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Revanth Seeks ₹1 Lakh Crore

New Delhi/Hyderabad, June 11: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Thursday and sought extensive Central support for infrastructure, education, transport, and industrial projects aimed at transforming the state into a USD 1 trillion economy by 2034. In a memorandum submitted to the Prime Minister, Revanth Reddy proposed the creation of an "M-6 Task Force" to develop six major economic hubs—Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Hyderabad, and Bengaluru. He requested a dedicated ₹6 lakh crore fund, with ₹1 lakh crore earmarked for Hyderabad, to strengthen urban infrastructure and accelerate economic growth. The Chief Minister also urged the Centre to establish an Indian Institute of Management (IIM) in Hyderabad, offering 200 acres of land for the project. He highlighted that Telangana hosts several premier institutions but remains without an IIM. Revanth sought speedy approval for several key infrastructure



projects, including the Hyderabad Regional Ring Road, the Hyderabad–Amaravati–Bandar Port Expressway, and an elevated corridor linking Mannanur and Srisailem. He also requested Central support for Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase-II, spanning 122.9 kilometres at an estimated cost of ₹38,595 crore. To strengthen future connectivity, the Chief Minister proposed a Regional Ring Rail Project, a high-speed rail hub at Shamshabad, and bullet train links connecting Hyderabad with Chennai, Bengaluru, and Pune. In the

allocation of projects under the India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 and approval for an Electronics Manufacturing Cluster at the proposed Future City. Revanth Reddy also requested early clearances for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and assistance in resolving inter-state issues related to the Tummidihatti Barrage project. Later in the day, the Chief Minister met Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to discuss urban development initiatives and seek further support for Telangana's infrastructure expansion plans.

BRS Objects to Kavitha's TRS

Hyderabad, June 11: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has approached the Election Commission of India (ECI) objecting to the proposed name of Kalvakuntla Kavitha's newly floated political outfit, Telangana Rakshana Sena (TRS). According to reports, the ECI has received more than 600 objections regarding the use of the name and its abbreviation. In its representation, BRS argued that the acronym "TRS" has been closely associated with the party since its inception as Telangana Rashtra Samithi under K. Chandrasekhar Rao (KCR) in 2001 and continues to hold strong public recognition despite the party being renamed Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in 2022. The party contended that allowing another political organisation to use the abbreviation "TRS" could create confusion among voters, particularly in rural areas, and potentially impact its electoral prospects. Kavitha's proposed party, Telangana Rakshana Sena, has adopted the same acronym, prompting the dispute over political identity and voter recognition. With numerous objections now before the Election Commission, the final decision on whether the new party can retain the name and abbreviation is awaited.



4,000 EVMs Burnt

Kolkata: Around 4,000 Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were destroyed after a major fire broke out at a government building in Kolkata's Alipore area, prompting an official investigation into the incident. The blaze erupted on Wednesday morning at the 10-storey administrative building of the South 24 Parganas Zilla Parishad, which

houses several state government offices. Firefighters deployed ten fire tenders to contain the flames and prevent the fire from spreading further. State Fire Minister Kaushik Chowdhury said preliminary findings indicate that the fire may have started on the third or fourth floor, but authorities are investigating how it reached the eighth and

ninth floors, where the EVMs were stored, while leaving the intervening floors largely unaffected. According to officials, the destroyed machines belonged to nearly 10 Assembly constituencies and had been kept in storage on the upper floors of the building. In addition to the EVMs, a few government offices, including one connected to the midday meal scheme, also suffered damage. An FIR has been registered.

