

India, NZ Give Ties a Strategic Lift

New Delhi: Giving a new dimension to bilateral relations, India and New Zealand on Saturday elevated ties to a strategic partnership following talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Kiwi PM Christopher Luxon. The talks between the two Prime Ministers yielded 18 concrete outcomes, including 10 agreements.

The two countries set a target of doubling bilateral trade to ₹35,000 crore by 2030 and agreed to expand engagement in multiple sectors. They also announced the establishment of a maritime security dialogue and enhanced cooperation under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, including efforts to address illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

In a joint statement, the two sides adopted a “zero-tolerance” approach to terrorism and stressed the need to dismantle terror financing networks and safe havens. They condemned terrorism in all forms, including cross-border terrorism, and referred to recent incidents such as the Pahalgam attack and the incident near Red Fort, stating that those responsible must be held accountable.

Following wide-ranging talks during the Prime Minister's visit, India and New Zealand signed 10 pacts and eight announcements, including that of a strategic partnership.

“We have decided to elevate our ties to a strategic partnership. We will move forward across every



ery sector with clear goals and concrete outcomes,” Modi said. He said the discussions covered trade, technology, investment, agriculture, dairy, food processing, healthcare and traditional medicine, while highlighting growing cooperation in defence and security.

“We have also developed a strong framework for cooperation in agriculture, dairy and food processing. Equally important is the emphasis on healthcare and traditional medicine,” Modi said, adding, “Our growing cooperation in defence and security reflects the deep strategic trust between our two countries. This is something we will build on as well. Luxon and I firmly believe that the greatest strength of our relationship lies in our people-to-people ties. In that spirit, we will enhance cooperation in education, sports, culture, heritage and creative industries.” India and New Zealand nations announced the establishment of a maritime security dialogue to strengthen cooperation, coordination and information exchange. Under the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI), New Zealand has joined the maritime security aspect to undertake specific cooperation activities fo-

cused on combating illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

New Zealand is also joining the Global Biofuels Alliance to accelerate the development and adoption of sustainable biofuels for a cleaner energy transition.

A kiwifruit action plan is being launched along with the establishment of two centres of excellence in Nagaland and Uttarakhand to boost productivity. A framework for collaboration in Antarctic research has also been worked out to promote joint research, academic exchange, capacity building, and other mutually beneficial scientific and educational activities.

The joint statement said that Modi and Luxon exchanged views on the Indo-Pacific, reaffirming their shared commitment to a free, open, and prosperous region. They also emphasised the importance of safeguarding sovereignty, territorial integrity and rules-based international order.

The two Prime Ministers backed the freedom of navigation and overflight and other lawful uses of the seas, in accordance with international law, particularly the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the joint statement

said.

According to the joint statement, Modi and Luxon expressed concern over renewed escalation of tensions in West Asia and called upon all parties to exercise restraint, de-escalate tensions, and ensure protection of civilians. The two Prime Ministers reiterated the importance of dialogue and diplomacy and adherence to international law to achieve a peaceful and lasting solution to the conflict.

On Ukraine, Modi and Luxon expressed concern over the ongoing war, which continues to “cause immense human suffering and global consequences”, as per the joint statement.

In Auckland, Modi also met with New Zealand's Opposition leader Chris Hipkins and discussed ways to strengthen bilateral relations, including people-to-people ties. He also held an interaction with a select group of CEOs and business leaders.

The Prime Minister also addressed a gathering of the Indian diaspora. In his address, Modi said India's pace of development is unprecedented despite global challenges while asserting that the country is giving the world a new model of development.

Speaking at an Indian community event titled 'Kia Ora Modi' in Auckland, the Prime Minister said that the relationship between India and New Zealand is built on cherished memories, enduring friendship, shared values and a mutual commitment.

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CM Revanth Rules Out Lifting Water From Kannepally

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Saturday categorically ruled out lifting Godavari waters from the Kannepally (Lakshmi) pump house, asserting that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) had declared the exercise unsafe and technically infeasible given the present condition of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) barrages.

Addressing a press conference at MCRHRDI, he criticised the BRS and BJP for demanding resumption of pumping without operating the Medigadda barrage. He said the government had no objection if the NDSA certified the proposal as safe. “If the NDSA permits lifting water from Kannepally, we are ready to act accordingly,” he said, adding that the project could even be handed over to the authority along with the opposition leaders.

Explaining the technical issues, Revanth said adequate water could be lifted only after closing the gates of Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla barrages to create storage. He warned that storing water behind damaged barrages could prove disastrous. The minimum pumping level required at Kannepally is 93.50 metres, while the present level at Medigadda is only 89.90 metres. Since the NDSA has prohibited closing the gates, pumping is impossible.

Tracing the sequence of events, he recalled that defects in Medigadda were flagged in May 2020 but ignored by the previous BRS government until the barrage suffered a major failure in October 2023. The NDSA's preliminary report in November 2023 identified deficiencies in



planning, design and maintenance. Its final report concluded that Medigadda, Annaram and Sundilla were unfit for storing water.

Quoting the report, Revanth said Block-7 damage rendered Medigadda unsuitable for diversion, Annaram had severe structural damage, and Sundilla was unsafe. The NDSA recommended comprehensive rehabilitation designs and stipulated that all works be undertaken only with its approval or that of the Central Water Commission.

He referred to the Union government's constitution of a Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) on June 30, 2026, to supervise rehabilitation of the three barrages. The committee will review proposals, oversee investigations and monitor quality control, and is expected to submit its report by August-end.

Revanth reiterated that the state government would strictly abide by the recommendations of the NDSA and TOC, stressing that public safety could not be compromised for political considerations.

Revanth Called For Bloodshed Against Political Opponents: Harish

HYDERABAD: Former minister and senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao on Saturday castigated Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for “advocating bloodshed against political opponents”, and demanded an unconditional apology from him for his “violent” comments.

Calling Chief Minister's remarks as “violent and unbecoming” of his office, Harish Rao said, “There is no difference between Revanth Reddy's call for bloodshed and the mindset of a brutal murderer.”

In a statement, Harish Rao said that instead of responding to genuine concerns raised by farmers and retired irrigation engineers on marshalling water from Godavari River by using Kaleshwaram project pumps, “the Chief Minister resorted to inflammatory language by speaking about spilling the blood of political opponents and beating them with belts.”

The Chief Minister's response to the demand to lift water from Medigadda barrage dem-



onstrated that the government lacked even the basic intent to provide irrigation water to farmers, he said.

Revanth Reddy's remarks “reflect a disturbing and violent mindset that is incompatible with the constitutional office of the Chief Minister.” He must tender an unconditional public apology to the people of Telangana and to the farming community, Harish Rao said.

He said that it has become a habit for the Congress government to try and cover up its administrative failures by diverting public attention from serious issues and problems by reviving political controversies over the Kaleshwaram project.

Today's statements by Revanth Reddy are one such attempt to cover up failures to maintain law and order as proved by the multiple murders at Shabad. The government failed utterly to ensure that stringent legal provisions were invoked against the accused in an earlier POCOS case, allowing him to secure bail. The police negligence enabled the accused to remain free, ultimately resulting in the brutal killing of a minor girl, her mother, grandmother and three young children, he said.

Despite the gravity of the crime, the accused had still not been apprehended. This is a complete failure of the home department and the state's law-and-order machinery, both of which are handled by the Chief Minister, Harish Rao said

True Satisfaction: Revanth Reddy on Indiramma Canteen Praise

Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on Saturday said feedback from citizens strengthens the government's resolve to expand welfare initiatives, after a Hyderabad-based ride-hailing bike rider praised the Indiramma Canteen scheme.

The rider, who had a meal at an Indiramma Canteen in Koti, shared that he received six idlis for just ₹10, noting that the scheme is helping daily wage workers, auto drivers and labourers meet their basic food needs. His message, thanking the state government, gained traction on social media.

Responding to the



post, the Chief Minister said he felt satisfied by the appreciation from a working-class citizen he had never met. He reiterated that the concept of Indiramma Canteens was born out of the commitment to ensure that no poor person goes hungry in the state.

Revanth Reddy added that such responses from the public provide inspiration and strength to take forward more pro-people welfare measures.

Emirates Eyes A380 Services From Hyderabad

HYDERABAD: Emirates Airline on Saturday expressed willingness to introduce A380 services from Hyderabad during a meeting with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy.

Mohamed Sarhan, vice president (India) of Emirates, called on the Chief Minister as the airline completes 25 years of operations in Hyderabad.

During the meeting, Sarhan conveyed the airline's interest in operating A380 services from the city. The Chief Minister welcomed the proposal and urged the airline to increase flight



services from Hyderabad.

Referring to the proposed airports at Warangal and Adilabad, he requested Emirates to explore extending maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) operations to these locations. He said the state government would provide necessary support for aviation operations.

The Chief Minister also asked the airline to support training programmes for athletes at the recently launched Gachibowli Sports University. Sarhan responded positively to the proposals.

Foundation Stone Laid for Kodad Bus Station



Hyderabad:Transport minister Ponnamp Prabhakar and irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Saturday laid the foundation stone for a new Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) bus station at Kodad. The bus station will be constructed at an estimated cost of ₹17 crore.

Several local leaders and TGSRTC officials attended the bhoomi puja for the construction of the modern bus station at Kodad town.

