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Public government focus on Sitarama project.. We will provide irrigation water up to the last ayacut: MLA Jare Adinarayana

Khammam:The public government's goal is to provide irrigation water to every acre in the state, and MLA Jare Adinarayana has made it clear that the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project will be completed on a war footing and water will be supplied up to the last ayacut. MLA Jare Adinarayana inspected the work of the Sitarama Lift Irrigation Project in the joint Khammam district on Thursday along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and Revenue, Housing and Information and Civil Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy. Later, a high-level review meeting was held with the officials. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders said that the main goal of the government is to provide irrigation water up to the last ayacut by utilizing the Godavari waters to the maximum through gravity and lift methods. He said that the government is implementing strict action to complete the project quickly with the necessary technical changes so that the work undertaken in the past does not go to waste. He revealed that every ru-



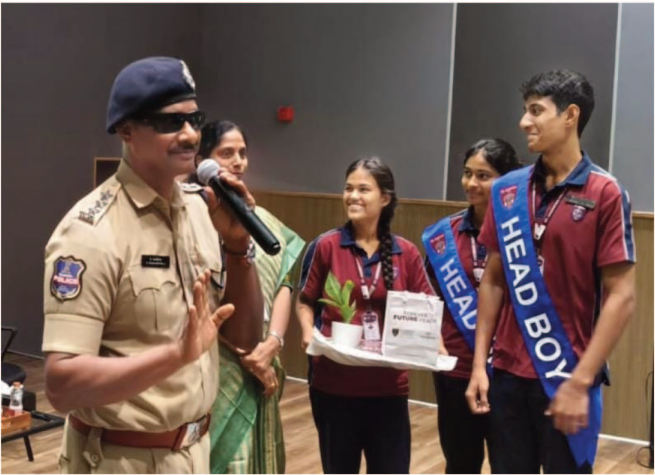
pee received in the form of public taxes is being used responsibly to accelerate the construction of the project, and steps are being taken to connect the Vaira and Paleru reservoirs with the construction of distributary canals, link canals

and tunnels to provide irrigation water up to Sathupalli. He said that continuous reviews have been conducted on the progress of the project work with a monthly action plan and clear instructions have been given to the officials to

complete the work within the stipulated time. Several MLAs, local public representatives, officials of various departments, Congress party leaders and activists participated in the program.

Traffic Police Conduct Road Safety Awareness Programme at St. Andrew's High School

Hyderabad : | As part of the 'Arrive Alive' road safety initiative, the Traffic Police conducted a Traffic Awareness Programme at St. Andrew's High School, Bowenpally, on July 15 under the jurisdiction of Begumpet Traffic Police Station. The programme was organised in accordance with the directions of B. Sumathi, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Malkajgiri Commissionerate, and K. Rahul Reddy, IPS, Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic-I, Malkajgiri. The awareness session aimed to educate students on the importance of road safety and responsible road behaviour. Addressing the gathering, G. Shankar Raju, ACP, Traffic, Trimulgherry Division, highlighted the dangers of over-speeding, drunken driving, underage driving, triple riding and the use of mobile phones while driving. Students were advised to wear helmets and seat belts at all times, obey traffic signals, maintain lane discipline and strictly adhere to traffic regulations.

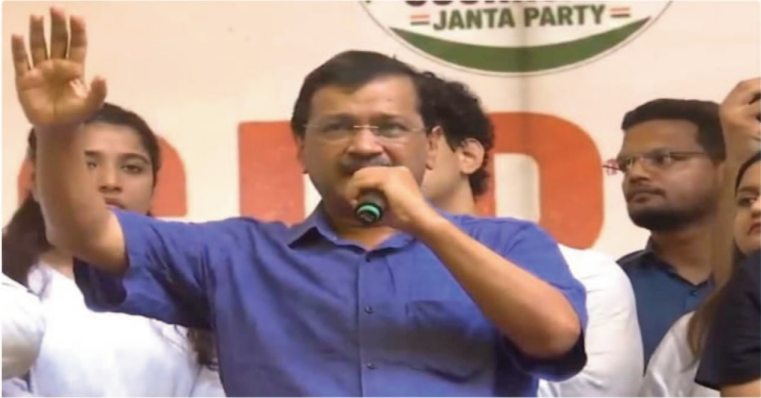


Special emphasis was laid on the legal consequences of underage driving, with students being urged not to ride or drive motor vehicles until they attain the prescribed age and obtain a valid driving licence. The programme was attended by Anjana Joseph, Principal; Vasudha, Vice Principal; Esther, Coordinator (Events); M. Srikanth, General Manager; Ayoob Khan, CSO; Selvaraj, Transport Manager; along with faculty members, staff and students of St. Andrew's High

School, Bowenpally. Participants actively interacted during the session, sought clarifications on traffic regulations and road safety measures, and appreciated the efforts of the Traffic Police in promoting awareness among young citizens. The programme concluded with an enthusiastic response from the students, who pledged to become responsible road users and ambassadors of road safety within their families and communities.

