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Telangana govt seeks higher Tummidihatti barrage and project clearances



Hyderabad:05,august; Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy sought the Centre's intervention to secure Maharashtra's consent for raising the height of the proposed Tummidihatti barrage on the Pranahita river from 148 metres to 150-152 metres. He also sought environmental clearances for the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and other irrigation projects.Accompanied by Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, Revanth Reddy called on Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Patil in New Delhi on Wednesday.

He said the earlier agreement between Telangana and Maharashtra provided for a 148-metre-high barrage. He cited a Central Water and Power Research Station (CWPRS) study, which found little difference in submergence between 148 metres and 152 metres, with about half of the affected area falling within the river bed.He stated that a 148-metre-high structure would not provide sufficient water through gravity and sought an early meeting between Telangana and Maharashtra. He said completion of the project

would provide irrigation facilities to the backward erst-while Adilabad district.Geographic ReferenceIn response, Patil said the Prime Minister's Office had forwarded Revanth Reddy's letter to his Ministry and that discussions would begin through the Central Water Commission between officials of the two States, followed by a meeting of their Irrigation Ministers. Separately, Revanth Reddy and Uttam Kumar Reddy urged Union Environment Minister Bhopender Yadav to expedite environmental clearances for the Palamuru-Rangareddy, Gouravelli, Sita Rama Sagar and Dindi projects. They said the State had already spent Rs 36,437 crore on Palamuru-Rangareddy, Rs 3,187 crore on Dindi, Rs 1,835 crore on Sita Rama Sagar and Rs 1,350 crore on Gouravelli. They said delays in clearances had stalled works and increased project costs, and sought immediate approvals in view of a recent Supreme Court verdict.

CM Revanth Reddy meets Union ministers discusses key issues



projects. Telangana Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and MPs participated in this meeting. CM Revanth Reddy meets Union Minister CR Patil. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met Union Water

Resources Minister CR Patil today. He asked CR Patil to intervene in discussions with Maharashtra to increase the height of the Tummidihatti project. The CM explained that the state had previously agreed to the construction of a height of 148 meters. He appealed to Maharashtra to be convinced to construct it with a height of 150 meters. He said that even if it is increased to 150 meters, the inundation will be within 1000 hectares. He explained that with the construction of Tummidihatti, there will be an opportunity for gravity water supply without the cost of lift irrigation. Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, MPs, and Jitender Reddy, special representative of the Telangana Bhavan government in Delhi,

Dial 112 launched 18 types of services available



Hyderabad,August 5 : Telangana DGP CV Anand launched Dial 112 services

in Telangana from the Command Control Center on Wednesday . Speaking on the occasion, the DGP said that 18 types of services will be available through Dial 112. He commented that Dial 112 is a solution to many problems such as legal aid, medical aid, and cyber aid. He made it clear that the police cannot refuse a call to Dial 112 under any circumstances.We will also set up a drone team. The DGP said that the police, fire, ambulance services and Dial 112 services

will be monitored under a single system from TGICCC. He revealed that their goal is to further strengthen public safety and emergency response capacity. He said that they are using advance ALS for caller location as soon as

the Dial 112 phone arrives. He explained that the Telangana Police will soon use the drone-based technical system. He said that a drone team is also going to be set up. He said that Dial 112 will be version 3.0.

Santosh Nagar steel bridge and Moosarambagh bridge set to open soon



Hyderabad: 05 August: The long-standing two major bridges, Saidabad Steel Bridge project and

Moosarambagh Bridge, will be inaugurated soon, according to a press release.The steel bridge

built at a cost of Rs 620 crore aims to make a signal-free corridor from Nalgonda X Roads Junction to Owaisi Hospital junction. The 3.32 km long bridge covers Nalgonda X Roads, Chanchalguda, Saidabad, Santosh Nagar, IS Sadan and Owaisi Hospital Junction.The high-level bridge across the Musi River at Moosarambagh connecting Amberpet and Malakpet would also be inaugurated shortly.

