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Massive Rally With 150-Feet National Flag Held Ahead of Independence Day

Vizianagaram, August 14:"As part of Independence Day celebrations, a massive rally with a 150-feet long National Flag was held on Friday from Vizianagaram Fort Junction. The rally was flagged off by State MSME Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, MP Kalisetti Appalanaidu, District Collector S. Ramsundar Reddy, and SP A.R. Damodar. A large number of people, youth, students, officials and staff participated.Key Highlights:Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said he was happy that everyone participated in the rally with the spirit of "Mana Desam - Mana Badyata - Our Nation - Our Responsibility". Quoting Mahakavi Gurajada Apparao's words "Desamante matti kaadoi, desamante manushuloi", he said if everyone works with that spirit, the country will develop further. He

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CM Chandrababu commissions 58 modern fire fighting vehicles

Chief Minister Chandrababu recently commissioned 58 modern fire fighting vehicles. The 25 advanced fire-fighting vehicles apart from 20 water bowsers and 13 quick response multi-purpose vehicles were flagged off by the CM. The government had purchased 25 advanced vehicles to tackle forest and rural fires, 20 water bowsers to provide a continuous water supply for putting off major fires and 13 quick response multi purpose fire fighting vehicles to cater to narrow and congested built up areas. In the first phase, the government had procured 65 fire-fighting vehicles at a cost of Rs.33

crore. Officials gave a detailed briefing to Chief Minister Chandrababu about the features of these vehicles. Home Minister Anitha and fire-fighting officials also attended the progr amme. ABOUT THE AUTHOR Pavan Bandari I am content writer with six years of experie .

CM Chandrababu Naidu to meet beneficiaries as free bus travel crosses 87 cr trips

Amaravati: Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu will meet women beneficiaries on Saturday as Andhra Pradesh marks the first anniversary of its Stree

Shakti free bus travel scheme, with the Government claiming the programme has transformed mobility for women across the State. A state-wide programme, 'A Year of Stree Shakti-Doubled Self-Respect,' will be held after the Independence Day celebrations at the Parade Grounds in Amaravati. Naidu will travel by bus from the venue to the Chief Minister's Camp Office along with Stree Shakti beneficiaries and host high tea for them. He is expected to seek their feedback on the scheme and its impact on their daily lives. Launched on August 15

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Hilora Resort Will Be Another Feather In North Andhra's CapS

Kota Hilora Eco Resorts Agreement Signed Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, TDP State President Palla Srinivas Rao CM Chandrababu's Vision Driving North Andhra Development

Visakhapatnam, August 14:"State Minister for MSME, Rural Poverty Eradication, and NRI Empowerment & Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said that the Hilora Resort will be another feather in North Andhra's cap.He was the chief guest at the Hilora Eco Resorts agreement programme held on Friday at Novotel Hotel. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that with CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu's foresight, North Andhra is making rapid strides in development. He said the credit for developing Hyderabad in all sectors also goes to CM Chandrababu Naidu.He expressed pride that Hilora Eco Resort, The Ozone Collection, and Colors of Blue have jointly signed an agreement with AVN G Developers to build a corporate-level resort on

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Jagan slams 'Red Book Raj', alleges vendetta politics

Kurnool: YSRCP president and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the coalition government, alleging that a "Red Book Constitution" was ruling Andhra Pradesh and that the state was witnessing "vindictive and conspiratorial politics". Jagan, who arrived in Kurnool to meet jailed

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9 held, 18 kg ganja seized in two separate operations

Tirupati: District police on Friday arrested nine persons and seized 18 kg ganja in two separate operations carried out. Acting on the orders of district SP L Subba Rayudu, Tiruchanur police arrested five people and recovered 5 kg ganja after receiving reliable information. Police, with revenue officials detained the suspects near Padmavati Puram crematorium. Briefing the media of the operations, ASP Ravi Manoharachari said that Arugondam Soma

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All Set For 80th Independence Day Celebrations In NTR District

State IT & Education Minister Nara Lokesh To Hoist The Flag

Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha, CP S.V. Rajasekhar Babu Inspect Full Dress Rehearsals

Vijayawada, August 14:"All arrangements are complete to grandly celebrate the 80th Independence Day in NTR District. District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha and Vijayawada Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhar Babu on Friday inspected the full dress rehearsals held at Makinenei Basava Punnayya Stadium, Singh Nagar, Vijayawada, where the main event will be held on August 15.Traveling

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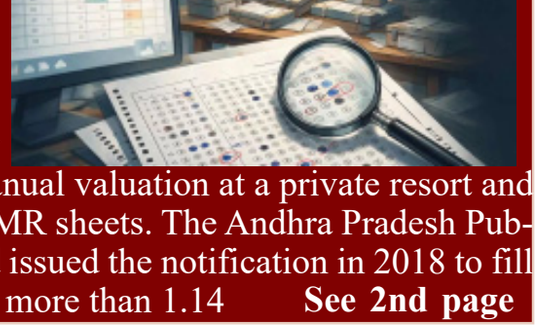

Amaravati: A Special Investigation Team probing the 2018 Andhra Pradesh Group-I recruitment examination has alleged serious irregularities at several stages of the evaluation process, including the use of unauthorised evaluators, manual valuation at a private resort and widespread alterations in OMR sheets. The Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission had issued the notification in 2018 to fill 169 Group-I posts, drawing more than 1.14

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Unveiling the Secret Behind Their Unstoppable Growth

WEST BENGAL SHOWCASED ITS MSME SUCCESS JOURNEY AT BHA RTIYA VYAPAR MAHOTSAV 2026. Kol kata, 14 August, 2026: Bharatiya Vyapar Maho tsav (BVM) 2026 — India's largest Make-In-India multi-sectoral trade expo is designed to bring together India's diverse business ecosystem under one roof, connecting traders, MSMEs, manufacturers, industry leaders, institutions, and policymakers from across the country. West Bengal is set to present its vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem, distinctive craftsmanship and emerging business opportunities at the Bharatiya Vyapar Mahotsav 2026, with a dedicated MSME pavilion showcasing the State's progressive initiatives, indigenous products, modern enterprise platforms and investment potential. Under the visionary leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Suvendu Adhikari, the Government of West Bengal has placed strong emphasis on strengthening the MSME ecosystem as a catalyst for employment, entrepreneurship, inclusive growth and sustainable economic development. The State's participation at this national business platform will bring this transformation to the forefront, presenting Bengal not only through its celebrated craft traditions, but also through its evolving landscape of technology, innovation and enterprise.

Shri Dipak Barman, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises and Textiles, Government of West Bengal inaugurated the West Bengal pavilion. The pavilion showcased many dimensions of contemporary Bengal, from traditional artisans and district-specific products to modern manufacturing, emerging entrepreneurs and technology-enabled businesses. Over a period of 4 days the pavilion will celebrate the State's rich craft heritage while demonstrating how traditional skills and local enterprises are being connected with contemporary markets and new-age opportunities. Shri Dipak Barman, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises and Textiles, Government of West Bengal also highlighted how the West Bengal Government has adopted digital platforms and new-age initiatives to make entrepreneurship more accessible, strengthen ease of doing business and create meaningful pathways for enterprises to scale and improve access to markets, finance, technology, information and government support. Also Read Why Freedom at Midnight?

