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## Extensive search operation underway for missing fishermen: Vizag collector



Visakhapatnam District Collector M. Abhijith Kishore stated that the Indian Coast Guard and the Indian Navy Geographic Reference Visakhapatnam District Collector M. Abhijith Kishore stated that the Indian Coast Guard and the Indian Navy are jointly conducting an extensive search operation for the fishermen who went missing at sea. He affirmed that the rescue operation, utilising all available resources, would continue uninterrupted until the fishermen are located. He mentioned that Coast Guard vessels ICGS Kanak Lata Barua and ICGS Veera were deployed for the search and stated additional three Coast Guard helicopters

are conducting an extensive aerial search over the sea. The entire operation is being continuously monitored by the Regional Operations Centre (ROC) in Visakhapatnam. Meanwhile, the District Collector is regularly reviewing the situation with the local Revenue Divisional Officer (RDO) and other officials. He has instructed the concerned authorities to intensify coastal patrols and conduct checks to locate the fishermen.

## Nara Lokesh meets Hyundai Mobis representatives in South Korea, seeks investments in AP



Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh who is touring South Korea to attract investments has met with senior representatives of Hyundai Mobis and requested the establishment of an EV semiconductor hub in Andhra Pradesh. Andhra Pradesh Tourism Lokesh also put forth the proposal of setting up a Hyundai Mobis R&D/Engineering Center in Visakhapatnam and a manufacturing facility for EV components and battery systems in the Tirupati and Anantapur region. Also, the minister urged them to es-

tablish a 'Center of Excellence' in collaboration with IIT Tirupati. The minister also sought a partnership with Hyundai Mobis for research in autonomous driving, ADAS, and smart manufacturing. He requested their cooperation in developing Anantapur into an automobile hub and proposed hosting a conference for Tier-1 automobile suppliers in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh assured them of the AP government's full support for Hyundai Mobis's expansion plans to which the Hyundai Mobis stated that they intend to manufacture key modules for Hyundai and Kia at the Anantapur unit and emphasised that they would discuss the AP government's proposals at a high level before making a decision.

## Great admirer of PM Modi... I have Indian DNA: Indonesia President Prabowo Subianto



Jakarta: Lauding India's massive rise under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Indonesia's President Prabowo Subianto on Tuesday said that he is a "great admirer" of the Indian PM and has been closely following the policies adopted by him over the last many years. Addressing an Indian community event along with PM Modi in Jakarta, Prabowo Subianto also expressed his immense love for India and Indian culture. Executive Branch "Just before I made my State Visit to India (January

2025), I had what is called a genome sequencing test — I tested my DNA — and found out I had an Indian DNA. This is true, you know? And, that's why I think every time I hear some music, especially Indian music, I find my body moving," he said inviting a huge applause from the gathering. President Prabowo Subianto went on to add that he thinks that most of the ministers in the Indonesian cabinet seem to have an Indian DNA. Also Read - Biju Patnaik: The towering personality who helped forge India-Indonesia ties Advertisement "Today at the state banquet in our palace, you know state banquets are very formal, but I cannot help, my ministers my Generals they all like to dance, they all like to sing maybe most of them have Indian DNA also...Most of my ministers they sing Indian songs very well," he said. Recalling his visit to India and attending the 2025 Republic Day celebrations as a Chief Guest.



## AP Home Minister Anita reviews on Southwest Monsoon and El nino, gives suggestions to officers

The Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita, conducted a top-level review meeting on the issue of Southwest Monsoon and the impact of El Niño on Tuesday at the office of APSDMA. In the meeting, the Home Minister instructed the officers to take necessary steps in order to reduce the impact of disasters and made it clear that the primary aim is to see to it that there is no loss of life at all. She instructed the officers to set up separate control rooms which shall be functioning 24/7 at the state and district level. Executive Branch The Home Minister pointed out that the districts of Rayalaseema region are affected by El Niño and districts like Sri Satya Sai, Anantapur, and Annamayya are suffering from a heavy rainfall deficit. She informed the officers that districts like Kurnool, Nandyal, Chittoor, and Kadapa have moderate rainfall deficit, and the same case applies for the Prakasam, Markapuram, Nellore, and Tirupati districts. She instructed the officers to make the farmers aware of other crops in drought-prone mandals. She instructed the officers to take steps for evacuation of people in flood prone areas and to provide food, drinking and shelter.

## AP To Be First AI-Powered Tourism State

VIJAYAWADA: Andhra Pradesh would become India's first Artificial Intelligence-powered tourism state, with the government here signing a three-year strategic pact with travel technology company Explurger to deploy its NiVU AI platform across major tourist destinations. Tourism minister Kandula Durgesh announced the initiative on Tuesday after signing an MoU at the Secretariat in the presence of special chief secretary Ajay Jain, tourism authority managing director Amrapali Kata, CEO Padmavathi and senior officials. The minister said NiVU AI (neural intelligence vernacular unified model) would be introduced at over 100 tourist and pilgrimage destinations across the state in phases, making AP the country's first AI-powered tourism destination. The first phase will cover 30 major locations within a year. Full imple-



mentation is targeted over three years, with the agreement extendable based on performance. Tourists will be able to scan QR codes installed at forts, beaches, temples and heritage monuments to interact with NiVU AI through voice or text in more than 130 languages. The service will be free of cost and will not require visitors to download any application. Successful pilot projects at the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple and Sri Panakala Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy temple in Mangalagiri received an encouraging response.



## Investment Promotion Board Clears Proposals Worth 9,076-Crore

VIJAYAWADA: The Andhra Pradesh government on Tuesday approved investments worth '9,076.11 crore across 11 projects that are expected to generate 10,531 employment opportunities. Chairing the 19th meeting of the state investment promotion board on Tuesday, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu outlined an ambitious roadmap to strengthen the rural economy through industrialisation, ethanol production, tourism and green energy. Among the projects approved were Mondelez India Foods Pvt Ltd.'s '1,801-crore food processing unit at Sri City, Akshat Greentech's '1,600-crore solar cell manufacturing unit, the Adani Foundation's '2,200-crore project at Kapuluppada, Berry Alloys' '1,200-crore integrated metals project, Eco Box Industrials' '1,008-crore logistics park in Visakhapatnam, the Geo Mysore gold mining project in Kurnool, logistics, hospitality and tourism ventures in Tirupati, Nellore, Kadapa and Vijayawada. Naidu said industrial growth should create additional income avenues for farming families and help them evolve into entrepreneurs. He underlined that wealth creation and a circular economy would remain the cornerstone of the state's development strategy. He called for aggressive promotion of the ethanol manufacturing sector, saying rising ethanol blending levels would significantly benefit maize farmers.



## The 22A trap is a nightmare for legitimate patta landowners

Section 22A will remain a symbol of bureaucratic oppression. Buy land, they're not making it anymore—Mark Twain Imagine waking up to discover that the piece of earth you inherited from your ancestors, built your home upon, or tilled for decades no longer belongs to you in the eyes of the state. You didn't sell it, you didn't default on a loan, and no court ruled against you. Yet, with the silent click of a bureaucrat's mouse, your property has been frozen. You cannot sell it, gift it to your children, or even use it as collateral for a medical emergency. South Asians & Diaspora For thousands of ordinary landowners across Andhra Pradesh, this is not a dystopian fiction. It is the grim, exhausting reality of Section 22A of the Registration Act, legal tool originally forged to protect public property but weaponized into an administrative instrument of "unbearable torture" for the common citizen. To understand this crisis, one must dig into the anatomy of the law itself. Section 22A of the Indian Registration Act, 1908, gives the government the authority to compile a list of "prohibited properties" that cannot be registered or transferred. The objective was clear: protect government assets, temple endowments, forest areas, and Wakf lands from land grabbers. However, the real trouble began down the line with rushed digitization efforts like the MeeBhoomi initiative launched by the 2014-2019 Telugu Desam Party (TDP) administration. In a race to meet digital targets, revenue officials cross-referenced modern lands with century-old British-era Resettlement Registers (RSR). If a piece of land had been vaguely classified as a "stony hillock" or "communal waste" in 1906, it was automatically flagged as government property. Millions of genuine privately held patta lands were silently dumped into the 22A list without a single notice sent to the owners. The YSRC era and 'silent' inclusions: When the YSRC governed between 2019 and 2024, the structural cracks widened into a political canyon. The administration launched an ambitious state-wide land resurvey using drones and modern mapping technology. Andhra Pradesh Tourism While the stated intent was to "purify" records, the ground-level execution unleashed chaos. Official data eventually revealed a staggering reality: nearly 1.95 crore acres—accounting for roughly 59 per cent of the state's total landmass—had been placed in the 22A prohibited list. During this era, inclusions grew increasingly arbitrary. Landowners frequently alleged that if they did not cooperate with local political bosses or revenue syndicates, their survey numbers mysteriously migrated to the 22A ledger. Inherited ancestral properties became bargaining chips. The system forced a terrifying reversal of the burden of proof: instead of the government proving a piece of land belonging to the state, innocent citizens were forced to prove that their own land belonged to them. Fast forward to the current dispensation under the TDP-led NDA coalition. The government has openly acknowledged the mass scale of the blunder, repealed controversial acts and rolled out special drives to clean up the records. Over 1.6 lakh acres have reportedly been cleared, and specific guidelines have been issued to delete five key categories—including genuine private patta lands—from the dreaded list.