India Slams US

New Delhi: India has lodged a strong protest with the United States after three Indian seafarers were killed in a US military strike on an oil tanker in the Gulf of Oman amid rising tensions in the region. According to US Central Command, American forces fired missiles at the MT Settebello, alleging that the vessel had violated the military blockade imposed on Iranian ports and failed to comply with repeated instructions. The attack left three Indian crew members dead while 21 others were rescued. The deceased have been identified as chief engineer Patnala Suresh, deck cadet Aditya Sharma and fitter Shivanand Chaurashiya. The Indian government condemned the incident and summoned a senior US diplomat to express its concerns. Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal called for an immediate end to such attacks and urged all parties to pursue dialogue and diplomacy to restore peace and stability in the region. Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal described the deaths as a profound loss to India's maritime community, while seafarers' representatives questioned whether military action was necessary when the vessel could have been detained instead. The MT Settebello is among several ships with Indian crew members targeted during the ongoing US enforcement of its blockade around Iranian ports. India has said it is closely monitoring the safety of Indian vessels.

Homemakers Are Nation Builders

New Delhi: In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has recognised homemakers as "nation builders" and directed that their unpaid contribution to families must receive proper financial recognition while determining compensation in motor accident cases. A Bench comprising Justices Sanjay Karol and N. Kotiswar Singh ruled that the notional monthly income of a homemaker should be treated as at least ₹30,000 for calculating compensation payable to dependents in motor accident claims. The court further directed that this minimum notional income should be revised upward by 10 per cent every three years to account for inflation. It observed that domestic responsibilities such as childcare, household management and family care are critical to society and the economy and should not be undervalued simply because they are unpaid. Calling the longstanding disregard for unpaid domestic labour a "historical wrong," the Bench emphasised that the services rendered by homemakers deserve legal and economic



recognition. The ruling came while hearing an appeal arising from a 2001 road accident in Punjab in which a homemaker named Reshma lost her life. Her husband and children had been pursuing compensation for over two decades, and the Supreme Court significantly enhanced the amount awarded by applying the new principles. Importantly, the court clarified that the benefit is not limited to women and would also apply to male homemakers performing similar domestic responsibilities. The judgment is expected to influence thousands of pending motor accident compensation cases across the country by providing a more realistic assessment of the economic value of unpaid household work. The Supreme Court also called for quicker resolution of motor accident claims, directing that such cases should ideally be disposed of within one year and urging High Courts to take administrative measures to ensure timely adjudication.

Iran Strikes US Bases

Tehran: Iran has intensified its confrontation with the United States by launching drone attacks on US military facilities and announcing the closure of the strategically important Strait of Hormuz. Iranian military officials said drones targeted communications and radar systems linked to the US Fifth Fleet in Bahrain, including facilities associated with Patriot air defence systems. The US Central Command confirmed carrying out fresh strikes on multiple Iranian targets, describing them as a response to what it called Iran's continued aggression. In a major escalation, Iran's Khatam al-Anbiya Central Headquarters declared that the Strait of Hormuz would be closed to all vessels, including oil tankers and commercial ships, citing security concerns arising from the conflict. Iranian authorities warned that any ship attempting to pass through the waterway could face



military action. The Strait of Hormuz is one of the world's busiest energy corridors, handling a significant share of global oil shipments. Any disruption could have major implications for international energy markets and global trade. Meanwhile, Jordan said its air defence systems intercepted and destroyed 20 missiles fired from Iran over the Azraq region, with no casualties or damage reported. The Jordanian military reaffirmed its commitment to protecting the country's airspace.

Hyderabad Roadshow Fuels Coal Gasification Drive

Hyderabad, June 11 (PIB): Hyderabad hosted a major roadshow on coal and lignite gasification projects, organized by the Ministry of Coal, bringing together industry leaders, investors, technology providers and government representatives. The event focused on promoting cleaner and value-added use of India's vast coal reserves while attracting investments into the emerging coal gasification sector. Addressing the gathering, Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy said India possesses nearly 400 billion tonnes of coal reserves, the fifth largest in the world, and emphasized the need to utilize these resources more efficiently. He described coal gasification as a transformative technology capa-



ble of converting coal into valuable products such as methanol, ammonia and industrial chemicals. The Minister noted that India still imports large quantities of fertilizer feedstocks and

chemical products, resulting in significant foreign exchange outflow. Coal gasification, he said, can help reduce import dependence, strengthen energy security and support the vision of

an Atmanirbhar Bharat. Kishan Reddy highlighted the Union Cabinet's approval of a ₹46,000-crore scheme to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects, calling it a major step towards industrial growth and energy diversification. He also invited industry stakeholders to provide suggestions on the draft Request for Proposal (RFP), which has been placed in the public domain. The roadshow underscored the Centre's commitment to creating an investor-friendly ecosystem through policy support, transparency and ease of doing business. Officials expressed confidence that India is poised to emerge as a major global destination for coal gasification investments.