The bridge work and railing works were completed, and Amberpet-side road approach work, Malakpet-side retaining wall and road approach are in progress, it said. The length of the bridge is 220 metres and the cost is Rs 52 crore.On Wednesday, GHMC commissioner RV Karnan along with ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Mohammed Azharuddin inspected these two infra works.

Fire NOC is mandatory for Inter colleges: Inter Board Secretary Abhilasha Abhinav



Hyderabad:05,august; Intermediate Board Secretary Abhilasha Abhinav said that fire NOC has been made compulsory for intermediate colleges. Some fire NOCs received by the In-

termediate Board were examined in consultation with Hydra and some certificates were found to be bogus. She said that the issue of fake certificates came to light after the details of the

applications received by Hydra were received by the Intermediate Board. She said that an investigation into the fake NOCs is currently underway and after the investigation is completed, it will be clear how many fake certificates were submitted.Strict action against fake NOCs Abhilasha Abhinav revealed that Hydra and the Intermediate Board are serious about the issue of fake fire NOCs. He said that an internal investigation is also being conducted at the Intermediate Board level on this matter. He said that appropriate action is likely to be taken against the colleges that have violated the

rules. Students, don't worry. The Intermediate Board has made it clear that students and parents do not need to worry about the issue of fake NOCs. Abhilasha Abhinav said that all necessary steps will be taken to ensure that students do not suffer any harm. He advised that complete details regarding college permissions are available on the official website and that parents can check through the website if they have any doubts. Intermediate Board Secretary Abhilasha Abhinav said that more than 3,000 intermediate colleges have received permissions for this academic year.

Does PK's victory ring danger bells for the BJP?

Bihar.05.august; has once again made headlines in national politics. Until yesterday, the BJP-JDU alliance... While the state made headlines with the BJP snatching the reins of government from JDU chief Nitish Kumar... now danger bells have been sounded for the same BJP from the same state. Interesting analyses are going on that the victory of Jana Suraj Party leader and prominent political strategist Prashant Kishor from the Bankipur Assembly in Bihar will have a major impact on the BJP. Although there is no major danger for the BJP at the moment.. there are arguments that the Bankipur by-election will cause irreparable damage to the BJP in the near future.Is this kind of analysis necessary only if the BJP loses a single assembly seat? That is... it must be said that it is absolutely necessary. The Bankipur assembly in Bihar is considered a stronghold for the BJP. BJP candidates have been winning from that seat since 1995. The



current BJP national president, Nitin Nabin, is also from there. Moreover... Nitin has won six times as an MLA from Bankipur. Nitin won the first MLA from this constituency, which was called Patna West till 2006. Then in 2010, Patna West was renamed Bankipur... Nitin has been winning as an MLA till 2025. After taking over as the BJP national president, Nitin resigned from the post of Bankipur MLA. He was elected as a Rajya Sabha member. With Nitin's resignation, a by-election for Bankipur has become

inevitable. That is... the BJP lost the Bankipur by-election that produced the BJP national president. Moreover, there is no record of any other party winning there since 1995. In the Bihar Assembly elections held in 2005, Nitin won for the sixth time in a row with a huge majority of 51 thousand. Less than a year after this, Bankipur was lost to the BJP. Neeraj Kumar, who contested on behalf of the BJP in the Bankipur by-election, was defeated by PK by a margin of almost 20 thousand votes. Looking at this situation... it cannot be said

that this by-election has really rung danger bells for the BJP.Although the defeat in the Bankipur by-election is not the only one. If we compare several key events that have taken place in a row in recent times... the claims that embarrassing situations have been lurking for the BJP graph are increasing. The youth protests in the national capital Delhi over the paper leak... It must be said that the BJP high command's behavior as if it were a lemon has also become a problem for the party until they spread across the country. It must be said that the Gol Mal issue of Ram Mandir funds has also put the BJP in trouble. It must be said that the defeat in Bankipur has put the BJP in an even more difficult situation while the party is recovering from these. The analyses that the impact of these will be huge in the upcoming Uttar Pradesh assembly elections are arousing interest,

The education you taught KTR Sir!