Dharmendra Pradhan should resign - Kejriwal

New Delhi: Political support for prominent education reform activist Sonam Wangchuk, who is continuing an indefinite hunger strike at Jantar Mantar, is increasing day by day. On Thursday, Aam Aadmi Party national convener and former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal himself visited the hunger strike camp and expressed solidarity with Wangchuk. On this occasion, Kejriwal, who severely criticized the central government, demanded the immediate resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Moreover, he made sensational comments saying, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi should take a decision to appoint Sonam Wangchuk as the Union Education Minister in place of Dharmendra Pradhan." He believed that if we want to bring transparency and accountability in the country's education system, a person like Wangchuk should be given responsibility. Kejriwal said that every year, competitive exam question papers are being leaked and lakhs of students are paying the price for it. He urged the government to im-



mediately listen to the grievances of students, the voice of the youth and the demands of Sonam Wangchuk. "In 2011, we held an anti-corruption movement at this very Jantar Mantar along with Anna Hazare. The then government lost power because it did not listen to the people. Now too, if the central government neglects the youth, the same situation will arise," Kejriwal warned the center. Meanwhile, Ladakh-based engineer, education reform activist and environmentalist Sonam Wangchuk has been on an indefinite hunger strike at Jantar Mantar for the

past 19 days.

He is demanding that Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan resign, taking moral responsibility for the alleged irregularities and paper leak incident in the 2026 NEET-UG exam.

Wangchuk has reportedly lost over 9 kg due to the fast. Doctors are warning that his health condition is deteriorating. In this context, the Delhi High Court intervened and ordered the Central and Delhi governments to check Wangchuk's health every day and provide immediate treatment if necessary.

TMC MP Rukmini Mallick resigns from Rajya Sabha membership.. Meeting with BJP leader creates uproar in politics

Kolkata:The Trinamool Congress (TMC) is facing a series of setbacks in West Bengal politics. While several key leaders have already left the party, the latest resignation of Rajya Sabha member Rukmini Mallick from her MP post has led to intense debate in political circles. It is noteworthy that she personally met the Rajya Sabha Chairman in Delhi and submitted her resignation letter and requested for immediate acceptance. Rukmini Mallick became the fourth MP from TMC to resign from Rajya Sabha membership after the Bengal Assembly elections. Earlier, Sukhendu Shekhar Roy, Sushmita Dev and Prakash Chik Baraik also resigned from their posts. This has further strengthened the campaign that dissatisfaction with Mamata Banerjee's leadership is growing day by day. After her resignation, Rukmini Mallick met senior BJP leader Bhupendra Yadav at his residence, which has sparked fresh speculation in politics. Will she join the BJP? Or will she start a new political journey with the rebel MPs? The debate is going on in full swing. Rukmini Mallick, who was selected by Mamata Banerjee herself and nominated to the Rajya Sabha in February this year, took oath as an MP in March. However, it is noteworthy that she resigned without even attending a single session of Parliament after taking charge as an MP. The situation is not in TMC's favor in the Lok Sabha either. 20 rebel MPs, including Sudeep Bandyopadhyay and Kakali Ghosh Dastidar, left the party and joined the NCPI (National Citizens Party of India)***, and later announced their support for the NDA. This significantly reduced the strength of the TMC. Reacting to these developments, Mamata Banerjee's comment, "Anyone who wants to change the party due to pressure from the central investigation agencies



can leave before July 21 'Shaheed Diwas'. Go wherever you like," became a political sensation. A series of resignations in the TMC, the departure of key leaders, and meetings with the BJP... Analysts believe that all these developments are signs of major changes in West Bengal politics.

'NCR Gurdwara Foundation' Formed for the First Time in NCR's History An Initiative to Unite Gurdwaras on a Single Platform – Dr. Gurpreet Singh Rammi

Ghaziabad. For the first time in the history of the NCR, the "NCR Gurdwara Foundation" has been formed with the aim of uniting Gurdwaras on a common platform. Representatives of Gurdwaras from various NCR cities, prominent members of the Sikh community, and office-bearers of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management Committee participated in this historic event held in Ghaziabad and welcomed the initiative. During the event, the responsibility of leading the foundation was unanimously entrusted to Dr. Gurpreet Singh Rammi (known as 'Oxygen Man').