Addressing the gathering, the ministers said

that since the Praja Palana (People's Governance) government assumed office, the state government had drawn up a special plan to construct RTC bus stations at key locations across Telangana. They said the government had launched the Mahalakshmi scheme, which provides free bus travel for women, within 48 hours of taking charge.

The ministers said that women have so far availed themselves of 32.7 crore zero-fare journeys under the scheme.

Telangana Unveils Project SHUDH to Eliminate Manual Sewer Entry

Hyderabad: IT and industries minister D. Sridhar Babu on Saturday launched 'Project SHUDH', an AI-based sewer governance platform aimed at improving urban drainage management and eliminating unsafe manual entry into manholes.

Developed by The Bot Factory under the guidance of the All India Robotics Association (AIRA), the platform integrates robotics, artificial intelligence, GIS and predictive analytics to monitor and manage underground sewer systems.

Addressing the event, the minister said the initiative demonstrates the application of advanced technologies to address critical urban infrastructure challenges. He said the platform has the potential to improve drainage



management and reduce overflow incidents during the monsoon and other seasons.

He said Telangana has emerged as a hub for innovation, start-ups and emerging technologies, and added that the government would continue to support entrepreneurs developing solutions with social impact.

The minister said the platform could be useful for civic bodies such as the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) and the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB). He said trials conducted with Metro Water Works have shown encouraging results, including the ability to detect blockages, generate alerts and support predictive maintenance.

He added that the government is working to modernise public systems to enable adoption of technology-driven solutions.

HMWS&SB managing director Ashok Reddy said the project marks a shift from limited use of robotic tools to a more integrated system for monitoring sewer pipelines. He said trials have been conducted and the product has undergone improvements, with initial results indicating potential for wider implementation.

He said the board plans to undertake a pilot deployment in a selected area and scale up based on performance.

GHMC commissioner R.V. Karnan, AIRA chairman Kishshhan and representatives of The Bot Factory were present at the event.

Telangana: VHR Holds Mouna Deeksha Over Theft Of Ayodhya Offerings

KARIMNAGAR: Senior Congress leader and state government adviser V. Hanumantha Rao on Saturday observed a 'mouna deeksha' at Ramojipet in Ellanthakunta mandal, alleging irregularities in devotees' offerings at the Ayodhya Ram temple and demanding action.

Addressing the gathering, he said the Centre should take moral responsibility over the issue. Extending support, Vemulawada MLA and government whip Adi Srinivas said people would not tolerate irregularities in the name of Lord Rama. "People are deeply dis-



turbed by the alleged theft of funds from the Ayodhya Ram temple, which is revered by crores of devotees," he said.

Referring to the temple inauguration in January 2024, he said, "After a long wait, the temple was inaugurated in January 2024. It is unfortunate that such an incident has occurred within just two-and-a-half years," and demanded that those responsible be punished.

Manakondur MLA Kavvampally Satyanarayana said the sentiments of devotees had been hurt. He criticised BJP leaders, stating that they remained silent over the issue despite invoking Lord Rama. He also alleged attempts to suppress the matter and demanded that the Centre make public details of temple offerings and take action against those responsible.

Telangana Plans Three-Phase Land Re-Survey by March 2027 to Resolve Land Disputes



Nalgonda: Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Saturday announced that the state government would conduct a re-survey of lands in three phases, with a target to complete the exercise by March 2027. Holding a video conference with district collectors from the Integrated District Offices Complex (IDOC) in Khammam, he said the re-survey aimed to ensure land security for farmers through the issuance of Bhudhar cards.

The minister said the Congress government had enacted the Bhu Bharati Act soon after assuming office, replacing Dharani, which had not met public expectations even 15 months after implementation. Based on expert suggestions, the government decided to undertake a comprehensive re-survey. A pilot project in five villages resolved up to 95 per cent of land-related issues.

He said around 70 villages in each district had been selected for the first phase and that trained licensed surveyors would be engaged.

He clarified that there would be no guarantee of employment or regularisation for hired surveyors. Licensed surveyors would be paid ₹60 per acre, including ₹50 for survey work and ₹10 towards transport and other expenses. He warned that licences would be cancelled if surveyors failed to report for duty within the stipulated time.

The minister directed officials to identify reasons for rejection of applications related to sada bainama and issue notices as per rules.

He said priority would be given to families living in huts in the second phase of Indiramma housing. He instructed officials to expedite completion of houses under the first phase as the second phase had already been launched.

He also directed officials to hand over 2BHK houses taken up during the previous government to beneficiaries in their current condition and release funds for pending works. He emphasised the need to ensure uninterrupted supply of sand, bricks and other construction materials for Indiramma houses.

Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train to Be Launched Next Year, Says Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union Minister for Railways and Electronics & IT Ashwini Vaishnaw on Saturday announced that the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project is set to be launched next year.

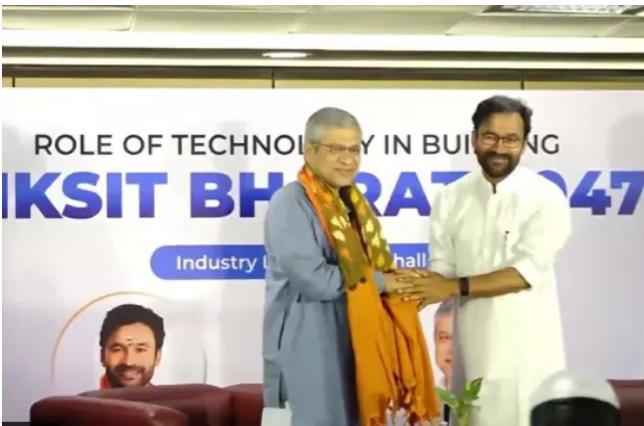
He was speaking at a seminar on "Technology's Role in Viksit Bharat-2047" held at HICC in Hyderabad, which was attended by Union Minister G Kishan Reddy among others.

Highlighting the growing impact of Artificial Intelligence, Vaishnaw said AI is helping solve several technological challenges and opening up vast opportunities in the electronics sector. He noted that the Centre has approved four electronic manufacturing units in Telangana, adding that production has already begun in one of the three sanctioned semiconductor facilities.

The minister further revealed that the Union government has approved seven new bullet train corridors across the country. Of these, three corridors have been sanctioned for Telangana, connecting Hyderabad with Chennai, Bengaluru, and Mumbai.

Vaishnaw also said the Centre has significantly increased railway budget allocations for Telangana. He criticised the previous UPA government, stating that the undivided Andhra Pradesh received only ₹880 crore, while the current government is spending around ₹5,000 crore for Telangana alone.

He added that the Secunderabad Railway Station is being modernised and funds have been allocated for the redevelopment of 40 railway stations in the state. The minister also claimed that the Vande Bharat trains are among the best in the world and said five such services are currently operating in Telangana.



College Buses, Three Advanced Laboratories Inaugurated at JNTUH Sultanpur Campus in Sangareddy District.



SANGAREDDY, Correspondent : July 11, 2026: Telangana Medical and Health Minister Damodar Rajanarasimha on Saturday inaugurated college buses and three state-of-the-art laboratories at the JNTUH University College of Engineering and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Sultanpur Campus, aimed at strengthening technical education and improving student facilities.

The newly inaugurated facilities include the VLSI System Design and Simulation Laboratory, Smart Computing Laboratory, and Computer Applications in Pharmacy Laboratory, all equipped with modern technologies to provide hands-on training to students.

Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said the Telangana Government is committed to providing quality technical education by creating world-class infrastructure in higher educational institutions. He noted that the advanced laboratories would equip students with practical knowledge in emerging technologies and enhance their employability.

Rajanarasimha appreciated Toshiba Transmission & Distribution Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd. for donating buses to the two colleges under its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative. He said the buses would ensure safe and convenient transportation for students.

The Minister stated that the laboratories would offer practical training in cutting-edge fields such as Semiconductor Technology, VLSI Design, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning, Data Science, Cloud Computing, Internet of Things (IoT), and Cyber Security, thereby promoting research, innovation, and industry-oriented skill development.

Later, the Minister inspected the proposed site for the construction of a Clock Tower on the Sultanpur campus and directed officials to prepare the design and cost estimates at the earliest. He said the Clock Tower would symbolize punctuality and discipline among students.

He also announced that 57 crore has been sanctioned for the construction of the JNTUH University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences at Andole Campus and instructed officials to expedite the preparation of the structural design.

JNTUH Vice-Chancellor Prof. T. Kishan Kumar Reddy thanked the State Government for its continuous support and said that collaboration between the government, industry, and educational institutions is essential for developing world-class infrastructure and producing globally competitive graduates.

The programme was attended by Additional Collector R. Pandu, JNTUH Director Dr. A. Damodaram, Chief Engineer Dr. S. Srinivasulu, Principal of University College of Pharmaceutical Sciences Dr. Sunitha Reddy, Principal of University College of Engineering Dr. S. Viswanatha Raju, Vice-Principal Dr. Y. Raghavender Rao, faculty members, students, Toshiba representatives, public representatives, and other officials.

"Every Home, a Recharge Pit... Every Drop Saved, a Secure Future!"

Manuguru Correspondent | July 11, 2026: Manuguru: In a strong message aimed at protecting future generations from water scarcity, Manuguru Municipal Commissioner Prasad urged every household to construct recharge pits and actively conserve rainwater. The awareness program, held at the Manuguru Municipal Office on Saturday, witnessed citizens taking a pledge to safeguard every drop of rainwater.