05,august;Telangana's main opposition BRS working president and former minister KTR recently lashed out at the media. He especially lashed out at the mainstream media. He made strong comments that the mainstream media is 'enslaved' in the state. He said that they are suppressing important news. "Media organizations should think about whose praise they are doing all this for. Are they there for the people? Are they there for individuals?" he commented in his own style. He also said that it is not right to support some individuals for the sake of doing business with the people.At the same time, he also mentioned the case of the son of a key leader in the state being involved in the POCOS case. He lamented that the victim's grievances were not heard by the mainstream media. He expressed his displeasure that the mainstream media did not even speak a single word on the matter even after four days.

It is only because of social media's support that the victim's complaint became known throughout the state. He commented that the leader's son was arrested. Should the mainstream media 'scold' the leaders so much? He asked. KTR suggested that they should think from the perspective of the people.KTR may not be wrong in his current complaint. Moreover, there must be a complaint and concern that his protests and dharnas are not being covered in the mainstream media. But, analysts say that there is no need to dig into what the BRS party did when it was in power for ten years. They say that it is still visible before our eyes. Didn't an attempt to shut down a mainstream newspaper and media that questioned the rule against KCR be made? They ask. KTR, who now praises social media, is being questioned for his comment that "idle idiots start channels" when he was in power.Analysts are reminding



ing us that when the SC youth who questioned the Nallagonda lands were detained, everyone knows who prevented the news from coming out. KTR, who is now paying taxes on democracy and media freedom, is questioning what happened to the newspaper that wrote about the Formula E race. They are asking

ing. If he had not violated media freedom with the same attitude when he was in power, he would have had the opportunity to question and ask now. They also recall the case of the closure of 22 YouTube channels during the BRS regime and the Supreme Court's crackdown on attempts to close a major newspaper.



## EDITORIAL

## Intense controversy over police violence

The police's use of tear gas, lathi-charge and pellet guns against the 'Chalo Parliament' protest organized by the Cockroach Janata Party in Delhi has now become a hot topic of discussion. This controversy is heating up in the Parliament sessions. Opposition Leader Rahul Gandhi not only questioned why pellet guns were used on students, but also strongly protested that this was done on the orders of Union Home Minister Amit Shah, which is why Amit Shah did not have the courage to come to the House. In this context, the police action has once again brought the thin line between civil rights and peace and the limits of police officers to the fore. There are criticisms that this is undermining freedom of expression. According to police guidelines, warnings should be given first to disperse a crowd, then water cannons and tear gas should be used. If the crowd still does not come under control, lathicharge should be used. It should not be such as to cause serious bodily injury. Pellet guns are extremely dangerous. Pellet guns should be used only in situations where people are at risk of death due to the protests. Courts and public organizations have expressed concern that excessive use of force or suppression of protests in the name of security undermines democratic values. There is a view among democrats that protests should not be considered violence just because they cause inconvenience to the people. The Supreme Court has also taken up the hearing of petitions filed against the police action against the protests in Delhi on July 20, as well as the incident of a constable firing an AK-47 assault rifle in the air during the NEET paper leak protests in Siwan, Bihar on July 25. At the same time, the Supreme Court has agreed to hear petitions filed by families of police officers alleging that they were attacked and treated brutally by protesters. It is also argued that the credibility of the case will be damaged by hearing petitions filed by families of police officers accused of brutal repression. However, it is noteworthy that the Chief Justice of India has commented that imposing restrictions on protests in designated places with proper permission is against the fundamental right of protesters. The real purpose of protests is to question and inconvenience the government. To demand that protests be completely orderly and predictable is to impose administrative restrictions on the rights guaranteed by the Constitution. Although the responsibility to maintain peace and order lies with the state, it is not justified for the police to use excessive force just because there is a disturbance. At the same time, it should be understood that not every inconvenience is protected by the Constitution. Modern cities are densely populated, so even peaceful protests and blockades can result in the violation of the freedoms and rights of thousands of ordinary people who are not involved in the agitation. However, temporary inconvenience caused to people due to protests is different from violence that violates the rights of others. The courts should recognize a clear distinction between the two. It is



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# Creativity on Hindu Deities Cannot Be Curtailed: Supreme

The Odisha government filed a petition seeking modification of an order earlier issued by the Supreme Court permitting the release of the animated film Mahaprabhu Jagannath. But the Supreme Court has now dismissed the plea, stating that creativity, art and culture could not be curtailed merely because a few people were sensitive about the depiction of deities. The court clearly confirmed that it cannot interfere with its previous order allowing the film’s release after the Rath Yatra festivities. The bench of Justices also opined that the film, especially in the animated format, was a form of creativity meant to engage children.

