

ADHERE TO PARTY RULES

50 FAMILIES JOIN TDP UNDER MINISTER KONDAPALLI SRINIVAS



VIJAYANAGARAM, JULY 29:“minister for msme, rural poverty alleviation, and nri empowerment & relations, kondapalli srinivas said that everyone joining the telugu desam party must strictly follow party rules and discipline.on wednesday, at the minister’s camp office in vijayanagaram, 50 families from maruvada kothavalasa village, bondapalli mandal, gajapathinagaram

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MINISTERS’ TEAM INSPECTS CHELLURU HIGHWAY JUNCTION AREA



VIJAYANAGARAM, JULY 29:“a team of ministers on wednesday evening inspected the chelluru highway junction area to make arrangements for providing meals to the public coming for prime minister narendra modi’s public meeting and returning from it.ministers acham naidu, anagani satya prasad, bc janardhan reddy, kondapalli srinivas, mla aditi vijayalakshmi, damacharla satya, beeda

ravichandra, kilaru rajesh, kotamreddy giridhar and others inspected the highway junction areas together.the ministers said they inspected the vacant land at the junction to facilitate meal arrangements for a large number of people. they estimated that around 20,000 people can have meals in this area. the ministers’ team and officials said a final decision will be taken on the arrangements.

Job Calendar Notifications: Lokesh sets October 15 deadline



Amaravati: HRD and IT Minister Nara Lokesh on Wednesday directed the officials to ensure that the recruitment process for government jobs is completely foolproof, emphasizing that notifications should be issued without leaving scope for legal or administrative disputes. Chairing a meeting of the ministerial committee overseeing government recruitment at his Undavalli residence, Lokesh re-

viewed the implementation of the Job Calendar-2026 and finalized the schedule for the remaining recruitment notifications. Officials informed the committee that 10,060 government posts are being filled in four phases under the Job Calendar. While the notification for the first phase, covering 1,523 faculty posts in universities, was issued on May 15, the second-phase notification.

Precision oncology move to put Amaravati on India's genomics map

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh has taken a significant step towards next-generation cancer care, with global biopharmaceutical company AstraZeneca India partnering with the state government to establish an Integrated Genomics Solutions Center in Amaravati, paving the way for India's first integrated precision oncology initiative. An MoU was signed between the Health Department and AstraZeneca India in the presence of Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu. The project will be implemented in collaboration with Strand Life Sciences (part of Reliance) and Qure.ai, integrating genomics, artificial intelligence and advanced diagnostics to deliver personalised cancer treatment. The initiative will initially focus on lung and breast cancer by enabling advanced genetic and biomarker testing. Using next-generation sequencing (NGS), AI and precision medicine and doctors will be able to identify genetic variations associated with can-



cer and tailor treatments to individual patients, improving outcomes through early diagnosis and targeted therapies. As part of the programme, AI-powered chest X-ray systems will be deployed in government hospitals to facilitate early detection of lung cancer, enabling faster screening, diagnosis and timely treatment. The precision oncology initiative will be developed through a partnership between

Amaravati Quantum Valley and AstraZeneca India, positioning the emerging technology hub as a centre for advanced healthcare research and innovation. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister said the partnership aims to make world-class cancer care and advanced medical technologies accessible to the common people. Stressing the growing burden of cancer

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Andhra Pradesh working to translocate female tigers to Eastern Ghats: Pawan Kalyan

Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan on Wednesday said that the state government is working with Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for the translocation of female tigers to strengthen the tiger population in the Eastern Ghats.“As part of our long-term vision to strengthen tiger populations in the Eastern Ghats, we are actively working with the Governments of Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh for the translocation of female tigers to enhance genetic diversity and ensure a healthy, sustainable tiger population in Andhra Pradesh,” Pawan Kalyan, who is also the Forest and Environment Minister, said in a message on the occasion of International Tiger Day.“The tiger is India’s National Animal,



the guardian of our forests, and the symbol of a healthy ecosystem. Protecting the tiger means protecting our forests, rivers, biodiversity,

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Nara Bhuvaneswari visits horticulture park in Kuppam, inquires about crops



Nara Bhuvaneswari, NTR Trust Chairperson and wife of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu who was on Kuppam tour has interacted with people here on various developmental issues and took part in a number of programmes. She also visited the horticulture park at Bangarunatham and enquired about new varieties of crops and their cultivation. Ms. Bhuvaneswari also held an interactive meeting with women farmers and emphasized on the need for women folk in the field of agriculture. Speaking on the occasion, Bhuvaneswari said that farmers should take to multiple cropping pattern and avoid growing a single crop to get better returns. Nara Bhuvaneswari is continuing her extensive tour of Kuppam for the third day. She received petitions from the public this morning. At 10:00 AM, she visited the Centre of Excellence at Bangarunatham.

‘Credit without contribution’: Jagan accuses AP CM Naidu of stealing credit for Bhogapuram Airport



Amaravati: With Bhogapuram Greenfield International Airport set for inauguration, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President, Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, on Wednesday accused Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of stealing the credit for the project despite making no contribution. Claiming that all the critical works were done by the previous government of YSRCP, he alleged Chandrababu Naidu was getting all the publicity.“A project built by one, but claimed by another, that’s the story of Bhogapuram Airport. The work was done by YSRCP. The publicity belongs to Chandrababu! Credit without contribution: That is Chandrababu’s brand of politics,” the YSRCP chief posted on ‘X’.Jagan said that it is a matter of great happiness that the Bhogapuram Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, which is set to become another jewel in the crown of North Andhra, is ready for

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AI Dentistry:
Rajasthan's dental
care just got a fu-
turistic upgrade!

The Visionary Journey of Dr. R.R. Bishnoi and Dr. Sharda Bishnoi Jaipur, Rajasthan: Every successful organization has its breaking point, its turning point that makes it realize what it needs to grow. However, the longest journey is the one made over time and for Bishnoi Dental, the trailblazing addition of Rajasthan’s first-ever Scano Air AI Robot Dental Checkup System is the latest chapter in an 18-year-old legacy of Dr. R. R. Bishnoi and Dr. Sharda Bishnoi who continues to change the landscape of dental healthcare in Rajasthan as well as Madhya Pradesh. While two decades ago, the privileged few in metropolitan cities were able to access the best dental care, the poor and rural populations in Rajasthan suffered with dental diseases due to lack of awareness and dental expertise in the area. Seeing this as an urgent social crisis, Dr. R. R. Bishnoi and Dr. Sharda Bishnoi set out to establish a dental care chain, not only to provide dental care to the masses but to give them ethical, high-quality and affordable care. Also Read - Rajasthan farmer held for sharing OTP to activate Indian SIM in Pakistan; link to Shahzad Bhatti gang under probe Advertisement From a single clinic in Nimbahera, where the journey first began, Bishnoi Dental has grown into Rajasthan’s largest dental care network with more than 20 dental centres across Nimbahera, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Jaipur, Bhilwara, Neemuch and several other cities in Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, supported by a team of over 100 doctors and trusted by more than one million patients. Yet, for the Bishnois, it has not been the numbers that have mattered the most – the satisfaction of giving organized dental care to the masses in need has been their ultimate goal and fulfillment. A key component of this dental care network’s success has been its commitment to preventive dentistry. Every year, hundreds of health check-up camps are held at schools, villages, industries and other local units across Rajasthan and MP, providing free treatment and oral screenings to thousands of individuals. This has not only helped in promoting dental wellness but has also helped in raising awareness around oral hygiene. The Bishnoi Dental network has also pioneered Oral Wellness Clinics and Mobile Dental Clinics – outreach services that help patients get quality care even in the farthest of locations. For people living in remote areas, the mobile dental clinic is often their only option to get dental treatment close to their homes. By bringing the dentists to the people, Bishnoi Dental has been able to successfully provide high-quality organized dental care to thousands of patients who would otherwise not have been able to access it. The Bishnoi Dental network has always strived to combine technological advancements with personal service to provide the best possible care to its patients. Rather than focusing on expansion, Bishnoi Dental has created a strong dental care platform which provides standardized treatment to patients across all of its 20+ dental centers. Strict infection control measures, treatment guidelines and standard operating procedures have been implemented to ensure patients receive the same high level of care, regardless of which Bishnoi Dental center they visit.

