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Criminal cases will be filed if government grain is diverted: Minister Uttam

Hyderabad, August 04: The state government is ready to take action against defaulting rice millers who have diverted government grain due to Custom Milled Rice (CMR) arrears in the state. State Civil Supplies Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy issued key orders in a review meeting held on the Civil Supplies Department at the Secretariat. He made it clear that every grain of grain in the CMR process is the property of the people and that his government



will give top priority to recovering government grain along with public money. The Minister ordered a comprehensive 'special audit' of the CMR activities carried out in the last 10 to 12 years. He directed the officials to recover the outstanding rice,

cash or grain with a specific time frame and a clear plan on a mill-wise basis. He suggested that the millers involved in irregularities should not only be blacklisted, but also that the process of confiscation of assets should be expedited by fulfilling bank guarantees, vigilance checks should be expanded and criminal cases should be registered. He said that technology like early warning system, QR coded gunny bags and GPS

tracking of vehicles are being used to prevent grain diversion in the future. He said that efforts are being made to further tighten the CMR norms. However, he assured that the government will always support honest millers. At the same time, the Minister clarified that the procurement of grain from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP) and the Direct Bank Transfer (DBT) processes will continue to be transparent as always.

The DCP who registered the case against Meta was transferred by Revanth Reddy: Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad, August 4 : Union Minister Kishan Reddy has commented that it is a constitutional right to file a complaint against those who have posted objectionable posts against Prime Minister Narendra Modi . He stated that the Telangana government has transferred DCP Anand Babu, who had registered a case against Meta. Kishan Reddy spoke to the media today (Tuesday). He said that CM Revanth Reddy had punished the officer who had worked according to the constitution. He alleged that Revanth Reddy had transferred the DCP on the orders of Rahul Gandhi. He alleged that the CM was sacking officers who were acting according to the law. Social media companies are acting like a kingdom.

Kishan Reddy was furious that the previous KCR government had abused its power by tapping phones. He alleged that the Revanth government is now acting in the same manner. He was fired upon that social media companies are acting like a tyrant on the democratic system of India. He



said that during the Congress-backed TVK government... the opposition leader was arrested for making inappropriate comments against the CM. He said that the Congress government in Telangana is punishing the officers who have registered cases here. Will they leave it like this even if they make inappropriate comments against Rahul Gandhi tomorrow? He questioned. We have allocated three coal blocks to Singareni. Kishan Reddy clarified that three coal blocks have been allocated to Singareni. It was announced that the

Manuguru PKOC block has been allocated to Singareni. Many people came forward to participate in the auction, but it was explained that the allocation was made keeping in mind the difficulties of Singareni. He said that the allocation of Naini, Tadicharla Block-2 and Manuguru PKOC blocks to Singareni was a good development. He said that the allocation of new blocks will bring new hopes to Singareni. Kishan Reddy flagged that the Congress and BRS had looted Singareni in the past.

T-Fiber internet to be available to all government offices from September 1: Minister Sridhar Babu



Hyderabad: 04AUGUST: IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu has directed officials to provide internet services through T-Fiber to all government offices in Telangana from September 1. The minister held a high-level review meeting on the expansion of T-Fiber services at the State Secretariat. On this occasion, it was clarified that T-Fiber connectivity should be provided to every government office in the state

within the stipulated time. The minister directed that no government department should use private internet services to pay bills after September 1. Minister Sridhar Babu stated that this decision was taken with the aim of saving government funds and establishing a unified digital network. He set a clear deadline for the concerned officials to completely transfer the T-SWAN network currently

being used by government departments to T-Fiber within the next month. He advised them to take steps without any delay in this process. Sridhar Babu ordered to prepare plans to provide state-of-the-art T-Fiber connectivity to the Future City that is being shaped keeping in mind the future needs. The Minister also suggested that the government should further accelerate the ambitious 'Internet for All' program and take steps to ensure that quality

What's wrong with saying okay

Hyderabad City, August 4: During the investigation, the police found that IPS trainee Uday Krishna Reddy, who was jailed for sexually harassing a female IPS candidate in training, had relationships with many women. He also chatted with them on social media and proposed to them. Police said that a phone and a laptop were seized from Uday Krishna Reddy. It was found that he had another iPhone. It is believed that the phone may have photos,

videos and other information of some other women along with the female IPS trainee. "After I passed my civil service, many inspiring stories came on various media channels and social media. Thousands of people became fans on Facebook and Instagram. Some of them used to chat with me and propose. I said okay to their proposals. "What's wrong with that?" Uday Krishna Reddy is reported to have said during the investigation.