## Mumbai rains: Orange Alert issued, schools and colleges shut

Mumbai: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an 'Orange Alert' for Mumbai and its surrounding suburbs, predicting a third consecutive day of torrential downpours on Tuesday. A record-breaking spell of rain over the last 48 hours has severely disrupted normal life across the financial capital. The BMC announced a precautionary holiday on Tuesday for all government, private, and municipal schools and colleges in Mumbai. In response to the intensifying weather conditions and to ensure public safety, the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) has mobilised its entire emergency machinery on a war footing. According to official data released by the civic body, Mumbai has witnessed cloudburst-like conditions over the past two days. The city division recorded 300 mm of rainfall, while the eastern and western suburbs registered a staggering 380 mm and 345 mm, respectively. The heavy downpours are being accompanied by fierce storm-force winds gusting between 70 to 80 kmph, which have already triggered several incidents of uprooted trees across the metropolis. With the IMD warning of heavy rain, lightning strikes, and severe squalls, the BMC late on Monday night announced a precautionary holiday on Tuesday for all government, private, and municipal schools and colleges in Mumbai.

Furthermore, the state government has issued an advisory to private companies, urging them to allow employees to work from home wherever feasible. On Monday, employees in non-essential government and semi-government offices were granted a half-day leave to return home safely before the conditions deteriorated. The relentless showers since Monday have led to severe waterlogging in low-lying areas of the city. The inunda-



tion has dealt a direct blow to Mumbai's transport lifeline, causing delays and disruptions across road traffic, the Central and Harbour local railway lines, and flight operations. Prioritising citizen safety, the BMC's Disaster Management Control Room is monitoring the situation 24/7. High-capacity dewatering pumps, suction machines, and extra manpower have been deployed across chronic waterlogging spots to drain out water rapidly. Special rescue teams are on standby to respond immediately to emergencies involving fallen trees, short circuits, or structural collapses of dilapidated buildings. To address the critical rain situation and the civic challenges arising from it, the BMC has called for a special general body meeting on July 9. The meeting is expected to witness heated debates between the ruling and opposition factions regarding monsoon preparedness and recent rain-related incidents.

## BRS shifts into aggressive mode

Hyderabad: Having pressed the Congress government on State debt, the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme, and a series of alleged irregularities, the BRS has moved into an openly aggressive political mode. After largely confining itself to raising public issues in the initial two years of the Congress government, the party is now preparing for sustained agitations, organisational rebuilding, and a renewed Telangana-centric campaign. The shift is visible in the stepped-up tours of BRS working president KT Rama Rao and BRS deputy leader T Harish Rao, who have intensified constituency visits, cadre interactions, and issue-based campaigns across the State. Party president K Chandrashekhara Rao is understood to be providing strategic direction, while Rama Rao and Harish Rao have been entrusted with leading the political and organisational revival on the ground.

Though the tours were primarily planned to sensitise the party cadre on the ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, membership drive and also prepare them for an organisational overhaul, both Rama Rao and Harish Rao are using them as platforms to tear into the ruling Congress's failures and irregularities which had not only boosted the morale of the party cadre, but also stirred up discussion

among rural population especially farmers. Party leaders reminded that this sustained attack was part of the long-term strategy adopted by the BRS following a State executive body meeting chaired by the party chief and former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao a couple of months ago. Apart from Rama Rao and Harish Rao, senior BRS leaders and elected representatives are also holding strategic meetings with the party cadre within their respective constituencies regularly. Farmers' concerns have emerged as the BRS' principal campaign theme. Having mounted attacks on the Congress over State borrowings and Kaleshwaram, Rama Rao and Harish Rao consistently targeting the Congress government over the implementation of Rythu Bharosa, farm loan waivers, procurement delays, irrigation, fertiliser availability and other agriculture-related issues. The party also plans to widen its campaign to include unemployment, welfare implementation, fee reimbursement, governance, reservations and alleged corruption, seeking to maintain continuous political pressure through protests, public meetings, the Assembly and social media.

Asserting itself as the only party dedicated exclusively to Telangana's interests, the BRS is seeking to reconnect with supporters of the Statehood movement while

expanding its appeal among youth, women, and urban voters. As part of the outreach, KTR has been holding constituency-wise meetings across Hyderabad and other districts, while Harish Rao has intensified interactions with farmers and local party workers. Outreach programmes targeting students, unemployed youth, and first-time voters are already in the pipeline, with larger mobilisation exercises including padayatras and bus yatras under consideration. Meanwhile, the BRS has accelerated the restructuring of booth, village, mandal and district committees, alongside an intensive membership drive aimed at rebuilding its grassroots network. Constituency-level meetings are being used to identify active workers, induct younger leadership and prepare the organisation for sustained political activity rather than election-time mobilisation alone. Senior leaders said there is a growing public dissatisfaction over the implementation of the Congress government's election promises and the BRS is making all efforts to convert it into electoral support for itself. By combining organisational consolidation with sustained public campaigns, the BRS is positioning itself for a long-term comeback and entering into a new phase of political rebuilding with its eyes firmly on the next electoral battle.

## India, Indonesia sign key pacts for BrahMos missile supply, maritime security

Jakarta: In a key boost for the domestic defence industry, India and Indonesia on Tuesday signed an agreement for the supply of BrahMos missiles to the Indonesian military. Indonesia is also set to import India's indigenously developed Astra air-to-air missiles. The Astra, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), is a beyond-visual-range missile designed to track and destroy highly manoeuvrable enemy aircraft. India is also likely to provide Indonesia with additional batteries of the BrahMos supersonic cruise missile. The two countries also finalised a framework for maritime safety and security cooperation. The agreements were signed during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Indonesia, the first leg of his three-nation tour. "The growing trust between our countries is strengthening our defence, security, and maritime cooperation. Today, we have reached an agreement to enhance defence exchanges, disaster management, and industrial cooperation," said PM Modi. "With today's agreement, India's high-quality and affordable medicines will be even more easily accessible to the citizens of Indonesia. We will also contribute to the capacity building of doctors and healthcare workers in Indonesia," the Prime Minister added.

India and Indonesia also inked agreement on minerals and technologies for steel supply chain, a move aimed at strength-



ening the critical mineral supply chain. India is also expected to support the development of Indonesia-specific Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), extending its poll technology expertise to the Southeast Asian nation. Meanwhile, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto conferred the country's highest honour, the 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia', upon PM Modi. The 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia', instituted in 1959, is the highest civilian and military medal of honour conferred by the Southeast Asian nation, recognising extraordinary service. This marked another addition to the growing list of highest honours for PM Modi bestowed on him globally.

## AP, Telangana to receive light to moderate rains for next five days



The IMD forecasts light to moderate rains and gusty winds across Andhra Pradesh and Telangana over the next five days due to Southwest Monsoon influence. Read for district-specific updates. The Indian Meteorological Department has forecasted rains to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana for the next five days accompanied by the gusty winds. The rainfall is said to be forecasted due to atmospheric conditions in the Bay of Bengal and the influence of the Southwest Mon-

soon. Stating that there is less chance of widespread rainfall, the Meteorological Department stated that there will be only light to moderate rain with thundershowers in parts of Telangana. The strong winds are also expected at a speed of 50 to 60 kmph likely. Andhra Pradesh State also would receive moderate rains accompanied by gusty winds. The Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority stated that light to moderate rainfall would occur in Srikakulam district on Tuesday.

