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Oil Prices Slip

New Delhi, June 4: Global crude oil prices declined by more than 1 per cent on Thursday after Israel and Lebanon agreed to implement a ceasefire, raising hopes of a wider diplomatic breakthrough that could reduce tensions linked to the ongoing Iran conflict. International benchmark Brent crude fell 1.33 per cent to \$96.50

per barrel, while US West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped more than 1 per cent to \$94.76 per barrel. The decline came a day after oil prices had surged nearly 2 per cent following renewed hostilities in West Asia, including Iranian attacks on Kuwait and US military strikes near the strategic Strait of Hormuz.



Gold Shines Higher

New Delhi, June 4: Gold and silver prices traded higher on Thursday morning, supported by a weaker US dollar and persistent geopolitical uncertainty in West Asia, as investors closely monitored developments related to a possible diplomatic break through between the US and Iran. On the Multi Commodity Exchange,

gold futures for August delivery rose 0.35 per cent, or Rs 533, to trade at Rs 1,59,052 per 10 grams. During the session, yellow metal touched an intraday high of Rs 1,59,500 and a low of Rs 1,58,701. Silver futures for July delivery climbed as much as 0.51 per cent, or Rs 1,366, to an intraday high of Rs 2,64,324 per kg.



Chwalinska Scripts History

Paris, June 5: Poland's Maja Chwalinska created history by becoming only the second qualifier in the Open Era to reach a Grand Slam singles final after defeating Russia's Diana Shnaider 7-6(4), 6-4 in the French Open semifinals. The 24-year-old advanced to the Roland Garros final after battling through three qualifying rounds, continuing a remarkable run in just her third Grand Slam appearance. Chwalinska will now face Russian teenager Mirra Andreeva in Saturday's title clash. A victory would see her emulate Emma Raducanu, who became the first qualifier to win a Grand Slam title at the 2021 US Open. Earlier, Andreeva secured her maiden Grand Slam final berth with a dominant 6-1, 6-3 victory over Ukraine's Marta Kostyuk. The 19-year-old displayed exceptional control and focus throughout the match to book her place in the championship match. Chwalinska's fairytale run has emerged as one of the biggest stories of this year's French Open, with the Polish star now standing one win away from a historic Grand Slam triumph.

Hyd Reaches New Heights

Hyderabad, June 4: Hyderabad is rapidly transforming into South India's leading skyscraper destination, with a growing number of high-rise residential and commercial towers reshaping the city's skyline. According to industry estimates, the city is expected to have around 275 buildings taller than 100 metres and more than 50 skyscrapers exceeding 150 metres by 2026. The recently completed SAS Crown in Kokapet, standing at 235.3 metres with 58 floors, currently holds the distinction of being South India's tallest completed residential tower. The record may soon be overtaken by Candeur Skyline in Pupalaguda, which is under construction and expected to rise to nearly 244 metres. Several other landmark projects, including Diamond Tower, MyScape Yoo Residences, DSR The Twins, Raghava Iris and Phoenix



Triton, are also contributing to the city's rapidly evolving skyline. Areas such as Kokapet, Financial District, Neopolis, Tellapur and Pupalaguda have emerged as major centres for high-rise development. Real estate experts attribute the boom to a combination of policy reforms and market demand. The Telangana government's post-2014 urban development policies, including unrestricted Floor Space Index (FSI) norms and faster approvals through the TS-bPASS system, have encouraged developers to

pursue large-scale vertical projects. Rising land prices in western Hyderabad have further accelerated the trend, making taller buildings a more viable option for developers seeking to maximize land utilization. Simultaneously, the growth of the IT sector and increasing migration of professionals from across India have boosted demand for premium housing. The pace of construction reflects this momentum. Nearly 200 major building projects received approvals within the GHMC and HMDA limits.