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EDITORIAL

When the Monsoon Pauses,
the Economy Holds Its Breath

The southwest monsoon is more than a weather phenomenon for India—it is the lifeline of the nation's agriculture and a critical driver of economic activity. This year, the monsoon arrived ahead of schedule and advanced rapidly across large parts of the country, raising hopes of a strong agricultural season. However, the recent slowdown in its progress has sparked concerns among farmers, policymakers, and economists alike. While temporary pauses in monsoon activity are not unusual, a prolonged break could have significant consequences for agriculture, inflation, and overall economic growth. Nearly half of India's cultivated land remains dependent on rainfall. The success of key kharif crops such as rice, cotton, soybean, pulses, and maize largely depends on the timely arrival and consistent distribution of monsoon rains. Any extended dry spell during the sowing period can delay planting, reduce acreage, and ultimately affect crop yields. For millions of farmers, especially small and marginal cultivators, such uncertainty can translate into financial distress and reduced incomes.

The implications extend well beyond the farm sector. Agriculture continues to play a crucial role in controlling food inflation. A weak or uneven monsoon often leads to lower agricultural output, pushing up the prices of essential commodities such as vegetables, pulses, cereals, and edible oils. Rising food prices, in turn, place additional pressure on household budgets and complicate the task of monetary policymakers seeking to maintain price stability. A slowdown in agricultural activity can also affect rural demand, which has emerged as an important pillar of India's consumption-driven economy. Higher farm incomes typically stimulate spending on consumer goods, housing, automobiles, and services in rural areas. Conversely, concerns over crop prospects can dampen purchasing power and slow economic momentum. Given that rural India accounts for a substantial share of domestic consumption, the ripple effects can be felt across multiple sectors.

At the same time, there is no reason for alarm yet. Experts point out that temporary pauses are a normal feature of the monsoon cycle. What matters more is the overall seasonal rainfall and its distribution across regions. Advances in irrigation, improved seed varieties, weather forecasting, and govt support mechanisms have also enhanced the resilience of Indian agriculture compared to previous decades. Nevertheless, Current pause serves as a reminder of India's continued vulnerability to climatic fluctuations. As climate change increases the frequency of extreme weather events and erratic rainfall patterns, strengthening irrigation infrastructure and encouraging climate-resilient farming practices must become national priorities.

AI's Appetite, Nature's Burden:
Who Pays for the Digital Future?

The world is witnessing an unprecedented race to build artificial intelligence infrastructure. Governments hail AI as the next industrial revolution. Technology giants are investing hundreds of billions of dollars in data centres, advanced chips, and digital networks. From healthcare and education to governance and business, AI promises to transform every aspect of human life. Yet, behind this technological optimism lies a question that is becoming increasingly difficult to ignore: what is the environmental cost of the AI revolution? Artificial intelligence may appear weightless and virtual, but the infrastructure that powers it is anything but. Every AI query, image generation, or large-language model computation depends on vast networks of servers operating around the clock. These facilities consume enormous amounts of electricity and require massive quantities of water for cooling. As AI adoption expands, so does its demand for natural resources. Across the world, local communities are beginning to push back against new data-centre projects. Their concerns are not driven by opposition to technology itself but by fears that essential resources are being diverted from public needs. In many regions, residents worry that data centres could strain already stressed



power grids, increase electricity costs, and compete with households and agriculture for scarce water supplies. The question is not whether AI should grow, but whether that growth is occurring in a sustainable and equitable manner. The irony is striking. Many of the same companies promoting AI as a tool to fight climate change are simultaneously building infrastructure that consumes unprecedented levels of energy. While technology firms increasingly rely on renewable energy sources, the pace of AI expansion often exceeds the growth of clean energy capacity. As a result, some regions are being forced to extend the life of fossil-fuel power plants or invest in additional conventional power generation to meet rising demand. For developing countries such as India, the challenge

