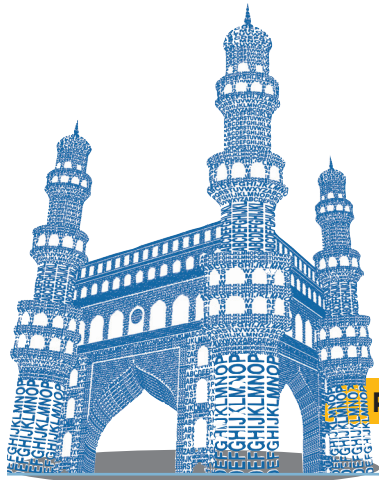




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## Kishan Reddy inaugurate KOMURAVELLI RS



**Hyderabad, July 26:** Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay inaugurated the newly constructed railway station at Komuravelli, a prominent pilgrimage centre in Siddipet district, on Sunday.

Former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya, MPs M. Raghunandan Rao and Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy, MLA Palla Rajeshwar Reddy and MLC Anji Reddy were among those who attended the inaugural ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Kishan Reddy described the inauguration of the railway station at the Komuravelli pilgrimage centre as a historic milestone. He said the new station would make travel more convenient for devotees visiting the famous Sri Mallanna temple from Hyderabad and other parts of the State and the country.

## MODI'S EXAMINATION OF THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM



BY C. SUBRAHMANYAM

India's public examination system stands at a defining moment. For years, every major controversy over competitive examinations has left students anxious, parents frustrated and institutions under scrutiny. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has now responded by constituting a high-powered task force under Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani to recommend technology-driven interventions and structural reforms for public examinations. The presence of experts from technology, science, intelligence, higher education and

public administration makes this far more than another government committee. Yet the announcement is only the beginning. The country will judge this initiative not by the stature of its members but by whether the next generation of examinations is trusted beyond question.

There comes a point in public life when speeches no longer satisfy the people. They want systems that work. India has reached that point in the matter of public examinations.

Every competitive examination is much more than a question paper. It is the gateway to a career, a

profession and, for countless families, the hope of social mobility. Every student who enters an examination hall carries years of preparation, personal sacrifice and family expectations. The value of that effort depends entirely upon one principle: every candidate must compete on equal terms.

Whenever doubts arise about the integrity of the system, the damage extends far beyond one examination. Confidence begins to weaken. Honest students begin to wonder whether merit alone is enough. Parents begin to ask difficult questions. Institutions find

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## CM Revanth proposes Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, Jai Yuva

The CM emphasizes active role of the youth in nation building

HYDERABAD, JULY 26

Aiming to make the youth as active partners in the nation building, honourable Chief Minister Sri A. Revanth Reddy has proposed a new slogan: "Jai Jawan - Jai Kisan - Jai Yuva".

The Chief Minister emphasized the urgent need to bring out the potential leadership qualities of the youth and involve them actively in shaping the nation's future.

The CM urged the Union Government to bring a constitutional amendment to lower the minimum age limit for contesting Legislative Assembly and Lok Sabha elections from 25 to 21 years.

CM Revanth Reddy made key remarks during an interaction with national media representatives in Hyderabad



on Sunday. The Chief Minister shared his views on the importance of the role of the youth in laying a strong foundation of the country's future. The CM stressed that the Youth, who are demonstrating leadership capabilities across various global sectors, should be provided with similar opportuni-

ties within the political system.

CM Revanth Reddy expressed serious concern over lack of a strong mechanism in conducting the national-level examinations mainly CBSE, NEET, and NET. The Chief Minister suggested that the union government should take appropriate measures, keeping the interests of students and their families in mind. The CM appealed to the centre to revoke cases booked against students during the protests at Jantar mantar and also provide compensation to the families of NEET students who died by suicide after the paper leak.

CM Revanth Reddy highlighted that today's youth are already serving as IAS and IPS officers, discharging duties as public representatives

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## FORMER BRS MLA SUFFERS CARDIAC ARREST

**Hyderabad, July 26:** Former Narsampet MLA and senior BRS leader Peddi Sudarshan Reddy suffered a cardiac arrest at his residence in Hanamkonda on Sunday morning.

He was rushed to Rohini Hospital, where doctors

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## Give Telangana Priority Under India Semiconductor Mission 2.0

Hyderabad is India's Chip Design and GCC Capital: Minister Sridhar Babu

BENGALURU, JULY 26

Telangana IT, Industries and Legislative Affairs Minister D. Sridhar Babu has urged the Union Government to accord priority to Telangana under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) 2.0, the Centre's flagship initiative aimed at transforming India into a global semiconductor manufacturing hub. He said Hyderabad has already emerged as India's leading semiconductor chip design hub and the country's foremost destination for Global Capability Centres (GCCs), making Telangana the natural



experts to deliberate on innovation, infrastructure, technology and economic growth in South India.

Sridhar Babu said Hyderabad has become a preferred

destination for GCCs owing to its world-class infrastructure, abundant pool of highly skilled talent, investor-friendly policies and exceptional ease of doing business. He noted that the State's rapidly expanding GCC ecosystem reflects Telangana's ability to host cutting-edge technology industries and advanced manufacturing enterprises. The Minister said Hyderabad is home to several of the world's leading semiconductor design companies and has developed the strongest semiconductor design ecosystem in the country.

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## INDIA RISING AS A STRONG ECONOMIC AND GEOPOLITICAL POWER: GURUMUTHY



HYDERABAD, JULY 26

Noted economist and thinker S Gurumurthy today emphasised that economic self-reliance is essential for safeguarding India's national interests and strengthening its position in the emerging global order.

Addressing the Intellectuals' Meet organised by the Forum for Nationalist Thinkers at Taj Deccan here, Gurumurthy said Atmanirbhar Bharat is important to India's rise in the emerging global order. Elab-



orating on the intrinsic relationship between Atmanirbhar Bharat and contemporary geopolitics, he stated that self-reliance is not a recent concept but is deeply embedded in India's civilization ethos and social fabric. Referring to the entrepreneurial culture of Ludhiana and several other traditional industrial and commercial centres across the country, he highlighted how enterprise, innovation and self-employment have flourished in Indian society for generations.

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## DATTATREYA PAYS TRIBUTE TO KARGIL HEROES



HYDERABAD, JULY 26

On the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, former Governor Bandaru Dattatreya on Sunday paid rich tributes to the brave soldiers who laid down their lives in the service of mother India. Recalling the historic vic-

tory of the 1999 Kargil War, Dattatreya said that when Pakistani intruders illegally occupied strategic positions on Indian territory in the Kargil sector, the Indian Armed Forces, under the resolute leadership of the then Prime Minister

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## Indians will not tolerate anti-national forces: DK Aruna

**Hyderabad, July 26:** Mahabubnagar BJP MP DK Aruna on Sunday stated that Indians would not tolerate forces attempting to disintegrate the country. She lashed out at those conspiring to destabilize the nation by expressing anger over provocative remarks suggesting that India would face a fate similar to Nepal or Bangladesh. MP DK Aruna accused the Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) of creating an unnecessary ruckus over the NEET exam paper leakage issue for political gain.

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### CEMENTING DREAMS WITH SUPERIOR STRENGTH.

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# MODI'S EXAMINATION OF THE EXAMINATION SYSTEM

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themselves defending credibility instead of celebrating excellence. That is the challenge confronting the government today.

