

Leader Ntr Who Showcased The Might Of Telugu People

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, Mla Lokam Naga Madhavi, Markfed Chairman Karrotu Bangarraju, Polit Bureau Member Gantyada Sridevi Unveil Statues Of Ntr And Gautam Buddha In Parasam Village



Nellimarla, August 2:“State Minister For Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Eradication And Nri Empowerment And Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said Ntr was the great leader who proclaimed the might of Telugu people across the world.On Sunday evening, the Minister along with Mla Lokam Naga Madhavi, Markfed Chairman Karrotu Bangarraju and Polit Bureau Member Gantyada Sridevi inaugurated the statues of Ntr and Gautam Buddha in Parasam Village of Nellimarla Constituency. The Minister said it is highly exemplary to install statues of Ntr and Gautam Buddha in a small village. He said when statues of great personalities are in

villages, seeing those statues brings awareness in a person along with reminding the goal to be achieved.Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said Ntr was the leader who formed a party and assumed power within 9 months and showcased the might of Telugu people to

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YSRCP chief vows fight against ‘authoritarian’ governance

Hyderabad: YSR Congress Party president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Sunday accused Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of pursuing “politics of vendetta” and “authoritarian governance”, vowing to fight against the alleged practice of filing criminal cases against political

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Proactive steps needed to safeguard AP interests

Rajamahendravaram: Former chief minister and BJP leader Nallari Kiran Kumar Reddy on Sunday said several key issues relating to the utilisation of Godavari and Krishna waters are still pending and urged the Andhra Pradesh government to take proactive steps to safeguard the interests of farmers. Addressing a press conference at the BJP office in Rajamahendravaram, Kiran Kumar Reddy said the full benefits of the Polavaram Project could be realised only after resolving land acquisition issues in the neighbouring States of Odisha and Chhattisgarh. He pointed out that land acquisition is yet to



be completed in eight villages of Odisha and four villages of Chhattisgarh. The Centre has already made provisions for payment of compensation under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, and the process should

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Parliament skit row: Slipper hurled at Pappu Yadav during Delhi presser

New Delhi: There was commotion at the press conference of Independent MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav here on Sunday evening when a man hurled a slipper at him, and the MP later alleged that a man had brought a knife to the meet with the intention of attacking him.The incident, which raised questions of safety in a high-security zone, took place in the evening when the Lok Sabha MP from Purnia was giving an interview to reporters at his official residence at Pandara Road.The developments came a day after a police complaint was filed against Pappu Yadav, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and others over a skit on the Parliament premises on Ram Mandir donations.While Pappu Yadav was addressing media persons, a slipper was



allegedly hurled at him, claimed a supporter of the MP. The assailant was identified as Sumit from Uttar Pradesh’s Bulandshahr.Soon after the slipper-hurling incident, the MP’s supporters thrashed Sumit, who was later detained by police. Sumit claimed he was angry with the MP for his alleged disrespectful remarks against saints.Jaid Khan, Media Convenor of

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Children show interest in book expo at Tagore Library

Vijayawada: Emphasising that libraries are centres of knowledge that shape the future of children, the Tagore Library on Mahatma Gandhi Road organised a special book exhibition as part of its ‘We Love Reading’ programme held every Sunday. The exhibition, conducted during the first week of the month, showcased a wide range of books for students, including storybooks, biographies of national leaders, science and mathematics books, project guides, and educational reference materials. The initiative aimed to cultivate reading habits among children and inspire them to explore the world of knowledge through books. Speaking on the occasion, Grade I Librarian Rama Devi said that developing the habit of reading from an early age becomes a life-



long asset. She noted that regular reading enhances language skills, broadens knowledge, improves creativity, and strengthens critical thinking. Resource persons Vallabhaneni Sumathi and Mallela Vara Lakshmi, along with students from various schools and their parents, participated in the programme and appreciated the initiative to promote reading culture among young learners.

SP Sailaja receives honorary doctorate



Guntur: Stating that academic degrees alone are not enough in a rapidly evolving world, AP State Council of Higher Education Chairman Prof K Madhu Murthy said skills, creativity, adaptability, and a lifelong commitment to learning will shape the future of today’s youth. He addressed the fourth convocation of the Centre for Distance and Online Education at Vignan’s University, Vadlamudi on Sunday. Renowned playback singer SP Sailaja, who was conferred an honor-

ary doctorate by Vignan’s University, inspired the graduates with her message of perseverance, dedication, and purpose. Vice-Chancellor Prof KV Krishna Kishore said that a total of 1,425 students received their degrees at the convocation. Vignan’s Chairman Dr Lavu Rathaiiah, MP and vice-chairman Lavu Sri Krishnadevarayalu, Chancellor Pavuluri Subba Rao, CEO Dr Meghana Kurapati, and Vice-Chancellor Prof KV Krishna Kishore were among those present.



Imperative to codify intentional civil wrongs

India has undertaken a historic overhaul of its criminal justice architecture. The replacement of colonial-era penal statutes with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA), 2023 reflects a decisive step toward an indigenous, modern, and modernised statutory framework. Yet, a stark institutional asymmetry persists. While criminal wrongs have been comprehensively codified, intentional civil wrongs remain uncoded, leaving victims dependent on scattered statutes and centuries-old English common-law precedents. This critical gap must be urgently recognised and addressed by the Law Commission, the Union Government, the judiciary and legal jurists. To ensure a truly citizen-centred legal system in the digital era, India requires a dedicated code of intentional civil wrongs that defines liabilities, remedies, and damages, while providing speedy, technology-driven justice. Also Read - FIR against woman over abusive remarks on PM transferred to Delhi Advertisement In jurisprudence, civil law means the positive law of the land governing private rights, duties, liabilities, and remedies, distinct from criminal, military, canon, natural, or purely Roman law. This distinction matters deeply for codifying intentional civil wrongs, because civil liability must fit within a broader civil framework. While the BNS defines public criminal wrongs, private remedies for deliberate harms—such as compensation, injunctions, and civil restoration—lack a unified statutory spine. Under Indian constitutional jurisprudence, “law” includes ordinances, orders, byelaws, rules, regulations, notifications, customs, and usages having legal force. Yet, when a citizen’s dignity, liberty, reputation, or property is intentionally violated, the civil remedy remains fragmented across scattered statutes or dependent on judge-made principles. Jurists such as Sir Henry Maine and Sir Frederick Pollock emphasised the need for codifying civil wrongs in India way back in the late 19th century, culminating in Pollock’s draft Code of Civil Wrongs in 1886. However, the need to codify intentional torts to protect the legal rights of Indian citizens arose decades prior to 1895. Relying on foreign common-law precedents in 21st-century India creates legal uncertainty, inflates litigation costs, and undermines accessibility. Codification requires bridging this conceptual gap to build an indigenous rule of law. A tort—derived from the Latin tortus, meaning wrong—is a civil wrong causing harm for which the law grants compensation or equitable relief. Examples of deliberate civil wrongs include assault, battery, false imprisonment, fraud, defamation, conversion, intentional emotional distress, and trespass. While some of these deliberate acts also attract criminal liability, civil law focuses on victim compensation, injunctions, and restoration. Reliance on common law and scattered statutes creates confusion and unpredictability. A Code of Intentional Civil Wrongs should strategically classify these wrongs into clear categories including personal torts like assault, battery, false imprisonment, fraud, and defamation. These protect personal liberty, physical integrity, trust, and reputation.

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the Delhi elders. He said Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Young Leader Nara Lokesh are working for the fulfillment of Ntr's ideals. He said the credit of providing rice at Rs. 2 Per Kg with the objective that every poor person should have two meals a day goes only to Ntr. The Minister said Ntr, as Chief Minister, made Kala Venkata Rao from Srikakulam, Ashok Gajapathi Raju from Vizianagaram and Ayyanna Patrudu from Visakhapatnam as Ministers. He said as the grandson of Kondapalli Paidithalli Naidu and as a farmer's son, the Telugu Desam Party gave him the opportunity to serve all of you. He said the Coalition Government is moving forward with the objective of doing good to all sections by constantly striving for people and providing development and welfare schemes.Nellimarla Mla Lokam Naga Madhavi said she became Mla with a huge majority due to the affection shown by constituency people in the elections and thanked them for showing the same affection now. She said under the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, corruption-free governance along with unparalleled development is taking place in Ap under coalition government rule. The Mla said as per the request of villagers, Rs. 20 Lakh has been sanctioned for construction of two roads and Rs. 40 Lakh has been sanctioned through Srivani Trust for temple development.Ap Markfed Chairman Karrotu Bangarraju said if a poor person is having a meal today, it is only due to the greatness of Ntr. He said Telugu people across the world always worship Lord Rama, Lord Shiva and the great Ntr in their hearts. He said it is a matter of happiness that the statue of the great personality who spread the glory of Telugu race across the world was installed in a remote village with the cooperation of Narayanarao and village people. He lauded that taking Gurajada's words "Sacrifice Some Self Interest And Stand By Neighbors" as ideal, Ntr came from films into politics and strived for the upliftment of crores of Telugu people.Telugu Desam Polit Bureau Member Gantyada Sridevi said it is a matter of happiness to unveil the statue of Ntr, the great personality who founded the Telugu Desam Party with the slogan Food, Clothing And Shelter and made known the greatness of Telugu race and Telugu people across the world, in this village today. She praised that following Ntr's path, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is also implementing many welfare programmes and welfare schemes to support the poor and women.