Speaking on the occasion, he stated that a strong committee would be formed by bringing together representatives from every city in the NCR; this would enable issues concerning Gurdwaras and the Sangat (congregation) to



be raised collectively and ensure their effective resolution. Office-bearers—including the President and Secretary—and committee members of the Delhi Sikh Gurdwara Management

Committee, along with representatives from various NCR Gurdwaras, attended the event and described the formation of the foundation as the need of the hour.

SWARNAKSHETRA AT NOIDA'S SECTOR 61 HOSTS RATHAYATRA

Noida, :B Srinibas patro, correspondent, Odisha, Rathayatra was celebrated at Shri Swarnakshetra located in the premises of Royal Garden Estate of Sector 61, Noida with much pomp and massive fanfare. Commencing from the early hours of dawn special rituals were performed before the Deities at the temple amidst utmost solemnity and unfettered devotion. At around 8.00 a.m. in the morning Pahandi Bije of Deities started. First God Sudarshan, then Lord Balabhadra followed by Devi Subhadra and at last

Lord of the Universe Shri Jagannath were taken by the devotees in Dhadi Pahandi to the colourfully decorated horse driven Cart Chariot. Around 2,000 Odia and non-Odia devotees residing in sectors 61, 52, 53 and 33 of Noida congregated here to witness the Car Festival being organised for the first time here. Being hosted jointly by Hindu Sammilani Samiti, Royal Garden Estate Mandir Samiti and Samudayik Vikas Samiti, unusual interest, unexpected enthusiasm and unprecedented excitements were visible



among both the organisers and participants during the Grand Ceremony. The entire arrangements were conduct-

ed smoothly with the help of 200 volunteers under the active and able supervision of the main organiser eminent

EDITORIAL

Yemen is edging closer to renewed confrontation

In the space of just a few days, Yemen appeared to be slipping out of its fragile de-escalation and back into the heart of regional tensions. The incident involving the Iranian aircraft that entered Yemeni airspace was not merely a dispute over a flight. It exposed the extent to which the war in Yemen has become intertwined with the confrontation between the United States and Iran, and raised an old question in a new form: Can Yemen remain outside any broader regional escalation?

list of 4 items list 1 of 4 50 Houthi fighters killed in renewed clashes in Yemen list 2 of 4 Somalia warns Israel against meddling in Somaliland list 3 of 4 What is going on in Yemen? list 4 of 4 Yemen's Houthis threaten Saudi Arabia after alleged airspace intrusion end of list The Iranian aircraft's attempt to land in Sanaa, the subsequent targeting of the airport runway to prevent it from doing so and its eventual landing in Hodeidah opened a dispute that extends far beyond civil aviation. The internationally recognised Yemeni government and Saudi Arabia treated the flight as a test of sovereignty and of Iran's ability to establish a direct link with Houthi-controlled areas. The Houthis and Tehran, meanwhile, presented it as an attempt to break the restrictions imposed on Sanaa. The Houthis' response against Saudi Arabia was therefore not entirely unexpected. Their targeting of Abha airport in retaliation for the strike on Sanaa airport that prevented the aircraft from landing marked the first Houthi-claimed attack on Saudi Arabia since the informal truce began in March 2022.

So far, however, the attack has remained limited, and Saudi Arabia has not responded with a full-scale military campaign. This suggests that, despite the heightened escalation, both sides are still proceeding with careful calculations. Advertisement It was in this context that the US Department of State responded to a question from a television channel about reports that President Donald Trump had given Saudi Arabia the green light to act against the Houthis.

Washington did not explicitly confirm those reports. It said it was monitoring them, before firmly affirming its support for Saudi Arabia in confronting what it described as Iranian aggression, including attacks by the Iran-backed Houthis. More importantly, State Department directly linked Houthi attacks and the threats the group has issued to core US interests in the region, foremost among them freedom of navigation in the Red Sea and preventing the export of terrorism. This language does not mean that a decision to go to war has been made.

But it does indicate that the Houthis' place in US calculations has changed. Get instant alerts and updates based on your interests. Be the first to know when big stories happen. Yes, keep me updated The group is no longer viewed solely as a Yemeni actor, but as part of Iran's network of influence, capable of threatening both Saudi Arabia and the Red Sea.



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Vote is the foundation of democracy.. Every eligible person should register their name in the list: AP Jitender Reddy

Mahabubnagar: Former MP and Sports Affairs Advisor to the Telangana Government A.P. Jitender Reddy has called for every eligible citizen to register his name in the voter list and verify its details. As part of the Special Voter List Revision Program (SIR - Special Intensive Revision), he along with his family members submitted the SIR forms to the concerned BLO Lakshmi in Mahabubnagar. On this occasion, A.P. Narendra Reddy, A.P. Mithun Reddy and other family members also completed the process of registering their names in the voter list, editing their details and verifying them. Speaking on the occasion, Jitender Reddy said, "The right to vote is a precious right granted to every citizen by the



Constitution. If your name is not in the voter list, you will lose the opportunity to exercise your right to vote. Therefore, every eligible person should check whether his name is in the list and, if necessary, register anew, make changes and additions immediately." He urged people to take advantage of the special amendment program and cooperate with the BLOs who visit their homes and submit the necessary documents. He stated that the participation of every voter is crucial in further strengthening democracy.