is even more complex. AI presents enormous opportunities for economic growth, innovation, and global competitiveness. India cannot afford to be left behind in the digital age. At the same time, the country faces pressing concerns related to water security, energy access, and environmental sustainability. The pursuit of technological leadership must not come at the expense of ecological balance. The debate, therefore, should not be framed as a choice between technology and the environment. The real challenge is ensuring that innovation proceeds responsibly. Governments must establish clear environmental standards for data centres, encourage energy-efficient AI systems, mandate greater transparency regarding resource consumption, and prioritize renewable energy integration.

Technology companies, too, must accept that sustainability cannot remain a public-relations slogan; it must become a core business responsibility. History shows that every industrial revolution has carried hidden costs that society recognized only later. The AI revolution offers a chance to avoid repeating that mistake. Progress should not be measured solely by faster algorithms and larger models but also by whether innovation respects the limits of the planet that sustains it. The digital future undoubtedly belongs to AI. The question is whether humanity can build that future without placing an unbearable burden on the environment. If the benefits are shared by all, then the costs must not be borne by nature alone.



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MLM Racket Busted in Hyderabad

Hyderabad: Hyderabad City Police have busted an alleged multi-level marketing (MLM) racket operating under the name "IGNITE" and arrested six persons from four states, preventing what officials described as a potential ₹5,000-crore fraud. Addressing a press conference on Thursday, Hyderabad Police Commissioner V. C. Sajjanar said the operation, code-named "Operation Ignite Crackdown", targeted a network allegedly linked to the controversial QNET money circulation model.

The accused were arrested from Kerala, West Bengal, Delhi and Uttar Pradesh. Police said the operation was launched just 18 days after the entity began operations in India, helping authorities stop the alleged scam before it expanded further. According to investigators, IGNITE is the latest version of a business model previously associated with Gold Quest, QuestNet, QNET and Vihann Direct Selling. Officials alleged that the same network has resurfaced under different names over

the last three decades. The case came to light after three Hyderabad residents lodged complaints between June 5 and 6. The victims reported paying amounts ranging between ₹61,639 and ₹63,899 after being approached through WhatsApp messages, online Zoom presentations and direct recruitment efforts. Police found that all payments were routed to a single bank account belonging to Parasnath Mercantile Private Limited in Kolkata, indicating a coordinated collection system. Three FIRs were

registered and later transferred to the Central Crime Station (CCS) for detailed investigation after officers suspected the emergence of a new QNET-style network. The arrested persons include recruiters, company directors and field operatives allegedly involved in promoting the scheme and enrolling new members. Police said preliminary investigations revealed that IGNITE operates through a multi-level marketing structure and is linked to individuals previously associated with QNET-related cases.

Illegal Medical Shop Busted

Karimnagar: Telangana's Drugs Control Administration (DCA) raided an unlicensed medical shop in Choppadandi village of Karimnagar district and seized medicines worth ₹5.51 lakh. Acting on specific information, DCA officials conducted the raid on Wednesday and found that Mallarapu Akhil was operating the medical store without a valid drug licence. During the inspection, authorities discovered 28 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, IV fluids, painkillers and diagnostic test kits, stocked for sale illegally. The seized stock was taken into custody and samples were collected for laboratory analysis. Officials said further investigation is underway and legal action will be initiated against those responsible. The DCA also warned wholesalers and dealers that supplying medicines to unlicensed shops is a punishable offence under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. Authorities stated that dis-



tributors must verify the validity of a drug licence before supplying medicines. The department reminded the public that selling medicines without a licence can attract imprisonment of up to five years. Consumers were advised to purchase medicines only from licensed medical stores and avoid buying drugs from unregulated online platforms or unauthorised sellers. Officials reiterated that licensed pharmacies are required to prominently display their drug licences issued by the Telangana Drugs Control Administration.

