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Rahul Gandhi presents student with pellet gun injuries, seeks Pradhan’s removal



New Delhi:24,july Dharmendra Pradhan is a “criminal education minister”, a symbol of the collapse of India’s education system and must be removed, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi demanded on Friday as he presented before the media a student protester who was allegedly shot with a pellet gun by security personnel during the July 20 protests.South Asians & DiasporaGandhi also demanded that there should be action against those who shot at and baton charged students, as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi apologise to students.“You are saying that protesters have been hit by pellet guns. I

want to explain when were pellet guns fired. My brother was struck by a pellet gun when he was peacefully protesting with a tricolour in hand,” Gandhi said with the injured protester, who identified himself as Sahil, by his side, as he addressed the media outside Congress Parliamentary Party chief Sonia Gandhi’s 10, Janpath residence.Lifting the youngster’s T-shirt to show his injuries to the media, Gandhi said Sahil’s eye was damaged and he is unable to see from that eye.“This is the future of our country. This has happened to thousands of youth, they have been shot at with pellet guns and have been beaten

up in lathi-charge. What are they doing? They are doing peaceful protests,” the Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha said.Gandhi said Sahil had given an exam for recruitment in the police force but the question paper was leaked.“His (Sahil’s) mother and father from their hard-earned money had got him this opportunity. The government must stop lying. The government has attacked our future.“They are saying three things — the Education Minister, because of whom the students are protesting and paper leaks happened, must be removed; action must be taken against those who have fired at our future and beat them with lathis.

Congress seeks Centre’s technical guidance on Kaleshwaram barrages despite NDSA stand

Hyderabad, July, 24: Despite the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) making it clear that the decision on pumping water from the , Annaram and Sundilla barrages rested with the State government, the Congress government has decided to seek technical guidance on the future operation of the three barrages. Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday directed officials to immediately write to the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti and the NDSA seeking technical advice.

At a review meeting with senior irrigation officials, the Minister reiterated that the Telangana government had been maintaining the barrages in free-flow condition in accordance with the NDSA’s recommendations to address safety concerns.“Written advice from a competent technical authority would be mandatory before deciding whether storage and pumping operations could be resumed safely,” he stressed.Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to enclose relevant portions of the NDSA report, earlier technical observations and supporting documents with

the communication to ensure the technical basis for the government’s decision was placed on official record.The State government has maintained this position even as Telangana faces deficit rainfall and farmers continue to grapple with acute water shortage for irrigation.

Technical concerns over pumping operations

The review meeting also examined the possibility of pumping operations during the current monsoon. Officials explained that downstream water flow alone did not make pumping technically feasible, as adequate upstream water levels could not be maintained under the present conditions.They cautioned that temporary interventions and pumping without meeting the required hydraulic conditions could be ineffective and might worsen the existing structural concerns beneath the barrages.“No operational decision will be taken based on political pressure or visual assessment. Every decision would be guided by sound engineering evidence and the recommendations of competent technical authorities,”



Uttam Kumar said. Interestingly, officials also informed the Minister that recent statements by the Union Minister for Jal Shakti and the Ministry’s correspondence had reiterated the general policy that operational decisions on barrages rested with State governments. However, they said the communications did not specifically address the NDSA’s recommendation to maintain the structures in free-flow condition.The Minister instructed officials to accurately cite the relevant portions of the NDSA report and include supporting material such

as findings of the Central Water Commission, Ground Penetrating Radar investigations, photographs, cavity assessments beneath the raft foundation and other engineering evidence. Officials informed the Minister that the Central Water and Power Research Station was in the final stage of analysing the latest Ground Penetrating Radar data and other technical inputs. They said water could not be impounded at the Annaram barrage at present as investigations had indicated cavities beneath the raft foundation.Based on the

investigations completed so far, officials said a rehabilitation concept design for the Medigadda barrage would be ready by the end of August, while a preliminary rehabilitation cost estimate would be prepared by mid-September. They also said additional technical inputs relating to the Annaram and Sundilla barrages, including analysis of the investigation data, would be available within the next two weeks. Uttam Kumar Reddy directed officials to present preliminary rehabilitation proposals before the Technical Oversight Committee at its next meeting.