Gurramgadda to be developed as a tourist destination on the lines of Jurala: Deputy Collectors Krishna coast to be a tourist destination for Gurramgadda.. Issues in Gram Sabha rise.. Officials assure on bridge, medical facilities, Anganwadi

Gadwala:Jogulamba Gadwala District Deputy Collectors Nannuri Manoj Kumar Reddy and G. Raj Kumar said that steps will be taken to develop Gurramgadda village, which is recognized for its natural beauty, spirituality and tourism opportunities on the banks of the Krishna River, into a prominent tourist destination on the lines of Jurala. The officials who visited Gurramgadda village on Thursday to create awareness among the people about the Bhu Bharati Re-Survey program held a Gram Sabha. The officials who reached the village walked along the temporary path set up by the villagers as the water level in the Krishna River decreased and inspected the conditions there firsthand. Problems in the Gram Sabha After explaining the Bhu Bharati re-survey process, accuracy of land records and benefits to farmers in the Gram Sabha, the villagers brought their problems to the attention of the authorities. They expressed their concern that when the Krishna river swells, boat travel becomes the only way, and the construction of the bridge sanctioned seven years ago is still not completed and they are facing severe difficulties during the rainy season. They requested that the bridge work be completed on a war footing. They explained that every time the water level in the river decreases, the villagers themselves spend Rs. 3 to Rs. 4 lakh to create a temporary road, and that government bills have been pending for the last two years. Appeal on medical, Anganwadi and land allocation The villagers said that people are facing serious problems due to lack of health services in the village, and they requested that an ANM be appointed immediately and a health sub-center be started. They expressed their concern that even though the new Anganwadi building is ready, children and pregnant women are deprived of nutrition due to the vacant posts of teachers and other posts. They appealed to allocate government lands to poor families without cultivable land as per the rules. After inspecting schools and Anganwadi centers, the officials visited a government primary school and inspected the earning standards of the students. They inspected the



newly constructed Anganwadi center and inspected its quality. Responding to the fact that the staff or the building was unusable, they assured that they would bring the problem to the attention of higher authorities and take steps to resolve it. Poojas at the Jammulamma temple.. Study on tourism opportunities The deputy collectors, who conducted special poojas at the Sri Jammulamma Ammavari temple, the revered deity of the Gadwal region, examined the request made by the villagers to provide basic facilities like ghat steps, bathing ghats, rest rooms and toilets in the vicinity of the temple. Later, the officials, who took a boat trip in the Krishna river along with the locals, examined the geographical conditions. He believed that Gurramgadda has the potential to be developed into a prominent tourist destination on the lines of Jurala, with the natural beauty of the Krishna River, peaceful atmosphere, boating opportunities, and the specialty of local fish dishes. Village elders, revenue officials, staff, and a large number of villagers participated in the program.



Nirmal, an awareness programme was organized by the Forest Department on the occasion of "World Snake Day" (16th July) at the Government Junior College, Sarangapur Mandal of Nirmal district by the Sarangapur section staff of Nirmal range. Addressing the gathering by Mohammad Nazeer Khan, Deputy Range Officer, Sarangapur, highlighted the vital role snakes play in maintaining ecological balance, explained that snakes help farmers by controlling rodents and other pests that damage crops, thereby contributing significantly to agriculture and the environment. He emphasized that protecting snakes is the responsibility of every citizen. Further clarified that not all snakes are venomous. Only a few species are venomous, while the majority are non-venomous. Further dispelled common myths, fears, and misconceptions about snakes and advised the public not to kill snakes when encountered. Instead, they should immediately inform the Forest Department or trained snake rescuers for their safe rescue and release. On this occasion, Mr. Shaik Yasin, a snake rescuer and social worker, shared his experiences and the services he has been rendering in snake conservation. He educated the students about different species of snakes, their identification, and the precautions to be taken when encountering snakes. He also answered various questions raised by the students. In recognition of his dedicated service towards snake conservation and public awareness, Mr. Shaik Yasin was felicitated by Mohammad Nazeer Khan, Dy Range Officer, Sarangapur. The department appreciated his outstanding contribution and commended his efforts in promoting wildlife conservation and educating the public. The programme successfully enhanced awareness among students about snake conservation, biodiversity, and the importance of protecting wildlife and the environment.

District SP Janaki conducts surprise inspection of CC Kunta Police Station..