## Contract healthcare workers protest in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Field level contract health care workers participated in a one-hour protest at government hospitals on Tuesday, demanding immediate wage hike and addressing their other grievances. Led by the Telangana Medical Contract Employees and Workers Union (affiliated with AITUC), the workers announced a mass protest dharna at DME office, Koti on Thursday and threatened to halt essential services and launch a hospital strike if their grievances were unresolved. AITUC State Deputy General Secretary M Narasimha said contrary to state government claims contract workers were paid on the first of every month, the sanitation, patient care, and security workers in government hospitals were still waiting for their salaries. Nearly 20,000



contract employees work across sanitation, patient care, and security wings in state hospitals. Despite years of agitation for a minimum wage hike to Rs 26,000, union leaders stated that successive administrative heads have turned a blind eye. The demands also include implementation of the Contract Labor Act (including 23 statutory annual leaves), and payment of one month's salary as a bonus in accordance with the Bonus Act.

## Govt constitutes four specialised working groups to strengthen HUMTA

Telangana government has constituted four specialized working groups under the Hyderabad Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority (HUMTA). These panels will focus on policy planning, road infrastructure, enforcement, and intelligent traffic management systems to ensure seamless coordination across the city's transport agencies. Warangal City Guide Hyderabad: With an aim to develop a unified, real-time, data-driven system for traffic management and multimodal coordination, the Telangana government on Monday constituted working groups to strengthen the Hyderabad Unified Metropolitan Transport Authority. The government reviewed the proposal submitted by the Managing Director of HUMTA for institutional strengthening to enhance inter-agency coordination, integrated urban mobility planning, efficient transport project implementation, and technology adoption within the Hyderabad Metropolitan Area. The government issued orders constituting these working groups under HUMTA to facilitate structured decision-making, coordinated planning, timely initiative implementation, and effective stakeholder participation. The panels will meet periodically and submit recommendations to the HUMTA Board. Working Group-1 will develop policy guidelines and smart mobility solutions, chaired by the Municipal Administration Department Special Chief Secretary, with representatives from transport, TGSRTC, HMDA, CMC, MMC, HYDRABAD



TGIIC, TGS PDCL, Future City, traffic police, and T-Fibre. Working Group-2 will focus on road improvement and reviewing traffic and transportation proposals.

Chaired by the respective zonal commissioner, it includes representation from CMC, GHMC, MMC, HMDA, HRDCL, SETWIN, South Central Railway, HMRL, and Bhagyanagar Gas Company. Working Group-3 will handle enforcement and regulations under the chairmanship of the GHMC commissioner, featuring representatives from HYDRABAD, HMDA, HRDCL, traffic police, TGSRTC, and HMRL. Working Group-4 will look into the intelligent traffic management system, headed directly by the Commissioner of Police Hyderabad alongside other members to ensure seamless smart technology integration across the networks.

## Centenarian woman walks to Tirumala for darshan: TTD

Tirupati: A "116-year-old" devotee of Sri Venkateswara Swamy, Chennai-based Navaneethamma visited Tirumala by foot to have darshan of the presiding deity, prompting TTD to make special arrangements for the old woman impressed by her faith, the temple body has said. Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD), the official custodian of Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple in Tirupati said in a press

## Secunderabad Railway Police Seize 41 Kg Ganja worth Rs.20.56L, 3 Held

Hyderabad: In a joint operation, the Secunderabad railway police arrested an interstate ganja smuggling gang and seized 41.141 kilograms of dry marijuana worth Rs 20.56 lakh from their possession. According to S N Jawed, Secunderabad



Railway Division, DSP, and RPF jointly organized surprise checking against drug peddlers on platforms and trains at Secunderabad railway station and arrested three interstate peddlers while they were transporting dry ganja from Balangir, Odisha to Nagpur in Maharashtra via Secunderabad. The arrested smugglers have been identified as Mahesh Dilip

(25) and Kartik Chandrakant (30) and a CCL boy aged about 17 years, all natives of Maharashtra, Jawed said. During questioning, the trio revealed that they were consuming ganja and alcohol and procured the contraband from Odisha and concealed it in a trolley suitcase. They were standing at the waiting hall to board Dakshin Express when the police arrested them.

## BRS alleges Rs 70 crore scam in KUDA land auctions

Hyderabad: The BRS on Tuesday alleged large-scale irregularities in land auctions conducted by the Kakatiya Urban Development Authority (KUDA). The party leaders accused Congress leaders of engineering a Rs 70 crore scam and attempting to facilitate encroachments around Bhadrakali Lake. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan here, former MLA Dasyam Vinay Bhaskar said Congress MLA Naini Rajender Reddy and KUDA Chairman Venkatrami Reddy had colluded to dispose of prime KUDA land at throwaway prices through an offline tender process. He stated that land with a market value of around Rs 1.5 lakh per square yard was auctioned for nearly Rs 60,000 per square yard, causing substantial losses to the urban development authority. He also alleged that there were attempts to hand over five acres of en-



dowments land to a star hotel and accused the Congress government of replicating the alleged land encroachment pattern

seen in the HCU controversy. Former KUDA chairman Marri Yadava Reddy charged that 6,697 square yards of prime land was auctioned below market value. He demanded the cancellation of the auction and sought a transparent online bidding process. BRS leader K Vasudeva Reddy stated that commission-based governance had spread from the State headquarters to the districts. He called for the immediate cancellation of the KUDA land auction, accusing the Congress government of facilitating irregularities in Warangal.

## RWAs Meet Highlights Key Civic Issues across Quthbullapur, Medchal

Hyderabad: Several civic issues related to repairs to damaged manholes, clearing of blocked drains, road repair works and new and non-functional street lights were figured during the interaction with RWAs of Quthbullapur and Medchal by the officials from Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) here on Tuesday. As part of the One Day, One Ward initiative, the CMC Commissioner G Srijana along with the Zonal Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, and officials from various departments, visited the residential colonies in Quthbullapur Zone, Medchal Circle and Gundlupota champally Ward and interacted with residents. Apart from discussing roads and drainage works, the residents highlighted other problems including mosquito menace, fogging, sanitation equipment, stray dog nuisance, water supply and waste



management. The Commissioner directed all departments concerned to take up the identified issues on priority, coordinate with the respective agencies wherever required, and ensure timely resolution for the benefit of residents. The team interacted with residents and RWAs, conducted a field inspection, and reviewed key civic issues requiring immediate attention



release that it extended VIP break darshan for Navaneethamma and her family members on Monday. She is 116 years old,

TTD said. "As per the directions of the chairman (TTD), a VIP break darshan was arranged for Navaneethamma and her family members on Monday morning. TTD personnel personally took her from the biometric centre for darshan," it said. According to TTD, a video of Navaneethamma walking for darshan went viral on social media, earning praise from several people, including Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu.