Addressing the gathering, Commissioner Prasad emphasized that rainwater harvesting is no longer an option but a necessity. He stated that allowing rainwater to seep into the ground through recharge pits can significantly improve groundwater levels and help prevent future water crises.

He explained that rainwater falling on rooftops can be diverted through pipelines into recharge pits or storage tanks, making it useful for household needs while reducing wastage. According to him, simple rainwater harvesting practices can make a huge difference in ensuring long-term water security.

The Commissioner further noted that directing surface runoff into farm ponds, recharge pits, and small check dams helps replenish underground water reserves, leading to improved water levels in borewells and open wells. He also advised residents to install filtration systems and first-flush mechanisms to remove dust and impurities before storing rainwater.

Under the slogan "Every Home, a Recharge Pit... Every Drop Saved for Tomorrow," citizens collectively pledged to conserve rainwater and contribute to environmental sustainability.

The program saw enthusiastic participation from municipal staff and local residents, highlighting a growing awareness of the importance of water conservation in the region.

Key Message:
"Save Rainwater Today – Secure Water for Future Generations."



Minister Ponguleti Felicitates ST Welfare Committee Chairman Payam Venkateswarlu

Minister Ponguleti Honors Newly Appointed ST Welfare Committee Chairman Payam Venkateswarlu



Khammam: Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy warmly congratulated Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu on his appointment as the Chairman of the Telangana Legislative Assembly Scheduled Tribes (ST) Welfare Committee during a meeting

at the Minister's camp office in Khammam on Saturday.

Marking the occasion, Minister Ponguleti felicitated the newly appointed Chairman with a ceremonial shawl and presented him with a bouquet, conveying his best wishes for the prestigious responsibility. He expressed confidence that Payam's leadership would strengthen tribal welfare initiatives and accelerate the implementation of development programs for Scheduled Tribes across the state.

The Minister emphasized the importance of protecting tribal rights and ensuring that welfare schemes effectively reach every eligible beneficiary. He said the committee would play a vital role in ad-

ressing the concerns of tribal communities and shaping policies for their overall development.

Expressing his gratitude, Payam Venkateswarlu thanked Minister Ponguleti for his encouragement and support. He assured that he would work with dedication to uphold the trust placed in him and strive to bring the issues of tribal communities before the Assembly Committee for effective resolution.

The meeting has drawn significant attention in political and administrative circles, while people from the Pinapaka constituency and representatives of tribal organizations have extended their heartfelt congratulations to Payam Venkateswarlu, expressing hope that his new role will bring greater focus to tribal welfare and development.



Government Speeds Up Land Re-Survey; Target to Complete by March 2027

Land Re-Survey Key to Success of Bhu Bharati: Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy Licensed Surveyors to Receive ₹60 Per Acre; Push for Indiramma Houses and Sadabainama Applications

Bhadradi Kothagudem Correspondent | July 11, 2026: The Telangana Government has decided to give top priority to the statewide land re-survey programme to provide a permanent solution to land-related disputes, Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said on Saturday. He stated that the success of the Bhu Bharati Act depends on the successful completion of the land re-survey and directed officials to complete the exercise across the state in three phases by March 2027.

The Minister reviewed the implementation of the land re-survey, Bhu Bharati, disposal of Sadabainama applications, progress of Indiramma Housing, distribution of pending 2BHK houses, and supply of school uniforms during a video conference with District Collectors from the Khammam Collectorate. Bhadradi Kothagudem Collector Ankit and Additional Collector Venugopal participated in the review from the district.

The Minister said the government introduced the Bhu Bharati Act in place of Dharani to ensure complete protection of farmers' land rights. He noted that the re-survey would significantly reduce land disputes and revealed that nearly 95% of land-related issues had



already been resolved in villages where the pilot project was implemented.

To encourage participation, the government announced that licensed surveyors engaged in the re-survey would be paid ₹50 per acre, along with an additional ₹10 per acre towards transportation and other expenses, taking the total remuneration to ₹60 per acre. Officials were instructed to issue a final deadline for surveyors to join duty, failing which their licences would be cancelled. The Minister also assured that surveyors would be provided with insurance and social security benefits.

He directed officials to expedite the disposal of 9.26 lakh Sadabainama applications pending since the Dharani regime and to identify and resolve the reasons behind rejected applications without delay.

The Minister further instructed officials to speed up the construction of Indiramma Houses and distribute all pending 2BHK houses to eligible beneficiaries. He said that families living in huts should be given top priority in the second phase of beneficiary selection and warned that strict action would be taken against officials who fail to commence the works.



Reviewing the distribution of school uniforms, the Minister directed officials to ensure that every student in the state receives at least one pair of uniforms by August 15 through coordinated efforts.

Rapid Progress in Bhadradi Kothagudem Collector Ankit informed the meeting that land re-survey work is progressing rapidly in the district. Out of 8,990 acres in Akkinipalli village, survey work has been completed on 4,900 acres. The re-survey has also been completed in Pedda Venkatapuram and Shubhampeta villages of Gundala Mandal, while work in Madaram village is scheduled to begin on Monday.

He said that 5,000 acres under the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project had been surveyed during the current month. Re-survey plans have been prepared for 17 villages, with work already underway in 14 villages during the first phase.

The Collector also stated that the district has 206 licensed surveyors, of whom 56 have been allotted to the district. So far, 16 surveyors have joined duty and are actively carrying out the re-survey.

Officials expressed confidence that the government's ambitious land re-survey programme would provide a permanent solution to land disputes and ensure transparent and reliable land records for farmers across the state.

Ensure All Facilities for Devotees at Nayinipalli Maisamma Temple: Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil

Nagar Kurnool : District Collector Hemanta Keshav Patil directed officials to ensure all necessary facilities for the thousands of devotees visiting Nayinipalli Maisamma Temple in Peddakothapally mandal every Sunday. During his visit to the temple along with Superintendent of Police Dr. Sangram Singh G. Patil, the Collector reviewed arrangements and instructed officials to provide sanitation, drinking water, toilets, resting sheds, lighting, and effective traffic management.

The Collector asked the authorities to prepare a compre-



hensive plan for road widening, parking facilities, U-turn arrangements, and crowd control to avoid inconvenience to devotees. He also directed the temple Executive Officer to obtain necessary approvals from the Endowments Department and streamline the conduct of Annadanam

and other feast arrangements under uniform guidelines.

Collector Patil further instructed officials to convene a Gram Sabha at Chinna Karpamula village to discuss the temple's development, protection of temple lands, and creation of permanent amenities.

District Excise Officer V. Venugopal Reddy, District Panchayat Officer Sriramulu, Kollapur RDO Bansilal, Peddakothapally Tahsildar Srinivasulu, temple Chairman Srinivasulu, the Temple EO, and officials from various departments were present.



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ELEVEN YEARS ON, DIGITAL MIS-SION STILL FACES CHALLENGES

Technology has the power to bridge socioeconomic gaps and propel a nation into a new era of innovation and a knowledge economy. The ‘Digital India’ mission, launched 11 years ago to transform India into a digitally empowered society, has demonstrated this in an exemplary manner by building a robust digital infrastructure and providing a host of government services online. Today, India can boast of recording the highest penetration of digital payment methods in the world. The ubiquitous presence of QR code scanners across the country — from small street vendors to large retailers —tells the success story of the country’s digital transformation. This widespread adoption is driven by the simplicity, affordability, and adaptability of QR codes, making them a convenient tool for both businesses and consumers. The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) now processes a staggering 75 crore transactions daily and is recognised by the IMF as the world’s largest real-time payment system. India accounts for nearly half of all real-time digital payments in the world. While digital adoption is one of the big success stories of India, several challenges remain. Among them are the rural-urban and gender digital divides, cybersecurity and data privacy enforcement, welfare-authentication exclusion errors, and language and institutional gaps. Nearly 103 crore Indians now have internet connections, but that still leaves several hundred million people outside the net, and access is not evenly distributed. Fibre-optic connections reach only about 7% of households nationally, and just over 3% in rural areas. Most connectivity still rides on mobile data rather than the stable broadband network.

Rural youth are also considerably less likely to own a device outright, and women are particularly less privileged on this count, making the digital divide an uncomfortable reality. In rural India, only around 57% of young women own a phone against over 81% of young men. Another challenging area is the poor public awareness about where to report online frauds, especially among rural and female users, at a time when instances of digital fraud are rising sharply. As UPI, Aadhaar and DigiLocker have become load-bearing infrastructure for the country, they have also become easy targets for cyber fraudsters. The mission has weathered periodic UPI outages that exposed how much now depends on a small number of systems staying up, and analysts expect more coordinated, AI-assisted phishing and fraud attempts in the years ahead. The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, gives India, for the first time, a comprehensive legal framework for handling personal data, but its rules are still being operationalised, and the harder test — consistent enforcement, and genuine recourse for citizens whose data is misused — is still ahead. Overall, the impact of the digital mission has been transformational. Powered by the Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and Mobile (JAM) trinity, the sovereign digital identity framework has facilitated the government to transfer Rs 51.5 lakh crore directly to citizens through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).