CROP INSURANCE FOR EVERY
FARMER WHO SOWS SEEDS!
100% enrollment needed in scheme for
farmers' financial security
all departments should work in coordi-
nation to achieve government goals
district should be at forefront in
implementation of welfare and devel-
opment programmes
district collector dr. g. lakshmisha



VIJAYAWADA, JULY 29:“district collector dr. g. lakshmisha directed officials to effectively implement targets set in farmer welfare, agriculture development, public health, flood prevention, revenue services and environmental protection in the district.on wednesday, collector lakshmisha along with joint collector s. ilakkiya and district level officers held a video conference from the collector office with rdos, tahsildars, mpdos and field level officers of various departments.KEY DIRECTIONS“the collector made it clear that every farmer who sows seeds must be brought under crop insurance coverage under the pradhan mantri fasal bima yojana. he suggested taking up special action plan with a target of 100% enrollment in the district.every mandal agriculture officer should prepare a special action plan on crop diversification and submit a comprehensive report on how many farmers have taken up crop diversification and in how much area so far. problems encountered in implementation should be identified and resolved immediately.he said steps should be taken to ensure there are no problems in availability and distribution of fertilizers in the district. mandal agriculture officers should inspect at least 2 to 3 fertilizer shops daily. he suggested that the collectorate unified call center number (91549 70454) should be clearly displayed at all fertilizer shops so farmers can contact in case of problems.in case of delayed rains, seed pelleting should be widely implemented for every farmer. he explained this is not just for natural farming farmers but a technical method applicable to all. seed pelleting improves germination percentage and keeps seed safe even under low rainfall conditions. officials were directed to provide necessary training to farmers.FOCUS ON GREEN COVER“as part of achieving 'net zero' goals, the collector said a large-scale plantation programme should be taken up in the district. start first in social welfare schools and hostels and later extend to all educational institutions and government offices. he directed that vacant spaces in gram panchayats, schools, colleges and government offices be developed as green zones.the collector said the entire district machinery should work as one team. officers should not limit themselves to their departments and should act in coordination keeping district development goals in mind. collector lakshmisha directed officials to strive to put the district in the forefront in implementation of government schemes and development programmes. he also gave suggestions to officials on flood preparedness, disposal of 22a applications and other issues.

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inauguration. “However, at the very same time, Chandrababu Naidu is making every possible attempt to steal the credit for the Bhogapuram Airport. Despite having made no contribution, he wants all the recognition for himself and is indulging in nothing short of credit theft,” wrote the former Chief Minister. “Mr. Chandrababu, at least ask your own conscience what you have actually done for the Bhogapuram Airport. Apart from hurriedly laying a foundation stone just a month before the 2019 elections, despite having done nothing, what exactly did you contribute to this project? From signing the concession agreement with GMR in June 2020 for the construction of the airport, to land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R), site clearance, obtaining NOCs, security clearances, water supply, power supply, internal roads, aeronautical services, and financial closure, every critical process was completed during our government’s tenure. Can you deny that, Mr. Chandrababu?,” he asked.Jagan said the YSRCP government completed the land acquisition that Chandrababu failed to complete.“We provided rehabilitation to the displaced people from four villages. Our government spent Rs 967 crore on land acquisition and R&R, Rs 75 crore for bringing water to the airport, Rs 134.5 crore for infrastructure.

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constituency joined the telugu desam party. the joining ceremony was held under the leadership of minister kondapalli srinivas and constituency in-charge valavala babji. tdp shawls were presented to the new members and they were welcomed into the party.MINISTER’S REMARKS“speaking on the occasion, minister kondapalli srinivas said tdp is a disciplined party and every member should work with commitment and dedication. he urged the new members to move forward in coordination with tdp leaders.he added that ysrbp senior leader korada satyanarayana and former ward member palli satyam, along with their followers, were impressed with the development and welfare schemes being implemented by the tdp and decided to join the party.THOSE PRESENT:“tdp senior leader kondapalli kondala rao, tdp mandal president rapaka acham naidu, former sarpanch karrotu srinivasa rao, tdp village president penninti tavudu and other party leaders and activists participated in the program.

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due to environmental and lifestyle factors, he said healthcare systems should increasingly focus on predictive, preventive and personalised treatment rather than conventional approaches alone. The Chief Minister also underlined the importance of expanding quantum research into pharmaceuticals, biotechnology and healthcare. Referring to the State’s Sanjeevani initiative, he said Andhra Pradesh is creating digital health records for every citizen, providing a strong foundation for data-driven healthcare and precision medicine. He called for Amaravati Quantum Valley to become a major research hub not only for cancer but also for other critical diseases by bringing together genomics.

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and the ecological balance that sustains life. On International Tiger Day, I reaffirm Andhra Pradesh’s unwavering commitment to wildlife conservation,” he said.“Our pride, the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve, India’s largest Tiger Reserve, has recorded a promising 68 tigers and 11 cubs in the ongoingAll India Tiger Estimation 2026, reflecting the positive impact of sustained conservation efforts,” he added.Pawan Kalyan noted that from strengthening anti-poaching infrastructure and expanding protection camps from 89 to 150, to deploying advanced technologies such as drones, camera traps, M-STripes, and flagship initiative HANUMAN, Andhra Pradesh is embracing science-led conservation while empowering local communities, especially Chenchus, as equal partners in protecting forests.“Let us join hands to ensure that the roar of the tiger continues to echo across the forests of Nallamala, inspiring us all to protect nature and preserve the priceless biodiversity of our Nation,” he added.Meanwhile, on the occasion of International Tiger Day, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy called upon everyone to embrace tiger conservation as a social responsibility to ensure a rich natural heritage for future generations. The tiger is not just a symbol of the forest; it is the king that safeguards the balance of nature. If tigers are safe, forests are safe, and thereby biodiversity, water resources, and the environment are also protected,” he stated.The Chief Minister emphasised that it is of utmost importance for everyone to fulfil their share of responsibility in protecting tiger habitats, curbing forest destruction, preventing illegal hunting of wildlife, and conserving the environment.

SECOND PHASE ADMISSIONS IN
NTR DISTRICT ITIs
district convener m. kanaka rao

NTR DISTRICT, JULY 29:“principal of government industrial training institute and district convener m. kanaka rao said in a statement that the second phase admissions process for the academic year 2026-27/28 has commenced in itis under ntr district.eligible candidates seeking admission should complete online registration by august 3. he said admission counselling for registered candidates will be held on august 6 at the government iti premises in vijayawada.candidates should attend counselling on the scheduled date with their original certificates based on their merit number. he clarified that except sc and st candidates, candidates of other categories seeking admission in government itis have to pay rs. 60/- caution deposit.

SC dismisses former AP minister’s plea seeking anticipatory bail in liquor transportation scam

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Wednesday dismissed a plea filed by former Andhra Pradesh minister Karumuri Venkata Nageswara Rao seeking anticipatory bail in connection with the AP liquor transportation scam. A bench comprising Chief Justice Surya Kant and justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana upheld the order passed by the Telangana High Court. The counsel appearing for Rao claimed that he had no connection with the scam and cited his health condition while seeking anticipatory bail. The Telangana High Court had on July 3 dismissed Rao’s anticipatory bail petition. The liquor transportation case is being investigated under a



separate Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR) and is distinct from the main Andhra Pradesh liquor scam case. The case relates to the alleged manipulation of the Andhra Pradesh State Beverages Corporation (APS BCL) liquor transportation tender process between 2020 and 2024.