**A TASK FORCE WITH AN UNUSUAL COMBINATION OF EXPERIENCE**

The Prime Minister has chosen a path that immediately attracted national attention. Instead of limiting the exercise to officials within the education establishment, the government has assembled a multidisciplinary team bringing together experience from technology, scientific research, national security, higher education and public administration.

The task force will be chaired by Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani. Its members include former ISRO Chairman Dr. S. Somanath, former Intelligence Bureau Director Tapan Deka, IIT Madras Director Professor V. Kamakoti, former School Education Secretary Anita Karwal and Higher Education Secretary Amrit Lal Meena.

The government's mandate to the panel is equally significant. It has been asked to recommend technology-driven interventions and structural reforms that will make public examinations secure, transparent, robust and future-ready. Those are ambitious objectives. The country expects equally ambitious results.

that examination reform will not be confined to administrative adjustments. It intends to draw upon India's experience in building large-scale digital public infrastructure.

The expectation is that advanced technology, stronger digital safeguards, modern examination architecture and improved institutional coordination can reduce vulnerabilities that have troubled public examinations in recent years. Whether those expectations are fulfilled will depend upon the quality of implementation rather than the promise of technology alone.

**TECHNOLOGY IS ONLY ONE PART OF THE ANSWER**

No software can replace institutional responsibility. No digital platform can compensate for weak supervision. No technological safeguard can succeed if governance itself becomes complacent. Technology can strengthen security. It can improve transparency. It can reduce opportunities for manipulation.

Yet the credibility of any examination system ultimately depends upon honest institutions, professional administration, rigorous auditing and swift accountability whenever lapses occur. The strongest firewall remains public confidence. That confidence must be earned every examination season.

**THE POLITICAL STAKES ARE HIGH**

This announcement has altered the political conversation. The debate is no longer confined to identifying past shortcomings. Attention has shifted to whether the government can produce lasting institutional reform.

Supporters view the constitution of the task force as evidence that the government is

**HIGH-POWERED TASK FORCE ON PUBLIC EXAMINATION REFORMS**

| MEMBER                                                                                                     | ROLE / BACKGROUND                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|  <b>Nandan Nilekani</b>   | Chairperson; Infosys Co-founder                             |
|  <b>Dr. S. Somanath</b>   | Former Chairman, ISRO                                       |
|  <b>Tapan Deka</b>        | Former Director, Intelligence Bureau (IB)                   |
|  <b>Prof. V. Kamakoti</b> | Director, IIT Madras                                        |
|  <b>Anita Karwal</b>      | Former Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy |
|  <b>Amrit Lal Meena</b>   | Secretary, Department of Higher Education                   |

**MANDATE OF THE COMMITTEE**

The task force has been constituted to recommend:

- Technology-driven interventions for public examinations
- Structural reforms in the examination system
- Measures to make examinations secure, transparent, robust, and future-ready
- Stronger digital safeguards and examination architecture
- Better institutional coordination and governance
- Reforms to enhance public trust and integrity in competitive examinations

**OUR GOAL: A FAIR, SECURE AND TRUSTED EXAMINATION SYSTEM THAT REWARDS MERIT AND BUILDS THE NATION'S FUTURE**

reach every classroom, every coaching centre and every family whose future depends upon competitive examinations.

**BEYOND ONE COMMITTEE**

Governments have frequently responded to national challenges by appointing expert committees. Some have disappeared into official archives. Others have reshaped public policy for decades.

The examination reforms task force begins its work with an advantage that few such bodies possess. It combines expertise from diverse disciplines instead of relying upon a single administrative perspective. That diversity also brings higher expectations. The panel will be judged not by the number of meetings it holds or the volume of its recommendations, but by whether its ideas are translated into practical reforms that students can experience in examination halls across the country.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has chosen an approach that places institutional reform ahead of political symbolism.

The announcement has generated optimism because it recognises that restoring trust requires more than investigation after every controversy. It requires rebuilding the system itself.

The distinguished names on the task force inspire confidence. They do not guarantee success. Success will come only when every student enters an examination hall with complete faith that ability alone will decide the outcome.

That is the standard the country expects. That is the examination the government has now set for itself.

## Road Safety at Risk in Pragathi Nagar: Jitta Ramya Krishna Yadav Urges Speed Breakers from CMC

**Medchal-Malkajgiri, 26 July :** Kukatpally, pragathi nagar in Cyberabad is witnessing rising road safety concerns as vehicles reportedly speed through the colony's internal roads, putting residents at risk. Telangana Pradesh Youth Congress State Secretary Jitta Ramya Krishna Yadav has urged the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) to install suitable speed breakers to curb reckless driving and improve safety for commuters and pedestrians.

In a written request submitted to the Executive Engineer, Kukatpally Circle, CMC, the Youth Congress leader pointed out that Pragathi Nagar serves as an important link connecting multiple nearby colonies and is regularly used by working residents and commuters. With a school and a temple located close to the road network, the area witnesses significant daily foot traffic, including children and senior citizens.

Jitta Ramya Krishna Yadav further stated that, since speed breakers are currently absent on the internal roads, many vehicles are said to be crossing the colony at high speeds. This has reportedly created a serious threat of accidents for residents and the broader public, particularly in areas where pedestrian movement is frequent.

She requested the CMC engineering department to inspect the affected stretches immediately,



sanction the proposal without delay, and install appropriate speed breakers at required points. The demand aims to ensure safer road conditions and reduce the risk of collisions within the colony.

## RESIDENTS ACCUSE POLICE OF WRONG ARRESTS LEADERS CALL FOR MEDIPALLY STATION SIEGE



**MEDCHAL-MALKAJGIRI, JULY 26**

Leaders from different political parties held an all-party meeting in Devender Nagar Colony to demand action against the main people responsible for recent violence in the area. The meeting was held against the backdrop of repeated attacks and fights in the colony under the Boduppal Circle of the Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation.

According to residents, violence has been increasing for some time, including attacks on families during home entry events and also an attack on local reporter Vishnu Goud's

house. They alleged that rowdy gangs pelted stones and damaged cars and bikes.

Victims said they filed a complaint with the Medipally Police Station, but they claimed that police arrested others instead of the main accused. They demanded immediate arrests of the people they believe are behind the violence, including Jenne Raju, Jenne Naga Raju, Sanika Prashanth, Harish, and their supporters.

After discussing the situation with residents, party leaders said they will not allow anyone to disturb peace and law and order in the colony. They

## KEY PIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RTI ACT

*In Telangana to Be Heard by the High Court Today*

**Hyderabad, July 26:** A Division Bench of the Telangana High Court, headed by the Hon'ble Chief Justice, is scheduled to hear W.P. (PIL) No. 18 of 2026 tomorrow. The petition has been filed by Banappagari Vinay Reddy, who is appearing as a party-in-person. The Public Interest Litigation (PIL) raises several issues concerning the implementation of the Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005 in Telangana. These include the effective implementation of an online RTI portal, the conduct

of virtual or hybrid hearings by the Telangana Information Commission, and measures to make access to information easier and more convenient for citizens. As these issues are directly related to transparency, accountability, and the protection of citizens' rights under the RTI Act, the hearing has attracted significant attention. The case is also expected to address ways to make government services more accessible through digital platforms. The outcome of this

case could have implications not only for RTI applicants but also for government departments, Public Information Officers (PIOs), First Appellate Authorities, and the functioning of the Telangana Information Commission. In particular, attention is focused on whether the High Court will examine the adoption of online systems for filing RTI applications, appeals, and conducting hearings, as well as policies to ensure faster and easier access to information.

