidate Meenakshi Natarajan.

'Trend of resignations has begun in Trinamool': Dilip Ghosh on Chandrima Bhattacharya's exit

Kolkata: West Bengal Minister Dilip Ghosh on Sunday reacted sharply to the resignation of Trinamool Congress state president Chandrima Bhattacharya from all party posts, saying the ruling party was witnessing a pattern of internal exits and questioning its organisational strength. Speaking to reporters, Ghosh said, "There was a time in the country when returning awards had become a trend. Now, a similar trend of resignations has begun in the Trinamool Congress. It is likely to continue. The party no longer appears to have a proper organisation, so it is difficult to understand



who is resigning and where they are going. It is an internal matter for them to address." Taking a further swipe at Bhattacharya, Ghosh questioned her tenure as Finance Minister and her recent remarks regarding budget preparation. "Chandrima Bhattacharya served as Finance Minister for so many years, yet

she now claims she did not know how the Budget was prepared. Why was she sitting there then? Was the Budget being prepared without consulting her? Mamata Banerjee herself had said that she prepared the Budget on the treadmill. Is that how a Budget is made? This is sheer absurdity. West Bengal's cur-

rent poor financial condition is the result of such governance..." he said. On allegations of corruption in the state, Ghosh added, "The corruption that has taken place in West Bengal during the Trinamool's rule is being investigated. Anyone who has evidence should file a complaint with the police. No one found guilty will be spared." His remarks came shortly after Chandrima Bhattacharya stepped down from all party responsibilities, marking another political setback for the Trinamool Congress ahead of the 2026 West Bengal Assembly elections.

Four killed, 20 injured in two separate bus accidents in Telangana



Hyderabad:

Telangana woke up to a bloody Sunday morning with two major accidents being reported from Nalgonda and Gadwal districts in which four persons were killed and twenty others were injured, at least a dozen of them critically. Reports from Nalgonda district said, a private travels bus rammed into a Swift Dezire car near Peddakaparty village around 6 a.m on Hyderabad – Vijayawada Highway. The four occupants of the car including two women, a boy and the car driver died on the spot and five others travelling in the bus were injured critically. The bus was on its way from Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh to Hyderabad. It was said that the accident took place near a road diversion where a fly-over is under construction. Both the vehicles were on the diversion and there was a head on collision.

Reports said the The car passengers were

on their way to Hyderabad. The deceased included an SBI bank manage who was returning from Chennai to Hyderabad in the car. They are believed to be hailing from kakinada. The private bus hit the swift car following which the car hit the divider and turned turtle. In the second incident reported from Gadwal, a private travels bus and a truck collided leading to injuries for over 15 bus passengers. Incidentally, this bus is also on its way from Hindupur in Andhra Pradesh to Hyderabad. The incident happened around 2 a.m. near Manapadu stage on National Highway 44. The truck involved in the accident was on its way to Jammu and Kashmir and both the vehicles were travelling in the same direction. The truck is reported to have rammed into the bus, following which the bus overturned. Twenty two bus passengers were rescued from the bus.

Security forces launch operation after firing in Shopian's Saidpora

Srinagar:

Gunshots were heard on Saturday during a cordon and search operation (CASO) in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district, police sources said. Police sources said gunshots were heard during a CASO in the Saidpora area of south Kashmir's Shopian district on Saturday evening. Joint security forces had launched the operation in the area following intelligence inputs about the presence of terrorists there. Sources said that after gunshots were heard in the cordoned-off area, reinforcements were rushed to seal the locality completely. Search operations are continuing in the area, police sources said. Although Shopian district, like the rest of the Valley, is largely peaceful and terrorism has, according to security agencies, been reduced to residual levels, the district has witnessed militant activity since the onset of armed violence in the 1990s. Its trajectory, however, changed significantly after 2008. Situated in south Kashmir, the district became a major centre of home-grown militancy, targeted killings of minorities and security personnel, and high-intensity counter-terrorism operations. Like much of the Kashmir Val-



ley, Shopian witnessed a heavy presence of terrorist groups during the years of insurgency. The period resulted in the displacement of local Kashmiri Pandit populations and widespread violence. In 2009, the district became

the focal point of major civil unrest following the deaths of two local women. The protests brought the Valley to a near standstill and led to heightened tensions between local residents and security forces. After 2015,

Shopian emerged as a key centre of local militancy, with young and educated residents joining groups such as Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and Hizbul Mujahideen (HM). The region witnessed attacks on politicians, security personnel and minority communities, including Kashmiri Pandits and migrant labourers, prompting several families to leave the area. To dismantle terror networks in the district, security forces, including the Army, CRPF and J&K Police, intensified cordon and search operations, eliminating several commanders and disrupting militant infrastructure.

Hyderabad's Young Skater Padiga Tejesh Celebrated for National and International Achievements

Padiga Tejesh, an artistic skater from Hyderabad, who has won a Silver medal in the individual Figure skating category at the 21st National Ice Skating Championship in Dehradun recently. Padiga Tejesh, is the only skater from Telangana in figure skating category to be selected to participate in the Asian Ice Skating Championship to be held in Indonesia later this year. Padiga Tejesh is trained by the renowned skating coach Mr Anup Kumar Yama, an Arjun Award winner from Hyderabad. Tejesh has



bagged several national and international medals at a very young age.