Ministers Adluri, Ponnam brave rain to take part in Kondagattu Giri Pradakshina

KONDAGATTU : On the auspicious occasion of Guru Vyasa Purnima, Minister for Social Welfare Adluri Laxman Kumar, alongside Transport Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, and Choppadandi MLA Medipally Satyam, participated in the holy Giri Pradakshina at the famous Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple in Kondagattu. Undeterred by the continuous heavy downpour starting early in the morning, the ministers and legislators joined devotees in completing the pilgrimage around the hill shrine on foot. Speaking on the occasion, the



leaders said they offered special prayers to Lord Anjaneya Swamy seeking good rainfall across the region and state. They prayed for bountiful agricultural yields, overall prosperity, and a trouble-free season for farmers and livestock.

Commercial flights to shift from Vizag Airport to Bhogapuram from Aug 17

Visakhapatnam: Commercial flight operations at Visakhapatnam Airport will cease from August 17, with all services shifting to the newly developed Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district. According to a notification issued by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, commercial operations at the Civil Enclave at Visakhapatnam Airport (INS Dega) will be closed with the commissioning of the Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, Bhogapuram, with effect from 00.01 hours on August 17. The notification says that the commercial operations at the Civil Enclave at Visakhapatnam Airport (INS Dega) will be for 30 years, except for airport activity at time of national emergency or by aircraft owned or operated by or for the Indian Air Force or other Armed Forces of India or police or any such other authorities or for transportation of dignitaries by special Government owned, leased or hired VIP aircraft. The International Air Transport Code “VTZ” for the existing Visakhapatnam Airport will be transferred to Bhogapuram International Greenfield Airport from 00.01 hours of August 17. The Ministry of Civil Aviation also notified that Bhogapuram Greenfield Airport is renamed as ‘Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport’ with immediate effect. The new airport is set to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 1. Built at a cost of nearly Rs 4,727 crore, the airport is ready to commence commercial operations. According to officials, Bhogapuram is among the fastest-completed Greenfield international airports in India, completed within 31 months, nearly five months ahead of schedule. The airport has already secured the DGCA aerodrome licence, along with all required safety, fire and environmental clearances. The airport has been designed to handle



6 million passengers annually in the first phase, with a master plan to expand capacity to 40 million passengers annually in the future. The project is expected to play a pivotal role in boosting economic growth, tourism, industrial investment, exports, logistics, and the aerospace and defence sectors across the erstwhile Visakhapatnam, Vizianagaram, and Srikakulam districts. The integrated project spans 2,703.26 acres, including 2,203.32 acres for the airport, 500 acres for the aviation hub, and 136.63 acres for Aviation University/EduCity. The project includes comprehensive airside infrastructure, commercial development, residential zones and approach roads. The airport’s 3,800-metre Code-E runway, capable of handling wide-body aircraft such as the Boeing 777, Boeing 787 Dreamliner, Airbus A330 and Airbus A340.

Two women arrested for kidnapping minor girl in Adilabad

Adilabad: Police quickly cracked the mystery behind the abduction of a minor girl by tracing her and arresting two women for their alleged involvement in the offence here on Wednesday. SP Akhil Mahajan said Naitham Gangubai and Gummadiwar Bharathi were arrested for kidnapping the girl from Ruyyadi village on Tuesday. The women reportedly admitted to planning to sell the girl to a human trafficking racket. Earlier, police formed special

Hyderabad rains trigger massive traffic snarls across city for second consecutive day

Hyderabad: As rains continued on the second consecutive day on Wednesday, commuters experienced traffic woes across the city, including the IT Corridor. Motorists reported slow-moving traffic and delays during peak hours, with congestion building up on several stretches. Public transport services also faced disruptions at key junctions as the showers persisted, leading to longer travel times for passengers. Motorists faced significant traffic jams last night at several locations in Hyderabad, including Hi-Tech City, Gachibowli, Madhapur, the Financial District, IKEA Junction, Kondapur towards Kothaguda Junction, Hafeezpet and Miyapur. The congestion delayed traffic movement by two to three hours in these areas. At the IIIT junction and Khajaguda junction sites in Gachibowli, stretches affected by ongoing flyover and underpass works saw vehicles accumulate, causing slow vehicle movement. Water stagnated on this stretch at several areas, adding traffic woes to road users. Authorities and traffic personnel were seen managing ve-



hicle movement at key junctions as the rain continued, but couldn’t clear the traffic up late at night. Dozens of private travel buses moving towards ORR and the Shamshabad side were caught in traffic jams, resulting in delays of three to four hours compared with the original schedule. A press release said that the rainwater that accumulated on roads were cleared by the Hydras DRF and MRT teams, who also removed fallen trees and broken branches. In Krishna Nagar, they took steps to ensure smooth drainage on interior roads and safely helped several people cross the streets. In Kakatiya Nagar, in the Neredmet area of Secunderabad, a cow that fell into a drain was safely rescued using ropes, it said.

RS Praveen Kumar questions selective security cover, vows legal action

Hyderabad: BRS general secretary RS Praveen Kumar questioned the Congress government’s decision to withdraw security cover for Opposition leaders under the guise of a Security Review Committee (SRC), while providing security cover to select Congress leaders without giving clarity on criteria. He demanded that the State government release the SRC report and clarify on criteria for security cover. “The government must explain why security is being withdrawn for the BRS leaders, while it was being provided to non-consequential people. The BRS will challenge the exercise legally, if there is no response,” he asserted. Speaking to mediapersons at Telangana Bhavan on Wednesday, Praveen Kumar termed the SRC flawed and demanded that it be scrapped. He also sought the release of the committee’s report, alleging that the review lacked transparency. “Even if Revanth Reddy becomes a former Chief Minister, his security will not be reduced. The same yardstick should apply to everyone,” he said. The BRS leader blamed the Congress government for subjecting former Narsampet MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy to prolonged stress, leading to his hospitalisation. He alleged that Sudarshan Reddy, who had security cover for nearly 25 years due to threat perception, was among those whose security personnel were withdrawn following the review. He said the former MLA had approached the court and secured relief in the matter, but



the State government was yet to restore his security and renew his gun license. “We thank the government for providing a green channel for shifting Sudarshan Reddy from Warangal to Hyderabad. However, the government must explain why his security cover has not been restored despite the High Court orders,” he asked. Praveen Kumar stated that Sudarshan Reddy exposed irregularities, including an alleged Rs 1,100 crore civil supplies scam, bunker beds scam, and other issues after the Congress came to power, following which he faced pressure from the ruling party. He accused the government of targeting the former MLA and demanded a probe into a conspiracy involving certain individuals and a construction firm. Questioning the criteria adopted in the security review, the former IPS officer alleged that security had been withdrawn from several BRS leaders including himself, while being retained or provided to others.

He sought an explanation for the differential treatment and maintained that the exercise was politically motivated. He said the BRS would also pursue legal remedies against the security review process. He also questioned the government’s justification for providing bulletproof vehicles to the Ministers, while claiming Telangana no longer faced a significant extremist threat. “My security has been withdrawn. In a notice served to me, the DGP said my bulletproof vehicle was being removed and security was being reduced as there is no extremist threat in Telangana. Similar reasons were given to Peddi Sudarshan Reddy. In such condition, why the government is providing security cover to the Chief Minister’s brothers, former MLA Mynampalli Hanumantha Rao, former Ministers K Jana Reddy and A Indrakaran Reddy, former MLA Sampath Kumar, or Congress leader Sricharan Reddy,” he questioned.