Karnataka MLA threatens to destroy LoP Rahul Gandhi's family like Babri Masjid; FIR registered



Bengaluru:04,AUGUST Karnataka Police on Wednesday registered an FIR against BJP MLA Yashpal Suvarna after he allegedly said that Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi's family would be "destroyed" in the same manner as the Babri Masjid was demolished in 1992. Legislative Branch The FIR was registered by the Udupi Town Police Station based on a complaint filed by Ashok Kumar Kodavoor, president of the Udupi District Congress Committee. Po-

lice have invoked Sections 57, 192, 196(2), 352, 353(2), and 351(2) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). Addressing a public programme organised by the BJP in Udupi, Suvarna threatened the Congress leadership, stating: "If you continue to enact such dramas, just as our party workers destroyed the Babri Masjid in 1992 when our sentiments were hurt, the Congress dynasty and Rahul Gandhi's family will likewise be destroyed." Politics The remarks have triggered a major political con-

trovery in Karnataka, with the Congress accusing the BJP of resorting to hate speech and intimidation. Video clips of the speech have since gone viral on social media, prompting demands for immediate legal action. KPCC Working President and MLC, Manjunatha Bhandary, said the Karnataka government had taken the matter seriously and would ensure that strict action is taken in accordance with the law. He described Suvarna's statements as "hateful, derogatory and provocative" and said they were unbecom-

ing of a public representative who has taken an oath to uphold the Constitution. Family Bhandary said that the BJP was attempting to divert attention from the NEET question paper leak controversy and the nationwide protests over the issue by targeting LoP Rahul Gandhi through personal attacks. He also criticised other BJP legislators who were present at the event for failing to condemn the remarks. "The silence of other elected representatives present at the programme may be construed by the public as tacit support for such statements," Bhandary said, adding that political differences cannot justify defamation, hate speech or threats. He further stated that the remarks posed a threat to communal harmony and law and order, particularly in the coastal region, and said he would take up the matter with the State Home Minister to seek appropriate directions for expediting the investigation. Islam

My goal is to complete the SLBC tunnel route: Minister Komatireddy



Nalgonda, August 4 Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has said that his goal is to complete the SLBC tunnel route . He said that the district will be made fertile by providing water to two crops through the SLBC tunnel route. Today (Sunday), the minister inaugurated the newly constructed Gram Panchayat building in Kanchanapalli village of Nalgonda mandal. Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy stated that he will be available to the people in the constituency for two days a week.

in this area through the Brahmin Vellamla project. Minister Komatireddy revealed that Kanchanapalli village will be developed as a model. He said that a Telangana Public School will be established in Domalapalli village and quality education will be provided to the students of this area. He clarified that special focus will be given to the development of Nalgonda constituency for three years. Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy stated that he will be available to the people in the constituency for two days a week.

A boon to the food giver PM Kisan Maandhan



Wankidi (Adilabad) : 04 AUGUST: The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maandhan Yojana scheme brought by the central government is going to be a boon for farmers. The central government has brought the PM Kisan Maandhan Yojana scheme to prevent farmers from facing financial difficulties after they become poor. After becoming poor, many farmers do not have any source of income. In this context, the center has introduced this scheme to support small and marginal farmers

who are over the age of 60. Under this scheme, farmers after completing 60 years of age will receive a pension of Rs. 3,000 every month for life. Farmers between the ages of 18 and 40 are eligible to join this scheme. Those who have their names in the land records and have land up to two hectares for cultivation can register their names under this scheme. No matter when they register, the pension will come only after the age of 60. Those who are covered by the National Scheme, ESI

Scheme, EPFO, those covered by any other statutory social security schemes, those with high financial status, those in the tax bracket, and taxpayers are not eligible for this scheme. Some premium will have to be paid until they receive this pension. The premium will depend on the age of those joining the scheme. Once the farmer pays, the government will also deposit money with the insurance company. Premium details.. Farmers between the ages of 18 and 40 are eligible for this scheme. Every month, a premium ranging from Rs. 55 to Rs. 200 will have to be paid from the bank account. The central government will pay an equal amount to the premium paid by the farmer. If the farmer deposits Rs. 55, Rs. 110 will be deposited every month. Farmers between the ages of 20 and 25 will have a premium of Rs.