FUTURE ROAD-MAP FOR MSME INDUSTRIES IN WEST BENGAL

Infrastructure development for small-scale industries Single Window clearance for all MSME industries Developing Industrial Parks across West Bengal To bring West Bengal under the ambit of PM Vishwakarma Yojana Introduction of Udyam Credit Card facility in West Bengal To provide global platform to the MSME sector and artisans To work closely with the Central Government for full utilisation of various schemes in the State With its distinctive combination of heritage and innovation, craftsmanship and technology, grassroots enterprise and global ambition, the West Bengal pavilion is envisioned as a platform for meaningful engagement with entrepreneurs, investors, buyers, industry bodies and policymakers from across India and

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stated that freedom was achieved due to the sacrifices of leaders and freedom fighters across generations, and it is everyone's responsibility to pass on those sacrifices to future generations. Aligning with the vision of PM Narendra Modi and CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu, he called on everyone to work together towards the goals of Viksit Bharat and Swarna Andhra - 2047 under the slogan "Mana Desam - Mana Badyata".District Collector S. Ramsundar Reddy said the massive rally was organized to further instill inspiration, patriotism and respect for the nation among people. He emotionally said that seeing the National Flag fills every Indian with patriotism and a festive spirit. He urged people to remember the sacrifices made for freedom and to inform future generations about their service.MP Kalisetti Appalanaidu said youth are the backbone of the nation. He said patriotism, love and affection for the country should blossom in every young person, and youth must play a key role in national development. He appreciated the youth for responding to the call of PM and CM and participating in large numbers.District SP A.R. Damodar said the "Har Ghar Tiranga" rally is not just about hoisting the National Flag at every home, but a great initiative to strengthen the feeling of patriotism in every citizen. He said the National Flag is a symbol of our country's honor, unity and freedom. He called on people to hoist the tricolor at every home and celebrate the spirit of Independence Day grandly.Participants marched forward enthusiastically with National Flags in hand and raised patriotic slogans.Those who participated:"DRO CH Sattibabu, RDO Sudha Sagar, Municipal Commissioner Balaswamy, DRDA PD Srinivas Pani, DSO Venkateswara Rao and other district officials.

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60 acres with an investment of Rs. 200 Crores. He said this is the first step for the first project after Bhogapuram. The resort coming up in S.Kota will be in a pleasant atmosphere and will resemble Ooty and Kodaikanal. He said it will be a special getaway for weekend holidays. Just as film stars go to Jaipur for functions, in the coming days tourists will queue up for this resort, the Minister stated.TDP State President and Gajuwaka MLA Palla Srinivas Rao said that under CM Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, the tourism sector is being greatly developed. He said that while welfare programmes are being implemented on a large scale in the state, the coalition government is also focusing on wealth creation. Under the leadership of youth leader Nara Lokesh, corporate and pharma companies along with many industries are also coming to the state. He expressed happiness that the company members said the tourist resort will be launched within two years.Visakhapatnam South MLA Vamsi Krishna Srinivas said that CM Chandrababu Naidu extends support to everyone who takes the lead in development. He said this resort will bring more fame to North Andhra.Those who participated: South Asia Atmosphere Core MD Soubhagya Mahapatra, AVNG Developers MD AVN Govinda Rao and others.

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in the parade vehicle, the Collector and Police Commissioner observed the entire rehearsals including flag hoisting, police bike stunts, Siddhartha College women's drums performance, police parade, guard of honour, and parade by various government departments.The Collector and CP appreciated the police personnel, students, officials and staff who participated in the performances. They gave instructions to officials on final arrangements to ensure the Independence Day celebrations are conducted with utmost discipline and in an impressive manner.District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha said all arrangements have been made to celebrate the 80th Independence Day in NTR District on par with state-level celebrations. She said that in the main event on August 15, State IT and Education Minister Nara Lokesh will participate in the flag hoisting and address the people of the district. As part of the celebrations, a tableaux display will be held to explain to people the development and welfare programmes being implemented by various government departments. Tableaux reflecting the development and welfare schemes of different departments will be a special attraction. She added that cultural programmes, police bike stunts, drums performances, and parades by various departments will also be held. She called on people and students to participate in large numbers in the Independence Day celebrations and demonstrate national spirit, patriotism and unity. She urged everyone to be part of making the celebrations a success while remembering the sacrifices of freedom fighters.Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhar Babu said tight security arrangements have been made to ensure no untoward incidents occur during the Independence Day celebrations. He requested people, students and guests attending the event to follow the instructions of police officers and staff. He appealed to everyone to cooperate with police instructions regarding traffic control, vehicle parking and security measures to ensure the celebrations are conducted smoothly and successfully.

SIT flags major lapses in Group-I exam evaluation

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lakh applications. The SIT was constituted by the state government in February 2026 following High Court directions to scientifically examine allegations of tampering in the recruitment process. According to a press release issued on Thursday, the SIT examined three evaluation exercises: the original digital valuation in 2021, a manual valuation reportedly conducted at a private resort after a High Court order, and a second manual valuation in Vijayawada in 2022. The SIT said the move to adopt digital evaluation and the panel of evaluators did not have the mandatory approval of the APPSC chairman. Of 158 evaluators approved by the secretary, only 72 assessed answer scripts, while 25 people not on the approved panel also evaluated papers and received payments, it alleged. It further said the panel largely comprised teachers and lecturers from private institutions rather than university-level subject experts envisaged under the APPSC Office Manual. The evaluation was allegedly coordinated through private email accounts and Google Drive links. The probe also found alleged discrepancies between marks entered by evaluators and those reflected in the final digital-result database. In several cases, second-evaluation marks were reportedly entered without an independent second examiner. The SIT alleged that freelancer Mahamkali Raghuram made such entries. APPSC paid Rs 1.38 crore to Stone Media Advisory Services and TrueGrader for the digital evaluation exercise, while Raghuram received about Rs 10 lakh for evaluation and coordination work, the release said. After candidates challenged digital evaluation before the High Court, manual valuation was ordered. The SIT alleged that the exercise conducted at a private resort amounted largely to re-entering earlier digital marks. It also said answer scripts remained with a private agency for 84 days. In the 2022 Vijayawada valuation, the SIT alleged extensive overwriting, use of different inks and handwriting, and poor surveillance of confidential material. It noted that CCTV coverage of the strong room began 17 days after valuation started. A criminal case was registered in April 2025. The SIT has examined 173 witnesses and reviewed forensic reports, financial records, electronic data, videos and valuation records.

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Sekhar, the main accused, brought ganja from Srikalahasti and sold it around Tirupati and Renigunta. The other four arrested were Akkala Rathasaradhi, Shaik Fairoz, Pannuru Leelakrishna and Gurivinti Charan Teja. The ASP said that in a separate operation, west police arrested four people near Maternity Hospital Road and seized 13 kg ganja. The arrested were Kondamarri Jagadish, Godla Parthasaradhi, Shaik Irfan and Badi Polaiah. Polaiah is from Visakhapatnam and used to sell ganja to local buyers in Tirupati. SP L Subba Rayudu warned that strict action will be taken against illegal transport, sale and use of drugs and urged public to report any information about drug trafficking or sales to the nearest police station or helpline.

Jagan slams 'Red Book Raj', alleges vendetta politics

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YSRCP MLA Virupakshi who was in jail, received a massive welcome from party cadres, supporters and well-wishers. From Orvakal Airport to the sub-jail at Panchalingala village, huge crowds lined both sides of the roads, turning the entire route into a sea of people. Party workers raised slogans and expressed solidarity with the YSRCP chief. After meeting Virupakshi at the sub-jail, Jagan told the media that cases were being foisted on anyone who questioned the government. He alleged that people were being intimidated through police cases and arrests and said he had never witnessed such a "worst form of governance" in the state. "The Red Book Constitution and coalition Constitution are being implemented in Andhra Pradesh," he alleged, accusing the government of using state machinery to target political opponents. Jagan alleged that the ruling coalition was not even sparing elected representatives and was resorting to cases against victims while allowing the alleged perpetrators to go scot-free. Referring to the case involving Virupakshi, he alleged that the MLA had gone to the spot to protect a party worker, but a TDP worker allegedly tore his wife's night dress and the case was subsequently foisted on Virupakshi. Jagan claimed that three cases were registered against the MLA within a few hours and alleged that 38 people had been sent to jail. Such incidents clearly demonstrated the "vindictive politics" being pursued by the coalition government, he said. Jagan assured Virupakshi that the YSRCP would stand firmly by him and urged him not to lose courage. Former Ministers Peddire ddy Ramacha ndra Reddy and Buggana Rajendranath Reddy accompanied Jagan and met the jailed MLA. Virupakshi's wife and son also met him. Jagan alleged that the government was attempting to suppress political dissent through intimidation, arrests and criminal cases, and asserted that the YSRCP would continue to fight what he described as the coalition government's "vendetta politics".