Rain continues to lash Hyderabad, more showers likely through the day

Hyderabad: Spells of rain that commenced Tuesday in Hyderabad continued on Monday morning. A cloudy weather ushered in the day even as drizzles kept returning with brief intermissions. The rain that disrupted normal life in the city and led to severe commuting woes on Tuesday evening is likely to repeat the pattern today too.Students and employees returning home in the evening are likely to face hardships if the rain continues to lash. Despite civic body and police efforts to ensure smooth traffic flow, water logged roads and open manholes are going to be an issue of concern.



Weather forecasts suggested moderate rain in the city through the day while the temperatures dropped considerably. Yesterday the maximum temperature recorded was 29 degree Celsius while by night it dropped to 22 degree Celsius.

KU will become innovation-startups hub in north Telangana: VC Prof. Pratap Reddy

H a n a m k o n d a : Kakatiya University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Pratap Reddy exhorted students to become job creators instead of waiting for employment and thus contribute to the nation's economic development.He addressed a gathering at an induction



programme held on the KU campus here on Monday following a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Kakatiya University's K-Hub and Telangana State's T-Hub.The KU had entered into the MoU with T-Hub to foster an innovation and entrepreneurship culture in the university. It aims to provide a platform for nearly 3,000 students with an action plan to transform their innovative ideas into star tups with the help of T-Hub's mentoring support, the VC said.Prof. Pratap Reddy hoped that at least 10 startups would emerge from this initiative. He advised students to register their ideas and work towards bringing them to fruition, noting that KU was poised to become a hub for innovation and startups in north Telangana. Discus-

sions on academic and research collaboration with Reutlingen University took place during a recent visit to Germany. As part of it, steps were being taken to implement '4 1' and '3 2' dual-degree courses for engineering students, as well as a two-week educational tour to Germany.A MoU was signed with a prominent organisation and with its support, a second incubation centre would be set up at the university to provide students with the necessary facilities for developing startups, Prof. Pratap Reddy noted.T-Hub representative Shravan Erugula stated that 400 students were selected for the programme. Around 12 to 15 special training sessions would be conducted to create awareness about entrepreneurship and startups.

Heavy rain disrupts normal life in erstwhile Adilabad district



Adilabad: Erstwhile Adilabad district saw moderate to heavy rains from Tuesday night to Wednesday morning, disrupting normal life. Particularly, Nirmal and Mancherial districts were affected by downpours. As per weather report on the website of Telangana Development Planning Society, Nirmal district was gauged to be 82.9 mm. Nirmal mandal registered the highest rainfall by 132 mm, followed by Kadam mandal which had 130 mm of rainfall. Nirmal Rural, Soan Rural and Khanapur mandals witnessed over 110 mm of rainfall. The actual rainfall of the district was 396 mm as against the normal rainfall of 459.3 mm from June 1 to July 29, reflecting a deficit by 14 percent. Similarly, Mancherial district recorded an average rainfall of 80 mm. Kasipet mandal saw the highest rainfall by 123 mm. Chennur, Hajipur, Mandamarri, Mancherial and Chennur mandals experienced over 100 mm of rainfall.The actual rainfall of the district was 414 mm when compared to



the normal rainfall of 458.9 mm in this monsoon so far, indicating a deficit by 10 percent. Adilabad district's average rainfall was measured to be 52.2 mm, while Kumram Bheem Asifabad district had 40.1 mm of rainfall. A major portion of mandals from the two districts received heavy rains.Due to the heavy rains, hilly streams were swollen. As a result, low-level bridges were breached in several parts of Nirmal and Mancherial districts, affecting traffic. A woman sustained serious injuries, while three others of a family had minor injuries after they were trapped under a tin-roof, which collapsed at Alugama village in Kotapalli mandal following downpours.Meanwhile, coal production and lifting of overburden were affected with rainwater entering Opencast mining projects of SCCL's Srirampur and Mandamarri Areas. Machinery used for excavation of the coal was submerged. The SCCL suffered a loss of coal production worth Rs 1.35 crore due to the heavy rains.

Major mishap averted by police after moving car catches fire in Hyderabad



Hyderabad: Rajendrangar police on Wednesday has averted a major accident after a car engine caught fire on the road at PVNR Expressway, Pillar No. 278. According to the details available, the car travelling to Mehdiptnam has acciden-

tally caught fire at the pillar no 278 near PVNR Expressway. However, as the police received the information they quickly responded and reached the spot and took rescue operations to bring down the flames.

Very heavy rain alert for Jagtial today and tomorrow;

JAGTIAL: Following weather department warnings predicting heavy to very heavy rainfall across the district on July 29 and 30, Jagtial District Collector B. Satya Prasad on Wednesday urged citizens to remain on high alert and take necessary precautions. In an official statement, the Collector stated that the district administration is fully prepared to handle any emergencies arising from the downpour. To ensure prompt assistance to the public, a 24/7 control room has been established at the District Collectorate. Collector Satya Prasad advised residents to avoid venturing out unless absolutely necessary, with a special appeal to people living in low-lying areas to remain extra cautious. He warned



the public strictly against going near overflowing streams, rivulets, ponds, or fast-flowing water bodies. Citizens facing any flood-related emergencies or difficulties can immediately reach the control room at 7989193131. The Collector assured that officials from all concerned departments will respond swiftly to every call and initiate necessary relief measures.

Police recover huge quantities of explosives from Bengal's Nalhati

Kolkata: The West Bengal Police on Wednesday said a recovery of huge quantities of smuggled explosives, including ammonium nitrate and gelatin sticks, was made from Nalhati in Birbhum district following a nightlong operation.It is learnt that after being tipped off about the huge quantities of explosives being stored at a house at the Lakhsnamara village in the Nalhati Block, which is popular as a stone-quarry hub in the Birbhum district, the police operation started on Tuesday night.Huge quantities of explosives were recovered from that house. The police personnel were also taken aback by the huge quantities of explosives there, and were investigating whether an organised racket was involved behind the development.“We are also investigating whether the explosives were stockpiled for use at the local stone quarries or if there was any sabotage plan behind it,” an investigating officer said.



It is learnt that search operations continued through Tuesday night and finally the explosives were recovered from a hidden place in the backyard of the house. A total of 800 kilograms of ammonium nitrate and 12,400 pieces of gelatin sticks were recovered.In addition, 105 detonators and 36 detonating fuse coils were recovered. Police said that several other items related to the use of explosives were also recovered. The personnel from the bomb squad reached the spot on receiv-

ing the information.The police cordoned off the entire area. Tight security measures were taken to prevent any untoward incident. The recovered explosives were examined and confiscated. Initial investigation revealed that the house from which the explosives were recovered had been rented out recently.The police are trying to track the tenant who is absconding. The owner of the house is also being questioned.The police have also started a detailed investigation into the source, supply network and possible use of the explosives. Birbhum District Police have informed that such operations will continue in the future as part of the ‘zero tolerance for crime’ policy to suppress crime and maintain law and order.Last week, the National Investigation Agency (NIA) recovered a large cache of explosives, including 20 bags of ammonium nitrate and multiple detonators, during a raid in the same Nalhati area of West Bengal's Birbhum district, and arrested one suspect in connection with the case.