Revanth alleges retired engineers backed BRS in Kaleshwaram controversy

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy lashed out at retired engineers, accusing them of colluding with the previous BRS government in irregularities and criticising their suggestions on water projects. He singled out Shyamprasad Reddy for allegedly shifting positions on the Medigadda barrage and warned that such engineers deserved punishment. State & Local Government

Hyderabad: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy on Saturday launched a scathing criticism against retired engineers, who suggested that the State government operate the Kannepalli pump house to lift water. He also claimed that the pump house was not fully operational.South Asians & Diaspora

Addressing a press conference, Revanth Reddy alleged that the government had erred by not initiating action against some retired engineers, accusing them of colluding with the previous BRS government in alleged irregularities and benefiting financially through contractors.

“We made a mistake by not



putting a few retired engineers in jail. They partnered with the previous government in the loot and minted money through contractors,” he said.Executive Branch

The Chief Minister alleged that the opposition was using retired engineers to mount pressure on the government and tarnish its image. He described their suggestions as “bewakoof”(foolish) and said they deserved “belt treat

Lacking subject knowledge, CM Revanth resorts to body-shaming opposition leaders: Puvvada

Former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar accused CM A Revanth Reddy of resorting to personal insults and body-shaming, citing derogatory remarks about his lost eye. He defended his record as minister, criticised the Congress government’s handling of Godavari waters, and highlighted the BRS regime’s investment in the Sitarama project. State & Local Government

Khammam: It has become a habit for Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to resort to personal insults and body-shaming against former ministers and MLAs, regardless of which district he visits, stated former minister Puvvada Ajay Kumar.History

Referring to Revanth Reddy’s remarks made against him at Friday’s public meeting in Khammam, the former minister noted that what the people care about is a leader’s character, not physical appearance.

Ajay Kumar said he had publicly shared that he lost an eye in a car accident years ago. Lacking subject knowledge and forgetting the dignity of the Chief Minister’s office, Revanth Reddy stooped low to make comments about his missing eye.Executive Branch

Speaking to the media here on Saturday Ajay Kumar pointed out that personal insults and character assassination constitute CM Revanth’s agenda and he was making derogatory remarks unbefitting of a Chief Minister.

The BRS leader told Revanth Reddy to compare the work he ac-



complished as a minister with a single eye to what the current three ministers with proper eye-sight have achieved. He said the public knows how effectively he worked and the development he achieved with just one eye.

As the Congress government allowed Godavari waters to flow downstream, the Andhra Pradesh government was lifting and diverting the waters through the Pattiseema project. Revanth Reddy lacks even the slightest sincerity regarding Telangana’s interests, Ajay Kumar alleged.State & Local Government

Although former Chief Minister K Chandrashekhara Rao initiated the Sitarama project, Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao claims credit for bringing it about. The previous BRS regime spent Rs 9,000 crore on the project, whereas the expenditure made by the current government was negligible, he added.

Senior BRS leaders Gundala Krishna, Bachu Vijay Kumar, K Nagabhushanam, Pagadala Nagaraju and others were present.

Nightingale Of South India S. Janaki No More



BENGALURU: Renowned playback singer S. Janaki died at a private hospital in Mysuru on Saturday evening. She was 88. Janaki was admitted to the hospital in critical condition around 12.49 pm with age-related ailments. During treatment, she suffered a cardiac arrest. Doctors immediately initiated advanced cardiopulmonary resuscitation in accordance with medical protocols. Despite sustained efforts, she suffered multiple cardiac arrests and could not be revived. She was declared dead around 7.30 pm. Sharing the news on behalf of the family, her granddaughter Apsara Vydyula, in an Instagram post, said, “It is with profound sadness that I share the passing of my beloved grandmother and legendary singer, Smt S Janaki.”

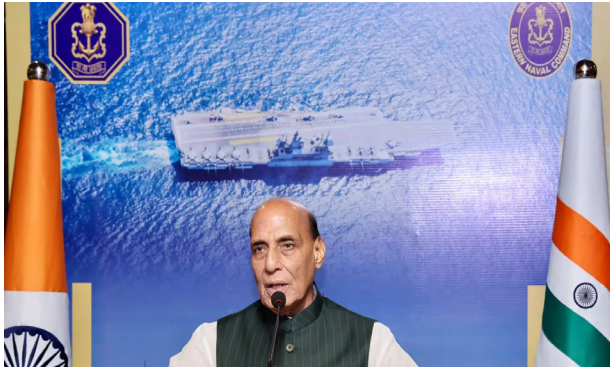
Known as the “Nightingale of South India”, Janaki recorded more than 48,000 songs for films,

albums, television and radio in about 20 Indian languages, including Hindi, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali during a career spanning over six decades. She won the National Film Award for Best Female Playback Singer four times. She announced her retirement from singing in 2016 but returned to record a song for the Tamil film Pannaadi in 2018.

Though Telugu was her mother tongue, Janaki sang solos, duets, chorus numbers and title tracks in around 20 Indian languages, including Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Hindi, Konkani, Odia, Tulu, Urdu, Punjabi and Bengali. She also recorded songs in English, Japanese, German and Sinhala. Janaki learnt the basics of music from nadaswaram exponent Paidiswamy and gave her first stage performance at the age of nine. She began her playback singing career at 19 with the Tamil film Vidhiyin Vilayattu, released in 1957.

Among the thousands of songs she recorded, the largest number were in Kannada, followed by Malayalam. Her honours included an honorary doctorate from the University of Mysore and the Tamil Nadu government’s Kalaimamani award. Janaki was selected for the Padma Bhushan, India’s third-highest civilian honour, in 2013 but declined to accept it. Born on April 23, 1938, at Pallapatla in Repalle taluk of present-day Andhra Pradesh, Janaki was the daughter of Sistla Sreeramamurthy, an Ayurvedic doctor and teacher. She was fondly known as “Janaki amma” among her disciples and followers.

Rajnath Singh Commissions Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Mahendragiri



Visakhapatnam: The Indian Navy inducted another state-of-the-art warship into its fleet on Saturday as Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned INS Mahendragiri, an indigenously designed stealth frigate and the sixth Project 17A Nilgiri-class warship, at the Visakhapatnam dockyard.

The Defence Minister also received the Guard of Honour during the commissioning ceremony.

Named after the Mahendragiri mountain range in the Eastern Ghats, the frigate symbolises resilience, strength and unwavering resolve.

As the first Indian Naval warship to bear this name, Mahendragiri is truly sui generis.

The warship is expected to build a distinguished legacy and add another chapter to India’s maritime history.

Designed in-house by the Indian Navy’s Warship Design Bureau (WDB) and built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), Mumbai, Mahendragiri is the sixth ship of the Project 17A class of stealth frigates.

The vessel reflects India’s growing expertise in indigenous warship design and construction.

With over 75 per cent indigenous content, the ship reflects the success of the Government of India’s Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative and highlights the growing capability of the Indian ship-building ecosystem.

The construction of the ship has involved a large number of Indian industries, including Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), thereby strengthening the nation’s defence industrial base and generating significant employment, as stated in the official release.

Mahendragiri is equipped with an advanced suite of indigenous and state-of-the-art weapons, sensors, and electronic warfare systems, enabling her to effectively undertake anti-air, anti-surface, and anti-submarine operations.

The ship is also capable of maritime security operations, Search and Rescue missions, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR), and sustained deployments across the Indian Ocean Region (IOR) and beyond.

The commissioning of INS Mahendragiri marks another significant milestone in the successful execution of the Project 17A programme.

As successive frigates of the class join the fleet, they will continue to enhance the Indian Navy’s combat capability while reinforcing India’s position as a leading indigenous warship-building nation.

The Defence Minister arrived in Visakhapatnam on Friday evening, where he was received by Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan.

Earlier, Singh described the commissioning of Mahendragiri as a proud moment for the nation and the Indian Navy.

“Heading to Visakhapatnam to witness a proud moment for our nation and the Indian Navy, for the Commissioning Ceremony of the 6th Project 17A stealth frigate, Mahendragiri, on 11 July 2026,” the Defence Minister said in a post on X.

Calling the warship a symbol of India’s growing self-reliance in defence manufacturing, Singh said, “This indigenously designed and constructed state-of-the-art warship is a testament to our Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision and the incredible capabilities of our domestic defence industries and MSMEs.”

He further said that “Mahendragiri is combat-ready to safeguard India’s maritime interests and strengthen our resolve for a secure Indo-Pacific.”

Special Focus on Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls



Nirmal District Staff Reporter : BLOs instructed to conduct door-to-door visits and collect applications District Collector Bhavesh Mishra

Field Inspection in Son and Laxmanchanda Mandals

District Collector Bhavesh Mishra has directed officials to complete the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in a transparent and time-bound manner. On Saturday, he visited Son and Laxmanchanda mandals to inspect the voter registration and revision process at the field level.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that the right to vote is the foundation of democracy and emphasized that every eligible citizen must be included in the electoral roll. He instructed officials to carry out their responsibilities diligently to ensure no eligible voter is left out.

The Collector directed Booth Level Officers (BLOs) to conduct door-to-door visits and collect voter revision forms from residents. He also

instructed officials to assist voters in filling out the forms and ensure that they do not face any inconvenience during the process.

During the inspection, the Collector interacted with BLOs to understand the challenges they were facing and directed the concerned officials to resolve them immediately. He instructed the staff to achieve their daily targets within the stipulated time.