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rivals.He also reiterated the demand for resignation of Education Minister Nara Lokesh over the alleged irregularities in the District Selection Committee-2025 teacher recruitment process.In a message on X, Jagan Mohan Reddy said, “Mr Chandrababu, remember this: Political Power is not permanent. Neither is the power of the police. False cases are not permanent. No matter how many cases you file, how many midnight arrests you carry out, how many doors you break open, or how many police personnel you deploy, the YSR Congress Party will not retreat. We will continue to stand by the victims, challenge injustice, and fight against authoritarian governance.” He said, “You may be able to arrest individuals, but you cannot break the courage that resides in the hearts of the people, nor can you silence the questions they continue to ask.”The YSR Congress Party chief also claimed that Gen Z is raising its voice and questioning the government across the state.“Why has there been no CBI inquiry into the alleged irregularities in DSC-2025? Why has Education Minister Nara Lokesh not resigned, taking responsibility for these allegations? Why has the government failed to release the pending Rs 9,500 crore under the Vidya Deevena and Vasathi Deevena schemes? Why was the promise of providing Rs 3,000 per month as unemployment allowance abandoned? When will the government pay the Rs 1.08 lakh in arrears owed to every unemployed youth over the past three years?” said Jagan Mohan Reddy. He stated that neither Chandrababu Naidu nor Lokesh has answers to these questions. Instead of responding, the government is resorting to false cases, midnight arrests, and police excesses in an attempt to divert public attention.Alleging unfair action by state police, the YSR Congress Party president said, “If those who perpetrate attacks belong to the ruling party, they are protected. If the victims belong to the YSR Congress Party, criminal cases are filed against them.”He said, “If public representatives stand by the victims, they too are booked. Those who question the government are arrested. Those who dare to hold it accountable face midnight police raids, with their doors being broken open. Is this democracy? Is this justice? Is this the rule of law?”

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be expedited, he said. “Even if Polavaram is completed, water cannot be stored up to its full reservoir level unless consultations with Odisha and Chhattisgarh are completed and pending land acquisition issues are resolved,” he said. Kiran Kumar Reddy recalled that under the Bachawat Tribunal award, 80 TMC of Godavari water is to be diverted to the Krishna basin after the completion of the Polavaram Project. Of this, 20 TMC is earmarked for Karnataka and 14 TMC for Maharashtra. He stressed that Andhra Pradesh should secure its legitimate share of water and ensure justice for farmers. He urged the State government to stand firmly by the farming community and ensure that the entire Krishna diversion water allocated to Andhra reaches without interruption. Calling for the early completion of the Polavaram Project, he said achieving the full reservoir level would not be possible without completing land acquisition. He added that resolving the issue would benefit not only Andhra Pradesh but also the neighbouring States. Since the BJP is in power in both Odisha and Chhattisgarh, the State government should hold discussions with those governments to resolve the pending land acquisition issues at the earliest, he said. MLA Nallamilli Ramakrishna Reddy and MLC Somu Veerraju were also present at the press conference.

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Purnia MP Pappu Yadav, told IANS, “A press conference was underway when 3-4 people started asking questions from the MP. Suddenly, one of them hurled a slipper at the MP.”“At the same time, one of them was seen pulling out a knife. Those standing nearby tried to overpower the man with the knife, sparking a commotion,” said Khan.He said angry supporters of the MP trashed the slipper thrower, but the MP himself shielded him and handed him over to police.Later, Yadav said he was being threatened by anti-social elements ever since he raised the issue of donation theft in Ayodhya.He alleged a bounty of up to Rs 51 lakh was being offered on his head ever since he had raised the issue.



Bhogapuram airport launch stage reverberates with good governance ‘wah’

Vizianagaram: It is a shower of praise from both ends as Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu could not stop appreciating each other’s leadership expertise. Their close association was evident during the inauguration of Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport at Bhogapuram in Vizianagaram district on Saturday. Sharing the stage, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister K Pawan Kalyan and IT Minister Nara Lokesh praised Narendra Modi for his exceptional leadership expertise despite the challenges he has been facing. When Chandrababu Naidu referred to the Centre-supported projects such as new railway zone, Polavaram irrigation project and Amaravati capital development, and the declaration of a special package to Visakhapatnam Steel Plant one after the other, asking the gathering that who supported in realising them, the public responded in an equal energetic tone shouting ‘Modi, Modi’. As people roared, the CM demanded ‘Louder.’ Also Read - PM Modi's commitment to sports reflected in India's 2026 CWG success: Harsh Sanghavi Advertisement Discover more History Health News Social Media Marketing In his address, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan appealed to the people to be more responsible in supporting national leadership and highlighted their role in the country’s progress. He also underlined the importance of recognising and honouring individuals, who have served the nation selflessly. Referring to the critics, he said when he heard derogatory remarks against the Prime Minister, he got emotional as it pained him a lot. He asserted that leaders working for the country’s development deserve respect and appreciation. Continuing in the same vein, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu heaped praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s exceptional leadership. In his address, the Prime Minister commended the Chief Minister for his earnest efforts in steering Andhra Pradesh towards development.



Drugs give brief high but make entire life low: PM Modi to youth

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday asked the country's youth to take a pledge against substance abuse, saying drugs can give them a "high" for some time, but would make their entire career and personal life "low". Launching the 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan', Modi said the country's youth must be mentally and physically fit, and that this requires them to stay away from all kinds of substance abuse. He also said that enemy countries use the supply of drugs as part of their terror plans because they know that "youth are the future of our country". "Drugs can give you a high for some time, but it makes your entire career and personal life low," he said. Questioning the taboo around drug addicts, Modi said those who come out of drug addiction are fighters and should be honoured by society. "Society should respect them, embrace them and give them a second chance," he said. The prime minister launched the campaign virtually in the presence of a large number of youth, who described themselves as representatives of Gen-Z, days after large-scale protests by students demanding reforms in the public examination system rocked Delhi and other parts of the country. "Our culture teaches us that one can get rid of substance abuse with the support of society, yoga and meditation," Modi said. The 'Nasha Mukta Yuva' campaign is a resolve for the individual, family, society and, most importantly, the nation, and the name of the initiative itself reflected its objective, the prime minister said. "When the country has set the goal of building a developed India, it is essential that the youth stay away from harmful addictions to remain physically and mentally healthy and full of self-confidence," Modi said. "This is the objective of this campaign," he added, urging everyone to take a pledge to ensure that young people understand the dangers of drug addiction and remain aware and vigilant in every possible way. "From today, the Nasha Mukta Yuva Abhiyan is being launched across the country. When this becomes a collective campaign, even those who are unable to do something on their own will receive new energy.

"The resolve taken today will move forward in the same manner for the next 100 weeks. Every Sunday, activities related to art, culture, sports, meditation, spirituality and service will be organised. The message of de-addiction will reach new people," Modi said. "The coming 100 Sundays will mark 100 strong steps towards a drug-free India," he added. The prime minister also said that addiction not only harms the body, but also takes away a mother's smile, shatters a father's dreams, weakens a sister's hope, and takes away the respect of a younger brother. "Family members live with this pain every day, watching their children gradually lose themselves before their eyes," he said. Modi also said the government stands firmly with the youth in this campaign against drugs. "Strict action is being taken against drug traffickers across the country. The arrests have gone up several times as compared to before, and drugs worth thousands of crores of rupees have been seized. This shows how strongly our government is acting against drugs," the prime minister said. He also urged families not to hide their children's addiction out of concern for social reputation, and instead communicate openly with them and seek expert and medical help to help them overcome substance abuse. The 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' aims to inspire youth to stay away from substance abuse and encourages them to become ambassadors of positive social change in their communities. The launch marked the beginning of a 100-week nationwide 'Jan Bhagidari' campaign, under which activities will be organised every Sunday across the country to promote awareness and encourage public participation in building a drug-free society.