Samay Raina trolls Munawar Faruqui’s second marriage, compares him to Aamir Khan

Mumbai: Comedian Samay Raina took a playful dig at Munawar Faruqui for a second marriage by comparing him to Aamir Khan. In the latest episode of India’s Got Latent 2 Samay Raina said that Munawar Faruqui is following the footsteps of Aamir Khan. Actor -dancer Raghav Juyal and Niharika NM came to the show to promote their upcoming film Bhai Tera Star Hai and during the show Munawar Faruqui was made target by the Samay Raina who hosts the show. Talking about Raghav’s upcoming film, Samay Raina urged the audience to watch the actor’s new movie that is set to get released in theatres on July 30. He said, “Par jokes apart, meri movie aa rahi hai 30th July ko—Bhai Tera Star Hai. Bhai, theatres mein aa rahi hai, so go and watch it! Aur agar bahut baarish ho rahi hai aur aap soch rahe ho ki ghar par OTT pe dekh lenge, toh aisa mat karna yaar!” Soon after Samay’s statement, Raghav was quick to interrupt him, saying the film would not be available on streaming anytime soon. He said, “Kya baat kar raha hai? Mat kar yaar. 1st August ko OTT pe nahi aa rahi hai. Arre, mat kar yaar! Waah, taali! Bhai Tera Star Hai film sirf theatres mein aa rahi hai. Theatre mein hi dekhni hai, OTT par nahi aa rahi.” Samay then



asked, “Lagi shrat?” Raghav responded by comparing his theatrical-only release strategy to Aamir Khan’s approach. Juyal replied, “Aamir Khan sir jaisa game khel raha hoon. Seedha theatre mein aaiye, theatre mein hi dekhniye.” Samay took the opportunity to troll Munawar. He said, “Aamir sir jaise game toh Munawar (Faruqui) ne khela hai.” Samay Raina seemingly drew a comparison between Aamir Khan’s marriages and Munawar Faruqui’s two marriages. The audience were seen applauding the Samay while Munawar Faruqui blushed. Munawar Faruqui got hitched with Mehzaabeen Coatwala for the second time in 2024. Aamir Khan married Gauri Spratt in July 2026, following his previous marriages to Reena Dutta and Kiran Rao. Raghav Juyal’s ‘Bhai Tera Star Hai’ is a movie in which an actor’s cricket gambling debt puts him on a deadly deadline. But a lie about his sister triggers a chain of misunderstandings,

25-year-old son’s surprise BMW ride for mother wins hearts online

Hyderabad: A heartwarming video of a 25-year-old son introducing his mother to his new BMW for the first time has captured the attention of social media users, with many calling it a moment they’ll never forget. Shared on Instagram by @Tax.w.six.packs, the video begins with the mother sitting in the driver’s seat as she quietly takes in the luxury car’s interior. Her son, filming the moment, walks her through the vehicle’s features while chatting with her in a playful and affectionate manner. At first, she appears pleasantly surprised, carefully observing every detail inside the car. As her son continues explaining its features, her expression gradually transforms into a broad smile, reflecting both pride and joy at her son’s achievement. The clip carries the text, “Making my mom try the new BMW,” while the caption reads, “This reaction is priceless.” The video has garnered around 2.5 lakh views, with viewers praising



ing the bond between the mother and son and celebrating the young son’s success. “You won in life,” one user commented. Another wrote, “There is no greater feeling than this.” “I see three things: a proud mother, a happy and hardworking son, and a lovely car. Congratulations,” read another comment, while another user summed it up by saying, “This is the dream of every man.” The wholesome clip has resonated with thousands online, with many saying the mother’s proud smile was the most memorable part of the video.

Shehnaaz Gill reveals why she now prioritizes payment before signing films

Mumbai: Actress Shehnaaz Gill who is currently enjoying the success of her movie ‘Ishqnama’ and has opened up about the realities of work culture and the fee actors are being paid. The actress said that she has worked on projects without charging a fee in the past but it did not earn her the respect. She said remuneration has now become a non-negotiable factor before she signs a film. She said that she doesn’t compromise and fight for the fee she believes she deserves. In an interview with one of the leading news publications, Shehnaaz Gill said that financial compensation now plays an important role in the projects she chooses. She said that every artist should ask for what he or she deserves. She was quoted as saying, “Money is very important. It gives you respect. When I ask for what I deserve today, I sometimes get that, sometimes I don’t and sometimes it’s less than what I quote for myself. But har kisi ko apne haq ke liye ladna chahiye (Everyone should fight for one’s own right). I work really hard and I’ve been through a lot to reach the place that I’m in today.” The actress mentioned that she



is not interested in working in the projects without being paid but has earlier done it. She said that there was a time when she did a lot of work for free. She said that she did a lot for people but that time has gone and is now fighting to get paid. Shehnaaz Gill initially rose to fame after gaining attention for her appearance on Bigg Boss 13 and her closeness with late actor Sidharth Shukla. Cinephiles are praising her for playing the role of Nasima in Ishqnama which is currently running successfully in theaters. Ishqnama is a Punjabi romantic drama which was adapted from the novel Hind Pak Bordernama. The movie is based on a true cross-border love story. It stars Jayi Randhawa as male lead.

Sanjay Dutt’s twins Shahraan and Iqra pen heartfelt birthday wishes for actor

Mumbai: Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt’s twins, son Shahraan Dutt and daughter Iqra Dutt, penned heartfelt birthday wishes for their father on his 67th birthday on July 29. Calling him the “best dad” and thanking him for his constant love, support and encouragement, both the children penned emotional notes for Sanjay Dutt on their respective social media accounts. Taking to his social media account, Shahraan shared a picture posing with Sanjay in what appears to be from a function. The father-son duo twinned in elegant white traditional outfits, with the actor sporting sunglasses as they smiled for the camera. Alongside the picture, Shahraan wrote, “Happy birthday to the best dad anyone could ask for. Thank you for always being there, supporting me, and inspiring me every day. Wishing you good health, endless happiness, and many more amazing years ahead. Love you always.” Replying to the post, Sanjay commented: “I love you and I will always stand by you son.” Iqra also wished her father by sharing an adorable picture of Sanjay sitting on a chair while lovingly hugging her. She captioned the post as, “Happy birthday papa thank you for always being there for me, supporting me and making me smile. I’m so grateful to have you in my life, and I hope your birthday is filled with happiness and



love. I love you so much papa.” For the uninitiated, Sanjay Dutt who turned 67 on July 29, married actress Maanayata Dutt in 2008. The couple welcomed twins, Shahraan and Iqra, in October 2010. Before marrying Maanayata, Sanjay was married to actress Richa Sharma, with whom he has a daughter, Trishala Dutt. Richa passed away in 1996 after battling a brain tumour. For the uninitiated, Sanjay Dutt is the son of legendary actors Sunil Dutt and Nargis.

Allu Arjun faces backlash over ‘Wait outside her house’ remark at Hyderabad fan meet



Mumbai: Telugu superstar Allu Arjun has willingly walked into troubled waters unaware of its depth. The actor recently attended a fan event in Hyderabad where he made a Freudian slip unwittingly asking his fans to pursue girls. Recently, Allu met thousands of fans at the annual Allu Arjun Fan Association summit dressed in his signature black outfit. He interacted warmly with them, and shared a special message for both his fans, anti-fans, and haters. Allu shared, “I’ve been wanting to say something to my fans, anti-fans, and haters for a long time. Remember what I’m saying now, because I’ve been waiting for such an occasion. If you don’t like someone, don’t waste time hating and trolling them.” He added, “If you don’t like them, just let it be. Don’t waste even 1% of your time on them. If you had INR 100, would you spend it on something you don’t like? Exactly, don’t spend. Spend time doing something you like. Go wait in front of the house of the girl you like”. Earlier, Allu Arjun failed to personally appear before a city court in the Sandhya Theatre stampede case. The actor had requested the court to grant an exemption from personal appearance in

the case and informed it, through his counsel, that he would attend the proceedings virtually. The Nampally Criminal Court advised the actor to file a memo and had adjourned the hearing to July 6. Allu Arjun’s counsel told the court that the actor would join the next hearing through virtual mode. All other accused in the case appeared before the court, in response to the summons. Allu Arjun was also directed to personally appear before the court. The actor is accused number 11 (A11) in the case relating to the stampede at the Sandhya Theatre on December 4, 2024. A woman was killed, and her son was critically injured in the stampede during the premiere show of ‘Pushpa 2: The Rule’. The police had named a total of 23 accused in the case. Individuals in the management of the theatre are named as the first 10 accused in the case. Eight bouncers of the actor are also listed as accused. The trial in the case is expected to begin after all the accused personally appear before the judge. Meanwhile, on the work front, the actor has the highly anticipated AA23 with Lokesh Kanagaraj in the pipeline, along with ‘Pushpa 3: The Rampage’.

