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Nation First Makes No Decision Difficult: PM

New Delhi, June 11: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday asserted that no decision is difficult when guided by the spirit of "Nation First" and said India is racing ahead on the path of reforms. Calling for an accelerated pace of development, he urged states to compete in becoming trillion-dollar economies and emphasized the need for India to lead in futuristic technologies to achieve the goal of a developed nation by 2047.

Addressing NDA leaders who congratulated him on becoming the country's longest-serving elected Prime Minister, Modi said India's growing contribution to global economic growth and its emergence as a trusted partner in global supply chains demand a broader global outlook and higher ambitions.

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CONGRESS 2.0 OR INDIA 2.0? A HYDERABAD IDEA THAT COULD SHAKE OPPOSITION POLITICS

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As opposition parties begin discussing the possibility of reviving the INDIA alliance ahead of the next electoral cycle, a striking political proposition has emerged from Hyderabad. Congress leader Malladi Pawan has advanced an argument that goes far beyond alliance arithmetic. Instead of investing energy in rebuilding a fragile coalition of multiple opposition parties, he suggests that the opposition should focus on rebuilding Congress itself as a broad national platform capable of bringing together all like minded regional forces while respecting their state level identities and leadership structures. The proposal has opened a larger debate about whether the future of opposition politics lies in temporary alliances or long term political consolidation.



At a time when opposition leaders across the country are busy discussing formulas, alliances and electoral calculations, an intriguing political idea has surfaced from Hyderabad. It is neither a slogan nor an election season soundbite. It is a structural proposition aimed at addressing what many consider the opposition's biggest weakness.

Congress leader Malladi Pawan has put forward a simple but far reaching argument. According to him, the opposition should stop investing its future in repeatedly stitching together fragile coalitions under the INDIA alliance banner and instead focus on rebuilding Congress as a broad national platform capable of reuniting all like minded political forces that once emerged from the Congress tradition.

The significance of this argument lies not in its novelty alone but in the uncomfortable questions it raises. For years, opposition politics has revolved around alliance making. Every election cycle has produced fresh negotiations, fresh understandings and fresh declarations of unity. Yet the fundamental challenge has remained unchanged. The opposition continues to function through multiple power centres with competing ambitions, conflicting priorities and differing political compulsions.

Malladi Pawan's proposition seeks to address the problem at its source rather than merely managing its symptoms.

THE MALLADI FORMULA

Instead of creating another INDIA alliance version, rebuild Congress into a broad national platform that can accommodate strong regional leaders and parties while presenting a unified national alternative.

THE CONGRESS DNA RUNNING THROUGH THE OPPOSITION

The argument gains attention because it touches upon a historical reality that is impossible to ignore. A significant portion of India's opposition space today traces its roots to Congress. Over several decades, leaders left the party due to regional aspirations, leadership differences, ideological disagreements or political opportunities. Many of those departures eventually evolved into influential regional formations commanding substantial voter support in their respective states.

Yet despite their independent identities, many of these parties continue to share political and organisational roots that originated within the Congress ecosystem. This is where Malladi Pawan's proposition becomes politically interesting. If many of these regional forces emerged from the same political family, does it make greater strategic sense to keep operating through loose electoral arrangements or to explore a broader political consolidation that creates a stronger national centre while preserving regional autonomy? That question is likely to generate considerable debate in political circles because it challenges assumptions that have guided opposition strategy for years.

WHY INDIA ALLIANCE 2.0 MAY NOT BE ENOUGH

Supporters of a renewed INDIA alliance point to the opposition's improved performance in the 2024 general election. They argue that greater coordination among opposition parties remains the most practical route to challenging the ruling establishment.

However, critics of that approach argue that alliances have repeatedly exposed deeper structural weaknesses. Public disagreements over leadership, disputes regarding seat sharing, conflicting regional interests and inconsistent political messaging have often undermined attempts at presenting a cohesive national alternative.

Indian voters are observing these developments very closely. They are increasingly reluctant to accept political arrangements that appear driven solely by electoral necessity. Voters want consistency. They want clarity. They want to know whether an alliance represents a shared vision or merely a temporary understanding designed to survive until polling day.

This is precisely where the Malladi proposal attempts to draw a distinction. Its supporters argue that a rebuilt Congress ecosystem would provide a permanent political framework rather than a temporary electoral arrangement.

"The challenge before the opposition is no longer how to create another alliance. The challenge is how to build a political structure that can survive beyond one election."

A BIG TENT INSTEAD OF MANY SMALL CAMPS

The essence of the proposal is not the absorption of regional parties. Nor is it a call for the disappearance of state level leadership. On the contrary, the concept revolves around creating a larger political umbrella under which strong regional leaders retain their identities, influence and local relevance while contributing to a broader national project.

Such a model would recognise a simple truth about India. The country is too large and too diverse to be managed through excessive centralisation. Regional aspirations matter. State level leadership matters. Local political cultures matter. At the same time, national politics requires a strong central framework capable of coordinating those diverse interests into a coherent national alternative.

The proposal, therefore, seeks a balance between regional autonomy and national coherence, a balance that many opposition leaders have struggled to achieve through existing alliance mechanisms.

THE HARD TRUTHS NOBODY WANTS TO DISCUSS

Every political restructuring requires sacrifice. This proposal is no exception. Congress would need to demonstrate a willingness to share influence in a manner that goes beyond symbolic gestures. Regional leaders would need assurances that they would not become secondary players within a larger framework. Trust would need to replace suspicion. Cooperation would need to replace constant negotiation.

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Rajnath to Review AFA Parade on June 13

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will review the Combined Graduation Parade (CGP) of the 217th Course at the Air Force Academy, Dundigal, on June 13, marking the successful completion of pre-commissioning training for Flight Cadets of the Indian Air Force.

The Defence Minister who will be the Reviewing Officer (RO) for the parade, will confer the "President's Commission" and present "Wings" and "Brevets" to graduating cadets of the IAF, Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and trainees from Vietnam. The event will also mark the commissioning of the first batch of women cadets from the National Defence Academy to complete branch-specific training at the academy. He will present the 'President's Plaque' to the Flight Cadets standing first in the overall order of merit in Flying, Navigation stream and Ground Duty branches.

TG to support Ghana's industrial development: Sridhar Babu

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10



Telangana has offered to share its expertise in pharmaceuticals and life sciences with Ghana and extend cooperation for the establishment of a pharmaceutical manufacturing hub in the West African nation, Minister for Information Technology and Industries D. Sridhar Babu said. The assurance was given during a meeting with a high-level Ghanaian delegation led by Presidential

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Rs.516-CR DFI SCAM: POLICE ASK VICTIMS TO SUBMIT INVESTMENT DETAILS

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

The Hyderabad CCS police has urged victims of the Dhanwantari Foundation International (DFI) scam to submit their deposit details for recovery proceedings. The trust and its promoters allegedly collected around Rs.516 crore from over 2,000 investors by promising high returns, primarily targeting members of the Brahmin community. A case was registered at CCS, Hyderabad against DFI trust director Dr. P.Kamalakar Sharma and others, for luring the innocent senior citizens / victims on the name of Brahmin community by assuring them to give good profits on their deposits within a specific period.

Investigators have already arrested key accused and identified assets worth hundreds of crores, including nearly 450 acres of land in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and also commercial space about 3000 square yards in the heart of the city. Courts have upheld government orders attaching these properties. Police said the details submitted by depositors will help authorities prepare the final list of claimants for equitable distribution of funds after the auction of attached assets.

"DEVELOPMENT IS MISSION" FOR PM MODI

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10



Telangana BJP State President N Ramchander Rao today described 12-year regime of Narendra Modi as "golden rule" who has created a new record by serving as the longest-serving elected Prime Minister in the history of democratic India, as the true testament to the country's progress. Addressing a press conference here on the completion of 12 years of governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he stated that PM Modi has successfully completed 4,399 highest working days as the Prime Minister of the country, creating a new history as the only Indian leader to hold the office for the longest period while being directly elected by the people.

In the history of this country, Prime Minister Narendra Modi stands as the leader who has served the longest as a consecutively elected Prime Minister, he said and reminded that although Jawaharlal Nehru served as Prime Minister for a long duration, he assumed office under the circumstances following independence, But Narendra Modi, who has been directly elected by the people for three consecutive terms, has already completed 12 year.

Rao expressed absolute confidence that for the past 12 years, the BJP's central government has successfully moved forward with three supreme goals of "Jan Vishwas, Vikas, Jan Kalyan" (People's Trust, Development, Public Welfare), and with three years still remaining for the current government, it is certain that Narendra Modi will return as the Prime Minister of the country once again.

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REVANTH OPENS FCDA OFFICE pushes Future City blueprint forward



HYDERABAD, JUNE 1

Marking a major milestone in Telangana's urban development journey, Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday inaugurated the newly constructed headquarters of the Future City Development Authority (FCDA) at Bharat Future City.

The state-of-the-art office building, completed in a record time of less than six months, is set to serve as the primary command centre steering the planning and execution of the government's ambitious greenfield urban project.

Spread across 7.29 acres, the facility features modern workspaces modeled after leading IT firms, dedicated executive chambers for administrative briefings, and a futuristic experience center showcasing incoming infrastructure models.

Significantly, the FCDA headquarters has secured a Net Zero Building certification from the Indian Green Building Council (IGBC) ahead of its launch. The campus integrates eco-friendly construction materials, a 15-kilowatt solar power plant, electric vehicle charging infrastructure, a bio-digester plant for organic waste management, and an advanced scientific rainwater harvesting system designed to conserve every drop of precipitation.

During the event, the Chief Minister performed the puja at his office, located within the FCDA building. Subsequently, he unveiled the FCDA's logo and official website.

Legislative Assembly Speaker Prasad Kumar, Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu and Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Rajya Sabha Members Vem Narendar Reddy and Anil Kumar Yadav, Government Advisor Sudarshan Reddy, Legislative Council Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, Government Whip Addanki Dayakar, MLAs Malreddy Ranga Reddy, Kasireddy Narayana Reddy, Vearlapalli Shankar, Naveen Yadav, and Makkan Singh Raj Thakur, and Farmers' Commission Chairman Kodanda Reddy were present.

More Villages to Join Bharat Future City: CM

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Wednesday announced the in-principle inclusion of several more villages within the ambit of the ambitious Bharat Future City project, following requests and resolutions received from local gram panchayats. He said decisions on the remaining villages seeking inclusion would be taken after conducting village-wise consultations.

The Chief Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Future City Development Authority (FCDA) office building, completed in a record 150 days, and also launched the official Bharat Future City portal. Several ministers, legislators, senior officials and public representatives attended the event.

Addressing the gathering, Revanth Reddy described Bharat Future City as a transformative project that would not only redefine Telangana's urban landscape but also emerge as a global benchmark in sustainable development.

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"The world is looking to India for solutions. We must expand the speed and scale of our efforts and seize this historic opportunity," he said.

Highlighting achievements of the past decade, the Prime Minister said India is rapidly emerging as a global manufacturing and pharmaceutical hub. He stressed the importance of sectors such as semiconductors, critical minerals, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, drones, space technology, batteries, and data centres, describing them as vital to the nation's economic and strategic security.

Modi said India is steadily advancing towards energy self-reliance through renewable energy, nuclear power, green hydrogen, and green ammonia initiatives. He reiterated the government's commitment to achieving 500 GW of renewable energy capacity and strengthening domestic capabilities in critical sectors.

He also expressed confidence that India would soon manufacture indigenous civil aircraft, adding that the country is moving towards self-reliance in shipping, aviation, and logistics.

Referring to digital transformation, the Prime Minister said India has demonstrated its technological capabilities through the success of UPI and is now positioning itself as a major hub for data centres, AI, and deep-tech innovation.

Modi noted that tourism and sports would emerge as key pillars of India's future economy. He said the country is preparing to become a global destination for conferences, exhibitions, concerts, and major sporting events, supported by world-class infrastructure.

The Prime Minister credited the people for supporting major government initiatives, from cleanliness drives and digital payments to collective efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlighting measures aimed at the middle class, he said reforms in taxation, housing, healthcare, and infrastructure have eased financial burdens and created new opportunities. He pointed to the tax-free income threshold of ₹12 lakh, Ayushman Bharat expansion, and GST reforms as examples of the government's commitment to improving quality of life.

On national security, Modi said the government had taken decisive action against terrorism and separatism, citing the abrogation of Article 370, surgical and air strikes, and Operation Sindoor. He also referred to efforts to curb Naxalism and Maoism and implement long-pending reforms such as women's reservation, the triple talaq law, and One Rank One Pension.

Calling for a new era of competitive federalism, Modi urged states, cities, and regions to compete in innovation, job creation, and economic growth. "India's progress depends on the progress of every state. Development should become the nation's defining competition," he said.

Earlier in the day, the Union Cabinet passed a resolution marking June 10, 2026, as a historic milestone in Indian democracy, noting that Modi had become the country's longest-serving elected Prime Minister with 4,399 consecutive days in office, surpassing the record held by India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. The Cabinet described the achievement as a reflection of public trust, democratic strength, and the nation's commitment to the principle of "Nation First."

Nepali Gang Held in Villa Theft





Hyderabad, June 10: On 6th – June, one Nepali Couple has committed theft in a villa in the absence of the inmates in Hill-Ridge Villas, Gachibowli. The elderly couple returned home on 7th evening, noticed theft of one gold chain from a small idol and reported to Police on which a case was registered and investigated into. On 8th evening, their son has returned home, opened the locker with the key available with him and found that about 7-8 Kgs of gold ornaments and about 1.5 kgs of silver ornaments were lost.

On receipt of the information, the Commissioner of Police Cyberabad pressed SOT, Crime teams and local police into action, several teams have worked out the available clues and could track the movement of the accused. Dispatched Six teams to UP, Bihar and Uttarakhand and shared the details and photos of the accused to the concerned state police, requested for their assistance. The Special team headed by CP Hyderabad that is constituted to nab Nepali gangs also extended its support.

Today i.e on 9.6.26, DI Gachibowli Sri. Naresh and team could apprehend three accused at Udampur of Rampur Dist in Uttarpradesh along with the active support of the local police and recovered the stolen property intact. The arrested accused Kamal Shashi, his wife Vimal Shahi and another woman Kalpana are being produced in the local court and they will be brought to Hyderabad on transit warrant. The accused confessed that they have opened the locker with the key which is kept beside the locker, removed all the jewellery and locked it again and took away the key with them.

The citizens are requested to take all possible steps to prevent such thefts and utilize services of local police in checking antecedents of domestic helpers in general and Nepali workers in Particular.

Governor visits Saifabad Mint Museum

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Wednesday visited the Mint (Coin) Museum located within the Saifabad Mint Complex and underscored the importance of preserving and showcasing the country's monetary and economic heritage for future generations.

The museum, established under the aegis of the Security Printing and Minting Corporation of India Limited (SPMCIL), houses a collection of historical coins, minting equipment and exhibits tracing the evolution of coin production in India.

During the visit, the Governor examined various displays showcasing coins from different periods, the processes involved in their manufacture and the machinery used in minting operations. Dr. Ramakant Dixit, Chief General Manager, India Government Mint, Hyderabad, briefed him on the history of the museum, the coin-making process, the tools employed in production and the significance of various categories of coins. The Governor took keen interest in the rare exhibits and vintage minting equipment on display.

He also viewed a documentary presentation depicting a century-long history of coin production in the country. Through a PowerPoint presentation, officials explained the restoration and redevelopment of the Saifabad Mint Museum, the collections displayed there, and the role and significance of India's coin manufacturing institutions.

The Governor observed that museums of this nature play a vital role in familiarising students and young people with the country's history and the evolution of its economic system.

He appreciated the efforts being made to preserve and present India's rich numismatic legacy in an engaging manner.

Safety and Service at the Forefront as Srikanth Becomes Bowenpally DE

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Medchal-Malkajgiri, June 10: G. Srikanth formally assumed additional charge as Divisional Engineer (DE), Operations, for the Bowenpally Electricity Division on Wednesday, stepping into the role after the retirement of DE V. Gopal Rao. He will concurrently oversee Bowenpally operations while continuing his responsibilities as the DE of Secunderabad DPE, signaling a strategic move to strengthen cross-division coordination and service delivery.

Srikanth addressed officials after his induction, emphasizing that delivering high-quality, reliable services to customers is his top priority. He outlined three core focus areas: ensuring transparency in the LPO process with no irregularities, implementing rigorous field monitoring to identify and rectify shortcomings, and maintaining proactive field engagement through regular personal visits to problematic areas within the division to assess and address issues firsthand. Safety was also a prominent theme, with calls for immediate action on critical concerns such as fixing dangerously hanging electric wires and installing new poles and transformers where necessary.

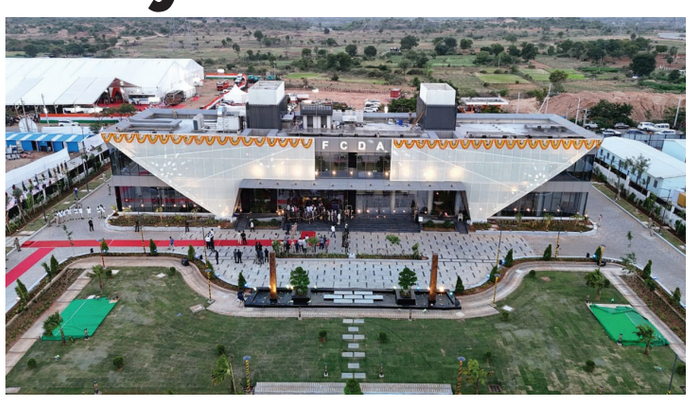
The transition was marked by a warm welcome from officials and staff at the Bowenpally office. Senior officials and field personnel—ADEs Satish, Haq, Suryaprakash, Nagaraju, and AEs Akbar, Veena, Rani, Mounika, Ramulu, Akhil—joined in felicitating Srikanth with bouquets and shawls, extending their best wishes for a successful tenure.

Srikanth, who currently serves as DE of Secunderabad DPE, will now juggle Bowenpally operations with his existing duties, signaling a move aimed at strengthening cross-division coordination and service delivery. Officials view the leadership change as a step toward bolstering transparency, safety, and responsiveness in the division's day-to-day operations, arguing that his blend of experience and hands-on field focus aligns with the goal of delivering reliable electricity services while upholding integrity and accountability.

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"Bharat Future City will become a world-class city and a beacon for future generations. Just as Hyderabad is renowned as the City of Pearls, Bharat Future City will be known globally as a net-zero, pollution-free city," he said.

The Chief Minister stated that the project is central to Telangana's vision of becoming a one-trillion-dollar economy by 2034. He directed officials to prepare comprehensive plans to develop the city into a global investment destination capable of competing with major international cities such as Tokyo, New York and Singapore within the next eight years. Revanth Reddy said June 10, 2026, would be remembered as a landmark day in Telangana's development journey, as the foundations were being laid for attracting investments in sectors such as green pharma, sports, education, healthcare, artificial intelligence, data centres, global capability centres (GCCs) and Fortune 500 companies.

He also announced that another Global Summit would be held in Bharat Future City this December to attract international investors and create large-scale employment opportunities for the state's youth. Referring to the recent heavy rains in Hyderabad, the Chief Minister blamed flooding and traffic disruptions on encroachments of lakes, ponds and drainage channels. He reiterated the government's commitment to removing illegal structures and restoring water bodies to prevent urban flooding.

The Chief Minister further assured that regular reviews would be conducted at the Future City office, with Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister Sridhar Babu monitoring local issues and development activities on a weekly basis.

OPPOSITION'S SURVIVAL HINGES ON BOLD CONGRESS REBIRTH...

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Most importantly, political leaders would have to think beyond immediate electoral calculations. That may prove to be the most difficult challenge of all.

Indian politics is filled with examples of leaders who recognised the need for unity but hesitated when unity demanded compromise. History shows that political opportunities are often lost not because leaders fail to recognise them but because they are unwilling to pay the price required to seize them.

THE LESSON OF FRAGMENTATION

The story of opposition politics over the past three decades is also the story of fragmentation. As Congress weakened across several states, regional parties filled the vacuum and established powerful local bases. While this strengthened regional representation, it also created a situation where opposition politics became increasingly dispersed. Each party focused primarily on protecting its own territory and expanding its own influence. National coordination became more complicated with every passing election. The Malladi proposal is essentially an attempt to reverse that fragmentation without dismantling the regional identities that emerged from it.

CAN CONGRESS BECOME THE BIG TENT AGAIN?

The success or failure of this idea ultimately depends on one critical question. Can Congress reinvent itself as a genuinely inclusive national platform? That challenge extends far beyond electoral strategy. It involves organisational renewal, leadership development, internal reform and the creation of a culture that welcomes strong regional voices instead of viewing them as competitors.

Congress cannot simply ask regional leaders to return. It must offer a political structure worth joining. Likewise, regional leaders must decide whether long term influence is better secured through permanent fragmentation or through participation in a larger national framework capable of shaping the country's political direction.