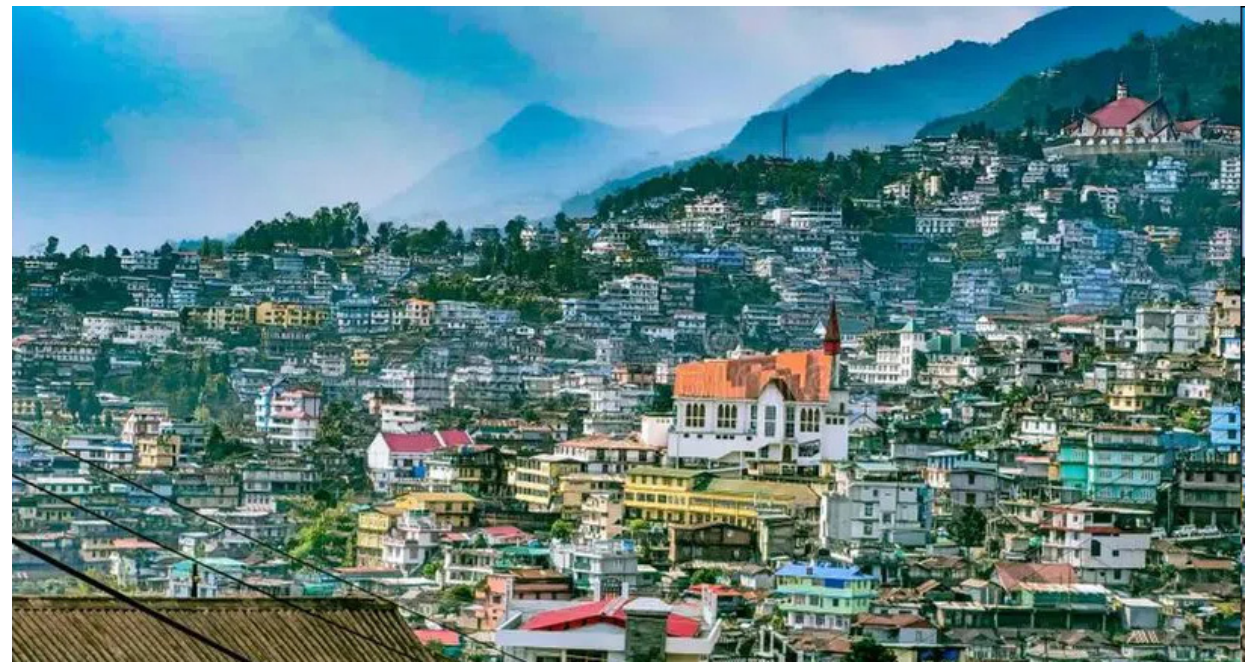


## Confusion prevails over SIR, here is how to fill the forms

The special comprehensive revision of the electoral roll is causing confusion among people. The special comprehensive revision of the electoral roll is causing confusion among people. Due to a lack of proper training, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) are struggling to explain the form-filling process clearly to the public. Although more than ten days have passed since the process began, BLOs in some areas have still not conducted field visits, leading to significant delays in form distribution. A lack of awareness has resulted in situations where residents in some areas and most of them do not even understand the basic procedures involved. History Voters who were registered in 2002 are facing particular difficulties. They are struggling with issues such as not knowing their previous polling station details and facing discrepancies between their past personal details and current records. Voters across the State are grappling with various problems, leading to widespread confusion. The absence of a clear, standardised procedure has left them worried that they might lose their voting rights. Warangal City Guide However, we The Hans India are here to provide some information regarding filling up the SIR form. As the aim of the SIR is to map the details of the existing voters in line with 2002 SIR and to remove the double voter ID cards, and that of the dead people. While coming to the form, there are three parts in the form in which every voter who has received the forms should fill only two parts either first and second part or first and third part.

## Nagaland to convene special assembly session for FNTA law, CM to visit Delhi for consulting Centre

Kohima: The Nagaland cabinet decided to convene a special session of the assembly to enact a law for the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA), while seeking the Centre's approval for conferring legislative powers on the body. The cabinet, which held an emergency meeting with members of the Eastern Nagaland Legislators' Union (ENLU) and senior officials on Monday, also resolved to urge the Centre to enhance the proposed development package for the region from Rs 5,000 crore to Rs 10,000 crore. The decisions were announced in a statement issued by the Home Department amid concern over delays in implementing the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed on February 5 among the Centre, the Nagaland government and the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation (ENPO) for creation of the FNTA. The decisions were taken as the ENPO announced a public rally and shutdown in the eastern districts on July 10 over the delay in the implementation of the accord. The government said the proposed legislation would incorporate provisions to confer legislative powers on the FNTA over transferred



subjects and departments in the districts under its jurisdiction, subject to consultation with and approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and in conformity with the Constitution. It said the state had earlier drafted and introduced the FNTA Bill during the Budget session, but its passage was deferred after the MHA informed the government that constitutional issues relating to granting legislative powers to the authority were still under examination. The cabinet also reiterated that the safe-

guards under Article 371(A) were "sacred and sacrosanct" and would not be diluted or altered. A delegation led by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, along with ENLU members, will visit New Delhi to seek the Centre's advice, approval and guidance on the matter, the statement said. The government also appealed to the ENPO to reconsider its proposed public rally and shutdown in the eastern districts on July 10 in view of the steps being taken to establish the FNTA.

## India's first mobile 'liquid tree' developed to clean air in crowded urban spaces

Dhanbad: Researchers at the CSIR-CIMFR claimed to have developed India's first mobile Smart Algal Liquid Tree (SALT), a compact air-purification system that uses microalgae to absorb carbon dioxide and release oxygen, offering a solution for polluted urban areas where planting conventional trees is difficult. Unlike a real tree, the device houses microalgae in water inside an enclosed unit. Through photosynthesis, the algae continuously absorb CO<sub>2</sub> from the surrounding air and release oxygen, helping improve air quality, they said. "The primary purpose of this innovation is to combat poor air quality in densely populated and space-constrained urban areas where there is little or no room to plant large trees," Vetrivel Anguselvi, senior principal scientist at CIMFR who led the

project, told PTI on Tuesday. The patented technology has already been installed at the CSIR-Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research (CIMFR) campus in Dhanbad and at Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) in Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh, where it has received encouraging feedback, she said. Besides removing carbon dioxide, the system also helps reduce dust and can operate round the clock using natural or artificial light. It is fitted with sensors that display air quality, carbon dioxide levels, temperature, humidity and particulate matter, she added. Designed to run on solar as well as electricity, the mobile unit also doubles as a public utility by providing shaded seating for four to eight people and charging points for mobile phones and laptops. Anguselvi said the technology is intended for use in industrial



areas as well as public places such as schools, airports, railway stations, bus terminals, shopping malls, parks and theatres. Unlike conventional trees, the enclosed algae-based system does not require soil, is less affected by urban pollution and pests, and requires minimal maintenance, she said. CIMFR officials said discussions are underway for commercial production of the device, with efforts being made to price it affordably so that it can also be used in homes and localities facing severe air pollution.

## Indonesia confers its highest honour 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia' medal on PM Modi

Jakarta: Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto on Tuesday announced conferring the country's highest honour, the 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia', upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 'Bintang Adipurna of the Republic of Indonesia', instituted in 1959, is the highest civilian and military medal of honour conferred by the Southeast Asian nation, recognising extraordinary service. Prime Minister Modi has received over 30 prestigious international honours, making him the most internationally decorated Indian leader in history. This total spans state decorations, scholastic awards, and environmental accolades from nations and organisations across the globe. India travel packages Last month, Seychelles conferred the 'Guardian of the Blue Horizon', the country's highest distinction for leadership in environmental conservation and sustainable development on PM Modi. The Prime Minister dedicated the award to the nations fighting against the challenge of climate change and consider environmental protection their responsibility towards future generations. The award acknowledges PM Modi's long-standing push for sustainable growth and his green vision. This marked another addition to the growing list of highest honours for PM Modi be-



stowed on him globally. Earlier in the day, PM Modi held bilateral talks with President Subianto, focused on giving fresh momentum to the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership across key sectors, including energy, trade, maritime cooperation and defence, etc.

Prior to the talks, PM Modi received an unprecedented ceremonial welcome in Jakarta as he officially began his visit to Indonesia, with a focus on strengthening bilateral ties. As the Prime Minister made his way to the Merdeka Palace (the Presidential Palace of Indonesia), he was greeted by cheerful school children lining the road, holding the national flags of both Indonesia and India. Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto warmly welcomed him, and the two leaders shared a hug. This was followed by the national

anthems of both countries. PM Modi, who arrived in Jakarta on Monday afternoon as part of his three-nation tour of Indonesia, Australia and New Zealand, was received at the airport by Indonesian President Subianto in a rare diplomatic gesture. The Prime Minister said he was "touched" by President Subianto's gesture of personally receiving him at the airport and expressed confidence that their discussions would further strengthen bilateral ties. "Arrived in Jakarta. I was deeply touched by the warmth of President Prabowo Subianto, who personally welcomed me at the airport. In 2018, we elevated the relationship between our two countries to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, which has brought many benefits to our peoples," PM Modi posted on X. "During this visit, President Prabowo

Subianto and I will hold discussions aimed at providing greater momentum to this partnership across various sectors. President Prabowo and I will also visit the Prambanan Temple complex in Yogyakarta. This visit will strengthen the cultural ties between our two nations even further. While in Indonesia, I am also very much looking forward to the opportunity to interact with the Indian community," he added.

This marks PM Modi's fourth visit to Indonesia, but his first bilateral visit since the ties were elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2018. Apart from the bilateral talks, the two leaders will travel to Yogyakarta to visit the Prambanan Temple complex, Indonesia's largest Hindu temple complex and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

"President Prabowo and I will also visit the Prambanan Temple complex in Yogyakarta. This visit will strengthen the cultural ties between our two nations even further. While in Indonesia, I am also very much looking forward to the opportunity to interact with the Indian community," PM Modi said. Indonesia is the first stop of PM Modi's three-nation visit, following which he will travel to Australia and New Zealand for high-level engagements.