Harmanpreet Singh to lead India at Asian Games 2026



Hyderabad: Star defender and drag-flicker Harmanpreet Singh will continue to lead the side, while India’s most-capped player, veteran midfielder Manpreet Singh, will lend vital experience to the squad that has been named on Wednesday to take part in the 20th Asian Games set to be held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from Septembe 19 to October 4, according to a Hockey India media release.Mohith HS and Suraj Karkera make up the goalkeeping unit, while Jarmanpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh, Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Sanjay, Sumit and Yashdeep Siwach form the defensive line.The team will count on Rajinder Singh, Raj Kumar Pal, Hardik Singh, Manpreet Singh, Nilakanta Sharma and Vivek Sagar Prasad to marshal the midfield. Meanwhile, Dilpreet Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Sukhjeet Singh, Mandeep Singh and Abhishek are trusted to lead the attacking line.India, who will head into the tournament as the defending champions having claimed gold at the Asian Games in Hangzhou in 2023 under Harmanpreet’s leadership, have been drawn in Pool A alongside hosts Japan, Korea, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Indonesia. Speaking on the squad selection, Chief Coach Craig Fulton said, “The Indian squad selected for the Asian Games is very experienced. We look forward to the challenge of playing in Japan where the winner qualifies for the LA 2028

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi jumps to 48th in ICC T20I rankings

Hyderabad: Seam bowlers called the shots in the first match of the ICC World Test Championship series between the West Indies and Pakistan in Tarouba, which the home side won by 90 runs, and the movements in the ICC Men’s Test Player Rankings reflect that.Player of the Match Justin Greaves finished with a career-best match haul of seven for 39 and gained 21 places to reach a career-high 48th position and his team-mate Jayden Seales moved up five places to 24th after finishing with a five-for in the second innings. Greaves has also advanced eight slots to ninth in the all-rounders’ list. Pakistan’s Mohammad Abbas, who has been ranked as high as third (in 2018), made his first appearance in the top 20 since late 2021 as he advanced nine places ahead to 17th after his match haul of eight for 85.The batting rankings see Pakistan captain Babar Azam move up four slots to 15th after an unbeaten 58 in the second innings while Shan Masood’s 109 in the first innings has lifted him eight places to 36th. Shai Hope’s 92 in the first innings has taken him from 51st to 39th and Kavem Hodge is up to 60th after a seven-slot gain.India captain Shubman Gill begins his third stint as the top-ranked ODI batter after New Zealand’s Daryl Mitchell conceded the top spot, missing the final ODI against the West Indies in

Olympics and that is the ultimate goal for us as a team and as a nation.”South Asians & Diaspora
Twelve teams split into two pools of six each will contest for the gold medal. All the matches are scheduled to be played at the Gifu Prefectural Green Stadium in Kakamigahara. Captain Harmanpreet said that he is confident of the team performing well at the continental showpiece. “Be it the youngsters or the senior players, I have complete faith in all the players to make good use of the opportunities they get. The main target is to not take pressure, enjoy the game and understand your responsibilities,” he shared.India will begin their Asian Games campaign against Indonesia on 20 September, before taking on Sri Lanka on 22 September, Korea on 24 September, Japan on 26 September and rounding off the pool stage against Bangladesh on 28 September.
The squad: Goalkeepers: Mohith HS, Suraj Karkera Defenders: Jarmanpreet Singh, Harmanpreet Singh (c), Amit Rohidas, Jugraj Singh, Sanjay, Sumit, Yashdeep Siwach
Midfielders: Rajinder Singh, Raj Kumar Pal, Hardik Singh, Manpreet Singh, Nilakanta Sharma, Vivek Sagar Prasad
Forwards: Dilpreet Singh, Shilanand Lakra, Sukhjeet Singh, Mandeep Singh, Abhishek.



Bridgetown due to a low-grade hip strain.The New Zealand pair of Will Young (up three places to joint-38th) and Tom Latham (up five places to 46th) and the West Indies’ Sherfane Rutherford (up 13 places to 45th) have moved up the batting rankings. With the ball, Namibia’s Bernard Scholtz had remarkable figures of 10-2-21-1 against the Netherlands and 10-2-14-0 against Nepal to move up five places to seventh in the ODI rankings.India’s teenage sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi has surged ahead to 48th position in the ICC Men’s T20I Player Rankings after his Player of the Series effort in Zimbabwe helped him gallop 230 places. He finished with 151 runs in three innings that boasted a 19-ball 50 in the first match and a 49-ball 81 in the third.

Taipei Open Super 300: HS Prannoy and Unnati Hooda Advance to Second Round

Taipei City: Seasoned shuttler HS Prannoy and Unnati Hooda, the spearheads of India’s campaign, advanced to the second round of their respective singles events at the Taipei Open Super 300 here on Wednesday.Seeded seventh, Prannoy defeated Minoru Koga of Japan 21-11 21-14 in his opening round men’s singles match that lasted just 35 minutes. He will next take on Hong Kong’s Jason Gunawan, who beat another Indian Mithun Manjunath 21-18 21-4 in another first round tie.Among other Indian men’s singles players to progress to the second round were Kiran George and Tharun Mannepalli.While George defeated Wang Po-Wei of Chinese Taipei 21-10 21-18, Mannepalli stunned eight seed Jeon Hyeok Jin of Korea 21-12 21-15. George and Mannepalli will play each other in the next round.But it was curtains for the likes of rising Rounak Chauhan, who progressed through men’s singles qualifiers, as he was shown the door by Richie Duta Richardo of Indonesia 14-21 16-21.Third seed Unnati started her women’s singles campaign on a positive note by registering a 21- 12 21-18 win Pei Yu Wang of Chinese Taipei. The Indian will next play compatriot Tanya Hemanth, who defeated another Taipei shuttler Wen Chi Hsu 21-16 14-21 21-16 in a tough three-game opener. Young Devika Sihag, seeded



eighth here, Tanvi Sharma and Anmol Kharb also progressed to the next round of women’s singles.
While Devika beat Korea’s Ga Eun Park 14-21 21-7 21-15, Tanvi got the better of compatriot Tasnim Mir 21-16 22-20 and Anmol defeated Ishika Jaiswal of USA 21-15 11-21 21-19.Devika will next face Indonesia’s Ni Kadek Dhinda Amartya Pratiwi, who beat India’s Rakshitha Sree Santhosh Ramraj 21-10 20-22 21-14.Tanvi will next take on Indonesia’s Thalita Ramadhani Wiryawan, while Anmol will up against second seed Hsiang Ti Lin of Chinese Taipei. Lin defeated India’s Ashmita Chaliha 16-21 21-14 21-15 in another opening round match.Shriyanshi Valishetty is the other Indian women shuttler to bow out of the competition after losing 11-21 12-21 against fourth seed Supanida Katethong of Thailand.Isharani Baruah will take on local favourite and top seed Pin-Chian Chiu of later in the day.