"A coalition may win a season. A political ecosystem can shape a generation."

Malladi Pawan's proposition from Hyderabad may appear ambitious, even improbable, to some observers. Yet politics often advances through ideas that initially seem difficult before eventually becoming unavoidable.

The significance of his argument lies not in whether it is immediately implemented but in the debate it forces the opposition to confront. Is the future of opposition politics merely another version of the INDIA alliance, assembled election after election through complex negotiations? Or does the future require a more fundamental reconstruction built around a revitalised Congress capable of bringing together like minded regional forces under a common national framework?

That is the real question now entering India's political conversation. As the road to 2029 begins to unfold, opposition leaders will have to decide whether they are content managing fragmentation or whether they are prepared to reverse it. The answer could determine not only the future of Congress but also the future shape of opposition politics in India.

"DEVELOPMENT IS MISSION" FOR PM MODI

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State BJP chief Rao congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister. This historic milestone is not merely a reflection of the Prime Minister's long tenure, but a powerful testament to the trust, faith and aspirations of 140 crore Indians, he said.

He criticized that even though the Congress party ruled the country for a long time after independence, the laws, education system, and administrative structure designed by the British continued unchanged even after they left. He noted that during the UPA-1 and UPA-2 governments that ruled before Modi, the country witnessed numerous scams and severe corruption, which people have not yet forgotten. However, he clarified that the most important achievement of Modi during these twelve years was liberating the country from a colonial mindset. As part of this, old laws like the IPC, CrPC, and the Evidence Act were repealed to introduce new laws like the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) along with the New National Education Policy, Rao explained.

Rao further stated that several reforms were introduced in the judiciary alongside the establishment of commercial courts, and the entire credit for this goes to Narendra Modi. He expressed happiness that with a strong "India First" foreign policy, India's prestige on the global stage and self-confidence among the youth have been elevated; while there was once a culture of gifting replicas of the Taj Mahal to foreign delegates, today a new India has been unveiled by presenting the Bhagavad Gita as a symbol of Indian culture and spirituality.

Giving details of achievements, he said India has achieved remarkable growth in economics and infrastructure development. He informed that prior to 2014, only about Rs 2 lakh crore was spent on the country's infrastructure, whereas currently, this expenditure has increased nearly six fold to reach Rs 12.2 lakh crore. Similarly, foreign exchange reserves have also grown massively, he said.

Through the implementation of GST (One Nation – One Market) which simplified the taxation system, GST collections crossed a staggering Rs 22 lakh crore in the 2024-25 financial year. With an increase in the number of honest taxpayers, direct tax collections and government revenue have also seen a massive rise.

He explained that a digital revolution was brought about to reach every citizen through technology. While India ranked 142nd in the Ease of Doing Business rankings in 2014, it has now reached the 63rd position. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gramin Digital Saksharta Abhiyaan, digital literacy was provided to around 6 crore people in rural areas over the past years, and through the BharatNet project, optical fiber connectivity has been provided to 2.14 lakh gram panchayats across the nation.

He expressed happiness that through the Jan Dhan – Aadhaar – Mobile (JAM) trinity, more than Rs. 50 lakh crore has been deposited directly into the bank accounts of the poor under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system without any middlemen. He also reminded that Modi gave special priority to the development of the Northeastern states, visiting the region as many as 83 times.

He stated that the Modi government is leading the country toward "Atmanirbhar" (self-reliance) in all sectors. Under the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, investments of around Rs 20 lakh crore are being registered by March 2026, creating 12 lakh new jobs for the country's youth. In the electronics manufacturing sector, production was valued at around Rs 1.9 lakh crore in 2014, which grew sixfold to Rs 11.3 lakh crore by 2024-25.

"Development is mission" was only aim of the NDA government led by PM Modi since 2014, he asserted.

TG to support Ghana's industrial development: Sridhar Babu

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Advisor Augustus Obuadum Tano at the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Wednesday.

The discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation between Telangana and Ghana and exploring opportunities for collaboration in industrial development, pharmaceuticals, life sciences and economic transformation. Tano briefed the Minister on Ghana's flagship 24-Hour Economy and Accelerated Export Development Programme and the country's plans to establish a Pharma Hub aimed at boosting manufacturing and exports.

Seeking Telangana's expertise in these initiatives, the Ghanaian delegation highlighted the State's success in promoting industrial growth and attracting investments across key sectors.

Sridhar Babu said Telangana had emerged as a major destination for investments in pharmaceuticals, life sciences, electronics, aerospace, food processing, defence and advanced manufacturing. He outlined the State government's industry-friendly policies and ease-of-doing-business framework, which he said had played a key role in accelerating industrial development. The Minister said Telangana was willing to share its expertise in pharmaceutical manufacturing, research and development, vaccine production, global supply chain management and life sciences. He assured the delegation that Telangana would be a reliable partner in Ghana's industrial and economic transformation journey. The meeting concluded with discussions on knowledge-sharing and potential partnerships in pharmaceuticals, life sciences and industrial development, with both sides expressing interest in deepening economic cooperation.

Special Bulletin Released on Alternative Crop Management Practices

- **to Overcome Climate Stresses in Horticultural Crops**
- **Released by University Vice-Chancellor Dr. D. Raji Reddy**
- **Higher Education Chairman Dr. Balakista Reddy**



HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

Dr. Balakista Reddy, Chairman of Higher Education, Telangana, stated that the Telangana Horticultural University has been at the forefront of providing timely modern technological advice and recommendations to horticultural farmers. Keeping in view the El Niño conditions expected in 2026, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University has published a 48-page special bulletin on alternative crop management practices for horticultural crops for the year 2026–27 in Telangana State.

Speaking as the chief guest after releasing the bulletin, Dr. Balakista Reddy emphasized the need to organize special programs to enhance students' skills and employability. He noted that horticulture-based startup industries have immense future potential. He further stated that India currently has around 150,000 startups and ranks third globally in this sector. The government is making efforts to improve the global competitiveness of students, he added.

Alternative Crop Planning

Vice-Chancellor Dr. D. Raji Reddy

Dr. D. Raji Reddy, Vice-Chancellor of Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, said that monsoon rains play a crucial role in the success of agricultural and horticultural crops in Telangana. Good Kharif yields depend on receiving rainfall at the right time, in adequate quantity, and with proper distribution. He pointed out that delays in the onset of monsoons and long dry spells between rainfall events can adversely affect crop cultivation.

He stated that the India Meteorological Department has already forecast the occurrence of El Niño conditions in 2026 and predicted that the country is likely to receive about 90% of the Long Period Average (LPA) rainfall. However, he noted that rainfall distribution across Telangana may not be uniform. Central Telangana districts are expected to receive above-normal rainfall, whereas South and North Telangana districts may receive below-normal rainfall. In this context, Dr. Raji Reddy advised farmers to adopt certain precautionary measures to reduce the impact of El Niño on crops. The special bulletin includes contingency plans and management practices for vegetables, fruit orchards, flower crops, medicinal and aromatic plants, as well as plantation crops, he informed. This translation preserves the formal tone and structure of the original press release.

GITAM Faculty Member Appointed to CBFC Advisory Panel

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10

Dr. Mythili Maratt Anoop, Associate Professor at GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, has been appointed as a Member of the Advisory Panel of the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), Hyderabad Region, by the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India.

According to an official communication issued by Dr.Rahul Gowlikar, Regional Officer, CBFC, Hyderabad, Dr.Mythili will serve on the Advisory Panel for a period of three years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Dr. Mythili Maratt Anoop is an acclaimed performing artist, educator, and researcher with over two decades of dedicated contribution to Indian classical dance, particularly Mohiniyattam. An empanelled artist of both the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and Doordarshan, she has earned widespread recognition for her artistic excellence and scholarly contributions.



Her distinguished career includes several acclaimed solo theatrical productions, dance films, and lead performances in notable works such as Prem Raqs Rasa, Poothappaattu, and Dushala. In recognition of her contributions to the field of performing arts, she was honoured with the prestigious Rukmini Devi Arundale Award 2025 and was felicitated by the Telangana Sangeet Natak Academy.

Apart from her artistic accomplishments, Dr. Mythiliholds a Ph.D. from IIT Bombay and serves as an Associate Professor at GITAM, Hyderabad. She is also a published author whose work advances the fields of dance, theatre, and cultural studies through research, teaching, and creative practice.

Expressing happiness over this distinguished recognition, GITAM leadership, including Prof. D.S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor, GITAM Hyderabad; D.V.V.S.R. Varma, Resident Director; Dr. Shamuel Tharu, Director In-Charge, GITAM School of Humanities and Social Sciences; and AmbikaPhilip, Director – Hospitality & Campus Life, congratulated Dr. Mythili on her appointment and described it as a matter of pride for the University and its academic community.

Protect Play, Protect Childhood

(On the occasion of "International Day of Play" on 11 June)



Children can learn best through playing. Childhood development is deeply rooted in the act of play, which allows children to explore their creativity, develop social skills, and learn about the world around them. Through play, children can express their emotions, build resilience, learn new things, and cultivate a sense of joy and wonder. By ensuring that all children have the opportunity to play, we are investing in their future and setting them up to become all-rounder, confident responsible individuals.

Importance of Playing

Play creates powerful learning opportunities across all ares of development - intellectual, social, emotional, spiritual, mental and physical. Through playing they learn to forge team work, build a wide range of leadership skills, develop resilience, navigate relationships, inculcate sportsman spirit, and face social challenges as well as conquer their fears and failures. Play provides a platform to children to express and develop imagination and creativity, which are key skills critical for the technology-driven and innovative world we live in. Playful interactions contribute to the well-being and positive mental health of parents, caregivers and children. Play comforts and soothes children. When humanitarian crises turn a child's world upside down, only playing can console them.

Theme of International Day of Play-2026

Beyond mere recreation, play is a universal language spoken by people of all ages, transcending national, cultural, and socio-economic boundaries. Play fosters a sense of community and national pride. The UNO general assembly decided to bring awareness about playing in every child/parent/caregiver to observe International Day of Play annually on 11 June. The theme of International Day of Play-2026 is "Protect Play ; Protect Childhood", to remind all of us (governments, businesses, schools, families, communities etc) to take decisions that embrace and prioritise play for children. This day is observed on 11 June annually, marks a significant milestone in efforts to preserve, promote, and prioritise playing so that all people, especially children, can reap the rewards and thrive to their full potential.

Parents Won't Allow Children to Play Freely

Restricting opportunities for play directly impedes a child's well-being and development. Global research shows that 78% of children say adults don't think playing is important, 73% of children don't believe adults take play seriously. Poverty, conflict's poverty, wars, natural or made made disasters, discriminations limit children's ability to play. In present educational pedagogy, play-based learning has been recognised as an effective approach to engage students actively in the learning process. It helps make learning more joyful and relevant, thereby enhancing motivation and retention of information. Play has a positive impact on promoting tolerance, facilitate social inclusion, conflict prevention, and peace building.

We shouldn't forget, playing is a fundamental birth right of every child. Play is one of the most transformative forces in a child's life. Play helps to understand the world, explore the secrets of nature, to articulate their hopes and dreams, learn to communicate, express their emotions, and grow into the chance to play.

- Prof Burra Madhusudhan Reddy
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E-AUCTION PROGRAMME FOR SALE OF RAILWAY SCRAP MATERIALS

E-Auction programme for sale of railway scrap materials under jurisdiction of Tinsukia Division and GSD/Dibrugarh Town for the month of June/2026:

SN	Months	Date Fixed
1	June/2026	15-06-2026 & 25-06-2026 For Tinsukia Division & 16-06-2026 & 26-06-2026 for GSD/Dibrugarh Town

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BHARAT FUTURE CITY is now a reality

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HYDERABAD , JUNE 10

Whenever some of the lucky ones amongst us who have travelled abroad and seen the great cities of the world, we wished we had such a modern, well-planned, wonderfully managed city in our country. The answer to that collective desire of all Indians is the #bharatfuturecity And to build anything, we have to have a strong foundation and driver. Today, we are going to inaugurate and dedicate the headquarters of the Future City Development Authority (FCDA), which will drive our vision into action in days to come.

This building itself has come up in record time of less than six months, because of passion, attention to detail, hard work and dedication of all those involved. Join me in celebrating this moment, to reflect on its significance and to muster energy to strive till we achieve one of the greatest cities on planet earth.

Bharosa Centres Deliver Lifeline to Crime Victims; Rs.70 Lakh Aid Extended

HYDERABAD , JUNE 10

Strengthening victim support and rehabilitation services, the Cyberabad Police convened a convergence meeting of key stakeholders associated with Bharosa and CDEW centres at the Cyberabad commissionerate here on June 9.

Addressing the meeting, Women & Child Safety Wing (W&CSW) DCP Srujana Karnam highlighted the crucial role of Bharosa Centres in providing integrated legal, medical, psychological and rehabilitation support to victims of rape and child sexual abuse. She said the centres ensure victims receive continuous assistance from FIR registration until the final judgment, preventing re-victimisation during the justice process. The meeting reviewed victim care mechanisms and recommended several measures, including avoiding the detention of victims at police stations during late hours, providing shelter home accommodation when required, recording detailed victim statements before proceedings under Section 183 BNSS, and deploying dedicated medical officers at Bharosa Centres.

Officials revealed that between March 2022 and May 2026, Bharosa Centres handled 472 POCSO cases and 314 rape cases, while facilitating 908 statements under Section 180 BNSS. The centres also disbursed ₹70.35 lakh from the District Victim Rehabilitation Fund to 284 beneficiaries for education, healthcare and livelihood support.

The meeting was attended by DLSA Secretary RR district Dr. Anusha, CWC Dr. K Nareender Reddy (RR Dist), Raja Reddy (Medchal and Sangareddy districts), Public Prosecutor Ranga B. Bikshapathi, Prabhakar Reddy, Education Dept. CMO B. Venkatesh, DCPO Imtiyaz Rahim, Dr. Uma Deepika, Dr. Lavanya and senior police officers from Cyberabad.



Modi Serving As the PM Shwtaark Ganapathi Abhishekam was performed at the Goshala



HYDERABAD , JUNE 10

On the occasion of 12 years of Shri Narendra Modi serving as the Prime Minister of India, a Shwetaarka Ganapati Abhishekam was performed today at the goshala (cow shelter) of BJP leader Manne Srinivas in Old Alwal, Medchal–Malkajgiri district. BJP leaders offered special prayers wishing that Prime Minister Narendra Modi remains healthy for many more years and continues to lead the country on the path of development. Those who participated in the program included Mrs. Geetha Murthy, former President of the BJP Mahila Morcha (2020–24) and currently a BJP National Council Member; Mr. Malla Reddy, BJP President of Medchal–Malkajgiri District; Mr. Manne Srinivas; Mr. Raji Reddy of the VHP; Mrs. Vara Lakshmi Sharma; Mrs. Swarna; BJP leaders Mrs. Devi, Mrs. Anuradha, Mrs. Sujatha, and several others. The rituals were conducted in accordance with Vedic traditions by Brahma Shri Yalamanchi Chandrasekhara Sharma.

The idol of Lord Ganesha worshipped during this Ganapati Abhishekam is regarded as a rare and unique idol, believed to be unlike any other found anywhere in the world. According to local belief, the idol came into the possession of Manne Srinivas about a decade ago through divine grace. It was discovered at the base of a tree in a forested area of Old Alwal on an Amavasya (new moon day) that coincided with Pushyami Nakshatra and a Sunday. Since the day it was recovered, regular worship and rituals have been continuously offered to Lord Ganesha, and the tradition continues to this day.

20,000 Geo-Tagged Mangroves Flourish in the Sundarbans

A Living Green Tribute to KCR and a Testament to the Vision of Green India Challenge

SUNDARBANS





In a remarkable demonstration of the power of citizen-led environmental action, the team of Green India Challenge today revisited the mangrove plantation site in the Sundarbans, where 20,000 geo-tagged mangrove saplings were planted on February 17, 2026, on the occasion of the birthday of Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).

The visit revealed an inspiring success story. Thousands of mangrove saplings have established themselves successfully, with many growing up to three feet in height, displaying healthy and vigorous growth. The comparison between the photographs taken on the day of planting and the present-day images clearly highlights the remarkable progress achieved within a few months, showcasing the effectiveness of scientific plantation practices, regular monitoring, and community participation.

This plantation drive was undertaken as a green tribute to KCR's visionary leadership in environmental conservation and sustainable development. Every sapling was geo-tagged, enabling transparent monitoring and ensuring accountability for long-term survival and growth.

The flourishing mangroves stand as a living example of what can be achieved when environmental commitment is backed by action. Beyond plantation, the initiative focused on nurturing and protecting the saplings, reinforcing the belief that true success lies not merely in planting trees but in ensuring their survival.

The Sundarbans, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the world's largest mangrove ecosystem, play a critical role in protecting coastal communities from cyclones, storm surges, sea-level rise, and erosion. Mangroves are among the most effective natural climate solutions, capable of sequestering significant amounts of carbon while supporting rich biodiversity and livelihoods. Speaking on the occasion, the organizers acknowledged the visionary leadership and relentless efforts of Santosh Kumar Joginapally, Founder of the Green India Challenge, whose dedication has transformed the movement into one of the world's largest people-led afforestation and climate action campaigns.

Since its inception in 2018, the Green India Challenge has inspired citizens from all walks of life, including students, farmers, scientists, artists, sportspersons, public representatives, and corporate leaders, to actively participate in environmental restoration. Under the leadership of Santosh Kumar Joginapally, the movement has successfully facilitated the plantation of over 196 million trees, making it one of the most impactful mass environmental movements anywhere in the world.

The Green India Challenge has gone beyond tree plantation by creating a culture of environmental responsibility and collective action. The movement has demonstrated how a simple act of planting and nurturing a tree can evolve into a powerful force for climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, groundwater recharge, and ecological restoration.

The success of the Sundarbans mangrove plantation is a reflection of this larger vision. It showcases how strategic afforestation, supported by technology through geo-tagging and regular follow-up, can produce measurable environmental outcomes and create lasting ecological value.

Representatives from Igniting Minds stated that the healthy growth of these mangroves sends a powerful message to the nation: climate action must move beyond symbolism and become a sustained people's movement. Every surviving tree contributes to a greener, cooler, and more resilient future.

As India and the world grapple with the growing challenges of climate change, extreme weather events, biodiversity loss, and environmental degradation, initiatives such as the Green India Challenge offer a practical and scalable model for community-driven ecological restoration.

The thriving mangroves of the Sundarbans today stand not only as a tribute to KCR's environmental vision but also as a shining example of the transformational leadership of Santosh Kumar Joginapally and the collective efforts of millions of citizens who have joined the Green India Challenge movement.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- 20,000 geo-tagged mangrove saplings planted in the Sundarbans on February 17, 2026.
- Plantation undertaken as a green tribute to Shri K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR).
- Site revisit on June 9, 2026 confirms excellent survival and healthy growth.
- Several saplings have already reached up to 3 feet in height.
- Every sapling geo-tagged for transparency and scientific monitoring.
- Green India Challenge has facilitated the plantation of over 196 million trees since 2018.
- The movement, founded by Santosh Kumar Joginapally, has emerged as one of the world's largest people-led afforestation and climate action initiatives.
- Mangroves contribute significantly to climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, carbon sequestration, and coastal protection.

PLANTING A TREE IS AN ACT OF HOPE

Returning to witness its growth is proof that collective action can transform landscapes, strengthen ecosystems, and secure a sustainable future for generations to come.

- J SANTHOSH KUMAR



Solving Public Issues is the Primary Objective of Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika

District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar

SURYAPET , JUNE 10

District Collector Tejas Nand Lal Pawar stated that the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika programme is being implemented with the primary objective of resolving public grievances and ensuring comprehensive village development. He was speaking as the chief guest at a Gram Sabha held on Wednesday in Nemmikal village of Atmakur (S) Mandal.

The Collector said that the State Government launched the prestigious Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika programme on March 6, and it has been successfully implemented through coordinated efforts of all government departments. He described Gram Sabhas as an effective platform for taking government programmes directly to the people. He informed that awareness is being created among the public on various issues, including education, healthcare, rural development, environmental protection, sanitation, and preventive measures against seasonal diseases during the monsoon. Through the Praja Palana – Pragathi Pranalika programme, government services are becoming more accessible to the people, he added.

Keeping the upcoming monsoon season in view, the Collector advised farmers to adopt crop diversification practices and undertake cultivation using scientific methods as recommended by the Agriculture Department. He urged farmers to gain complete awareness regarding the proper use of fertilizers and pesticides and to adopt modern agricultural practices to improve crop yields.

He emphasized the effective implementation of Solid and Liquid Waste Management programmes in villages and encouraged every household to develop the habit of segregating wet and dry waste. Maintaining cleanliness in villages would help prevent the spread of diseases, he said.