"Seen By The Eyes... That Touched The Heart"

27 Best Photos Selected In District-Level Photography Competition Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha Congratulates Winners

Vijayawada, August 14:"The photographs submitted by enthusiastic photographers in the NTR District-Level Photography Competition held as part of World Photography Day - August 19 have sparked thought in everyone. Every photograph conveyed an artistic message, said District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha. She conveyed congratulations to the winners of the competition.The Collector on Friday released the details of the winners of the photography competition organized by the district administration at Sri AVS Reddy Hall in the Collectorate.Speaking on the occasion, she said photography competitions are being conducted every year to enhance the skills of photographers and to encourage them. Competitions were held in categories of Andhra Pradesh Culture, Heritage, Tourism, Youth, P4, Economic Development, Welfare, and Best News Pictures. A total of 221 entries were received and the jury selected 27 best photographs.Winners List:Category 1: Andhra Pradesh Culture, Heritage, Tourism 1st Prize: YV.V. Satyanarayana 2nd Prize: N. Kishore 3rd Prize: M. Prashanth Consolation Prizes: U. Durga Rao, P. Prasad, YV Anand, RV Apparao, K. Tirupathaiah, KB NaveenCategory 2: Youth, P4, Economic Development, Welfare 1st Prize: GN Rao 2nd Prize: CH Narayana Rao 3rd Prize: SS Vijay Babu Consolation Prizes: CH Mastan, Manikantha, CH Narayana Rao, B. Satish Kumar, Rajesh, B. Maridaiah Category 3: Best News Picture 1st Prize: KVS Giri 2nd Prize: A. Rajendra Prasad 3rd Prize: Durga Prasad Consolation Prizes: A. Ramachandra Rao, K. Chakra pani, G. Mahesh, B. Maridaiah, M. Sam path Kumar, S. Lakshmi PavanThe Collector said winners will be felicitated with cash prizes, certificates, and mementos at the International Photography Day event on August 19.She thanked the jury members Dr. CHVSV Bhaskara Rao, T. Srinivas Reddy, K. Ravikumar, S. Ramarao, T. Nageswara Rao, Dr. Razia Shabeena for transparently selecting the winners. She said everyone who participated in the photography competition are winners. She added that in the coming days, photo journalists, studio photographers, and amateur photographers will be encouraged to participate in large numbers.Those who participated:"DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, Vijayawada RDO Vennela Srinu, Jury Members CH Vijayabhaskar, TS Reddy, K. Ravikumar, T. Nageswara Rao, Dr. Razia Shabeena, Divisional PRO K. Ravi, Retd. AVS VV Prasad and others.

Quick Resolution To Problems Through Special Grievance

Constituency-Level PGRS Held Successfully Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha, MLA Sriram Rajagopal "Tatayya" "Continuous Monitoring On Resolution of Petitions"

Jaggayyapeta, August 14:"The constituency-level Special Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) is helping to reach people directly, understand their problems, and provide quick solutions. These special grievance programmes are moving forward successfully, said District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha and MLA Sriram Rajagopal "Tatayya".As part of the "One Month - One Constituency - Four Visits" programme, a Special Grievance was held on Friday at Vatsavayi Sri Vasavi Kalyana Mandapam in Jaggayyapeta constituency. Collector Dr. G. Lakshmisha and local MLA Sriram Rajagopal "Tatayya" participated in the programme. They received petitions from local people and directed the concerned officials on the steps to be taken for their resolution.Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said a PGRS programme is being held every Monday at the Collectorate at the district level. But the special grievance is benefiting those who are unable to come there due to various reasons. She said petitions are being received on individual issues like 22A deletions, as well as on community welfare issues like drinking water supply and burial grounds. All these are being examined thoroughly and resolved within the stipulated time. There is continuous monitoring on the resolution of petitions, she added.The Collector said 106 petitions were received in today's grievance. Of these, 68 were related to Revenue, 9 to Panchayat Raj, and 8 to Survey.MLA Sriram Rajagopal said that with the District Collector personally visiting mandal headquarters and understanding people's problems, there is an opportunity to discuss and resolve them on the spot with concerned officials. He said officials can respond directly on issues with no financial burden, pensions, house sites, house construction, as well as revenue-related issues like land measurements, discrepancies in records, and other revenue problems. He added that even problems pending for many years are being resolved through this programme.

Foundation Laid For Boinpalle Mudiraj Sangham Committee Hall

Manthani, August 14:"The construction works for the Boinpalle Mudiraj Sangham Committee Hall began on Friday.With the special initiative of IT & Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu, funds have been sanctioned for the hall - Rs. 15 Lakhs in the first phase and Rs. 20 Lakhs in the second phase.As part of the programme, officials performed the bhoomi puja and commenced the construction works. Those who participated:"Manthani Municipal Chairman Odnala Srinivas, Vice Chairman Musukula Saheendar Reddy, 7th Ward Councilor Jammoju Samm ayya, AE Mounika, along with Boinpalle Mudiraj Sangham leaders, members and local dignitaries.The Sangham leaders expressed gratitude to Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu for sanctioning funds for the construction of the Committee Hall.

Dry Friday Observed Under Leadership Of Chairman & Commissioner Awareness On Dengue, Malaria

Pebberu, August 14:"As per the directions of the Municipal Administration Commissioner and District Collector, a Dry Friday and Awareness programme on Dengue and Malaria was held on Friday in 10th Ward.Speaking on the occasion, officials said people should keep house surroundings clean. If symptoms like fever and cough are noticed, they should not neglect and should immediately inform ASHA workers.They said personal and environmental hygiene will prevent mosquitoes that spread Dengue and Malaria from laying eggs. They requested people to dump garbage only in Municipal garbage autos and to keep surroundings clean.

Those who participated: "Municipal Chairman Akki Srinivas Goud, Commissioner Ganesh, Councilor Manyam, MEPMA Coordinator Radha, Ward Officer Dharmateja, Environmental Engineer Yogesh Kumar, Mandal Health Extension Officer Damodar, Health Assistant Rajasekhar, ANM Sarada, ASHA workers, medical staff and Municipal staff.

Free Uniforms Distributed At Chenchuwada Government School

Pebberu, August 14:"Mandal Education Officer Jayaramulu on Friday distributed uniform free clothing to students of the Government School in Chenchuwada. Speaking on the occasion, he said the State Government is giving top priority to student welfare. From this year, students studying in government schools are being provided quality-colored uniforms with better stitching.He said that along with quality education, basic facilities are also being provided in government schools. He requested parents to admit their children in government schools. He suggested that students should study with discipline and reach higher levels.Those who participated:"High School Complex Headmaster G. Narasimha Goud, Amma Adarsha School Committee Chairperson Parvathi Sivasai, MEPMA Coordinator Radha, School Headmaster D. Chinna Ramulu, Teachers Swathi, Madhuri, Radha, Free Primary Instructors Krishnaveni, Pushpavathi and others.

Former MLA Vithal Reddy Meets Bereaved Families

Kubeer, August 14:“Former Mudhol MLA Vithal Reddy on Friday met several bereaved families in Kubeer mandal who had recently lost their loved ones due to various reasons.He personally visited the families of K. Laxman and Ranjini Jadhav Kailash from New Saunvli village, and Palle Jyothi, daughter of Banka Madhu from Kubeer mandal headquarters, and expressed his condolences. During the visits, he enquired with family members about the circumstances and conveyed his deep sympathies to them. Speaking later, Vithal Reddy said that family members should not lose courage during times of distress and assured that the Congress Party will always stand by them.Those who participated:“Former ZPTC Shankar Chavan, Kubeer Sarpanch Sainath, Congress Party Mandal President Mahipal Reddy, Market Committee Chairman Kalyan, Former Chairman Santhosh, Saunvli Sarpanch Sainath, Former Sarpanch Vijay Kumar, Party Senior Leaders Soodi Rajanna, Nagalingam, Ranga Rao and others.