Mahabubnagar: District SP D. Janaki, IPS, conducted a surprise inspection of CC Kunta Police Station in Mahabubnagar district on Thursday and thoroughly reviewed the functioning of the station. He questioned the officials on the progress of pending cases, quality of investigation, record management, execution of warrants, and status of cases under court hearing and issued several key orders. The SP made it clear that steps should be taken to complete every pending case expeditiously and ensure speedy justice to the victims with quality investigation. He ordered that action should be taken to file charge sheets with solid evidence, especially in grave cases, and that steps should be taken to punish the criminals. He suggested that the Beat system should be further strengthened to control crime in the district and continuous surveillance should be maintained on suspicious persons village-wise. He made it clear to the SIs to monitor the movements of old criminals, rowdy sheeters and history sheeters from time to time



and take action to prevent crimes. In the wake of increasing cyber crimes and online financial frauds, he suggested that widespread awareness programs be organized among the rural people and that people be alerted so that they do not fall prey to frauds. The SP ordered that every complainant coming to the police station should be treated politely, and every complaint should be recorded transparently and resolved within the stipulated

time. He inspected the cleanliness of the station, record management and staff discipline and made necessary suggestions. The District SP made several key suggestions to the staff along with CC Kunta SI Krishna Obul Reddy to provide transparent and responsible services so that the public has more confidence in the police. CC Kunta SI Krishna Obul Reddy and the police station staff participated in this inspection.

NABARD A DRIVING FORCE BEHIND RURAL TRANSFORMATION, SAYS COLLECTOR C H PRIYANKA URGES SHGS TO SEIZE FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITIES AS TELANGANA EYES ONE CRORE WOMEN MILLIONAIRES

NARAYANPET. : Highlighting the transformative role of the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) in empowering rural India, Narayanpet District Collector C.H. Priyanka on Thursday said the institution has emerged as a key pillar of the country's socio-economic development by strengthening agriculture, promoting rural entrepreneurship and empowering women through sustainable financial support. Addressing the NABARD Day celebrations and training programme at the Skill Development Training Centre near Singaram Junction, the Collector said NABARD has been playing a crucial role in refinancing, supporting farmers, strengthening Self-Help Groups (SHGs), promoting natural farming and financing rural development projects. She inaugurated the programme by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Expressing satisfaction over NABARD's expanding footprint in Narayanpet district, the Collector said the institution's growing presence would significantly boost rural livelihoods and accelerate inclusive development. She urged SHG members to fully utilise NABARD's financial assistance, skill development initiatives and government-backed schemes to become successful entrepreneurs and improve their economic status. She Said "NABARD has remained a trusted development partner for



rural India for the last 45 years. Its officials have always responded positively to the district's developmental needs by readily extending technical guidance, preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) and ensuring financial support whenever required,". Calling upon women to think beyond borrowing, the Collector advised them to invest loans wisely, expand their businesses and create sustainable sources of income. She also encouraged them to identify local business opportunities and make effective use of government subsidies and welfare schemes. Assuring continued support from the district administration, she said NABARD and the concerned government departments would work together to provide every possible assistance to SHGs and aspiring entrepreneurs. Referring to the Telangana Government's ambitious vision of creating one crore women millionaires, the

Collector said Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy is determined to transform Narayanpet into a model district. She appealed to NABARD to continue its guidance and partnership in achieving this goal and called upon all stakeholders to contribute towards building a stronger rural economy. Earlier, trainer Srinivas delivered a presentation on strengthening Self-Help Groups, promoting women entrepreneurship and showcasing inspiring success stories. DRDO Venkat Ramulu, NABARD DDM Mahender Babu, Lead District Manager Vijay Kumar, District Industries Manager Ramalingeshwara Goud, District Horticulture Officer Sai Baba, District Mahila Samakhya President Arundhati, Secretary Padmamma, Treasurer Anjamma, Municipal Commissioner Shankar, DPMs, APMs and other officials attended the programme.

RAJESH MASALA OBJECTS TO MISUSE OF PUBLIC AMENITIES AT AMETHI BUS STAND

Amethi, UP : Rajesh Agrahari, District Panchayat Chairman and head of the Rajesh Masala brand, has expressed strong concern over reports that public utility equipment donated for passengers at the Amethi bus stand is allegedly being diverted for personal use by officials. Reacting to the issue, Agrahari said he had donated equipment worth around ₹5 lakh, including fans, drinking water facilities, and seating arrangements, from his personal earnings to improve passenger convenience. He alleged that nearly 75% of these facilities had been shifted from public areas to the private rooms of officials and staff, depriving commuters of their intended benefits. "I donated these facilities with a spirit of public service and social responsibility. When someone contributes



for the welfare of society, it is the duty of the administration to ensure that such amenities are used entirely for the benefit of the public," he said.