As part of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls, he directed officials to ensure effective implementation of the programme and create awareness so that every eligible citizen is enrolled in the voter list. He explained that the main objective is to provide voting rights to all eligible persons while removing ineligible names from the electoral rolls. The Collector also called for the successful implementation of the Badi Bata enrolment drive and instructed officials to take measures to increase student admissions in government schools. He highlighted that government schools provide quality education along with modern infrastructure, digital learning facilities, mid-day meals, free textbooks, uniforms, and other benefits. He appealed to parents to enroll their children in government schools.

Among those who participated in the programme were DPO Yadagiri, Tahsildar Amin Singh, MPDO Hasim Ali, Medical Officer Ramya Reddy, AO Divya, MEO Dara Singh, mandal-level officials, public representatives, and villagers.



Dr. SK Sharma Was inaugurated car parking stand for employees convenience

GORAKHPUR , JUNE 10

In the esteemed presence of Chief Works Manager/Mechanical Workshop, Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, a newly constructed bicycle, motorcycle, and car parking stand, along with a modern repair shed in the Motor Section, was inaugurated on June 10, 2026, at the Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur, for the convenience of employees.

The parking facility has been developed with the objective of providing employees with a safe and well-organized parking arrangement. The newly constructed parking stand will ensure the secure parking and maintenance of bicycles, motorcycles, and cars, while also protecting them from sunlight, rain, and other adverse weather conditions. This initiative reflects the Mechanical Workshop administration's commitment to employee welfare, improvement of workplace facilities, and the creation of a clean, organized, and modern working environment. On this occasion, Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Repair) Mr. Satyendra Kumar Verma, Deputy Chief Mechanical Engineer (Works) Mr. Anuj Mishra, senior officers, supervisors, and employees were present.

In his address, Chief Works Manager Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma stated that the progress of any organization depends on the welfare of its employees and the facilities available at the workplace. He highlighted the administration's continued commitment to developing modern, safe, and convenient infrastructure for employees at the Mechanical Workshop, Gorakhpur. Dr. Sharma said that facilities such as the newly constructed parking stand not only meet the daily needs of employees but also play an important role in making the workplace more organized, clean, and employee-friendly.

The Chief Works Manager expressed confidence that similar employee-centric and development-oriented initiatives in the future would further strengthen the workshop's work culture. He also congratulated all officers, supervisors, and employees of the departments involved, appreciating their dedication, coordination, and tireless efforts in ensuring the successful, high-quality, and timely completion of the project.

In addition, in the presence of Chief Works Manager Dr. Sunil Kumar Sharma, the newly constructed modern repair shed in the Motor Section was inaugurated. Previously, repair work in the Motor Section was carried out in open areas, making operations vulnerable to disruptions caused by rain, intense sunlight, and other adverse weather conditions. With the construction of the new shed, repair work can now be performed more safely, systematically, and efficiently. This is expected to enhance both the quality and productivity of work while providing employees with a better and more conducive working environment.

YOUTH MUST STAY AWAY FROM BAD HABITS

- **Road Safety Awareness is Essential: IG Ramesh Naidu**
- **MLA Medipalli Satyam, IG Ramesh Naidu and CP Ghaus Alam Attend 'Arrive Alive' Road Safety Awareness Programme at Choppadandi**
- **Rs 25,000 Reward for Saving Road Accident Victims Under 'Rahaveer' Initiative**
- **140 Helmets Distributed**

CHOPPADANDI , JUNE 10



Emphasizing the importance of responsible driving and road safety awareness, Road Safety and Railways Inspector General (IG) Ramesh Naidu, Choppadandi MLA Dr. Medipalli Satyam and Karimnagar Police Commissioner Ghaus Alam urged youth to stay away from harmful addictions and avoid negligent behaviour that could lead to road accidents.

The appeal was made during the 'Arrive Alive' Road Safety Awareness Programme organized at a private function hall in Choppadandi on Wednesday as part of the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika initiative covering 14 wards. Additional Collector Ashwini Tanaji Wakade also attended the programme.

They stressed that negligence while driving can have devastating consequences for entire families. Vehicle users were advised to strictly follow safety norms, including wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers and using seat belts in four-wheelers. With road development works currently underway in Choppadandi town, motorists were urged to exercise extra caution while travelling. The speakers highlighted that the Telangana Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, has launched a comprehensive campaign to prevent road accidents.

As part of this initiative, road safety awareness programmes have been integrated into the Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika through meetings and public outreach activities aimed at educating citizens on traffic regulations and safe driving practices. On the occasion, MLA Dr. Medipalli Satyam was felicitated under the 'Rahaveer' initiative for his timely humanitarian intervention in rescuing an elderly woman injured in a road accident in Gangadhara mandal and ensuring her transportation to a hospital in his personal vehicle.

IG Ramesh Naidu and Commissioner Ghaus Alam praised the MLA's exemplary act and urged the public to come forward and assist accident victims during emergencies. They informed that individuals who help save the lives of accident victims by ensuring timely medical assistance are recognised as 'Rahaveers' and awarded a cash incentive of Rs 25,000 by the government. To promote road safety, 140 helmets were distributed free of cost to motorists during the programme.

Among those present were Additional Collector Ashwini Tanaji Wakade, ACP Vijay Kumar, CI Pradeep Kumar, Choppadandi SI Naresh Reddy, Gangadhara SI Vamsi Krishna, Ramadugu SI Raju, Municipal Chairperson Vadluri Saritha Srinivas, Vice-Chairperson Perumandla Manasa Gangayya, Municipal Commissioner Nagaraju, Tahsildar Naveen Kumar, MPDO Venugopal Rao, councillors, village sarpanches, women, students and leaders of various political parties.

Media is the foundational element of the Telangana movement: Prof Srinivas Rao Vaddanam

Dr Srinivas Vooradi

NALGONDA , JUNE 10

"The Telangana movement is unique in that the media has transcended its traditional roles of informing, influencing, and educating, elevating the aspirations of the populace to the level of policy-making as a formidable advocacy platform," remarked Prof Srinivas Rao Vaddanam of Dr BR Ambedkar Open University. Delivering a lecture on "Role of Media in the Telangana Movement: A Historical Perspective," organized by the Department of History of Mahatma Gandhi University, Prof Srinivas Rao emphasized the significant impact of the media in the prolonged public struggle for the establishment of the Telangana State. He noted that the media was instrumental in bringing the Telangana issue not only to political arenas but also to rural areas, igniting the movement's spirit among the common people. He highlighted that electronic, print, and new media have robustly supported the extensive student-led protests across various university campuses in the State, particularly in Hyderabad, Warangal, and Nalgonda. Furthermore, he mentioned that the media has played a pivotal role in advancing the values and aspirations of students within society. Prof Srinivas Rao expressed that the media has served as a catalyst in sustaining the aspirations of Telangana people, providing platforms for nationwide discussions and continuously fuelling these aspirations. He asserted that the media has effectively undertaken diverse roles, not only delivering news but also shaping public opinion, exerting pressure on decision-makers, and fostering regional pride.

Prof Srinivas Rao concluded, "The media has persistently endeavoured to bring the existence of Telangana to rural areas, slums, student hostels, and universities, awakening the consciousness of the people through continuous engagement." He explained that the use of platforms such as new media, social media, mobile phone messages, blogs, and YouTube channels has increased regional unity and coordination among the youth.





Expedite Land Acquisition for Gouravelli Project Canals: Minister Ponnam Prabhakar

- **Calls for Faster Land Allocation for Development Projects**
- **Directs Officials to Increase Enrollment in Government Schools**

KARIMNAGAR , JUNE 10

Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar on Wednesday directed officials to expedite land acquisition for the Gouravelli Project canal network and fast-track land allotment for key development projects in the Husnabad Assembly constituency. Chairing separate review meetings with revenue, education and other departmental officials at the Husnabad MLA Camp Office, the Minister reviewed constituency development works, land acquisition progress, revenue administration and measures to strengthen government schools.

Reviewing the Gouravelli Project, the Minister said funds required for land acquisition across the three districts covered under the project had already been sanctioned. He instructed officials to complete the acquisition process in a transparent manner while ensuring that farmers do not face any inconvenience. Ponnam Prabhakar also reviewed land allocation for several proposed infrastructure projects, including a TTD temple, an Integrated Fish Market and a Mahila Bazaar. He directed officials to accelerate the process and ensure timely completion. The Minister further assessed the progress of land acquisition for the Choutapalli Industrial Corridor and called for adherence to prescribed timelines.

In a separate meeting with Mandal Education Officers (MEOs) and District Education Officers (DEOs) from the three districts, the Minister stressed the need to strengthen government schools and increase student enrollment. He directed officials to conduct the 'Badi Bata' enrollment drive on a large scale across villages and create awareness among parents about the quality education, infrastructure and facilities available in government schools. He also instructed officials to complete painting, repair and infrastructure works in all government schools before the commencement of the new academic year. The Minister asked education officials to set enrollment targets for every school and prepare mandal-wise action plans to achieve them. Emphasizing quality education, he said schools should provide a clean, safe and student-friendly environment to attract more students.



Grand birthday celebrations of Tunga balu

HYDERABAD , JUNE 10

state vice President, telangana agitator Tunga balu celebration has been celebrated grandly by brs leaders and by his followers at Osmania University . On Wednesday, on the occasion of Tunga balu birthday his followers celebrated by donating competitive examination books , planting saplings , donating food and cutting cakes at Osmania University and his own constituency aleru. Person like Tunga balu are very rear, he is the one who help the needy at any point of time . He is the one who stands for students problems and he never gives up till the issue is solved said one of his follower.

BIACH & RI to Conclude Silver Jubilee Celebrations on June 22

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10:





Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute to Hold Silver Jubilee Closing Ceremony on June 22 in the Presence of the Chief Ministers of the Telugu States and Union & State Ministers – Nandamuri Balakrishna

Nandamuri Balakrishna Celebrates His Birthday Among Children Battling Cancer

Mr. Nandamuri Balakrishna announced that the closing ceremony of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute will be held on Monday, June 22, in the evening at the Novotel Hotel in Hitech City. Addressing a media conference organized at the hospital today, Mr. Nandamuri Balakrishna, Chairman of Basavatarakam Indo American Cancer Hospital and Research Institute, spoke about the institution's journey and stated that the organization, which was established in the year 2000, has completed 25 years and continues to move forward. He said that the institution is being run in accordance with the ideals of the late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao and Smt. Basavatarakam, and that several programs have been conducted over the past year as part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations. He explained that the Silver Jubilee celebrations will conclude with a grand event to be held on the 22nd of this month. He stated that Shri J. P. Nadda, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare, along with Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, former Vice President of India; Shri Revanth Reddy, Chief Minister of Telangana; and Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, will attend the event as distinguished guests. Mr. Nandamuri Balakrishna further stated that Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu, Union Minister of State for Health Smt. Anupriya Patel, Telangana Health Minister Shri Damodar Rajanarasimha, and Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Shri Satya Kumar will also attend the event. He said that the program will provide an opportunity to review the institution's 25-year journey and reaffirm plans to complete, within the scheduled timeframe, the new North Block to be constructed at the Hyderabad hospital as well as the new hospital being built at Thullur near Amaravati. On this occasion, he said that the institution would remember all those who have contributed over the last 25 years toward both the construction and the operation of the hospital, and would continue to move forward inspired by their efforts. He emphasized that the institution has been run on a non-profit basis and will continue in the same spirit in the future. Prior to the media conference, Mr. Nandamuri Balakrishna participated in birthday celebrations organized on the hospital premises. On the occasion, he cut a large cake arranged by the hospital staff among children battling cancer and shared it with them. He then distributed toys and other gifts to the children. Later, he received a donation of ₹1 lakh contributed to the hospital by Shri Seetharama Raju of Hyderabad. Subsequently, students of Triveni and Krishnaveni Schools, along with their management, presented to Mr. Nandamuri Balakrishna a donation of ₹1,01,116 that had been collected to support cancer patients. Thereafter, he received, in the form of a cheque, a donation of ₹10 lakh contributed by Shri Kakarla Raghavendra Rao toward the construction of the new hospital being built at Thullur in Amaravati.

On the occasion, he expressed his gratitude to all the donors. He particularly appreciated the good work being done by the children. Thanking everyone who had conveyed birthday wishes to him, he prayed that God would grant him the opportunity to work with even greater enthusiasm in the days to come. The events were attended by Mr. Nandamuri Balakrishna, Chairman, BIACH&RI; Dr. T. Subrahmanyeswara Rao, Medical Director, BIACH&RI; Dr. Phani Koteswara Rao, Medical Superintendent, BIACH&RI; Dr. Kalpana Raghunadh, Associate Director – Academics, BIACH&RI; as well as several heads of medical departments, doctors, nursing staff, paramedical staff, and others.

LHB Coaches Introduced in Key Express Trains, Additional Coaches Added to Meet Demand

CHENNAI, JUNE 10:

In a move aimed at enhancing passenger safety and travel comfort, Southern Railway has announced the induction of modern Linke-Hofmann-Busch (LHB) coaches in two major express services. The Train No. 22650/22649 Erode–Dr MGR Chennai Central–Erode Yercaud Superfast Express will operate with LHB coaches from Erode from June 10 and from Chennai Central from June 13. Similarly, Train No. 12603/12604 Dr MGR Chennai Central–Charlapalli–Dr MGR Chennai Central Superfast Express will be converted to LHB coaches from Chennai Central on June 11 and from Charlapalli on June 12. Following the conversion, both trains will have a revised composition comprising one AC First Class coach, two AC Two-Tier coaches, three AC Three-Tier coaches, ten Sleeper Class coaches, four General Second Class coaches, one Divyangjan-friendly Second Class coach, and one Luggage-cum-Brake Van.

Meanwhile, to accommodate increased passenger demand, Southern Railway has also announced temporary augmentation of coaches in two long-distance services.

The Train No. 16317/16318 Kanniyakumari–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra–Kanniyakumari Himsagar Express will be provided with one additional AC Three-Tier coach from Kanniyakumari between June 12 and June 26 and from Katra between June 15 and June 29.

Similarly, Train No. 16787/16788 Tirunelveli–Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra–Tirunelveli Navyug Express will be augmented with one additional AC Three-Tier coach from Tirunelveli between June 15 and June 29 and from Katra between June 18 and July 2.

Railway officials said the additional coaches are being introduced to ease congestion and provide greater booking availability during the peak travel period.



Sangeet Natak Akademi Names 7 Fellows, 108 Awardees

NEW DELHI: (JUN 10)

The Sangeet Natak Akademi on Wednesday elected seven artistes in the field of performing arts as Akademi Fellows, including Kathak dancer Ramlal Bareth and vocalist-dancer Rita Ganguly.

It also announced the names of 108 artistes from the fields of music, dance, theatre, traditional/folk/tribal/music/dance/theatre/puppetry, and overall contribution/scholarship and others in the performing arts for the Akademi Awards for 2024 and 2025, the National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama said in a statement.

Apart from Bareth and Ganguly, the Akademi elected Carnatic musician A V Anand, Kathak dancer Puru Dadheech, vocalist Chittaranjan Jyotishi, Kuchipudi dancer Pasumarthi Rattaiah Sarma, and Bharatanatyam dancer Sudharani Raghupathy as Akademi Fellows.

Ravi Kumar Orders Fast-Track Completion of Substations to Strengthen Power Supply

AMARAVATI:



Andhra Pradesh Energy Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar has directed officials to expedite the completion of power substations under construction across the state, emphasizing that the new substations are crucial for addressing power interruptions and low-voltage issues. The Minister issued the directions during a review meeting with Energy Department officials held at the Secretariat on Wednesday. He instructed officials to ensure that power supply is restored through alternative arrangements whenever disruptions occur and stressed the need for strengthening the reliability of the electricity network. Gottipati Ravi Kumar also announced that the government is planning to introduce an underground cabling system to ensure uninterrupted power supply to critical and emergency service sectors. Highlighting the importance of uninterrupted electricity in the healthcare sector, the Minister directed officials to take special measures to ensure continuous power supply to government hospitals so that patients do not face inconvenience during outages. He instructed officials to review the performance of generators in nearly 30 major hospitals across the state and ensure that no switch-over issues arise during power failures. The Minister further directed officials to complete all ongoing power sector development projects within the stipulated timelines. With regard to major temples in the state, he instructed officials to take necessary steps to prevent inconvenience to devotees due to power interruptions. He asked them to examine and implement mechanisms for immediate restoration of power supply whenever disruptions occur. The Minister also reviewed the power-related issues experienced during the summer season and the measures taken to address them. He urged officials to maintain a focused approach toward resolving consumer grievances and strengthening the power distribution system. In line with the directions of Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the Minister emphasized that quality and uninterrupted power supply should be ensured without increasing electricity tariffs or imposing any additional burden on consumers. He called upon officials to work in close coordination to achieve this objective. The review meeting was attended by APCPDCL CMD Pulleredy, APTRANSCO JMD Surya Sai Praveen Chand, directors, and senior officials of the Energy Department.

Andhra: Jagan demands additional Rs 1 crore ex-gratia to kin of Vizag mishap victims

VISAKHAPATNAM, JUNE 10

Former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and YSR Congress Party President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Wednesday demanded an additional ex-gratia of Rs 1 crore for the kin of those killed in the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant mishap. He said the families of the deceased should receive an ex-gratia payment of Rs 1 crore, over and above what is due, along with a job.

He also demanded that the Assembly pass a resolution opposing the privatisation of VSP. Jagan Mohan Reddy was speaking to the media after visiting the injured at a hospital. Y.S. Jagan said that the government is boasting about a Rs 1,72 crore compensation package. However, he pointed out that the amount is the victims' rightful due in the form of insurance and other benefits. The government should pay an additional Rs 1 crore over and above that amount and provide a job to a family member of each deceased worker. The package includes a small amount from the PM Relief Fund and the State's share. While the blast claimed nine lives and five injured persons are undergoing treatment, with one of them in a serious condition suffering 95 per cent burn injuries, the government should act with humanity and follow the example set during the LG Polymers incident by providing Rs 1 crore ex-gratia, he said. The government is boasting about the Rs 11,440 crore package for Visakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP), but the amount is not meant to improve safety parameters or employee welfare. Instead, it is meant to reduce staff through VRS, clear bank dues, and take other such measures. The incident occurred due to a liquid metal blast, and the employees were not at fault. Therefore, he demanded additional compensation. He also sought similar benefits for the family of Pentiah, a regular employee who died in April 2025 under similar circumstances. Though the family was assured compensation and a job for a family member, nothing has been done so far. Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also demanded that the coalition government pass a resolution in the Assembly opposing any move to privatise VSP, as the YSRCP government had done earlier.

Major Rail Traffic Changes Announced Due to Arakkonam Yard Remodelling

CHENNAI, JUNE 10:

Southern Railway has announced extensive changes in train operations between June 19 and 28 due to non-interlocking works associated with the ongoing yard remodelling project at Arakkonam Junction.

The infrastructure upgrade, aimed at enhancing line capacity and improving operational efficiency in the Chennai–Arakkonam section, will involve connectivity works between newly laid third and fourth railway lines and the existing yard network.

As part of the arrangements, several passenger services, including select Sapthagiri Express and Yelagiri Express trains, have been fully cancelled on specific dates. More than 40 long-distance trains, including Vande Bharat, Humsafar, Sanghamitra, Kashi Tamil, Navyug and other express services, will be diverted through alternative routes, with additional stoppages provided at Tiruttani for passenger convenience.

Southern Railway has also announced rescheduling and regulation of several trains, resulting in delays ranging from 20 minutes to over two hours. Some trains originating from Chennai Central will commence service from Katpadi instead, leading to partial cancellations on the Chennai–Katpadi section.

Passengers are advised to verify train schedules and route changes before commencing their journey. Detailed information is available through railway enquiry services and official railway portals.



Fresh Nipah case surfaces in Kerala, 40-year-old man tests positive in Kozhikode

KOZHIKODE, JUNE 11

Kerala reported a fresh suspected case of Nipah virus on Wednesday after a 40-year-old man from Kozhikode district tested positive in a preliminary screening test, prompting health authorities to initiate emergency containment measures and extensive contact tracing. The patient is currently undergoing treatment at Kozhikode Medical College Hospital, where he remains under close medical observation. Officials said samples have been sent for confirmatory testing at a designated virology laboratory, and final results are awaited. However, given the serious nature of the disease and Kerala's past experience with Nipah outbreaks, the state health department has activated precautionary protocols without waiting for the confirmatory report.

Health teams have begun identifying and monitoring all individuals who may have come into contact with the patient. Surveillance has been intensified in the affected area, while hospitals have been instructed to remain vigilant for any symptoms associated with the highly infectious virus.

Nipah virus is a zoonotic disease that spreads from animals, particularly fruit bats, to humans. Human-to-human transmission can also occur through close contact with infected individuals or their bodily fluids. The virus is known for causing severe respiratory illness and encephalitis, or inflammation of the brain, and has a high fatality rate.