He had won one gold medal and two silver medal at the Asian Championship held in South Korea in 2025 and bagged one gold medal, one silver and one bronze medal at the Oceania Championship held in New Zealand in

2024. He had also picked up silver medal at the 19th Asian Championship held in China in 2023. In recognition of his remarkable achievements, the Nehrunagar Park Development Committee felicitated Padiga Tejesh today at Nehrunagar park, West Marredpalli in Secunderabad.

Puri's titular king objects to ISKCON's 'untimely' Rath Yatras

Bhubaneswar: Puri's titular king Gajapati Maharaja Dibyasingha Deb wrote to ISKCON, accusing it of hurting sentiments of devotees by organising Lord Jagannath's Snan Yatra and Rath Yatra on dates that are not in accordance with scriptures. In a letter addressed to Shree Madhusevita Dasa Prabhu, chairman of ISKCON's Governing Body Commission (GBC) in Mayapur, Deb, who is the chairman of the Shree Jagannath Temple Managing Committee (SJTCM), urged the organisation to review a decision taken by it in October 2025. "You are therefore requested to reconsider and revise the GBC decision of October 2025... so as to ensure that ISKCON celebrates Rath Yatra around the world only within the aforesaid nine-day festival period," the letter issued on Saturday said. The SJTCM is the apex policy-making body of the 12th-century Shree Jagannath Temple in Puri. Deb said the Puri temple, regarded as the "mool peeth" (original seat) of Lord Jagannath, has repeatedly urged ISKCON to observe both Snan Yatra and Rath Yatra strictly on the dates prescribed in scriptures and traditions. According to the letter, although ISKCON had earlier assured the Puri temple that Snan Yatra would be observed on 'Jyestha Purnima Tithi', it has continued to organise the festival on different dates in several cities around the world. To support his claim, Deb enclosed a list of what he described as untimely Snan Yatras held

after May 1. This year, Snan Purnima was on June 29.

"You are therefore requested to ensure that all ISKCON temples worldwide celebrate Snan Yatra only on Jyestha Purnima Tithi," he wrote. Responding to the Puri temple's earlier objections, ISKCON had maintained that it was not always possible to organise Rath Yatra on the scripturally prescribed date in every country because of climatic conditions, government regulations and local cultural factors. "In Russia, the regional climate, the government and the local culture are often not favourable to the observance of Rath Yatra on dates prescribed in sastra," ISKCON had told the Puri temple. However, Deb said the explanation did not justify holding the festival outside the prescribed period. He objected to ISKCON's reported plan to organise Rath Yatra at 66 locations across Madhya Pradesh between July 16 and July 25 through its temple in Ujjain. He said scriptures describe Rath Yatra as a nine-day festival that begins only on 'Ashadha Shukla Paksha Dwitiya Tithi'. "It is pertinent to state here that celebration of sacred Snan Yatra and Rath Yatra in contravention of holy scriptures and ancient well-established tradition is hurting the religious sentiments of countless devotees around the world," he said.

Deb said Maharshi Vedavyasa, in the Skanda Purana, records Lord



Jagannath as declaring that Snan Yatra should be celebrated on 'Jyestha

Purnima' and Rath Yatra should commence on 'Ashadha Shukla Paksha Dwitiya' and continue for nine days. "These divine proclamations of Lord Jagannath have been reiterated in several scriptures," he said. Deb said it was contradictory that while ISKCON claims to faithfully follow the teachings of Lord Krishna as narrated by Maharshi Vedavyasa, it continues to organise Snan Yatra and Rath Yatra on "random dates" throughout the year.

Aadhaar and voter ID mismatch delays SIR enrolment for voters

Hyderabad: With the BLOs not knocking on doors with enumeration forms, those trying to complete the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls online are also facing hardships. From mismatches in names on Aadhaar and voter ID cards to difficulties in tracing SIR 2002 details, several voters trying to complete the enumeration form online have been left dismayed by the obstacles they face during the process. After an agonising wait for



the BLOs, who are yet to visit and hand over the prescribed SIR forms, many voters have been trying to complete their enumeration forms online. However, their efforts are turning into an odyssey of sorts. Most are getting stuck at the initial stage itself. From the name on the Aadhaar card not matching the name on the voter ID card to difficulties in linking the mobile number with the voter ID, many complain of hurdles. To fill up the enumeration form online, the mobile number has to be linked to the voter ID card. However, voters trying to link it through Form 8 report issues due to name mismatches, such as surname abbreviations and expansions, and variations in the spelling of the last name on the Aadhaar card and voter ID card, causing the linking process to fail. Name mismatches are prevalent among women who have changed their surname after marriage. "While filling up the enumeration form, I came across issues such as name mismatch. With no other option left, I chose to update my voter ID details, including my name and photo, to match those on my Aadhaar card."

Kajal Aggarwal says food safety remains a major concern ahead of 'The India Story' release

Mumbai:

Actress Kajal Aggarwal, who is gearing up for the release of her upcoming film 'The India Story', has spoken up on the corruption in the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). The FSSAI has been under public scrutiny for flouting safety norms, and granting food safety certificates to sub par products of late putting the nation's health at risk. The actress spoke with IANS during the promotions of the film, and shared her opinion on India's food safety.