Verify tenants or face action, Hyderabad Police warn landlords

Hyderabad: Landlords in Hyderabad could face legal action, including hefty penalties and sealing of premises, if they rent out properties without getting tenants verified and the premises are later found linked to illegal activities, the police said. With the Hyderabad, Cyberabad and Malkajgiri police intensifying verification drives across residential colonies, apartment complexes and lodges, officials have asked landlords to ensure every tenant undergoes mandatory police verification before moving in. Officials said failure to register tenants invites strict action, and if rented premises are found being used for offences such as drug trafficking, gambling, prostitution, cyber fraud or sheltering undocumented persons, the owner too could be held accountable, with the property liable to be sealed under the law. Hawk Eye app simplifies process To make verification easier, Hyderabad Police have enabled tenant registration on the



Hawk Eye mobile application, which has a dedicated module for landlords to upload a tenant's personal details, identity documents and photographs. Those without access to the app can obtain tenant verification forms from the local police station and submit them along with the required identity and address proof. Police described tenant verification as a key preventive measure that helps flag people with a criminal background and keeps rented accommodation from being misused for illegal activities. "Don't rely only on brokers' Officials also

cautioned landlords against depending solely on brokers while renting out their properties, saying some brokers have been found to misrepresent a tenant's background in return for higher rents. This risk is compounded when owners live away from the property and remain unaware of what goes on inside, they said. As an additional safeguard, police have advised landlords to install closed circuit television (CCTV) cameras at entry points, corridors, staircases and building exteriors to aid surveillance and any future investigation.

Mumbai, July : India's benchmark equity indices ended in the green on Wednesday after a volatile trading session, with gains in banking and financial services stocks helping the markets overcome weakness in metal, information technology and realty shares. The Sensex rose 130.49 points, or 0.17 per cent, to settle at 77,185.43, while the Nifty advanced 26.45 points, or 0.11 per cent, to close at 24,074.85. Commenting on Nifty technical outlook, experts said that strong buying interest around 24,000 helped the index recover from its intra-day lows, highlighting the importance of this level as a key support. "Technically, this level will be essential to revive bullish momentum and pave the way for further upside," as per the market experts. "On the downside, the 24,000 psychological level remains the crucial support for maintaining the broader recovery structure," the analyst stated. The broader market outperformed the headline indices. The Nifty Midcap 150 index gained nearly 0.5 per cent, while the Nifty Smallcap 250 climbed around 0.75 per cent. Among sectoral indices, public sector banks emerged as the top performers, with the Nifty

Sensex, Nifty end higher in volatile trade led by banking, financial stocks



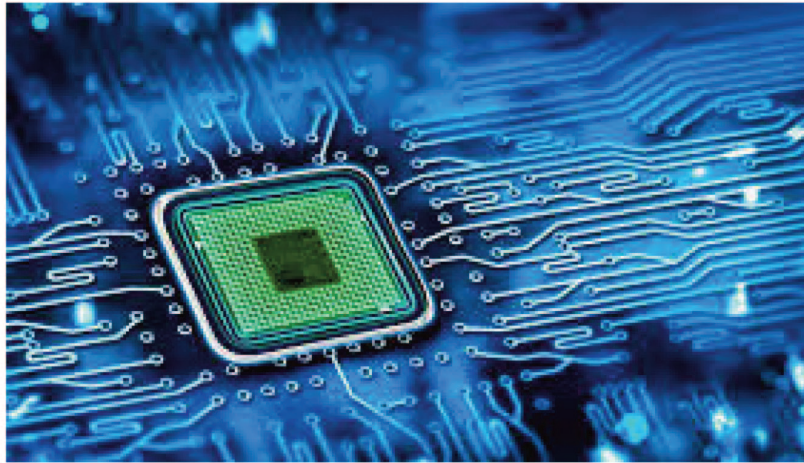
PSU Bank index rising nearly 1 per cent amid renewed buying interest in the segment. In contrast, the Nifty Metal index declined more than 1 per cent, making it the worst-performing sector of the day. Information technology, realty and fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) stocks remained under pressure, extending their recent losing streak. The pharmaceutical sector, however, ended higher for the second straight session, while the

oil and gas index rebounded after recording losses over the previous two trading sessions. Experts said that the day's trade reflected a cautious market mood, with investors selectively accumulating financial stocks while remaining wary of weakness in export-oriented and commodity-linked sectors. "While elevated crude oil prices and geopolitical risks remain key monitorables, the market's resilience reflects confidence in India's macro funda-

mentals," an analyst stated. "Going ahead, investors will closely track global cues, corporate earnings, FII flows and commodity prices for further direction," the market expert mentioned. Meanwhile, Rupee traded largely flat near 96.25, as the Dollar Index slipped below \$101 after softer-than-expected US CPI data, providing some relief to emerging market currencies. "Technically, the rupee is expected to trade in the 95.75-96.45 range