No Increase in Registration Fees

Hyderabad, June 5: Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy said the State government is transforming revenue administration through modern Integrated Sub-Registrar Offices aimed at improving transparency and citizen services. Clarifying concerns over property registrations, the minister stated that there is no proposal to increase registration charges. He said revised minimum land values have been fixed based on scientific assessment and public interest. Citizens can raise objections or seek clarifications through dedicated helpline and WhatsApp services. Ponguleti said the government has streamlined the powers of Sub-Registrars to curb irregularities and strengthen accountability. He also revealed that nearly 3,500 pending revenue files have been cleared and action initiated against officials involved in viola-



tions. As part of digital reforms, all land transaction records will be digitised, while assigned lands registered during the previous regime have been brought under the prohibited properties list. The minister inspected works of an Integrated Sub-Registrar Office at Gachibowli and said 39 offices within the Outer Ring Road limits would be reorganised into 13 clusters in the first phase. These facilities are being developed through private participation without financial burden on the government.

Maruti Unveils Flex-Fuel Car

New Delhi, June 4: Maruti Suzuki has unveiled India's first flex-fuel passenger vehicle, the WagonR Flex-Fuel, capable of running on ethanol-petrol blends ranging from E20 to E100. The launch marks a significant step in India's efforts to promote cleaner fuels and reduce dependence on imported crude oil. The vehicle is the first mass-market passenger car in the country designed to operate on 100 per cent ethanol. Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, who attended the launch, said the government is actively encouraging alternative fuel technologies to reduce pollution and strengthen energy security. He also called on automobile manufacturers to



explore converting older vehicles into flex-fuel models. Maruti Suzuki Managing Director Hisashi Takeuchi said the company is also investing in compressed biogas and hydrogen-based technologies as part of its clean mobility strategy. Industry experts view the launch as a major milestone in India's transition towards sustainable transportation and biofuel-based mobility solutions.

Putin Backs India Ties

New Delhi: Russian President Vladimir Putin has strongly defended Russia's relationship with India, saying attempts by Western countries to pressure New Delhi into reducing cooperation with Moscow have failed and will continue to fail. Speaking at an interaction with international media in St. Petersburg, Putin described India as one of the world's fastest-growing economies and praised the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said India's economic growth is the result of consistent efforts by its government and expressed confidence that bilateral trade between the two countries could reach 100 billion



US dollars in the coming years. Putin said Russia has not witnessed any negative impact from Western pressure on India regarding its ties with Moscow. Referring to repeated calls from the United States and some Western nations for India to reduce its engagement with Russia, particularly in the energy sector, he said such pressure is harmful to inter-

national relations and ineffective against a country as significant as India. The Russian leader stressed that India follows an independent foreign policy and makes decisions based on its own national interests. He noted that India's growing relations with countries such as the United States do not create any concern for Moscow. Calling India a reliable partner, Putin said Russia welcomes New Delhi's efforts to maintain strong ties with various nations while continuing its longstanding friendship with Moscow. He reiterated that Russia remains committed to expanding cooperation with India across multiple sectors.

700 Marine Mammals Killed

Torshavn, June 4: More than 700 whales and dolphins were slaughtered during the annual "Grind" hunt in the Faroe Islands, drawing sharp criticism from animal rights groups and conservationists. According to environmental organization Sea Shepherd, a total of 706 marine mammals, including pilot whales, white-sided dolphins and bottlenose dolphins, were killed in three separate hunts last week. The animals were driven into shallow waters before being killed, turning sections of the sea red with blood. The group alleged that the hunts were marked by serious welfare concerns, with some animals reportedly suffering for extended periods before dying. Conservationists also claimed that mandatory equipment was unavailable in some cases, leading hunters to use alternative methods. Sea Shepherd described the killings as one of the largest such hunts in recent years and called on European governments to take steps to end the controversial tradition. The Faroe Islands, a self-governing territory of the Kingdom of Denmark, have long defended the centuries-old practice as part of their cultural heritage, while critics continue to condemn it as cruel and unnecessary.



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EDITORIAL

A Warning That
Cannot Be Ignored

Agriculture in Telangana has always been closely linked to the monsoon. Every year, the arrival of rains determines not only crop yields but also the livelihoods of millions of farmers. As climate experts warn about the growing influence of El Niño, Telangana stands at a critical juncture. The state must prepare for the possibility of erratic rainfall, prolonged dry spells, and rising temperatures that could severely affect agricultural productivity. El Niño is a climatic phenomenon characterized by the warming of surface waters in the Pacific Ocean. Though it occurs thousands of kilometers away, its impact is felt across the globe, including India. Historically, El Niño years have often been associated with weaker monsoons and rainfall deficits. For a state like Telangana, where agriculture remains heavily dependent on seasonal rains despite significant irrigation investments, such conditions can pose serious challenges. The primary concern is the uncertainty of rainfall distribution. Even if overall rainfall figures appear normal, long dry spells during crucial crop growth stages can damage yields. Paddy, cotton, maize, and other major crops cultivated in Telangana are particularly vulnerable to moisture stress. Reduced rainfall also affects groundwater recharge, leading to water scarcity during the later stages of cultivation.