The actress told IANS, "So it is a sad reality. Even I have heard of these things, and bad practices, and a lot of things going wrong. This definitely does put the nation's health at risk. Especially, considering that we have the youngest



population here, and we have so many young adults and children in our nation who need to be fed. They need to be catered to health and immunity needs to happen. We do not live in the best of sanitation conditions. So, that is another risk. That we are dealing with at any given point of

time". She further mentioned, "There is pollution, there are stress factors. It is all a mixed bag. So, it is definitely not the easiest of environments for us to navigate. But, there are people like Tukaram Munde, the newly elected FDA Commissioner. He governs the entire food channels, and he has carried out more than 700 raids in 22 days of his posting". "So there are genuine people, there are honest people, who are actually fighting the good fight. And, I just hope that People's conscience really evolves through the course of our film", she added. 'The India Story' is produced by Swati Vinayak Saindane, Anita Jadhav, Vinayak Saindane, Kalpesh Shah, Devyani Khorate, and Prem Joshi. The film is set to release in cinemas on July 24, 2026.

Karan Johar praises Alia Bhatt's 'Alpha'

New Delhi:

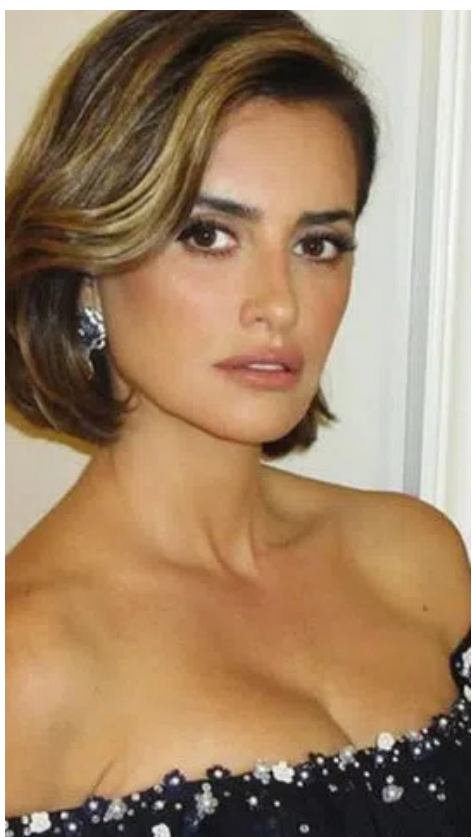
Filmmaker Karan Johar lauded Alia Bhatt-starrer "Alpha" and the actor's "stardom, theatrical pull and unquestionable talent" as he urged the audience to watch the film. Johar shared a note on his Instagram story on Saturday and praised Bhatt's stardom. His comments come after the mixed reviews of the actor's latest film "Alpha". Released on Friday, the film is directed by Shiv Rawail and is described as the first female-led film in the studio's interconnected Spy Universe. It has collected over Rs 17 crore on the opening day at the global box office. "When footfalls are a challenge, 'Alpha' takes a solid start... It emphasises many things... the audience is way above online negativity, and they are the true warriors," he wrote. "The stardom, theatrical pull and unquestionable talent of Alia Bhatt, along with the impact of a big-screen spectacle, is undebatable. YRF has continued to build franchises and create theatrical tentpole experiences that deserve our applause, not toxicity. So please relax and celebrate that cinemas are breathing. Go watch 'Alpha' and stop doomscrolling," he added. Also featuring Sharvari, the film follows two elite agents, played by Bhatt and Sharvari, who embark on a high-stakes mission to take on a dangerous adver-



sary portrayed by Bobby Deol. The cast also includes Anil Kapoor in a pivotal role, while Hrithik Roshan reprises his role as super-spy Kabir Dhaliwal in a special appearance. "Alpha" is the latest addition to Yash Raj Films'

Spy Universe, which includes "Ek Tha Tiger", "Tiger Zinda Hai", "War", "Pathaan", "Tiger 3" and "War 2". The film was released in theatres across the country on Friday in Hindi, Tamil and Telugu languages.

Penelope Cruz says she's 'still learning' after more than 15 years of marriage with Javier Bardem



Los Angeles:

Hollywood actress Penelope Cruz has said that her relationship with husband Javier Bardem is a learning curve. The actress said that she is "still learning" in her relationship with husband Javier Bardem after more than 15 years of marriage, reports 'People' magazine. The actress opened up about their relationship while promoting her new movie, 'The Invite'. The

Paul McCartney performs Beatles classic at Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's wedding reception

Los Angeles:

The Beatles legend Paul McCartney treated the pop icon Taylor Swift and her husband Travis Kelce with one of the songs of the legendary band at the couple's wedding. The musician, 84, performed the band's hit song 'I Want to Hold Your Hand' at the couple's star-studded reception at Madison Square Garden in New York City, reports 'People' magazine. A source told 'People', "After the ceremony, Taylor's mom Andrea invited everyone into the reception room where the stage was set up". Stevie Nicks, who has been a friend and mentor to Swift for years, also performed. Taylor Swift, 36, and Paul McCartney, meanwhile, have made no secret of their mutual admiration for each other. They previously appeared on the cover of Rolling Stone together in 2020. More recently, Swift re-shared an Instagram post from the legendary British singer



about his new album, 'The Boys of Dungeon Lane'. Alongside the post on June 2, she praised Paul McCartney as an "eternally exceptional artist" and said she was "never not inspired" by him. Her post came days after the Beatles star was asked during an interview if he would give Swift any advice on navigating the same level of global fame he has achieved in his own music career. Paul McCartney told BBC Sounds, "You do see the parallel, you know the fame and the amount of fame. The worldwide fame that Taylor Swift has and that we had, but I don't think she

needs any advice to tell you the truth". McCartney later reiterated that if Swift asked him for advice, he would "definitely" oblige. "I'm like the older brother to that generation, or more like the granddad, actually", he said. As per 'People', the 'Coming Up' singer revealed that he met Swift, along with other young singers, including Billie Eilish and Olivia Rodrigo at parties hosted by his wife, Nancy Shevell, and daughter, Stella McCartney. "They're really cool people, they're very good. I like their voices. If they need any advice, yeah, I would be happy to give it, but I don't think they do", he added.

Shresta Iyer eliminated from Lock Upp 2 Sach Ya Sazaa show

Mumbai:

The first elimination for the reality show 'Lock Upp 2 Sach Ya Sazaa' has taken place, and contestant Shresta Iyer is out of the show. In an emotional moment, Jailer Farah Khan told Shresta, "Although your journey on the show has come to an end, we hope that your journey of coming out of your brother's shadow has just commenced." To this, Shresta reacted, saying, "That shadow will also stay. Always. Because I'm proud of it." Correcting her, Farah pitched in, "It



shouldn't act like a shadow but a nurturing shade." "That shade will always be there, I will keep working hard", Shresta concluded. For the unaware, Shresta is the sister of the prominent Indian

cricketer, Shreyas Iyer. Meanwhile, during the primary week of the show, Riyaz Aly managed to win the crackdown challenge, securing himself. Riyaz decided to put Akanksha Chamola at risk along with Shresta, Shreya Kalra, Madhuri Grover, and Sufi Motiwala. On another note, the Judgement Day episode also witnessed a special guest, actress Kangana Ranaut, who was the host of the show in season one. Kangana joined the jailers, Farah Khan, and Riteish Deshmukh as the 'Janata Ki Awaaz'.

actress, 52, said that she believes the comedy, which was directed by Olivia Wilde and centers on the relationship dynamics of two couples at a dinner party, is so relatable because so many people are still discovering new things about their partners, regardless of how long they've been together. She told 'People', "I feel like I'm still learning (in my relationship), you know? And I am with somebody that I've known for 33 years. I really know that person, but it's like, is there a day where you really get to know yourself? No. So the same with your partner". The actress and Javier Bardem, 57, first crossed paths in 1992 while filming the Spanish dark comedy 'Jamón Jamón'. While later speaking about the experience with GQ, Bardem said that while there was "obvious" chemistry between them, "nothing happened". As per 'People', the pair didn't form a romantic connection until they reunited for the 2008 film 'Vicky Cristina Barcelona'. "Neither of us would make the first move", he said while recalling their time on set of the comedy-drama. "I don't know if we were shy or trying to be too professional. Anyway, it got to the very last day of filming and nothing had happened. So I thought, 'F*** We better get drunk'. Luckily a friend of ours threw a wrap party and, well, the rest is history. Thank God", he added. In a 2024 interview with 'Gentleman's Journal', Javier Bardem said that part of their special connection stems from the fact that they knew one another before they were famous.

Ishan Kishan defends India's team selection after second T20I defeat to England

Manchester: India batter Ishan Kishan claimed that the team management had picked the 'perfect team' for the second T20I against England, rejecting the suggestion that they needed an off-spinner to stem the run-flow in the middle overs. Ishan Kishan scored 49 and, along with skipper Shreyas Iyer (37) and Abhishek Sharma (43), helped India post a challenging 190/7 upon electing to bat first at Old Trafford on Saturday. However, England rode on an unbeaten 76 from Jacob Bethell to overhaul the target and reach 191/6 in 19 overs, recovering from a precarious 1/2 and 51/3 for a four-wicket win. The key to India's defeat was the 17th over bowled by Ravi Bishnoi that cost 29 runs as the leggie finished with figures of 4-0-60-0. Asked whether India needed an off-spinner to capitalise on the situation in the middle and lower-order, Ishan Kishan said the bowlers picked for the match were "quality bowlers," and all this talk was conjecture. "No, I mean, we played for a perfect team, you know. It's just that when you don't win, there are a lot of thoughts coming in, a lot of ifs and buts are coming in. But at the same time, I feel all of them were very good bowlers who have done well in the past, who have made their team win in different situations. Even bowling on very flat tracks and still getting wickets. So, I don't think we could have done anything different looking at the team side," said Ishan Kishan in the post-match press conference. Kishan, however, admitted that the team has to consider how it can improve its performance, taking the conditions into account. "Yeah, like I said, we need to just understand what conditions are and how we can improve, what we can do better. You know, thoughts will keep coming in. But at the end of the day, we just need to understand the situation, like we are playing outside India, and what the pitch requires from us as a batter and as a bowler. Not only one batter or one bowler can, you know, just make the difference. But as a group, I feel we need to just understand more, like where we can get better," he added.