“If such kind of sensitivity continues and people continue to file petitions, then we will have to pass orders in respect of Hindu gods and goddesses that there should be no creativity. Ramayana on television will stop. No art in any form of god and goddess. There is creativity in the country,” Justice Nagarathna said during the hearing. The government claimed that the certificate granted to the film was revisable under the relevant law and



pointed out that the Shree Jagannath Temple Administration and the state government had sought a review. “We are not opposed to the release. Let the government independently consider the issue under its

revisional powers,” the advocate for the government argued. Additionally, Justice Mahadevan suggested that if any concerns remained, the producers could consider making corrections. The court earlier

permitted the all-India release of the film on or after July 28. The film which was based on a web series was already available on YouTube and had received clearance from the Central Board of Film Certification.

# Yash Steals The Show In Ramayana Trailer

The much-awaited trailer of Ramayana has finally arrived, and while Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi play the iconic roles of Lord Ram and Sita, it is Yash who has grabbed most of the attention in the role of Raavan. From the moment he appears, Yash brings an intense energy that is hard to ignore. His commanding screen presence, powerful body language, and fierce expressions make things work in favor of the trailer. Ranbir Kapoor and Sai Pallavi look convincing in their respective roles, but the trailer appears to be heavily centered around Yash’s character, making him the biggest talking point after the trailer launch. His larger-than-life presence has impressed fans despite the trailer getting mixed opinions online. While the visual effects are impressive, some feel that the focus on VFX overshadows the emotional depth of the characters. On the other hand, if Yash delivers the same level of impact through-



out the film, this buzz will definitely help his other film, Toxic, in North belt as it is already struggling to find a

strong buzz. For now, the trailer has made audiences eager to see more of Yash on the big screen. With the film car-

rying massive expectations, all eyes are now on how the story and other major characters unfold on the big screen.

# Despite Taking Years, Stars Still Opt for Sequels!

Despite the mixed results for sequels, the trend of making films in two parts is growing rapidly in Telugu cinema. Interestingly, even as star heroes are taking years to complete a project, many filmmakers are still opting for the sequel format to tell larger stories. Jr NTR’s highly anticipated Dragon is being made as a two-part film. The Prashanth Neel film has been mounted on a grand scale, with the makers believing that a single film may not be enough to tell the entire story, which has an international scale. On the other hand, Allu Arjun’s Raaka is also said to be following a similar route. While an official confirmation is awaited, reports suggest that the makers are considering a two-part release strategy for the Atlee film. Now, as per the latest update, Ram Charan and Sukumar’s upcoming film,



RC17, is also being designed as a two-part saga, raising expectations among fans and business circles. What makes this trend even more interesting is the release strategy. Reports suggest that at least two of the above-mentioned films could follow the Dhurandhar model, where both parts are released within a gap of just four to five months. This approach helps maintain audience excitement and avoids making fans wait for years between installments. The question now is whether audiences will continue to embrace this trend or start preferring standalone films once again.

## Pragya Jaiswal Owns The Chilly Rainy Vibe in Shorts

It’s been a quiet year on the film front for Pragya Jaiswal, with Tyson Naidu, co-starring Bellamkonda Sai Sreenivas and Nabha Natesh, remaining her only upcoming project. But away from the screen, her style game continues to shine bright. In her latest pictures, Pragya is spotted lounging in a chic egg chair, dressed in a breezy blue-and-white striped co-ord set layered with a matching oversized shirt. She rounds off the look with white strappy heels, delicate earrings, and an anklet, keeping her hair in soft tousled waves.

With a radiant smile and effortless charm, Pragya proves that even without a packed release slate this year, she knows exactly how to keep her fans hooked with pure style.