There is currently no approved vaccine or specific antiviral treatment for Nipah virus infection. Medical care is primarily supportive and focuses on managing symptoms and preventing complications. The World Health Organization has identified Nipah as a priority pathogen because of its epidemic potential and high mortality rate.

Kerala has faced multiple Nipah outbreaks over the past decade and has developed one of the country's most robust surveillance and response systems to tackle the disease. The state recorded outbreaks in 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2023, with Kozhikode emerging as the most affected district.

CM Vijay launches 'Singappen' all-women police force to prevent crimes

The all-women police force named 'Singappen' to enhance the safety of women and children in public spaces will function under the direct supervision of the Chief Minister.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Joseph Vijay on Tuesday inaugurated a special all-women police force named 'Singappen' to enhance the safety of women and children in public spaces. The force, aimed at strengthening preventive policing across the state, will function under the direct supervision of the Chief Minister. Launching the initiative in Chennai, Vijay said the newly formed unit would focus on preventing crimes before they occur. The word 'Singappen' translates to "a woman as brave as a lioness".

The force will specifically target offences such as stalking, sexual harassment, attempted abductions, public obscenity, harassment in crowded places and public transport, and other forms of violence against women. "For me, the complete success of a government does not lie solely in infrastructure growth or economic development. The true success of a government lies in whether women and children live with dignity and respect," Vijay said during the launch event.

Describing the initiative as "very close to my heart", the Chief Minister said ensuring the safety of every "mother, sister and girl child" was not merely an election promise, but a sincere commitment.

"We have zero tolerance towards crimes against women. Those who think they can harass women and escape will not be tolerated. Strict punishment will be ensured and charge sheets will be filed rapidly," he warned.



Linking women's safety to the issue of narcotics, Vijay said crimes against women, the spread of drugs and law and order issues were interconnected. "When we analysed why such crimes happen, the root cause repeatedly pointed towards drug abuse. This problem has existed for years because it was ignored for a long time," he said, in remarks seen as an indirect attack on previous DMK and AIADMK governments. Women's safety was one of the key poll planks in Vijay's campaign, and he had repeatedly attacked the previous DMK government over crimes against women. The special unit will be headed by Inspector General of Police K Bhavaneeswari and operate under the Chief Minister's direct supervision.

As part of the first phase, the Tamil Nadu government has allocated over Rs 354 crore for the initiative. The government will also create 2,545 new posts exclusively for the force, including inspectors, sub-inspectors and constables. Personnel recruited for the unit will undergo special training.

Initially, 70 units of the force will begin operations across Tamil Nadu with 140 sub-inspectors and 420 constables. Each patrol vehicle will have an all-women team comprising one sub-inspector, two head constables and a driver. The Singappen personnel will wear a special uniform consisting of khaki trousers and blue shirts. Vijay also unveiled the unit's insignia featuring the image of a lioness and a policewoman, and flagged off patrol vehicles for the force. The Chief Minister also drove one of the patrol vehicles for a short distance within the venue. For the first time in the country, drone-based patrolling systems will be introduced to help prevent crimes against women, Vijay said. The force will also be equipped with body-worn cameras with live-streaming capabilities, communication systems and other modern surveillance equipment.

However, Vijay also cautioned police officials against wrongly implicating innocent people while taking swift action against offenders.

EDITORIAL

Women as Drivers of Economic Growth

Economic growth and social progress are closely linked, and women play a central role in both. As societies evolve and economies become more diverse, the contribution of women has emerged as a key factor in achieving sustainable and inclusive development. From agriculture and entrepreneurship to education, healthcare, technology, and manufacturing, women are making valuable contributions that strengthen economies and improve the quality of life for millions of people.

Over the years, significant efforts have been made to expand opportunities for women through education, skill development, financial inclusion, and access to technology. These initiatives have enabled women to participate more actively in economic activities and pursue careers and businesses of their choice. As a result, women are increasingly becoming creators of wealth, innovators, and leaders in various sectors.

One of the most encouraging developments has been the rise of women entrepreneurs. Across urban and rural India, women are establishing enterprises ranging from small household businesses to large-scale ventures. Their entrepreneurial spirit is generating employment opportunities, supporting local economies, and contributing to overall economic growth. Many women-led businesses are also introducing innovative solutions and products that meet the needs of their communities.

Women's self-help groups have further demonstrated the power of collective action. These groups have helped millions of women gain access to credit, savings, training, and markets. By encouraging financial independence and community participation, self-help groups have transformed the lives of countless families. The success of these initiatives highlights the importance of providing women with the resources and confidence needed to become active participants in the economy.

The economic contribution of women extends beyond formal employment and business ownership. Women play a vital role in agriculture, where they are involved in cultivation, livestock management, and food processing. They also contribute significantly to healthcare, education, and social services, sectors that are essential for human development. Their work helps build stronger communities and supports the long-term growth of the nation.

Research across the world has consistently shown that economies benefit when women participate fully in the workforce. Greater gender diversity often leads to improved productivity, enhanced innovation, and better decision-making. Organizations and societies that encourage equal opportunities tend to be more resilient and competitive in a rapidly changing global environment.

Despite considerable progress, challenges remain. Continued investment in education, healthcare, digital literacy, safety, and employment opportunities is necessary to ensure that women can fully realize their potential. Creating supportive workplaces and encouraging equal access to resources will help more women contribute meaningfully to economic development.

As India advances toward its vision of becoming a developed nation, empowering women must remain a priority. Their participation is not only a matter of equality but also an economic necessity. By investing in women and creating an environment where they can thrive, the country can accelerate growth, reduce poverty, and strengthen social harmony.

Women are not merely participants in development; they are powerful drivers of economic transformation. Their success contributes directly to the prosperity of families, communities, and the nation as a whole. A stronger role for women in the economy will ultimately lead to a stronger and more prosperous future for everyone.

ARTIFICIAL FORESTS: A MODERN PATH TO ECOLOGICAL RENEWAL

India is facing an increasingly complex environmental crisis. Rising temperatures, depleting groundwater reserves, erratic rainfall, floods, droughts and worsening air pollution are placing unprecedented pressure on both ecosystems and livelihoods. Nearly 96 million hectares of land—almost one-third of the country's geographical area—has been affected by degradation and desertification. If this trend continues, water scarcity and environmental stress will become even more severe.

According to India's National Forest Policy, forests should ideally cover 33 per cent of the country's land area. However, the present forest cover stands at around 21.73 per cent, leaving the nation far behind its long-term target. In such circumstances, large-scale creation of artificial forests—planned and scientifically designed ecosystems developed through human intervention—offers one of the most practical and immediate solutions.

Beyond Tree Planting:

Planting a few saplings and creating a forest are not the same. While roadside and household plantations are important, they cannot substitute for the ecological functions of a natural forest.

Artificial forests are designed with a clear long-term objective. Native species suitable to local soil and climatic conditions are planted in dense clusters so that they interact and support each other. Over time, these landscapes evolve into self-sustaining ecosystems that provide habitats for birds, insects and other forms of life. The goal is not merely to increase the number of trees, but to recreate the ecological complexity of natural forests.

Learning from Global Experiences

Several countries have demonstrated what determined and long-term planning can achieve. Through its massive afforestation programmes, China has transformed millions of hectares of degraded land into green landscapes. Japan and several African nations have also adopted similar approaches with notable success.

India possesses the scientific expertise, technological capabilities and human resources required for such an undertaking.

The problem is not the lack of environmental awareness, but the absence of sustained and accountable planning. Every year, millions of saplings are planted, yet little attention is paid to how many survive and mature into forests. Numerical targets often overshadow ecological outcomes, preventing meaningful transformation.

A Dedicated Institutional Framework:

The existing forest administration is already burdened with responsibilities ranging from wildlife conservation to preventing illegal activities. Expecting the same system to spearhead a nationwide afforestation mission may not be realistic.



India therefore needs a dedicated national mechanism exclusively focused on the development and management of artificial forests. Such an institution should be backed by substantial financial support from the Union Government, with active participation from state governments. Clear targets, legal accountability and periodic monitoring must form the foundation of this framework. Its sole mandate should be the creation and maintenance of artificial forests.

Environmental Investment, Economic Dividend

The ecological crisis is simultaneously becoming an economic crisis. Climate variability has been affecting agricultural productivity, while pollution-related illnesses are imposing heavy financial burdens on households and governments alike.

Large-scale artificial forests can help mitigate many of these costs. Their creation would generate employment in rural areas through nursery development, land preparation, plantation activities and maintenance. In the long run, non-timber forest products, medicinal plants and honey production could support local industries and livelihoods.

Furthermore, expanding green cover would strengthen India's position in the emerging global carbon credit market, potentially attracting significant international investments. Savings arising from improved public health and enhanced agricultural resilience could allow governments to channel resources towards education, infrastructure and industrial development.

Harnessing Technology for Restoration

Land availability and inadequate monitoring remain major challenges. Acquiring vast tracts of land in a rapidly urbanising country is increasingly difficult. Equally problematic is the high mortality rate among saplings due to poor post-plantation management.

Modern technologies offer new possibilities. Drone-based seed dispersal can facilitate plantation activities in inaccessible terrains at lower costs and greater speed. Digital tagging and satellite monitoring can track survival rates and provide transparency to funding agencies. In water-stressed regions, automated irrigation systems driven by soil moisture sensors can improve efficiency.

Innovative financial instruments such as green bonds can also provide sustained funding for long-term ecological restoration projects.

A Collective National Mission

The success of such an ambitious programme will require collaboration among governments, industries, corporations and citizens. A dedicated land bank should be established for afforestation purposes. Environmental obligations attached to industrial and mining approvals can include mandatory forest development commitments. Corporate social responsibility funds should increasingly support large-scale afforestation projects and their long-term maintenance rather than fragmented and short-lived initiatives. Citizens, too, have a role that extends beyond planting individual saplings. Community organisations and voluntary groups can act as custodians of these forests, protecting them from encroachment, vandalism and other threats.

From Slogans to Strategy:

India does not need more environmental slogans; it needs a comprehensive and scientifically managed programme of ecological restoration. Converting a significant portion of degraded and barren lands into artificial forests by 2035 should become a national priority supported by clear timelines and measurable outcomes.

If governments, institutions and citizens work with a shared sense of purpose, artificial forests can become more than an environmental initiative. They can serve as an investment in water security, public health, rural employment and economic resilience. Failure to act, however, may leave future generations with an inheritance of degraded landscapes and expanding deserts rather than a sustainable and prosperous nation.



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THE DAWN WE BUILD

Each morning breaks with quiet light,
Not with thunder, nor with might;
But in the hands that till the land,
In minds that dream and hearts that stand.

A nation grows not brick by brick,
Nor by promises spoken quick;
It rises where compassion stays,
And honest work shapes brighter days.

The roads we pave, the schools we raise,
The fields that bloom through summer haze,
Are signs of hope that softly tell
A story of a people well.

Yet progress asks a deeper price—
Wisdom, patience, sacrifice.
For every step that takes us far,
Depends on who we truly are.

Let science lead, let justice guide,
Let truth and courage walk beside;
Let every child, in every place,
Find equal chance and equal space.

The future is no distant shore,
It starts with choices made before;
In every act of care we give,
We shape the world in which we live.

So let us build with steady hands,
Across our towns and rural lands;
A tomorrow fair, secure, and free—
The dawn we seek, the dawn we'll be.

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The Game of Influence in Courts: Bail for the Rich, Jail for the Poor

There has always been a deep confusion in the minds of ordinary people regarding the functioning of the Indian judiciary. The law books state that the goddess of justice wears a blindfold, meaning that she weighs the rich and the poor, the powerful and the weak, the famous and the unknown on the same scale. However, the ground reality often appears to shatter this ideal. When an accused person is popular in society, has the emotions of millions of followers attached to him, and possesses the financial power to hire an army of expensive lawyers, the attitude of the courts often appears very different from that shown toward an ordinary accused who is neither famous nor financially strong. The incident that took place in Patna on June 2 once again brought this entire question to the forefront. A dispute occurred between Gyan Bindu GS Academy and Khan Sir's coaching institute located in the Kadamkuan police station area. There was violence and even firing during the confrontation. In this entire matter, the Patna District Court granted interim protection against the arrest of the well-known educator and highly popular teacher among millions of students, Khan Sir. On behalf of Khan Sir, his lawyer Arvind Mauar filed an anticipatory bail petition in the court of Principal District and Sessions Judge Rupesh Dev in Patna. After hearing the matter, the court granted him interim relief and ordered a stay on his arrest.

On the other hand, a completely different picture emerged in the same case. The court rejected the bail petition of Roshan Anand, Director of Gyan Bindu Academy, and he is currently lodged in jail. In the same matter, a hearing was also held on the regular bail petitions of Khan Sir's two security guards, Deepak Kumar and Talebar Singh, who are in jail, and their case remains pending. In other words, those who reportedly said that they fired shots into the air on Khan Sir's instructions are behind bars, while the person on whose behalf these allegations are being made is free under judicial protection. This contradiction is not limited to this single case. Indian judicial history contains numerous instances where the social status of the accused, his popularity, or his financial strength appeared to influence the judicial process. In 2002, Salman Khan faced charges related to the hunting of a blackbuck. In this case, which continued for decades, a lower court in Rajasthan found him guilty, but the High Court later overturned the verdict. Throughout this period, it was no secret that a famous actor did not have to endure the kind of difficulties that an ordinary person would have faced. Bail was granted immediately, hearings were repeatedly postponed, and ultimately he was acquitted.

Similarly, in Sanjay Dutt's arms case, judicial proceedings continued for several decades. Although he did spend time in prison, legal relief was available to him at almost every stage. The stories involving politically influential accused persons are even longer. Lalu Prasad Yadav was convicted in the fodder scam, yet he repeatedly obtained bail on grounds of illness and other considerations. Jagan Mohan Reddy was arrested in a disproportionate assets case, but later secured bail from the High Court and eventually became Chief Minister. In all these cases, one common thread that becomes visible is the role of powerful and high-profile lawyers. One bitter truth about the legal profession in India is that, alongside the skill of legal argument, the name, stature, and connections of a lawyer often become equally important in court. When a prominent lawyer appears in a case, the entire courtroom atmosphere changes. Such a lawyer presents the same facts from a new perspective that an ordinary lawyer may not even be able to articulate effectively. He weaves together arguments about eligibility for bail, the nature of legal provisions, previous judicial precedents, and constitutional safeguards in such a way that his client appears, if not innocent, then at least deserving of the benefit of doubt in the eyes of the judge.



In Khan Sir's case as well, his lawyer argued before the court that the police had invoked serious charges such as attempt to murder and provisions of the Arms Act merely to create pressure, and that no person had suffered a gunshot injury in the incident. How effective this argument was became evident from the court's order. The influence of powerful lawyers is not limited to courtroom arguments. Often, it manifests in procedural maneuvering. Delaying hearings, filing fresh petitions, approaching one higher court after another, and ultimately reaching the Supreme Court are all tools used in major cases to buy time. As long as the case continues, the accused either remains out on bail or, even if imprisoned, manages to obtain facilities far beyond the imagination of an ordinary prisoner. In addition, prominent lawyers often possess informal connections within the judicial system. It would not be appropriate to claim that judges are bought, because evidence of such conduct is extremely rare. However, an experienced legal expert certainly knows which court, which bench, and which day may prove more favorable for his client.

When ordinary people observe all this, their faith in justice begins to weaken. They see that a security guard, who was acting on someone's instructions, is in jail. A coaching institute director, who may have acted under someone else's directions in a similar manner, is also in jail. Yet the person who stands at the center of the entire episode, and whose security personnel reportedly admitted that they fired weapons on his instructions, remains free under judicial protection. This duality exposes a major weakness of the judicial system, one that has been discussed for reform in every decade, yet little appears to change on the ground. The principle of justice states that the benefit of doubt should go to the accused. The provision of anticipatory bail was created precisely to ensure that an innocent person does not suffer the hardship of imprisonment without justification. However, the problem arises when this very provision becomes a shield for a select few, while everyone else continues to stand beneath the sword of the same law. Until greater transparency is introduced into the judicial process, and until the distinction between rich and poor accused persons is eliminated even within courtrooms, India's justice system will continue to remain an uphill battle for the common man.



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Manipur Gives Hero's Welcome to Four SAFF Champions at Imphal Airport

IMPHAL, 10 JUNE 2026:



Four members of India's victorious SAFF Women's Championship 2026 squad received a warm homecoming at Bir Tikendrajit International Airport on Monday morning, where they were received by family, well-wishers, and football supporters gathered to celebrate their achievement. Goalkeeper Elangbam Panthoi Chanu, midfielder Hemam Silky Devi, defender midfielder Naorem Priyanka Devi, and forward Grace Dangmei arrived together and were welcomed with marigold garlands, traditional scarves, and cheers from the crowd. The players were part of the 23-member Indian squad that defeated defending champions Bangladesh 3-1 in the final held at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, Fatorda, Goa, on 6 June 2026. The win secured India's sixth SAFF Women's Championship title and their first since 2019. Manipur had nine representatives in the victorious squad, underscoring the state's strong presence in Indian women's football. The other players from Manipur in the team are defenders Phanjoubam Nirmala Devi, Sorokhaibam Ranjana Chanu, Sarita Yumnam, and Toijam Thoibisana Chanu, and forward Lynda Kom Serto. Speaking to supporters at the airport, the players thanked the people of Manipur for their constant support. "Playing for India is an honor, and coming back to this welcome makes it even more special," said Elangbam Panthoi Chanu. The 2026 SAFF calendar includes multiple regional tournaments, with the senior men's SAFF Championship tentatively scheduled in Dhaka, Bangladesh, from 4 to 17 November. The women's championship was hosted by India in Goa from 25 May to 6 June 2026.

Felicitation programs for the returning players are expected to be held in Imphal in the coming days.

UP: Cong claims PM Modi's record tenure plagued by unemployment, inflation, corruption

LUCKNOW: Amid special prayers and 'havans' across Uttar Pradesh to mark Narendra Modi becoming the longest continuously serving prime minister of the country, the state Congress on Wednesday claimed that the occasion was being used to hide the government's "failures" on different fronts.

Modi on Wednesday surpassed Jawaharlal Nehru's record of 4,398 days in office as an elected prime minister following the 1952 general elections. Nehru's stint from 1947 to 1952 was as head of an interim government as elections were not held till 1952.

Punjab to formulate relief policy for unauthorised colony residents, says CM Mann

While assuring total protection for the affected citizens, the Chief Minister underlined that there would be "absolutely no room for mercy" for fraudulent developers.



Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann announced on Wednesday that the state government is formulating a comprehensive, uniform policy to provide relief to citizens who invested their life savings in unauthorised residential colonies.

According to an official statement, thousands of residents across Punjab have been facing legal setbacks and infrastructural deficits due to the actions of unscrupulous developers. These developers allegedly sold properties under false pretences and left ordinary buyers to deal with the consequences.

"Thousands of innocent families invested their life savings in plots, only to later discover that they could neither sell the land nor get registries done," Chief Minister Mann said. He added that these residents were also deprived of basic civic amenities, such as municipal water, electricity meters, and sewerage connections, because the developers concealed the fact that these utilities could not be legally sanctioned.

While assuring total protection for the affected citizens, the Chief Minister underlined that there would be "absolutely no room for mercy" for fraudulent developers. He affirmed that strict legal action will be initiated against them, while a uniform relief package will simultaneously protect the buyers. Mann specified that the upcoming framework will not be restricted to major hubs like Ludhiana or Patiala, but will instead be implemented uniformly across the entire state to ensure equitable justice. To finalise the details, Mann said that a dedicated meeting with senior officials will soon be convened. This session will review pending financial and legal hurdles while evaluating public suggestions. "We will carefully consider the concerns and suggestions put forward by residents so that a practical and long-term solution can be developed," he said.

Concluding his address, the Chief Minister urged the people to conduct strict and proper verification before investing in any real estate projects moving forward.

Katihar–Kuretha and Katihar–Sonaili Double Line Sections Set for CRS Inspection

MALIGAON, 10 JUNE, 2026



The Commissioner of Railway Safety (CRS), Northeast Frontier Circle, Kolkata, Shri Sumeet Singhal, is scheduled to carry out the statutory inspection of the newly constructed Broad Gauge (BG) double line sections between Katihar (1.380 km) – Kuretha (12.440 km) and Katihar (1.327 km) – Sonaili (17.542 km) in KatiharDivision of Northeast Frontier Railway from 12th to 14th June 2026. These sections form part of the Katihar – Kumedpur and Katihar –Mukuria New Double Line Projects. The Katihar – Kumedpur and Katihar – Mukuria New Double Line Project, spanning a total length of 64.14 km, is a significant infrastructure development initiative aimed at enhancing rail capacity and operational efficiency in the region. The project includes 2 important bridges, 27 major bridges and 23 minor bridges, along with extensive track and associated railway infrastructure. Upon completion, the double line corridor will serve 16 railway stations, facilitating improved train operations, increased line capacity, reduced congestion, and more efficient movement of both passenger and freight traffic across the Katihar Division of Northeast Frontier Railway. The CRS inspection of the Katihar – Kuretha and Katihar –Sonaili sections are an important step forward in the progress of the project. During the three-day inspection programme, Shri SumeetSinghal will inspect station infrastructure, track geometry, bridges, signalling and telecommunication systems, electrical installations, safety arrangements and other associated railway assets on the newly constructed sections. The inspection will also include detailed examination of stations and field installations along the route. As part of the statutory certification process, speed trials on the newly constructed double line sections are scheduled on 14th June 2026 to assess the operational readiness and safety standards of the infrastructure. The completion of the Katihar – Kuretha and Katihar – Sonailidouble line sections will mark another important milestone in the modernization and capacity augmentation efforts of Northeast Frontier Railway, contributing to enhanced connectivity and more efficient train operations across the region.