Harish Rao accuses Telangana government of failing to ensure power and water supply



Nalgonda:24,july; BRS Deputy Floor Leader T Harish Rao alleged that the Congress government has failed to ensure uninterrupted electricity, drinking water and irrigation supply across Telangana.Harish Rao conducted a surprise inspection of the Solepet Electricity Substation in Bommalaramaram mandal of Aler Assembly constituency along with former Aler

MLA Gongidi Sunitha. He examined the substation logbook, interacted with electricity department staff and reviewed records related to agricultural power supply.Speaking to the media after the inspection, Harish Rao said he had visited the constituency to console the family of a deceased BRS worker. He said local women complained that drinking water was be-

ing supplied only once every two days. He charged that despite inheriting a fully functional Mission Bhagiratha network developed by the previous BRS government, the Congress government had failed to maintain the system.Harish Rao claimed that people in Sangareddy, Narayankhed, Andole, Zaheerabad, Kamareddy, Yadadri Bhuvanagiri, Nalgonda,

Mahabubnagar and several other districts were facing severe drinking water shortages, forcing women to fetch water from distant places.He said the inspection at Solepet Substation was prompted by complaints from farmers over prolonged power cuts. According to Harish Rao, the substation operator informed him that farmers had earlier received 14 to 15 hours of electricity, but fresh government instructions had reduced agricultural power supply to 12 hours a day. He alleged that even during these 12 hours, repeated tripping disrupted the supply.Claiming that the Congress had made several promises to farmers before the elections, Harish Rao alleged that the government was instead reducing electricity supply and cutting welfare and agricultural support.

Rajgopal Reddy, Mandula Samuel trade barbs in fresh Congress row



Nalgonda:24,july; Just as the differences between supporters of Tungaturthy MLA Mandula Samuel and Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy appeared to have subsided, a fresh controversy has erupted in the Nalgonda Congress unit.

This time, the dispute is between Tungaturthy MLA Mandula Samuel and Munugode MLA Komatireddy Rajgopal Reddy. The two leaders traded charges over the

lack of development in Tungaturthy and Nakrekal constituencies and allegations of interference in other Assembly segments.The controversy began after Rajgopal Reddy attended a meeting with people affected by land acquisition for the Regional Ring Road at the Yadadri Bhongir District Collector’s office.Later, speaking to the media, Rajgopal Reddy said he had personally persuaded the Congress high command to

allot the party ticket to Mandula Samuel during the Assembly elections.“He repeatedly approached me for support. I campaigned extensively in Tungaturthy and Nakrekal constituencies and worked for his victory. After winning the election, Mandula Samuel has started speaking against me,” Rajgopal Reddy alleged.He said loyal Congress leaders had been facing difficulties because of turncoat leaders and MLAs

and added that the issue had already been brought to the notice of the party’s State leadership.Rajgopal Reddy apologised to Congress workers who had campaigned for Mandula Samuel at his request. “I realized that the party had given the ticket to the wrong person. I urge party workers to remain patient and not react emotionally to Samuel’s remarks” he said. Responding strongly, Mandula Samuel said Nalgonda was not Rajgopal Reddy’s fiefdom.The Tungaturthy MLA said he had won the election with a majority of 50,000 votes and had never pleaded for Rajgopal Reddy’s support. He advised the Munugode MLA to focus on the development of his own constituency.Referring to Rajgopal Reddy’s criticism that Tungaturthy and Nakrekal were lagging in development, Samuel said he too had received reports indicating that the situation in Munugode was no better.