# Disha Patani Drips In Liquid Gold Glam

Disha Patani continues to prove why she’s one of the most sizzling stars in the industry, and her latest pictures are no exception. Serving pure glamour, she stuns in a shimmering gold sequined dress with a plunging halter neckline, striking sultry poses in a lavish, dimly lit room. These captivating stills are from her song “Kyun” from Welcome to the Jungle, where Disha brings undeniable oomph and screen presence to the frame. On the box office front, Welcome to the Jungle has wrapped up its theatrical run with a lifetime worldwide collection of ₹193 crore, making it a commercial success and landing as an average-to-hit earner. With her sizzling looks and steady work, Disha continues to keep fans hooked.





## Mandeep, Abhishek and Lakra emphasise teamwork ahead of FIH Hockey World Cup 2026



**New Delhi:** As the Indian men's hockey team gears up for the FIH Hockey World Cup 2026, forwards Mandeep Singh, Abhishek and Shilanand Lakra have underlined the importance of chemistry, consistency, teamwork and meticulous preparation as they look to spearhead India's campaign at the marquee event. The FIH Hockey World Cup, to be jointly hosted by Belgium and the Netherlands from August 15 to 30, will see India begin their campaign in Pool D against Wales on August 15 before taking on England and arch-rivals

Pakistan. Veteran striker Mandeep Singh, who is set to feature in his fourth World Cup, said he has now taken on the responsibility of mentoring the younger forwards after learning from senior players earlier in his career. "When I was younger, I used to ask a lot of questions to the senior players. I learnt a great deal from them, and now I try to pass on those experiences to the younger forwards. We talk about handling pressure, staying calm and making the right decisions in big matches," he said. Highlighting the team's

preparation, Mandeep added, "Our sessions as forwards are very specific. We spend a lot of time working inside the last nine yards, focusing on creating the right connections and making sure every attack has an outcome. We've also worked extensively on receiving the final pass and converting our chances." "A good striker is never just focused on scoring goals. Hockey is a team game, and the better your understanding and connection with your teammates, the more effective you'll be. Every time we enter the circle, our aim is to create an outcome, whether that's a goal, a shot on target or winning a penalty corner," he explained. Shilanand Lakra, who is preparing for his maiden FIH World Cup appearance, credited the senior players, especially Mandeep, for helping him adapt to the demands of international hockey. "Whenever I make a mistake, the senior players tell me where I can improve. Mandeep always motivates me and guides me. Those conversations help me keep learning and focus on getting better," said Lakra. The 27-year-old also emphasised that the role of a modern-day forward extends beyond scoring goals. "My focus is always on what I can do best for the team. Whether it's creating opportu-

nities, scoring goals or making tackles, I try to contribute in every way I can. As a forward, it's not just about scoring anymore. We are the first line of defence, and if we defend well, we make life easier for our defenders and midfielders," he said. Abhishek, one of India's most consistent goalscorers in recent years, said sustained success begins with hard work away from the ball. "For a striker, consistency starts without the ball. Off-the-ball movement and pressing are extremely important because the striker is the first line of defence. Once we win possession, the next step is building a connection with the other forwards, and then comes finishing the move, whether that's scoring a goal, getting a shot on target or winning a penalty corner." He also stressed the importance of mental preparation in high-pressure situations. "Composure inside the circle comes from training. Without putting in the hard work during practice, you can't expect to make the right decisions in those situations. We also work on the mental side through meditation and experience. The more you play, the calmer you become when those opportunities come your way," he stated.

## Union Cabinet approves Rs 36,441 crore sports push with expanded Khelo India Scheme

**New Delhi:** Calling it the most "ambitious" sports development programme since Independence, the union cabinet on Friday approved an expanded Khelo India Scheme and enhanced the budget for Assistance to the National Sports Federations (ANSFs) with a combined outlay of Rs 36,441 crore covering the next five years. The government has allocated Rs 29,054 crore for the next five years to the Khelo India Scheme that aims to build a pool of talented athletes at the grassroots level as India bids to become a global sporting hub by hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games and bidding for the 2036 Olympics. The assistance to NSFs has been pegged at Rs 7387 crore over the next five years. The existing budgetary allocation for the Assistance to National Sports Federations (NSFs) for the year 2026-27 stood at Rs 425 crore. "The approved outlay is nearly eight times that of the previous Khelo India Scheme, reflecting the Government's commitment to making sports a cornerstone of youth development, nation-building and India's emergence as a global sporting powerhouse," read a statement from the government. To strengthen