CM Nayab Singh Saini Pens Letter of Appreciation for PM Narendra Modi on Completing 12 Years as Prime Minister

CHANDIGARH, JUNE 10



Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini has extended heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi on behalf of Haryana's nearly 3 crore people on the completion of 12 years of his tenure as Prime Minister. In a letter addressed to the Prime Minister, the Chief Minister said that the occasion is one of admiration and felicitations. He stated that today, Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi is the longest continuously elected and one of the most popular Prime Ministers in India's democratic history. The Chief Minister said the past 12 years have emerged as significant milestones in the awakening of the nation's collective consciousness, public service and development journey. He said that this period under the Prime Minister's leadership has witnessed a transformative era inspired by service, good governance, commitment, dedication and the spirit of "Nation First." He added that the dream of a developed, self-reliant, strong and proud India, with which the people entrusted the nation's leadership to Sh. Narendra Modi in 2014, is today becoming a reality before the eyes of 1.4 billion Indians.

In his letter, the Chief Minister mentioned that the Prime Minister launched his Lok Sabha election campaign from the rally of ex-servicemen held in Rewari on September 15, 2013, and that the enthusiasm of that rally and the affection of the people of Haryana remain memorable even today.

Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that the people of Haryana have always stood at the forefront of nation-building. The state's brave soldiers, hardworking farmers, talented athletes and dedicated youth have consistently enhanced the nation's pride. He said that the confidence, stability and development witnessed by the country over the past 12 years have filled every citizen of Haryana with renewed energy and confidence. He said that the Prime Minister has transformed governance into a powerful instrument of public service. Under his leadership, the poor, farmers, women and youth have come to the centre of the development process. Millions of families across the country have experienced for the first time that the government is not merely an instrument of power, but also a sensitive force committed to improving their lives. The Chief Minister said that under the Prime Minister's leadership, homeless families in Haryana's villages have received houses, the dream of smoke-free kitchens for mothers and sisters has been fulfilled, government assistance has reached the poor without discrimination and the benefits of schemes have been directly transferred to eligible beneficiaries through digital technology. He described this as a model of good governance that future generations will also remember. Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini said that Haryana has been a significant 'karmabhoomi' for Prime Minister Sh. Narendra Modi and that he has always shared a special bond with the state. He noted that the Prime Minister has visited Haryana 17 times so far, and on every occasion, he has brought new development projects for the state. He said that the Prime Minister has provided Haryana with 22 National Highways spanning 1,390 kilometres, resulting in every district of the state now being connected by a National Highway. He further stated that under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Haryana's hardworking farmers have received Rs. 9,888 crore. Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi, 20.17 lakh farmers have received Rs. 7,562 crore. Through the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana, 15 lakh women have received free LPG connections, while 2.18 lakh women in the state have become Lakhpati Didis. The Chief Minister informed that under the Ayushman Bharat-Chirayu Yojana, more than 27 lakh people have received free medical treatment worth Rs. 4,148 crores. Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Anna Kalyan Yojana, 1.57 crore people are receiving free ration. He said that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, 1.56 lakh poor families have received permanent houses. Through the Jal Jeevan Mission, tap water connections have reached 31 lakh rural households. Haryana's youth have established more than 10,000 startups, while 1.58 lakh young people have received skill training. The Chief Minister said that the Prime Minister has repeatedly emphasized that development and heritage complement one another. Even while advancing towards modern technology, digital transformation and global competitiveness, India can remain deeply connected to its cultural roots, spiritual values and civilizational consciousness. He said that in Haryana, cultural heritage conservation has gained fresh momentum through initiatives such as the International Gita Mahotsav, the International Saraswati Mahotsav, and the restoration of numerous pilgrimage sites. He further stated that a leader's identity is shaped not only by decisions but also by personality, work ethic and values. The Prime Minister's discipline, tireless hard work, simplicity and complete dedication to the nation have become a source of inspiration for millions. He has instilled confidence among young people that extraordinary achievements can be attained even by individuals from ordinary families. He has given youth the courage to dream and the determination to realize those dreams.

Sitting is Killing - Practice 'Exercise Snacking'

In the era of digital technology, the world has become a global village. Modern fast-paced AI is bringing about huge wanted and unwanted changes in the lifestyle of humans. We are adhering to smart screens while sitting on the Internet input devices. Software jobs that require hours of sitting are increasing. Youth working in software jobs are becoming glued to their chairs. Sports fields in schools are becoming empty due to the lack of interest in youth. Physical activity is becoming scarce. BP and sugar disorders are becoming common at a young age. Heart diseases are diagnosed very commonly. Obesity is afflicting the youth. Today's youth do not exercise even for few minutes per day. The experience of sweating has become rare. Lifestyle disorders are spreading due to lack of physical activity. A Sedentary Lifestyle is Dangerous - Sitting is Killing:

Experts warn that sitting for 8-10 hours a day regularly increases the risk of fatal diseases such as heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure, obesity related disorders, and even cancer. That is why sitting still for hours together is fatal, and this is what is being warned as "Sitting is Killing." It should be noted that sitting and working is the equal to smoking effect. Sitting and working in one place for hours together every day can cause disorders such as slow blood circulation, cholesterol accumulation, waist/back pain, obesity problems, muscle weakness due to lack of physical exercise. As an antidote to this, you should get up and walk for 2 minutes every 30-45 minutes. You should work standing (standing desk) whenever possible. You should get up and walk and talk when you get on to the phone. You should get used to taking the stairs instead of using the elevator or lift. In this way, we can get free from fatal incidents with small changes in our daily routine.

It is Good to Do 'Exercise Snacking':

Doing small amounts of physical exercise throughout the day, lasting less than 5 minutes, is called "exercise snacking." Exercise snacking improves the health of the heart, muscles, and bones. Those who cannot exercise for an hour like at the gym should make exercise snacking a part of their daily routine. Exercise snacking keeps the metabolism active. Walking while talking on the cell phone, taking the stairs instead of the escalator or elevator, standing and walking frequently while watching TV, and standing for some time, if possible, should be part of our lifestyle. Activities like climbing hills, dancing, and interval walking not only reduce body fat, but also lower blood sugar levels and keep blood pressure under control.

Mental and Physical Health with Exercise:

Recent reports warn that exercising for at least five minutes a day can prevent 10 percent of untimely premature deaths. According to a recently published study in "The Lancet" magazine, it has been revealed that gradually increasing physical activity in daily life has long-term health benefits. It is known that doing physical exercise every day not only improves mental and physical health but also reduces the risk of premature death. It is known that many benefits are associated with activities such as brisk walking for a few minutes a day, playing in sports fields, cycling, swimming, and climbing stairs. It should be understood that just five minutes of exercise can bring some health benefits compared to sitting still and doing nothing. Increasing the five-minute exercise by a few minutes every day to 30 minutes should be a part of our lives. The most simple physical movements we do have powerful effects. The physical exercise we do on a regular basis reduces excessive stress and fatigue. It is important to know that regular physical exercise can help you stay healthy throughout your life. It should be noted that it is better to live a long and healthy life than to live a long life. According to recent studies, if everyone devotes time to physical exercise for 150 minutes a week, they will achieve lifelong health benefits and also improve longevity. It is known that if you stop sitting for hours, life expectancy will increase. It has been observed that people who live without physical movement have an increased risk of chronic diseases and premature death. Exercise builds muscle strength and mental stability.

It has been analyzed that walking 2,500 steps a day instead of 2,000 steps a day reduces the risk of heart disease by up to 11 percent. Exercise snacking methods such as walking to the market to bring groceries, helping your mother in the kitchen, and stretching your body while standing are very beneficial for our overall health.



Modi made new records of service

Good governance and security: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav

DR.BHUPENDRA VIKAL

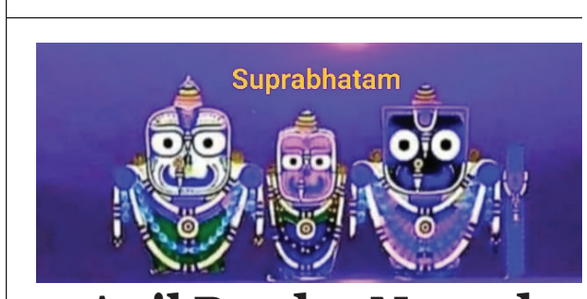
Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav described the 12 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's tenure as the golden period of service, good governance and national security. He said that under the leadership of Modi, India has established new dimensions of development and global prestige.

Praising the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chief Minister said that he has created a new record of serving the country as the elected Prime Minister for the longest period after independence. He said that under the leadership of Modi, crores of people have come out of the poverty line and good governance and national security in the country have got new strength. Before leaving for Delhi, while discussing with the media after reciting Hanuman Chalisa and worshiping at the cave temple in Bhopal, the Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Modi has shown the ability to respond to the enemies of the country by entering the house. Under his leadership, India has emerged as a strong and self-confident nation at the global level.

Praying to Baba Mahakal, the Chief Minister said that in the year 2029 also, Prime Minister Modi should get the opportunity to serve the country.

Modi broke Nehru's record

DrYadav said that the record of being the elected Prime Minister for the longest period after independence was earlier in the name of Jawaharlal Nehru, which has been left behind by Prime Minister Modi. He said that it is a matter of pride for the countrymen that Prime Minister Modi, coming from an ordinary family, has dedicated his life to public service by reaching the highest post of the country. The Chief Minister said that at present there are BJP governments in 17 states and NDA governments in 22 states, which is a proof of the leadership of Prime Minister Modi and the trust of the people.



Anil Pandey Named NUJ Journalism School Chairman

NEW DELHI:

Senior journalist Anil Pandey has been appointed Chairman of the NUJ School of Journalism and Communication, established by the National Union of Journalists (India) [NUJ(I)], affiliated with the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ). Senior journalist Priyaranjan, Correspondent of Jansatta, has been elected as the General Secretary.

The announcement was made during the General Body Meeting of the NUJ School of Journalism and Communication held at the Jayaprakash Narayan Auditorium, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar University, Agra, where the office-bearers and the Governing Council were elected. Addressing the meeting, NUJ(I) National President Ras Bihari formally announced the newly elected office-bearers and provided details of the institution's newly adopted Constitution. He informed the gathering that senior journalist Bhishma Singh of Jamshedpur and senior journalist Anita Choudhary of Delhi have been appointed as Vice Presidents. Alok Mohan Nayak has been elected Treasurer, while Gaurav Lalit (Delhi), Vipul Kumar (Haryana), Bhanwar Singh (Rajasthan), and Rahul Verma (Uttarakhand) have been appointed Secretaries.

The General Body was also formally informed about the adoption of the new Constitution of the NUJ School of Communication. The Constitution was adopted following the decision taken at the Executive Committee meeting held on September 13, 2025. The revised Constitution was drafted in line with the recommendations of a committee constituted during the NUJ(I) convention in Haridwar.

The committee included Anil Pandey, Dadhibal Yadav, Manoj Verma, Rakesh Thapliyal, and Amlesh Raju, among others. The President of NUJ(I) served as an ex-officio member of the committee. The recommendations were subsequently approved and adopted by the School.

Under the new Constitution, the organizational structure comprises one Chairman, two Vice Chairpersons, one General Secretary, one Treasurer, four Joint/Assistant Secretaries, and an eleven-member Executive Committee.

The Governing Council members include Ras Bihari, Pradeep Tiwari, Rakesh Thapliyal, Usha Pahwa, Dadhibal Yadav, Pratibha Shukla, Sachin Budhaulia, Dr. Umesh Pathak, Dr. Ritu Dubey, Pramod Goswami (Uttar Pradesh), and Rakesh Kumar Singh (Bihar).

The NUJ School of Journalism and Communication was established with the objective of equipping journalists with knowledge of emerging technologies and the rapidly evolving media landscape. The institution regularly organizes workshops, training camps, and professional development programmes for journalists across the country.

As part of its ongoing activities, a special workshop will soon be organized in New Delhi to provide media professionals with training on contemporary developments in journalism and communication.



'PM Modi an influential voice of Global South'

NEW DELHI , JUNE 10

Ambassador of Ecuador to India, Fernando Xavier Bucheli Vargas, has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emerged as an influential voice for the Global South, noting his ability to engage with both developing economies and the world's leading powers. He added that India's growing economic strength and demographic significance have amplified its voice on the global stage.

Responding to a question on PM Modi becoming India's longest-serving Prime Minister, Vargas told IANS, "I want to congratulate the people of India and especially the Prime Minister for his long-standing service to the people. We are very proud to be in a country that is managed by such a leader as Narendra Modi." "Of course, Prime Minister Modi is a reference in the South Global because he is a leader who can talk at the same time with the South economies, and he could be seated also with the first economy in the world.



PM Modi's leadership inspires hope for better future

NEW DELHI , JUNE 10

Ambassador of Uruguay to India, Alberto Antonio Guani Amarilla, on Wednesday heaped praise on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', or the world is one family, saying that the Indian leader has consistently focused on addressing global challenges and promoting peace. Speaking exclusively to IANS, he said that PM Modi has established himself as a global leader whose contributions are expected to help build a better future for all.

"Prime Minister Modi has promoted the idea of seeing the world as one family. He has consistently focused on addressing global challenges and has maintained a strong commitment to peace. I believe he has already established himself as a global leader, and many people around the world have great hopes that his contributions will help create a better future for all," said Amarilla.Responding to a question on PM Modi's influence on India's global standing over the past 12 years, the Uruguayan envoy said that Prime Minister Modi has made a very significant contribution.

Secure America Act signed as Trump touts border gains

WASHINGTON , JUNE 10

President Donald Trump on Wednesday signed the Secure America Act, a major funding measure for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and used the White House event to highlight his administration's immigration enforcement record, border security policies and law-and-order agenda.

"This morning, I'm thrilled to sign the Secure America Act to immediately and fully fund the Department of Homeland Security through the end of my term," Trump said as he was joined by Republican congressional leaders and senior administration officials.

The President said the legislation would provide additional support to immigration and border enforcement agencies.

"We'll give the heroes of ICE and Border Patrol — and that's what they are, they're heroes — the support and resources they need to defend our borders, protect our homeland, and to keep America safe," he said.

According to Trump, the measure allocates "$38 billion to ICE" and "$26 billion to Border Patrol" to strengthen enforcement and border security.

The signing ceremony quickly evolved into a broader defence of the administration's immigration policies. Trump accused Democrats of attempting to block DHS funding and argued that the legislation would help sustain what he described as significant progress on border security. He claimed the administration had dramatically reduced illegal crossings and tightened border controls.

"Starting on day one, we took the most dangerous and unsafe, violent open border in the world, and we created the



most secure border anywhere in our country," Trump said.

Trump also asserted that "in the last 12 months, zero illegal aliens have been admitted into the United States" and said authorities had cut "the flow of fentanyl across our border by almost 60 percent". The President linked the funding package to broader crime-reduction efforts, pointing to Washington, D.C., and other cities as examples of what he described as successful law-enforcement initiatives.

"We took out almost 5,000 people out of Washington, D.C.," Trump said, adding that the city had become "among the safest cities in the country".

He also praised the work of the National Guard, local law enforcement agencies and congressional Republicans who supported the legislation.

During a question-and-answer session after the signing, Trump expanded beyond domestic issues. Asked about Iran, he said the United States would continue military action following the reported downing of a US military helicopter.

"We're going to be attacking them and attacking them very hard," Trump said, while again insisting that Iran "cannot have a nuclear weapon".

He also mentioned Pakistan while discussing diplomatic efforts regarding Iran.

"I gave them a break at the request of Pakistan; the field marshal and the prime minister of Pakistan are great," Trump said. The President further indicated that he would soon meet leading artificial intelligence executives, describing AI as "an amazing industry" and saying the administration was discussing ways to ensure the public benefits from its growth.

Russia extends wishes to PM Modi on becoming India's longest-serving PM

MOSCOW , JUNE 10

Russian Presidential spokesperson Dmitry Peskov on Wednesday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister.

In a statement shared by the Indian Embassy in Russia on X, Peskov detailed how PM Modi became India's Prime Minister despite coming from a common family. Hailing PM Modi's leadership, he stated that 250 million people of India have been lifted out of poverty in the last 12 years. He also highlighted India's economic growth and development and expressed hope that PM Modi will continue to contribute to strengthening bilateral ties.

PM Modi on Wednesday became India's longest-serving Prime Minister, marking 12



years at the helm of the Central government. "Kremlin's felicitations on PM Narendra Modi on becoming the longest serving democratically elected Prime Minister of India in consecutive terms: I would like to avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that today, on 10th of June, Prime Minister Modi became the doyen of all Indian Prime Ministers. What does a doyen mean? A doyen is a person who is the Prime Minister of the country for the longest term. In fact he was elected on 26 May 2014 and is still heading the world's biggest democracy," the Kremlin spokesperson stated.

"He himself descended from a common family and his career has elevated him to the position of the leader of the largest country in the world, almost one and a half billion people. The country where, during Mr. Modi's leadership, 250 million people were lifted out of poverty. This is a very important indicator for India which is the country where high technologies are being developed, a country that has become one of the leading economic powers in the world with the fastest rates of economic growth and development. And what is most important for us is that this is the country with which we are united by partnership. The country with which we are developing trade and economic ties in all possible areas. Dialogue is ongoing, including in the most sensitive areas. And we hope that Prime Minister Modi will continue to contribute to further development of the India-Russia relations," Peskov added.

Last month, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov called on Prime Minister Modi in New Delhi, discussing various regional and global issues of mutual interest, including the situation in Ukraine and West Asia. During the meeting, PM Modi reiterated India's consistent stance of dialogue and diplomacy as the way forward, a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) detailed.

Lavrov briefed PM Modi on the progress achieved in bilateral cooperation since the meeting of the two leaders in December 2025 for the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit. "Prime Minister requested Foreign Minister Lavrov to convey his warm greetings to President Putin," the PMO stated.

True statesman who has transformed India's economy

BRUSSELS , JUNE 10

As Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday became India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister, leaders from all around the world continue to congratulate him on the milestone and praised his leadership and public service.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen congratulated PM Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister and stated that India under his leadership has landed on the moon and is shooting for the stars. She also thanked PM Modi for his efforts to strengthen cooperation between India and the European Union (EU).

"Dear Narendra Modi, today you're becoming the longest-serving Prime Minister India has had. Congratulations! With you, India not only landed on the moon, it is shooting for the stars. And so is our EU-India friendship," Ursula von der Leyen posted on X.

"From our cooperation on technology, mobility, security and defence all the way to the mother of all trade deals. Thank you for all that we have achieved together," she added.

Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides also took to X to congratulate PM Modi and stated that this milestone showcases PM Modi's years of dedicated service and leadership. He expressed commitment to further strengthening ties between India and Cyprus.

"Congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming the longest-serving Prime Minister in India's history. This remarkable milestone reflects years of dedicated service and leadership. Cyprus values its strategic partnership with India and is committed to further deepening our cooperation for the benefit of our peoples," Christodoulides wrote on X. Denmark PM Mette Frederiksen congratulated PM Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister and expressed readiness to continue working with him to further strengthen bilateral ties.



In a post on X, Denmark PM's office stated, "PM Frederiksen: "Congratulations on the distinction of the longest uninterrupted service as democratically elected PM of India Narendra Modi. I look forward to continuing working with you and to further strengthening and expanding our partnership to new areas."

Australia's former PM Tony Abbott congratulated PM Modi and hailed his leadership, stressing that India under PM Modi-led government has improved in infrastructure, IT, power and sanitation. He also praised PM Modi for his contribution in creating Quad.

"Congratulations to Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest serving PM. He hasn't just held office, he's dramatically improved his country, with more infrastructure, better IT, and practical things like power and sanitation extended to remote villages," Abbott posted on X.

"Under Modi, India has become the world's third superpower while maintaining free elections, a riotously free media and a robustly independent judiciary. But for him, and the late Shinzo Abe, there would be no Quad so the entire free world owes him a debt of gratitude," he added.

While extending wishes to PM Modi, Australia's former PM Scott Morrison hailed PM Modi's leadership, calling him a "true statesman" who has transformed India's economy and standing in the world. In a post on X, Morrison wrote, "Warm congratulations to PM Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister.