Later, at Parpalli village in Laxmanchanda Mandal, the Collector conducted a detailed review of the SIR programme. He enquired about the total number of voters in the village, the number of forms distributed, applications received so far, and the progress of digitization.

The Collector instructed supervisors to continuously monitor the SIR process to prevent errors and ensure the preparation of an accurate and error-free electoral roll.

Tahsildars Santosh and Saritha, local public representatives, Election Department officials, and other staff members participated in the inspection.

The development of villages should be the main goal of Sarpanches

Parakala MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy
The development of villages is the development of the country
Everyone should register for the comprehensive voter survey
Warangal District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada

Warangal Bureau : Parakala MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy said that the comprehensive development of villages should be the main goal of every Sarpanch and that the country will develop only if the village develops. Parakala MLA Revuri Prakash Reddy, District Collector Dr. Satya Sharada and officials participated in the training program for Sarpanches and Panchayat Secretaries under the Gram Panchayat Comprehensive Development Plan organized in Gangadevipalli village of Geesugonda mandal on Saturday.

Speaking on the occasion, the MLA suggested that Sarpanches should work for the social and economic development of the village people. He said that he should take advantage of the opportunity given to him as a public representative and make the village an ideal one during his five-year term and earn the trust and respect of the people.

He suggested that the former Sarpanch of Gangadevipalli, Kusam Rajamouli, should be taken as an example and work with dedication for the development of the village.

He said that the funds coming from the central and state governments should be used effectively and development works should be undertaken in a planned manner according to the needs of the village.

He said that in addition to giving first priority to the urgent needs of the people, special attention should be paid to health, sanitation, drinking



water, education, greenery and development of infrastructure.

Since the rainfall is likely to decrease due to the effect of El Nino, he suggested that farmers should be made aware of issues such as crops grown with less water, crop rotation system and organic farming.

The MLA addressed the Sarpanchs and asked them to take responsibility and make efforts to make their villages greener by planting crops according to the prevailing rainfall conditions and planting trees in large numbers, so that everyone can work to protect the environment.

On this occasion, the District Collector said A comprehensive voter house-to-house survey will be conducted and everyone should register.

7 varieties of rice should be cultivated in a short period of time with less water.

It is our responsibility to ensure that no farmer suffers any loss. In the current situation, he said, farmers should be educated so that they can get the crop in a short time by planting

ST Welfare Committee Chairman Payam Venkateswarlu Receives Grand Felicitation from Doctors

Manuguru Correspondent | July 11, 2026: Manuguru: Newly appointed Telangana Legislative Assembly ST Welfare Committee Chairman and Pinapaka MLA Payam Venkateswarlu was accorded a grand felicitation by doctors and health officials led by Area Hospital Superintendent Dr. Gouri Prasad in Manuguru.

Following a meeting at the MLA Camp Office, doctors from the Area Hospital, Primary Health Centres, and officials of the Health Department felicitated the MLA with a ceremonial shawl and bouquet, congratulating him on his prestigious appointment. They expressed confidence that his leadership as ST Welfare Committee Chairman would usher in a new era of development and welfare for tribal communities across the state.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Payam Venkateswarlu thanked the medical fraternity for the honour and assured that he would live up to the trust reposed in him by the State Government. He reaffirmed his commitment to the welfare of tribal people and strengthening public healthcare services, particularly in rural and



tribal areas.

He instructed health officials to intensify preventive measures against seasonal diseases during the monsoon and to organize regular medical camps and awareness programmes in villages to safeguard public health.

The programme was attended by Area Hospital Superintendent Dr. Gouri Prasad, doctors from the Area Hospital and Primary Health Centres, Health Department officials, medical staff, and other dignitaries.

Basara Zone-2 DIG R. Bhaskaran, IPS, Visits Nirmal District for the First Time

Nirmal District Staff Reporter : Holds Introductory and Review Meeting with District Police Officers; Focuses on Quality Investigation and Strengthening Intelligence Network

After assuming charge as the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Basara Zone-2, R. Bhaskaran, IPS, paid his first official visit to Nirmal district. During the visit, he conducted an introductory and review meeting with district police officers at the Nirmal District Police Office.

District Superintendent of Police Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila, IPS, welcomed the DIG by presenting him with a sapling. The DIG later received a ceremonial guard of honour from the district police.

During the meeting, the DIG reviewed the district's law and order situation, crime control measures, investigation of pending cases, safety of women and children, cybercrime prevention, traffic man-



agement, anti-drug initiatives, and community policing.

Addressing the officers, DIG Bhaskaran emphasized the need to strengthen the police intelligence system and improve field-level information gathering. He instructed officers to prioritize scientific investigation, case analysis, and speedy disposal of cases while ensuring strict enforcement of the law and providing efficient policing services to the public. He also stressed the effective use of technology to curb cybercrime, eliminate narcotics, and enhance community policing.

Later, SP Dr. G. Janaki Sharmila gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the district police's innovative initiatives, including "Police Akka," "Nari Shakti," "Shivangi Team," and "Ganja Gasti." She explained the measures taken to ensure the safety of women and children, strengthen community policing, prevent cybercrime, and combat drug abuse. She also noted that the "Police Akka" initiative received the prestigious SKOCH Award at the national level, bringing recognition to the Nirmal District Police.

The meeting was attended by Bhainsa ASP Sai Kiran, IPS, Nirmal DSP Srinivas, Circle Inspectors (CIs), Reserve Inspectors (RIs), Sub-Inspectors (SIs), Reserve Sub-Inspectors (RSIs), and other district police officials.

Hashmi Dental Care Inaugurated in Nizamabad :

Modern Oral Healthcare Facility Launched for the Public—
Young Dental Professionals Pledge Ethical, Affordable and Technology-Driven Treatment

Nizamabad, July 11, 2026 : Reinforcing the growing emphasis on quality healthcare in Nizamabad, Hashmi Dental Care, a modern multi-specialty dental clinic, was formally inaugurated at Telecom Colony, Autonagar, on Friday evening. The clinic was inaugurated by Janab Syed Mahboob Ali in the presence of distinguished guests, medical professionals, public representatives, businessmen, educationists, social activists, relatives, friends and a large gathering of residents from the locality.

Speaking after inaugurating the clinic, the chief guest said that oral healthcare should never be viewed as a secondary aspect of medical care, as dental health has a direct impact on an individual's overall physical well-being. He observed that changing food habits, hectic lifestyles and lack of awareness have contributed to an increase in dental ailments, making regular dental examinations and preventive care more important than ever before.

He congratulated the young doctors for introducing a modern dental facility equipped with advanced technology and expressed confidence that the clinic would provide quality treatment while creating greater awareness about oral hygiene among the public.

The founders of the clinic, Dr. Syed Amer Hashmi and Dr. Mariyam Samiha, said their objective is to combine professional excellence with compassionate patient care. They stated that every individual deserves access to safe, painless and affordable dental treatment delivered in a comfortable and hygienic environment. They added that the clinic has been designed to meet contemporary standards of dentistry while ensuring personalized care for every patient. The doctors stressed that preventive dentistry remains the most effective way to avoid complex dental procedures. They encouraged parents to pay special attention to children's oral health and advised adults to undergo periodic dental check-ups for the early detection of gum diseases, tooth decay and other oral disorders. Hashmi Dental Care provides a comprehensive range of advanced dental services, including cosmetic dentistry, smile makeovers, dental implants, invisible aligners, root canal treatment, crowns and bridges, veneers, teeth whitening, scaling and polishing, preventive dentistry and complete family dental care. The clinic is equipped with modern diagnostic facilities and advanced treatment systems aimed at ensuring accurate diagnosis, precision treatment and improved patient comfort.



Wimbledon 2026: Linda Noskova Beats Karolina Muchova in All-Czech Final

LONDON: Linda Noskova is the latest in a long line of Czech women to win Wimbledon . The 21-year-old Noskova recovered from a second-set melt-down in which she wasted five match points to overcome Karolina Muchova 6-2, 5-7, 6-3 in an all-Czech final on Saturday for her first Grand Slam trophy. Noskova became the third Czech woman in four years to win the grass-court major, after Marketa Vondrousova in 2023 and Barbora Krejickova in 2024.

Petra Kvitova, who won Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014, was in attendance, as was the greatest Czech-born player of them all, Martina Navratilova — who won a record nine singles titles at the All England Club. Navratilova looked on from the Royal Box, where she was seated next to Kate, the Princess of Wales , who was due to present the Venus Rosewater Dish trophy to Noskova. Muchova and Noskova played



doubles together at the 2024 Paris Olympics and finished fourth. In the men's final on Sunday, top-ranked Jannik Sinner will attempt to defend his title against French Open champion Alexander Zverev .

England Battle Norway As Argentina Face Swiss in World Cup Last Eight

Los Angeles: England lock horns with Norway in a World Cup quarter-final in Miami on Saturday that pits Harry Kane against Erling Haaland in a mouthwatering battle of elite strikers.

The teams are competing to face either reigning champions Argentina or surprise package Switzerland in the semi-finals.

England vs Norway (02:30 AM Sunday)

Kane has once again been England's hero, dragging his teammates through an attritional last-16 meeting with Mexico at the Estadio Azteca that they won 3-2 despite having a man sent off.