Rahul threatened by PM Modi's popularity among youth: Piyush Goyal

Mumbai: Rahul Gandhi feels threatened by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's growing popularity among the youth because the Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha used to consider himself a "youth leader" but no longer enjoys the same appeal among them, Union minister and senior BJP leader Piyush Goyal said on Sunday. Claiming that the BJP continued to enjoy the support of young voters, Goyal said "Gen Z was always with us". The youth would continue to back Modi's vision of making India a developed nation, the Mumbai North Lok Sabha MP said. He also described Modi as the world's "most popular



leader", saying his engagement with young people and his presence across social media platforms would help accelerate the country's development. "Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi feels threatened because of the growing popularity of PM Modi and the way he is connecting with the youth. Gandhi used to consider himself as a youth leader. It has been proven that he is no longer

as popular as PM Modi," Goyal told reporters. Responding to questions on the youth protests at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi that later culminated in the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as Union education minister, Goyal defended the Centre's handling of examination paper leaks, asserting the government had enacted stringent legislation under Modi's leadership. The Congress-led UPA government had planned a legislation on examination paper leaks in 2010-11 but lacked the courage to introduce it, he claimed. The NDA under Modi brought such a legislation in 2024 and later strengthened it through amendments that provided

for stricter punishment and fast-track court trials, Goyal said. Opposition parties, including the Congress, Samajwadi Party and Aam Aadmi Party, had opposed the legislation in Parliament, he added. "I can understand their disappointment and frustration as voters are rejecting them again and again. They are losing elections one after another. When the Bill was being discussed, they should have supported it. I condemn the Congress, Samajwadi Party, AAP etc for opposing the Bill," he said. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026 was passed by the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha last week.

SC to hear pleas on alleged police excesses during NEET protest

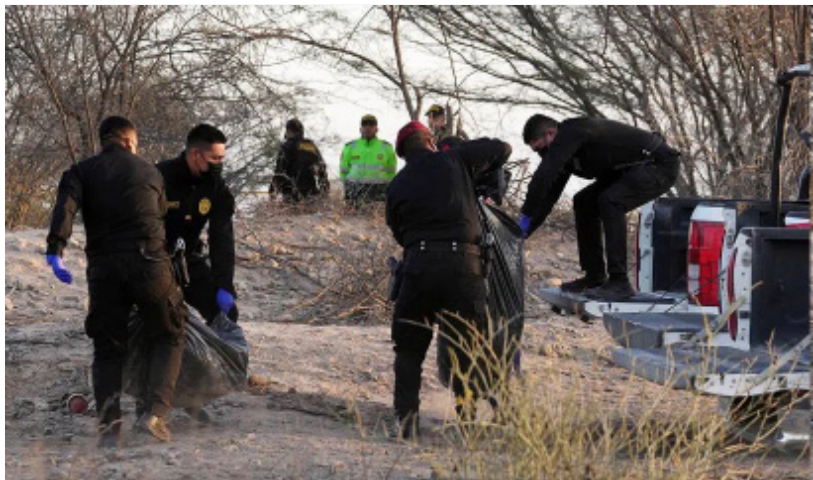
New Delhi: The Supreme Court is scheduled to hear on Monday a batch of pleas alleging police brutality during the recent protests against irregularities in exams and the NEET paper leaks. A bench of Chief Justice Surya Kant and Justices Joymalya Bagchi and V Mohana will be hearing the pleas in which the court had indicated that it might constitute an SIT headed by a former Supreme Court judge for a probe into the allegations made by protesters, pellet gun victims and to ascertain whether the attacks on policemen were carried out by students or some "miscellaneous". On July 28, the top court had restrained states from taking any coercive action against protesters and directed them to release those under 18 on the condition that none should have any criminal antecedents. The top court had observed that a fair and independent probe in the matter was required and whoever committed excesses, took law into their hands should be taken to task. It had directed, "All states are hereby instructed to release children under the age of 18, who have been reported to be arrested or detained in connection with the ongoing protests and who do not possess any criminal antecedents." The top court had said if necessary, these children shall be released upon the execution of a simple bond by themselves or their family members, especially if such a require-



ment is insisted upon for surety. It had taken note of allegations such as the use of pellet guns, lathis embedded with nails, rubber bullets and electric batons on protesters resulting in severe life threatening injuries to several students and young women. The top court had directed that Delhi government and other states may proceed with the investigation of the FIRs registered but no coercive measures shall be taken against the protesting students. "Such protection, nonetheless, shall not be extended to the persons with criminal antecedents," it had clarified. Noting that the bench is mulling an independent, a transparent and thorough probe into all allegations by a task force, the bench had said a probe is also required to ascertain the attacks on policemen and whether they were by students or some "miscellaneous". "Be that as it may, the allegations made by the petitioners, prima facie, establish a compelling case for an independent and impartial investigation into the incidents of violence. Such an investigation will adequately address the allegations presented by the

family members of the police personnel, as well as the issues raised by the Solicitor General of India," it had said. While posting the matter for further hearing, the top court had said in the interest of justice an opportunity was given to the Centre and the states concerned to place their versions on record before it considers constituting an independent committee or a Special Investigation Team (SIT). The top court had issued notices to Maharashtra, Bihar, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Kerala and asked their advocates general to appear online on the next date of hearing. It had issued a slew of interim directions to states where protests were held to preserve CCTV footage, drone recordings, body-camera footage, wireless communication records, PCR logs and other digital evidence pertaining to the protests. "Although it has already been stated at the bar by the Solicitor General of India, on instructions, we also, as an abundant precaution, direct that all CCTV footage, drone footage, body-worn camera recordings, videography, wireless communica-

tion records, and PCR lodge collections related to the students' protest be preserved," it had directed. The top court had also ordered the police authorities to ensure that the personal information and digital data of the protestors, collected during the students' protests, are preserved and are not disclosed to the public domain for the time being. It had emphasised that the authorities may not publish any public data/details of the protestors, especially students. "The NCT of Delhi and other states may proceed with the investigation of the FIRs registered; however, no coercive measures shall be taken against the protesting students. Such protection, nonetheless, shall not be extended to the persons with criminal antecedents," it had ordered. The Cockroach Janta Party (CJP)-led march on July 20 in Delhi witnessed clashes between protesters and security personnel, who used lathis and teargas shells to disperse crowds attempting to move towards Parliament. The protests escalated and spread to several other states. The protesters were demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak issue. The agitation ended on Saturday with Pradhan's resignation and the government agreeing to the demand for compensation to the families of those who had ended their lives and no FIRs against the protesters.



Plane carrying European tourists crashes in Peru, killing 13 people on Nazca Lines viewing flight

Bogota: A plane carrying European tourists to view the famed Nazca Lines crashed into a field outside the Peruvian city of Nazca, killing 13 people, local authorities said. Nazca’s municipal government said the plane departed from the nearby city of Ica on Saturday and was operated by Peruvian company Aerodiana. On its website, the airline said that it has offered scenic flights over the Nazca lines for the past 14 years using Cessna Grand Caravan planes. The Nazca Lines are a group of extensive geoglyphs scraped into the desert around Nazca hundreds of years ago by Peru’s Indigenous inhabitants. The lines form images of animals that can only be fully appreciated from planes or viewing towers. Among the dead were seven Italian citizens between the ages of 18 and 54, two 52-year-old Spaniards and two Germans of 77 and 78 years, Peru’s Transportation Ministry said. The other two fatalities were the pilot Americo Salazar and copilot Irenka Guanilo del Carpio, it said in an official report. President Keiko Fujimori expressed regret over the accident and said a “temporary suspension” of the airport was being considered, though the decision will be made once she receives reports from the relevant ministries. Peruvian authorities said the accident is under investigation. Aerodiana was not immediately available for comment.