Medical Check-ups Conducted For BC Hostel Students

Pebberu, August 14:“Under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram (RBSK), medical check-ups were conducted on Friday for students of the BC Hostel.RBSK Doctor Sunil Kumar examined 27 students and distributed medicines free of cost.Speaking on the occasion, Mandal Health Extension Officer Damodar said students should maintain health and hygiene, and take precautions to avoid seasonal fevers. He instructed to observe "Dry Day" in hostel rooms and the compound every Tuesday and Friday to prevent mosquito breeding.Those who participated:“PHN Leelamma, Hostel Warden Kurumurthy, Health Assistants Rajasekhar, Tirupathaiah, ANM Jayashree, ASHA workers Ramadevi, Savitri and others.

"Har Ghar Tiranga" Celebrations Held Grandly At Government Degree College, Baruva

National Flag Rally Organized With Enthusiasm

Baruva, August 14:“As part of the "Har Ghar Tiranga" programme, a grand National Flag Rally was organized at the local Government Degree College, Baruva.The programme was held under the chairmanship of College Principal Dr. D. Rama Rao. “NSS Unit-1 Programme Officer Smt. Snehalatha Palli and Unit-2 Programme Officer Sri Teppala Rajendra Prasad led the event.On this occasion, college teaching staff and a large number of students participated with enthusiasm. Carrying national flags in their hands, they took out a rally through the streets of Baruva raising patriotic slogans.Highlighting the spirit of the Diamond Jubilee of India's Independence, awareness was created for everyone to hoist the national flag on their homes.Teaching staff and students of the college participated in the programme.

Unity Is Essential For The Progress Of Madigas: Asampalli Srinivas

Manthani, August 14:“Madiga Mahashakti Core Committee Member Asampalli Srinivas called for Madigas to move forward with political consciousness to achieve progress in social, economic and political fields, stating that Madiga unity is their strength.The key activists meeting of Madiga JAC was held on Friday at BS Banquet Hall in Manthani town under the chairmanship of District President Akkapaka Sampath Kumar.Speaking at the meeting, Asampalli Srinivas said Madigas are lagging behind in many sectors and that everyone must become aware for their progress. He suggested moving forward unitedly with the slogan "Mana Vote Manadhe". He said society should move towards defeating parties that do not provide political opportunities to Madigas. He stated that the goal should be to create awareness in society to ensure Madiga votes from Gram Panchayat to Parliament in the upcoming elections are used for political representation. He also announced that the "Alai Balai" programme for Madigas will be organized soon in Manthani and requested Madigas to attend in large numbers to showcase unity.Those who participated:“Velpula Gattaiah, Kannuri Rajabapu, Manthani Laxman, Kannuri Bapu, Velpula Poshham, Boodida Tirupathi, Kasipeta Sambayya, Devalla Vijay, Koyyala Rajamallu, Karuna Krishna, Manthani Lingayya, Srikanth, Ramesh, Banesh, Shekhar, Prabhakar, Ramanna, Rajeshwar, Sampath and others.

Sanitation Works Taken Up At College Ground Ahead Of Independence Day

Manthani, August 14:“On the occasion of Independence Day celebrations, special sanitation works were taken up at the College Ground under the supervision of Manthani Municipal Chairman Odnala Srinivas.To ensure that students and public attending the celebrations do not face any inconvenience, the overgrown grass and weeds were cleared and the surroundings were cleaned.Municipal staff carried out sanitation works to ensure the Independence Day celebrations are held in a clean environment. Chairman Odnala Srinivas said the Municipality is continuously undertaking sanitation measures to ensure the public do not face any difficulties.

Former Sarpanch Bommiella Trivikram Provides Immediate Solution To Drinking Water Problem In Yogeshwarunipalli

New Motor Installed After Old Motor Burned Out

Chillakuru, August 14:“In Yogeshwarunipalli village of Tonuku Mala Gram Panchayat in the mandal, the drinking water supply was disrupted after the motor burned out.Learning about the drinking water problem, Former Sarpanch Bommiella Trivikram responded immediately. With the support of Gudur Constituency MLA Pasam Sunil Kumar, Prominent Industrialist and Former Penchalakona Trust Board Chairman Tanamki Nanaji, and Mandal Party President Duvvuru Rajasekhar Reddy, he got a new motor installed.The villagers of Yogeshwarunipalli expressed their gratitude to Former Sarpanch Bommiella Trivikram for the prompt action.TDP party leaders and workers participated in the programme.

TDP Leaders Condemn YCP Incharge Guravaiah's Comments Against Gudur MLA Pasam Sunil Kumar

Press Meet Held At Chillakuru Jyothi Way Bridge

Gudur, August 14:“In protest against the inappropriate comments made by YCP Incharge Guravaiah against Gudur Constituency MLA Dr. Pasam Sunil Kumar, a press conference was organized at Chillakuru Jyothi Way Bridge under the leadership of Party elders Sri Tanamki Nanaji and Mandal Party President Sri Duvvuru Rajasekhar Reddy.Speaking at the meeting, all the mandal party leaders condemned the objectionable remarks made by him.They stated that the crores of rupees worth of development programmes currently underway in Gudur constituency are evidence of the party's work. They specifically mentioned that the history of laying cement roads in Mangalapuram village belongs to the Telugu Desam Party.They further said, "Politics is not permanent. The dignity we show during that time and the development works should stand as proof. Speak with that awareness."Those who participated:“Mandal Party General Secretary Nelaturu Chiranjeevi, State Live Stock Director Gundala Leelavathi, Cluster-7 Incharge Praveen Reddy, Senior Leader Penubolu Janakirami Reddy, Cluster-7 Co-Convenor Mooga Shankaraiah, Unit Incharges Chitteti Keeravani, Meghanuru Venkata Krishnaiah, Chitteti Narayana, Bommiella Trivikram, Shaik Jilani Basha, Eeduru Shivayya and others.

Neil Patrick Harris turns Disneyland Paris trip into a magical family adventure

Mumbai: Actor Neil Patrick Harris took a break from his clown school stint in France to enjoy a fun-filled day at Disneyland Paris with his husband, David Burtka, and spoke about meeting Minnie and Mickey, exploring Phantom Manor and the hedge mazes, and ending the day with the spectacular fireworks show. Neil took to Instagram, where he shared a string of images from his visit to the theme park and wrote: "While in France for clown school (another post, that) we snuck away to Disneyland Paris for a fantastic day of fun. It was David's first time, and we had a blast." "Minnie charmed us, Mickey said hello, Phantom Manor was phenomenal, hedge mazes made us nuts, and the firework show was the perfect way to end the night. Thanks, @disneylandparis! #grateful @dbelicious," he added. Harris is known for his comedic television roles and dramatic and musical stage roles, he has received multiple accolades throughout his career, including a Tony Award and five Primetime Emmy Awards, and nominations for a Grammy Award and three Actor Awards. On television, he is known for playing the title character on the series Doogie Howser, M.D. as well as Barney Stinson in How I Met Your Mother and Count Olaf on the Netflix series A Series of Unfortunate Events. Harris is also known for portraying the title character in Joss Whedon's musical Dr. Horrible's Sing-Along Blog, and a fictional version of himself in the Harold & Kumar film series. His other films include Starship Troopers, The Smurfs, The Smurfs 2, and Gone Girl. On the personal front, from 1997 to 1998, Harris dated actress Christine Taylor. In a 2008 appearance on The Howard Stern Show, he discussed how the relationship made him realize his true sexuality. Harris has been in a relationship with actor and chef David Burtka since April 2004. In October 2010, they became parents to twins, son Gideon and daughter Harper, born via a surrogate mother. The two got married in Italy in September 2014.