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She criticized them for attempting to mislead students and seeking political mileage by inciting them. She further alleged that certain individuals were deliberately trying to create chaos in the country by using the NEET exam issue. She questioned as to who led the agitation and stated that the anarchic forces involved would eventually be exposed. She asked as to why the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi did not stage a protest when the NEET exam was cancelled and criticised him for staging a protest outside

side PM Narendra Modi's residence merely to claim credit for an agitation led by others.

She asserted that BRS leader KTR and CM Revanth Reddy have no moral right to speak about the paper leaks while pointing out that the Group-1 paper leaked during the BRS regime without anyone resigning. She questioned as to who resigned when the 10th-class paper leaked under the current government? She warned that everyone would be taught a fitting lesson at the appropriate time.

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Atal Bihari Vajpayee, successfully launched Operation Vijay. Through extraordinary courage and determination, the Indian Army, with the crucial support of the Indian Air Force, drove out the enemy and proudly hoisted the Indian Tricolour once again on the peaks of Kargil.

He stated that this remarkable victory, achieved under extremely harsh weather conditions and across treacherous mountain terrain by soldiers who fought with unmatched courage and selflessness, remains one of the most glorious chapters

in India's military history. The valour displayed by the Indian Armed Forces in safeguarding the nation's sovereignty and territorial integrity continues to inspire every Indian.

In a statement, Dattatreya called upon the people of the country to stand firmly with the soldiers who remain constantly vigilant on the nation's borders and with their families, who make immense sacrifices in the service of the nation. He said that the sacrifices made by the armed forces can never be forgotten and that every Indian will always remain indebted to them.

## Give Telangana Priority Under India...

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With thousands of highly skilled engineers working in semiconductor design, artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity and advanced electronics, Telangana has already built a strong foundation to emerge as a global semiconductor manufacturing hub, he said.

"Telangana is already helping shape the future of the global semiconductor industry through its leadership in chip design. Recognising this strength, the Union Government should give Telangana due priority under India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 and facilitate semiconductor manufacturing investments in the State," Sridhar Babu said.

He observed that extending appropriate support to States that have already demonstrated technological

excellence would significantly enhance the success of India's semiconductor mission. Giving Telangana due priority, he said, would accelerate India's ambition of becoming a global leader in semiconductor manufacturing.

Highlighting Hyderabad's growing prominence as a global GCC destination, the Minister said the city has emerged as one of the fastest-growing GCC hubs in the world because of its highly favourable investment climate. Today, multinational corporations across sectors such as software, aerospace, defence, pharmaceuticals, banking and financial services (BFSI), hospitality and beauty technology have established their Global Capability Centres in Hyderabad. This, he said, reflects the confidence global enterprises have in Telangana's innovation ecosystem.

Sridhar Babu said the State's sustained investments in world-class infrastructure have been instrumental in achieving this growth. Optical fibre connectivity extending to the last village has enabled industries to establish operations even in smaller towns with robust digital infrastructure. Telangana's single-window industrial clearance system, which grants approvals within 21 days, has made the State one of India's most business-friendly destinations, he added.

The Minister said the State Government has drawn up a comprehensive strategy to develop Tier-II and Tier-III cities as emerging hubs for GCCs, AI-driven industries and advanced manufacturing units. The government is creating next-generation infrastructure, introducing

new incentives and building a future-ready skilled workforce to support this expansion, he said. Reiterating his appeal to the Union Government, Sridhar Babu urged that Telangana be accorded special priority under India Semiconductor Mission 2.0 in recognition of the State's achievements in semiconductor design, electronics and innovation.

"Hyderabad has become India's preferred destination for Global Capability Centres because of its exceptional talent pool, vibrant innovation ecosystem and stable industrial policies. The time has now come to position Telangana as a leader in semiconductor manufacturing as well. This will not only accelerate Telangana's growth but also strengthen India's global ambitions in the semiconductor sector," the Minister said.

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Gurumurthy observed that India is today rising as a strong economic and geopolitical power. He cautioned that as India's influence grows globally, certain foreign forces are attempting to create internal divisions and weaken the country by pitting Indians against one another.

Referring to the recent protests in Delhi, he said that such developments must be understood in the broader geopolitical context and that citizens

must remain alert to attempts aimed at creating unrest and instability within the country, he warned.

He underlined that economic self-reliance, social cohesion, national unity and civilisational consciousness are indispensable for ensuring India's continued progress and protecting the nation from external interference. Speaking on the occasion, BJP State President N Ramchander Rao, who presided over the function, said that India, which was in debt and

dependent on other countries prior to 2014, is now rapidly progressing towards Aatmanirbhar (self-reliance) under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Rao lauded that during this Amrit Kaal, marking 75 years of independence, India has transformed from a developing nation into the world's fourth-largest economy. He noted that while there were only 75 airports in the country until 2014, that number has crossed 150 today.

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successfully revived him after administering CPR for nearly an hour. Following emergency medical intervention and stabilisation, he was shifted on ventilator support to Yashoda Hospital in Secunderabad via a special green channel provided by the State government. According to medical updates, Sudarshan Reddy's condition is stable, and he is responding well to treatment at Yashoda Hospital.

BRS president K. Chandrashekar Rao inquired about his health and instructed working president K.T. Rama Rao to ensure he receives the best medical care. BRS working president KTR, BRS deputy leader T. Harish Rao, and other senior party leaders met the family and monitored the medical arrangements.





# BC Rights Should Be Achieved Inspired by Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj

Das Ram Nayak, National President of Bharat Mukti Party

## HYDERABAD

Calling upon the Backward Classes (BCs) to secure their rights by drawing inspiration from Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, who introduced reservations for the upliftment of marginalized communities during British rule and worked to eliminate social inequalities, Das Ram Nayak, National President of the Bharat Mukti Morcha, addressed a gathering on the occasion of Reservation Day held on Sunday at the Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Hyderabad. The event was presided over by Ansol Laxman, State President of the Bharat Mukti Party (BMP).

Speaking as the chief guest, Das Ram Nayak said that for the past 80 years, the rulers of the country have continued to suppress Dalit-Bahujan communities in every possible way. He remarked that while “the votes belong to us, the seats do not,” and urged everyone to work under the leadership of Waman Meshram, National President of BAMCEF, who has been creating awareness among the people by exposing the country's true history and the systematic oppression faced by marginalized communities.

He alleged that the Congress and BJP have been conspiring to weaken the BAMCEF movement. He further stated that severe oppression in the country could lead to a rebellion among marginalized communities and accused the ruling parties of attempting to divert such a movement. He called for confronting Brahminism, which he described as the root cause of inequality in the coun-



try, through Bahujan ideology. State President Ansol Laxman said that, inspired by Shahu Maharaj, who laid the foundation for social justice, SCs, STs, and OBCs should unite to establish Bahujan self-rule. Speaking at the event, N.J. Samson, National Working President of the Indian Legal Professional Association, and Sayini Narendra, State General Secretary, said that, following the example of Shahu Maharaj, who provided reservations in education, employment, and politics according to population proportions, BCs should strive to secure proportional

representation in local bodies as well as legislative assemblies and Parliament. They alleged that the BJP, which opposed the Mandal Commission in 1990, continues to oppose a caste census for BCs and BC reservations, and argued that the BJP is the primary political opponent of BC interests. They further claimed that BC communities are used as a vote bank in the name of tradition, patriotism, and Sanatana Dharma, only to be exploited after elections. They also criticized the absence of reservations for BCs in the judiciary, describing it as unjust.