The Bayern Munich forward has scored six goals to fire the Three Lions to the quarter-finals. Haaland appears to have been enjoying himself ever since he touched down in the United States and began smashing in the seven goals that have carried Norway further than ever before.

Their run, which included eliminating Brazil, has been accompanied by their fans' joyous rowing celebration that has turned venues across the US into giant human Viking ships.

"Every game has been the most important (in history) for Norwegian football, especially in the knockout rounds, so this is the third time it is the most important game," Norway coach Stale Solbakken said on Friday.

Kane described 25-year-old Haaland as "a beast" but insisted he and the Manchester City striker had contrasting styles.

"I see myself as a different player, although I score the same goals," the England captain, 32, said on Friday. "I like to maybe touch the ball a little bit more, be involved with the play a little bit more, but also can play as maybe the out-and-out number nine.

"I don't think it's one to compare ourselves. I respect him a lot as a player and as a professional."

England were boosted by the return to training on Friday of the influential trio of Declan Rice, Marc Guehi and Reece James, who have been dealing with illness and injury.

Coach Thomas Tuchel described their presence as "the best news" and said: "We took a big step in our last match, but it was only a step.

"The next step is to win a quarter-final. The important thing is to look up at what is ahead of us."

The contest in Miami's Hard Rock Stadium is likely to be a sweaty affair played in temperatures forecast to rise above 40C (104 degrees Fahrenheit).

Expected Lineup:

Norway: Nyland (Goalkeeper); Ryerson, Ajer, Heggem, Moller Wolfe (Defense); Berg, Berge, Odegaard (Midfield); Sorloth, Haaland, Nusa (Attack)

England: Pickford (Goalkeeper); Konsa, Stones, Guehi, O'Reilly (Defense); Rice, Anderson(Midfield); Saka, Bellingham, Gordon; Kane (Attack)

Argentina vs Switzerland (06:30 AM Sunday)

Argentina made a smooth start to their bid to become the first country since Brazil in 1962 to win back-to-back World Cups.

But since they entered the knockout rounds, frailties have crept in as they were pushed to breaking point by first World Cup debutants Cape Verde and then Egypt.

Lionel Messi, who turned 39 during the group phase, has again been the talisman for the South Americans, his genius repeatedly getting his team out of tight spots.

But there is just a suggestion the Swiss, a well-organised unit marshalled by midfield general Granit Xhaka, could exploit any weariness and cause them problems at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City.

Argentina coach Lionel Scaloni said he is very proud of the character his team has shown.

"I would like this national team to be remembered as a team that never gave up," he said.

The 48-year-old has been especially marked by the support for the team expressed by a young fan.

"We do not play football just for a win," he said.

"And then when you see those things that come out of our heart, this is just outstanding.

"When you see a 10-year-old saying those things and talking with that passion, and everyone shouting 'Argentina', that is just so emotional. And that is the legacy that I want."

The Time Has Come For Shreyas Iyer To Create His Identity As Captain : Saba Karim



England sealed the five-match T20I series with a commanding nine-wicket victory in the fourth T20I in Bristol, taking an unassailable 3-0 lead. Speaking on JioHotstar's 'Match Centre Live', JioStar experts Saba Karim and Parthiv Patel analysed Indian batters' shot selection, Shreyas Iyer's tactical decision-making, and the possible changes to the playing XI for the series finale.

Speaking on JioHotstar's 'Match Centre Live', JioStar expert Saba Karim attributed India's defeat to their inability to adjust to English conditions :

"You need to read the opposition's bowling plans. If you don't, the results won't go your way. That is exactly what happened with the Indian batters. Jofra Archer and Josh Tongue kept bowling short deliveries. We lost two wickets trying to play attacking shots off the back foot. Even Abhishek Sharma got out, though it was off Adil Rashid's bowling, but a wicket

is a wicket. India didn't assess the ground dimensions while facing the new ball. The need was to rotate the strike. If we had been cautious in the opening spells of Archer and Tongue and survived without losing early wickets, we could have accelerated later. I was particularly concerned about our scoring in the middle overs. Compared to that, England didn't allow our spinners to complete their full quota. This Indian team is not adapting to English conditions. We are still playing like we are on Indian pitches with small boundaries. That is not how a World Cup-winning team plays."

On Shreyas Iyer's captaincy: "I feel the time has come for Shreyas Iyer to assert himself as a captain. The tactical captaincy we have seen from him in the IPL has not yet been visible in international cricket. For example, when he was batting in the middle, Shivam Dube came in at number five, I didn't understand that decision. That is not the Shreyas Iyer we know from the IPL. Logically, if he were captaining in the IPL right now, Tilak Varma would have walked in at number five instead of Shivam Dube. Also, when you are batting in the middle as a captain, the messages you send to your partner are very important. Maybe it will take time for him to grow into the role. But the biggest positive is that he scored runs with the bat. That gives a captain a lot of confidence. When your own performance is good, the captaincy automatically improves. I hope we will see that in the coming matches. I want him to create his own identity. He is ready for it. Now is the time to do it."

SPORTS



England Ride On Buttler's Ton To Demolish India By 56 Runs, Complete 4-0 "Clean Sweep"

Southampton: Jos Buttler rolled back the years with a sizzling hundred while skipper Harry Brook gave glimpse of a golden future as England annihilated an out-of-sorts India by 56 runs in the fifth T20 International to complete a historic 4-0 'clean sweep' here on Saturday. Buttler's sizzling 64-ball-131 and Brook's brutal 45-ball-95 not out took England to a virtually insurmountable 257 for 3 on a day when the Indian bowling unit was at its worst.

Buttler and Brook added a whopping 233 runs for the second wicket, a record partnership for any wicket in the history of T20Is. The chase was out of question as India, despite their most impressive batting show during all seven T20Is in the UK, managed 201 for 8 in the end. Ishan Kishan (56 off 35) and the universally panned Tilak Varma (53 off 25 balls) got some pressure free runs which counted for little, except beefing their personal statistics.

The win also effectively ended India's 1601 days of uninterrupted pole position in the ICC T20I team rankings. This was also the sixth game that India lost under new captain Shreyas Iyer which has resulted in BCCI calling for a review of this shambolic show. Whatever good things were achieved under previous head coach Rahul Dravid have been completely undone by Gautam Gambhir in trying to put his own stamp in the current set-up.

Currently, it is a dressing room which is divided with lack of trust among the players due to constant chopping and changing which brews insecurity. While the attack at all costs philosophy worked well on Indian featherbeds with short boundaries, India's IPL Czars learnt the hard way that one-size-fits-all strategy doesn't always work. If Brook raced off the blocks to complete his half-century off just 19 balls, Buttler, the veteran, upped the ante reaching the three figure mark which his younger teammate missed by five runs.

Buttler's first 50 came off 34 balls and the next fifty came off just 17 more deliveries as he switched gears with effortless ease. His innings had 12 boundaries and eight sixes. This was 35-year-old's second T20I hundred and his career-best knock. With series already in the bag, the duo put the Indian attack to the sword with some of the cleanest hitting that one would have



witnessed at the Rose Bowl where Shreyas won his fifth toss and opted to field. While Prasidh Krishna removed the dangerous Phil Salt early, caught at deep fine leg boundary, things went downhill for the visitors thereon. Between Buttler and Brook, they hit as many as 16 sixes -- eight each. India's full team hit eight and there lay the difference. The pull by the former skipper while taking the top hand off the bat handle off Prasidh over fine leg was certainly the stand out shot of the innings. He had earlier thumped the pacer over long-on for a six. He would stand and deliver, bringing the Indian attack on its haunches. On the other hand, Brook's footwork against Axar Patel (0/63 in 4 overs) was pure class as he danced down the track to loft the bowler for a couple of sixes in the 10th over which yielded 25 runs. The wheels of Indian attack came off after the end of that over. Prince Yadav also got a rare pasting going for 60 in his four overs. When it came to pacers, Brook held his shape for the fuller ones and for the slightly back of length stuff, he would make room shuffling towards the leg-stump to cart the deliveries over extra cover and long off. With Harshit Rana out of the rest of the tour (including ODIs) with a grade 1 hamstring tear, the team management was compelled to field Suryansh Shedge (0/39 in 3 overs), who is far from being a finished product who could be unleashed in international cricket. Shreyas gave him a third over, in which Shedge completely lost his length to give away 24 runs. In the next over, a nervous Prince was given a proper hiding with 21 runs coming off it. After a certain point, skipper Shreyas was seen standing near the boundary, resigned and looking every bit lost. The result was no different.

Hyderabad E-Champions to face Khammam Aces in TG20 final

Hyderabad E-Champions will face Anvita Khammam Aces in the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 League final after both teams dominated the tournament. The champions will receive Rs 1 crore, while the runners-up will earn Rs 50 lakhGeographic Reference

Hyderabad: Hyderabad E-Champions will take on Anvita Khammam Aces in the final of the inaugural Sreenidhi University TG20 League cricket championship at the Rajiv Gandhi Stadium here on Sunday night.

Anvita Khammam Aces handed Hyderabad E-Champions their first defeat of the tournament with a hard-fought 10-run win in Qualifier 1, ending the E-Champions' unbeaten run and sealing direct qualification for the final. Mickil Jaiswal's unbeaten 76 anchored the Aces' total of 200 for six, while the bowling unit, led by Sahendra Mallu, defended the total to seal the victory.