Idaho fast food restaurant shooting leaves 3 dead, 7 injured: city spokesman

Boise: Three people were killed and seven more were injured, some critically, in a shooting at an In-N-Out Burger restaurant in southern Idaho on Saturday afternoon, a Twin Falls city spokesman said. Police who responded to the shooting found the body of the suspected gunman in an area near the restaurant, Twin Falls city public information officer Josh Palmer said. He did not know if the suspect was included in the fatality count. Officials were still working on notifying the family members of victims and so were not yet releasing the names, ages or other details about the people hurt in the shooting, Palmer said. Some of the people injured are in critical condition, Palmer said. Police were still trying to determine the shooter’s identity and motive, Twin Falls Police Chief Matthew Hicks said in a news conference earlier Saturday. “We believe the threat to the community is over,” Hicks said. “It was a very chaotic scene.” Palmer said investigators were still interviewing witnesses to the shooting. The restaurant is in a busy shopping plaza, and hundreds of

people were in the area when it happened around 2 pm. Lane Koehn, 34, said he was at a stoplight near the In-N-Out when he saw a person with an AR-style rifle emerge from the drive-thru. A man with a pistol started firing at the shooter. He then saw someone in an In-N-Out uniform drag a person, also uninjured, bleeding from a gunshot wound in her chest across the parking lot. The employee, Koehn and the man with the pistol stayed until paramedics arrived for her. “She was pretty bad off, but I don’t know. I hope she made it,” Koehn said. Koehn said he was told by police to evacuate because the shooting was still active. He also said the shooter fired at least three or four rounds and it was not clear whether or not anyone in particular was targeted. Video taken by a driver from across the street captured a shooter, who appeared to be dressed in black, walking up to a white car carrying a long rifle, opening the driver-side door and popping the trunk. The person then walked to the trunk and reached inside. At that point the driver who shot the video



left quickly, fearing that the man might be getting more weapons. Twin Falls resident Haley Dodaro, 43, and her mother went to In-N-Out for lunch Saturday afternoon. While waiting in the drive-thru line, they saw people running across the road and workers bolting out of the restaurant. At first Dodaro thought there might have been a fire, but then a man directing traffic in a reflective vest said there was a shooter. “So that’s when we knew there was a shooting. People were running out crying and screaming. It was very scary,” Dodaro said in a text message to The Associated Press. Nayeli Rodriguez, 40, of Burley, was inside waiting for food with her daughters when she heard shots from the kitchen. An employee said it was a shooting and told people to get down. Rodri

guez said an older man tried to protect her and her daughters, and they were among the last to run outside. “We were trying to get as far as we could and so me angels let us in their car,” Rodriguez said, also via text message. “I left my car there in the parking lot.” The In-N-Out opened just about a week earlier, on July 24, as part of the company’s recent expansion to Idaho. Police said multiple people were taken to St Luke’s Magic Valley Medical Centre. Hospital spokesperson Taylor Marschner said in a statement that it was “working closely with law enforcement and emergency responders as they manage the situation.” Twin Falls, a city of about 56,000 people, is about 205 km southeast of Boise and about 120 km north of the Nevada border.

Glasgow restaurant sparks fury after leaving out North East from India map on its napkins

Glasgow: An Indian restaurant in Glasgow has found itself in the middle of a controversy after hosting members of the Indian contingent following their successful campaign at the Commonwealth Games. The restaurant, ‘Mister Singh’s India – The Home of Curry’, served the visiting athletes using printed napkins featuring an outline map of India. However, the depiction sparked immediate backlash after Olympic bronze medallist boxer Lovlina Borgohain noticed that the map completely omitted the North Eastern region of the country. Lovlina called out the restaurant for incorrectly representing India on a map that missed the North East. “The map on the napkins is missing our North East. Every part of India is important and should be represented,” Borgohain said. Boxing Federation of India (BFI) President Ajay Singh backed the star boxer, pointing out additional glaring inaccuracies on the paper napkins, in-



cluding an incomplete depiction of Jammu & Kashmir. Singh urged the restaurant management to immediately withdraw the faulty merchandise and rectify the map to reflect India’s complete territorial integrity. Mister Singh’s India is a well-known culinary landmark in Glasgow frequently visited by touring sports teams and dignitaries, is yet to issue an official statement regarding the matter. For over three decades, Mister Singh’s India has served Glasgow a family story seasoned with Punjabi heritage and Scottish spirit. Run by four generations of the Singh family, the restaurant blends

Punjabi culinary heritage with Scottish influences through its food, hospitality, and community, creating a dining experience that reflects the cultural exchanges that have shaped the city over the past three decades. The restaurant has a long history of serving the community and has been a popular destination for tourists and locals alike. The controversy over the map on the napkins has sparked a debate about the importance of accurate representation of India’s territory. The restaurant management has been urged to take immediate action to rectify the issue and ensure that the map on the napkins accurately represents India’s complete territorial integrity.

the highest-ever gold haul for the country in the competition. Preeti (54kg), Jaismine (57kg), Sakshi (51kg), Priya (60kg), Arundhati (70kg), Sachin Siwach (60kg) and Ankush Panghal (80kg) won the gold medals while Jadumani Singh (55kg), Lovlina Borgohain (75kg) and Narender (90+kg) claimed silver medals as India dominated the boxing competition at Glasgow with 10 medals. This is India’s best-ever performance in the Commonwealth Games boxing competition. Overall, the country has won 44 medals in total, including 10 gold, 14 silver and 20 bronze.



Trump says US agrees to hold off Iran attack as deal takes shape, cites Hormuz reopening

Washington: US President Donald Trump on Sunday said the United States had agreed to hold off a planned military attack on Iran after Tehran and several Middle Eastern countries requested a pause, claiming that the framework of a potential agreement had been reached. In a post on Truth Social, Trump said the US remained fully prepared for military action but had decided to suspend the planned strike to allow diplomacy to move forward. “The USA is locked and loaded and ready to go against the Islamic Republic of Iran, at levels of Military Terror, Strength, and Power not seen since World War II,” Trump wrote. He said Iran and other countries in the Middle East had urged Washington to delay military action because “the perimeters of a deal has been agreed to.” According to Trump, the proposed agreement would include the “Immediate, Complete, and Total OPENING OF THE HORMUZ STRAIT, and an end to Iran’s nuclear threat.” “Based on this request, I have agreed, for the future benefit of the WORLD and, likewise, the survival of a successful and prosperous Iran, to cancel the attack, subject to being able to rapidly make a DEAL,” Trump said. He also claimed that Israel supported the decision to pursue the diplomatic path. “The Country of Israel joins me in this commitment. Get to work, everybody, and get it DONE,” he added. Trump did not provide further details about the proposed agreement, its timeline, or whether Iran or Israel had officially confirmed the claims made in his post. Earlier, Trump said the US would continue military action against Iran until Tehran was no longer able to threaten American forces or pursue a nuclear weapon, while expressing diminishing confidence that negotiations with the Iranian leadership would succeed. Speaking to reporters after chairing the first live televised Cabinet meeting ever held at Camp David, Trump said the administration would maintain pressure on Iran despite ongoing diplomatic contacts. “Well, we’ll be hitting – we’ll be hitting them very hard and, you know, at some point they’re going to say, we just can’t take it anymore,” Trump said when asked what to expect in the coming weeks. He reiterated that preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon remained Washington’s central objective.

Deepika Padukone shares another relatable pregnancy post on Instagram

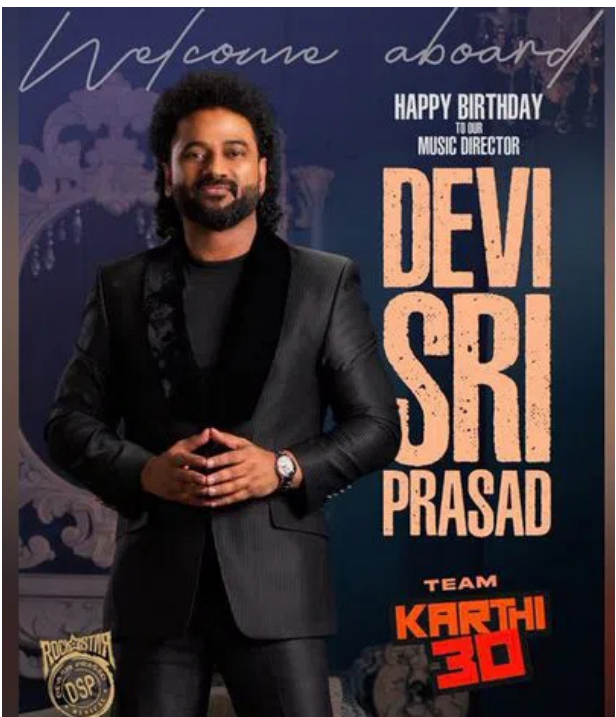
Mumbai: Actress Deepi ka Padukone is all set to embrace motherhood yet again as she will soon be welcoming her second child with husband Ran veer Singh. Although the ‘Piku’ actress has refrai ned from sharing pictures of herself on social media lately, she keeps her Instagram family hooked with a couple of relatable posts highlighting the various struggles of pregna ncy.On Sunday, Deepika took to the Stories section of her official Insta gram handle and dropped another fun glimpse of her chal- lenging yet fruitful pregnancy journey.The clip uploaded by the ‘Tamasha’ actress on the photo-sharing app featured a preg- nant woman lifting her toddler in her arms.The post, reshared by Deepika, further included the caption, “Don’t lift anything over 20 pounds while pregnant. Me this entire pregnancy (sic).”The video shared with a Spider-Man sticker is be- lieved to be a reference to her daughter Dua, who will soon turn two.Prior to this, Deepika posted another such reel where she stressed the challenges of pregnant women who have to wake up several times at night to use the bathroom. The hilarious clip showed a pregnant wom an, half asleep, making her way to the