## Vin Diesel on his journey: Just a lucky kid from New York



Mumbai: Hollywood star Vin Diesel has looked back on his journey from a mischievous New York child to portraying a legendary screen detective, describing himself as “just a lucky kid from New York.” The 58-year-old actor, whose real name is Mark Sinclair Vincent, shared a post on the photo-sharing website, where he spoke about his childhood memories and credited his late grandmother for inspiring his love of the iconic character. The actor, who came to prominence in the late 1990s and became known for appearing in Steven Spielberg’s Saving Private Ryan in 1998, shared a string of pictures of the fireworks from the Fourth of July celebrations and also some BTS moments from his shoot. He wrote in the caption: “The Fourth of July, this country celebrated its bicentennial... I was a PS 41 kid. M80s bought down on Canal, or Mott, smuggled home through Little Italy like we were running product. As far as the grown-ups knew, I was just out vandalizing the city on my banana-seat bike.” “Funny origin story for a kid who’d grow up to make movies, my first blockbusters opened on a sidewalk, and the only review was how fast you could run.” “Summer nights, Grandma’s couch in Queens, watching that detective with the

lollipop work the city over. No raised voice, no wasted motion... just a look, a one-liner, and case closed. She loved him, and I guess I identified with him. What I didn’t know then was that he carried a torch Mickey Spillane lit decades earlier, the tough, morally-worn detective we’ve been chasing on screen ever since,” added the actor, who is one of the world’s highest-grossing stars. Diesel revealed that this weekend, that story was his to carry. “While the whole city watched the sky from windows and water’s edge, I was on the rooftop, in character, cameras rolling, adding the next chapter to that detective’s legend on the night this country turned 250... While everyone else was celebrating history. I was standing inside it.” The star added: The kid running from M80s on Canal grew up to be trusted with a piece of this city’s soul, in the shoes of the man he watched beside his grandmother. You don’t plan a life that rhymes like that. You just try to be worthy of it when it does.” Diesel says he’s grateful. “For the city that raised me, and for Grandma, who sat beside me on that couch and never knew she was casting my whole life. I hope you’re catching this one from the good seats. Just a lucky kid from New York.”

## ‘Governor’ director shares his experience of shooting near Horniman Circle, chance encounter with Rohit Shetty

Mumbai: Director Chinmay Mandlekar, whose recently released film ‘Governor: The Silent Saviour’ received a lot of positive response has shared his experience of shooting near the Horniman Circle in the city, and how he had a chance



meeting with director Rohit Shetty during the shoot. South Asians & Diaspora ‘Governor: The Silent Saviour’ marks his second collaboration with Manoj Bajpayee after ‘Inspector Zende’. Recently, the director recalled filming an action sequence at a crowded public location and also revisited a moment where blockbuster filmmaker Rohit Shetty paid a surprise visit to the sets of Governor. Speaking about shooting an intense sequence in a well-organised space, the director said, “When you shoot fire sequences in any film, every member of the unit remains completely alert. Our action master, Shinde Sir, took every necessary safety precaution, and we filmed the scene in a very safe and well-organised manner. He has extensive experience handling such sequences, which is why the scene turned out exceptionally well. We shot this sequence near Horniman Circle. Filming such a large-scale action sequence at a crowded public location is a challenge in itself”. He also recalled the time when Rohit Shetty paid a surprise visit to the sets of ‘Governor’. “There’s also an interesting incident associated with this shoot. While we were filming the sequence, Rohit Shetty suddenly arrived at our set. He was there to recce a location for one of his films. When he found out that we were shooting an action sequence, he came straight to our set. It was a truly special moment for all of us because we were filming an action scene, and at the same time, the king of action films, Rohit Shetty Sir, was right there with us. He wished us all the best. Sometimes, such wonderful coincidences happen on their own. The most satisfying part, however, was that the entire sequence was executed and filmed brilliantly”, he added.

## Jackie Shroff celebrates 37 years of ‘Tridev’ starring Madhuri Dixit, Sunny Deol

Mumbai: Bollywood star Jackie Shroff celebrated 37 years of his iconic action thriller ‘Tridev’ and took a trip down memory lane. Jackie, on his social media account, shared a series of stills from the 1989 blockbuster on his Instagram Stories with the caption, “Celebrating #37YearsOfTridev.” The montage featured iconic scenes from the film, including scenes with Sunny Deol, Naseeruddin Shah, Madhuri Dixit, Sonam, Sangeeta Bijlani, Amrish Puri and other members of the ensemble cast. Written and directed by Rajiv Rai and produced by Gulshan Rai under the Trimurti Films banner, ‘Tridev’ hit theatres on July 7, 1989. The action thriller starred Naseeruddin Shah, Sunny Deol and Jackie Shroff as the three protagonists, alongside Madhuri Dixit, Sonam, Sangeeta Bijlani, Amrish Puri, Anupam Kher, Dalip Tahil and Sharat Saxena in pivotal roles. The film emerged as one of the biggest commercial successes of



the year and went on to become a blockbuster. The movie’s soundtrack was composed by Kalyanji-Anandji and Viju Shah with lyrics by Anand Bakshi. Songs such as ‘Oye Oye’, ‘Gali Gali Mein Phirta Hai’, ‘Tirchi Topiwale’, ‘Raat Bhar Jaam Se’ and ‘Main Teri Mohabbat Mein’ became chartbusters and remain popular even today. For the uninitiated, Jackie Shroff has shared screen space in several films over the years with Madhuri Dixit including ‘Tridev’, ‘Parinda’, ‘100 Days’, ‘Khalnayak’, ‘Prem Deewane’ and ‘Devdas’.

## Anshula Kapoor ties nuptial knot with Rohan Thakkar

New Delhi: “You are my safest place and easiest choice” said entrepreneur Anshula Kapoor as she tied the knot with screenwriter and director Rohan Thakkar. Anshula, daughter of producer Boney Kapoor and the late Mona Shourie Kapoor and sister of the Bollywood actor Arjun Kapoor, shared a series of pictures from the celebrations on her Instagram on Monday. It featured the couple holding hands and other pictures from the celebrations. Anshula wore a peach-coloured lehenga, which she complemented with a golden scarf and statement jewellery. Rohan wore an ivory-gold sherwani. “06.07.2026. Of all the people. Of all the places. Of all the timing. It was you. And somehow, through every twist, detour, and surprise, it is still you. My favourite conversation. My safest place. My easiest choice. Always you @rohanthakkar1511,” she wrote in the caption. The couple dated for years and



got engaged in October 2025. They announced the engagement with a social media post. “Somehow, even back then, it felt like the starting of something that mattered. 3 years later, in my favourite city, in front of the castle in Central Park, he proposed! At exactly 1.15 AM India time! “And somehow the world paused just long enough. Just the quiet kind of love that feels like home... What @rohan thakkar1511 gave me that day was better. Because it was intentional. Thoughtful. Real. Us. I said yes,” it read. Anshula’s latest appearance was in “The Traitors”, a reality series hosted by Karan Johar.

## Shilpa Shirodkar reveals BIL Mahesh Babu knows ‘Marathi’

Mumbai: Bollywood 90s diva Shilpa Shirodkar revealed a hilarious family secret involving her superstar brother-in-law, Mahesh Babu. The actress who appeared in the latest episode of dance reality show, India’s Best Dancer season 5, recalled how Mahesh had tricked her and wife Namrata Shirodkar by keeping a little secret from them over their mother tongue Marathi, which he apparently knew.



Shilpa recalled the early days of Namrata and Mahesh’s marriage, by saying, “I have to tell you this, it’s a very personal thing,” Shilpa revealed with a laugh. “My sister is married to Mahesh, right? Who is Telugu. Unko Marathi nahi aati thi jab nayi nayi shaadi hui thi. Toh hum log, hum logon ko kuch bhi agar bolna hota tha toh hum log Marathi mein bolte the. So after a few years of being married to Namrata, me and Namrata were talking about something, or suddenly Mahesh said, ‘Accha, asa kaay?’ And we were like usko Marathi aati hai!” (He didn’t know Marathi when they were newly married. So if we wanted to say

anything secretly, we would speak in Marathi. So after a few years of being married to Namrata, me and Namrata were talking about something, and

suddenly Mahesh said, ‘Oh, is it so?’ And we were like he knows Marathi!) The sudden realization that the Telugu superstar had been secretly understanding their private conversations for years, caught the sisters completely off guard. Shilpa continued by saying, “He was like mala samajhte Marathi. So he actually knows Marathi, he was hiding from us! And it was so funny because me and Namrata literally got caught and we were like, thank God hum logon ne aisa kuch nahi bola ki we would have been really, really taken for a ride.” (He was like, ‘I understand Marathi.’ So he actually knows Marathi, he was hiding it from us! And it was so funny because me and Namrata literally got caught and we were like, thank God we didn’t say anything that would have gotten us really, really taken for a ride.) For the uninitiated, Mahesh Babu is married to Shilpa Shirodkar’s sister and actress Namrata Shirodkar.