61, 30-year-olds Rs. 105, 35-year-olds Rs. 150, and 40-year-olds Rs. 200. If the farmer dies, the wife can continue this scheme. If the farmer dies after 60 years, the wife will get a pension of Rs. 1500. The farmer will have to submit details and documents such as his photo, residence, certificate, cultivated land, income. PM Kisan Mandhan beneficiaries should apply on the Common Service Center (CMC) PM Kisan CMKMY portal. The farmer should first enter his Aadhaar number. The premium money should be paid from the bank account registered for the PM Kisan scheme. Every month, the money will be automatically credited from the account to the scheme. The nominee details should be entered. The Mandhan application should be downloaded, signed by the farmer and uploaded on the portal.

EDITORIAL

What is the capacity of fast track courts?

The NEET paper leakage case has created serious repercussions in the country. The movement launched by the Cockroach Janata Party against these irregularities has spread like wildfire not only in the country but also abroad. With this, the central government has stepped in and taken steps to rectify the shortcomings. In this context, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the establishment of fast track courts to try paper leak cases. In this regard, the Delhi High Court has set up a fast track court in the Rouse Avenue Court Complex in Delhi to specifically try paper leakage cases. This has led to a review of the capacity of the fast track courts. However, despite the establishment of fast track courts, new judges are not being appointed according to the cases, and additional capacity has not been provided in the judiciary, so they are suffering from a shortage of lawyers, staff, and resources on the one hand, and a burden of pending cases on the other. Are the necessary reforms in place to make these courts work effectively or should we think about it? Is the process of recording witness statements being carried out systematically at the scheduled time? Are the parties involved working together in coordination to ensure that cases do not get unnecessarily postponed? All these doubts arise. In these circumstances, taking up the trial of paper leak cases means that the judges currently serving in the courts will have to be given these additional responsibilities. Fast-track courts will function by transferring existing judges and legal resources from one place to another. As a result, the cases allocated to them will move forward faster. But judges have to postpone other cases that they were hearing before. Pending cases continue to be filed. Fasttrack courts were set up in 2019 for special hearing of rape cases and cases of sexual offences against children (POCSO). They have tried a limited number of cases and given results. But these courts are plagued by shortage of judges and lack of resources. Funds can be allocated for judges, staff and other needs, but the real problem is the capacity of the judicial system. There are currently 4.8 crore pending cases in ordinary courts across the country. Of these, 74 percent are criminal cases. Acid cases, chain snatching, cyber crime and murders are the most frequently registered. To resolve these, the most modern technology is a must for both lawyers and the police. The resolution of these cases has become a challenge for the judiciary. Also, about 2.45 lakh cases are pending in fast track courts across the country. The clearance rate of cases every year is very low. In short, the system is not moving fast enough to cope with the burden of new cases. In 2025, about 1.4 lakh cases were registered, but only 66,000 were resolved. If we want to review whether the fast track courts are really able to provide justice quickly, we need data on those cases. How many ordinary cases are pending for how long? the details of the cases of fast track courts are not available.



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Salman Reduces Remuneration By Rs 50 Cr For Paidipally?

Salman Khan’s upcoming film with director Vamshi Paidipally has become a hot topic in the film industry. Tentatively titled SVC63, the big-budget action entertainer is being produced by Dil Raju and is busy with its shoot. The latest buzz is that Salman has agreed to take a massive pay cut for the project. According to national media reports, the superstar, who usually charges over Rs.120 crore per film, will reportedly take home only Rs.70 crore. Industry reports suggest that Salman agreed to reduce his fee because of his dull market value and lack of hits. Some even say that he might also take a share in the profits.