The Aces have drawn on strong all-round contributions throughout the season, with Himateja Kodimela among the tournament's top run-scorers, amassing 430 runs at an average of over 107, including an unbeaten century. Meanwhile, 16-year-old spinner Ved Reddy, who has been the find of the tournament, has led their bowling attack with 14 wickets.

CV Milind, captain of Anvita Khammam Aces, said, "We're expecting a great contest because both teams have played exceptional cricket throughout the tournament. Hyderabad E-Champions are a complete side, but our focus is on staying calm under pressure, executing our roles and playing the brand of cricket that has brought us this far. Having Himateja back is a big boost for us, but this has never been about one player. If every individual contributes,



we'll give ourselves the best chance of lifting the trophy."Geographic Reference

After suffering their first defeat, Hyderabad E-Champions responded in emphatic fashion in Qualifier 2, registering a commanding eight-wicket win over EIPL & eleve Karimnagar Diamonds to book their place in the final, with skipper Abhirath Reddy leading the way with a fluent 82. That performance has set up a rematch in the final, with the E-Champions eager to avenge their Qualifier 1 defeat.

The E-Champions' captain has powered his team's campaign, cementing his position as the tournament's leading run-scorer. He also became the first batter this season to cross the 500-run mark, while Ajay Dev Goud has spearheaded the bowling attack as the competition's leading wicket-taker with 19 wickets.

The champions will receive a cash prize of Rs 1 crore, while the runners-up will receive Rs 50 lakh. The third and fourth-placed teams will receive Rs 25 lakh each.

Seethakka Calls for Planned Use of Gram Panchayat Funds

Panchayat raj and rural development minister Danasari Anasuya Seethakka on Thursday stressed the need to strengthen gram panchayats financially, stating that planned governance and prudent utilisation of funds are essential for sustainable rural development. Addressing a training programme for newly elected sarpanches, deputy sarpanches and gram panchayat secretaries at Leela Garden in Mulugu, she said village representatives play a key role in grassroots development and must function with a clear understanding of governance, financial regulations and development planning. The programme aimed to equip

local body representatives with knowledge of gram panchayat laws, administrative procedures, village development planning, financial management, implementation of action plans and transparent governance. Seethakka said development works should be taken up based on annual action plans prepared through gram sabhas, and called for greater public participation in implementation. Referring to the forthcoming 16th finance commission grants, she advised sarpanches to familiarise themselves with guidelines on fund utilisation, eligible works and expenditure norms, noting that lack of awareness had led to violations and administrative is-

ssues in some cases. She said separate guidelines apply to tied funds, untied funds, state finance commission grants and gram panchayats' own revenues, and emphasised that each category must be used only for its intended purpose. She also called for improved tax and fee collections to strengthen panchayat finances. The minister asked panchayats to prioritise drinking water supply, sanitation, solid waste management, street lighting, plantation, environmental protection, village roads, drainage and public health under the gram panchayat development plan.



Revanth alleges BJP push for delimitation to boost seats in Assembly, Parliament

Khammam: Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has accused the BJP government at the Centre of pushing for redrawing India's political map by hook or by crook to come to power again. Referring to the developments at the Centre, he alleged that Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah have been plotting to divide former West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's Trinamool Congress as well as Aam Aadmi Party (AAP). In addition, he said they were forcing other parties to fall in line to get required strength to get

the Delimitation Bill 2026 and its associated Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026 passed in the Parliament to increase the seats in Parliament, he said. Stating that the Modi-Shah duo would succeed in their evil designs, the Chief Minister claimed that the existing 17 Parliament seats in Telangana would be increased to 26 while the number of Assembly seats would be increased to 182 from the existing 119 by the time the next Assembly elections were held, if the Bills were passed. Coining a slogan 'Aur ek bar Congress sarkar'



Revanth Reddy claimed that the Congress would win 117 seats of the 182 seats to come to power in the State for the second time while referring to a prediction he

made at a meeting in Khammam three years ago that Congress would win 65 seats in 2023 elections. Addressing a Rythu Ashirwada Sabha at Jagannadhapuram in Khammam on Friday, he stated that the next Assembly elections would be held in May-June, 2029 not in December 2028. The Congress ministers and leaders would work for 18 hours a day to come to power again to establish Ramarajyam in the State, he said while taking oath on Bhadradi Ramachandra Swamy. Revanth Reddy said

that he would go to New Delhi July 20 to meet the AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and its leader Rahul Gandhi to assure Rahul Gandhi that Telangana people were prepared to make him Prime Minister by electing the party candidates in 20 Lok Sabha seats in Telangana in the next elections. Meanwhile, the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister and other Ministers tried to present a show of camaraderie during the public meeting despite their alleged undercurrent differences among them.

Hydrogen is the future of transport, says Nitin Gadkari

Gandhinagar: Hydrogen is the future of the transportation industry, and the government is conducting trials on 10 routes across the country to test its use as a fuel, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has said. The trials are underway on the Greater Noida-Delhi-Agra, Bhubaneshwar-Konark-Puri, Ahmedabad-Vadodara-Surat, Sahibabad-Faridabad-Delhi, Pune-Mumbai, Jamshedpur-Kalinga Nagar, Thiruvananthapuram-Kochi, Kochi-Edappally, Jamnagar-Ahmedabad and NH-16 Visakhapatnam-Bayyavaram routes, the minister said.



The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways was addressing a gathering at the Prawaas 5.0 and Bharat Prawaas Awards event in Gandhinagar on Thursday. "Our ministry is carrying out a pilot project on 10 routes for hydrogen trials. I am sure the future of the transportation industry is hydrogen, and hydrogen is the fuel of the future. We are working on that," he said. The industry is doing very well in the areas of alternative fuels and biofuels, and India will lead globally with its technology and cost, Gadkari added. "The initiatives taken by the automobile industry in developing buses are very important. Manufacturers and transporters should focus on providing comfortable transport with world-class technology. The responsibility of our manufacturers is to provide greater comfort at a reasonable cost," he added. Safe transport is another important aspect, Gadkari said, pointing out that the

country witnesses 5 lakh accidents and 1.80 lakh deaths every year, with 66 per cent of those who die belonging to the 18-36 age group. "It (accidents) also causes a 3 per cent loss to the GDP. So we need your help in preventing these accidents. Therefore, road safety is the highest priority for the government. Our industry is doing an excellent job in terms of safety and technology. That is the reason our two-wheeler manufacturers in India are able to sell 50 per cent of their products abroad," he said. India economic analysis He said that when he took charge, the country's automobile industry was worth Rs 14 lakh crore and ranked seventh globally. Today, it is the third largest in the world, with its size growing to Rs 22 lakh crore. "Our ambition is to reach the top position soon. This industry generates the highest revenue for the state and central governments and has created 4.5 crore jobs. We have made many improvements in automobile engineering, and the industry has co-operated with us," Gadkari said. Gadkari also urged the industry to meet the country's annual requirement for bus manufacturing. "The problem in India is that, against the requirement of three lakh buses, our manufacturers are able to produce only 70,000 to 80,000. We need to increase productivity threefold," he said. He also urged electric bus manufacturers to pass on the benefits of the reduced lithium-ion battery cost to consumers. He said the power tariff for charging, at Rs 20, is high and that his ministry is working to reduce it for buses, trucks and cars. The revised bus body code was introduced in September last year to make buses safer, and his ministry has decided to ease procedures for bus body manufacturers, which comprise more than 600 units and employ 75,000 people, by reducing testing charges by 50 per cent and shortening the processing timeline from 16 weeks to six weeks, he said. Geographic Reference His ministry is also working on constructing private busports, he said.

CM Revanth, Ministers contradict on funds for farmers, women's welfare

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet colleagues presented differing figures on welfare spending for farmers and women during a public meeting in Khammam. While the CM claimed Rs 1.70 lakh crore was spent on farm schemes, Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao pegged it at Rs 1.60 lakh crore.

Khammam: There seems to be a lack of concurrence among Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and his Cabinet colleagues on the money spent on the welfare of farmers and women in the State. During a Rythu Ashirwada Sabha held at Jagannadhapuram in Khammam on Friday the Chief Minister released Rythu Bharosa funds and issued e-Pattadar pass-books to farmers. Addressing the gathering he said funds worth Rs 1.70 lakh crore have been spent towards Rythu Bima, loan waiver, Rythu Bharosa, MSP and crop loss compensation



since the Congress came to power. Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao who addressed the gathering earlier claimed that funds worth Rs 1.60 lakh crore have been spent so far on farmers in the State including irrigation. The same was the case in terms of claims on women's welfare made by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy. Vikramarka said that with Rs 20,000 crore bank linkages being provided every year an amount of Rs 67,000 crore was of-

ferred to women as interest free loans through banks. On the other hand, Srinivas Reddy stated that an amount of Rs 63,000 crore was given to women in the State as interest free loans so far. The difference in figures mentioned by them left the public confused about whose figures were correct. Srinivas Reddy announced that 17,000 to 20,000 government jobs would be notified in the coming days while Vikramarka revealed that Rs 5 lakh Indiramma Bima would be implemented for 1.15 crore families in the State.