## Hockey India names sub-junior women's squad for Youth Hockey5s Asian Championship



Hyderabad: Hockey India announced the 15-member sub-junior women's squad for the Women's Youth Hockey5s Asian Championship 2026. The selected players are currently undergoing a National Coaching Camp at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy in Bhopal in preparation for the tournament in Muscat, Oman. The preparatory camp, under the supervision of former India captain and Sub Junior Women's Coach Rani, commenced on July 4 and will conclude on July 18. Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, has emerged as a key high-performance centre for hockey, having previously hosted sub-junior national coaching camps and preparatory camps for the Under-18 Asia Cup. The state-of-the-art facilities at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy provide an ideal environment for nurturing and developing the country's emerging hockey talent. Coach Rani said, "The Women's Youth Hockey5s Asian Championship presents a fantastic opportunity for our young players to gain valuable international exposure at an early stage of their careers. Since this is the first time sub-junior teams will be participating in an event of this nature, our focus will be on helping the players understand the unique demands of Hockey5s while also strengthening their

fundamental skills and tactical awareness. We would like to thank the Madhya Pradesh Government for supporting and hosting such camps, which play a crucial role in building a strong pipeline of talent for the future of Indian hockey and strengthening our grassroots ecosystem."

The preparatory camp is part of Hockey India's broader vision to build a strong and sustainable talent pipeline across age groups. Earlier this year, Hockey India conducted an extensive month-long national coaching camp for the sub-junior teams ahead of the Under-18 Asia Cup 2026 in Japan, where the Indian women's team secured a bronze medal. The selected 15-member squad comprises players who have consistently impressed through the domestic circuit and previous national camps. The ongoing camp focuses on skill enhancement, tactical awareness, fitness conditioning and adapting to the fast-paced format of Hockey5s ahead of the continental competition. The list of players for the camp: Rashmeen Kaur, Rubina Baxla, Nancy Saroha, Pushpa Manjhi, Khili Kumari, Kiran Ekka, Sweetie Kujur, Sneha Davde, Nousheen Naz, Shruti Kumari, Nilam Topno, Priyanka Minz, Diya, Sandeepa Kumari and Mahak Parihar.

## Beth Mooney returns to top of ICC Women's T20I batting rankings

Hyderabad: Australia opener Beth Mooney has regained the No. 1 position in the ICC Women's T20I Batting Rankings after winning the Player of the Tournament award in the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026. The wicketkeeper-batter, who was also named Player of the Tournament in the 2020 edition at home, has overtaken team-mate Georgia Voll, who had occupied the top spot since March 23 this year. Mooney won the Player of the Match award in Sunday's final at Lord's for a solid 64 off 49 deliveries in a seven-wicket win over England that helped her finish the tournament with 238 runs and begin her fifth stint as world No. 1. Only Karen Rolton has occupied the top spot for longer than Mooney, who has spent more than four years as world No. 1. In other notable movements, South Africa opener Tazmin Brits has advanced three places to 11th after scoring 51 in the second semifinal against England at The Oval, while England captain Nat Sciver-Brunt's 75 in that match and 58 not out in the final have helped her move up five spots to 16th. Freya Kemp's unbeaten 44 in the final has lifted her 27 places to 63rd. The bowling rankings still



see India's left-arm spinner Shree Charani at the top of the table even as Sophie Ecclestone has leapfrogged team-mate Charlie Dean to second place after taking one wicket each in the semifinal and the final. Australia all-rounder Kim Garth's economical spell in the final has earned her a five-place rise to 15th position, while South Africa's Marizanne Kapp has moved back into the top 10 after a fine effort in the semifinal. Ash Gardner (up two places to 20th), Sophie Molineux (up 21 places to 66th) and Shabnim Ismail (up 29 places to 69th) are the other players to progress.

## Wimbledon 2026: Flavio Cobolli advances to quarterfinals after beating de Minaur

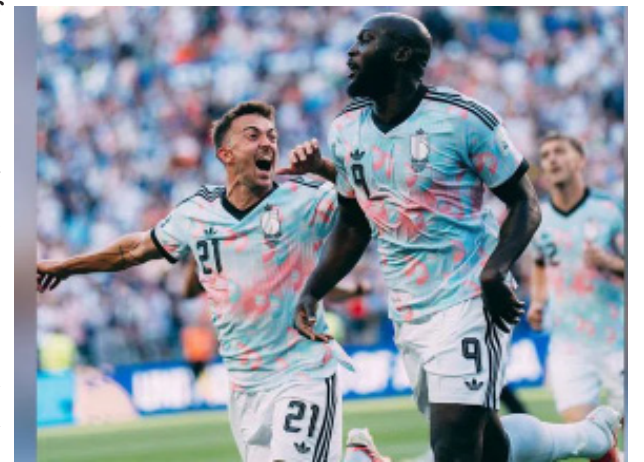
London: Flavio Cobolli continued his meteoric rise by reaching the quarterfinals at Wimbledon for the second straight year, overcoming Alex de Minaur in a fourth-round match at the All-England Club on Monday. In the first men's singles meeting between two Top-10 players at this year's Championships, Cobolli produced a composed display to beat de Minaur 7-5, 7-6(4), 6-3 in two hours and 34 minutes. With this, the 24-year-old became just the third Italian man, after Nicola Pietrangeli and Jannik Sinner, to reach multiple



Wimbledon quarterfinals. Cobolli first won the hearts of the Wimbledon faithful last summer when he reached the quarterfinals by beating Marin Cilic.

## FIFA WC: Belgium shatter co-hosts USA's dream in the last 16

Seattle: Charles De Ketelaere's first-half brace, Hans Vanaken's first World Cup goal and a late strike from substitute Romelu Lukaku send Belgium through to the quarter-finals with a 4-1 victory over co-hosts USA at Seattle Stadium. USA became the final co-hosts to exit the tournament after Canada and Mexico had already bowed out in the Round of 16. Belgium has not lost a match since March 20, 2025, a 3-1 defeat against Ukraine in the 2024-25 UEFA Nations League promotion/relegation play-offs and head coach Rudi Garcia's first match in charge.



Since then, Belgium has accrued an eye-popping 12 wins and six draws record across all competitions (FIFA World Cup, UEFA World Cup qualification, UEFA Nations League play-offs, friendlies), buoyed by a +40 goal differential in those 17 matches. The USMNT has faced the Red Devils on seven prior instances. The first meeting—the United States' lone victory—came in the form of a 3-0 victory at the inaugural 1930 World Cup in Monte video, Uruguay. The loss on Tuesday made USA's have lost seven consecutive matches against Belgium. The warning signs were there for Mauricio Pochettino's side when Timothy Castagne's 18-yard strike forced Matt Freese into a flying save at the end of Belgium's first meaningful attack. Youri Tielemans then went within inches of turning home Dodi Lukebakio's cross before Rudi Garcia's men took a deserved lead. Leandro Trossard's teasing delivery into the box caused all manner of problems for the USA defence, with Nicolas Raskin

firing across for De Ketelaere to tap home. Belgium appeared to be cruising, but their lead was cancelled out after 31 minutes when Malik Tillman's deflected free-kick wrong-footed Thibaut Courtois. However, the scores were level for just 116 seconds as Trossard's cross from the left found De Ketelaere, who headed home his second goal of the contest. USA's task was made even harder just before the hour mark when a defensive mishap gifted Belgium a third goal. Freese raced out of his area to clear but missed the ball, allowing De Ketelaere to steal possession before Vanaken's long-range effort evaded Tim Ream's attempted block and found the empty net. The Stars and Stripes showed signs of life in the closing stages as substitute Sebastian Berhalter shot wide and Courtois twice denied Folarin Balogun, before Lukaku pounced on a loose clearance and finished with aplomb to put the result beyond any doubt in stoppage time. Belgium will lock horns with Spain, who eliminated Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal, at Los Angeles Stadium on July 11.

## Mbappe condemns Paraguayan senator over racist remarks after World Cup match



New York: France star Kylian Mbappe on Monday condemned a Paraguayan senator over racist remarks she made following Paraguay's loss to France in the round of 16 at the World Cup. Mbappe called Celeste Amarilla, a senator from Paraguay's Liberal Radical Party, a "despicable woman" who was "unworthy" of serving in Paraguay's Congress. "Through your recklessness and your brazen racism, the entire world has already forgotten the journey and the historic effort that your players accomplished during this World Cup," Mbappe wrote on X. Amarilla posted a series of racist com-

ments on X after Mbappe converted the winning penalty in France's victory over Paraguay on Saturday, mocking the French captain's origins, upbringing, education and appearance. France advanced to the quarterfinals, where it will face Morocco on Thursday.