However, neither Salman Khan nor the makers have officially confirmed the same. The film has already created good buzz among fans as it marks Salman Khan’s first collaboration with Telugu director Vamshi Paidipally. As per insider reports, Salman will be seen in a bald look in the film,



and reports are going viral that he will be seen as a cop in this film. With a star-studded team including Nayanthara as fe-

male lead, a grand scale, and Salman making a rare exception with his fee, SVC63 has become one of the most-

awaited projects in Hindi cinema. Very soon, the makers are expected to reveal his first look from the film.

All Eyes On Yash’s Toxic Trailer

The wait for Rocking Star Yash’s highly anticipated pan world film Toxic is about to get a lot more exciting. With the film gearing up for its grand worldwide release on August 26, the makers have finally locked the date for the much-anticipated trailer. The trailer will arrive on August 8, promising audiences their first comprehensive look into the action-packed world crafted by director Geetu Mohandas. In fact, all eyes are on the trailer, as it is expected to offer a glimpse of the film’s storyline. Yash stands alone in the middle of a deserted street during heavy rain. Wearing a long coat and hat, he holds a gun while facing away from the camera. The poster successfully raises curiosity about Yash’s character.

Until now, the promotional campaign has been deliberately mysterious. Although every promotional material has created tremendous buzz, yet the makers have refrained from revealing the film’s central conflict. That secrecy has only amplified curiosity. Backed by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, Toxic has been mounted as a global-scale action entertainer with premium production values.