BMP State Working President Dharmaiah stated that many principles of social justice enshrined in the Indian Constitution were inspired by the administration of Shahu Maharaj in the Kolhapur princely state. He said that Dr. B.R. Ambedkar incorporated several policies practiced during Shahu Maharaj's rule into the Constitution. Describing Shahu Maharaj as the architect of modern India's first reservation policy, Dharmaiah said that he introduced reservations across all social sectors based on the population proportion of different commu-

nities in his state, ensuring equal rights for all. He added that, after experiencing humiliation during his coronation, Shahu Maharaj implemented several reforms to build a society where people could live with self-respect. As part of implementing the ideals of the Satyashodhak Samaj, founded by Jyotirao Phule, he also undertook numerous initiatives to eradicate untouchability. Kola Janardhan Goud, State Chairman of BC JAC, said that Shahu Maharaj successfully implemented several social reforms, including promoting widow remarriage, women's education, and the establishment of residential schools for the poor, making him an enduring source of inspiration for today's Bahujan society. Among those who attended the event were Mukti Mohammed, National Vice President of BMP; BMP leaders V. Dharmaiah, Shanthi, Venugopal, Patel, Bukky Raju, Kumar, and Raviteja; as well as leaders from various organizations including Dasari Ajay Kumar Yadav, Sayini Narendra, N.J. Samson, Kola Janardhan Goud, and P. Shankar, among others.

## GITAM Scholar Awarded Ph.D. for Research on Sustainable Self-Healing Concrete

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GITAM Deemed to be University, Hyderabad, proudly congratulated Dr. Syed Riyaz on being awarded the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Civil Engineering for his outstanding research in the field of sustainable construction materials.

Dr. Syed Riyaz pursued his doctoral research under the guidance of Dr. Hemaraju Pollayi, Associate Professor, School of Technology, GITAM Hyderabad.

His doctoral thesis, titled “Experimental Investigation on Microstructural Analysis of Self-Healing Concrete with Addition of Bacillus subtilis Bacteria for Sustainable Construction,” explored the innovative application of Bacillus subtilis bacteria in self-healing concrete. The research demonstrated how the incorporation of beneficial bacteria enables concrete to autonomously repair micro-cracks,



thereby significantly enhancing its durability, extending the service life of structures, and minimizing maintenance costs.

The study provides strong scientific evidence that bacterial self-healing technology can improve the long-term performance and resilience of concrete while promoting environmentally sustainable and eco-friendly construction practices.

The findings are expected to make a valuable contribution to the development of next-generation construction materials that combine du-

rability with sustainability. According to the university, the research will serve as an important reference for future studies in the fields of self-healing concrete, advanced construction materials, and sustainable infrastructure development. It also reinforces GITAM's commitment to promoting high-impact research that addresses real-world engineering challenges through innovation and scientific excellence.

Prof. D. S. Rao, Pro Vice-Chancellor; Dr. D.V.V.S.R. Varma, Resident Director; and Dr. Ch. Akhilesh, Head of the Department of Civil Engineering, congratulated Dr. Syed Riyaz on this remarkable academic achievement. They appreciated his dedication to research and expressed confidence that his work would make a meaningful contribution to sustainable construction technologies and inspire future researchers in the field.

## PM's Mann Ki Baat inspires citizen participation in nation-building: Kishan

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Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly Mann Ki Baat programme has, for over a decade, served as a platform to communicate with citizens on a wide range of social, developmental and national issues.

Reacting to the latest episode of Mann Ki Baat on Sunday, Kishan Reddy said the Prime Minister appealed to citizens to promote the use of handloom products in support of India's weaving community

and encouraged people to adopt rainwater harvesting as an important water conservation measure.

He noted that the Prime Minister also urged citizens to actively participate in the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign ahead of Independence Day by hoisting the National Flag and organising Tiranga Yatras in schools, villages and local communities to mark the occasion.

Referring to the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations, Kishan Reddy said the Prime Minister encouraged devotees to opt for eco-friendly idols made from

natural materials in order to promote environmental sustainability. The Union Minister said that despite his official responsibilities, the Prime Minister continues to engage with the people through the monthly Mann Ki Baat broadcast, addressing issues of public interest and encouraging citizen participation in various national initiatives. Kishan Reddy expressed his appreciation for the Prime Minister's continued outreach through the programme and conveyed his gratitude on behalf of the people of Telangana.

# Govt committed to political representation for persons with disabilities: Adluri



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Minister for Scheduled Castes Development, Tribal Welfare, Welfare of Persons with Disabilities, Senior Citizens and Transgender Persons Adluri Lakshman Kumar said the State government is committed to ensuring representation for Persons with Disabilities (PwDs) in local bodies by facilitating their nomination as co-opted

members. The Minister was the chief guest at the NeoFly Bolt Accessibility Devices Distribution Programme held at Jubilee Hills on Sunday. On the occasion, 90 beneficiaries with spinal cord injuries and other severe locomotor disabilities were provided with state-of-the-art NeoFly Bolt mobility devices, designed using advanced assistive technology. The distribution was undertaken under the Corporate

Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative of Hyundai Mobis, which extended financial support of approximately ₹1.26 crore for the programme. Each NeoFly Bolt device, valued at around ₹1.40 lakh, has been specifically designed to significantly enhance mobility and independence for persons with severe disabilities. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said the State govern-

ment had responded favourably to a representation submitted by the Committee for Representation of Persons with Disabilities in Local Bodies. Referring to the recent Cabinet decision to provide representation to transgender persons in local bodies through co-option, he stated that he had similarly proposed extending the same opportunity to persons with disabilities. "I am pleased to state that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has responded positively to this proposal. The government is actively considering measures to ensure representation for persons with disabilities in local self-government institutions," the Minister said. He further observed that, on the lines of the existing provision for minorities, the government intends to create an appropriate mechanism to facilitate the nomination of persons with disabilities as co-opted members in local bodies.

# Telangana sanctions RS.2,278-crore Adilabad joint user airfield project

## HYDERABAD

North Telangana is set for an economic and infrastructure overhaul following state approval for the prestigious Joint User Airfield in Adilabad. In a statement here on Sunday, Minister for Roads & Buildings and Cinematography Komatireddy Venkat Reddy announced that under the leadership of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the Telangana government has issued orders granting administrative sanction of ₹2,278.14 crore for the project.