The threat extends beyond agriculture. Lower crop production can impact rural incomes, increase indebtedness among farmers, and put pressure on food prices. Livestock, too, may suffer due to reduced fodder availability and shrinking water resources. The economic consequences of a weak monsoon can ripple across the state's rural economy. However, Telangana is better positioned today than it was a decade ago. Large-scale irrigation projects, reservoirs, and lift irrigation schemes have expanded water availability in several regions. Yet infrastructure alone cannot guarantee resilience. Efficient utilization of available water is equally important. Every drop stored in reservoirs must be managed carefully to maximize agricultural benefits during uncertain climatic conditions. This is where projects such as Kaleshwaram assume strategic importance. While debates over costs and execution may continue, the necessity of creating reliable water security cannot be overlooked. In an era of climate uncertainty, irrigation infrastructure serves as a critical safeguard against rainfall variability. Neglecting or underutilizing such assets could leave farmers exposed to severe risks. The government must also encourage crop diversification. Excessive dependence on water-intensive crops may prove unsustainable during years of rainfall stress. Promoting millets, pulses, and other climate-resilient crops can help reduce vulnerability while ensuring stable farm incomes.

Pawan Clarifies Telangana Stand

Vijayawada, June 4 : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan on Thursday sought to clear the air over the controversy triggered by his recent remarks on Telangana, asserting that he has never supported any politics aimed at destabilising the state. In a post on social media platform X, Pawan Kalyan stated that his position on Telangana has remained consistent since the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. Referring to concerns raised over law and order issues following the state's formation, he recalled opposing the implementation of Section 8 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, arguing that it would have affected the self-respect and self-governance rights of Telangana's people. The Jana Sena leader maintained that safeguarding the interests of Telangana was



just as important as addressing the concerns of Andhra Pradesh. Instead of invoking Section 8, he said he had advocated for coordination mechanisms, parliamentary oversight and trust-building measures between the two Telugu states to ensure harmony and cooperation. "I have never supported politics that seek to destabilise Telangana. My belief has always been in protecting the interests of people in both Telugu states through mu-

tual respect, peace, co-operation and brotherhood," Pawan Kalyan said while sharing an old video clip explaining his views. His clarification comes amid criticism from leaders of various political parties in Telangana over comments he made during a press conference in Hyderabad on Telangana Formation Day. The press conference was held after police denied permission for a proposed Jana Sena public meeting, citing possible law and order concerns. In a separate post, Pawan Kalyan reflected on his political journey and the growth of Jana Sena's organisational

structure. He recalled plans made in 2008 to build a strong youth wing under Yuva Rajyam, the youth organisation of the erstwhile Praja Rajyam Party. Stating that Jana Sena has completed 12 years of political struggle, he said the party cadre has now matured and is prepared to shoulder organisational responsibilities, address public issues and contribute to nation-building. He thanked members of Telangana's Yuva Rajyam and supporters who have stood by him since 2005. Pawan Kalyan also expressed confidence in the emerging generation of political leaders, saying Generation Z is looking beyond appeasement, dynasty, caste and regional politics. According to him, young Indians are seeking accountable leadership committed to strengthening the country and addressing public concerns with responsibility.