Nenu Local, Cinema Choopistha & Nenu Ready: VV Vinayak

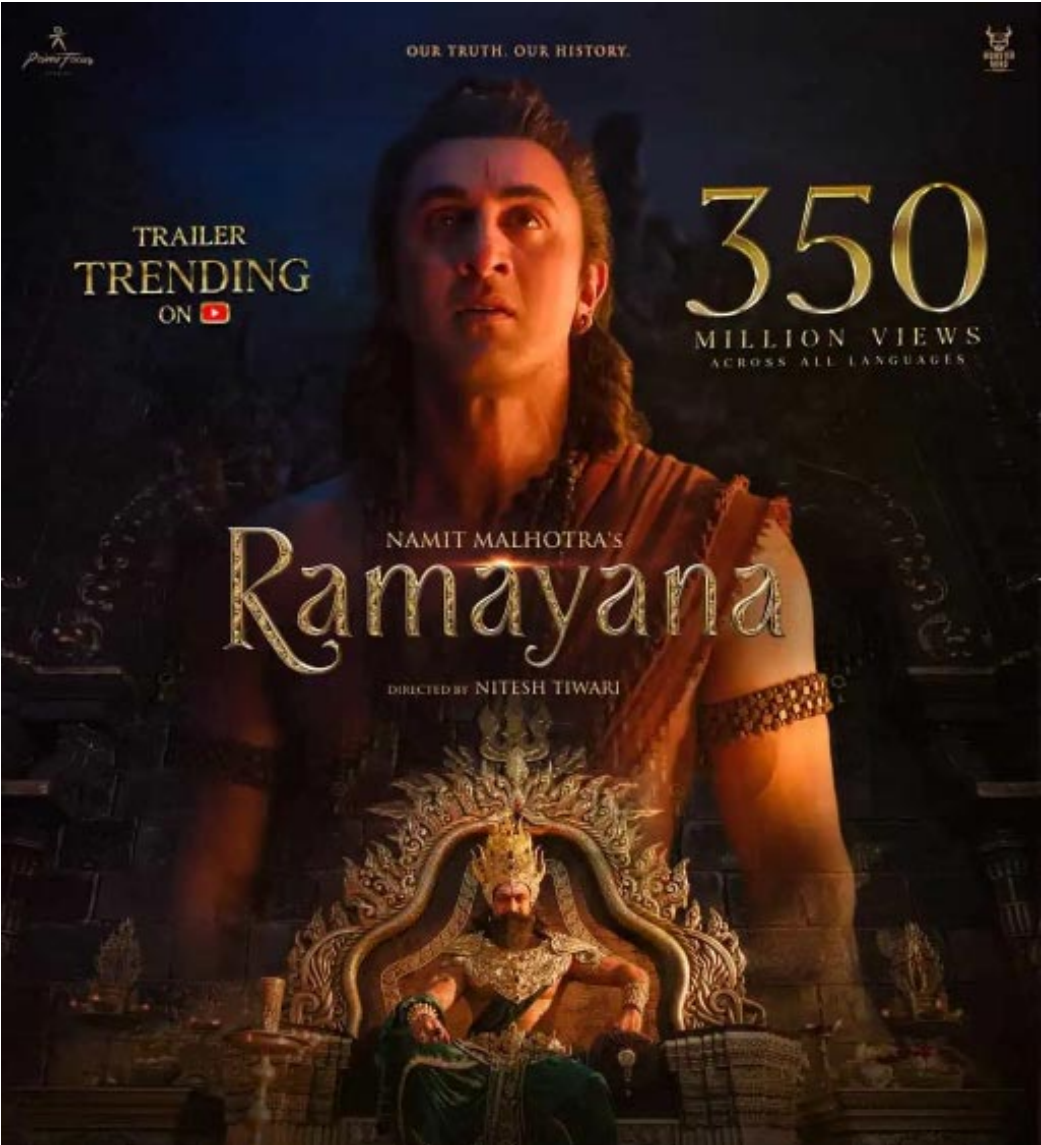


Havish’s out-and-out entertainer Nenu Ready, directed by Thrinadha Rao Nakkina, is getting ready for release. The promotional activities are already in full swing for the movie. While the teaser promised wholesome entertainment, the first single also turned out to be a chartbuster. The film’s second single Konchem Konchem was released. Unlike the romantic first song, Merupule Merupule is an upbeat youth anthem celebrating confidence and determination. Mickey J Meyer infuses the track with pulsating energy, while Krishna Kanth pens uplifting lyrics. Ritesh G Rao and Lakshmi Meghana deliver spirited vocals that perfectly complement the festive mood.

VV Vinayak during the song launch said, “Satyanarayana reminded me of the legendary Ramoji Rao. I truly hope this film earns a reputation as remarkable as KL University. More importantly, I hope it fulfills every dream he nurtured for his son. I strongly believe Havish has all the qualities needed to emerge as a successful commercial hero.

I’ve always admired Trinadha Rao Nakkina’s Cinema Choopistha Mama and Nenu Local, and I wish this film enjoys the same level of success and audience acceptance. Kavya Thapar already commands a huge fan following, and I’m delighted to see her as part of this project.” Havish said, “I gave my absolute best to bring my director’s vision to life, and I hope audiences enjoy my performance. I’m grateful to VV Vinayak for his constant support. The first song has been received exceptionally well, and I hope the second song becomes an even bigger success. Mickey has delivered beautiful music. Everyone associated with the film has watched it and is delighted with the outcome. Both our producers are extremely confident, and my sister, who is also a producer, appreciated the film immensely. The romantic song with Kavya Thapar was shot before we became friends, and thankfully she never hit me for the kissing scenes, so I have to thank her for that.” He further promised that the film will offer abundant entertainment, with Brahmanandam, Vennela Kishore, and a host of comedy actors delivering plenty of laughs.

Ramayana Trailer Clocks Record Breaking Views



Ranbir Kapoor’s epic Ramayana Part 1, directed by Nitesh Tiwari, and produced jointly by Prime Focus Studios, DNEG, and Monster Mind Creations, is getting ready for its theatrical release during Diwali, this year. The film’s trailer was unveiled a couple of days ago and shattered expectations by amassing 350 million+ views across its official digital platforms within just 48 hours, reflecting the unprecedented anticipation surrounding the epic. Ranbir Kapoor’s composed and majestic portrayal of Lord Shri Ram has won unanimous praise, while Yash has made a powerful impact as the formidable Raavana. Sai Pallavi has impressed audiences with her graceful embodiment of Sita, whereas Rakul Preet Singh’s striking appearance as Surpanakha has generated immense curiosity about her role. Audiences across domestic and overseas have responded with overwhelming enthusiasm. The trailer has sparked massive conversations on social media, with viewers applauding its breathtaking visuals, larger-than-life storytelling, international-standard VFX, and emotionally charged background score. The phenomenal response to the trailer suggests that Ramayana is on course to script a historic box office run when it releases in theatres this Diwali.