The Minister said a total of 2,009.23 acres of land will be acquired for the project. Of this, 1,609.23 acres will be allocated for the Indian Air Force (IAF), while 400 acres will be earmarked for a civil aviation enclave, Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO) facilities,



a cargo terminal, hangars, and future expansion. He stated that the administrative sanction also covers the costs of all associated works, including land acquisition, diversion of existing roads, relocation of 765 kV high-tension power lines, diversion of streams, shifting of Mission Bhagiratha drinking water pipelines, and removal of electricity poles. Describing the Adilabad Joint User Airfield as a strategically important project for Telangana, Komatireddy said it

would be jointly developed by the Indian Air Force and the Airports Authority of India. The project is expected to accelerate industrial development, attract investments, strengthen cargo transportation, promote tourism, and enhance defence infrastructure in North Telangana. It will also generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities for local youth. The Minister said the project has gained momentum due to the special initiative of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and

continuous coordination with the Union Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Civil Aviation, and the Airports Authority of India. He added that the State government will bear the entire cost of land acquisition as well as expenses related to the removal of all project-related obstacles. Komatireddy said the district administration has been directed to complete land acquisition and the relocation of roads, power lines, and other infrastructure by December 31, 2026, in accordance with the government's instructions. Reiterating that balanced regional development is the primary objective of the Revanth Reddy government, the Minister said the Adilabad Joint User Airfield would prove to be a game-changer for the development of North Telangana.

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# Centre gave Rs.14 lakh crores to Telangana: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay

HYDERABAD

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar on Sunday said that the Central government had given ₹14 lakh crores funds to the Telangana state in the last 12 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rule . He urged the state govt to release matching grant as its share to utilise the central funds . He made these remarks while delivering his speech at the inauguration of the Komaravelli pilgrimage site railway station.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that he was reminded of his childhood memories of travelling in a bullock cart to visit Komaravelli Mallanna temple . He also said that the long-standing wait of lakhs of Komaravelli Mallanna Swamy devotees had finally borne fruit with the inauguration of the railway station and added that modern structure of the railway station, built at a cost of approximately ₹6 crore, offers a spiritual experience. Noting that Development follows wherever the railway reaches, he said that the inauguration of the railway



station would create employment opportunities not only for the devotees but also for farmers, traders and the youth of the Komaravelli region while noting that the spiritual tourism sector will flourish in the area .

He said that the Modi government was attaching the highest priority to road, rail and air connectivity and added that Over the past 12 years, the Centre had spent ₹1,74,412 crores on the construction of national highways in

Telangana including the Regional Ring Road (RRR).

"We have allocated approximately ₹1,073 crore for airports in Telangana. A new era has begun for Indian Railways under Modi's governance. We have allocated a budget of nearly ₹23 lakh crore for railway development across the country over the last 12 years. In the UPA's final budget of 2014, only ₹258 crore was allocated for

railways in Telangana. We allocated ₹5,454 crore to Telangana in this single year under Modi's tenure. The railway budget for Telangana has increased twenty-fold. We have spent ₹36,286 crore on railways in Telangana over the past 12 years. Railway development works worth another ₹47,984 crore are currently underway. It is remarkable that out of the 7 bullet trains sanctioned nationwide, Modi has allocated

three to Telangana. We are set to spend ₹1.5 lakh crore on the construction of high-speed rail corridors connecting Hyderabad to Bengaluru, Chennai, and Pune. Final location surveys are being conducted for 30 additional railway projects, including MMTS Phase-2 and the Outer Ring Rail project. We are going to spend ₹84,492 crore on the construction of these projects. We are extending the MMTS network in Hyderabad up to Yadadri at a cost of ₹1,122 crore. Modernization works are proceeding rapidly at Secunderabad Railway Station (costing ₹715 crore) and Nampally Railway Station (costing ₹322 crore). The Cherlapally Railway Terminal, built at a cost of ₹430 crore, rivals an airport in its appearance and facilities," he said while noting that they have provided high-speed Wi-Fi facilities at all railway stations across the state. Sanjay said that a Railway project was being constructed in Kazipet at a cost of ₹521 crore and added that Work on the manufacturing unit had reached the final stage (NSS)

## The True Essence of Political Maturity:

Finding Peace, Purpose, and Progress in Democratic Transitions

In a vibrant democracy like ours, national politics and institutional values are perpetually under the microscope. Whenever a significant political shift occurs—such as a prominent leader stepping down from office—it frequently triggers a wave of speculation, debates, and public anxiety. However, viewing these developments through a lens of temporary tension limits our understanding of how mature systems truly operate. Power transitions, voluntary resignations, and the reallocation of responsibilities are not signs of systemic weakness; rather, they are the living, breathing currents of a healthy democratic ecosystem. When a leader vacates a high-profile post, the decision is rarely born of mere political expediency. Instead, it is typically anchored in deeper considerations of public welfare, institutional integrity, and the timeless pursuit of righteousness. Examining such transitions through a philosophical and ethical framework reveals them to be catalysts for constructive growth rather than harbingers of social unrest.

To truly appreciate the nature of political evolution, one must recognize that positions of power are inherently transient. Our national history has repeatedly demonstrated that holding a high office is merely a temporary stewardship—an opportunity granted to serve the public and contribute to the nation's long-term prosperity. Consequently, when a leader steps away from their post, it does not mark the conclusion of a journey; rather, it serves as the threshold of a fresh chapter and a renewed commitment to public service. Society at its core does not yearn for perpetual conflict, ideological friction, or political turbulence. What communities genuinely seek are reconciliation, harmony, structural stability, and a steady hand at the helm. When leaders demonstrate the grace to step aside or transition into new roles for the greater good, it reinforces public trust in our foundational in-

stitutions and showcases a profound dedication to democratic ideals.

Whenever political changes spark rumors or misunderstandings, the immediate antidote is not panic, but collective restraint and mature reflection. History serves as an enduring witness to the reality that while political fires and ideological debates burn intensely for a brief moment, they inevitably subside. What



remains behind are the permanent, stabilizing pillars of peace, patience, and institutional resilience. The democratic framework possesses a remarkable inner strength—an innate capacity to absorb shocks, navigate uncertainties, and convert temporary challenges into stepping stones for future progress. These transitions quietly remind every

citizen that our systems are built to endure and adapt, ensuring that any short-term confusion ultimately gives way to a clear, constructive path forward.

Furthermore, these moments of political evolution lay the groundwork for transparent, accountable, and citizen-centric governance. By shedding old layers and welcoming new leadership paradigms, political institutions continuously refresh their connection with the populace. It is vital for every citizen to approach these developments with an optimistic and balanced mindset, rooted in the timeless belief that ethical principles always prevail in the end. Bidding farewell to unnecessary anxiety and embracing peaceful dialogue allows society to focus on what truly matters: holistic development, mutual respect, and national unity. Ultimately, political transitions are far more than routine administrative changes—they are golden opportunities for society to elevate its collective consciousness, strengthen its democratic roots, and march forward into a future defined by peace, stability, and shared prosperity.

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## The Secret to Victory is the Commitment of Soldiers of India

- Lion Capt Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy, retired NCC Company Commander

KARIMNAGAR

Retired NCC Company Commander Lion Capt Dr. Burra Madhusudhan Reddy said that the Indian Army is at the forefront of the most powerful armies in the world and that our brave soldiers are making sacrifices in the protection of Mother India with unique skills, which is synonymous with great victories.