KTR Alleges Political Vendetta

Hyderabad, June 4 : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K.T. Rama Rao on Thursday accused the Congress government of targeting former MLA Balka Suman to divert attention from alleged irregularities and corruption in the Singareni Collieries. After meeting Balka Suman at Chanchalguda Central Jail, where he is currently lodged following his arrest in a case related to alleged incitement against Singareni properties, KTR claimed the case was politically motivated and aimed at silencing voices questioning the government's functioning. Addressing the media, KTR said the BRS would not be intimidated by arrests or legal cases and would continue to expose what he described as large-scale irregularities under the Congress administration. He alleged that the government was attempting to suppress criticism by targeting opposition leaders. The BRS leader claimed that his party had raised several issues, including alleged financial irregularities in land-related clearances, solar tenders and coal-related contracts. According to him, these matters had embarrassed the government, leading to efforts to divert public attention. KTR said Balka Suman had recently participated in meetings with Sin-



gareni workers and voiced concerns over issues affecting employees and their families. He alleged that Suman's remarks were deliberately misrepresented to register a case against him under the Prevention of Damage to Public Property (PDPP) Act. Criticising the government's handling of Singareni affairs, KTR said that thousands of families were waiting for compassionate appointments under the Medical Invalidity Board system. He alleged that the Board had not been convened for several months, affecting employment opportunities for workers' dependents. He also objected to the government's decision to examine

appointments made during the previous BRS regime, claiming that it had created uncertainty among workers and their families. Quoting Balka Suman, KTR said the former MLA remained confident despite his imprisonment and had urged party leaders to focus on the issues faced by Singareni workers rather than his personal situation. KTR reiterated that the BRS would continue its campaign against what it calls irregularities in Singareni and other government departments. He asserted that the party would persist in raising workers' concerns and exposing alleged wrongdoing, regardless of legal action against its leaders.

501 Illegal
Migrants Held

Gandhinagar, June 4: A statewide enforcement drive under 'Operation Delta Hunt' led to the detention of 501 suspected illegal Bangladeshi nationals across Gujarat on Thursday, authorities said. The operation was carried out simultaneously in several districts as part of an ongoing campaign to identify and verify undocumented foreign nationals residing in the state. Police teams comprising district units, crime branch personnel, cyber cell officials and special operations groups conducted coordinated raids based on intelligence inputs. The searches targeted residential colonies, labour camps and other locations where suspected undocumented migrants were believed to be living. Officials said the exercise was part of Gujarat's broader security and immigration enforcement strategy. Authorities stated that the identification process relied on telecom data analysis, human intelligence networks and document verification. In previous phases of the operation, thousands of individuals were screened and several hundred detained after verification.

Khalistan Groups Eye Azerbaijan

Ottawa: Khalistan-linked organisations are reportedly shifting part of their activities to Azerbaijan as changing political dynamics in Canada and growing international scrutiny make it harder for them to operate from traditional bases in North America and Europe. The development comes amid improving ties between India and Canada under Prime Minister Mark Carney. Following years of diplomatic tensions during the tenure of Justin Trudeau, both countries are increasingly viewing Khalistani extremism as a security concern, prompting extremist groups to explore new international platforms. Officials say these groups are now attempting to expand their influence through think tanks, advocacy organisations and pressure groups. One such organisation draw-



ing attention is the Baku Initiative Group (BIG), a think tank supported by Azerbaijan that has recently hosted events highlighting separatist causes. According to officials, Khalistan supporters from countries including Canada, the United States and the United Kingdom have participated in conferences organised by BIG. These events have focused on issues such as alleged discrimination against Sikhs and discussions surrounding the Khalistan movement. One such conference, held in Baku in January this year, brought together Khalistan activists and supporters from different countries. Participants reportedly ob-

served a moment of silence for Hardeep Singh Nijjar. The think tank has also published material examining the history and global dimensions of the Khalistan movement. Security officials believe the strategy represents an effort to re-brand the movement internationally by shifting the focus from militancy to narratives centred on human rights and alleged persecution. They argue that the goal is to keep the Khalistan issue visible on global platforms while generating criticism of India. Reports by researchers have also highlighted growing cooperation between Azerbaijan and Pakistan on several geopolitical issues. Analysts note that both countries have occasionally taken positions critical of India, including on matters related to Kashmir and regional security.

Indian intelligence officials claim that Khalistan-linked networks are adapting to changing international circumstances by seeking new allies and platforms. They allege that Pakistan continues to play a role in supporting such efforts, a charge Islamabad has consistently denied. Officials further warn that countries providing space for such groups should remain cautious, arguing that extremist networks often seek to gain legitimacy through advocacy campaigns before expanding their influence through other activities. The emergence of Azerbaijan as a venue for Khalistan-related events marks a new phase in the movement's international outreach, reflecting broader geopolitical shifts and evolving diplomatic equations across the region.