'If Globerina is my benami, show me the evidence KTR challenges CM Revanth



Warangal, July 24: BRS Working President KTR said that he has already sent defamation notices on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s allegations that

Globerina is his benami company. Speaking in a chat with the media today (Thursday), he criticized the Chief Minister, who should have questioned the Cen-

tral Government, for not mentioning the name of Prime Minister Narendra Modi even once. He criticized that the dharna in Kodangal instead of the

one in front of Lok Bhavan was just a political drama.“If Globerina is really my benami company, why did the Congress government enter into agreements with the same company? How reasonable is it that your government entered into agreements with that company and now says that it is my benami company?” KTR questioned. Revanth Reddy was accused of being with the Congress during the day and with the BJP at night. He alleged that if Revanth Reddy gives one package to the Congress, he is sending two packages to the BJP.“I am ready for CID investigation,

Overcrowding, heat fuel health crisis at Jantar Mantar protest site

New Delhi:24,july; Amidst scorching heat, high humidity, and overcrowding, the risk of infectious diseases is looming over the Jantar Mantar protest site, with many protesters complaining of headaches and sore throats.Volunteer doctors present at the site report that the overcrowding and open-air living conditions have left a large number of people grappling with viral infections, dehydration, and other health issues, compounding the difficulties for protesters.Speaking

to PTI, Dr Shilpa from Punjab’s ‘Five River Heart Association’ said a large number of people are approaching her with complaints of sore throats, headaches and high fever. Many are sleeping on the ground in the open, increasing the risk of infection, said Shilpa, who is providing free medical care to protesters at Jantar Mantar.She said that by Wednesday evening, over 200 people had been administered paracetamol and other related medications. “A large number of elderly people are coming



for treatment related to diabetes and hypertension. Essential medicines are being provided to those who could not bring their own or lost them in the crowd,” she said.Noting that many are not consuming ad-

equate food, leading to deteriorating health and complaints of nausea, vomiting, and dehydration, the doctor added that food and ORS are being provided to such individuals at the protest site.

EDITORIAL

The Ethics of Political Communication

Political communication is the lifeblood of democracy. Through speeches, debates, election campaigns, social media, and public statements, political leaders inform citizens, present policies, and seek public support. In an ideal democracy, political communication should promote informed decision-making, encourage healthy debate, and strengthen public trust. However, in an era of instant digital communication and intense political competition, ethical standards are increasingly being tested. The rise of social media has transformed the way politics is conducted. Leaders can now communicate directly with millions of people within seconds, bypassing traditional media. While this has made political engagement more accessible, it has also created fertile ground for misinformation, fake news, deepfakes, and manipulated content. False narratives can spread faster than verified facts, influencing public opinion before the truth has a chance to emerge. In such an environment, ethical communication becomes essential to protect democratic institutions. Truthfulness is the foundation of ethical political communication. Citizens have the right to receive accurate information about government policies, election promises, and national issues. Deliberately spreading misleading statistics, distorted facts, or unverified claims may yield short-term political gains, but it erodes public confidence in democratic processes. When people lose trust in political discourse, they become cynical about governance itself. Equally important is maintaining civility in public debate. Political opponents should be challenged on their policies and performance rather than attacked through personal insults, hate speech, or divisive rhetoric. Democracies flourish when disagreements are expressed respectfully and backed by evidence. Polarizing language that exploits religious, caste, ethnic, or regional identities may mobilize supporters temporarily, but it often leaves lasting social divisions that are difficult to heal. The responsibility for ethical communication does not rest solely with politicians. Political parties, media organizations, digital platforms, and citizens all play vital roles. News organizations must verify information before publication, while social media companies should act swiftly against coordinated disinformation campaigns without compromising legitimate freedom of expression. Citizens, too, must develop digital literacy and resist the temptation to share sensational content without verification. Artificial Intelligence has added another dimension to this challenge. AI-generated images, videos, and voices can convincingly imitate real individuals, making it increasingly difficult to distinguish fact from fabrication. As election campaigns become more technology-driven, governments must establish clear legal frameworks to regulate the misuse of AI while protecting democratic freedoms. Ethical political communication is not about restricting political expression; it is about ensuring honesty, accountability, transparency.