The Paraguayan government released a statement Monday afternoon condemning Amarilla's remarks as "contrary to the values and principles that inspire peaceful coexistence and respect for human dignity that our country promotes." It added that the senator's comments do not represent either the Paraguayan government or the Paraguayan people. The French Football Federation on Monday denounced Amarilla's comments as "utterly abhorrent" and "unacceptable," adding that it would refer the matter to prosecutors. France's president, Emmanuel Macron, and sports minister Marina Ferrari voiced support for the national team's captain. "By targeting Kylian Mbappe, the senator is attacking everything our captain embodies"

# How Indian Investors Are Learning to Read Global Trade Data Themselves

Learn how Indian investors are using global trade data, market insights, and economic indicators to make informed investment decisions and identify emerging opportunities. Rohan Malhotra manages a modest personal portfolio out of Pune, alongside his regular job as a mechanical engineer. For years, whenever global trade news moved markets, he relied entirely on television anchors and business news channels to tell him what it meant for his holdings. He would watch the same three analysts debate the same headline every evening and walk away with a general sense of direction but rarely anything specific enough to act on. Then he stopped waiting. That's the short version. The longer version involves a fair amount of trial and error, a few embarrassing miscalculations he'd rather not repeat, and a slow realization that the data he needed had been public the entire time. Nobody had handed it to him in a form he could actually use. The Specific Problem Indian Retail Investors Face . India's retail investing population has grown enormously over the past several years. Anyone who's opened a demat account since 2020 has watched this happen firsthand. But most of the financial research infrastructure available to that growing base remains geared toward domestic equities and mutual funds. When a global story

## India emerging as key global manufacturing hub amid supply chain shift: ASSOCHAM

New Delhi: India is rapidly strengthening its position as one of the world's leading manufacturing destinations and is emerging as a major beneficiary of the ongoing realignment of global supply chains, according to a report released by industry body ASSOCHAM on Tuesday. The report said the post-COVID global manufacturing landscape has undergone a significant transformation, with companies increasingly diversifying production beyond China by adopting China+1, nearshoring and friendshoring strategies to build more resilient supply chains. Analysing the world's 10 largest manufacturing economies, which together ac-

count for nearly 65 per cent of global manufacturing output, the report identified India as one of the emerging manufacturing leaders due to its improved performance relative to the global average in the post-pandemic period. India's average manufacturing growth increased from 3.44 per cent during the pre-pandemic period (2016-19) to 4.15 per cent in 2022-25, moving from below the global average to nearly two percentage points above the world benchmark, it added. In the post-pandemic period, India joined the United States, France, Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom in outperforming the global benchmark.

breaks, a trade dispute between the United States and China, for instance, or a shift in oil prices tied to Middle Eastern supply, Indian retail investors are often left connecting dots manually, trying to figure out how a story about two other countries might eventually touch their own portfolio. Rohan's frustration came from a specific incident a couple of years ago, when a US-China trade dispute caused volatility across Asian markets, including Indian IT and pharmaceutical stocks, for reasons that were not obvious from the news coverage he had access to at the time. He understood that something in the global trade picture had shifted. He had no idea, in any sort of practical sense, why his industry, the Indian drug manufacturers, would be impacted in any manner whatsoever by a dispute that was centered on completely other products and completely other nations. He remembers, at one point at his office, joking with a colleague about whether anyone even understood what was happening.

**Finding the Missing Layer of Context:** What Rohan eventually found useful was a free platform that let him look directly at the data connecting these dots, rather than relying on secondhand interpretation. MetricsHour's country comparison tool allowed him to place India

alongside the countries involved in a given trade story and look at actual indicators side by side: trade balances, GDP growth trends, and how each economy's key exports had shifted over recent years. Instead of a television anchor telling him a dispute was "significant for Asian markets," he could see specifically which trade corridors connected to India's own economy and to what degree. South Asians & Diaspora He describes the shift as similar to the difference between reading a summary of a cricket match and watching the actual scorecard. The summary tells you who won and gives you a general impression of how. The scorecard tells you exactly which over changed the outcome. For someone who wants to understand the game rather than just know the result, that difference matters quite a lot, actually. It took him a weekend to get comfortable navigating the tool properly. After that, checking a country's trade position became something he did almost automatically whenever a headline felt vague. A Broader Pattern Among Younger Indian Investors Rohan is not alone in this shift. Anjali Verma works at a Bangalore startup in a position related to finance, and she invests money not only for herself but for her parents as well. She shares her experience, which is quite similar to yours, although for different reasons. Indian media does a fair job at describing the changes in local politics, budget, RBI's news, etc., but when it comes to international trade and global issues, they are simply treated like background noise. Anjali started using free macro data tools specifically to prepare for conversations with her parents, who ask her regularly why their mutual fund values move on days when, as far as they can tell from the news, nothing related to India happened at all. That question used to stump her too, if she's honest. Being

## Centre rules out immediate rollout of E-25 petrol, says no decision taken

New Delhi: The Centre has dismissed reports of an imminent rollout of E-25 petrol, clarifying that no decision has been taken to increase ethanol blending beyond the current E-20 level and that any future move will be based on scientific testing and technical validation, according to a report. Citing government sources, NDTV reported that there is absolutely no need to worry about E-20 petrol, which has been in use for more than two-and-a-half years following extensive testing and evaluation. The clarification comes amid growing public discussion over the impact of higher ethanol blending on vehicle performance and fuel efficiency. The report further said the transition to ethanol-blended petrol has been carried out in a phased manner. Nearly 20 crore petrol-powered two-wheelers and around 20 lakh petrol-powered four-wheelers are already running on ethanol-blended fuel, according to the report.

Earlier in July, the government issued a 10-point clarification on ethanol blending, stating that petrol containing up to 20 per cent ethanol is supported by scientific studies, international experience and regulatory safeguards. Rejecting claims that



producing one litre of ethanol requires 10,000 litres of water, the ministry said only surplus rice, cleared after meeting national food security requirements, is diverted for ethanol production. It added that ethanol distilleries typically use around 3-5 litres of processed water to produce one litre of ethanol and are increasingly adopting Zero Liquid Discharge systems to recycle water. The ministry also said maize, which now accounts for more than 40 per cent of ethanol supplied under the programme, requires significantly less irrigation than paddy and is being promoted through higher minimum support prices. Dismissing claims that E-20 is an untested fuel, the government said ethanol-blended fuels have been used globally for decades.



able to pull up actual country-level data and explain, in concrete terms, how a global shift connects to a specific fund's underlying holdings has made those conversations considerably easier. Her father, she mentioned, still doesn't fully trust anything he can't see printed in a newspaper. But he's stopped calling her mid-morning in a panic every time a global headline breaks, which she counts as progress.

**Why This Matters Beyond Individual Portfolios:** There is a case to be made that this kind of access matters for reasons beyond any single investor's personal returns. India's economy has become quite integrated with global trading patterns, and investors in the retail market who comprehend this integration, albeit on a fundamental level, will definitely exhibit more stable behavior during global instability periods as compared to panicking based solely on headline concerns. After all, panic selling is generally a result of lack of comprehension about the situation. Rohan admits he still gets things wrong. However, even having access to trade and macroeconomic data doesn't make him an expert, and he makes sure to emphasize his caution against overstating his abilities because the data became more accessible. The only thing that has really changed for him is the source of his errors, which now lies in misinterpreting the data rather than its absence. He considers that a meaningful improvement, even if the outcome on any given day still involves being wrong sometimes. There's a difference, he insists, between a bad guess and an informed one that just didn't pan out. He has begun to share what he discovers with a handful of colleagues from his engineering firm who are also amateur investors and who do this largely on WhatsApp, which started off as a communication platform within their firm's office premises to communicate about the lunch menu but which, after some time, evolved into an investment discussion group to the slight chagrin of one colleague who was looking forward to only menu updates. For a group of people managing modest personal savings alongside full-time jobs, that feeling of slightly less guessing is not a small thing. It's not everything either, but it's not nothing, and most days, that's enough.

**ECLGS 5.0 issues over 4.11 lakh guarantees worth Rs 1.55 lakh crore**

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New Delhi: The Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0 has issued 4,11,497 guarantees since its launch, with the guaranteed amount reaching Rs 1,55,229 crore — a sign of the scheme's rapid absorption across the lending ecosystem, the government said on Tuesday. The scheme, approved by Union Cabinet on May 5, 2026, is delivering fast, large-scale liquidity support to businesses affected by the West Asia geopolitical situation. The scheme is designed to provide risk mitigation for lending institutions to provide additional credit to borrowers, thereby helping businesses to tide over cash-flow disruptions and sustain operations. "By extending 100 per cent guarantee coverage to additional loans of MSMEs and 90 per cent to other business segments, the scheme has allowed financial institutions to lend more confidently, ensuring liquidity reaches the needy sectors," the Finance Ministry said in a statement.