Lord's Creates History



Lord's Cricket Ground has become the first cricket stadium in the world to host 150 Test matches, further cementing its status as the "Home of Cricket." The historic milestone was achieved with the opening Test of the three-match series between England Cricket Team and New Zealand Cricket Team on June 4. No other venue has hosted as many Test matches. Lord's leads the list ahead of the Melbourne Cricket Ground (118 Tests), Sydney Cricket Ground (114), The Oval (108), and Old Trafford Cricket Ground (86). Before the start of the landmark 150th Test, Lord's had witnessed 149 Tests, with 98 producing results and 51 ending in draws. Over the decades, the iconic venue has hosted some of cricket's most memorable contests and legendary performances. The milestone adds another chapter to the rich legacy of Lord's, a ground that remains one of the most revered venues in world cricket.

Rod Tucker's Historic Milestone

London, June 4: Australian umpire Rod Tucker has become only the fourth official in cricket history to stand in 100 Test matches, achieving the milestone during the opening Test between England and New Zealand at Lord's. The International Cricket Council (ICC) honoured Tucker with a commemorative crystal trophy, presented by former ICC umpire Ian Gould, in recognition of his distinguished international career spanning more than 15 years. Tucker joins an elite list of umpires that includes Aleem Dar, Steve Bucknor and Rudi Koertzen as the only officials to reach the 100-Test mark. Reflecting on the achievement, Tucker described the occasion as a dream come true and thanked the ICC, Cricket Australia, fellow umpires and his family for their support throughout his career. A member of the ICC Elite Panel since 2010, Tucker officiated in his first Test match between New Zealand and Bangladesh in Hamilton.

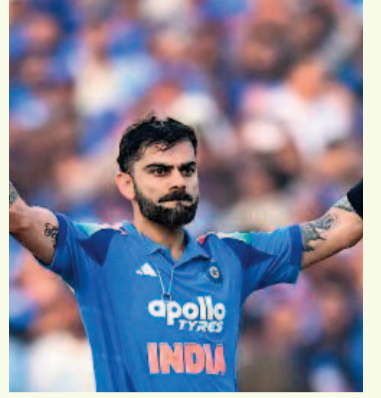


Vinesh Case Ends:SC

The Supreme Court has declared the Wrestling Federation of India's plea against a Delhi High Court order involving wrestler Vinesh Phogat as infructuous. The case related to her participation in selection trials for the 2026 Asian Games. Since the trials have already taken place and Vinesh did not qualify, the court stated that the matter no longer survives for adjudication. However, all legal questions raised in the dispute have been left open for future consideration.

Kohli Ruled Out

Virat Kohli has been ruled out of India's upcoming three-match ODI series against Afghanistan National Cricket Team due to a hamstring injury. The series begins on June 13 in Dharamsala. Kohli was in outstanding form during the IPL 2026 season, scoring 675 runs and helping Royal Challengers Bengaluru secure a second consecutive title. His absence is a major setback for India, while concerns also remain over the fitness of captain Rohit Sharma, who is recovering from a similar injury.



Siraj Fit for Test

India assistant coach Ryan ten Doeschate has confirmed that pacer Mohammed Siraj is fully fit ahead of the one-off Test against Afghanistan National Cricket Team. Siraj bowled in training and showed no signs of discomfort. The Indian team management is currently focused on helping players transition from IPL cricket back to the demands of the red-ball format, while also evaluating spin options including Harsh Dubey and Manav Suthar for the upcoming Test.



Sindhu Falls Again

India's star shuttler and two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu suffered another disappointing exit after losing to world No.1 and Olympic champion An Se-young in the second round of the Indonesia Open 2026. The South Korean maintained her unbeaten record against Sindhu, registering a 21-17, 21-15 victory in just 44 minutes. Despite putting up a fight in the opening game, Sindhu failed to capitalize on key moments as An Se-young pulled away to secure her ninth win over the Indian. Meanwhile, India's young sensation Ayush Shetty advanced to the next round after a thrilling comeback victory against China's Weng Hong Yang. Mixed doubles pair Rohan Kapoor and Ruthvika Shivani also progressed after defeating a higher-ranked Chinese Taipei duo.