Khushi Kapoor Turns Every Look Into A Postcard

Khushi Kapoor, who’s currently gearing up for the shoot of her upcoming film Mom 2, decided to take a well-deserved break in Italy before diving back into work. From the cobbled streets of Florence to the coastal charm of the Italian Riviera, she made the most of her getaway. Every stop on her trip came with a stunning outfit change, a red tweed co-ord in Florence, a colourful printed kaftan mini by the harbour, a chic backless black dress for an evening out, and playful poolside and balcony looks featuring bikini tops, denim shorts, and a preppy navy tennis dress. With scenic Italian backdrops and an effortlessly stylish wardrobe, Khushi’s vacation diaries are giving major travel-and-fashion inspiration before she gets back to shooting for Mom 2.



Hyderabad teenager Yashwwanth sets sixth international world record



Hyderabad: Fourteen-year-old martial arts exponent from the city, Balabhadrapatruni Yashwwanth, has officially secured his sixth international world record. The Class 10 student from Pallavi Model School successfully captured an incredible 170 single-hand punch strikes in just 30 seconds, setting a new global teenage benchmark. Training under Grandmaster Shaswat Kumar, who has been awarded the Pioneer of Modern Combat Karate by Empikai Martial Arts Association, Republic of Serbia, Yashwwanth's latest feat translates into an astonishing striking

velocity of 5.6 punches per second using only one hand, proving his elite, lightning-fast hand speed.

Dominating in fighting, kata and speed

Yashwwanth has repeatedly proven himself to be an exceptionally fast and versatile combat athlete. He has demonstrated complete mastery in both explosive full-contact fighting (Kumite) and technical forms (Kata) across all levels of open competition from 2023 to 2026: Open State Circuit: Captured 1 Gold in fighting, 1 Gold in kata, 1 Bronze in fighting and 1 Bronze in kata; Open

National Circuit: Secured 1 Gold in fighting, 1 Gold in kata, 1 Silver in fighting, 2 Bronze in fighting and 2 Silver in kata; Open E-International Circuit: Earned 2 Gold medals in kata; Open International Circuit: Proved his combat supremacy by winning 1 Gold and 1 Silver in fighting, along with 1 Gold in kata; Hyderabad League 2026: Swept his division with 2 Gold medals each in Kumite and Kata; International 2026: Won a Gold medal in kata.

Dual national and international record recognition demonstrated

Yashwwanth's remarkable speed benchmarks have caught global attention. Notably, two of his core speed records have also been officially recognised as National Records by the Shreyanavi Charitable Foundation Wings. His complete legacy of records includes: Maximum Single-Hand Punch Strikes in 30 Seconds (Teenager): 170 punches (July 2026); Maximum Half-Stretch Punches in 1 Minute: 404 punches, shattering the previous teenage record of 222

and adult record of 384 (6.73 punches per second); Maximum Full-Extension Punches in 30 Seconds (Boxing Gloves): 161 punches, recognised as a National Record by Shreyanavi Charitable Foundation Wings and Asian Book of World Records; Fastest Teenager to Perform Full-Extension Punches in 20 Seconds (Karate Gloves): 107 punches, recognised as a National Record by Shreyanavi Charitable Foundation Wings and Asian Book of World Records; Maximum Single-Hand Full-Extension Wall Punches in 30 Seconds (Karate Gloves): 108 punches; Most Alternating Martial Arts Kicks on a Pad in 1 Minute: 107 kicks (MABWR). Demonstrating true martial arts discipline, Yashwwanth also recently gave back to the community by conducting a free Kihon (martial arts basics) seminar at an allied NGO run by his coach. He continues to solidify his status as one of India's fastest and most accomplished young sports talents.

Outgoing India fielding coach T Dilip pens emotional farewell after five-year stint



New Delhi: Outgoing India fielding coach T Dilip on Monday penned an emotional farewell note as his time with the national men's team came to an end, saying that the journey meant a lot to him, and admitted to having difficulty in finding right words to sum up his successful five-year tenure. Dilip, who joined the team in November 2021, has left the Indian set-up after his contract was not renewed following India's T20I tour of Zimbabwe. In his place, Subhadeep Ghosh has taken charge as the fielding coach and will travel with the team to Sri Lanka for the two-game series starting on August 15. "Five years. It's difficult to find the right words for a journey that has meant so much. When I first walked into this setup, I came in with one simple intention, to give everything I had every single day. Fielding has always been my way of contributing to the game I love, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to have played a part in this team's jour-