washroom for another midnight visit.Meanwhile, Deepika and Ranveer an- nounced that they are expecting their sec- ond child together in April this year. Sharing the happy anno uncement with the netiz ens, they dropped a sw eet photo of Dua holding a pregnancy test kit showi ng a positive result. After being in a relation- ship for many years, Deepika and Ranveer tied the knot in an intimate yet lavish cer- emony at Lake Como, Italy, in November 2018.Talking about her professional com- mitments, Deepika will be seen sharing screen space with Shah Rukh Khan yet again in Siddharth Anand’s highly-awaited ‘King’.Deepika’s lineup also includes Atlee and Allu Arjun’s ‘Raaka’. The project will mark the ‘Pathaan’ actress’s primary collaboration with AA.

Devi Sri Prasad joins Karthi’s upcoming Tamil-Telugu bilingual as music director

Hyderabad: The makers of director Kalyan Shan kar’s eagerly awaited Ta- mil, Telugu bilingual film, featuring actor Karthi in the lead, on Sunday welcom ed one of the top music directors in the Tamil and Telugu film industries, Devi Sri Prasad, on board the unit of the film.The announcement came on a day music director Devi Sri Prasad celebrated his birth day.Taking to its social media timelines to welcome Devi Sri Prasad, production house Sithara Entertainments said, “The Rockstar joins the ride. Wel- come aboard @ThisIs DSP. Wishing a very Happy Birthday to our Music Di- rector. Looking forward to creating mad- ness together – Team #Kar thi30.”Sourc es close to the unit of the film have dis- closed that shooting for the film is pro- gressing at a brisk pace.The film, which is being directed by talented director Kalyan Shan kar, has Meenakshi Chau dhary playing the female lead. The film was launc hed with a grand poo ja cer- emony recently.It may be recalled that on the occasion of actor Karthi’s birth- day in May this year , Sithara Entertain- ments had taken to its X timeline to wish



the actor a happy birthday and also drop an update on the status of shooting. It had announced that shooting for their film was progressing at a brisk pace.It had said, “Wishing the ever-energetic and lovable @Kar thi _Ofll a very happy birthday. Excited to bring him to audiences in a brand new entertainer you never saw coming. #Karthi30 shoot is progressing in full swing.

Spider-Man: Brand New Day crosses Rs 200 crore in India

New Delhi: Actors Tom Holland and Zendaya’s film “Spider-Man: Bra nd New Day” has earned over Rs 200 crore in India in the three days of re- lease at box office. The film, which is directed by Destin Daniel Cretton, re- leased in India on Thursday in En- glish,Hindi,Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and Malayalam in both 2D and 3D, a



day ahead of the global release.It features Holland as Peter Parker / Spi- der-Man, along- side Zendaya, Ja cob Batalon, and Sadie Sink. Accor- ding to the trade

tracking website Sacnilk, the film has earned Rs 72.44 crore gross. The to- tal collection of the film stands at Rs 215.47 crore gross at the box office. “Spi- der-Man: Brand New

Day” picks up four years after the eve nts of 2021’s “No Way Home”, with Peter Parker living in isolation, having erased himself from the mem ories of everyone he loves. The film follows him as he faces a new and powerful threat while grap- pling with a surpris- ing physical evolu- tion triggered by the demands of his crime-fighting life.

Remembering Jikki, the voice that transformed South Indian cinema

Chennai: For decades, the sounds capes of South Indian cinema were defined by a distinct vocal dichotomy: the soft, de- mure melodies reserved for the traditional heroine, and the bold, vivacious tracks that belong ed to everyone else. K Jam una Rani aka Jikki firmly owned the latter space before effortlessly crossing over into the former.With a career encompass- ing over 6,000 songs across five lan- guages, Rani’s vocal signature was de- fined by an irrepressible energy, sharp diction, and an adaptability that allowed her to voice everything from classical de- votionals to the era’s most iconic club dance numbers.She died in Bengaluru on July 30 at the age of 88. Rani arrived in the playback industry as a child prodigy, making her debut in the 1946 Telugu film ‘Tyaga yya’ at just seven years old. By her early teens, she was already provid- ing play back for lead actors. However, it was her distinctive tonal quality — a robust, slightly throaty resonance with im- mense projecting power — that set her apart in the 1950s and 1960s. During an era when the quintessential heroine’s voice was expected to be uniformly high- pitched and delicate, Rani offered a strik- ing alternative. Her voice carried a natu- ral swagger, making her the definitive choice for songs that required a westernised edge, dramatic flair, or infec- tious rhythmic energy. Rani’s stylistic im- pact is perhaps best remembered through her upbeat, fast-paced tracks that intro- duced a new, modern sensibility to Tamil and Telugu cinema.When music directors sought to incorporate jazz, cabaret, or western pop influences, they turned to Rani. Her breakthrough hit, ‘Aasaiy um En Nesamum’ from ‘Gulebakavali’ (1955), established her capability to handle complex, syncopated rhythms with playful ease.Her rendition of ‘Yaaradi Nee Mohini’ alongside T M Soundarara jan in the Sivaji Ganesan-starrer ‘Uthama Puthiran’ remains a masterclass in vocal dynamics. In the track, she effortlessly matches the high-octane theatricality of the composition, blending slight vocal inflections and confident phrasing that el- evated the on-screen performance.



Rani’s style was not confined by regional borders or genres. While she was the reigning voice of the South Indian fast- beat track, she was simultaneously mas- tering deep, emotive melodies in other lan- guages. Her work in Sri Lanka, for in- stance, demonstrated her ability to adapt to entirely different cultural aesthetics. Her duet ‘Jeevana Mea Gam ana Sansare’ from the 1955 film ‘Seda Sulang’ relied on a much softer, deeply melodic deliv- ery, proving her capacity for restraint and emotional depth, eventually becoming a historical classic in Sinhala cinema.Her versatility made her an invaluable asset to legendary composers like G Ramanathan, K V Mahadevan, and the Viswanathan- Rama moorthy duo.

They trusted her with composi- tions that required a singer to pivot from traditional Carnatic foundations to west- ern orchestrations within the span of a single song.The ultimate testament to the enduring nature of her style came in 1987. Decades into her career, maestro Ilaiyaraaja specifically sought out her voice for Mani Ratnam’s ‘Naya kan’. For a film charting the rise of a Bombay un- derworld don, Ilaiyaraaja needed a voice that carried the authentic, lived-in texture of older eras. By bringing Rani back to sing, he didn’t just capitalise on nostalg- ia; he utilised the inherent strength and character in her voice that modern, highly polished singers could not repli cate.‘Naan Sirithal Dee pavali’, an upbeat composition stood in stark contrast to the dominant playback styles of the de- cade. The track’s commercial success re- affirmed her capacity for character-driven playback singing and effectively intro- duced her distinct tonal quality to a new generation of cinema audiences.Rani leaves behind a discography that serves

Kangana Ranaut hits back at Hrithik Roshan over Instagram comment

New Delhi: Actor Kangana Ranaut slammed Hrithik Roshan for making “un- reasonable comments” and called him out for encouraging online trolling. Roshan recently reacted to a post on Instagram, which read “We need to apolog ise to Hrithik Roshan”. The post was shared following Ranaut’s recent re- marks on student protests. The actor re- sponded by stating people should not be swayed by online narratives and that he would wait for the right context and facts before taking any position.“My friend, siding with ‘A’ just cause you don’t like ‘B’ anymore is a small part of the larger systemic issue plaguing our society. I’ll wait, for when the context to it is the right one, and motivated by facts. That would be fair. But then again, who cares anymore right,” he wrote in the comment.Re-sharing the article about his response on her Instagram story on Saturday, Ranaut said the actor should rather condemn all those who are harass- ing and bullying her using Roshan’s name. “Dear Hrithik I am happy that you have found your perfect match, Saba Azad, and you both look great together, you are in a committed relationship and



it doesn’t suit you to tease a woman like this,” she wrote.“Instead, you sho uld condemn all those who are harassing and bully- ing me using your name, stop adding fuel to fire and embarrassing your partner, hope better sense prevails and you stop making unreasonable comments,” she added. Roshan hasn’t responded to the comme nts.The feud between both the actors dates back to 2016 when both had a dispute over whether they shared a romantic relationship, escalating into legal battles, leaked emails, and peri- odic public clashes. Ranaut claimed they were together for a brief period, with Roshan denying all the claims.