Kishan came in at one down as



India went in with 15-year-old opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi in the second match. The first match was abandoned without a ball being bowled in the second innings after India posted 189/7 in the rain-hit match. Pointing out that the team has been losing momentum in the backend and falling short by 15-20 runs from what they could have in both times they batted in this series, the Jharkhand wicketkeeper-batter said the team has to improve, and said all batters would have to think about where they can score those 20-plus runs. He said they will have to look at the hosts' batters to understand what they are doing better because they know the conditions better. "100%, I mean, yes. Obviously, you know, they'll have the best choice of bowling, where to pick up, which bowler to put (under pressure), and which batsman to put (under pressure). They understand the condition better than we do. But at the same time, you know, as I said, I mean, everyone's answer is the same. Like, we are all looking to improve. "We are all looking to understand what these guys are doing against us. Like, when we play in India, we have more ideas about the wicket. So, here, obviously, every batter needs to understand, as a team, like, where we can, you know, get those extra 20 runs, whether it's by scoring boundaries or, because it's a big ground, you need to take those, whether you have to target the gaps. So, these are a few things I feel we'll talk about as a group, we'll understand, and we'll get better with time," he said.

Ambati Rayudu backs Sanju Samson after T20I omission, wishes Vaibhav Sooryavanshi success

New Delhi:

Former India batter Ambati Rayudu urged fans not to overlook Sanju Samson's recent contributions after the wicket keeper-batter was left out of India's playing XI for the second T20I against England, with teenage opener Vaibhav Sooryavanshi handed his international debut.

World news coverage Rayudu acknowledged the excitement surrounding Sooryavanshi's debut but reminded fans of Samson's achievements in India's recent T20 triumph. "Let's spare a thought for Sanju Samson... very happy to see Vaibhav make his debut, and it deserves a celebration, but let's not forget that Sanju was the man of the tournament in the T20 World



Cup just 3 T20 games ago," Rayudu wrote on X. Samson's omission came after he managed just one run from seven deliveries in the opening T20I of the series against England. India opted to reshuffle their batting order for the second match, bringing in the highly-rated Sooryavanshi, one of the country's brightest young prospects. While welcoming the new face into the national side,

Rayudu also expressed confidence that Samson would use the setback as motivation and return stronger. "I just hope he comes back strong and also wish Vaibhav a very long and record-shattering career," Rayudu added. Samson had played a pivotal role in India's recent T20 World Cup triumph, earning the Player of the Tournament award, making his exclusion after a solitary low score a talking point among fans and former cricketers alike. Sooryavanshi, meanwhile, was dismissed for just 14 on his debut, but the youngster showed fearless intent, hitting two big sixes in his 10-ball stay at the crease. England clinched a four-wicket win to take a 1-0 lead in the five-game series.

Ahead of England-Australia final, Jay Shah hails record-shattering success of Women's



London: Ahead of the high-octane final between England and Australia, International Cricket Council (ICC) Chairman Jay Shah has hailed the ongoing 2026 Women's T20 World Cup as a record-shattering success, saying that it has emerged as the biggest edition of the tournament in on-ground attendance and viewership. The title clash between the two cricketing powerhouses is scheduled to take place at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground on Sunday. "We had ambitions for this #T20WorldCup to be the biggest ever, and with record-breaking crowds and huge viewership across the globe on TV and digital, we have achieved that," wrote Shah on his 'X' account. Looking forward to the blockbuster finale, Shah extended his greetings to both teams. "Best of luck to England and Australia, who will no doubt put on a great contest in the Final at Lord's," he added. The high-stakes encounter marks the fourth time Australia and England have contested in

the tournament's summit clash, having previously met in the 2012, 2014, and 2018 finals, which were all won by Australia.

Six-time champions Australia enter the title decider as firm favourites after having a run of six consecutive victories. Led by Sophie Molineux, who took over the captaincy following Alyssa Healy's retirement in March, Australia entered the final with a commanding eight-wicket win over the West Indies at The Oval. Meanwhile, hosts England earned their place in the final after defeating South Africa by 40 runs in their semi-final fixture at The Oval. The Nat Sciver-Bruntled side are aiming to capture their second T20 World Cup crown and repeat their historic triumph from the inaugural edition, achieved at this very venue back in 2009. At the title clash, global music icons Rita Ora and Clean Bandit will perform in a star-studded closing ceremony of the tenth edition of the tournament.