RS 1,400 CR BRIBE CHARGE EXPLAINS WHY KLIS BARRAGES FAILED: UTTAM

Hyderabad: Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday said the claim by K. Kavitha, daughter of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, that Rs 1,400 crore had exchanged hands and reached BRS leaders from contractors who built the Kaleshwaram project, had exposed how engineering standards had been compromised. Structural failures in the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) were a result of poor-quality construction, arbitrary deviations from the approved design, and above all a contractor-politician nexus, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. Citing Kavitha's allegation that Rs 1,400 crore was received from Kaleshwaram



contractors by the BRS, he claimed this 'inside story' behind the project explained why Medigadda barrage collapsed, and why Annaram and Sundilla barrages were in a precarious condition. Uttam Kumar Reddy was addressing a press meet at Huzurnagar. "The BRS owes an explanation to the people on Kavitha's allegations. When money is allegedly

received from contractors on a quid pro quo basis, what quality of construction can the people expect," he asked. He criticised BRS leader T. Harish Rao's challenge that he be made the irrigation minister for three months and that he will set right the Kaleshwaram project. He also said that any decision on pumping water from Medigadda barrage would be based on the opinion of engineering experts and not on Harish Rao's demands. "Seeking the ministry is a politically absurd proposal. The person who was irrigation minister when the project was planned and executed, is now asking for three months to repair it. The people must decide whether such a demand is reasonable," he said. The fact was that Harish Rao was removed as the irrigation minister in the BRS' second term, Uttam Kumar Reddy pointed out. "If his own leader, KCR, did not give him the irrigation portfolio, how can he now demand that the Congress government hand over the department to him," he asked.

Top 7 Highest Grossing Female-Led South Movies

These films not only received appreciation from audiences but also earned impressive collections at the box office.



Women-centric films are becoming more popular in South Indian cinema. Many actresses have proved that they can carry a movie on their own without depending on a male superstar. These films not only received appreciation from audiences but also earned impressive collections at the box office.

At the top of the list is Kalyani Priyadarshini's Lokah, which collected around ₹300 crore worldwide. The movie became a huge blockbuster and created history as the highest-grossing female-led South Indian film. Its strong story, emotional moments, and Kalyani's performance helped the film achieve this massive success.

The second place belongs to Samantha's recent film Maa Inti Bangaaram. The movie earned around ₹93 crore worldwide and became one of the biggest women-led hits in South cinema. Samantha received praise for her performance, and the film performed well in both India and overseas markets.

The third position is taken by Keerthy Suresh's Mahanati with a worldwide collection of ₹84 crore. The biographical drama, based on legendary actress Savitri, won several awards and received love from critics as well as audiences. Keerthy's outstanding performance became one of the biggest highlights of her career.

Anushka Shetty dominates the list with three successful films. Rudhramadevi collected ₹81 crore, while Arundhati earned ₹70 crore and became a cult classic. Bhagamathie also performed strongly at the box office with ₹63 crore worldwide. These films proved Anushka's strong fan following and ability to lead big-budget movies.

The final spot on the list goes to Nazriya Nazim's Sookshma Darshini, which collected around ₹54 crore worldwide. The film became a surprise commercial success and received positive reviews for its engaging story and Nazriya's natural performance.

These Stars Never Acted In Remake Movies

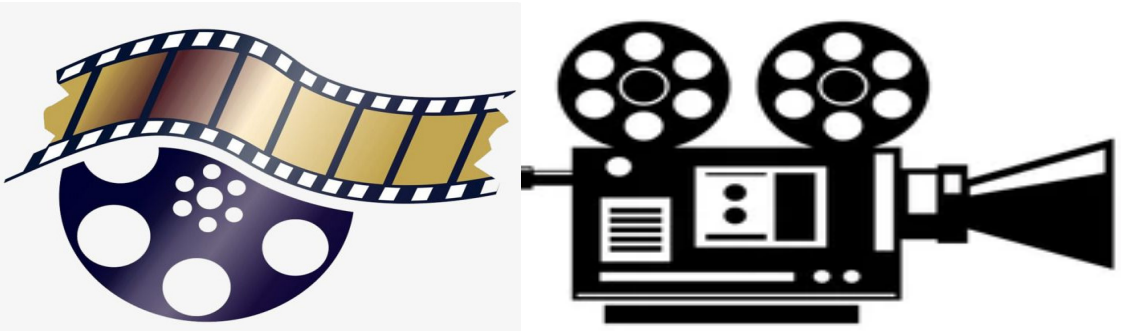
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Some stars are hell-bent on giving good films to the audience inside theatres, and in that process, they also remake movies as well. From Chiranjeevi to Nagarjuna, Pawan Kalyan to Raviteja, Ram Pothineni to Vishwakshen, they have all done remakes, scored mega blockbusters that are bigger than the originals and proved their mettle. However, some stars never acted in any remake.

For example, we have Mahesh Babu and Jr NTR, who have nearly 25 years of career as star heroes, and have never featured in any remake movies. In fact, Mahesh has directly rejected the idea of remakes as they were already done by someone else, while his father has done more than 50 remake films to reach the superstar position. Similarly, Jr NTR has also not done a remake in his entire career, though many have been offered to him. The next in line is Allu Arjun, who has been here for almost 20 years now, but has never done a remake. Similarly, in the young lot, Vijay Deverakonda was around for a decade, but never tried his hand at a remake.

Well, there's nothing wrong with doing remakes, but some heroes don't want to take the story that was already visualised with other stars, though it's from another tinsel town. However, quite unknowingly, these stars appeared in many scenes that were directly taken from many Hollywood movies and web series. That's a different story altogether.



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Lenin's Success: Very Important For Two People

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This coming Friday, another most delayed films is hitting cinemas, and it is none other than Akhil Akkineni's long-awaited film "Lenin". While the trailer gave Rangasthalam-like vibes set in the Rayalaseema region, surely the 32-year-old hero is looking forward to scoring the first blockbuster of his career, which has already spanned over a decade. Here are the two most important people in the team, who need a blockbuster success from Lenin badly.

The first and foremost is Akhil only, which anyone would notice, because his career is currently going very flat with no proper market, returns and films that speak volumes in terms of his presence. So, at all costs, Lenin should become that Rangasthalam, Vedam and others in his career; either they should be talking about the movie's collections or the hero's performance. Otherwise, Akhil will be slowed down pretty well in terms of his next projects.

Coming to the next, many wonder whether Bhagyashree Bhorse needs a hit, and Sithara Vamsi needs a blockbuster for his company. However, these two will have projects no matter what. Bhorse is already signing movies left,



right and centre for the kind of glamorous charm she creates. So a hit or miss doesn't matter to her. At the same time, Sithara has more than a half dozen films lined up, and there are 3-4 projects amongst that bunch, which will end up as above-average performers. So no worries for Sithara Vamsi also.

The main contender will be newcomer director Murali Kishore Abburu because only a successful film will beget another chance for newcomers these days. That too, directors who scored blockbusters on their debut are waiting for 3-4 years to bring their next. So he has to score at any cost. Let's see on July 10th, what happens.

RTR Trailer: Highly Fresh and Entertaining

Directed by Anil Boyiidapu and produced by Niharika Dasari, the movie trailer offers a taste of more unique, fresh experience.

Raja The Raja promotional campaign promised a very youthful and dynamic entertainer. Starring debutant Ruthvik, the movie showcased a vibe that is relatable to all sections of audiences. Directed by Anil Boyiidapu and produced by Niharika Dasari, the movie trailer offers a taste of more unique, fresh experience.

Visuals of past timeline with Ruthvik as a prince and Sai Kumar as King are arresting. We see an emotional and intriguing



set up of people being affected by actions of leads. As the narrative opens the present timeline, we see a charming, en-

thusiastic and energetic Ruthvik who dreams to become a fashion designer.

In both characters the youngster portrays

different shades like a professional. He is attractive and exudes exuberance while the story connects the timelines we see a gold coin in his hand.

Anil Boyiidapu creates high intrigue and engages into the two stories with his visually appealing grandiose and emotions.

Leading lady Visakha Diman is stunning as a princess and fashion model. Her beauty stands out in both shades. With great ensemble cast and both young leads offering great promise, grand production values Raja The Raja looks like film that offers very fresh and entertaining cinematic experience to audiences.

Nagabandham is being appreciated by audiences everywhere - Virat Karna

It has been trending even on a Monday and hence, makers NIK Studios have conducted a Gratitude Meet. At the event, Virat Karna looked effected by negative comments.

Abhishek Nama envisioned an epic visual spectacle based on Indian history and mythology, Nagabandham. The movie stars Virat Karna, Nabha Natesh in leading roles and it is produced on a gigantic budget. Post release, the movie received mixed response from critics but audiences have been going to theatres to watch it.

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people asking not to watch. My request to everyone to kindly, not make such statements. Let people decide what they want to watch and it is heartening to see people ignoring such reviews."

Abhishek Nama explained that he is shocked by the paid negativity as people started posting about their film on 2nd July itself when the movie released on 3rd July. He

commented that in our Indian history there are many instances of invaders looting temples and he showed on the screen.

He said, "I did not create anything that is untrue. I did take liberties in writing a story around many facts. Many invaded India and hurt Indian culture. I am disappointed when people say, I tried to create that. Anyways, I am a one film old director and I might have made mistakes, we rectified some issues by trimming the film. Please watch the movie in theatres and encourage us." The movie is holding well in theatres with good occupancies.