RCB becomes first cricket franchise valued over 300 million dollars



New Delhi: Royal Challengers Bengaluru has become the world’s first cricket team with a brand value of over USD 300 million while IPL’s business enterprise value has climbed to a whopping USD 20.6 billion, according to study released by global investment bank Houlihan Lokey.The bank’s 2026 Brand Valuation Report said the IPL’s value as a business grew 11.4 per cent year-on-year to USD 20.6 billion, marking a second successive year of double-digit growth.The league’s stand-alone brand value also rose by 10.3 per cent to USD 4.3 billion. Since 2023, the IPL has added more than USD 1.1 billion in brand value.RCB retained the No. 1 spot among IPL franchises with a value of USD 312 million, a 16 per cent jump from USD 269 million in 2025, becoming the first cricket team to breach the USD 300 million milestone.Mumbai Indians remained second with a brand value of USD 264 million, followed by Kolkata Knight Riders (USD 245 million) and Chennai Super Kings (USD 244 million).The study noted that landmark ownership transactions during the year further strengthened the league’s commercial appeal.RCB was acquired by a consortium comprising Blackstone, Bolt Ventures, Aditya Birla Group and Times of India Group at a reported valuation of USD 1.78 billion while Rajasthan Royals changed hands at a reported valuation of USD 1.65 billion, establishing new

benchmarks.History
The study also highlighted the IPL’s growing digital footprint. According to official broadcaster JioStar’s data, which has been cited in the study, the 2026 season reached 1.06 billion screens, with overall viewership increasing seven per cent year-on-year.“I always believed the IPL would become one of the biggest sporting leagues in the world. I just didn’t think it would happen this quickly,” said Punjab Kings co-owner Ness Wadia, whose franchise’s valuation has grown from USD 76 million in 2008 to USD 158 million in 2026.
“Today, when you see institutional investors looking at franchises and global capital entering the space, it validates the conviction we had back in 2008,” he added.Connected TV emerged as the fastest-growing platform with a 26 per cent rise in reach, even as linear television ratings declined by 18.8 per cent.The digital-led growth, coupled with premium partnerships and media rights, helped push the league’s total revenues beyond USD 1.8 billion during the season, further reinforcing the IPL’s position as one of the fastest-growing sports leagues globally.“The IPL has changed the way sport is viewed in India. It’s created careers, inspired investment, encouraged other leagues and built sporting brands that millions of people genuinely care about,” said Wadia.

Finance Minister receives Rs 12,207 crore LIC dividend for FY 2025-26

New Delhi: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on Wednesday received a dividend cheque of Rs 12,207 crore from the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) for FY 2025-26. She received a “dividend cheque of Rs 12,207 crore for FY 2025-26 from R. Doraiswamy, MD and CEO, Life Insurance Corporation of India,” according to an X post. FM Sitharaman also received a dividend cheque of Rs 2,853 crore for FY2025-26 from Asheesh Pandey, MD and CEO, Union Bank of India and a dividend cheque of Rs 211 crore for FY2025-26 from Girija Subramanian, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, the New India Assurance Co. Ltd. According to an X post by Finance Minister, Public Sector Banks (PSBs) witnessed a significant improvement in asset quality during FY 2025–26, with Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPA) declining to a record low of 1.9 per cent and combined net profit reaching an all-time high of Rs 1.98 lakh crore. The net profit of public sector banks recorded a robust 11.1 per cent increase in FY 2025–26, marking the fourth straight year of profitability as reforms and strengthened governance practices have reinforced healthier balance sheets, enhanced operational resilience, and strong capital adequacy. Improved asset quality, healthy



credit expansion and higher income contributed to improved profitability of PSBs during FY 2025–26, an earlier Finance Ministry statement said. The aggregate business of public sector banks (PSBs) increased to Rs 283.3 lakh crore as on March 31, 2026, registering a growth of 12.8 per cent over the previous year, it said. Asset quality of PSBs improved significantly during FY 2025–26, with Gross NPA ratio (Non-Performing Assets) declining to 1.93 per cent and Net NPA ratio to 0.39 per cent as on March 31, 2026, reflecting historically low levels of stressed assets. Further, each PSB maintained a provisioning coverage ratio of above 90 per cent, indicating prudent provisioning practices, improved underwriting standards, effective risk management mechanisms and strengthened balance sheet resilience, the statement added.

Rupee gains 16 paise to 95.66 against US dollar



Mumbai: The rupee rose 16 paise to 95.66 (provisional) against the US dollar on Wednesday, extending its gaining streak for the fourth straight session, amid hectic buying in domestic equity markets and lower global crude prices. Foreign capital inflows and a weak American currency ahead of the US Federal Reserve’s interest rate decision also supported the local unit, forex traders said. At the interbank foreign exchange, the rupee opened at 95.70 and touched the intraday low of 95.80 against the greenback. The unit hit the day’s high of 95.48 before ending the session at 95.66 (provisional) against the dollar, up 16 paise from its previous close. The local currency settled 17 paise higher at 95.82 against the US dollar on Tuesday, after gaining 74 paise in the previous two consecutive sessions. Anuj Choudhary, Research Analyst, Mirae Asset Sharekhan, said the rupee gained on positive domestic markets and fresh FII inflows. A soft dollar also supported the rupee. The US dollar has eased ahead of the FOMC (Federal Open Market Committee) meeting decision, Choudhary said, adding that, “USD-INR spot price is expected to trade in a range of Rs 95.20 to Rs 95.90”. Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback’s strength against a basket of six currencies, was

trading down 0.04 per cent at 101.22. Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, were trading 3.78 per cent higher but remained lower at USD 87.27 per barrel. According to analysts, even as mediators tried to get the US and Iran back to negotiations and towards a ceasefire, crude oil prices rose overnight as the brief pause in fighting was shattered after the US military said that Iran launched multiple ballistic missiles at American forces on Tuesday. All Iranian missiles were successfully intercepted, US Central Command said in a statement, adding that US forces “remain vigilant and at a high state of readiness”. On the domestic equity market front, the Sensex surged 888.68 points, or 1.16 per cent, to settle at 77,654.60, while the Nifty closed up 264.85 points, or 1.10 per cent, at 24,250.20. Foreign Institutional Investors purchased equities worth Rs 755.33 crore on a net basis on Tuesday, according to exchange data. On the macroeconomic front, government data released on Tuesday showed the country’s industrial output rose by 7.3 per cent in June compared to 5.1 per cent in the preceding month, backed by improved manufacturing sector performance and strong growth in the electricity and gas supply sector.

New Rules from August 1: Here Are the Changes Coming into Effect

The month of August is approaching, bringing with it several major changes (new regulations effective August 1, 2026). A new KYC (Know Your Customer) system is set to be implemented. The West Central Railway has also announced amendments to the rules regarding Tatkal tickets. Additionally, SEBI is set to implement new regulations for open market share buybacks. Since these changes will directly impact the general public, it is important to be aware of them in advance. LPG Cylinders prices changes Oil marketing companies revise LPG cylinder prices every month; fluctuations in cylinder prices are likely on August 1st as well. On July 1st, the price of a 19 kg commercial LPG cylinder was reduced by ₹183.50, and the price of a 5 kg cylinder was lowered by ₹13. New KYC Regulations: According to Reuters, banks and insurance companies are likely to jointly launch a comprehensive customer identification system called ‘Central KYC 2.0’ on August 1st. The implementation of this new system will transform banking and investment processes. Customers will no longer need to submit separate identity documents to every financial institution. Asset management companies and mutual funds may also join this network. When a customer opens



a new account or updates their information, the institution can—with the customer’s consent—retrieve verified data from the central registry. This information will be sent to the user’s mobile number. The process concludes once approval is received. Rules regarding railway ticket booking: West Central Railway has announced changes to the Tatkal ticket booking process. A new token rule will come into effect on August 1. With the implementation of this new rule, passengers will no longer need to visit the railway reservation counter twice. Tokens for AC 1 Class will be issued between 8:30 AM and 9:00 AM, while tokens for non-AC classes will be distributed between 9:00 AM and 9:30 AM. Currently, passengers booking Tatkal tickets for FC Class receive tokens between 9:00 AM and 9:25 AM, whereas those booking non-AC class tickets receive them between 9:30 AM and 9:55 AM.