Di Grassi claims shock Shanghai Formula E victory as Wehrlein takes title lead

Shanghai: Lucas di Grassi ended a four-year Formula E winless streak with a stunning victory in the second race of the 2025-26 Shanghai E-Prix double-header on Sunday, while Pascal Wehrlein moved into the championship lead after rival Mitch Evans failed to start. Di Grassi charged from 19th on the grid to claim his first Formula E victory since London in 2022 and the first for Lola Yamaha since the manufacturer took over the Abt Cupra team's license in 2024. Rain fell throughout the day at the Shanghai International Circuit before easing shortly before the start, prompting di Grassi and eventual runner-up Jean-Eric Vergne to gamble on dry setups while many of their rivals opted for wet configurations, reports Xinhua. The strategy initially appeared risky as Di Grassi struggled in the early laps, conserving energy while running outside the points. As the circuit dried, however, the Brazilian began carving through the field and climbed to third before a full-course yellow on lap 24. When racing resumed one lap later, Di Grassi was the only driver among the frontrunners with an unused Attack Mode. He activated the extra power to sweep past Vergne at the first corner of the final lap to secure victory, extending his record as Formula E's oldest race winner. "We took the right risks today. In my position, where we were, we had to take those risks, and I'm so glad we managed to make it," said di Grassi, who is due to retire from Formula E at the end of the 2025-26 season. India News Updates "It was a great fight that we had, a great battle with Joel at the end, and I'm so happy for everybody. "We've been working flat out. It's not al-



ways easy, but moments like this are why we do all of this," concluded the Brazilian, whose Lola Yamaha team had previously not finished higher than seventh this season. Also Read - Formula E Race Case: ACB for gov nod to prosecute KTR, others Vergne completed an equally impressive recovery from 18th on the grid to finish second, while rookie Joel Eriksson claimed the first podium of his Formula E career in third after leading the closing stages before being overhauled on the final lap. Wehrlein finished fourth after leading the early laps but faded as the drying conditions increasingly favoured drivers on dry setups. Nevertheless, the result moved the Porsche driver into the championship lead after Evans was unable to take the start because of a technical issue with the spec DC/DC inverter. The non-finish leaves Evans nine points behind Wehrlein's total of 141 with three races remaining. Reigning champion Oliver Rowland, who finished the race in eighth, moves up to third on 114 points. In the teams' championship, Jaguar still leads with 243 points despite not scoring, but Porsche has closed to within six points of the British marque.

Govt withdraws emergency gas curbs imposed during Hormuz disruption as LNG supplies normalise

New Delhi: The government has withdrawn most provisions of the emergency natural gas supply regulation order imposed during the West Asia conflict after liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments through the Strait of Hormuz resumed following a ceasefire. In a notification issued on Saturday, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas amended the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026, omitting key operational provisions, which led to all domestically produced natural gas and imported LNG to be sold as per a new priority customer list drawn by the government. The original order, issued on March 9 under the Essential Commodities Act, was brought in after the conflict in West Asia disrupted LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz, with suppliers invoking force majeure and diverting cargoes to priority consumers. The ministry said the situation has since improved, with a

about 88 per cent of its crude oil requirements and around half of its natural gas needs. About 40-45 per cent of its crude oil imports and nearly 65 per cent of its liquefied natural gas (LNG) supplies come from West Asia, underscoring the country's vulnerability to disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz, through which most Gulf energy exports are shipped. The threat to traffic through the waterway prompted the government to invoke emergency powers in March to safeguard domestic fuel and gas supplies. While India diversified crude oil purchases by sourcing supplies from other producers, natural gas imports remained exposed because most LNG cargoes from Qatar pass through the Strait of Hormuz. The disruption led some suppliers to invoke force majeure, prompting the government to introduce emergency measures to prioritise gas supplies to essential sectors. The March order empow-

guaranteed 80 per cent of their average consumption, subject to operational availability.

To meet those priorities, the government had authorised curtailment of gas supplies to petrochemical plants and power stations, while directing oil refiners to reduce gas consumption to about 65 per cent of their average use, wherever operationally feasible. The order had also required state-run GAIL, in coordination with the Petroleum Planning and Analysis Cell (PPAC), to pool and redistribute gas supplies, notify a pooled price for diverted gas, and oversee implementation of revised allocation schedules. Gas producers, LNG importers, marketers, pipeline operators and city gas distributors were directed to comply with revised supply schedules, while the emergency provisions overrode existing gas sale agreements and other commercial contracts. The government said the emer-



ceasefire in place, negotiations underway and maritime traffic through the Strait of Hormuz resuming. The gas supply curbs were one of three emergency measures the government introduced after energy supplies from the Gulf were threatened by the effective closure of the Strait of Hormuz, following US and Israeli strikes on Iran on February 28 and Tehran's retaliatory attacks. The other two measures – directing refiners to maximise LPG production by diverting feedstock from petrochemicals and restricting diesel sales to bulk consumers – have already been withdrawn as the supply situation normalised. India, the world's third-largest oil importer and consumer, imports

ered the government to direct sector-wise allocation and diversion of domestic gas, LNG and regasified LNG to ensure uninterrupted supplies to priority consumers after suppliers invoked force majeure clauses amid the West Asia crisis. Under the emergency measures, supplies to piped natural gas (PNG) households, compressed natural gas (CNG) for transport, LPG production and pipeline operations were to be maintained at 100 per cent of their average consumption over the previous six months. Fertiliser plants were assured 70 per cent of their average gas requirement, while industrial consumers connected to the national gas grid and city gas distribution networks were

agency measures were no longer required as the conflict that had disrupted LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz had been followed by a ceasefire, negotiations were underway, and maritime traffic through the strategic waterway had resumed. "The ongoing conflict in the Middle East that had resulted in the disruption of liquefied natural gas shipments through the Strait of Hormuz has been subject to a ceasefire, and negotiations are ongoing, as part of which, sea traffic through the Strait of Hormuz has been permitted to be resumed," the notification said. Following this, the government is "omitting" parts of the March 9 emergency order that prioritised all available gas, it added.