Centre approves 'Semicon 2.0' with Rs 1,27,500 crore outlay to boost chip design, manufacturing

New Delhi, July : After the success of the 'Semicon 1' initiative, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday approved the 'Semicon 2.0' scheme for the development of a domestic semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem, with a total budget outlay of Rs 1,27,500 crore. To date, 12 manufacturing units have been approved with a cumulative investment of over Rs 1.64 lakh crore. These include one silicon fab, one silicon carbide fab, an integrated gallium nitride micro LED display fab and nine packaging units, expected to cater to chip requirements of sectors such as consumer appliances, industrial electronics, automobiles, power electronics, telecommunications, aerospace, etc. Out of the 12 approved proposals, three companies -- Micron, Kaynes and CG Semi -- have started commercial production and one more is expected to start in 2026. Moreover, 24 semiconductor design projects from start-ups and MSMEs have been approved for financial support, while 105 star -ups/MSMEs have been granted access to industry-standard Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools. Recognising the requirement to build on the momentum generated under Semicon 1.0, Semicon 2.0 aims to further the government's com-



mitment towards putting our country on the semiconductor map of the world, according to a Cabinet communique. Semicon 2.0 is aimed at building the semiconductor ecosystem on six pillars. It will build upon the initial success in chip design. With 105 start-ups already started developing chips, the focus is on deepening the design ecosystem. Under Semicon 2.0, the aim is to develop IPs and designs of chips and systems with this approach, the communique said. The second pillar is 'Machines and materials.' Companies involved in the manufacturing and R&D of the machines and manufacturing of materials, chemicals and gases that are essential for manufac-

turing semiconductors will be incentivised. "This will lay the foundation for the sustainable growth of the semiconductor industry. This will also help in developing the precision manufacturing industry in our country," according to the Cabinet communique. The third pillar is setting up more fabs. With the first fab scheduled to be commissioned in 2028, the world is showing greater confidence in India's semiconductor strategy. According to the Cabinet, efforts will be made to attract more manufacturers to come to India and set up fabs to manufacture chips. As part of the fourth pillar, with the success of ATMP units, the world is now looking at India

RBI OMBUDSMAN SCHEME ALLOWS COMPENSATION OF UP TO RS 33 LAKH FOR SERVICE LAPSES

New Delhi, July : Customers whose complaints against banks or other financial institutions remain unresolved can now approach the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) under its new Integrated Ombudsman Scheme, which allows compensation of up to Rs 33 lakh in cases involving proven financial loss and service deficiencies. The Reserve Bank -- Integrated Ombudsman Scheme (RB-IOS), 2026 -- that came into effect from July -- provides a free and independent mechanism for customers to escalate complaints against banks and other RBI-regulated entities if they are dissatisfied with the response received or if the grievance remains unresolved within the prescribed time. The scheme covers banks, certain non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), non-bank prepaid payment instrument issuers, credit information companies and other regulated entities notified by the RBI. In addition, customers must first lodge their complaint with the concerned financial in-



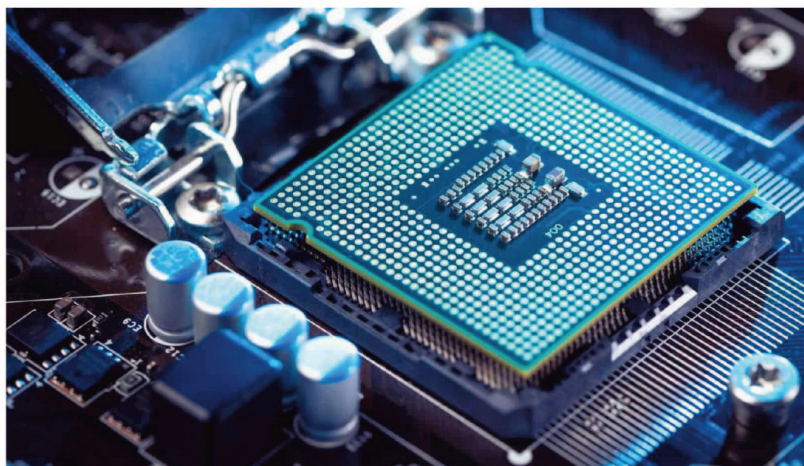
stitution. If the complaint is rejected, not resolved within the stipulated period or the customer is not satisfied with the response, it can be escalated to the RBI Ombudsman. Under the framework, the RBI Ombudsman can award compensation of up to Rs 30 lakh for consequential financial losses arising from a deficiency in service. Moreover, compensation of up to Rs 3 lakh may be granted towards the complainant's time, expenses, harassment and mental anguish, taking the