'Musafir Café' actress Vedika Pinto reveals how working with Anurag Kashyap taught her to accept herself

Actress Vedika Pinto, who worked with filmmaker Anurag Kashyap in the film "Nishaanchi," has opened up about the valuable lessons she learned during the experience. Vedika shared that working with Kashyap taught her important lessons about life and helped her develop a better understanding of herself. Speaking exclusively to IANS, she revealed that one of the biggest takeaways from her journey was learning to accept herself. Vedika also spoke about the role of networking in the film industry. Recalling how she eventually got the opportunity to meet Kashyap, she said she had wanted to meet the filmmaker for a long time. Her agent eventually arranged the meeting, during which Kashyap noticed something in her that led to her being considered for "Nishaanchi." The actress shared, "Working with Anurag sir taught me about life as much as it taught me about acting. It is difficult to explain in words, but because of Nishaanchi and Anurag sir, I learned to accept myself, and that has been one of the biggest lessons of my journey." When asked about the importance of networking in the film industry, Vedika agreed that building professional connections can play a significant role in finding opportunities. "It depends on what you mean by networking. I wanted to meet Anurag Kashyap for a long time, and my agent finally arranged that meeting. During that interaction, he saw something in me that eventually led to Nishaanchi. If that meeting had never happened, I might not have got the film. So, networking is important because people need to know you before they can consider you for a role." "Nishaanchi" was directed by Anurag Kashyap, who co-wrote the film with Ranjan Chandel and Omjit Sahu. The film featured Aaishvary Thackeray in dual roles, while Vedika, Monika Panwar, Kumud Mishra, Mohammed Zeeshan Ayyub, and Vineet Kumar Singh appeared in pivotal roles.

Former MLA Y. Visweswara Reddy Offers Prayers At BB Zainabbi Dargah

Chaddar Offered, Special Prayers Held

Uravakonda, August 14:"The famous BB Zainabbi Dargah Ursu celebrations in Anantapur district are being held grandly. On Friday night, YSRCP Uravakonda Coordinator and Former MLA Y. Visweswara Reddy visited the dargah. He first reached the dargah in a procession with Gulf and Chaddar and offered chaddar at the tomb of BB Zainabbi Ammavaru. Later, along with religious elders, he performed special prayers as per dargah traditions. Visweswara Reddy extended greetings to Hindu and Muslim devotees who attended the Ursu celebrations. Subsequently, dargah committee members felicitated the former MLA with a shawl and garlands. They also presented him with ammavari prasadams.

'Romanchakam' title song released; Sandeep Reddy Vanga presents a youthful entertainer

Blockbuster director Sandeep Reddy Vanga presents 'Romanchakam' under the Bhadrakali Pictures banner. The film stars Sumanth Prabhas and Ananthika Sanilkumar in the lead roles. Produced by Pranay Reddy Vanga and directed by debutant filmmaker Venugopal Reddy, the movie is gearing up for a worldwide grand theatrical release on September 3. Meanwhile, the film's musical promotions are progressing successfully. The previously released song "Radha Ramana" received a huge response from music lovers. Now, the makers have released the title song of 'Romanchakam'. The title song has been composed by music director Vasuki Vaibhav, who blends a catchy beat with a beautiful melody and also delivers an energetic vocal performance. Renowned lyricist Chandrabose has penned mature and effortless lyrics that capture the emotions of young love. The song beautifully portrays the excitement of first love and the cute, intimate moments that only lovers can truly experience. It begins with the feeling that the world has suddenly become something completely new, with just two people existing in their own little universe. The song has been beautifully picturised, bringing out the freshness, excitement and charm of a couple experiencing love for the first time. The visuals and music complement each other, adding to the youthful appeal of the track.

Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy Visits Accident Victim In Hospital

Pebberu, August 14:"Hamali Balakrishna from the town center was seriously injured in a recent road accident and is currently undergoing treatment at NIMS Hospital, Hyderabad.Learning about this, Former Agriculture Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy visited the hospital on Friday and consoled Balakrishna. He spoke to the doctors and enquired about the treatment details. He assured the victim's family that he would stand by them in all possible ways.Those who participated:"BRS Town President Vallapu Reddy Dileep Kumar Reddy, Khadar Basha and others.

CM Chandrababu Naidu to meet beneficiaries as free bus travel crosses 87 cr trips

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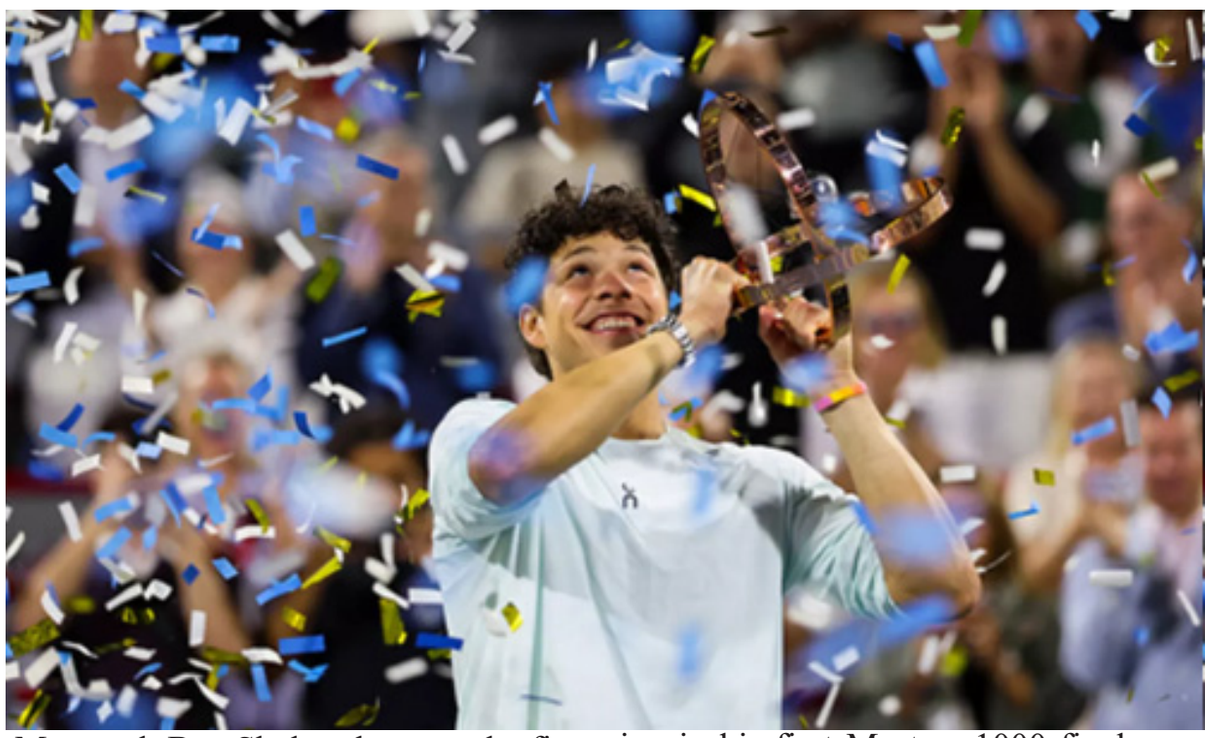
last year, Stree Shakti provides women free travel on specified APSRTC services without restrictions on the number of journeys or distance, subject to the scheme's eligibility rules. According to government figures, around 24 lakh women use the facility every day. Since its launch, women have made about 87 crore journeys under the scheme. The Government provides an average daily subsidy of Rs 8.53 crore, taking its expenditure during the first year to Rs 3,095 crore. The scheme operates on five categories of APSRTC buses- Express, Ultra Palle Velugu, Palle Velugu, Metro Express and City Ordinary. Of the 9,978 RTC buses in the fleet, 7,631, or 76 per cent, are covered. The Government has also extended the facility to special services operating to temples. The impact is reflected in passenger numbers. Women accounted for about 40 per cent of RTC passengers before the scheme was introduced. Their share has since risen to 62 per cent, while the number of female passengers travelling each day has increased from 9.47 lakh to 24 lakh. Buses covered by the scheme are reporting an occupancy rate of 93 per cent, according to officials. The government says the scheme has helped women travel for education, employment, healthcare, small-scale trading and religious visits without the daily burden of transport costs. Women can avail themselves of the facility by producing an Aadhaar card, as prescribed under the scheme.