Slovakia envoy hails 'Make In India' initiative, PM Modi's leadership

NEW DELHI , JUNE 10

Slovakia's Ambassador to India, Robert Maxian, has called for strengthening defence cooperation between both countries, urged the defence industries of the two nations to explore further possibilities. In an interview with IANS, Maxian hailed India's 'Make In India' initiative and stated that New Delhi has become self-sufficient in several sectors. He invited Indian companies to participate in the IDEB Exhibition set to be held in Slovakia.

When asked about the role Slovakia can play in strengthening India's defence supply chain, the Ambassador responded, "Slovakia is a reliable partner in defence technologies. We are supplying defence technologies since the 1993 creation of the Slovak Republic. We have cooperated with the Ministry of Defence and public sector units and Indian Ordinance Factories. We have been one of the important suppliers of military hardware to India. After 30 years, the scenario has changed. There was an indigenisation of the Indian defence industry under the 'Make in India' policy and India became self-sufficient in many areas."

"There are also private companies which are trading in defence items. Still, the cooperation is there. There are number of projects, we are cooperating together, like flight mission simulators, or



recovery vehicles, or chemical detectors, or other products. I would like to call on the defence industry of both countries to really meet and discuss and explore the possibilities of the defence cooperation. For this there is a Defence Expo exhibition and Aero India show in Bangalore which Slovakia participated in the past. We are also having our IDEB Exhibition and I would like to invite the Indian companies to participate there," he added.

He stated that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's upcoming visit to Slovakia is expected to further boost bilateral ties across several areas of cooperation, including investment, trade, innovation, artificial intelligence, students mobility and labour mobility.

He also stated that India and Slovakia are expected to sign several agreements and Memorandum of Understanding (MoUs) during PM Modi's visit to Slovakia. Asked about the message PM Modi's visit will send about growing partnership between India and Slovakia, Maxian stated, "The overall message will be to encourage our companies.

Trump hails PM Modi on record tenure

WASHINGTON , JUNE 10

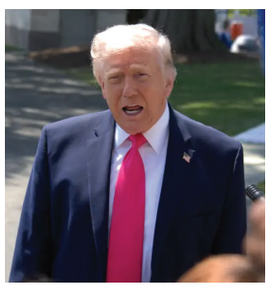
US President Donald Trump on Wednesday congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi on becoming India's longest-serving Prime Minister, describing him as "a Great One" and praising his leadership and prospects.

"Congratulations to my friend, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on becoming India's longest-serving Prime Minister – And a Great One he is! He is a strong, healthy, and wise man, and will have many years of Greatness and Success ahead of him!" President Donald J. Trump said.

Trump's message led a series of congratulatory remarks from American political leaders, business executives and prominent members of the Indian diaspora marking Modi's milestone of 4,399 days in office.

US Senator John Cornyn said Modi's achievement reflected the confidence Indian voters had reposed in him across three consecutive electoral mandates.

"Congratulations to Prime Minister @narendramodi on becoming India's longest-serving elected Prime Minister — 4,399 days of leadership earned through



the trust of 1.4 billion people across three democratic mandates," Cornyn wrote.

"From lifting 250 million out of poverty to making India the world's fastest-growing major economy, PM Modi's tenure has been nothing short of transformational. The US-India partnership has never been stronger," he added.

Arun Agarwal, Co-founder of the Indian American CEO Council and Chair of the Texas Economic Development Corporation, said the milestone provided an opportunity to assess India's transformation over the past decade.

"The India of 2026 is not the India of 2014," Agarwal wrote in a commentary. He said it was "difficult to deny that India today stands taller, speaks louder, and commands greater attention on the global stage than it did a decade ago."

EAM Jaishankar visits National Historic Museum in Bulgaria's Sofia

SOFIA , JUNE 10

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar on Wednesday visited the National Historic Museum in Bulgaria's Sofia. Sharing pictures from his visit on X, EAM Jaishankar wrote, "Visited the National Historical Museum in Sofia today. Explored its remarkable collection of artifacts spanning millennia and gained a deeper appreciation of how Bulgaria has preserved the many facets of its rich history and cultural heritage."

Earlier in the day, EAM Jaishankar arrived in Bulgaria on an official visit. During his visit to Sofia, EAM Jaishankar will hold talks with his counterpart and the leadership of Bulgaria.

Extending a warm welcome to EAM Jaishankar, the Indian Embassy in Bulgaria wrote on X, "Warm welcome by H.E. Ambassador Arun kumar



Sahu along with Director General Mr. Petko Doykov and his delegation to External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar as he arrives in Bulgaria on an official visit."

After concluding his engagements in Bulgaria, EAM Jaishankar will visit Finland to attend the 14th edition of the Kultaranta Talks, on the theme of 'A World in Transition: Global, Regional and Local Perspectives'. He will also hold talks with Finland leadership. In April, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Rumen Radev and his Progressive Bulgaria party on their decisive victory in the parliamentary elections while expressing readiness to further strengthen ties between both nations.

"Heartiest congratulations to Mr. Rumen Radev and his party Progressive Bulgaria, for their victory in the recently concluded parliamentary elections of Bulgaria. I look forward to working together to further strengthen the friendly and multifaceted ties between India and Bulgaria, as well as our broader cooperation in the region," PM Modi wrote on X.

Ties between India and Bulgaria are longstanding, warm and friendly. People-to-people contacts and cultural links between the two countries predate the establishment of diplomatic relations in 1954. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), despite political changes witnessed by the two countries in the past 60 years, India and Bulgaria have developed a close, cordial and multi-dimensional relationship. The multi-faceted relationship between two nations has flourished based on continuity and mutual understanding and has progressively evolved into a binding friendship.

UN Chief warns of full war in the Gulf, seeks new security framework

UNITED NATIONS , JUNE 10

Warning that a "full war" could erupt in the Gulf, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Wednesday called for a "new security architecture" for the region. In the Gulf region, "the ceasefire is more like a 'lesser-fire' – as we have seen with the escalating attacks and rhetoric over the last 48 hours," he told the Security Council.

"We should not minimise the risks of 'lesser fire' becoming 'full fire', or in other words, 'full war'," he said.

The warning came as the fragile ceasefire that came into force in April was fraying, and US President Donald Trump threatened "to hit them hard again today" because they were taking "too long" to negotiate a peace deal.

After Iran, according to Trump, downed a US helicopter on Monday, the US launched attacks on Iran the next day. Iran, in turn, launched attacks on US-related targets in Bahrain and as far away as Jordan.



Guterres said, "It's time to explore a new security architecture for the Gulf – based on respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all States, non-interference in their internal affairs, and enhanced multilateral cooperation." He did not explain in concrete terms what it could be, beyond the generalities.

Guterres said restrictions on navigation in the Strait of Hormuz were causing "hardships and instability across the world" and "pushing up inflation and piling on debt".

"Even in the best-case scenario, these shocks will be felt for many months – with developing countries bearing the heaviest impacts," he added.

"The world needs to see a complete ceasefire with navigational rights and freedoms restored, in line with international law, and serious negotiations on the nuclear issues – ensuring that Iran's nuclear programme is exclusively peaceful," he said.

New logistics park to come up in MP's Indore; Rs 600 cr investment expected

INDORE: (JUN 10)

The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a new logistics park in Indore district with an expected investment of over Rs 600 crore, an official said on Wednesday. The Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC) has allotted approximately 23 hectares of land to a private company for setting up the logistics park in Machal village. Officials said the project will strengthen the logistics infrastructure (goods transportation and supply chain management) in the state.



Nepal Denies Ban on Indian Mangoes

NEW DELHI: (JUN 10)

The government on Wednesday dismissed as "factually incorrect and misleading" media reports claiming Nepal has banned or suspended imports of Indian mangoes, saying exports to the neighbouring country continue uninterrupted.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare said Nepal's Plant Quarantine and Pesticide Management Centre has itself clarified on June 10 that no ban has been imposed on Indian mangoes.

"...certain media reports have informed that Nepal has imposed a ban or suspension on the import of mangoes from India. These reports are factually incorrect and misleading," the ministry said in a statement.

Medicover Opens Centre of Excellence

HYDERABAD, JUNE 10, 2026

For Neuro Endoscopy at Secunderabad
Advanced Neuro-Endoscopic Care Across Four Major Surgical Domains Now Available Under One Roof



Medicover Hospitals today inaugurated its Centre of Excellence for Neuro Endoscopy at its Sangeet, Secunderabad unit, marking a significant milestone in the advancement of minimally invasive neurosurgical care in Telangana and the surrounding region. The Centre was inaugurated by Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy, renowned aerospace and defence scientist, former Chairman of DRDO, former Secretary, Department of Defence R&D, and former Scientific Adviser to the Raksha Mantri, in the presence of senior clinicians, healthcare leaders, and distinguished guests. The newly launched Centre of Excellence is designed to provide comprehensive neuro-endoscopic care under one roof, encompassing brain tumors, skull-base disorders, hydrocephalus, and complex ventricular pathologies. Equipped with advanced neuro-endoscopic technology and supported by a multidisciplinary neurosciences team, the Centre aims to deliver precise, minimally invasive treatment options that help reduce surgical trauma, shorten hospital stays, and enable faster recovery. A key strength of the Centre is the expertise of Dr. Ramesh Shigakolli, Senior Consultant Neurosurgeon, who has extensive experience in advanced neuro-endoscopic procedures across multiple neurosurgical domains. His expertise enables patients to access a broad spectrum of endoscopic brain and skull-base surgeries through minimally invasive approaches that often avoid large incisions and facilitate quicker rehabilitation.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ramesh Shigakolli said, "Neuro-endoscopy has transformed the way many complex brain conditions are treated. With high-definition visualization and precision instruments, we can now reach deep-seated areas of the brain through smaller corridors, offering patients safer procedures, reduced discomfort, and improved recovery outcomes. Our vision is to make world-class neuro-endoscopic care accessible to patients closer to home." Addressing the gathering, Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy commended Medicover Hospitals for investing in advanced neurosciences infrastructure and clinical excellence. He noted that innovations in imaging, navigation, optics, and precision technologies are rapidly transforming healthcare and enabling better outcomes for patients. He appreciated the institution's commitment to bringing cutting-edge medical technologies within reach of the community. Neurological disorders, including brain tumors, hydrocephalus, pituitary tumors, and other skull-base conditions, are increasingly being diagnosed at earlier stages due to improved awareness and access to advanced imaging. Experts believe that minimally invasive neuro-endoscopic techniques are poised to play an increasingly important role in improving patient outcomes and quality of life. With the launch of this Centre of Excellence, Medicover Hospitals further strengthens its position as a destination for advanced neurosciences care, offering patients access to state-of-the-art technology, specialized expertise, and comprehensive treatment pathways under one roof.

About Medicover Hospitals

Medicover Hospitals is one of India's leading multispecialty healthcare providers, delivering advanced medical care across a wide range of specialties through a network of hospitals committed to clinical excellence, innovation, and patient-centered care. The inauguration ceremony was attended by several distinguished members of the neurosciences team and hospital leadership, including Dr. Vikas Agrawal, Senior Consultant Neuro Physician; Dr. Srinivas Rao Dusa, Senior Consultant Neurologist; Dr. Sudheer Penchala Puttiboyina, Senior Consultant Neurologist; Dr. Rohit Ramesh Wadikhaye, Consultant Neurosurgeon; and Ms. Krishaveni, Centre Head, Medicover Hospitals, Sangeet, Secunderabad.

Reliance and Meta to Develop AI-Enabled Data Centre in Jamnagar

MUMBAI (INDIA), 10 JUNE 2026

RIL and Meta have agreed to develop an AI-enabled data centre in India.
RIL will provide end-to-end services including design, construction, management of utilities, renewable power, network connectivity, and managed services.



Reliance Industries Limited ("RIL") today announced a partnership with Meta Platforms, Inc. ("Meta") for a data centre project in Jamnagar, Gujarat. RIL will develop a data center with 168 MW capacity to be delivered within two years, with an option to scale. This is the first built-to-suit data centre capacity in India for Meta and represents a significant milestone in India's emergence as a global hub for AI infrastructure. Meta will lease capacity from the facility, marking a significant milestone in Meta's global infrastructure expansion and deepening the long-standing strategic partnership with Reliance — one that spans connectivity, commerce, and AI innovation in one of the world's most dynamic digital markets. The data center will serve Meta's global infrastructure, supporting its core business and AI compute needs, underscoring India's growing role in the worldwide digital and AI ecosystem. Under the agreement, RIL will provide comprehensive end-to-end services spanning the entire lifecycle of the data centre – from design and construction to the ongoing management of utilities, renewable power supply, network connectivity, and fully managed operational services. This positions RIL as a single-window solutions provider for hyperscale AI infrastructure in India. The strategic location in Gujarat offers significant advantages for large-scale data centre operations, including delivery capability, renewable energy, water availability, proximity to India's western submarine cable landing stations and Jio's extensive fibre network. The data center will be powered by renewable energy and cooled with desalinated seawater, demonstrating both RIL's and Meta's commitment to sustainability. This partnership is aligned with the Government of India's priorities which designate data centres as strategic national infrastructure and introduces a long-term policy framework to attract global AI infrastructure investment into India.

Shri Mukesh D. Ambani, Chairman and Managing Director, Reliance Industries Limited,said, "This partnership with Meta marks a transformative moment for India's digital infrastructure. Building India's first built-to-suit data centre for a global technology leader of Meta's scale demonstrates India's readiness to be at the forefront of the global AI revolution. At Reliance, we are committed to building world-class digital infrastructure that will power the next generation of AI innovation – not just for India, but for the world. Jamnagar will become a landmark destination for hyperscale AI computing, and we are proud to partner with Meta to make this vision a reality."

Sebi proposes new salary disclosure rules for asset managers

In a consultation paper released on Wednesday, Sebi suggested that AMCs should be allowed to disclose the combined remuneration paid to executive-level employees along with the total number of such employees. India's mutual fund industry may soon see a change in how senior employees' salaries are disclosed. The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has proposed allowing asset management companies (AMCs) to report executive and high-earner compensation in a consolidated format instead of naming individuals and disclosing their pay separately. The proposal is aimed at balancing transparency for investors with privacy concerns for employees. In a consultation paper released on Wednesday, Sebi suggested that AMCs should be allowed to disclose the combined remuneration paid to executive-level employees along with the total number of such employees. According to the regulator, this approach would continue to provide investors with a broad picture of how much senior management is being paid, while reducing concerns around sharing personal salary details. Sebi noted that under the current disclosure framework, only a small share of employees are covered. Based on its analysis of 51 AMCs, the proportion of employees whose remuneration is disclosed ranges from around 2% to 10% of the total workforce in 36 fund houses.

PRIVACY CONCERNS BEHIND THE PROPOSAL

The market regulator said public disclosure of individual remuneration could expose employees to privacy risks and increase the possibility of misuse of personal information.

As a result, it believes a consolidated disclosure framework could offer a better balance between transparency and employee privacy.



Markets end marginally higher as FMCG, banks gains cushion profit booking

Investors watch Israel-Iran tensions and crude price moves for future market direction.

Stock markets ended on a mixed note on Wednesday, with the Sensex managing to stay in the green due to gains in FMCG and banking shares, while the Nifty closed slightly lower as selling pressure continued in broader markets. The BSE Sensex rose 64.42 points, or 0.09%, to close at 73,983.18. However, the NSE Nifty50 slipped 27.15 points, or 0.12%, to settle at 23,214.95. Markets had started the session strongly and the Sensex climbed over 400 points during the day, while Nifty touched an intraday high of 23,425.35. However, the benchmarks erased most of their gains due to profit booking in the second half of the session.

The positive sentiment was driven by cooling crude oil prices and growing expectations that tensions between Israel and Iran could see a diplomatic resolution.

Brent crude fell 0.24% to $91.23 per barrel, while WTI crude declined 0.18% to $88.10 per barrel. Lower oil prices provided relief to Indian markets as they reduce concerns around inflation and pressure on the country's import bill. The Indian rupee also strengthened during the session, rising 0.1% against the US dollar to close at 95.265.

FMCG, BANKING STOCKS PROVIDE SUPPORT

FMCG and banking stocks emerged as the key support for the market. The Nifty FMCG index rose 1.05%, making it the best-performing sector of the day, while Nifty Private Bank gained 0.72%. Among Sensex stocks, Hindustan Unilever and Axis Bank were the biggest gainers, rising 1.70% each. Kotak Mahindra Bank gained 1.64%, ICICI Bank climbed 1.40%, ITC rose 1.30% and HDFC Bank advanced 1.16%. Larsen & Toubro added 1.06%, while Sun Pharmaceutical Industries, Power Grid Corporation and Asian Paints also closed higher. According to Siddhartha Khemka, Head of Research, Wealth Management at Motilal Oswal Financial Services, investor confidence improved as crude oil prices remained contained and hopes of a resolution in the Israel-Iran conflict strengthened.

He said easing crude prices improved the outlook for domestic consumption-focused companies, resulting in renewed buying in defensive sectors such as FMCG.

Khemka added that banking stocks remained in focus after the Reserve Bank of India released operational details of its concessional forex swap facilities aimed at attracting overseas capital inflows, a move seen as supportive of liquidity and sentiment.

BROADER MARKETS UNDER PRESSURE

Despite the stability in benchmark indices, the broader market witnessed heavy selling. The Nifty Midcap100 fell 1.49%, while the Nifty Smallcap100 dropped 1.33%.

Among sectoral indices, Nifty Realty was the worst performer, falling 1.74%. Nifty Metal declined 1.70%, Nifty Oil & Gas slipped 1.48%, Nifty PSU Bank fell 1.39%, and Nifty Media lost 2.36%. The India VIX, often called the market's fear gauge, rose 0.36% to 15.63, indicating that investors remained cautious despite easing geopolitical concerns.

ETERNAL, M&M AMONG BIGGEST LOSERS

On the losing side, Eternal was the biggest Sensex loser, falling 2.46%. Mahindra & Mahindra declined 1.32%, Tata Steel dropped 1.99%, Bajaj Finserv fell 1.59%, Titan lost 1.48%, HCL Technologies declined 1.38% and Tata Consultancy Services slipped 1.33%. IndiGo fell 0.32%, Reliance Industries declined 0.79%, Infosys slipped 0.90% and Bharti Airtel fell 1.18%. Going ahead, investors will closely monitor developments in the Israel-Iran conflict and the movement in crude oil prices, as both remain key factors influencing market sentiment. A sustained decline in oil prices could offer relief to India's inflation outlook and support consumption-driven sectors. However, continued volatility in global markets and selling in broader stocks may keep investors cautious in the near term.

Singareni Achieves another Milestone in Sustainable Mining

SINGARENI BHAVAN, JUNE 10, 2026:

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has once again demonstrated its commitment not only to efficient coal mining operations but also to environmental stewardship after mine closure. In recognition of the successful closure of the Dorli-2 Opencast Mine in Bellampalli Area in accordance with the guidelines prescribed by the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, the Coal Controller Organisation (CCO) has refunded approximately Rs. 40 crore, including interest, that had been deposited at the commencement of the project. This can be regarded as a recognition of the environmentally sustainable initiatives being implemented by SCCL under the guidance and directions of the State Government. SCCL meticulously implemented all components of the Mine Closure Plan, including environmental protection measures, land reclamation, rehabilitation activities, and other statutory requirements from the beginning of mining operations until mine closure. Consequently, the Coal Controller Organisation, under the Ministry of Coal, has released the deposited amount along with accrued interest. The refund is being viewed as a recognition of SCCL's commitment to environmental sustainability, transparency, and faithful implementation of all commitments made under the approved Mine Closure Plan. It also highlights SCCL's continued emphasis on sustainable mining practices that balance resource extraction with environmental conservation.





What is an Escrow Deposit? When is it Refunded?

Whenever a new coal mine is proposed, the Coal Controller Organisation, an agency under the Ministry of Coal, prescribes various environmental protection measures and mine closure obligations that must be implemented throughout the life of the mine and upon its closure. To ensure compliance, the mining company is required to estimate the expenditure involved in implementing these measures and deposit the corresponding amount as an escrow fund. An agreement is executed among the Coal Controller Organisation, the mining company, and the concerned bank, under which the amount is deposited. Upon completion of the mine's life, if the company successfully implements all environmental and mine closure commitments as per the approved plan, the escrow deposit is refunded along with interest.

Dorli-2 Mine Closure and Refund of Deposit

SCCL obtained approvals for the Dorli-2 Opencast Mine in Bellampalli Area during 2013-14. As required under the regulations, the company deposited an estimated amount of Rs. 26.79 crore with the State Bank of India in the name of the Coal Controller Organisation towards implementation of environmental and mine closure activities. After producing coal for seven years, the mine was closed during 2023-24. Throughout the project period, SCCL implemented the committed environmental and rehabilitation measures in a phased manner. To verify whether all commitments had been fulfilled, a third-party audit was conducted in July 2024 by the Indian Institute of Engineering Science and Technology (IIEST), Shibpur, West Bengal. The audit confirmed that all mine closure obligations had been satisfactorily completed and that SCCL had fully complied with the prescribed norms.