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The 2026 World Cup is officially underway, with co-host Mexico opening the tournament Thursday with a 2-0 win over South Africa at Estadio Azteca in Mexico City. Julián Quiñones gave El Tri an early lead with the first goal of the tournament just nine minutes in, before Raúl Jiménez doubled the advantage in the second half to secure the victory in the opening match.

Shakira Shines at FIFA Opener

Mexico City: Global music icon Shakira electrified the opening ceremony of the 2026 FIFA World Cup, delivering a dazzling performance at the iconic Estadio Azteca before the tournament's opening match between Mexico and South Africa. Sharing the spotlight with Nigerian star Burna Boy, Shakira performed the tournament's official anthem "Dai Dai," setting the tone for a football festival that will feature 48 nations over nearly six weeks. The opening ceremony also included performances by legendary tenor Andrea Bocelli and K-pop artist EJAE. On the field, the hosts made a dream start as Julián Quiñones scored in the ninth minute after capitalising on a defensive error and a clever assist from Erik Lira. Veteran striker Raúl Jiménez later doubled Mexico's advantage with a header, delighting the home crowd. The 2026 edition is expected to be the biggest FIFA World Cup yet, with projected revenues estimated at around \$13 billion. However, the tournament has also faced criticism over soaring ticket prices and travel-related issues affecting some officials and supporters. Defending the pricing policy ahead of kickoff, Gianni Infantino argued that entry-level tickets remained affordable compared to major sporting events in North America and maintained that the average ticket price was competitive. With a colourful opening ceremony, enthusiastic fans and an energetic start from the hosts, the World Cup has officially begun on a festive note in Mexico City.

2027 ODI World Cup Set for October 4 Start

The 2027 ICC Men's ODI World Cup is provisionally scheduled to be held from October 4 to November 21, across South Africa, Zimbabwe, and Namibia, ESPNcricinfo reported. The dates were agreed upon during the ICC board meeting in Ahmedabad in May, with final confirmation expected at the ICC Annual General Meeting in Edinburgh in July. According to the report, South Africa is likely to host the majority of matches, with at least 41 out of 54 games taking place across eight venues. Zimbabwe is expected to stage

between eight and ten matches across three venues, including Victoria Falls, Harare Sports Club, and Queens in Bulawayo. Namibia will host three games. The newly built Fale Mosi-oa-Tunya International Cricket Stadium in Zimbabwe is set to host domestic matches this year before its official inauguration next May. Plans for South Africa to travel to Zimbabwe in August to open the stadium as an international venue have been postponed. The 2027 ODI World Cup will mark the first men's tournament in Africa since

2003. South Africa has, however, hosted the 2007 T20 World Cup, 2009 Champions Trophy, and 2023 Women's T20 World Cup. Zimbabwe and Namibia recently co-hosted the Under-19 Men's World Cup. The tournament will return to a 14-team format after the previous two editions featured 10 teams. Teams will be divided into two groups of seven, with the top three from each group advancing to the Super Six stage. South Africa and Zimbabwe, as Full Members, automatically qualify.

DM&HO Conducts Surprise Inspection

Hyderabad, June 11: Newly appointed District Medical and Health Officer (DM&HO) Hyderabad, Dr. Putla Srinivas, conducted a surprise inspection of the Urban Primary Health Centre (UPHC) at Musheerabad on Thursday to review healthcare services and ongoing public health programmes. During the visit, the DM&HO inspected key facilities, including the ultrasound unit, X-ray unit, laboratory, TB unit, medical store, vaccine storage units (ILRs), and outpatient registers to assess infrastructure and service delivery. Chairing a review meeting with the Medical Officer and staff, Dr. Srinivas directed officials to increase institutional deliveries at government hospitals and strengthen maternal healthcare services. He also emphasized expanding Non-Communicable Disease (NCD) screening and intensifying immunization drives to achieve 100 percent monthly targets. Stressing the importance of discipline and patient care, he instructed staff to maintain punctuality, adhere to duty schedules, and ensure timely, quality medical services for the public. While expressing satisfaction with the overall functioning of the health centre, Dr. Srinivas suggested further improvements to enhance patient care and service efficiency.