New Zealand Football withdraws support for FIFA chief, calls for independent review

Auckland: New Zealand Football (NZF) has announced that it has formally withdrawn its support for the candidature of Gianni Infantino as FIFA president at the 2027 FIFA Congress and also called for an independent review into the Fifa Forward Enterprise (FFE) scheme. The New Zealand body is the latest organisation to formally withdraw its support for Infantino as he seeks re-election as FIFA president. Infantino is seeking re-election next year after proposing carving off the commercial rights to the World Cup and selling 20 percent to private investors to raise about USD 7.2 billion (NZD 12.3 billion) before he was forced to withdraw his plan following the criticism. "After careful consideration, NZF has formed the view that decisions and actions within FIFA have contributed to a breakdown in trust and increased division within international football, and that an independent review is required to restore confidence and trust," New Zealand Football said in a statement. "NZF believes this point in time represents an opportunity for all FIFA member associations to advocate for stronger governance, accountability and transparency which are fundamental in maintaining confidence of the administration of the global game," it added. NZF statement followed the Oceania Football Confederation (OFC) executive committee meeting, following which the boday welcomed FIFA's decision to withdraw the FFE proposal and its commitment to review the issues surrounding the project. "OFC recognises the progress achieved over the last decade in advancing football development in Oceania under FIFA's leadership and encourages FIFA to use the review as an opportunity to identify and implement any changes that may be necessary," it said. "OFC remains committed to constructive dialogue and close collaboration with its Member Associations, FIFA, fellow Confederations and all football stakeholders, ensuring that football continues to thrive in all corners of the world," it further stated.

Shelton joins Murray, Djokovic Nadal with back-to-back Montreal title



Montreal: Ben Shelton became the first man since fellow lefty Rafael Nadal in 2019 to win back-to-back Canadian Open titles when he beat Brandon Nakashima 6-3, 7-6 (4) in the final. He dovetailed with another member of the Big Three, Novak Djokovic, becoming the first man to win the tournament without dropping a set since the Serb 10 years ago. With his victory, Shelton became the fourth man this century to successfully defend the Canada title after Andy Murray (2009-10), Novak Djokovic (2011-12) and Nadal (2018-19). By defeating fellow American Nakashima in Montreal, Shelton improved to 6-0 in the pair's ATP Head2Head series. The lefty has now won four titles this season, having also triumphed in Dallas, Munich and Stuttgart, taking his overall tally of ATP Tour titles to seven, according to ATP stats. Nakashima, who was competing in his first Masters 1000 final, was seeking his second ATP Tour title, almost four years after winning his first in 2022, when he triumphed on home soil in San Diego. Although the 25-year-old fell short in the Montreal final, Nakashima will leave Canada with plenty of good memories. With his run to the championship match, Nakashima ensured he will climb to a career-high No. 22 in the ATP Rankings. After Shelton earned his first break of serve against Nakashima with a blistering return winner at 3-3 in the first set, there was no stopping the 23-year-old. Shelton dictated the tempo of the clash with a dominant serving display and consistently came out on top, firing off his forehand wing. The American faced no break points throughout the match and converted two of the four break points he earned, ATP reports.

Swiatek sweeps past past Rybakina in Toronto to clinch first title of 2026

Toronto: Iga Swiatek broke her near year-long title drought, beating Elena Rybakina to win the Canadian Open women's singles crown. The eighth-ranked Pole had not won a title or reached a final since winning in Seoul last September. But she capped a stellar run in Toronto with a dominant 6-2, 6-3 win over World No. 2 Rybakina in 75 minutes to claim her first title of the season -- and the 26th of her career. It also marked her 12 WTA 1000 crown, moving her past Aryna Sabalenka (11) for the second-most since the format debuted in 2009. She now trails only Serena Williams (13). The 2026 season had been a lackluster one by Swiatek's high standards entering Toronto. She had yet to reach a final, had slipped to No. 8 in the world and was on the fringes of the WTA Finals picture. Above all else, her confidence appeared shaken. Swiatek defeated four Top 20 opponents en route to the title (Rybakina, Svitolina, Shnaider, Kostyuk), the first time since winning Roland-Garros in 2024 that she has beaten three or more in a single tournament. "We all work to have these moments, and for sure I was missing it a little bit. I'm happy at the end; I stayed focused on just grinding and improving because that's the most important thing. This season, it has been necessary," Swiatek said of snapping her drought at her press conference. "This week my tennis clicked, physicality as well, the mental work also.

For sure best week of the season so far." With her triumph in Toronto, Swiatek has now captured all five significant North American titles: Indian Wells (2022, 2024), Miami (2022), US Open (2022), Cincinnati (2025) and Canada (2026). She is also three-fourths of the way to a Career Slam, missing only an Australian Open title, and has won eight of the 10 WTA 1000s on offer -- with Dubai and Wuhan the only two she has yet to claim. In total, Swiatek holds 19 Big Titles, including Roland Garros (x4), US Open, Wimbledon, WTA Finals, Rome (x3), Doha (x2), Indian Wells (x2), Beijing, Canada, Cincinnati, Madrid and Miami. Despite failing to grab her third title of the season, Rybakina will still move into first in the WTA race. She leaves Toronto as the season leader in hard court wins (26) and WTA 1000 wins (22).

DPL 2026: Purani Dilli 6 seal last-over thriller against North Delhi Strikers

New Delhi: Purani Dilli 6 pulled off a thrilling four-wicket win over North Delhi Strikers in the Delhi Premier League (DPL) 2026, chasing down a challenging target in a dramatic last-over finish. Batting first, North Delhi Strikers posted 186/6 in 20 overs, with captain Sarthak Ranjan and Yash Bhatia leading the way with the bat. The Strikers got off to a steady start as Ranjan and Vaibhav Kandpal added 45 runs for the opening wicket. Kandpal was dismissed for 14 off 11 balls, bringing Yash Bhatia to the crease. Ranjan and Bhatia then took control of the innings, putting together a 61-run partnership for the second wicket. Ranjan continued his excellent form and scored a well-made 59 off 37 balls, while Bhatia also struck 59 off 41 deliveries. Yash Dabas provided the late push with a valuable 36 off 22 balls, helping North Delhi Strikers finish on a strong 186/6 and set Purani Dilli 6 a tough target. In reply, Purani Dilli 6 endured a difficult start and were reduced to 53/4, leaving the chase in serious trouble. However, Ashwini Chillar and Lalit Yadav produced a brilliant fightback. The pair added 105 runs for the fifth wicket, completely changing the momentum of the game and bringing Purani Dilli 6 back into contention. Yadav played a crucial knock of 64 off 41 balls before he was dismissed, but Chillar continued to keep the chase alive. Chillar was later joined by Rohan Rathi, and the duo brought the equation down to seven runs needed from the final over. However, Chillar was dismissed for a fighting 45 off 36 balls, leaving the match on a knife edge. With the pressure at its highest, Pankaj Jaswal produced a stunning finish. He smashed a six off the very first ball he faced and followed it up with another maximum to seal the match for Purani Dilli 6. The dramatic finish completed a remarkable comeback for Purani Dilli 6, who recovered from 53/4 to chase down 187 and snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Rupee rises 3 paise to 95.42 as dollar weakens overseas