Indian Boxing Soars



Indian boxing continued its remarkable rise on the global stage as the latest World Boxing Rankings placed several Indian pugilists among the world's best. The biggest achievement came from Jaismine Lamboria, who climbed to World No.1 in the women's 57kg category. India now boasts top-10 rankings in nine of the ten women's weight divisions and eight of the ten men's categories, highlighting the country's growing dominance in international boxing. Asian champions Priya Ghanghas and Vishvanath Suresh moved into the world's top three, while established stars Nikhat Zareen and Lovlina Borgohain retained strong positions in the rankings. Officials credited India's success to improved grassroots development, high-performance training programs, and consistent performances at international competitions. India currently ranks among the world's leading boxing nations and tops the women's rankings in terms of elite performers.

Lalit Modi Hits Back

Former IPL chairman Lalit Modi has strongly rejected being labelled a fugitive, insisting he has never been convicted of any crime. In an interview, Modi argued that if there were valid criminal charges against him, authorities would have already prosecuted him. He criticised prolonged investigations and judicial delays, claiming that media narratives have unfairly shaped public perception. Modi also stated that he currently sees no reason to return to India, despite ongoing investigations into financial irregularities linked to his tenure as IPL chief.



Qatar's Malayali Star

Tahsin Mohammed Jamshid, a 19-year old footballer of Kerala origin, has been named in Qatar's FIFA World Cup 2026 squad, putting him on the verge of becoming one of the first Malayali players to feature at football's biggest tournament. Born in Qatar to Malayali parents from Kerala's Kannur, Tahsin developed his skill through the renowned Aspire Academy system and currently plays for Qatar Stars League club Al-Duhail. Tahsin's father, Jamshid Thachankandy, is a former footballer from Thalassery, Kerala, while his mother Shyma hails from Valapattanam in Kannur. After impressing coaches during Qatar's preparations, the young winger earned a place in the nation's final World Cup squad and is now set to represent Qatar on the global stage. Tahsin was just four years old when he would sit by the dug-out at local stadiums in Doha and watch his father play



football on Fridays. That was where it started. Tahsin's father Jamshid had immigrated to Doha in 1996 with his wife, Shyma, leaving behind a timber business and a football career cut short by injury. Jamshid spent his Fridays at local stadiums with friends and co-workers, and his younger son Tahsin came along. "He used to sit near the dug-out area," Jamshid remembers. "Later he would ask me and my friends to dribble with

him, to make him learn football. That was his first step." In 1992, Tahsin's father played alongside Jo Paul Ancheri, Kerala's finest of that era. More than thirty years later, Jamshid's 19-year-old son is in the 26-man Qatar squad for the FIFA World Cup 2026. It is the first time a player of Indian origin has been at the tournament since Vikash Dhorasoo last played for France in 2006. "To see my son Tahsin play in the FIFA World Cup for Qatar feels like achieving my dream." Says Tahsin's proud father. "It's a special moment for each one of us." Jamshid further added. Tahsin started his journey from the dug-out to the Sheikh Faisal Bin Qasim Sports Academy. From there to the sub-junior team of Al-Duhail SC in 2017. Then the Aspire Academy, Qatar's elite football development programme, where most of the national team's current players were shaped.



Manchester City Warns Madrid

Manchester City are considering legal action after Real Madrid presidential candidate Enrique Riquelme claimed he would sign striker Erling Haaland if elected. Riquelme publicly displayed a Real Madrid shirt bearing Haaland's name and suggested the forward wanted to move to Spain. City swiftly denied the claims, stating there is no release clause that would enable such a transfer. Haaland's father and agent also dismissed the reports, calling them completely untrue. The controversy comes ahead of Real Madrid's presidential election this weekend.