Australia's University of Melbourne signs MoU with TIDCO for tech hub in Tamil Nadu

New Delhi: The proposed Centre for Emerging Technologies will be set up at Tamil Nadu Knowledge City in Tiruvallur and will operate from a dedicated 20,000-square-foot research and teaching facility within the precinct's knowledge tower. The collaboration aims to advance research and innovation in areas such as quantum computing, agri-tech and other emerging technologies, while fostering stronger links between academia and industry. The partnership will focus on collaborative research, curriculum development, workforce training and industry-led innovation to support future-ready technologies. Research at the centre will cover basic, applied and translational projects, with industry playing a key role in driving innovation and commercial applications. The initiative is also expected to strengthen industry-aligned education through certification programmes, joint research and development projects, prototyping, pilot testing, technical workshops, exchange programmes and dual-certification courses. Also Read - New blood test to boost diagnosis for rare genetic diseases in kids Advertisement Discover more Telangana News App political Indian Current Events University of Melbourne Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Global, Culture and Engagement) Prof. Michael Wesley said the agreement represents an important milestone in expanding the university's engagement with India's growing innovation ecosystem. Indian Current Events He said the university looks forward to working with TIDCO and its partners in India on the initiative, adding that the Centre for Emerging Tech-



nologies will bring together researchers, students and industry to collaborate on future-focused technologies. He expressed confidence that the partnership would catalyse innovation, strengthen bilateral connections and deliver solutions that create lasting value for both India and Australia. TIDCO Chairman and Managing Director Dr D. Karthikeyan said the collaboration marks a transformative moment for Tamil Nadu's innovation ecosystem and will help position the state as a global destination for research and development in emerging technologies. The agreement builds on a Letter of Intent signed earlier this year and reflects the growing education and research partnership between Australia and India. Both organisations said the collaboration is aimed at promoting innovation, skills development and commercial partnerships across strategic technology sectors.

Sensex may rally to 79,000, Nifty eyes 24,600 next week: Experts

Mumbai: After ending the week on a firm note, India's benchmark indices are expected to remain on a positive trajectory, with experts saying the Sensex could move towards the 79,000 mark and the Nifty may target 24,600 if they manage to sustain above crucial resistance levels in



the coming sessions. History In the previous week, the Indian stock market concluded with solid gains, supported by strong domestic macroeconomic indicators and improving investor sentiment. Robust GST collections, better industrial output, and continued expansion in both the manufacturing and services sectors helped underpin the rally. Market sentiment also received support from expectations of a more accommodative global monetary policy after weaker-than-expected US labour market data. Although global cues remained mixed and India's services sector activity moderated slightly, benchmark indices displayed resilience throughout the week. Also Read - Six of top-10 most-valued firms add over Rs 1 lakh crore in market value last week Advertisement For the week, the Sensex advanced 0.86 per cent to settle at 77,763.91, while the Nifty climbed 0.90 per cent to close at 24,270.80. According to experts, the Sensex continues to maintain a constructive technical setup after holding above its recent breakout levels. They said the 78,100-78,200 zone will be the immediate resistance, and a sustained move above this range could

strengthen bullish momentum and pave the way for an advance towards the 79,000 mark. On the downside, experts expect the 77,500-77,400 range to provide immediate support, followed by the 77,000 level.

"Holding above these support zones will be crucial for maintaining the broader recovery trend, although sustained buying above immediate resistance will be needed to confirm the next leg of the rally," market experts noted. For the Nifty, experts said the index remains in a positive technical structure as it continues to trade above its 100-day exponential moving average (EMA) of 24,131 and has also closed above the falling resistance trendline near 24,200. "These levels are expected to serve as immediate support in the coming week," as per the expert. They expect the 24,050-24,150 zone to act as immediate support, while the 24,421 level, which coincides with the 200-day EMA, remains the first major resistance. A decisive move above this level could trigger a rally towards 24,600, which aligns with the April swing high and is likely to be the next key hurdle for the bulls.

Five among seven fishermen missed in sea off in Visakhapatnam rescued



A significant development has occurred regarding the incident involving seven fishermen who went missing at sea off Visakhapatnam. Authorities have located five of the missing individuals. Rescue teams are continuing extensive search operations at sea for the remaining two fishermen. Among the missing, Kare Chinna was spotted and safely rescued by the crew of a commercial vessel; rescue teams subsequently brought him ashore. Reports indicate that four other fishermen had boarded the boat along with Chinna. Officials stated that arrangements are being made to bring them to safety. The search continues for the two fishermen whose whereabouts remain unknown. The seven individuals had set out to sea for fishing from the Visakhapatnam Fishing Harbour around 3:00 AM on July 1st in a boat bearing the registration number IND-AP-MM-

V5-83. However, they decided to return to the harbour after weather conditions at sea suddenly deteriorated. At 2:00 PM on July 4th, the fishermen called their families, stating they would reach the harbour by 3:00 PM. Their families grew anxious when the boat failed to return even after 5:00 PM. Subsequently, the authorities were informed after the six mobile phones carried by the fishermen were found to be switched off. Responding to the incident, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the situation after consulting with senior officials. He directed them to intensify search operations to locate the missing fishermen and bring them back safely. Teams from the Coast Guard, Navy, Marine Police, and the Fisheries Department are carrying out coordinated rescue operations at sea. Andhra Pradesh Tourism