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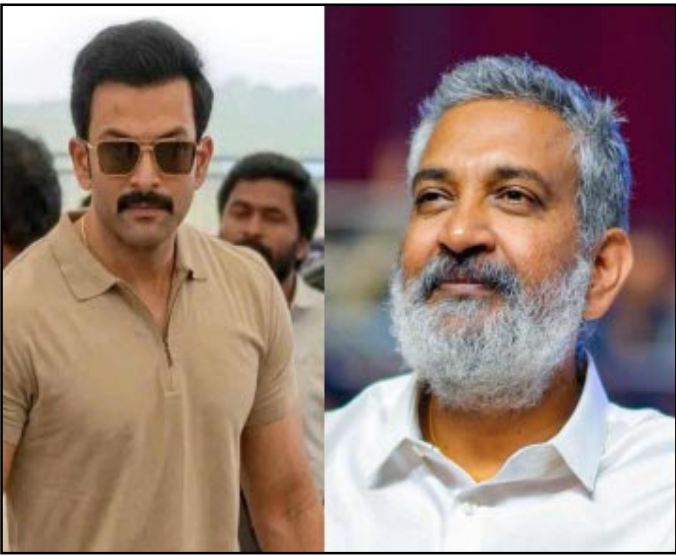
Drishyam Girl Nails In Traditional Look

Esther Anil, who played Anumol “Anu” George in the Drishyam movies, recently saw big success with Drishyam 3, directed by Jeethu Joseph. The film also has Mohanlal, Meena, and Ansiba Hassan in main roles. Esther started as a child artist in 2010 and became famous for her role in Drishyam. Before the release, she wrote on social media that Drishyam changed her whole life and gave her audience love across India. Drishyam 3 crossed Rs.241.92 crore worldwide, concluding its theatrical run as a massive blockbuster. In one of her recent pictures, Esther is seen in a white sleeveless anarkali with delicate thread embroidery on the bodice and pretty floral motifs on the flowy skirt. She completed the look with a fresh flower gajra in her hair, gold jhumka earrings, and a statement ring, keeping the overall styling soft and traditional. Fans are calling this one of her most graceful looks yet, adding to the excitement around Drishyam 3’s success.



Prithviraj Sukumaran: It was Varanasi’s script that won me over

SS Rajamouli’s ambitious globe-trotting adventure “Varanasi,” starring Mahesh Babu and Priyanka Chopra, is progressing at a brisk pace. The film’s production is expected to be completed by October 2026. Mahesh Babu is reportedly playing dual roles as Rudra and Lord Rama, while Priyanka Chopra essays the role of Mandakini. Malayalam star Prithviraj Sukumaran plays Kumbha, a wealthy quadriplegic character said to have a role as significant as Mahesh Babu’s. Speaking about the project in a recent interview, Prithviraj said it was not Rajamouli’s reputation that convinced him to join the film. “I love Rajamouli’s films, but I didn’t sign Varanasi because of his name,” he said, adding that it was the script that impressed him the most. According to Prithviraj, the film tells a magnificent story, and he believes Rajamouli is the perfect filmmaker to bring such a grand vision to the screen. He said the screenplay and the scale of the narrative excited him more than the opportunity to work with the celebrated director. Calling “Varanasi” a visual masterpiece, Prithviraj expressed confidence that the film will be a spectacular cinematic experience and further enhance Rajamouli’s standing as one of India’s finest filmmakers.



Mamitha Baiju is all set for three big releases in a month

Mamitha Baiju became a popular name after the blockbuster success of “Premalu.” Her popularity grew further with “Dude,” another successful film that showcased both her acting and screen presence. As a result, offers have been pouring in, and the next month could prove to be a game-changer for her career. Mamitha has three major releases lined up within a span of one month. The first is “Jana Nayagan,” releasing this Thursday. In Vijay’s final film, she plays a key role that is said to have more prominence than the heroine, Pooja Hegde. Interestingly, the role was originally played by Sreeleela in the Telugu version, and it is expected to offer Mamitha ample scope to impress. She will next be seen opposite Suriya in “Vishwanath and Sons,” directed by Venky Atluri, which releases on August 14. A week later, her Malayalam film Bethlehem “Bethlehem Kudumba Unit,” co-starring Nivin Pauly, will hit theaters. If these three films click at the box office, Mamitha Baiju could emerge as one of the most sought-after young actresses in South Indian cinema. Her charming screen presence, expressive performance, and natural acting won over audiences despite not fitting the conventional glamorous heroine image.