total possible compensation to Rs 33 lakh. However, the RBI has clarified that the compensation is not automatic and depends on the facts of each case. The complainant must establish that the regulated entity's deficiency in service directly caused measurable financial loss or hardship. According to the framework, customers are advised to preserve documentary evidence such as complaint acknowledgement numbers, emails, screenshots, transaction records and respons-

es from the financial institution, as these help establish the extent of the loss and support their claim before the Ombudsman. The RBI said customers planning to approach the Ombudsman should keep ready a copy of the complaint submitted to the bank or regulated entity, the complaint reference number, account or transaction details, copies of the institution's response, supporting documents and a clear explanation of the loss suffered and the relief sought.

CENTRE CLEARS RS 1.27 LAKH CRORE SEMICON 2.0 TO BOOST CHIPMAKING

New Delhi: After the success of the 'Semicon 1' initiative, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Wednesday, July 15, approved the 'Semicon 2.0' scheme for the development of a domestic semiconductor design and manufacturing ecosystem, with a total budget outlay of Rs 1,27,500 crore. To date, 12 manufacturing units have been approved with a cumulative investment of over Rs 1.64 lakh crore. These include one silicon fab, one silicon carbide fab, an integrated gallium nitride micro LED display fab and nine packaging units, expected to cater to chip requirements of sectors such as consumer appliances, industrial electronics, automobiles, power electronics, telecommunications, aerospace, etc. Out of the 12 approved proposals, three companies -- Micron, Kaynes and CG Semi -- have started commercial production and one more is expected to start in 2026. Moreover, 24 semiconductor design projects from start-ups and MSMEs have been approved for financial support, while 105 star -ups/MSMEs have been granted access to industry-standard Electronic Design Automation (EDA) tools. Recognising the requirement to build on the momentum generated under Semicon 1.0, Semicon 2.0 aims to further the government's commitment towards putting our country on



the semiconductor map of the world, according to a Cabinet communique. Semicon 2.0 is aimed at building the semiconductor ecosystem on six pillars. It will build upon the initial success in chip design. With 105 startups already started developing chips, the focus is on deepening the design ecosystem. Under Semicon 2.0, the aim is to develop IPs and designs of chips and systems with this approach, the communique said. The second pillar is 'Machines and materials.' Companies involved in the manufacturing and R&D of the machines and manufacturing of materials, chemicals and gases that are essential for manufacturing semiconductors will be incentivised. "This will lay the foundation for the sustainable growth of the semi-

conductor industry. This will also help in developing the precision manufacturing industry in our country," according to the Cabinet communique. The third pillar is setting up more fabs. With the first fab scheduled to be commissioned in 2028, the world is showing greater confidence in India's semiconductor strategy. According to the Cabinet, efforts will be made to attract more manufacturers to come to India and set up fabs to manufacture chips. As part of the fourth pillar, with the success of ATMP units, the world is now looking at India as an alternative location for setting up ATMP/OSAT units. These will be actively encouraged with a focus on getting some of the most advanced ATMP technologies to India, according to

Hyderabad home registrations dip 13 pc in June: Knight Frank

Hyderabad: Residential property registrations in Hyderabad fell 13 per cent year-on-year in June to 5,560 units, as a surge of bookings ahead of a revision in guidance values moderated after being pulled forward to May, according to Knight Frank India. The value of homes registered during the month stood at Rs 4,148 crore, down 10 per cent year-on-year (YoY) and 30 per cent from May, the property consultancy said in a report released on Wednesday, July 15. The decline followed unusually high registrations in May, as buyers rushed to close deals before the revised guidance values kicked in from June 5. For the January-June period, however, Hyderabad's residential market held firm, with registrations rising 5 per cent YoY to 37,992 units and their value up 6 per cent to Rs 26,400 crore. Knight Frank said the June slowdown was broad-based, with registrations across all ticket sizes declining between 12 per cent and 14 per cent YoY. Even so, homes priced above Rs 1 crore accounted for 22 per cent of registrations but 52 per cent of transaction value, reflecting continued demand at the premium end. District-wise, Rangareddy accounted



for 49 per cent of June registrations, followed by Medchal-Malkajgiri at 38 per cent and Hyderabad district at 13 per cent. The weighted average transacted price across the city rose 2 per cent YoY, with Medchal-Malkajgiri and Sangareddy posting increases of 8 per cent and 6 per cent, respec-

tively. Knight Frank India chairman and managing director Shishir Bajjal said the June moderation reflected "a timing-led adjustment rather than a shift in market fundamentals," pointing to the 5 per cent rise in H1 registrations as evidence of the city's resilient housing demand.