Speaking at the Kargil Vijay Diwas program organized by the Satavahana Lions Club at the premises of the 9 Telangana NCC Battalion in Karimnagar today, he congratulated the bravery of the three services of India for defeating the Pakistani army and achieving a unique victory in the Kargil War that took place from May 03, 1999 to July 26, 1999. Subedar Major Jung Baj Khan, who participated as a guest in the program, said that the moments of driving out the evil Pakistani army that illegally occupied Indian territory in

extremely cold weather and achieving victory in 2 months and 23 days and proudly hoisting the Indian flag on Tiger Hills are unforgettable.

In the program organized under the chairmanship of Satavahana Lions Club President Marripelli Mahender, 9th NCC Battalion Subedar Major Jung Baj Khan, Subedar Ramesh Kumar, Subedar Ramesh Bahadur, Havaldar Mahor Swapnik, and Havaldar Sahara Praful were felicitated by the members of Satavahana Lions Club. Vice President Lion Dr. V Srinivas, Secretary Lion Narla Venugopal, District Cabinet Members Lion Dr. Sankoji Manoharachari, Lion Dasari Tirupati Reddy, Joint Secretary Lion Kota Satyam, Joint Treasurer Sirigiri Suresh, Lion Edavelli Ravinder Reddy, along with soldiers serving in the battalion, participated in the program.

After this program, Lion Kota Satyam, with the courtesy of Akkannapet Panchayat sanitation staff, presented 12 rain-coats to 12 people in the presence of the village sarpanch, demonstrating his willingness to serve.

## BJP demanded resignation of the CM for betraying students

HYDERABAD

Telangana BJP State President N Ramchander Rao today demanded the resignation of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy holding him responsible for the Congress government's complete failure protecting the future of students in the State.

Rao, in a statement, said that nearly 20 lakh students, particularly those belonging to the SC, ST, BC and EBC communities, have been pushed into severe distress due to pending fee reimbursement arrears amounting to nearly Rs.12,000 crore. He further stated that the colleges authorities have been withholding certificates of the students due to non-payment of fees as a results lakhs of students are unable to pursue higher education or secure employment. BJP state chief criticised the

Congress Government for failing to release Rs 1,000 crore due to Osmania University, thereby weakening one of Telangana's most prestigious educational institutions and jeopardising the academic future of thousands of students.

He alleged that the Congress government has failed to provide a monthly unemployment allowance of Rs 4,000 to the youth as promised. The Congress party came to power by making tall promises to students and unemployed youth, he accused and lamented for not releasing even job calendar.

Stating that CM Revanth Reddy should accept moral responsibility for failing to fulfill promises made to the people and demanded his resignation for not keeping his words and for betraying nearly 20 lakh students and lakhs of unemployed.

## Will Adopt Elgandal, Develop It into an Evergreen Model Village: Velichala Rajender Rao

KARIMNAGAR

Congress Party Karimnagar Assembly Constituency In-charge Velichala Rajender Rao announced that he would adopt Elgandal village and transform it into an evergreen model village with modern infrastructure and comprehensive development. He assured villagers that he would secure the required funds by taking up the matter with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the concerned ministers.

Rajender Rao was speaking after inaugurating CC road construction works worth ₹25 lakh, taken up with BVG Ramji funds, in Elgandal village of Kothapalli mandal on Sunday. The programme was attended by the village Sarpanch, Deputy Sarpanch, ward members and Congress leaders.

He said he was making special efforts to complete the long-pending Elgandal bridge



and had already discussed the issue with Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and District In-charge Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao. He expressed confidence that the required funds would be sanctioned and the bridge works completed on a priority basis. Rajender Rao also assured that the village tank issue would be resolved permanently by removing accumulated granite dust and silt.

He said discussions had been held with Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, the District Collector and Fisheries Department officials to improve livelihood opportunities for the Mudiraj community. He further promised to take up the issue of house sites and Indiramma houses for eligible poor families, stating that he would pursue the matter with the District Collector.

Village Sarpanch Nimmala

Anjanna thanked Rajender Rao for facilitating ₹25 lakh for the CC road and appealed to him to ensure house sites and Indiramma houses for deserving beneficiaries. Market Committee Chairman Akula Narsanna, Deputy Sarpanch Gasikanti Kumar, Mandal Congress President Panjala Swamy, public representatives, Congress leaders and a large number of villagers participated in the programme.

## Telangana to organise three-day seed melas from today to promote low-water crops

HYDERABAD

The Agriculture department will organise Seed Melas at Rythu Vedikas in every mandal across all 33 districts of Telangana from July 27 to 29.

Keeping in view the prevailing El Niño conditions, the department will set up four to five special counters at each Rythu Vedita to promote the cultivation of alternative crops that require less water. Quality seeds of these crops will be made available to farmers during the mela.

Experts from prominent agricultural institutions, including Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University (RJTAU), Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University (SKLTU), the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), the Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research (IIOR), and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), will be present. They

will offer farmers scientific advice on selecting crops, best cultivation methods, and implementing climate-resilient farming techniques tailored to the prevailing weather. The special counters will also stock high-quality seeds endorsed by these universities and research bodies.

Furthermore, Agricultural Extension Officers (AEOS), Mandal Agriculture Officers (MAOs), Assistant Directors of Agriculture (ADAs), District Agriculture Officers (DAOs), and officials from the Horticulture department will provide technical guidance. This assistance will cover crop and seed selection, cultivation techniques, and strategies for effective water management.

Agriculture Director Dr B. Gopi appealed to farmers across the State to participate in large numbers in the seed melas being organised at their nearest Rythu Vedikas.

## Kohens' Free Medical Services Are Commendable: District SP K. Narasimha

SURYAPET

District Superintendent of Police (SP) K. Narasimha praised the free medical services being provided by Kohens Life Sciences to underprivileged people in the district. On Sunday, he, along with District Medical and Health Officer (DMHO) Dr. Venkataramana, inaugurated a free medical camp organized jointly by Kohens Life Sciences and Srihan Hospital at the Bharosa Centre in the 5th Ward.

Speaking on the occasion, they said the camp was organized with the objective of providing quality healthcare services to economically weaker sections of society. They noted that such free medical camps are highly beneficial for people who cannot afford treatment at private hospitals. The SP appreciated Kohens for its



commitment to offering free healthcare services to the poor.

The camp included blood pressure, blood sugar, and cardiac screenings, special health check-ups for women, and examinations for various other health conditions. Free medicines were distributed based on doctors' prescriptions. They also stated that patients requiring advanced treatment would be referred to specialty hospitals.

The SP urged the public to make the best use of such ini-

tiatives and get their health checked regularly. Quoting the well-known saying, "Health is Wealth," he said that no amount of wealth can bring happiness without good health. He advised everyone to pay attention to their health, undergo regular medical check-ups, and seek treatment at the early stages of any illness to lead a healthy life.

He also encouraged people to adopt healthy habits, protect their well-being, and act responsibly toward their

families and society. He emphasized that a healthy population can contribute more effectively to the welfare of families, society, and the nation.

Among those present at the event were ASP Ravinder Reddy, Bharosa Centre SI Mounika, She Team SI Neelima, ASI Saidabi, Municipal Councillor Vijaya Naik, Dr. Giridhar Reddy, Vijitha Reddy, Ortho Specialist Venkatesh from Srihan Hospital, and staff members of Kohens Life Sciences.

## Praja Bhavan comes alive with grand Ashada Bonalu celebrations

HYDERABAD

Rich cultural heritage and traditions of Telangana came alive at Praja Bhavan on Sunday as the Ashada Bonalu festival was celebrated with grand fervour and religious devotion.