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Preity Enters Jewellery Business

Mumbai: Actor and entrepreneur Preity Zinta has expanded her business portfolio by launching Jacarti Jewellery, a luxury fine jewellery brand that combines traditional Indian craftsmanship with modern design technology. The actress unveiled the brand's flagship store in Mumbai's Bandra area alongside her partners Samara Punjabi and Priyavrata Mafatlal. Sharing the announcement on social media, Preity expressed excitement about entering the luxury jewellery sector. Jacarti focuses on reimagining classic Indian jewellery by blending age-old Polki and Jadau techniques with advanced 3D and CAD design technology. The brand aims to create lighter, more comfortable pieces while preserving the richness and elegance of traditional craftsmanship. The collections feature 22-carat gold, natural Syndicate Polki diamonds and premium gemstones. According to the brand, the use of modern technology allows artisans to retain intricate traditional designs without the excessive weight usually associated with heritage jewellery. Speaking about the venture, Preity said Jacarti is dedicated to women who embrace tradition while confidently shaping their own future. She described the jewellery as a celebration of self-expression and empowerment. Highlighting the innovation behind the designs, Preity noted that the brand's lightweight jewellery allows women to enjoy traditional pieces comfortably. She said customers can wear elaborate earrings and other ornaments for long hours without discomfort. With Jacarti, Preity joins the growing list of celebrities venturing into the luxury lifestyle and fashion business, bringing together heritage craftsmanship and contemporary elegance for modern consumers.



Hrithik Joins Jailer 2

Mumbai: Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan is set to make a special cameo in Jailer 2, marking his on-screen reunion with superstar Rajinikanth nearly 40 years after they appeared together in Bhagwaan Dada. According to reports, music composer Anirudh Ravichander is creating a special background score exclusively for Hrithik's entry sequence, which is expected to be one of the film's major highlights. Sources indicate that Hrithik's role will be action-packed and play a crucial part in advancing the story. The actor is expected to shoot his portions in Chennai on June 22 and 23, while multiple look tests are currently underway. Interestingly, Hrithik and Rajinikanth last shared screen space in the 1986 film Bhagwaan Dada, where a young Hrithik played the foster son of Rajinikanth's character. Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar and produced by Sun Pictures, Jailer 2 features a star-studded cast including Mohanlal, Shiva Rajkumar, Vijay Sethupathi, Mithun Chakraborty, S. J. Suryah, Ramya Krishnan, Vidya Balan and Yogi Babu. The film is expected to release in September 2026, though an official announcement regarding Hrithik's cameo is yet to be made.



A Thousand Memories

Hyderabad: Actress Priya Bhavani Shankar has bid an emotional farewell to the sets of director Shiva Nirvana's much-awaited film Irumudi, sharing a series of candid photographs and heartfelt memories from the shoot.



The actress, who stars opposite Telugu star Ravi Teja, said the team completed the film with countless memories, laughter and unforgettable moments. Taking to Instagram, Priya shared pictures from the film's wrap-up day and reflected on the journey. "We shot scenes, took home a thousand memories, collected a few inside jokes, laughed at things that weren't supposed to be funny, and somehow finished a film. What a lovely journey this has been," she wrote. The post quickly drew attention from fans, who appreciated the bond shared by the cast and crew during the making of the film. Irumudi has already generated significant buzz among moviegoers. Directed by Shiva Nirvana and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film is expected to blend devotion, emotion and family drama. The title itself carries spiritual significance, referring to the sacred offering carried by devotees of Lord Ayyappa during pilgrimage. The glimpse released by the makers showcased Ravi Teja in a powerful role as a devoted father whose life takes a dramatic turn after a tragic incident. The teaser highlighted an emotional father-daughter relationship, with the actor later embracing the path of an Ayyappa devotee in a journey of redemption and self-discovery. Sources close to the production say the film will present Ravi Teja in a never-seen-before avatar, with a story that combines spiritual depth and mass appeal. Priya Bhavani Shankar plays the female lead, while child artiste Baby Nakshathra essays the role of Ravi Teja's daughter.