Manasa Varanasi Keeps It Chic And Classy

Manasa Varanasi, former Femina Miss India World 2020 winner, is once again winning hearts with her latest glamorous pictures that have gone viral on social media. In her recent shoot, she is seen in a stylish denim ensemble, a fitted peplum jacket with a matching skirt, styled with soft waves, dainty gold earrings, and minimal jewellery, giving off a chic, confident vibe against a striking red backdrop. On the work front, Manasa made her acting debut in 2024 with Devaki Nandana Vasudeva, which didn’t perform well at the box office. She bounced back with Couple Friendly alongside Santosh Sobhan, a small-budget romantic drama that turned out to be a surprise hit, earning strong profits and positive buzz.

Toxic Team Should Proceed With More Clarity?

Yash’s Toxic is one of the most awaited films and is all set to hit the screens on August 26, 2026. Ever since the project was announced, fans have been expecting a stylish gangster action drama packed with intense and powerful emotions. The makers initially released promotional content that highlighted the film’s bold tone, action, and violence. These glimpses created strong buzz and gave the impression that Toxic would be a hard-hitting gangster saga. However, the recent promotional strategy has left some fans confused. The team has been releasing back-to-back romantic songs featuring bold and intimate moments between Yash and the female leads. While the songs have received attention, they have also raised questions about the film’s actual genre. Movie lovers are now wondering whether Toxic is primarily a gangster action drama or a film with a strong romantic angle. Some fans feel the promotions are focusing heavily on the female gaze and romance,



while the action elements that initially attracted audiences have taken a backseat off late. A section of fans believes that the makers should provide more clarity about the film’s core theme in the days to come to avoid confusion. With huge expectations surrounding the project, every update is being closely watched. Let’s see how the makers deal with this response in the days to come.

Regina’s Bold Avatar In Raj & DK’s Next OTT Show

Raj and DK have become quite famous post their hit show The Family Man. Both the seasons are super hits and now they are making many more OTT projects. One of them is with Shahid Kapoor and Raashi Khanna. If this was not enough, they now introducing Regina with a bold web series that has been locked recently. This web series will be female-centric and will showcase Regina in a very bold manner. Regina is known to do bold roles and has happily accepted to do this series. The shoot will start soon and more details about the backdrop will be out. Regina has not many Telugu films in the offing and that is the reason, she is making her OTT debut now.



SC Bar Bodies Condemn Police Action on Protesting Students, Seek Independent Inquiry



New Delhi: Two Supreme Court bar bodies on Wednesday condemned the police action on students and lawyers during the July 20 protests in Jantar Mantar and called for an impartial inquiry on the “excessive use of force” and fixing accountability. The Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA), headed by its president and senior advocate Vikas Singh, in a resolution, said the police action left several students and members of the legal fraternity, including members of the association, injured. In a separate statement, the Supreme Court Advocates-on-Record Asso-

ciation (SCAORA), expressed deep concern over “reports and visuals showing the use of force by Delhi Police against students and young protesters who had assembled to peacefully voice their grievances over the integrity of public examinations and the future of the country’s youth”. The SCBA resolution, issued by its secretary Pragya Baghel said, “The use of excessive and disproportionate force against peaceful students and members of the Bar is deeply disturbing and wholly unacceptable in a democratic society.” The bar body urged the authorities con-

cerned to conduct an immediate, impartial and time-bound inquiry into the incident, identify those responsible for the alleged excessive use of force, and initiate appropriate action in accordance with law. It also called on the authorities to ensure proper medical treatment and assistance for all injured students and members of the legal fraternity, while taking necessary steps to prevent the recurrence of such incidents. “The association stands in solidarity with all those injured and reiterates its commitment to protecting constitutional rights, human dignity and the

rule of law,” it said. The SCORA, in its resolution, also said, “In a constitutional democracy, peaceful dissent is not an act of defiance but an exercise of the fundamental freedoms guaranteed under Articles 19(1)(a) and 19(1)(b) of the Constitution. While the State is empowered to maintain public order, every restriction on these freedoms must satisfy the constitutional requirements of legality, necessity and proportionality.” It urged the authorities to ensure that allegations of excessive force were independently and impartially examined, those injured received immediate medical assistance, and future engagement with peaceful protesters was guided by restraint, dialogue and constitutional values. “The strength of our Republic lies not in suppressing dissent but in protecting it within the framework of the Constitution. The true measure of constitutional governance is not how the State responds to agreement, but how it responds to peaceful disagreement,” it said. On Monday, thousands of students demanding the resignation of Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over the NEET paper leak issue and alleged irregularities in the examination system attempted to march to Parliament but were pushed back with tear gas and batons.