Transformed to evoke the charm and warmth of a traditional Telangana village, the Praja Bhavan premises reverberated with chants praising Goddess Ammavaru, rhythmic drumbeats, and spirited performances by Pothurajus.

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, accompanied by his family members, attended the celebrations to offer special prayers and seek the blessings of the Goddess.

Cabinet Ministers, including Konda Surekha, Dhanasari Seethakka, Ponnamp Prabhakar, and Vakiti Srihari, also participated in the event along with their families.

## Seven arrested for allegedly burning man alive in Warangal

Dr Srinivas Vooradi

WARANGAL

Commissioner of Police (CP) N. Swetha on Sunday said seven persons had been arrested for the alleged murder of Adupa Mahesh, who succumbed to burn injuries after he was allegedly set on fire at Parimala Colony in Geesugonda on July 18. Addressing a press conference, CP Swetha said the complainant, Adupa Nagalakshmi, wife of the deceased and a resident of NTR Nagar in Enumamula, lodged a complaint following the incident.

According to the police, the prime accused, Patti Kumara Swamy alias Kumar (35), a driver from Balaji Nagar in Enumamula, allegedly conspired with seven others to kill Mahesh, a Congress party senior activist. Police said Kumara Swamy, who had earlier been convicted in a murder case and was out on bail, suspected



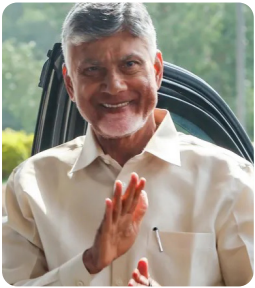
the deceased of spreading false propaganda that had damaged his political standing with a local public representative. The other accused were identified as Gandham Nareish, Jannu Madhu, Pitla Srinivas alias Bandi Srinu, Lasani Ram Sai, Tony Sanjay and Potharam Sivakumar. Another accused, Suresh, is absconding.

Police alleged that the accused attacked Mahesh on July 18 at Road No. 2, Parimala Colony, poured petrol on him and set him ablaze. He sustained severe burn injuries and died while undergoing treatment at a hospital on July 19. A case of murder was regis-

tered at the Geesugonda police station, and special teams were formed to trace the accused. Seven of the accused were arrested and remanded in judicial custody, while efforts are on to apprehend the absconding accused.

The Police Commissioner commended Mammoor ACP Venkat, Task Force ACP Madhusudhan, investigating officer (IO) Vishweshwar, Task Force Inspectors Babulal, Subba Reddy, Devender and Sridhar, along with the personnel of the Geesugonda police station and the Task Force, for solving the case and arresting the accused.





CM Chandrababu asks TDP cadres to highlight coalition's achievements  
AMARAVATI, JULY 26

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president N. Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday asked the party cadres to go door-to-door to explain the achievements of the coalition government in the state. He held a teleconference with key TDP leaders and public representatives ahead of the 45-day door-to-door campaign, beginning across the state on Monday, focusing on the two-year rule of the alliance government.

The Chief Minister provided guidelines to leaders regarding the achievements of the two-year governance and the key issues to be conveyed to the public. He said the entire party machinery, including Ministers, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs, must participate in the outreach programme. The Chief Minister said during the elections, they went door-to-door asking for votes and explaining their promises. He said they must now visit every household to inform people that the coalition is fulfilling the promises it made. He said any doubts raised by the public must be clarified and explained in a way they can understand. The CM recalled that the people gave a historic mandate in the 2024 elections. The coalition achieved a strike rate of 94 per cent in seats and secured 57 per cent of the votes. "The previous government plummeted from 151 seats to 11 due to its grave errors and destructive actions. We secured a strong majority thanks to the struggles waged by the TDP and its alliance partners, as well as the strategies adopted during the elections," he said.

PM Modi asks Nandan Nilekani-led task force to prepare roadmap for exam reforms  
NEW DELHI, JULY 26

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday announced the constitution of a task force on exam reforms under Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani. Prime Minister Modi said that the report of the task force will be used for taking steps to ensure the credibility of upcoming examinations. The decision to rope in Nilekani, who is the brain behind Aadhaar number, comes a day after a students' agitation against alleged paper leaks concluded following the resignation by Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan. Sharing a video statement on Sunday, Prime Minister Modi said, "The Government of India is continuously taking various measures for the future of students. Those who tampered with the students' future are languishing in jail. We have already established fast-track courts. We are also moving towards enacting new legislation in Parliament that incorporates stringent legal provisions." "However, we must look to the future. Our examination system needs to be reliable and transparent, and it must make maximum use of technology.



The KPSC has withheld the veterinary officers' final selection list after allegations of irregularities in the examination led to a police case and an internal inquiry. The move follows candidate complaints, protest action and the Commission's decision to review records before taking the process forward.

The Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) has withheld the final selection list for the recruitment of veterinary officers after allegations of irregularities in the examination prompted a police case and an internal inquiry. The inquiry comes after India Today reported about it on July 24. The controversy centres on the recruitment of 342 regular posts and 58 backlog vacancies, with candidates alleging that the selection process was manipulated through agents. As part of what they de-



Prez, PM pay homage to Kargil heroes; Rajnath lays wreath in Dras, slams Pak  
BY KUNAL DUTT

DRAS: (Jul 26) President Droupadi Murmu on Sunday paid tributes to the bravehearts of the 1999 Kargil War, saying the nation will forever be indebted to them. Murmu, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, on the 27th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, recalled the soldiers' valour and resolve, which she said, stood as "exemplary models of our army's glorious traditions." Prime Minister Narendra Modi on X said the Indian soldiers' courage in the face of the most formidable conditions will forever be a source of national pride.

# Andhra Pradesh develops AI-based urban flood warning system

Real Time Governance Society (RTGS) of the Andhra Pradesh government, in collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority and IIT Gandhinagar, has developed an advanced forecasting platform to provide 48-hour rainfall outlook and six-hour flash flood warnings, beginning with Vijayawada. The City Flood Alert has been developed to predict urban flooding before it occurs, enabling authorities to take preventive action well before disaster strikes. The government has called this a significant step towards building climate-resilient cities. The RTGS AWARE Division, working jointly with the Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) and in collaboration with experts from IIT Gandhinagar, has developed the platform. Integrating artificial intelligence, satellite-based terrain mapping, predictive analytics and hydrological modelling, the system delivers highly accurate flood forecasts and real-time early warnings for urban areas, according to an official release on Sunday. The initiative, launched



scribed as a sting operation, the candidates released audio recordings, photographs and videos, including purported conversations involving alleged middlemen, claiming these pointed to irregularities in the recruitment process. VETS STAGE PROTEST Veterinary doctors also staged a protest outside the Vidhana Soudha Police Station, demanding a fair and transparent investigation into the alleged recruitment scam. The allegations have not been independently verified, and there was no immedi-

ate response from the KPSC before its latest statement. In an official release issued on Sunday, the Commission said it had convened an emergency meeting after taking serious note of reports circulating on social media and news platforms regarding the veterinary officers' examination conducted on January 8 and 9, 2026. The KPSC said a complaint had led to the registration of a case at the Vidhana Soudha Police Station on July 24, followed by the registration of an FIR on July 25.