China switches to smaller commercial investments in developing countries



New Delhi: China’s investments in Africa and other developing countries are now concentrated in equity participation, public-private partnerships and local-currency financing which has replaced the large sovereign credit lines that constituted Chinese development finance earlier, according to an article in South Africa’s news website IOL. “This marks a departure from the expansive vision of the BRI’s early years, when surplus capital and industrial capacity were projected outward to reshape growth across the Global South. Today, Chinese firms continue to build and invest – particularly in renewable energy, critical minerals and advanced manufacturing – but the era of megaproject lending has receded,” the article by Edwin Naidu states. Beijing’s growing emphasis on smaller projects signals a strategic pivot. Capital now flows toward sectors aligned with long-term national priorities which include renewable energy networks in Africa, mineral partnerships in Latin America, digital infrastructure in Southeast Asia and manufacturing ecosystems that reinforce supply-chain resilience. Connectivity remains important, but no longer pursued as an end in itself, the article states. Hyderabad City Guide The article highlights that construction contracts accounted for nearly two-thirds of total engagement last year,

while policy-bank lending remained well below its mid-2010s peak. “For governments across the Global South, the policy implications are clear. Access to Chinese capital is more conditional, commercially oriented and strategically selective. Projects tied to green transitions and supply-chain resilience are more likely to secure support; prestige infrastructure with uncertain returns is less likely to proceed,” the article observes. It observes that China’s political economy has reshaped its priorities. The slowdown in the Chinese economy, the rising government debt and the need for technological self-sufficiency have redirected capital toward domestic needs such as semiconductor production and energy transition. The impact of Chinese investments in various countries have also not been very beneficial which has imposed limits. The article points out that Zambia’s debt restructuring exposed the fragmented nature of China’s financing architecture, while Sri Lanka’s Hambantota port highlighted how grand ambitions could outpace economic fundamentals. Similarly, Pakistan’s recalibration of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor – from highways and coal plants to agriculture and digital infrastructure – reflects fiscal constraints and security risks.

MINISTER KONDAPALLI SRINIVAS MEETS GOA GOVERNOR ASHOK GAJAPATHI RAJU



VIJAYANAGARAM, JULY 29:“minister for msme, rural poverty alleviation, and nri empowerment & relations, kondapalli srinivas called on goa governor ashok gajapathi raju at the governor’s residence and felicitated him with a shawl.during the meeting, they had an interaction for over half an hour on various issues. speaking on the occasion, minister kondapalli srinivas said he was happy that the alluri sitarama raju international airport at bhogapuram is set to be inaugurated. he said it brings great joy that the bhogapuram airport, for which you laid the foundation and worked hard for the development of uttarandhra, will become a reality in the next two days.he stated

that gmr group has vast experience in the aviation sector and completed the project swiftly. governor ashok gajapathi raju congratulated gmr for the timely completion. the minister said naming the airport after alluri sitarama raju by the government is a good development. he added that it is commendable that prime minister narendra modi and chief minister n. chandrababu naidu are inaugurating it.the governor said that if industries and transport systems are good, regions will develop. he suggested that the government, public representatives and officials should work in that direction.those present:“mla aditi vijayalakshmi and others participated in the meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE UNDERSTANDING OF GVA-GDDP NEEDED FOR DISTRICT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: DISTRICT COLLECTOR DR. G. LAKSHMISHA

quality statistics are the foundation for swarna andhra @2047 goals
awareness on gva-gddp should be enhanced from mandal level to field level
officials who attended training should act as master trainers



VIJAYAWADA, JULY 29:“district collector dr. g. lakshmisha said that for accelerating district economic development, every department must have comprehensive understanding of economic indicators like gross value added and gross district domestic product.he participated as chief guest in a capacity building training programme held on wednesday at the pgrs meeting hall in vijayawada collectorate and addressed officials. master trainers, mandal level officers, cvap unit and young professionals were given detailed awareness on district economic development, gva, gddp, sector-wise economic growth, preparation and analysis of economic data at district and mandal levels.the collector said the district gddp for 2025–26 was recorded at approximately rs.1,05,135 crore. he stated that economic indicators like gva and gddp are crucial in assessing district development progress. every department should work with full understanding of gva calculation methods, sector-wise growth and use of statistics.stating that achieving 100% literacy is essential for the country to reach viksit bharat @2047 goals, the collector said that along with

literacy, priority should be given to skill development. this will enable nearly 95% of people to be equipped with industry-required skills. he said women, when equipped with complete skills, will become a strong foundation for family as well as state and national economic development. skill education will expand employment opportunities and improve living standards.the collector suggested giving priority to value-added agriculture along with traditional crops. diverting some paddy area to horticulture crops can significantly increase farmers' income. he said vijayawada utsav was conducted effectively and achieved an additional gross value addition of about rs.150 crore in the services sector. he noted that tourism development in the district will further strengthen the services sector.he directed that natural, human resources and geographical advantages of the district be utilized effectively for implementing development programmes. focus should be on increasing production in agriculture along with value-added products, and special plans should be made for expansion of service and industrial sectors.the collec-

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VIJAYAWADA, JULY 29:“district collector dr. lakshmisha directed officials to ensure that proposed tourism projects in the district do not remain limited to detailed project report (dpr) stage and must be grounded quickly for public use. he said tourism development will bring significant economic and employment benefits to the district.the district tourism promotion committee meeting was held on thursday at the avs reddy meeting hall in the district collectorate under the chairmanship of district collector dr. lakshmisha. he reviewed the progress of tourism projects being implemented in the district and issued key directions.KEY DIRECTIONS“the collector directed officials to obtain all necessary permissions quickly for the proposed rs.75 crore amc entertainment project on 5 to 10 acres at bhavani island. he said the project will be developed with modern facilities including destination weddings, water sports, boating, and a convention hall with 500 capacity. he suggested completing the project and making it available to the public by july-2027.he directed that amaravati boating club at bhavani island be maintained attractively for tourists with safety standards. quality norms must be followed in boating operations and more facilities should be provided.at dr. b.r. ambedkar kala vedika in swaraj maidan, a mini theatre with 75 seating capacity0 should be used for screening educational, scientific and awareness films for school and college students.at pavitra sangamam in ibrahimpatnam, a special

platform with 30-degree dimension should be constructed as per suggestions of the vaidika committee to conduct river aarti more grandly. engineering officials of kanaka durga temple were directed to provide other basic amenities for devotees. r&b officials were asked to prepare budget proposals for road development. rtc buses should ply on that route between 4 pm and 6 pm as river aarti will be held at 6 pm. water resources officials should take steps for electrical cable arrangements.the collector directed all departments to complete advance arrangements in coordination to conduct 'vijayawada utsav' this year also during navaratri at punnami ghat, ferry ghat, and basava punnaiah stadium, as done successfully last year. necessary facilities should be provided without causing inconvenience to tourists and devotees.officials were directed to take necessary steps for restoration of cibbar disneyland, a tourism attraction in the district, and make it available to tourists again. proposals should be prepared to utilize funds available under the central government’s prestigious 'prasad' (promotion of religious tourism and spiritual heritage augmentation drive) scheme for development of major temples in the district.the collector said kondapalli fort should be developed as an adventure tourism center. a base camp for trekking, rappelling and other adventure sports should be set up from july 7 to 11, along with a permanent ticketing counter and trekking equipment made available to tourists.COORDINATED EFFORT NEEDED“district collector dr. lakshmisha made it clear that officials of concerned departments should work in mutual coordination to complete every proposed tourism project within the stipulated time. he said tourism development will increase revenue and employment opportunities for the district and called for collective efforts from all departments to develop vijayawada as a major tourism destination.those present:“tourism department regional director y.v. prasannalakshmi, district tourism officer a. shilpa, district forest officer a. satish, aptdc ee g. srinivasarao, sri durga malleswara swamy var temple aeo n. ramesh, ae rama, amaravati boating project ceo kakani tarun, bitc project engineer g. umamaheswararao and other officials participated.