ney," wrote Dilip on his Instagram account on Monday. Highlighting the iconic fielding medal tradition that brought a light-hearted yet competitive energy to the Indian dressing room after matches, especially during the 2023 Men's ODI World Cup, Dilip shared how deeply the initiative resonated with the squad. "The fielding medal will always hold a very special place in my heart. Seeing the excitement it created in the dressing room, the smiles it brought and the value the players attached to it are memories I'll carry with me forever. I will always cherish being part of: Two ICC Men's T20 World Cup triumphs (2024 & 2026) ICC Champions Trophy triumph (2025) Two Asia Cup triumphs (2023 & 2025) Runners-up at the ICC World Test Championship & ICC Men's Cricket World Cup (2023) and several unforgettable journeys on the world stage," he added. Hyderabad-based Dilip further expressed his gratitude to the Board of Control for Cricket in India

(BCCI), former head coach Rahul Dravid, current head coach Gautam Gambhir, and the various captains he worked under. "A heartfelt thank you to the BCCI @indiancricketteam for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to serve Indian cricket. To #Rahul Dravid and @gautamgambhir55, thank you for your trust. It was a pleasure to work alongside both of you. "To @rohitsharma45, @surya_14kumar, @virat.kohli, @hardikpandya93, @shubmangill and @shreyasiyer96, it was a privilege to work with each of you and contribute during your time as captains. And to every player, coach and member of the support staff... thank you. The memories we've created together will stay with me for the rest of my life. "As this chapter comes to a close, I'll always be grateful that, for five unforgettable years, I had the honour of wearing the India badge. Forever grateful. The journey continues," he concluded.

USA cricketer Akhilesh Reddy banned for eight years under ICC Anti-Corruption Code



New Delhi: United States of America (USA) cricketer Bodugum Akhilesh Reddy has been banned from all forms of cricket for eight years after an International Cricket Council (ICC) Anti-Corruption Tribunal found him guilty of breaching three counts of the Anti-Corruption Code. The sanctions on Reddy, 26, stem from corrupt activities linked to the 2025 edition of the Abu Dhabi T10 tournament in the United Arab Emirates (UAE). The ICC had been appointed by the Emirates

Cricket Board (ECB) to act as the Designated Anti-Corruption Official (DACO) for the league. According to the ICC, Reddy's eight-year suspension has been backdated to November 21, 2025, when he was first provisionally suspended. "Following formal tribunal proceedings, Reddy was held guilty of violating three key provisions under the Anti-Corruption Code: Article 2.1.1: Attempting to fix, contrive or otherwise influence improperly, or being party to an agreement or effort

to fix or contrive in any way or otherwise influence improperly, the result, progress, conduct or other aspect of matches in the ADT10 2025. "Article 2.1.4: Soliciting, inducing, enticing, instructing, persuading, encouraging or intentionally facilitating (or attempting to do the former) another Participant to breach Article 2.1.1 of the Code in one or more Matches in the ADT10 2025. "Article 2.4.7: Obstructing the DACO's investigation through deletion of data and messages from a mobile device which may have been relevant to the DACO's investigation," said the ICC in its statement on Monday. The charges stem from an incident on the morning of November 19, 2025, in a hotel room shortly before the opening match of the Aspin Stallions. The Tribunal found that Reddy approached a teammate (designated as 'Player A') and asked him to "give runs" (concede extra runs while bowling) at the behest of team management. When

'Player A' rejected the corrupt approach and reported the matter to the ICC Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU), he was dropped from the starting XI shortly before the match. Regarding the third charge, Reddy admitted to manually deleting WhatsApp text messages and call logs exchanged with 'Player A' on the morning of November 19. While he claimed it was standard "data hygiene" on his iPhone, the Tribunal rejected his defence, ruling that he intentionally destroyed potentially incriminating material ahead of the ACU probe. The sanctions were handed down following an extensive hearing by a three-member tribunal comprising Michael J Beloff KC (Chair), Justice Kate O'Regan, and Lloyd Mhishi. Reddy, who made his international debut against the Cayman Islands in the North America T20 Cup, has featured in four T20Is for the USA, and took one wicket.