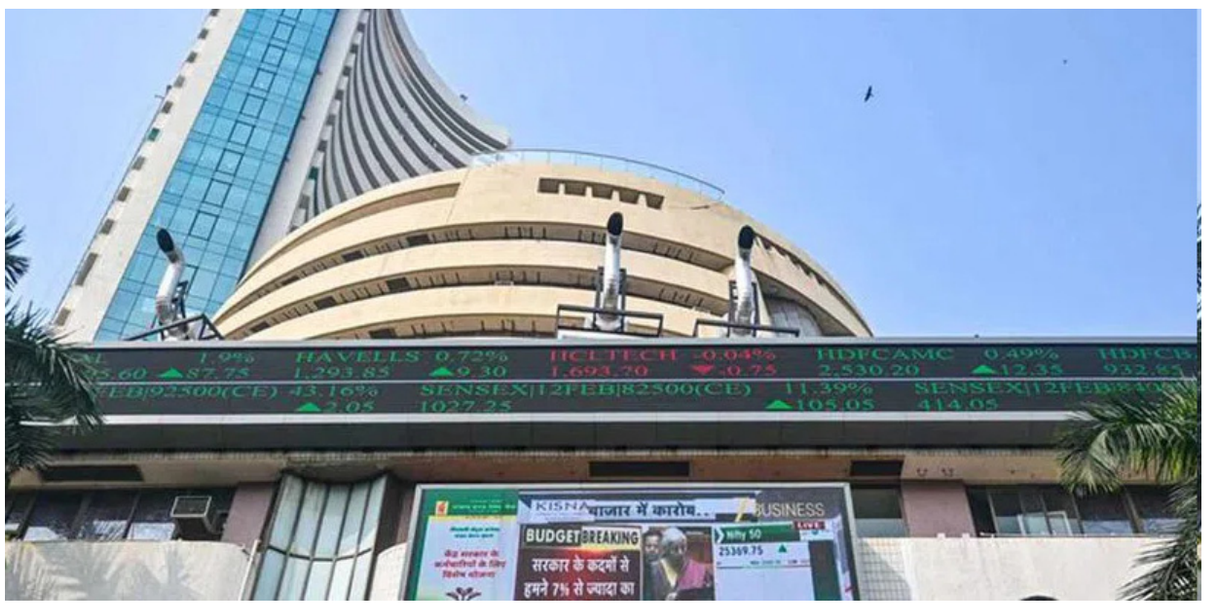
Mumbai: The rupee appreciated 3 paise to close at 95.42 (provisional) against the US dollar on Friday, due to weakness in the greenback against major rivals overseas.According to forex traders, the rupee stayed under pressure due to foreign fund outflows and rising crude oil prices amid geopolitical uncertainties.At the interbank foreign exchange market, the rupee opened at 95.39 and moved in a tight range of 95.38 to 95.44 against the American currency before ending the session at 95.42 (provisional), up 3 paise from its previous close. On Thursday, the rupee closed 12 paise lower at 95.45 against the US dollar. Jateen Trivedi, VP Research Analyst – Commodity and Currency, LKP Securities, said the rupee traded with a weak bias this week, although the overall movement remained largely range-bound."Crude had surged around 25 per cent during July and continues to remain elevated, keeping the import-cost pressure on the rupee. Meanwhile, the dollar index remained below the 100-mark near 99.50, limiting the rupee's downside. Technically, the rupee is expected to remain in the 95.10-95.80 range in the near term, with crude and the dollar remaining key directional triggers," Trivedi said.

Meanwhile, the dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.08 per cent lower at 99.78.Brent crude, the global oil benchmark, was trading higher by 0.99 per cent at USD 87.93 per barrel in futures trade.Analysts said the dollar index retreated after a fall in US Treasury yields, and the data showed inflation in the world's largest economy at lower levels.Also, they said that oil prices bounced back after days of easing, as hopes of a deal to end the West Asia crisis remained uncertain, with both the US and Iran contradicting each other over ship transit conditions through the Strait of Hormuz.On the domestic equity market front, Sensex fell 70.71 points, or 0.09 per cent, to settle at 78,009.25, and Nifty dropped 29.25 points, or 0.12 per cent, to 24,366.Foreign institutional investors offloaded equities worth Rs 510.69 crore on a net basis on Thursday, according to exchange data.

RBI reforms may unlock $50 billion capital inflow for banks

New Delhi: India's banking sector could attract nearly $50 billion due to the Reserve Bank of India's recent liquidity measures and regulatory changes, potentially strengthening capital buffers and liquidity, a report said on Friday.The report from consulting company Uniqus Consultech said banks have already mobilised $36.7 billion under the RBI's FCNR(B) deposit scheme and industry estimates suggest inflows could approach $50 billion before the special window closes. "Indian banks are entering a new phase of regulatory transformation with the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) advancing reforms across liquidity, credit risk, capital adequacy, customer conduct, and artificial intelligence governance," the report said. The agency said the FCNR(B) swap facility and the temporary removal of NRI deposit rate ceilings have made foreign currency deposits more attractive by reducing hedging costs and enabling banks to offer materially higher rates. "The RBI's latest actions indicate that Indian banking regulation is moving beyond traditional prudential oversight toward an integrated framework covering capital, risk, customer outcomes, and technology governance," said Sagar Lakhani, Partner, Uniqus Consultech."While liquidity-support measures such as the FCNR(B) swap facility are attracting substantial foreign capital, the simultaneous introduction of forward-looking credit-risk provisioning and AI governance requirements reflects the regulator's focus on building a more resilient and future-ready banking sector," Lakhani said.Banks that successfully align capital planning, risk management, and technology governance will be best positioned to navigate this transition, he forecasted.The transition to the ECL framework and revised Basel III credit-risk norms represents one of the most significant shifts in banking regulation in recent years, the report said.The reforms prompted banks to reassess how they price loans, allocate capital, measure profitability, and manage portfolio risk.Another report said that India's capital account surplus is now expected to increase to approximately $108 billion, compared with a surplus of just $2 billion in the previous year.The report added that the BoP is forecast to improve to a $64 billion surplus in FY27 from deficits of $23.6 billion in FY26 and $5 billion in FY25.

Sensex, Nifty end lower as oil prices rise amid Hormuz uncertainty



Mumbai: Indian equity benchmarks ended modestly lower on Friday after oil prices gained following reports that the United States may continue the naval blockade at the Strait of Hormuz for an indefinite period, raising concerns about energy supplies and inflation.The Sensex fell 71 points, or 0.09 per cent, to settle at 78,009.25, while the Nifty declined 29.85 points, or 0.12 per cent, to close at 24,366.00.Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that the index traded largely below the 24,400 zone, although the 24,300 region emerged as an important buying-interest area and during the second half, recovery attempts pushed the index briefly above 24,400, with an intraday high of 24,405, but the move faced immediate supply pressure, highlighting continued resistance at higher levels."On the downside, 24,300–24,250 remains the immediate support," an analyst stated.Market sentiment remained cautious as higher crude oil prices increased concerns about import costs for India, one of the world's largest oil-importing nations.The uncertainty surrounding the Strait of Hormuz, a key global energy shipping route, further dampened risk appetite. Among the Nifty constituents, Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles, Jio Financial Services and Oil & Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) emerged as the top losers, dragging the benchmark indices lower.The broader market also witnessed selling pressure. The Nifty MidCap index ended 0.53 per cent lower, while the Nifty SmallCap index declined 0.69 per cent.Sectoral performance was mixed during the session. The Nifty Consumer Durables index outperformed its peers, gaining nearly 1 per cent as buying interest emerged in select discretionary consumption stocks.On the other hand, the Nifty Pharma and Nifty Realty indices were among the worst-performing sectoral gauges. Experts said that despite the modest decline in headline indices, investors remained focused on developments in the Middle East and their potential impact on global energy markets."The stability in the rupee, moderation in India's 10-year bond yield, and a gradual improvement in FII participation are providing support to the domestic macro-environment and supporting the inflation trajectory," a market expert mentioned.