Based on the audit findings, Deputy Assistant Coal Controller Shri Akash Shiva Hare, in a recent communication, informed SCCL that the deposited amount along with accrued interest would be refunded. Out of the total refundable amount of approximately Rs. 40 crore, 90% amounting to Rs. 36.63 crore is being released immediately. The remaining 10% will be released after examination of provisions related to Just Transition measures. Thus, nearly Rs. 40 crore is expected to be credited back to SCCL. The Singareni management has expressed satisfaction over this development.

Key Environmental and Mine Closure Measures Implemented by SCCL

1. Afforestation and Ecological Restoration

SCCL developed dense forest cover over an area of 162.517 hectares in the mined-out region, effectively restoring green cover comparable to the dense forest that existed before mining operations.

2. Topsoil Conservation and Reuse

Before excavation commenced, approximately 19.76 lakh cubic metres of fertile topsoil were carefully removed and stored separately. This topsoil was later spread over overburden dumps and used for plantation activities, resulting in the development of dense vegetation over the Dorli overburden dumps.

3. Air Pollution Control Measures

To minimize air pollution during mining operations, SCCL:

- Installed dust collectors on drilling machines.
- Adopted wet drilling practices.
- Deployed one 28-kilolitre water sprinkler and two 10-kilolitre water sprinklers for continuous dust suppression.
- Installed mist sprayers at coal bunkers and CHP facilities.

4. Green Belt Development and Environmental Monitoring

Extensive plantations were raised along both sides of haul roads, creating substantial green belts. Environmental audits were conducted by the Environmental Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI), Hyderabad, a government-recognized institution, which confirmed that air pollution remained within prescribed limits.

5. Water Pollution Prevention Measures

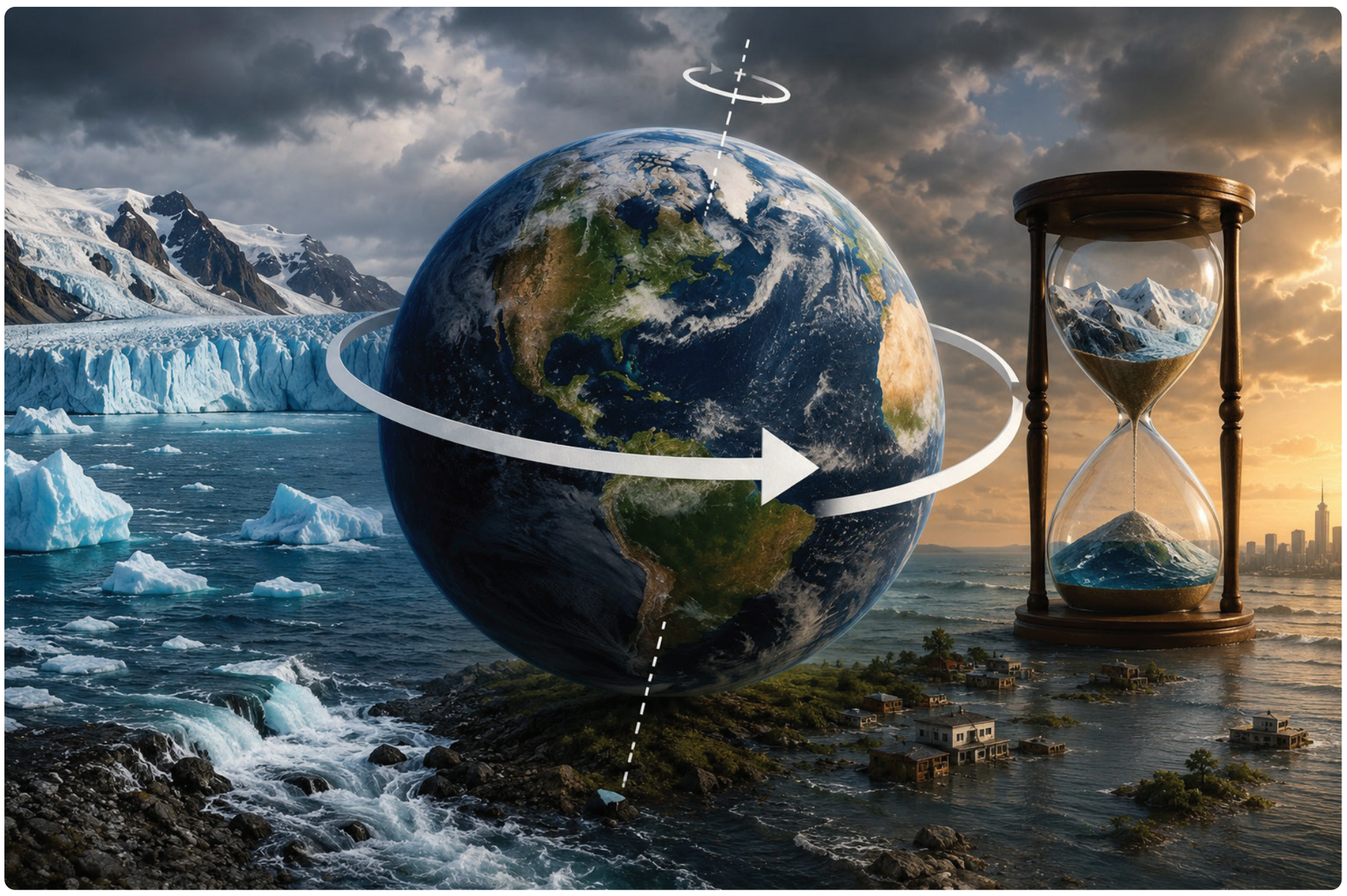
To prevent contamination of water bodies, SCCL:

- Constructed 10 kilometres of garland drains around the opencast mine.
- Built two check dams to prevent discharge of muddy water into natural streams.
- Established five settling tanks.
- Treated mine discharge water before releasing it into nearby canals.

These measures were also audited and certified by EPTRI.

Safety and Post-Closure Management

Following mine closure, SCCL implemented comprehensive safety measures at the site. Security personnel and supervisors were deployed, fencing was erected around the mine area, and structures created during mining operations were dismantled safely and systematically. After inspecting these measures and verifying the expenditure incurred, the audit team expressed satisfaction and recommended refund of the escrow deposit to SCCL. Speaking on the occasion, Director (Projects & Planning) Shri K. Venkateswarlu stated that the refund of the escrow deposit is a testimony to SCCL's sincere and responsible approach towards mine closure activities. He recalled that in the past, a similar refund of approximately Rs. 4 crore had been received for a closed underground mine(RK-8, Srirampur Area) after successful completion of mine closure obligations. He further stated that, in accordance with the directives of the State Government, SCCL is implementing similarly robust environmental protection and sustainability measures in several other mines that are currently in the closure stage. He further stated that closure-related works at several other mines have also been completed, and SCCL expects to receive escrow deposit refunds pertaining to those mines in the near future. He stated that the inspections relating to the Dorli-1 Mine are also in the final stages, and accordingly, there is a possibility of SCCL receiving a refund of escrow deposits exceeding Rs. 60 crore in respect of that mine as well.



Climate Change Is Slowing Earth's Rotation

Study Finds

Climate change is reshaping the planet in ways that extend far beyond rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and melting ice caps. A new scientific study has revealed another surprising consequence of global warming: it is affecting the speed at which Earth rotates. Researchers have found that the rapid melting of glaciers and polar ice sheets is gradually slowing the planet's spin, causing days to become slightly longer. The findings, published in the Journal of Geophysical Research: Solid Earth, highlight how human-driven climate change is influencing even the most fundamental processes of the planet. Scientists say the impact is small but measurable and could have important implications for technologies that depend on highly accurate timekeeping.

How Climate Change Influences Earth's Spin

Earth rotates on its axis once every 24 hours, creating the cycle of day and night. However, the speed of this rotation is not perfectly constant. Various natural forces can speed up or slow down the planet's spin over time.

According to researchers from the University of Vienna and ETH Zurich, climate change is now becoming one of those forces. As global temperatures rise, glaciers and massive ice sheets in Greenland and Antarctica continue to melt. The meltwater eventually flows into the oceans, raising sea levels and redistributing Earth's mass.

This movement of water changes the way mass is spread around the planet. Scientists compare the process to a figure skater spinning with arms extended. When mass moves farther from the center of rotation, the spinning slows down. Similarly, as water shifts away from the polar regions and spreads through the oceans, Earth rotates slightly more slowly.

The researchers estimate that the length of a day is currently increasing by approximately 1.33 milliseconds per century due to this process.

A Tiny Change With Big Scientific Importance

At first glance, an increase of just over one millisecond per century may seem insignificant. Human beings cannot perceive such a small difference in everyday life. However, modern technology relies on extremely precise measurements of time.

Satellite navigation systems, telecommunications networks, financial markets, and space missions all depend on accurate timekeeping. Even tiny variations in Earth's rotation can affect the synchronization of these systems.

Scientists regularly monitor changes in Earth's rotation to ensure that global clocks remain aligned with the planet's actual movement. As climate change continues to alter the rotation rate, experts may need to make increasingly precise adjustments to maintain accuracy.

The findings demonstrate that global warming is influencing not only environmental systems but also the physical dynamics of the planet itself.

Looking Back 3.6 Million Years

To understand how unusual the current changes are, researchers examined Earth's rotational history over the past 3.6 million years. Since direct measurements of day length are only available for recent history, the team turned to ancient geological records.

The scientists studied fossil remains of benthic foraminifera, tiny single-celled marine organisms that lived on the ocean floor. These microorganisms preserve valuable information about past climate conditions and environmental changes.

The Moon's Traditional Role

For billions of years, the primary factor influencing Earth's rotation has been the Moon. Through a process known as tidal friction, the Moon gradually slows Earth's spin. The Moon's gravitational pull creates tides in Earth's oceans. As tidal movements interact with the ocean floor and coastlines, energy is transferred from Earth to the Moon. This process slowly reduces Earth's rotational speed while causing the Moon to drift farther away. Scientists have long known that this phenomenon gradually lengthens the day over geological timescales. Hundreds of millions of years ago, a day on Earth was significantly shorter than it is today. Despite the Moon's dominant role, the new study suggests that climate change is becoming an increasingly important factor in determining Earth's rotation rate.

Using advanced machine-learning techniques, the researchers analyzed the fossil data to reconstruct changes in Earth's rotation and day length over millions of years. This approach allowed them to compare present-day trends with long-term natural variations.

Their analysis revealed a striking result: no period within the last 3.6 million years showed a climate-driven increase in day length as rapid as the one observed between 2000 and 2020.

This suggests that the current influence of climate change on Earth's rotation is unprecedented in the geological record examined by the study.

Could Climate Change Overtake the Moon's Influence?

One of the study's most remarkable conclusions is that climate change could eventually rival or even exceed the Moon's effect on Earth's rotation. Researchers examined future scenarios involving continued greenhouse gas emissions and accelerating ice loss. Under certain projections, the rate of melting in Greenland, Antarctica, and mountain glaciers could become so extensive that its impact on Earth's spin surpasses the slowing effect caused by lunar tidal forces.

Such a development would represent a significant shift in the factors governing Earth's rotation. While the Moon would remain an important influence, human-driven climate change could become the dominant force affecting changes in day length during the coming decades.

This possibility underscores the far-reaching consequences of global warming and highlights the interconnected nature of Earth's systems.

Ice Melt and Mass Redistribution

The key mechanism behind the slowdown lies in the redistribution of mass. Ice sheets concentrated near the poles act as large reservoirs of frozen water. When these ice masses melt, the water spreads across the world's oceans. As mass moves away from Earth's rotational axis and toward lower latitudes, the planet's moment of inertia increases. To conserve angular momentum, Earth rotates more slowly.

Researchers also note that the redistribution causes Earth to bulge slightly around the equator. Although the change is extremely subtle, it further contributes to the slowing of the planet's spin.

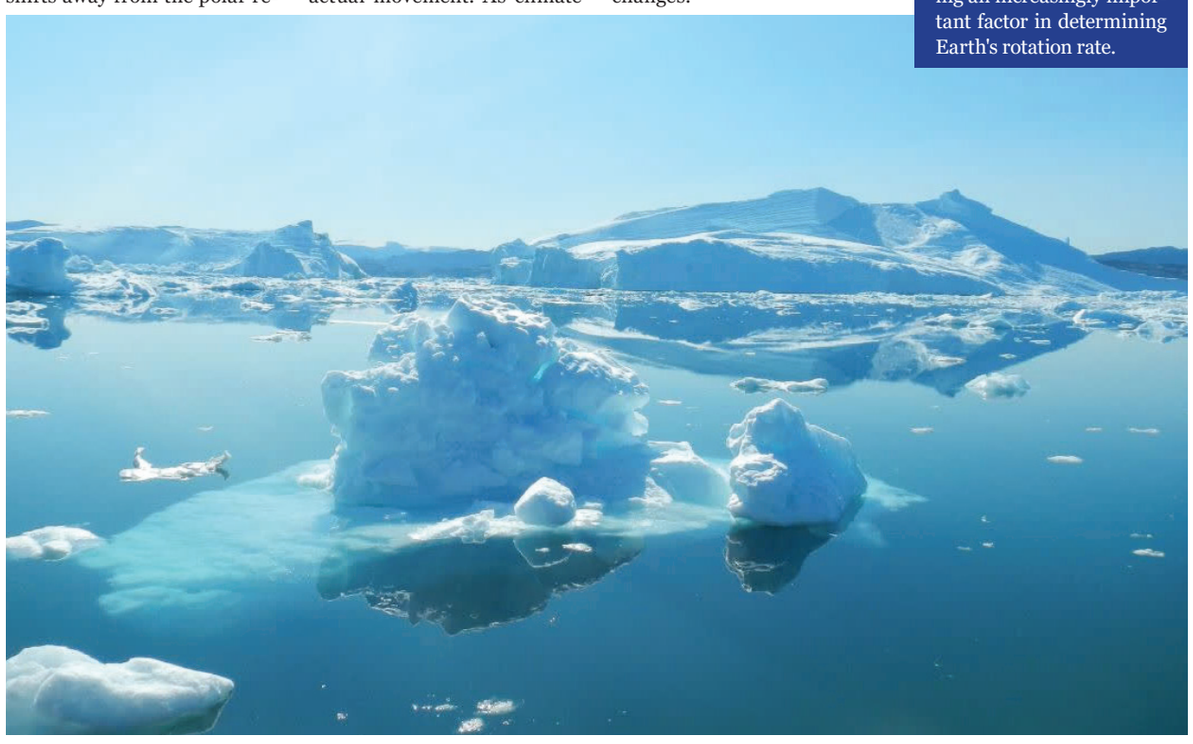
This process illustrates how changes in one part of the Earth system can influence seemingly unrelated aspects of planetary behavior.

A New Perspective on Climate Change

The study offers a powerful reminder that climate change is affecting the planet in ways that scientists are still discovering. While rising temperatures, sea-level rise, and extreme weather remain the most visible consequences, the impacts extend into Earth's physical structure and movement.

The finding that climate change is altering the length of a day demonstrates the scale of humanity's influence on the planet. Processes once shaped primarily by natural forces are increasingly being affected by human activity.

Although the changes in Earth's rotation are small and pose no immediate threat to daily life, they provide yet another indicator of how deeply climate change is transforming the world. As glaciers continue to melt and sea levels rise, scientists will closely monitor these subtle shifts, offering new insights into the complex relationship between climate and the planet's fundamental dynamics.



NASA Astronaut Captures Stunning Southern Lights From Space

A NASA astronaut has shared a breathtaking glimpse of one of nature's most spectacular phenomena from a perspective that very few people ever experience. Jessica Meir, currently on a mission aboard a SpaceX Dragon spacecraft, captured a remarkable time-lapse video of the southern lights, also known as the aurora australis, while orbiting high above Earth.

The stunning footage, recorded during a recent solar storm, shows vibrant green waves of light moving across the atmosphere below the spacecraft. Sharing the video on social media, Meir expressed her amazement at witnessing the extraordinary display from space, describing it as both beautiful and deeply moving.

Southern Lights Dance Beneath the Spacecraft

While astronauts frequently observe Earth's beauty from orbit, Meir noted that this aurora was unlike any she had seen before. Instead of appearing on the horizon, the glowing lights seemed to dance directly beneath the spacecraft as it traveled around the planet.

The time-lapse video captures the aurora twisting and flowing in bright green patterns across the night side of Earth. The movement created an almost magical effect, giving viewers a rare look at the phenomenon from above rather than from the ground. For astronauts traveling at thousands of miles per hour, such moments provide a unique opportunity to observe natural events from a completely different perspective. The footage quickly attracted attention online, with many viewers marveling at the extraordinary view.

What Causes the Southern Lights?

The southern lights are created by activity on the Sun. During solar storms, the Sun releases streams of charged particles into space. These particles travel millions of kilometers before reaching Earth.

When the particles encounter Earth's magnetic field, they are guided toward the polar regions. As they collide with gases in the upper atmosphere, energy is released in the form of light. This process creates the colorful displays known as auroras. Different atmospheric gases produce different colors. Oxygen is responsible for the familiar green glow often seen in auroras, while other gases can generate shades of red, purple, and blue. The result is a constantly shifting curtain of light that moves across the sky.

Why Southern Lights Are Difficult to See

Although the northern lights regularly attract tourists to regions such as Scandinavia, Canada, and Alaska, the southern lights are much harder to observe from Earth.

The aurora australis usually appears over Antarctica and the remote southern oceans. Since very few people live in these areas, opportunities to witness the phenomenon from the ground are limited. This makes footage captured from space particularly valuable. Astronauts can enjoy an unobstructed view of the entire auroral display without clouds, mountains, or city lights interfering with the experience. Their position above the atmosphere provides a perspective that is impossible to achieve from most locations on Earth.

A Window Into Space Weather

The appearance of the southern lights also highlights the powerful connection between the Sun and Earth. Solar storms can trigger spectacular auroras, but they can also affect satellites, communications systems, and power grids.

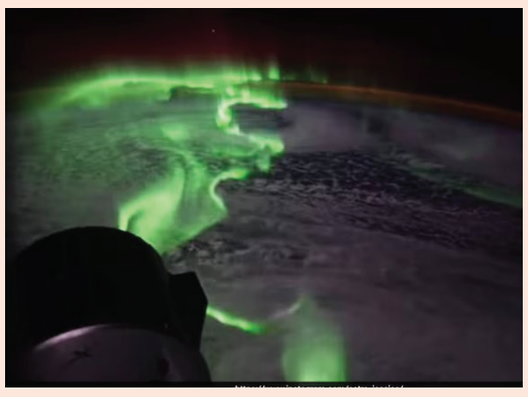
Scientists closely monitor solar activity to better understand these effects and improve forecasts of space weather events. Observations from astronauts and spacecraft help researchers study how Earth's atmosphere responds to incoming solar particles.

For the public, however, auroras remain one of the most visually stunning reminders of our planet's relationship with the Sun.

A Spectacular View Few Humans Experience

Jessica Meir's video offers a rare opportunity to witness the southern lights from an extraordinary vantage point. The glowing ribbons of green light sweeping beneath the spacecraft reveal the beauty and power of Earth's atmosphere in a way that few people will ever see firsthand.

As the footage continues to inspire viewers around the world, it serves as a reminder of the wonders that exist beyond our everyday view and the unique perspective that space exploration provides.



Women's T20 WC

Richa's fifty in vain as India lose warm-up



CARDIFF: Wicketkeeper-batter Richa Ghosh marked a welcome return to her run-scoring best by hitting a blistering 68 off 36 balls and nearly pulled off a remarkable chase for India. But England held their nerve to secure a tense five-run victory in the 2026 Women's T20 World Cup warm-up match at the Sophia Garden on Wednesday. Before a rain break, India's bowlers did well to keep a check on England's scoring rate. But skipper Nat Sciver-Brunt found her rhythm by hitting 57, while wicketkeeper-batter Amy Jones was in fine nick by top-scoring with 64. Danielle Gibson also smashed 30 not out off just 12 balls to take England past 170. Chasing 172, India faltered early and never looked set to complete the chase.

IPL 2026

Ben Davies signs new Spurs deal, set for 13th season



LONDON: Tottenham Hotspur have announced that defender Ben Davies has signed a new contract with the club, extending his stay in north London and ensuring he will enter a remarkable 13th season in a Spurs shirt. One of the club's longest-serving players, the 33-year-old Wales international has made 363 appearances for Tottenham since joining from Swansea City in 2014 and was part of the squad that lifted the UEFA Europa League title in 2025. "Tottenham Hotspur really feels like home. It's been a huge part of my football journey, and I'm grateful for what the Club has given me so far in my career," Davies said after signing the new deal. "It's been difficult over the past few months, not being able to help the team on the pitch in some tough moments due to injury.