First-ever Mixed Disability Ashes series announced for 2027 between Australia and England



Hyderabad: Australia and England will compete in a men’s Mixed Disability Ashes series for the first time in 2027. Mixed Disability cricket was first introduced at international level in 2025, with England and India contesting the first two international editions of the format. Next year’s Ashes series

will mark Australia’s first international event in the new disability cricket format, which brings together cricketers with a physical, intellectual or hearing impairment in one team. To prepare for the series, a Mixed Disability feature match has been added to the schedule for the 2027 National Cricket Inclu-

sion Championships (NCIC). The feature match, along with the NCIC more broadly, will form part of the selection process for the Mixed Disability Ashes squad. Dates and venues for the 2027 Mixed Disability Ashes series will be released in the near future.

James Allsopp, Cricket Australia Chief of Cricket, said:

“The Mixed Disability Ashes series will allow cricketers with a disability in Australia to add a new chapter to one of sport’s greatest rivalries, along with the Men’s, Women’s and Blind Ashes series. “We’re excited to align with other nation’s cricket boards in fielding Mixed Disability teams, and have followed England’s and India’s series with interest the past two years.

“The National Cricket Inclusion Championships in in Ballarat next January will be an important part of the selection process for the Mixed Disability Ashes, including our first feature match in the format.

“We can’t wait to take part in the new Ashes series next year and have our elite cricketers with a disability take on our oldest rivals in England.”

Ian Martin, England Cricket Board Head of Disability Cricket, said:

“It really signals the next step of Mixed Disability Cricket to be able to introduce an Ashes, it’s a hugely meaningful progression for the game. “All cricket fans understand the importance of an Ashes series. England v Australia is for so many the peak of the game and I’m delighted that our Men’s Mixed Disability squad will get a chance to compete in such a series. “We’ve had a fantastic series against India, with another one due this summer, and we’re keen to continue growing this format. I’m delighted we’ll be able to welcome Australia to the UK next summer and I can’t wait for our first Mixed Disability Ashes series.”

‘I’ve never seen a talent like him’: Harbhajan Singh hails fearless Vaibhav Sooryavanshi



New Delhi: Former India spinner Harbhajan Singh has described teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi as an ‘unbelievable’ talent, saying he has

never seen or faced a player with such fearless ability while praising the 15-year-old’s bold approach to the game. Speaking about the youngster’s rapid rise,

Harbhajan said modern cricket has become more accepting of players who back their natural instincts instead of playing conservatively. “The difference between today’s youth and the youth back then is the reach of today’s media and social media. Things happened back then too, but today they get highlighted a lot more. What Vaibhav Sooryavanshi is doing today, no one has ever done before. He is unbelievable, a great talent. I don’t think I have seen or faced a talent like that,” Harbhajan told Jio Star. Harbhajan also credited the changing mindset in Indian cricket, where young players are encouraged to express themselves freely. I think the biggest change is that people are accepting players with that fearless mindset and their approach of playing the way

they want to,” he added. Recalling Sooryavanshi’s memorable Indian Premier League debut, Harbhajan narrated an interaction between former India head coach Rahul Dravid and the youngster before his first appearance. “Rahul Dravid was the coach of that team, and he asked Sooryavanshi, ‘What will you do on the first ball?’ He said, ‘If the first ball is in my arc, I will smash it.’ And he actually did. He hit a six off the very first ball he faced in his IPL career, against Shardul Thakur,” Harbhajan added. Sooryavanshi recently etched his name into the record books during India’s 4-0 T20I series defeat in England by becoming the country’s youngest-ever international cricketer, surpassing Sachin Tendulkar’s long-standing record.