The results from ECLGS 5.0 reflect the government's continued commitment to building a resilient, responsive credit ecosystem. As the scheme evolves and outreach expands, it is expected to further strengthen liquidity support for businesses including MSMEs and enable entrepreneurs to meet their liquidity needs in the times of external challenges, said the ministry. The scheme has overwhelm-



ingly benefited India's small business sector. About 98 per cent of all guarantees issued (by number) have benefited MSMEs and 82 per cent of the total guaranteed amount is also towards MSMEs. To maximise awareness and adoption, the Department of Financial Services (DFS) has led a structured outreach campaign across the country. The phase 1 was completed across nine locations, conducted through State Level Bankers' Committees (SLBCs) with active participation from the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC), PSB Alliance, banks, industry associations, and enterprises. The Phase 2 is currently underway at 10 locations, of which 4 have been completed. These outreach programmes are intended to ensure that eligible borrowers are aware of the Scheme and are able to access its benefits, while Member Lending Institutions (MLIs) are equipped to facilitate its effective implementation.

## Student from Andhra Pradesh dies in road accident in America

Telugu student who went to United States to pursue higher studies had died in the road accident in New York after a vehicle rams into her car while it was stopped at a traffic signal. History The deceased identified as Prasanna Atluri, hailed from Mulapadu village in Ibrahimpatnam Mandal, NTR district of Andhra Pradesh has graduated from Pace University. Prasanna along with her friends were travelling to a temple and halted at a traffic signal. However, an alleged speeding vehicle rammed into their car leaving Prasanna and another young woman died at the scene of the accident while another student suffered injuries and is currently undergoing treatment at a hospital. The family of deceased is devastated by her tragic death in the road accident

# AP EAPCET 2026 counseling likely from next week, official announcement awaited



With the declaration of EAPCET results now completed, the rank allocation process has also been done. The authority has planned to hold the counseling sessions from July 15 onwards. In the coming days, the Council of Higher Education will announce the complete program for the counseling process. By gaining clarity on the affiliation issue of colleges, the Council will finally organize the counseling. The minimum development charge has been raised from INR 40000 to INR 47000 in this session. Indian Current Events Although the government earlier raised the minimum fee during the years 2014 to 2019 from INR 45000 to INR 35000, this limit has been raised again to INR 47000 this year. At present, the minimum fee for 140 engineering colleges stands at INR 40000, which has now been raised to INR 47000. Although the Council of Higher Education has mentioned that the fee is not applicable to other institutions. The Fee Regulatory Commission will finalize the fee structure for three years from academic year 2026-2027.



## Centre ready for assistance to Singareni, says Union Minister Kishan Reddy

Union Coal Minister Kishan Reddy emphasised the need for states to work together to live up to the spirit of cooperative federalism in enhancing the growth of the nation. Addressing a press meet on Tuesday, he mentioned that the Central Government has been taking several initiatives for the development of SCCL in the past twelve years. He said that the SCCL owned and operated 39 mines out of which 21 were underground and 18 were opencast in six or seven different districts of the State. He regarded SCCL as the lifeline of many people. South Asians & Diaspora Kishan Reddy stated about the facilitation made by the Central Government in expediting the processing of forest and environmental clearances for big mining projects of Singareni. He urged the people of Telangana to remember the contribution made by the workers of Singareni in their Telangana movement due to their bravery. He highlighted his efforts in acquiring the Naini coal block in Orissa for Singareni. He told that the Naini coal block has coal reserves of 340 million tons which is enough for active working of 30-35 years. He further said that Singareni has gotten hold of the opportunity to mine 10 million tonnes of coal in a year, which is likely to bring about ₹75,000 crore revenues to the company.

## With over 75% of indigenous content, Mahendragiri warship to join Indian Navy on July 11

Visakhapatnam: Scripting another proud chapter in India's maritime history, the Indian Navy is all set to commission its sixth ship of Nilgiri-class, Project 17A, Mahendragiri (F38) in Visakhapatnam on July 11. Christened after the majestic Mahendragiri mountain range in Eastern Ghats, the indigenous stealth frigate epitomises resilience, strength and capabilities and designed to address emerging challenges in the maritime domain. Designed by the Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mahendragiri incorporates advanced stealth features, enhanced survivability, a reduced radar signature and a high degree of automation. Powered by a modern Combined Diesel or Gas propulsion system, it emphasises India's growing expertise in indigenous warship design and construction, enabling high-speed operations with exceptional endurance across the full spectrum of marine missions. Political Opinion Articles Politics (Left) With over 75 percent indigenous content, the warship is equipped with an advanced suite of state-of-the-art indigenously made weapons and sensors, including surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missile systems, comprehensive anti-submarine warfare systems, sophisticated electronic warfare capabilities, and an integrated combat management system. Over 200 MSMEs were involved in the making of the warship, enabling direct employment to 4,000 personnel, and indirect employment to over 10,000 personnel. Capable of undertaking anti air, surface and submarine operations, the vessel



is equally suited for maritime security, power projection and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, search and rescue and sustained presence missions. The commissioning of Mahendragiri marks another major milestone in the eventful execution of the Project 17A programme. As successive frigates of the class join the fleet, they aim to strengthen the Indian Navy's combat readiness. As India continues to strengthen its role as the preferred security partner in the Indian Ocean Region, Mahendragiri will serve as a formidable force multiplier, safeguarding the nation's maritime interests and living up to her motto 'mighty-majestic-matchless'.

## Cong pays rich tributes to Jagjivan Ram in Kurnool

The Kurnool District Congress Committee commemorated the 39th death anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister and freedom fighter Babu Jagjivan Ram Party leaders and workers garlanded Babuji's portrait at the district office and offered floral tributes at his bronze statue at the Five Roads Junction in Kurnool DCC President Kranthi Naidu Boya hailed Jagjivan Ram as a champion of the poor, Dalits, and weaker sections, highlighting his journey from a humble background to India's highest constitutional posts Executive Branch KURNOOL: The Kurnool District Congress Committee on Monday observed the 39th death anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister and legendary freedom fighter Babu Jagjivan Ram, paying rich floral tributes to the veteran leader. The commemorative programme commenced at the party office, where leaders and party workers garlanded the portrait of Jagjivan Ram. Follow-



ing this, the leaders gathered at the Five Roads Junction in Kurnool to offer floral tributes at his bronze statue. A meeting of party workers was also held to reflect on his lifelong contributions to nation-building. Speaking on the occasion, District Congress Committee President Kranthi Naidu Boya described Jagjivan Ram as a visionary leader and a relentless champion of the poor, Dalits, and weaker sections. He highlighted how the veteran leader's inspiring journey from a humble background to occupying some of the country's highest constitutional positions reflected his deep dedication, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service. Former AICC member M. Sudhakar Babu recalled Jagjivan Ram's pivotal role in the freedom struggle and his decades of public service in Parliament and the Union Cabinet. He emphasized that the leader devoted his life to promoting social justice, equality, and the welfare of farmers and laborers while fighting against deep-rooted caste discrimination. Lauding his leadership during crucial periods in India's history, District SC Cell Chairman N.C. Bajaranna strongly urged the Union Government to posthumously confer the Bharat Ratna on Jagjivan Ram. Prominent leaders, including Kodumur Coordinator Anantha Rathnam Madiga and INTUC Federation leaders, attended the meet.

## JC launches electrical safety drive, unveils awareness posters

Kurnool: Calling for greater public awareness to prevent electrical accidents, Joint Collector Noorul Qamar on Monday said that strict adherence to electrical safety guidelines is essential to safeguard lives and property. He observed that most electrical mishaps could be avoided through timely precautions and urged people not to ignore basic safety practices, particularly during the monsoon season. The Joint Collector was speaking after unveiling an electrical safety awareness poster at the Sunayana Conference Hall in the Collectorate. He instructed officials of the Electricity Department to undertake extensive awareness campaigns so that safety instructions reach people in both urban and rural areas, enabling them to handle electrical installations with greater care. Geographic Reference Highlighting common causes of electrical accidents, Noorul



Qamar advised farmers, household consumers, commercial establishments and construction workers to remain vigilant while using electrical equipment. He cautioned people against going near damaged power lines, electric poles and transformers and said any snapped or hanging wires should be reported immediately to the concerned authorities. He also stressed that electrical repair works should be entrusted only to qualified personnel and warned against handling electrical appliances with wet hands.