Yogasana Gets Global Stage

Ahmedabad, June 4: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday inaugurated the first World Yogasana Championship 2026, describing it as a landmark event that would give Yogasana a new identity as a competitive sport on the global stage. Addressing participants through video conferencing, the Prime Minister said the championship marked a new chapter in the evolution of yoga and sports. He welcomed athletes from across the world and expressed confidence that Yogasana would eventually find a place in major international sporting events. The championship is being held in Ahmedabad, days ahead of the International Day of Yoga on June 21. Modi noted that the event would further strengthen global awareness about yoga and wellness. Recalling India's successful initiative at the United Nations to establish International Yoga Day, the Prime Minister said nearly 190 countries had supported the proposal, reflecting the universal appeal of yoga. He added that millions of people across the world have now incorporated yoga into their daily lives. Modi highlighted the Union government's "Yoga 365" campaign and urged international participants to become ambassadors of yoga in their respective countries. He said their experiences and commitment could inspire more people worldwide to embrace yoga as a way of life. Stressing that every tradition evolves with time, the Prime Minister said the World Yogasana Championship represents the next phase in yoga's journey. He expressed hope that sustained efforts would help Yogasana gain recognition in global sporting platforms, including multi-sport events and potentially even the Olympics. The championship is being viewed as a significant step towards promoting Yogasana as a competitive discipline while preserving its cultural and wellness roots.



Prisha Singh

'Alpha' a High-Energy Masala: Bobby Deol



Actor Bobby Deol has described his upcoming film Alpha as a stylish, high-octane masala entertainer designed to give audiences a full theatrical experience. Speaking about the project, Bobby Deol said the film is made with a clear vision and keeps viewers engaged from start to finish. He added that the excitement on set made the shooting experience memorable, with every day bringing something fresh and

interesting. Directed by Shiv Rawail and produced under Yash Raj Films, Alpha stars Alia Bhatt and Sharvari Wagh in lead roles alongside Bobby Deol. The actor also praised the energy and dedication of his co-stars and appreciated the director's clarity of vision, saying it helped shape a fresh and engaging cinematic world. Alpha is scheduled for a worldwide theatrical release on July 3, 2026.

Protection to Naga Chaitanya

The Delhi High Court has granted interim protection to Telugu actor Naga Chaitanya, restraining the misuse of his identity in pornographic and AI-generated content circulating online. The court directed that no third party should use his name, image, or likeness without consent, and also ordered the removal of objectionable material from digital platforms. It further barred the sale of unauthorised merchandise carrying his image or name. The actor had moved the court after his counsel pointed out that several websites and social media channels were misusing his identity, including tagging pornographic content with his name and circulating defamatory AI-generated material. The court noted that such misuse could seriously harm his reputation and mislead the public. In its order, the court observed that public figures are entitled to protect their personality and publicity rights, including their name, voice, and image, from unauthorised exploitation. The case adds to a growing list of celebrities



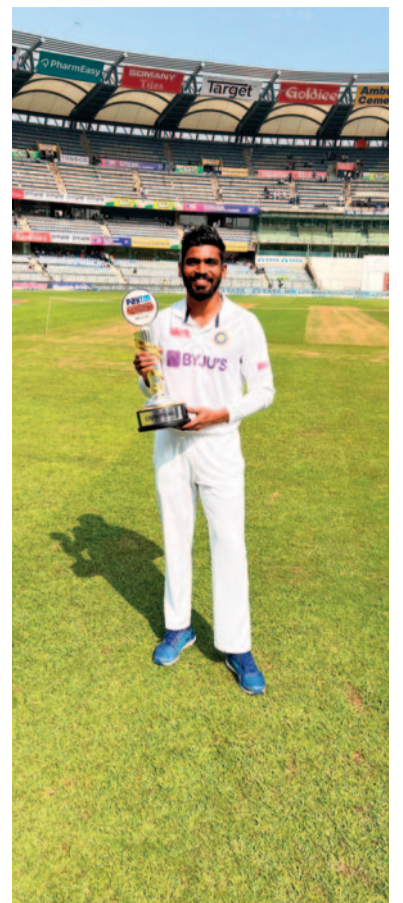
in India seeking judicial protection of their personality rights amid rising concerns over AI-generated misuse of digital identities.

Triptii Opens Up on Childhood Discipline



Bollywood actress Triptii Dimri has shared a candid and humorous recollection of her childhood, revealing that strict parenting was a common part of her upbringing. Speaking in a recent interaction, she said she often faced scoldings and discipline at home while growing up. "I think everyone has gotten a beating from their parents at some point. I was beaten quite a lot growing up," she recalled, adding with a laugh that it was a normal part of childhood for many. Triptii, who is currently seen in the Netflix comedy-drama Maa Behen, has been receiving attention for her performance in the series. The show revolves around a chaotic situation involving a mother and her two daughters as they try to cover up an unexpected incident. On the work front, she is also preparing for her upcoming film Spirit, directed by Sandeep Reddy Vanga and starring Prabhas, which is expected to release next year.