Three women, die after being run over by a train in Eluru



Amaravati: Police stated on Sunday that at least four people, including three women, died after being struck by a train in the Eluru district of Andhra Pradesh. The incident occurred after midnight on Saturday near Chebrolu in Unguturu Mandal. According to the police, one man and three women died after falling under the Cherlapalli-Shalimar Special train. The bodies were mutilated beyond recognition. Upon receiving the information, the Government Railway Police (GRP) from Tadepalligudem arrived at the scene and removed the bodies. Police suspect that the victims belonged to the same family and may have died by suicide. They are estimated to be between 30 and 35 years of age. Police found an ATM card near one of the women's bodies; the card was in the name of Shaik Hasina. A bike parking receipt issued by the Tadepalligudem RTC depot was found with another woman. Also Read - CM Chandrababu

inquires about missing of fishermen in Vizag, order intense rescue operations Advertisement Police also recovered two mobile phones from the scene. Both phones were damaged. They are attempting to retrieve data from the SIM cards to identify the deceased. GRP personnel shifted the bodies to the Tadepalligudem Area Hospital for post-mortem examinations. A GRP official stated that a case has been registered and an investigation is underway. Meanwhile, four people died in a road accident in Telangana's Nalgonda district early Sunday morning. The accident occurred on the Hyderabad-Vijayawada National Highway near Peddakaparthi village in Chityal Mandal, when a private travel bus collided with a car. Telangana News App While four occupants of the car died on the spot, the driver, V.V. Prasad, sustained severe injuries. Prasad's wife, son, daughter, and a friend lost their lives in the accident.

CM Chandrababu inquires about missing of fishermen in Vizag, order intense rescue operations



Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu inquired about the missing of seven fishermen in Visakhapatnam where the officials briefed the Chief Minister on the measures being taken to rescue them. The CM ordered the intensification of search operations using Coast Guard vessels

and was informed that the rescue mission had been expanded to include Navy helicopters. He directed the Marine IGP and the Visakhapatnam City Police Commissioner to coordinate the search operations at sea and instructed that he be kept updated on the progress. Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kinjarapu Atchannaidu also inquired about the incident involving the seven missing fishermen who had ventured out from the Visakhapatnam fishing harbour. He spoke with the District Collector over the phone to obtain details and ordered officials to conduct search operations on a war footing. Minister Atchannaidu assured the fishermen's families that the government would stand by them. He also advised fishermen against venturing out to sea during periods of heavy rainfall.

Invoke PD Act against repeat ganja smugglers, demands Excise Director

Nellore: Prohibition and Excise Director Rahul Dev Sharma has warned of stringent action against ganja and illicit liquor smugglers, including invoking the Preventive Detention (PD) Act against repeat offenders. The Director, who was in Nellore, conducted a comprehensive crime review meeting with department officials on Saturday. During the session, he analyzed station-wise crime records across the district and issued key directives to strengthen field enforcement. Stating that Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu is firm on eradicating narcotics and bootlegging, the Director ordered officials to block the inflow of contraband from neighboring states and intensify vigil on high-incidence border pockets. He instructed teams to crack down heavily on illegal belt shops and public drinking, ensuring strict compliance with excise laws. Noting that existing liquor shop licences have only three months of validity remaining, he directed the department to prioritize licence fee collections and prevent the storage of unauthorized



stock in retail outlets. Expressing dissatisfaction over slow investigations into narcotics cases, the Director ordered officials to expedite legal procedures and file charge sheets immediately. He also commanded teams to trace and arrest out-of-state accused involved in NDPS and ganja cases, ensuring they are produced before Tahsildars as per legal provisions. District Prohibition and Excise Deputy Commissioner M. Sankaraiah, Assistant Commissioner P. Dayasagar, and inspectors from all 11 excise stations in the district attended the meeting.

Srinivas to lead TDP in Tirupati constituency

Tirupati: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has ended months of speculation over its Tirupati Assembly constituency leadership by appointing Mannem Srinivasa Prasad, popularly known as JB Srinivas, as the new constituency incharge. The decision replaces former MLA M Sugunamma, who had been handling the responsibility until now. The party leadership has been looking to bring in younger leadership in Tirupati as part of its efforts to strengthen the organisation ahead of future political battles. High Command held several rounds of discussions with senior party leaders before finalising Srinivas' name. The appointment is also seen as an attempt to build a stronger challenge against former MLA and senior YSRCP



leader Bhumana Karunakar Reddy. Many leaders in the constituency had expected a change in leadership, and several aspirants were in the race for the post. However, the party ultimately

chose 50-year old Srinivas, who has been actively associated with the TDP since 2012. He is engaged in finance and real estate businesses and is considered to have a strong support base in Tirupati. Party leaders believe his Balija community background and organisational network worked in his favour during the selection process. Over the past year, Srinivas has emerged as one of the more active TDP leaders in the constituency. He attracted the attention of the party leadership after taking an aggressive stand against the YSRCP on several local political issues.