Commonwealth Games 2026

Sachin Yadav pulls out of Commonwealth



NEW DELHI: India's javelin campaign for the Commonwealth Games 2026 has suffered a significant setback, with World Championships finalist Sachin Yadav confirming that he has withdrawn from the multi-sport event due to an elbow injury that is expected to require surgery. The development comes after months of discomfort for the 23-year-old, who has struggled to replicate the form that established him as one of India's leading athletics stars last year. The injury, which has troubled him since the Indian Athletics Series-3 in New Delhi, worsened following his appearance at the Rome Diamond League and has now forced him to step away from competition.

Ben Stokes should not lose England Test captaincy over nightclub incident: Vaughan

LONDON , JUNE 10

Former England skipper Michael Vaughan believes Ben Stokes' involvement in a late-night incident at a London nightclub should not cost him the Test captaincy, even as the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) and the Cricket Regulator investigate the matter.

Stokes and his teammate, fast bowler Gus Atkinson, broke the team's midnight curfew while celebrating their 115-run victory over New Zealand in the first Test into the early hours of Monday.

They were present in a nightclub when a member of England's security staff was struck by a Saracens rugby player, Totoa Avuaa, leaving the staffer bloodied and requiring medical treatment.

"Yes, Ben Stokes broke a curfew. Yes, he made a mistake. But is that a sacking offence as England's Test captain? I do not think so. Stokes has a lot of credit in the bank for all he has done for England as captain and all-rounder. There is no way that those making the big decisions at the England and Wales Cricket Board have the same credit in the bank.

"We are now at the stage that they either put their necks on the block and say, 'Right, we are sacking you for that offence,' or they back him and move on. The ECB is hoping Stokes decides on its behalf. But it has to be brave enough and strong enough to do what it thinks is right. If that is to sack him, then fine, but I do not agree with that decision on this issue," wrote Vaughan in his column for The Telegraph on Wednesday.

The ECB later confirmed in a statement that Stokes and Atkinson had breached team protocols by being present at the nightclub. Both players remain under investigation, but the governing body has denied any suggestion that Stokes has been asked to resign.

Stokes, 35, has been given time to consider his options, with England expected to name their squad for the second Test on Thursday, with the game to be played from June 17-21 at The Oval.

"A short suspension would be fine, but this is not a big enough incident over which to lose the captaincy. I know he was involved in the Bristol incident, but that was nearly 10 years ago, and I do not remember him getting in a pickle since then. With that in mind, I do not see how you can tell Stokes he is not captain anymore just for going over the curfew by a couple of hours after a win.





"I also do not buy the fact that he will have lost respect in the dressing room or will struggle to impose authority in the future. Did Harry Brook, as white-ball captain, lose the respect of his players after the Wellington incident? No. In fact, England were telling us how well he had bounced back and captained at the Twenty20 World Cup," added Vaughan. The controversy comes after a troubled Ashes tour of Australia, where off-field drinking incidents involving Harry Brook, Jacob Bethell, Josh Tongue, and Ben Duckett led to the imposition of a midnight curfew. Stokes broke the curfew on his first appearance since it was introduced.

"The ECB set the precedent in the winter by allowing Brook, Jacob Bethell, and Josh Tongue to play on after they were out late in Wellington, so that policy can hardly change now. Are the players issued with a code of conduct book before the summer that details exactly what the curfew is and when it is in effect? If so, there are no excuses. If not, then that is a huge oversight of management.

"If he is suspended for the next two Tests, then Stokes will open the door to an England team playing without him, and there is a possibility they could be better. It happens. The England team are under a huge amount of pressure next week at the Oval. All the questions will be about drinking again, and Stokes has brought that on them.

"If Brook captains in his place and handles it well, then the hierarchy will have a big decision to make. Brook is clearly close to the head coach, Brendon McCullum. The T20 side looks well run under those two. I would think England are still going to need Stokes's bowling.

"He is one of England's best bowlers, and his tactical display at Lord's again highlighted how good a captain he is when he is at his best. England need to think very carefully, but if they suspend him, which is what they did not do to Brook, then it opens the door for us to see how the team operates without him.

"It did not go very well against India at the Oval last year, when Stokes was missing with injury, but you just never know. That is the risk you take when you screw up and end up suspended," concluded Vaughan.

Hyderabad to Host Second Season of Archery Premier League This October

- **World's Top Archers to Compete**
- **The 11-Day Archery Spectacle Featuring the World's Best Archers to Light Up Hyderabad's People's Plaza, Necklace Road, from October 8–18**

HYDERABAD , JUNE 10

Hyderabad is set to become the center of the archery world this October as the Archery Premier League (APL) arrives in the City of Pearls for its second season. From October 8 to 18, People's Plaza on Necklace Road will host eleven days of elite competition, bringing together six franchise teams and many of the world's finest archers for a sporting spectacle.

Initiated by the Archery Association of India (AAI), and backed by the Government of Telangana, Season 2 builds on the success of a landmark inaugural edition in New Delhi last year. The league will once again bring Olympic champions, world champions, world number ones, and some of the biggest names in archery to Indian shores, as Hyderabad prepares to host a world-class sporting spectacle. Leading Indian archers include former World No. 1 and four-time Olympian Deepika Kumari, four-time Olympian Atanu Das, 2023 Compound World Champion Gold Medallist Ojas Deotale, top Compound archers Jyoti Surekha, Abhishek Verma and Olympian Ankita Bhakat, alongside an elite field of international stars.

Launched in 2025 with the objective of strengthening India's Olympic medal prospects in archery, the Archery Premier League (APL) was conceived as a platform that enables Indian archers to compete in a high-performance environment.

The league for the first time brings together recurve and compound archers both men and women shooting together in competitive conditions while introducing a unique 15- second shot clock, five seconds shorter than the 20-second limit used in Olympic and World Archery competitions-placing an added premium on speed, composure and decision-making under pressure. APL is currently the world's only franchise-based archery league and enjoys the support of World Archery and World Archery Asia.

With the advent of season 2 on the horizon, Mr. Anil Kamineni, Director, APL, said, "We are delighted to bring the Archery Premier League to Hyderabad for Season 2 and are grateful to the Government of Telangana for its support in making this possible. The city has a rich sporting culture, a deep appreciation for excellence, and the energy to host an event of this scale. The inaugural season demonstrated not only the immense potential of archery as a spectator sport but also the value of creating a



platform where Indian archers can compete alongside the world's best. As we build on that foundation, our focus remains on strengthening India's archery ecosystem, providing world-class competitive opportunities for athletes, and inspiring the next generation of talent. We are confident that Hyderabad will provide the perfect stage for a memorable second season."

The 11-day tournament will feature six franchises, Mighty Marathas, Rajputana Royals, Prithviraaj Yodhas, Kakatiya Knights, Chero Archers and Chola Chiefs — with a total of 48 Indian and international archers competing across recurve and compound disciplines. Each team will field a mixed squad of eight archers, with the competition following a double round-robin format. The top four teams at the end of the league stage will advance to the semi-finals, culminating in the final on October 18.

Speaking on the occasion, Shri Virendra Sachdeva, Secretary General, AAI and Director, APL, said, "APL was conceived with a larger vision of strengthening India's pathway to Olympic success in archery. For our athletes to consistently compete for medals on the world's biggest stages, they need regular exposure to the highest standards of competition, and that is

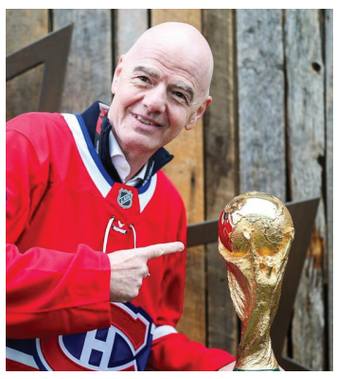
what the league seeks to provide. At the same time, APL has created a unique model for the sport globally by combining elite international participation with a franchise-based format that brings archery closer to fans. We believe the league is not only helping raise the competitive standards of Indian archery but is also contributing to the evolution of how the sport is presented and experienced worldwide."

Season 1 crowned Rajputana Royals as champions and featured several leading names from the sport, including Olympic gold medallist Mete Gazoz and Compound World Champion Ella Gibson. The league also attracted interest from prominent personalities, including actor and entrepreneur Ram Charan. The Hyderabad edition is expected to feature another strong field of Indian and international archers as the competition enters its second season. Further details on team squads, player signings, the match schedule and broadcast partners for the October 8–18 tournament will be announced in the coming weeks.

About Archery Premier League (APL): The Archery Premier League (APL) is India's premier franchise-based archery league, initiated by the Archery Association of India (AAI). Launched in 2025, the league brings together leading Indian and international archers in a team-based competition designed to showcase the sport in an engaging and spectator-friendly format. Featuring six franchise teams named after Indian dynasties, APL combines recurve and compound archery both women and men shooting together for the first time in a unique 15-second shot clock that adds speed, strategy, and intensity to every contest. Through world-class competition and innovative presentation, APL aims to broaden the sport's appeal, strengthen India's archery ecosystem, and create greater opportunities for athletes and fans alike.

Dutch legend Ruud Gullit calls on FIFA president to resign over World Cup immigration chaos

NEW YORK , JUNE 10



Dutch football legend Ruud Gullit published an open letter on Wednesday, a day before the start of the FIFA World Cup 2026, calling on FIFA President Gianni Infantino to resign amid growing controversy surrounding U.S. immigration policies.

Recent days have seen a series of incidents involving teams and officials travelling to the tournament, with Iran's national team forced to move its training camp to Mexico and several support staff denied visas. Somali referee Omar Artan was reportedly refused entry into the United States, Iraqi striker Aymen Hussein was held for seven hours at Chicago airport, and team photographer Talah Salah was denied entry to the country.

The Senegal and Uzbekistan squads were also subjected to extensive searches upon arrival in the United States, while uncertainty remains over whether fans and journalists from countries affected by U.S. travel bans will be able to attend the tournament, reports Xinhua.

"I have stayed quiet for a long time because I wanted to judge this World Cup on football matters. But the deeper we get into the preparations, the more it becomes clear that football is no longer the main story. For that reason, I believe Gianni Infantino should seriously consider stepping down as FIFA President," wrote Gullit, who earned 66 caps for the Netherlands and is widely regarded as one of the game's greatest players.

"A World Cup should unite people. Instead, this tournament is becoming a symbol of division, political disputes, travel restrictions, and administrative failures," he said.

"We are hearing reports that Iranian supporters have had their ticket allocations withdrawn. We have seen the case of Somali referee Omar Artan, selected by FIFA on merit to officiate at the highest level, yet reportedly denied entry into the host country. These are not minor issues. They strike at the heart of what the World Cup is supposed to represent," he continued.

Gullit said FIFA could not speak about football as a universal game, "while qualified supporters, officials, and participants face barriers that appear unrelated to football itself." "The organisation's first responsibility is to protect the integrity and accessibility of the competition," he insisted. He then launched a direct criticism of Infantino. "Leadership is not about appearing in photographs with politicians or celebrating commercial success. Leadership is about taking responsibility when things go wrong. That is why I believe Mr Infantino must ask himself whether he is still the right person to lead world football."

"The football world deserves answers, accountability, and leadership. If those cannot be provided under the current administration, then perhaps the time has come for new leadership at FIFA," he added. Gullit concluded by saying the World Cup "belongs to the world, not to governments, political interests, or football administrators. It belongs to the players, the referees, and the supporters."

Joe Root returns as England captain after Stokes left out of second New Zealand Test

LONDON , JUNE 10

Joe Root will make a surprise return to the England captaincy after Ben Stokes was ruled out of the second Test against New Zealand at The Oval amid an ongoing investigation into an off-field incident involving the England skipper and pace bowler Gus Atkinson.

Stokes and Atkinson have both been left out of the squad for breaking the team's midnight curfew early Monday morning. They were at a London nightclub when a member of England's security was reportedly struck by a Saracens rugby player named Totoa Auvaa.

The England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) confirmed that neither player would be available for selection while investigations are underway. "Given the ongoing investigation, Ben Stokes and Gus Atkinson have not been made available for selection for the second Test against New Zealand," said an ECB statement.

Although Harry Brook is England's vice-captain, selectors chose Root to lead the team. Brook himself was involved in an off-field incident in New Zealand last October when a bouncer punched him outside a nightclub on the eve of a one-day international. Root's appointment marks a noteworthy return to the role he held from 2017 to 2022. England's all-time leading run-scorer captained the team in a record 64 Tests before stepping



down after a tough stretch that included just one win in 17 matches. Stokes, a close friend of Root, took over as captain.

England have also added Jofra Archer and Jordan Cox to the squad that achieved a 115-run victory in the opening Test at Lord's.

The Cricket Regulator is conducting a separate investigation into the nightclub incident. This process could take several weeks to finish. Stokes, 35, has been given time by the ECB to consider his future options, but the governing body has dismissed claims that he has been asked to resign as captain.

This controversy is another blow for English cricket after a disappointing 4-1 Ashes defeat in Australia, a tour that was also marred by off-field issues. England's strong win over New Zealand at Lord's seemed to indicate a positive turnaround, but now they must try to win the series without their captain and top all-rounder, as well as one of their main fast bowlers.

While Stokes' batting form has faced criticism in recent months, his contributions go beyond scoring runs. His ability to perform with both bat and ball is crucial for England's balance and strategy. Atkinson, on the other hand, had a challenging winter but showed signs of improvement during the first Test, taking seven wickets in the match. The 28-year-old will now miss the chance to play at his home ground, The Oval.

His absence could create an opportunity for Archer, who missed the series opener after returning from his time in the Indian Premier League. England also need to decide on the team's balance. Spin-bowling all-rounder Rehan Ahmed is seen as the most fitting replacement for Stokes and remains in the squad after not playing at Lord's.

England squad for the second Test:
Joe Root (capt), Rehan Ahmed, Jofra Archer, Sonny Baker, Shoaib Bashir, Jacob Bethell, Harry Brook, Jordan Cox, Ben Duckett, Matthew Fisher, Emilio Gay, James Rew, Ollie Robinson, Jamie Smith (wk), Josh Tongue

The Paradise: Team focuses on wrapping up shoot first

There has been a lot of speculation surrounding the release date of Nani starrer "The Paradise". Since the project has been postponed multiple times, the latest buzz suggests it could either arrive in September or December or be pushed to early 2027. However, insiders say the team is currently focused on completing the shoot rather than discussing release plans. Nani has reportedly asked director Srikanth Odela to concentrate on wrapping up production first and decide on the release date later. More than 120 days of filming have already been completed, while another 60 working days of shooting remain. At the current pace, it could take another three to four months just to finish the production phase. Following that, the team will need to complete post-production work, including editing, VFX, and the background score. Considering these factors, the release timeline remains uncertain. For now, Nani is fully committed to "The Paradise." The team is working on to release it in September.

A Monster Mass Feast From #NBK111

On the occasion of God Of Masses Nandamuri Balakrishna's birthday, the team of #NBK111 dropped a striking glimpse- Entry Of An Era, that instantly grabs attention. Directed by Gopichand Malineni, the film appears to be set against the backdrop of 1993 Bombay and introduces Balakrishna in a ruthless gangster avatar.

The glimpse thrives on raw power, showcasing a world filled with giant industrial equipment, explosions, and deadly weapons. Amid all the chaos stands NBK, calm yet intimidating, emerging as the dominant force in the narrative. Interestingly, the promo doesn't has single dialogue.

From racing on a motorcycle to taking down opponents with chains and firearms, Balakrishna delivers a larger-than-life presence. In one of the most striking moments, Balakrishna is seen standing atop a giant excavator, a visual that perfectly captures his commanding screen presence. He is also shown riding a motorcycle, taking on enemies with iron chains, and unleashing destruction with heavy weaponry.

Arvind S Kashyap's cinematography gives the film a gritty, stylish texture, while S Thaman injects the promo with a pulsating score that amplifies every moment. Backed by Venkata Satish Kilaru under Vriddhi Cinemas, the film boasts impressive production standards.

Though it's just a glimpse, the promo makes it evident that Gopichand Malineni is crafting a full-blown mass-action entertainer with Balakrishna leading the charge. It promises a monster mass feast, raising expectations to another level.

Renowned Director Bharathiraja Passes Away

Veteran Tamil film director Bharathiraja has passed away
Bharathiraja had been suffering from ill health for some time

CHENNAI, JUNE 10

He was a filmmaker who gave a new direction to rural storytelling in Tamil cinema and beautifully portrayed the charm of village life on the silver screen. He was affectionately known as "Director Imayam" (the pinnacle of directors). The Telugu film Seethakoka Chiluka, directed by Bharathiraja, won the National Film Awards for Best Feature Film in Telugu, and he also received the Nandi Award for Best Director.

He provided the story for Mangamma Gari Manavadu and the screenplay for Palnati Paurusham. Born on July 17, 1941, in Allinagaram, Theni district, Bharathiraja began his directorial career with the 1977 film 16 Vayathinile, which became a sensation. He earned a unique place in Tamil cinema by portraying rural life with realism and authenticity. This earned him the title "Director Imayam" among fans.

He directed numerous classic films, including Sigappu Rojakkal, Kizhakke Pogum Rail, Alaigal Oivathillai, Mudhal Mariyadhai, and Karuthamma.

In addition to Tamil cinema, Bharathiraja directed films in Telugu and Hindi as well. Through his films, he introduced several actors and actresses to the film industry, including Radha, Radhika, Revathi, and Karthik. During his career, he received six National Awards, four Filmfare South Awards, and numerous state-level honors.



Rajini to play a 'Rs 5 Doctor'?

Superstar Rajinikanth is currently busy with "Jailer 2", a project that has reportedly faced multiple delays. Recent rumors suggested portions of the film were being reshot, while its release date remains uncertain. Meanwhile, his next project, tentatively referred to as #Thalaivar173, has gone through significant changes behind the scenes. The film was initially set to be directed by Sundar C., but he later exited the project. Cibi Chakravarthy was then brought on board, but his version reportedly did not move forward either. Now, Ashwath Marimuthu, who directed "Dragon" starring Pradeep Ranganathan, is expected to helm the film.

The latest buzz is that Rajinikanth will play a doctor who charges just Rs 5 as a consultation fee. The character is said to be inspired by a Karnataka-based doctor who became widely known for offering treatment at the nominal fee of Rs 5.

Samantha's Ma Inti Bangaram Needs More Noise!

Samantha's Ma Inti Bangaram is scheduled for a grand release on the 19th of this month. In the meantime, there was speculation that the film would be postponed, but Samantha made it clear it would be released on time.

However, the buzz around the film seems limited, partly because everyone is more inclined towards Peddi. However, with Peddi crossing major barriers, the audience would slowly shift to a different film, and Samantha must capitalize on this advantage.

The film's trailer has already created a special interest among the audience. The double life Samantha leads in the film is the USP of the movie, which seems to impress fans. Samantha is also doing the action scenes in the film and also evokes fun. Nandini Reddy teamed up with Samantha for the third time, and they are confident of the film's success.

The audio single that has come out already is an chartbuster. The team needs to release more promotional content, which they seem to be taking time on. There are no other significant releases for the next week. And hence, Ma Inti Bangaram can actually make use of the space to make some noise.

There is only 9 days left for the film's release and Samantha must adopt to a different kind of approach for the film's promotions. She must interact with the audiences more at different events and also give more interviews to keep the film buzzing among the audiences.

SING GEETHAM: 2 VISIONARIES, ONE EXTRAORDINARY DREAM

When filmmakers from two different generations come together, the result is often extraordinary. The blend of youthful vision and decades of experience can create something truly special. That is exactly what makes Sing Geetham such a fascinating project, as it brings together two of Telugu cinema's most inventive minds- Singeetam Srinivasa Rao and Nag Ashwin.

Over a remarkable career spanning several decades, Singeetam Srinivasa Rao has consistently pushed creative boundaries with his unconventional storytelling and bold experiments. From comedy and fantasy to science fiction and silent cinema, he has delivered several path-breaking films that remain benchmarks of innovation. Nag Ashwin, representing the new generation of filmmakers, has carved out a stellar reputation with a flawless track record. With acclaimed blockbusters like Mahanati and Kalki 2898 AD, he has established himself as one of Indian cinema's most visionary directors. Interestingly, their creative association is not new. Singeetam played a valuable role during the writing and filmmaking stages of Kalki 2898 AD, offering guidance and insights drawn from his vast experience.

Deeply appreciative of that support, Nag Ashwin chose to return the gesture in a meaningful way- by backing Sing Geetham, a dream project that Singeetam had nurtured for nearly 45 years.

What remained an unrealized vision for decades finally found life through Nag Ashwin's encouragement and production support. Singeetam himself has repeatedly acknowledged Nag Ashwin's contribution, crediting him for making the project possible and praising the warmth, respect, and care with which he treated him, almost like a father figure.

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