KS Bharat Retires

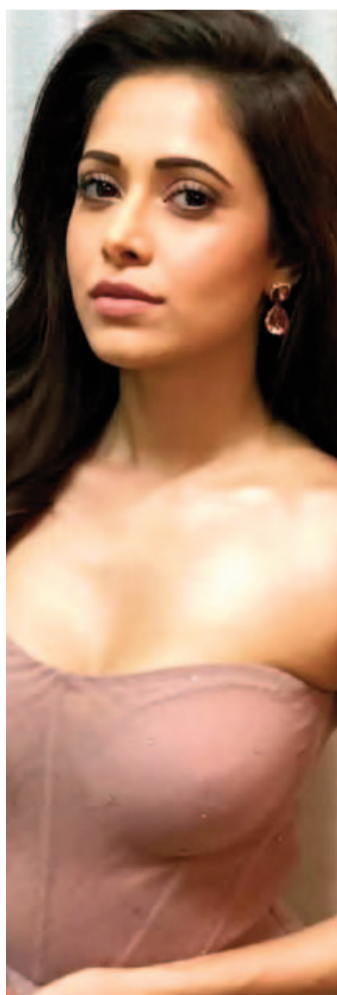


Indian wicketkeeper-batter KS Bharat has announced his retirement from international cricket at the age of 32, bringing an end to a career that saw him represent India in seven Test matches. Bharat, who made his Test debut in 2023, expressed gratitude to his family, teammates, coaches and the BCCI for their support throughout his journey. He scored 223 runs in seven Tests and was part of India's squad for the 2023 World Test Championship final. A stalwart of Andhra cricket, Bharat is remembered for becoming the first wicketkeeper-batter to score a triple century in the Ranji Trophy. While stepping away from international cricket, he said he intends to continue contributing to the game through mentoring and coaching young cricketers.

Tried To Dissuade Bharat..

Former India wicketkeeper and chief selector MSK Prasad on Thursday said he had tried convincing KS Bharat not to retire from international cricket, but the Andhra player was 'hell-bent on moving on,' describing the decision as both surprising and unfortunate.

Nushratt Breaks Silence



Actress Nushratt Bharuccha has clarified speculation surrounding a viral Instagram Story that sparked social media chatter after unusual sounds were heard in the background during the IPL final. The actress explained that the sounds were made by a young puppy at a friend's house where she was watching the match. She shared videos and screenshots on social media to dismiss rumours and refute a fake clarification that had circulated online. Urging people not to jump to conclusions, Nushratt said the incident highlighted how quickly misinformation can spread on social media. She appealed to users to act responsibly and avoid harassment based on assumptions. Meanwhile, the actress recently celebrated her 40th birthday with close friends from the film industry. The gathering was attended by several Bollywood celebrities, including Jacqueline Fernandez, Mrunal Thakur and Rakul Preet Singh, with photos from the celebration widely shared on social media.



Mega158 Shoot Advances

The next schedule of Megastar Chiranjeevi's upcoming action entertainer, tentatively titled #Mega158, has commenced in Pollachi, Tamil Nadu. Directed by Bobby Kolli, the film is currently being shot with Chiranjeevi and other key cast members participating in important sequences. Actress Anaswara Rajan has recently joined the project, marking her Telugu debut. The film is being produced by KVN Productions, with music by Thaman and cinematography by Vijay Karthik Kannan. The project has generated considerable buzz since its announcement and marks the second collaboration between Chiranjeevi and Bobby Kolli after the success of Waltair Veerayya.

Lopez Opens Up on Fitness

Actress and singer Jennifer Lopez has revealed that disciplined fitness and healthy eating helped her prepare for a bikini sequence in her upcoming romantic comedy Office Romance. The 56-year-old star said maintaining consistency in workouts and nutrition was essential for appearing on screen. Her co-star Brett Goldstein admitted feeling pressure while filming alongside the globally renowned entertainer. Lopez also expressed delight over the renewed popularity of her 2011 hit song On the Floor, which recently gained attention among younger audiences after featuring in a television series. She said it was gratifying to see her music connect with a new generation years after its release.