Jasprit Bumrah unlikely to feature in Sri Lanka Tests due to knee injury

New Delhi: Ace Indian speedster Jasprit Bumrah is likely to miss the upcoming two-match Test series against Sri Lanka, starting on August 15 in Galle, due to discomfort in his left knee. Bumrah had missed India's ODI series decider against England at Lord's on July 19, after suffering an impact injury on his left knee and picked up reactive swelling while fielding in the second ODI in Cardiff. "The day certain reports said Bumrah passed his fitness test for the Sri Lanka tour, the reality was that he hadn't started bowling yet at that time. He hasn't bowled a ball while being at the BCCI CoE in Bengaluru this week, where the medical team felt he needs more time to recover as he could aggravate the knee injury Bumrah plays straightaway. His total recovery is a priority and it means he's likely to miss out on the trip to Sri Lanka," said a source to IANS on Sunday. Bumrah was initially named in the Shubman Gill-led Test squad subject to him getting the fitness clearance. Now, the Ajit Agarkar-headed senior selection committee is expected to name a replacement. Jammu & Kashmir seam-bowling all-rounder Auqib Nabi has emerged as the front-runner to join



the squad as Bumrah's replacement. Nabi, who picked 60 wickets in Jammu & Kashmir winning the Ranji Trophy earlier this year, recently picked six wickets in two matches on the India A tour of Sri Lanka in June-July and also trained with the national side prior to the one-off Test against Afghanistan in New Chandigarh in June. Aside from Bumrah, India's fast-bowling department features Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna and Gurnoor Brar. The Indian Test squad is expected to reach Sri Lanka on August 4. After featuring in a three-day practice match at the NCC in Colombo from August 7-9, the Indian team will travel to Galle where the first Test will be played at the Galle International Stadium starting on August 15. It is followed by the second Test to be played at the Sinhalese Sports Club from August 23-27.

Tilak Varma named South Zone captain for Duleep Trophy; Ricky Bhui appointed vice-captain

Visakhapatnam: India's T20I vice-captain Tilak Varma was on Sunday named captain of a 15-member South Zone squad for the upcoming Duleep Trophy, scheduled to be played at the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Bengaluru from August 23 to September 10. Andhra batter Ricky Bhui will serve as the vice-captain of the side, while MN Vikram Varma, an experienced Level 2 coach from Andhra, has been appointed as the side's head coach. Tilak was recently a part of the India T20I team beating Zimbabwe 3-0. The selection committee meeting was convened by Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) secretary Sana Satish Babu. Former Andhra Ranji Trophy player RV Chandramouli Prasad chaired the selection panel, which comprised representatives from all seven Southern state units like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Hyderabad, Goa, Pondicherry, and Kerala were present in the meeting. The squad features veteran batter Karun Nair alongside promising players like Karnataka's R Smaran, who was 2025/26 Ranji Trophy leading run-getter with 950 runs, and Hyderabad's K Himateja. Shaik Rasheed, who was a part of India 'A' team beating Sri Lanka 'A' 1-0, is included in the team, so as Goa batter Abhinav Tejrana. Tamil



Nadu's N Jagadeesan, who was also in India 'A' team on Sri Lanka tour, will handle the wicketkeeping duties. By virtue of reaching the final in the previous edition, where they lost to eventual champions Central Zone, South Zone have received a direct entry into the semifinals. They will open their campaign on August 30 at the BCCI COE Ground 2 against the winner of Quarterfinal 2. Left-arm spinner Tanay Thyagarajan and leg-spinner Shreyas Gopal will handle spin-bowling duties, while K Sai Teja, Tripurana Vijay, Vidvath Kaverappa and M D Nideesh complete the pace bowling department. South Zone squad: N Tilak Varma (captain), Ricky Bhui (vice-captain), Abhinav Tejrana, Shaik Rasheed, K M Himateja, R Smaran, N Jagadeesan (wk), Karun Nair, Tanay Thyagarajan, Shreyas Gopal, K Sai Teja, T Vijay, Vidvath Kaverappa, H Aman Khan, and M D Nideesh.

Agricultural worker's son Praveen Chithravel's CWG silver sparks celebrations in Tamil Nadu village



Thiruvavur (Tamil Nadu): The modest home of an agricultural daily wage worker in Settisathiram here erupted in celebration as Indian athlete Praveen Chithravel secured the silver medal in the men's triple jump at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games. Praveen's father, Chithravel, expressed immense pride in his son's international achievement while reflecting on the family's humble beginnings. "I am an agricultural daily wage worker," he told PTI Videos. "We educated our children and supported their dreams with the income I earned through daily wage work," he said. Recalling the early days of Praveen's athletic journey, he said, "Wherever I went, I took him on my bicycle. I showed him the world little by little, and step by step, he improved and went on to compete at the international level." Praveen clinched the silver medal on Saturday with a best leap of 16.58 metres in freezing conditions, narrowly missing the gold medal. Acknowledging the close finish, his father said the family had hoped for gold but was immensely

proud of his achievement. "He missed it by a hair's breadth, but that's okay," he said, adding, "Next time, my son will certainly win the gold medal and bring greater pride to India and Tamil Nadu." The father, whose daughter works as a teacher and whose two sons are athletes, credited the entire community for Praveen's success. "The youth of this village encouraged him as though he were their own child," he said. "Teachers, relatives, and the entire village guided me in ways I did not know and helped my son progress to the next level," Chithravel added. He also expressed gratitude to the authorities. "I am deeply indebted to both the State and Central governments for extending all the assistance and support we needed," he said. The family and villagers watched the event unfold on television, celebrating Praveen's latest international medal. The athlete had earlier won a bronze medal at the Asian Games. Looking ahead, Praveen's father said he hoped his son's achievements would inspire the next generation. "I pray that my son wins the gold medal next time," he said.

Delhi High Court protects Yuvraj Singh's personality rights, restrains unauthorised AI deepfakes and merchandise

New Delhi: The Delhi High Court has protected the personality rights of cricketer Yuvraj Singh and restrained the unauthorised use of his name, image, etc, by third parties for commercial or personal gain, including the sale of merchandise and creation of AI-generated or deepfake content. Justice Jyoti Singh, in an interim order passed on the sportsman's lawsuit, said Yuvraj is one of the most decorated, recognised and globally renowned cricketers, who represented the country across all formats of the sport for 17 years, and those violating his personality and privacy rights needed to be "dealt with a heavy hand". In the order passed on July 29, Justice Singh protected the exploitation or misappropriation of the name 'Yuvraj Singh' as well as 'Yuvi', along with the image, voice, likeness, and any other personality attributes of the cricketer. Yuvraj contended that besides the unauthorised sale of merchandise bearing his personality attributes, several social media accounts were publishing and disseminating AI-generated images and videos, purportedly showing him in fabricated and fictional scenarios which were damaging his reputation and goodwill. The objectionable content included religiously insensitive posts, videos showing aggressive and violent behaviour towards another cricketers, and posts with vulgar and abusive language, his counsel told the court. Directing Meta Platforms and other online platforms to remove the offending content, the court observed, "There can be no dispute that plaintiff's stature inherently grants him proprietary rights over his personality and associated attributes and gives him the exclusive rights to use the personality attributes for commercial purposes and consequently, the right to protect various attributes of his persona from unauthorized use or exploitation by third parties." "The contents of the impugned AI-generated posts and deep fake videos are tarnishing the immense goodwill and reputation of the plaintiff, garnered over the years with hard work and stellar performances in the field of cricket



as well as his contribution to social welfare and lowering his image and standing in the eyes of the public," the court concluded. Several public figures, like actors Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, Abhishek Bachchan and Salman Khan, Art of Living founder Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, journalist Sudhir Chaudhary, podcaster Raj Shamani, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and cricketer Abhishek Sharma have previously approached the high court seeking protection of their personality and publicity rights. The high court had granted them interim relief.