the school sports ecosystem, the Government has introduced two new initiatives — Khelo India Feeder Schools (KIFS) and Khelo India Utkrisha Vidyalayas (KIUV) — which will "integrate sports with mainstream education and enable early identification and systematic nurturing of talented children." The Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF) Scheme for the period 2026-31 will support Indian athletes and teams through funding for coaching, sports science, modern equip-

ment, international exposure, coaching camps, engagement of foreign experts and participation in major international competitions. "It will also support sports cooperation with countries of the Global South and promote India's indigenous sports internationally," the government stated. "Special emphasis has been placed on expanding opportunities for women athletes, para-athletes, indigenous sports, and sports as a tool for peace, inclusion and community development. "The scheme also provides

support for organising the National Games and hosting major international sporting events in India," the statement read. The scheme also envisages a unified digital sports platform on which athlete databases, infrastructure, competitions, coaching resources, talent assessments, funding and Fit India participation would be integrated. The platform will enable data-driven planning, "transparent governance and personalised athlete development."

## Hockey Jammu and Kashmir and Hockey Arunachal register emphatic wins at Junior Nationals



**Coimbatore:** Hockey Jammu & Kashmir and Hockey Arunachal emerged victorious in Division 'B' matches on the third day of the 16th Hockey India Junior Men National Championship 2026 at the Coimbatore Hockey Ground. Hockey Jammu & Kashmir registered a commanding 11-0 win over Kerala Hockey in their Division 'B',

Pool A encounter. Harmanpreet Singh (11', 14', 36', 42', 51') starred with five goals, while Gamanpreet Singh (15', 24') added a brace. Kawalpreet Singh (25'), Taranjot Singh (29') and Arjun Pandit (32') also found the back of the net to complete the comprehensive victory. In the Division 'B', Pool B fixture, Hockey Arunachal defeated Chhattisgarh Hockey 5-2. Mohd. Atif (11', 41', 52') led the charge with a hat-trick, while Salil Kindo (10', 14') struck twice to give Hockey Arunachal an early advantage. For Chhattisgarh Hockey, Mohit Nayak (24') and Vivek Yadav (34') scored their side's goals. Earlier on the second day, Hockey Rajasthan, Telangana Hockey and Le Puducherry Hockey won their matches in Division 'C' while Uttarakhand, Arunachal and Chandigarh emerged victorious in Division 'B' on Wednesday. The day began with Hockey Rajasthan beating Assam Hockey 11-3 in Pool A of Division 'C'. Mohammad Ubaid Raza (31', 41', 51') scored a hat-trick while Himanshu Kumar Meena (8', 36'), Sandeep (36', 47'), Bisayati Azaj (49', 56'), Naman Patel (6') and captain Manvendra Gurjar (40') added to the tally for Hockey Rajasthan. Suraj Thakur (30', 53') and captain Amanat Ali (3') scored for Assam Hockey. In Pool B, Division 'C', Telangana Hockey defeated Hockey Gujarat 3-1.