Jacqueline Plea Deferred



New Delhi: A Supreme Court judge on Thursday recused himself from hearing actor Jacqueline Fernandez's plea challenging the charges framed against her in the ₹200-crore money laundering case linked to alleged conman Suresh Chandrashekhar. A bench comprising Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and Atul S. Chandurkar was hearing the matter when Justice Mishra stated that he could not continue with the case as his son had appeared on behalf of the government in a connected matter. He directed that the case be listed before another bench. The matter has now been posted for hearing on June 25. Jacqueline has approached the apex court challenging a Delhi High Court order that refused to quash the Enforcement Directorate's prosecution complaint and a trial court order framing charges against her under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Earlier this month, the actor appeared before a Delhi court and pleaded not guilty to the charges. She informed the court that she intended to contest the case on merits and was prepared to face trial.

Governor Creates Buzz

Mumbai: Anticipation is building for Governor as the film has started trending on BookMyShow ahead of its theatrical release, reflecting strong audience interest. Starring Manoj Bajpayee in the lead role, the film is set against the backdrop of India's 1991 economic crisis and narrates the story of an unsung hero who played a crucial role in steering the nation through one of its toughest financial periods. Manoj Bajpayee portrays the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, whose key decisions help the country navigate the crisis. To attract moviegoers, the makers have introduced a special promotional campaign inspired by the 1990s. Tickets are being offered from ₹50 through a discount code, "Governor90".

CID Notice to Sunny Leone

Bengaluru: The Karnataka CID has issued a notice to actor Sunny Leone as part of its investigation into an alleged ₹2,400-crore investment fraud linked to Shivam Associates. Investigators have sought details regarding payments made to the actress for her appearance in a Kannada film project reportedly produced by the main accused, Shivanand Neelannavar. Officials clarified that the notice is part of routine evidence gathering and does not suggest any wrongdoing by Sunny Leone. According to preliminary findings, the actress was reportedly paid around ₹1 crore for featuring in the song Dingara Billi Naanu from the 2023 Kannada film Champion.



Priyanka Applauds Maa Behen

Global star Priyanka Chopra Jonas has heaped praise on Netflix's latest comedy-drama Maa Behen, calling it a "clever" and "well-done" film. Sharing the movie's poster on Instagram Stories, Priyanka lauded the performances of Madhuri Dixit, Triptii Dimri and content creator-actor Dharna Durga. She described Madhuri as a "scene stealer" and praised Triptii for delivering an impressive performance. Priyanka also congratulated director Suresh Triveni, saying the film was honest, cinematic and backed by a strong creative vision. Directed by Suresh Triveni, Maa Behen revolves around three women from the same family. Madhuri Dixit plays a widow, while Triptii Dimri and Dharna Durga portray her daughters. The story takes a dramatic and humorous turn when the sisters return home after receiving an urgent call from their mother and discover that a neighbour, played by Ravi Kishan, has died inside their house. Blending humour with social commentary, the film explores themes of patriarchy and the everyday challenges faced by women. Since its release on Netflix, Maa Behen has been receiving positive reviews from audiences and celebrities alike.



U/A for Bangaaram

Hyderabad: Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu's much-awaited action family entertainer Maa Inti Bangaaram has received a U/A certificate from the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), clearing the way for its worldwide theatrical release on June 19. Announcing the development, the makers said the film is a complete family entertainer with a refreshing twist, promising a blend of emotion, humour and high-octane action. Directed by Nandini Reddy and produced under Samantha's banner Tralala Moving Pictures, the film has already generated considerable buzz through its intriguing trailer. The trailer introduces Samantha as a mysterious woman who arrives at her boyfriend's home, only to face a barrage of questions from family members eager to know more about her background. While she appears calm on the surface, it soon becomes clear that she is hiding a dangerous past.