Gold, silver decline up to 1 pc as US-Iran tensions weigh sentiment

New Delhi: Gold and silver prices traded sharply lower on Friday amid heightened geopolitical uncertainty after US Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent warned of never-before-seen economic measures against Iran.On the Multi Commodity Exchange (MCX), gold futures (October) declined as much as 0.8 per cent or Rs 1,233 to Rs 1,52,233, hitting an intraday low by 10:22 am. At the last count, the yellow metal was trading at 1,52,415, down Rs 1,051 or 0.68 per cent.It touched an intraday high of Rs 1,53,200 so far in the session, a decrease of 0.17 per cent or Rs 266 from the previous close.Similarly, silver futures (September) recorded an intraday low of Rs 2,32,454, decreasing 1.27 per cent or Rs 2,993. The white metal was trading at Rs 2,32,880, down Rs 2,567 or about 1 per cent. It touched an intraday high of Rs 2,33,982, down 0.62 per cent or Rs 1,465.Earlier in the day, gold and silver opened at Rs 1,53,200 and Rs 2,33,780, respectively on the MCX. The selling pressure in precious metals came after reports suggest that Bessent said the US would use a combination of economic isolation and a continued blockade of the Strait of Hormuz.According to market experts, MCX Gold extends downside momentum, trading near Rs 152,500 after facing rejection from highs near Rs 155,500. They further noted that immediate resistance is placed at Rs 153,000–Rs 153,500 near open and a decisive move above could push toward Rs 154,000–Rs 154,500.Immediate support is seen at Rs 152,000–Rs 151,500, followed by stronger support at Rs 151,000, the experts said adding that price continues to hold comfortably above all major EMAs, but MACD indicates slowing bullish momentum and RSI reverses from overbought territory, reflecting possible near-term pressure.For MCX Silver, the experts stated that immediate support is seen at the Rs 232,000 zone, followed by stronger support at Rs 231,500–Rs 231,000.Price breaks below the 20-day EMA, with MACD indicating slowing bullish momentum, while RSI eases, supporting the trend-reversal narrative and reflecting near-term pressure.

Another General Surgeon Appointed at Manthani Area Hospital

Manthani, August 14:"Medical services at Manthani Area Hospital are set to get a boost. As part of the new recruitments undertaken by the Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad, General Surgeon Dr. Nikhil Tej joined duty at Manthani Area Hospital on Friday. Hospital authorities said this appointment was made possible due to the initiative of Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu. With Dr. Nikhil Tej joining, surgical services will now be more accessible to the people of Manthani town and surrounding mandals.Hospital Superintendent Dr. T.V. Rajashekhar Reddy stated that surgeries will be provided for Appendicitis, Gallbladder stones, different types of Hernias, Piles, Fissure, Fistula, Hydrocele, Breast lumps, Lipoma, Subcutaneous lumps, Abscesses, Diabetic foot ulcers, Intestinal obstruction, Intestinal perforation, and Peritonitis. He further said that Laparoscopic surgeries are also available at the hospital for eligible cases. All these medical services are being provided free of cost.He requested people with surgical issues to utilize Manthani Area Hospital to the fullest.

Students Should Make Best Use Of Government Free Educational Material

Principal P. Sunil Kumar

Kubir, August 14:"A distribution programme of free educational material provided by the Telangana Government was held for students at the Government Junior College in Kubir Mandal Centre.College Principal P. Sunil Kumar distributed notebooks, school bags, and shoes to the students. Speaking on the occasion, the Principal said the government's goal is to provide quality education and for that it is providing all necessary facilities. He urged students to make proper use of the free material provided by the government, study well, and lay a strong foundation for their bright future. He also stated that facilities in government educational institutions have improved to the level of private schools. College teaching staff and students participated in the programme.

Quick Resolution of Petitions Is Our Goal

Minister Kondapalli SrinivasPublic Darbar Held in Gajapathinagaram

Gajapathinagaram, August 14:"State Minister for MSME, Rural Poverty Eradication, and NRI Empowerment & Relations Kondapalli Srinivas said that the government is moving forward with the objective of ensuring quick resolution of public petitions.A Public Darbar programme was held on Friday at the TDP Office in Gajapathinagaram under the leadership of Minister Kondapalli Srinivas. Petitions were received from 32 people from across the constituency. The petitions included requests related to CC roads in rural areas, restoration of electric poles, drinking water, bus shelters, post office, Anganwadi, repairs to MPP school buildings, as well as revenue-related grievances.The Minister said that CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu has suggested that along with the Public Grievance Redressal Forum conducted by officials in all constituencies, MLAs, MLCs, Ministers, and MPs should also hold Public Darbars in their respective constituencies to understand people's problems.Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said that instructions have been issued to officials to resolve the complaints received during the Public Darbar immediately.Those who participated:"TDP Polit Bureau Member Gantyada Sridevi, AMC Chairman PVP Gopal Raju, TDP leaders Makkuva Sridhar, Rapaka Acham Naidu, Kondapalli Bhaskara Naidu, Chappa Chandrasekhar and others.

Independence Spirit Should Be Passed On To Future Generations

Massive Bike Rally Held In Gajapathinagaram Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, MP Kalisetti Appalanaidu National Flag Should Fly At Every Home - This Is Our Nation, Our Responsibility

Gajapathinagaram, August 14:"State Minister for MSME, Rural Poverty Eradication, and NRI Empowerment & Relations Kondapalli Srinivas called for passing on the spirit of independence to future generations.A massive bike rally with National Flags was held on Friday in Gajapathinagaram town. The rally started from the Party Office, went via the bridge, Main Road, Sub-Station and the main road with slogans of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai" and "Jayaho Bharat". Speaking at the meeting held later, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas said India got independence as a result of the sacrifices of many great leaders. He urged everyone to move forward filled with the spirit of independence. He conveyed Independence Day greetings to everyone who made the bike rally a success.He said the National Flag should be hoisted at every home across the constituency to spread the feeling of nationalism. Quoting Mahakavi Gurajada's words "Desamante matti kaadoi, desamante manushuloi", he said everyone should have patriotism with the spirit of "This is Our Nation - Our Responsibility". He stated that "Har Ghar Tiranga" is our responsibility. He added that PM Narendra Modi and CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu are calling for instilling patriotism in today's youth, and we should take steps in that direction.MP Kalisetti Appalanaidu said it is everyone's responsibility to pass on the fruits of independence to future generations. He said everyone should have affection towards the country, state and our region. He urged the youth to move forward with devotion and love for the nation.

Those who participated:"Former Minister Padala Aruna, TDP Polit Bureau Member Gantyada Sridevi, AMC Chairman PVP Gopal Raju, BJP Leader Reddy Pavani, TDP Leaders Makkuva Sridhar, Rapaka Acham Naidu, Kondapalli Bhaskara Naidu, Chappa Chandrasekhar and others.

CPI's "Praja Chaitanya Padayatra" Resonates in Alamuru

Alamuru, August 14:"The CPI's "Praja Chaitanya Padayatra" with the slogan "Marpu Kaavali.. Marpu Sadistham - We Want Change.. We Will Achieve Change" echoed through Alamuru on Friday. As part of the nationwide Praja Chaitanya Padayatra called by the CPI National Council, the programme was held in Alamuru.Speaking on the occasion, CPI District Executive Committee Members K. Ramakrishna, Ramu, and Committee Members Nageswara Rao, Samuel said the purpose of the padayatra is to explain to the people and create awareness about the anti-people policies of the Central and State Governments. They demanded that the prices of Gas, Petrol, Diesel, and essential commodities be reduced immediately.Key Demands Raised:Provide adequate jobs for youth. If jobs cannot be provided, give unemployment allowance.Implement the Women's Reservation Bill immediately without any conditions.Stop attacks on Dalits and Adivasis.Ensure remunerative support price for farmers, and provide ID cards and bank loan facilities to tenant farmers.Reduce the rising feed prices in the Aqua sector.Allocate house sites to the poor and sanction Rs. 5 lakhs for house construction.Governments should immediately implement the promises made during elections.Later, CPI leaders and workers conducted a padayatra through various streets in Alamuru village and distributed pamphlets explaining public problems. They raised slogans against government policies.Those who participated:"CPI District Executive Committee Members K. Ramakrishna, Ramu, Ravikumar, Committee Members Nageswara Rao, Samuel, Yesudasu, Satyanarayana, Padma, Varalakshmi and others.

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