## Commonwealth Games 2026: Seema Kaliramna wins discus bronze as Tajinderpal Singh Toor finishes fifth

**Glasgow:** Seema Kaliramna won a bronze medal for India in Women's Discus Throw with a best effort of 58.65m in the Commonwealth Games 2026 at Glasgow. Seema had only two valid throws in six rounds as she repeatedly had the disc entangled in the side netting on the wild night. After starting with a foul, Seema reached 57.32m and then threw to 58.65 before ending her campaign with three foul throws. But the 58.65m was enough to earn her a bronze medal. Another Indian, Nidhi Rani, ended fourth with a distance of 57.10m as Samantha Hall of Jamaica made history by winning the maiden gold medal for her country in discus throw. Julia Tunks of Canada took the silver medal with a throw of 60.67m. Meanwhile, there were setbacks for India in track and field competitions with two-time Asian Games gold medalist Tajinderpal Singh Toor failing to medal in the men's shot put event and finishing fifth on Thursday night. Toor, who won gold medals in the 2018 Jakarta and the 2022 Hangzhou Asian Games, managed to produce a best throw of 20.27m in the third round and could not better it in the last three rounds and had to be satisfied with a fifth-place finish. The 31-year-old Toor, who has a personal best of 21.77m, opened with a throw of 20.06m. After reaching 19.98m in the second round, Tajinderpal Singh heaved the iron ball to 20.27m. In the



fourth, fifth and sixth rounds, he made throws of 19.93m, 20.26m and 19.79m to eventually end without a medal. Chukwuebuka Enekwechi of Nigeria secured the shot put title with a throw of 21.07m while New Zealand's Tom Walsh got silver and Scott Lincoln of England bagged the bronze. Meanwhile, in the Women's 5000m, India's Asian Games gold medalist Parul Chaudhary finished 13th with a timing of 15 minutes 08.56 seconds. Australia's Rose Davies won the gold medal, finishing the race first

with a timing of 14:44.53, with her compatriot Jessica Hull taking the silver medal in 14:45.01. Megan Keith of Scotland took the bronze medal by finishing third in 14:49.10. All three of the medalists produced season-best efforts to take the three spots on the podium. The 19-year-old Sheriauna Haas of Canada thundered to victory in the Women's 100m T47 race, with compatriot Chloe Dunbar just behind. The pair powered past favourite Anna Grimaldi of New Zealand, who had to settle for bronze.

## Jasprit Bumrah cleared for Sri Lanka Tests after recovering from injury



**Bengaluru:** India pace spearhead Jasprit Bumrah has been cleared to play next month's two-Test series against Sri Lanka by the BCCI's Centre of Excellence in Bengaluru. Bumrah was picked subject to fitness as he had suffered an

impact injury during the recent ODI series against England. He had to sit out of the third ODI at Lord's due to the injury. "Jasprit Bumrah has recovered from his impact injury. He has cleared the fitness Tests mandated by the COE. Hopefully

he will be available for both games as he is integral to the team's plans," a senior BCCI official told PTI on conditions of anonymity. The two-Test series against the islanders will get underway on August 15 in Galle, and the second match will be played in Colombo from August 23. India need to win seven of their remaining nine Tests of this World Test Championship cycle in order to remain in contention for a summit clash berth. Winning the Sri Lanka series by a 2-0 margin is very important before embarking on an away series against New Zealand which is expected to be a tough assignment. Already, India are without the services of Harshit Rana, and Nitish Reddy, who are out with hamstring and quadriceps injuries respectively. Washington Sundar has been ruled out of the first Test with a hamstring injury and Akash Deep is in the middle of a long lay-off following stress reactions on his back.

## Commonwealth Games: Preeti Pawar beats Catherine Mwape to enter boxing final

**Glasgow:** Indian boxer Preeti Pawar (54kg) sailed into the Commonwealth Games final by out-punching Zambia's Catherine Mwape in the last-four stage. The 22-year-old from Bhiwani, who is an Asian Games bronze-medallist, powered to a 5-0 win to set up a clash with Canada's Scarlett Delgado, who defeated England's Lauren Mackie 4-1 in her semifinal bout. The Indian outpaced Mwape for most of the bout, cleverly drawing her in for effective counter-attacks with her left straight being particularly effective. "I am very happy that I have managed to do what I prepared for. I have to give my best tomorrow for the gold medal. I never take my opponents lightly, and always prepare in detail with my coaches. I am happy that I am able to implement those plans," Preeti told PTI after her win.

Mwape struggled to connect throughout and was beaten almost every time Preeti launched her combination strikes. The Zambian's struggles were evident from the three eight counts she faced in the first two rounds. Such was Preeti's dominance that all five judges marked 10-8 in her favour in the second round. With the bout out of her grasp, Mwape spent the last three minutes evading the pounding from Preeti, who sailed through without having to slog too hard.