Toll-free number to check PGRS petition status

Guntur: Guntur district collector CM Saikanth Varma has informed the public that they can call the PGRS toll-free number 1100 to know the status of their grievances. He said citizens can also submit their petitions through the Mee Kosam website. In a statement, he said that the Public Grievance Redressal System is conducted every Monday at the Collectorate as well as at the mandal level. People may submit their petitions directly during the Monday PGRS programme or register them online through the Mee Kosam website at meekosam.ap.gov.in. He further stated that the government has introduced the dedicated toll-free number 1100 for PGRS, enabling citizens to track the status of their petitions and receive updates on their grievances.



Top-10 firms add Rs 2.51 lakh crore in market value; Bajaj Finance leads gains

New Delhi: The combined market valuation of nine of the top-10 most-valued firms jumped Rs 2.51 lakh crore last week, with Bajaj Finance emerging as the biggest winner, in tandem with a positive trend in equities. Last week, the BSE benchmark Sensex climbed 2,034.87 points, or 2.67 per cent, and the NSE Nifty surged 616.15 points, or 2.59 per cent. "Markets staged a strong rebound during the week, snapping their recent losing streak as easing crude oil prices, improving geopolitical sentiment, encouraging Q1 FY27 earnings, and renewed foreign institutional investor (FII) buying lifted risk appetite," Ajit Mishra SVP, Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said. While Reliance Industries, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, and Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) were the gainers from the top-10 pack, Hindustan Unilever emerged as the only laggard. The market valuation of Bajaj Finance surged Rs 80,345.97 crore to Rs 7,10,817.51 crore, the most among the top-10 firms. Shares of NBFC Bajaj Finance on Friday ended over 8 per cent higher after the firm reported a 28 per cent year-on-year rise in consolidated profit after tax (PAT) for the June quarter of FY27. Bharti Airtel's valuation soared Rs



44,959.5 crore to reach Rs 12,30,005.63 crore. The market valuation of TCS jumped Rs 40,414.03 crore to Rs 8,55,894.78 crore and that of Reliance Industries climbed Rs 39,447.35 crore to Rs 17,69,108.79 crore. The market capitalisation (mcap) of Larsen & Toubro rallied Rs 21,096.8 crore to Rs 5,41,844.69 crore and that of State Bank of India edged higher by Rs 10,845.97 crore to Rs 9,47,799.81 crore. HDFC Bank's mcap advanced Rs 8,164.73 crore to Rs 11,52,150.63 crore. The valuation of LIC went up Rs 4,427.49 crore to Rs 5,37,435.05 crore and that of ICICI Bank climbed Rs 1,660.37 crore to Rs 10,29,878.30 crore. However, the mcap of Hindustan Unilever declined Rs 10,326.46 crore to Rs 4,93,602.13 crore. Reliance Industries remained the most valued firm, followed by Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank, State Bank of India, TCS, Bajaj Finance, Larsen & Toubro, LIC, and Hindustan Unilever.

India's passenger vehicle market logs robust July sales at nearly 4.7 lakh units

New Delhi: Buoyed by tax relief and GST 2.0-related benefits, the passenger vehicle market in India registered robust July sales at nearly 4.7 lakh units. The industry saw around 3.5 lakh vehicles being sold in the same month last year, according to the industry. Maruti Suzuki India reported its highest-ever monthly domestic sales with dispatches crossing the 2 lakh mark for the first time in July. The country's largest carmaker sold a total of 2,41,421 units during the month, up from 1,80,526 units in July last year. Partho Banerjee, Maruti Suzuki India Senior Executive Officer, Marketing and Sales, said during a conference call with the media that passenger vehicle sales should be around 4.65 lakh to 4.7 lakh in July this year. "In July last year, the industry was around 3.5 lakh, so it is almost a growth of 33 per cent," Banerjee said. Overall, passenger vehicle industry witnessed robust growth in July as leading automakers posted strong year-on-year sales, led by sustained demand for SUVs, a sharp rise in electric vehicle sales and healthy export momentum. Hyundai Motor India posted its highest-ever monthly sales since inception at 75,360 units in July — a 25.4 per cent year-on-year growth. Domestic sales rose 23.3 per cent to 54,210 units — its best-

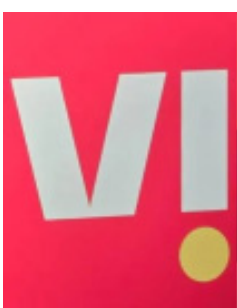


ever July performance — while exports climbed 31.4 per cent to 21,150 units, the company's highest monthly export volume in more than 100 months. Kia India also reported its best-ever July wholesale performance with dispatches increasing 27.4 per cent year-on-year to 28,200 units. Cumulative dispatches during January-July stood at 1,91,949 units, up 16.8 per cent from the year-ago period. Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles (TMPV) reported total sales of 63,760 units in the domestic and international markets in July, up 59 per cent from 40,175 units in the year-ago period. Domestic passenger vehicle sales stood at 62,611 units, up 58 per cent. Nissan Motor India also reported record monthly wholesale volumes, with total dispatches rising to 9,339 units. Domestic wholesales surged 218 per cent year-on-year to 4,518 units, while exports stood at 4,821 units.

DoT issues Rs 26.83 crore demand notice to Vodafone Idea

New Delhi: Vodafone Idea (Vi) has received a notice from the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) seeking payment of Rs 26.83 crore as liquidated damages over the alleged non-compliance with minimum rollout obligations linked to spectrum acquired in the 2022 auction, the telecom company informed stock exchanges on Saturday. According to the company's exchange filing, the notice was received on July 31 and relates to the rollout commitments prescribed under the Notice Inviting Applications (NIA) for the 2022 spectrum auction. The DoT has alleged that the telecom operator failed to

meet the stipulated minimum rollout obligations associated with the spectrum allocated through the auction process and has consequently sought liquidated damages of Rs 26.83 crore. However, Vodafone Idea stated that the notice is currently under review and that it is assessing the appropriate course of action. "The company is reviewing the notice and evaluating the next steps in this matter," the firm said in a regulatory filing.



Persistent Systems' Q1 net profit falls 8.7 pc sequentially to Rs 483 crore



Mumbai: IT major Persistent Systems Limited on Sunday reported an 8.7 per cent quarter-on-quarter (QoQ) decline in its consolidated net profit for the first quarter of the financial year 2027 (Q1 FY27). According to the company's exchange filing, consolidated net profit stood at Rs 483 crore during the April-June quarter, compared with Rs 529 crore in the preceding quarter (Q4 FY26). Revenue from operations rose 6.1 per cent sequentially to Rs 4,303 crore from Rs 4,056 crore in the January-March quarter, the IT major added in its filing. However, profitability weakened during the quarter. Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT) declined nearly 11.8 per cent to Rs 582 crore from Rs 659 crore in the previous quarter. The company's EBIT margin also contracted by 280 basis points to 13.5 per cent in the first quarter, compared with 16.3 per cent in the preceding quarter. Commenting on financial performance, Sandeep Kalra, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Persistent said that the performance

was underpinned by a record quarterly total contract value (TCV) of \$1.15 billion, reflecting continued momentum in larger client engagements, including a 6.5-year strategic services agreement with a leading global technology company with a TCV of more than \$650 million. "We signed a business combination agreement with Nagarro, a leading European digital engineering company listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange. This transaction is in line with the M&A strategy we have consistently outlined to strengthen our capabilities and expand our geographic footprint and industry coverage," he stated. "We continue to invest in this capability through our 3C framework, AI-driven platforms, helping clients build more Intelligent Enterprises, reshape their operating models and realize greater value from AI. We thank our clients, partners, employees and shareholders for their continued trust and support as we continue to strengthen Persistent for the opportunities ahead," Kalra mentioned.