Jyotiraditya Scindia meets Mirabai Chanu after her historic third CWG gold

New Delhi: After scripting history with her record-extending third consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medal in Glasgow, ace weightlifter Mirabai Chanu called on Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. Congratulating Mirabai Chanu on her achievement, Scindia praised her unwavering determination, discipline and perseverance, describing her success as an inspiration for millions of young athletes across the country, particularly in the North Eastern Region. During the interaction, Mirabai Chanu shared her inspiring journey of resilience and the challenges she overcame on her path to becoming one of India's most celebrated sportspersons. The minister also held detailed discussions with her on various aspects of sports, including training routines, nutrition, recovery cycles and the importance of adequate rest and sleep in achieving peak performance. Scindia

also appreciated the invaluable contribution of Mirabai Chanu's coach, trainer and physiotherapist, acknowledging that world-class sporting success is built on a strong support system backed by scientific training and expert guidance. Highlighting the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region's vision for nurturing sporting talent, he discussed the development of a comprehensive sports ecosystem in the region through the establishment of the High Level Task Force (HLTF). Through this Task Force, the Ministry of DoNER is focusing on the 'One State, One Sport' initiative, under which each Northeastern state is being supported to develop excellence in sports where it has a natural competitive advantage, including disciplines such as weightlifting, archery and football. Scindia emphasised that the initiative is not merely about creating brick-and-mortar infrastructure but about building a world-class sporting ecosystem



centred on quality coaching, scientific training, sports science, nutrition, recovery and athlete support. He noted that providing aspiring athletes with access to high-quality training

and facilities within the region itself would inspire many more young sportspersons to pursue excellence and enable the Northeast to produce many more champions like Mirabai Chanu.

Virat Kohli's aggression keeps cricket alive, says former umpire Anil Chaudhary

New Delhi: Former international umpire Anil Chaudhary believes high-energy personalities like Virat Kohli are vital for the sport to retain its charm, while revealing that the star batter acts aggressively out of pure competitive spirit without any malice. Kohli, who recently played in India's 2-1 ODI series loss to England, will be next seen in action during the series against the West Indies in September. "Actually, my advantage with Virat was that I had officiated his matches since childhood, so I have known him for a long time. He doesn't have any malice. He reacts aggressively sometimes, but if you're right, he'll give you a thumbs up too. Between overs, he'll come over and put a hand around your waist. But he is lively throughout. Players like him should be there; otherwise, the game will get boring," Chaudhary said on JioHotstar. Reflecting on the fiery on-field altercations in the IPL, including the famous heated exchange between Kohli and Gautam Gambhir in 2013, Chaudhary noted that aggression is intrinsic to northern players and brings a unique flavour to the game, provided it stays within limits. "I knew something like that would happen because all of them from the North play with aggression. I have played local cricket too, and our players have always played like this. If they don't play with that aggression, their performances won't come out as well. The flavour of the game won't be there if you put



too many restrictions on the players. But there's a limit, and it shouldn't be crossed." Turning to the ongoing debate surrounding run-outs at the non-striker's end, Chaudhary defended the mode of dismissal while predicting that cricket authorities might soon introduce a structured penalty mechanism to curb batters taking an unfair start. "The dismissal is fair in cricket. The batter at the non-striker's end is running so far ahead that the advantage he gets is that he has only a few more steps to cover to reach the other end, which is unfair. "I think very soon, in a year or two, a rule will come in with a warning system, one warning, two warnings, and then a run penalty. Because it's unfair. Many times, on the last ball, the non-striker starts running early, and the

striker does the same. So, what's left for the bowler?" he said. Former India opener Aakash Chopra shared a humorous story from an Australian tour involving former opener Virender Sehwag and veteran umpire Steve Bucknor. "Whatever Sachin Tendulkar wanted to say, Viru (Virender Sehwag) would pass on as messages. He was standing next to Steve at square leg and asked, 'Steve, how old are you?' Steve said, '52' or '53', whatever it was. "Viru then said, 'Steve, you can't hear, you can't see, you should retire.' So, I asked Viru, 'Are you mad? He'll give you out!' He replied, 'He's giving Tendulkar wrong decisions anyway. If he's going to keep giving wrong decisions, what's the difference? At least let me speak my mind!'" Chopra recalled.