Vaibhav Sooryavanshi backs process, stays confident ahead of Zimbabwe T20Is



Harare: Acknowledging that the last four months have been a rollercoaster of ‘ups and downs,’ teenage Indian batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi said his confidence still remains intact and he is focused on trusting his process ahead of the three-match T20I series against Zimbabwe starting. Sooryavanshi, 15, made history during India’s 4-0 T20I series defeat in England by becoming the country’s youngest-ever international cricketer and breaking Sachin Tendulkar’s long-standing record. However, after failing to cross 20 in three innings, he was dropped for the final match of the series in Southampton. “Yes, kaafi ups and downs aaye hain 4 mahine mein (there have been several ups and down in the last four months). It’s part of cricket, it will keep happening. But I have to follow the process and give

my 100 per cent for the team. “It’s an obvious thing that whatever I want (guidance etc), the coaches are making it available and whatever practice I require I am getting that. Feeling very good, there is confidence also,” said Sooryavanshi in a video posted on bcci.tv. Through the upcoming series against Zimbabwe, Sooryavanshi is also making a return to the Harare Sports Club, where he smashed a match-winning 175 off 80 balls against England in the Under-19 World Cup final in February this year to help India lift the trophy. “It’s a very memorable ground for me. Just four months back, we had played the U-19 World Cup Final and won, so a very special ground. To represent India is everyone’s dream and it’s a very special moment. “I’m playing on a ground where we won the U-19 World Cup four months back and made

history (and) to return to the ground and play here will be an altogether different feeling... really enjoying it,” added Sooryavanshi. With senior opener Sanju Samson rested, Sooryavanshi is expected to feature in the top order as India look to bounce back from consecutive T20 series defeats in Ireland and England. “The pitches and the conditions here, I’ve got a fair idea about them when I last played here during the U-19 World Cup. So, I will try what all I gathered during that tournament to apply those learnings during the matches now and do well. “I will back my practice which I have done so far and try to back my game and whatever contribution I can make for the team I will try to give that. I have played two matches on this ground (and) it went well. I will try to carry it forward,” concluded Sooryavanshi.

Kuldeep Yadav signs with Yorkshire for One-Day Cup and County Championship matches

Leeds: Premier Indian left-arm wrist-spinner Kuldeep Yadav has signed with English county side Yorkshire as an overseas player for the ongoing domestic season, the club announced on Wednesday. As per the deal, Kuldeep will feature in five One-Day Cup fixtures before returning to Headingley to play three of Yorkshire’s final four County Championship matches in September. His stint begins from Friday’s 50-over match against Glamorgan at Neath. Kuldeep was recently a part of India’s 2-1 ODI series defeat in England, where he didn’t get to play a single game, a decision which left many baffled. “I’m really pleased to be joining Yorkshire and grateful for this opportunity. It will be a real privilege to represent a club with Yorkshire’s proud history. “I’ve always enjoyed the challenge of playing in English conditions, and after speaking with the management, I became really excited to join up with the team and I’m looking forward to making a positive contribution during my time at Headingley,” said Kuldeep in the club’s statement. He has taken 79 wickets in 18 Tests at an impressive average of 22, including a stellar 19-wicket haul against England in the five-match home Test series in 2024. In ODIs, he has picked



up 194 wickets with best figures of 6-25. Gavin Hamilton, Yorkshire’s general manager of cricket, noted that Kuldeep’s inclusion will bolster their bowling attack during the crucial final phase of the season. “Kuldeep is an accomplished, international-quality player who will add incredible strength to our lineup for these blocks of fixtures.” Given the dry summer we’ve experienced, we expect spin to play an important role during the closing stages of the season.

Kuldeep gives us another dimension with his left-arm wrist spin and brings a wealth of experience at the highest level. We’re delighted to welcome him to Yorkshire,” he added. Apart from Kuldeep, Yuzvendra Chahal (Northamptonshire), Jaydev Unadkat (Sussex), Manav Suthar (Warwickshire), R. Sai Kishore (Gloucestershire) and Ashutosh Sharma (Hampshire) are the other Indian players with county deals in various stages of the ongoing season.