Renewables hit record high, coal's share in India's power mix falls to one-year low in July

New Delhi: The share of coal in India's electricity generation mix fell to its lowest level in a year in July as renewable energy production climbed to a record high, reflecting the country's growing clean-energy capacity even as overall power demand remained strong. Government data showed renewable energy accounted for 20 per cent of India's power-generation mix during the month. Renewable electricity generation rose 30 per cent year-on-year to 36.25 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) in July, marking its highest-ever monthly output. At the same time, coal's contribution to the country's power mix declined to 65.7 per cent in July from 69 per cent in June, according to Reuters' calculations based on daily data from Grid-India. The increase in renewable generation comes amid rapid expansion in solar and wind power. Government data showed that combined solar and wind output crossed the 100-gigawatt mark for the first time and supplied a record 42.8 per cent of India's electricity on July 13. Analysts said the growing role of solar power is helping meet rising daytime electricity demand. "Most of the peak power demand is happening during daytime where there is increased contribution from solar," said Manoj Kumar, an analyst at the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air (CREA). Despite coal's declining share in the overall generation mix, electricity produced from coal-fired plants in-



creased 12.8 per cent year-on-year to 119.40 billion kWh in July, driven by robust power demand and lower hydropower availability. Analysts attributed the higher coal-based generation to weaker hydropower output and the impact of a strong El Nino pattern, which has led to above-normal temperatures and increased demand for cooling, particularly during the night when solar power is unavailable. Hydropower generation declined for the second consecutive month as lower rainfall associated with El Nino affected water availability. According to the data, hydro's contribution to the electricity mix fell to 22.1 per cent. CREA said reduced hydropower generation, coupled with rising electricity demand, could create a power-generation gap of nearly 18 billion kWh, potentially leading to greater reliance on coal-fired power plants in the coming months.

Tricolour Proclaims India's Greatness

Minister Kondapalli Srinivas Celebrates Birth Anniversary Of Tricolour Designer Pingali Venkayya



Vizianagaram, August 2:“State Minister For Micro, Small And Medium Enterprises, Rural Poverty Eradication And Nri Empowerment And Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said the Tricolour proclaims the greatness of India.On Sunday, the birth anniversary programme of Tricolour Designer Pingali Venkayya was organised at the Minister's camp office in Vizianagaram. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said it is a matter of pride that Pingali Venkayya, who designed the national flag that makes Indians proud with its three delightful colours, is our Telugu person. He said our national flag is not just a flag, and the credit for the Tricolour bringing crores of people together on a single platform in the fight against British rule for Indian self-respect goes to it.The Minister said on the occasion of Pingali Venkayya's birth anniversary, we should remember the great man's sacrifice and his service to the nation, and today's youth should take him as an ideal. He said responding

to Father Of The Nation Mahatma Gandhi's call, he participated in the independence movement and suggested that our country should have a special flag. He said even then, after researching flags of nearly 30 countries, he designed the Tricolour to reflect Indian culture and traditions.The Minister said every colour in the Indian National Flag has a special and unique meaning. He said Saffron Colour symbolizes the courage and sacrifice of heroes who sacrificed their lives for the protection of the country, White Colour denotes peace, truth and purity that should prevail in the country, and Green Colour is a sign of the country's prosperity, faith and abundance with lush crops. He said the 24-Spoked Ashoka Chakra in the middle was placed as a symbol of continuous progress and dharma, the Minister added.Polit Bureau Member Gantyada Sridevi, Amc Chairman Pvv Gopala Raju and others participated in the programme.

Healthy Fortune With Terrace Gardens

Green Progress With Terrace Gardens.. Healthy Future Ctg Effort For Green Society Formation Is Commendable District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

Vijayawada, August 2:“District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha called upon every family to make it a habit to grow vegetables, leafy greens and fruit plants on the terrace of their homes, saying a healthy green society can be built with terrace gardens. He said



terrace gardens not only provide fresh and safe nutritious food to the family but also contribute to environmental protection. The 5th Anniversary Celebrations of City Of Terrace Gardens (Ctg) - Vijayawada were held grandly on Sunday at Tummalapalli Vari Kshetrappa Kalakshetram in Vijayawada. More than 450 Members, gardening enthusiasts and environmentalists attended the programme.District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha, who attended as Chief Guest, appreciated the green initiatives being undertaken by City Of Terrace Gardens. He said by setting up terrace gardens in every home and growing organic vegetables, families will get healthy food. He said by inculcating interest in plant cultivation in children from a young age, a sense of responsibility towards nature can be developed along with lay-

ing the foundation for a healthy future. He said the efforts of Ctg towards building a green society are commendable. The Collector inspected attractive artworks made from waste materials on the dais and specially appreciated Haseena who created them. He suggested conducting such recycling-based creative competitions in schools and colleges to encourage creativity, environmental awareness and artistic skills among students.As part of the programme, senior gardeners and Ctg Members Balijepalli Venugopala Rao and Varalakshmi Couple, Pagadala Subhash Babu and Muthyala Eswari Couple, Abburi Venkateswara Rao and Vijayalakshmi Couple, Young Gardener K. Srinivas and others were felicitated.Ctg Admins Pvd Nageswara Rao, Shaik Afzal and others participated in the programme.

Ballari Raghava Is A Symbol Of Artistic Glory

His Services To Telugu Theatre Are Immortal District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha

Vijayawada, August 2:“District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said Ballari Raghava, the great actor who rendered distinguished services to Telugu theatre, is a symbol of artistic glory.On the occasion of Ballari Raghava's birth anniversary on Sunday, the District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha paid rich tributes by garlanding his portrait at a special programme held at the Collector Camp Office.Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said the services rendered by Ballari Raghava for the development of Telugu theatre are immortal. He lauded that he stands permanently in history as a great actor who brought a new trend to acting and as a great personality who shaped art as a tool for social awareness. He said many of the plays he acted in made the audience think and he gained special recognition for providing good messages to society along with entertainment.The Collector said Ballari



Raghava, who considered art as a powerful tool for social change, worked with dedication throughout his life for the development of theatre art. Collector Lakshmisha said the ideals and artistic legacy of Ballari Raghava are inspiring to today's artists and future generations.

Special Qr Code For Feedback On Pgrs Public Grievance Redressal Forum For Receiving Petitions On August 3rd District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha



Vijayawada, August 2:“District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha in a statement said that on Monday, August 3rd, petitions from the public will be received through the people-friendly Public Grievance Redressal System (Pgrs) - "Meekosam" programme at the Collectorate. He also said a special Qr Code has been made available for applicants to give their feedback.He said people can scan the Qr Code with their mobile phones immediately after availing Pgrs services and share their opinions.As part of the



people-friendly Pgrs programme, along with Sri Pingali Venkayya Meeting Hall at the Collectorate, concerned officials at Division, Municipal and Mandal Headquarters will be available to the public and receive petitions, he said. The Collector requested people to make use of this opportunity.He further said applicants can also register their petitions on the website Meekosam.Ap.Gov.In. For knowing the status of registered petitions and related information, people can directly call 1100, the Collector suggested.

Sapta Sindhu 2026 concludes

Vijayawada: The two-day Sapta Sindhu 2026 – Amaravati Edition, a spiritual and cultural festival celebrating India's temple heritage, concluded on Sunday at the School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Vijayawada, with eminent architects, scholars and spiritual leaders calling upon the younger generation to preserve the country's rich tradition of temple architecture through knowledge, creativity and dedication. The festival was organised by the Aquinox Educational (AE) Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, School of Planning and Architecture (SPA), Vijayawada, Vishwa Bandhu Trust, and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA). The Hans India and HMTV were the official media partners for the event. Students from five southern States participated in workshops, lectures and competitions on Temple Design, Pallaki (palanquin) making, Arch Design, Mural Art, Rangoli and architectural concepts. The festival also promoted the message of “Nasha Muk



Bharat”, encouraging students to stay away from substance abuse and contribute to nation-building. Also Read - Sapta Sindhu fete celebrates India's temple legacy Advertisement Discover more Telangana News Coverage News Newspaper Advertisement Space Delivering the valedictory address, renowned temple architect, concept designer, art director and TTD Board Member B Anand Sai emphasised that India's ancient temples are living symbols of the nation's cultural and spiritual heritage. Department of Endowments Sthapathi Advisor Dr S Sundara Rajan, who served as the Chief Architect of the Yadadri temple project, highlighted the continuing relevance of Agama, Shilpa and Vastu Shastra in contemporary temple construction.