COMMISSION ENSURES FAIRNESS Calling itself a constitutional authority entrusted with conducting examinations for state civil services, the Commission said it remained committed to ensuring fairness and transparency in the recruitment process. Following detailed deliberations, the Commission constituted an internal sub-committee headed by a senior member and comprising three other members to investigate the allegations. The panel has been asked to scrutinise all documents related to the examination and submit a comprehensive report within a week. The Commission has also appointed its Secretary and the Head of its Legal Cell to coordinate with the inquiry and provide administrative and legal assistance. Pending the outcome of the probe, the KPSC has decided to withhold the final selection list for veterinary officers, which had been published on July 17.

## YSRCP demands Lokesh's resignation over DSC irregularities

Following the resignation of Dharmendra Pradhan as the Union Education Minister over the NEET paper leak issue, the YSR Congress Party has sought the resignation of Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh in the wake of large-scale irregularities in the DSC for recruitment of government teachers. The party has also reiterated its demand for a CBI inquiry to bring out the facts. YSRCP MLC P. Chandrasekhar Reddy told media persons at Nellore on Sunday that Education Minister Lokesh should immediately resign as irregularities in the DSC (District Selection Committee) process, from notification to recruitment, have been exposed time and again. For all teacher posts, the Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) is mandatory, and it was mentioned in the DSC



notification itself that only TET-qualified candidates would be considered for recruitment. However, the DSC process was conducted without following the norms, which is a major anomaly, he said. The MLC pointed out that those who were given jobs under the DSC are now writing the TET, as there is a court ruling that all teachers should be TET-qualified, except those appointed as physical directors. It clearly shows how the coalition govern-

The Commission said it was treating the allegations and the FIR with the utmost seriousness. BJP DEMANDS COMPREHENSIVE PROBE Karnataka BJP president B.Y. Vijayendra alleged large-scale corruption in the KPSC recruitment of around 400 veterinary doctors and demanded a comprehensive investigation into the alleged scam. Citing leaked audio clips that purportedly showed candidates being promised higher marks in exchange for money, he said the allegations had severely damaged the credibility of the recruitment process. Vijayendra also questioned the delay in registering the FIR, claiming it was filed only after government approval. He said the BJP would support aggrieved candidates and join protests planned on Monday and Tuesday, while insisting that anyone involved in corruption, regardless of who appointed them, must face strict action.

ment has bypassed the prescribed norms and given jobs to those who do not possess TET qualifications, he said. He alleged that the question paper setting process, valuation, and recruitment process have witnessed several irregularities. These should be probed by the CBI, and the Education Minister should resign immediately, he said. Former Chief Minister and YSRCP president Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy on Saturday night demanded Lokesh's resignation. "Taking moral responsibility for the NEET paper leak, Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan ji resigned, setting a benchmark for political accountability under the NDA Government. We now ask the same question in Andhra Pradesh. Will Education Minister Nara Lokesh of the NDA Government in Andhra Pradesh accept moral responsibility for the serious irregu-

larities surrounding the DSC examination process (which involved around 3.5 lakh aspirants) and resign from his post? Or will Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu of the NDA Government shield his son instead of upholding the very standards of accountability that the NDA claims to believe in?" asked Jagan Mohan Reddy in a post on 'X'. MLC Chandrasekhar Reddy said that the education system has been completely weakened, with the reforms introduced by Jagan Mohan Reddy being done away with. The scrapping of Nadu Nedu, English-medium education, and other initiatives shows that the government has scant interest in the education system. He claimed that the Taliki Vandanam scheme is not being implemented in its intended spirit, and over 20 lakh beneficiaries have been excluded to suit the government's allocated budget.

Flood Alert platform automatically generates alerts and shares actionable intelligence with the APSDMA. Leveraging this real-time information, APSDMA will strategically utilise the data to issue timely warnings and advisories well in advance to Municipal Commissioners, District Collectors, ward-level municipal officials and other field agencies, enabling them to initiate preventive measures before flooding occurs. The warnings facilitate clearing of drainage channels before heavy rainfall, preventing waterlogging, timely deployment of emergency response teams, and evacuation of residents from vulnerable locations wherever required. The technology-driven workflow transforms disaster management from a reactive exercise into a predictive and preventive governance model. The platform will first be operational in Vijayawada and then will be expanded across all Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in Andhra Pradesh. Each city and town will undergo digital terrain mapping and flood-risk assessment, creating a statewide network of intelligent urban flood monitoring systems capable of providing location-specific forecasts and timely alerts.

## Andhra Congress chief Sharmila recovering after abdominal surgery

AMARAVATI, JULY 26 Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) President Y.S. Sharmila said on Sunday that she was recovering after undergoing an abdominal surgery. She shared on social media that she is recovering well from the necessary abdominal surgery she recently underwent. "A big thank you to all my well-wishers for your kind thoughts and support," she posted on social media platform X. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu wished Sharmila a swift and complete recovery. He said that he was praying for her good health and wishing her strength and a speedy return to wellness. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan also wished complete good health to the State Congress Chief Sharmila. The Jana Sena leader hoped that recovering quickly after successful surgery, YS Sharmila will return to public life soon with good health. Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Working President and State Minister for Human Resources Development and Information Technology, Nara Lokesh, also wished Sharmila a speedy recovery. "Sharmila garu, Glad to know you're recovering well. Wishing you a speedy and complete recovery. Take good care, and may you be back in good health



very soon," Lokesh said in a social media post. Congress Working Committee (CWC) members and former APCC President N. Raghuvendra Reddy has also wished Sharmila a quick recovery. Meanwhile, in Telangana, Bharata Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader and former MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy suffered a heart attack on Sunday and was admitted to a hospital in Hanamkonda. The BRS leader was said to be in critical condition. Doctors said that they performed CPR on Reddy for 10 times after he was brought to the hospital. BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao, party's Deputy Floor leader in Telangana Assembly, T. Harish Rao and other leaders visited the hospital and inquired about Reddy's condition. Sudarshan Reddy was later shifted to Hyderabad, where he was admitted to Yashoda Hospital. Rama Rao and Harish Rao accompanied the ambulance in which Reddy was shifted to Hyderabad.

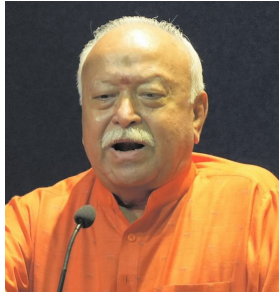
## National Development Needs Welfare, Patriotism: NRR

HYDERABAD, JULY 26 : BJP State President BN Ramchander Rao today emphasized that the services rendered by doctors to society are invaluable and medical care not merely as a service to an individual, but to society and the nation as a whole. He spoke as the chief guest at a special event organized under the auspices of the BJP Doctors' Cell at KMIT Narayanga in which eminent doctors participated. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government is allocating thousands of crores of rupees through the National Health Mission (NHM). The Centre provides the majority of funding for essential medicines, equipment, and staff salaries in district hospitals, community health centers, and Basti Davakhanas, he said. Rao lauded PM Modi's encouragement as the driving force behind Bharat Biotech developing an indigenous vaccine during the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated that Swachh Bharat served not only as a cleanliness drive but also as the foundation for achieving a 'Swasth Bharat' (Healthy India). Through initiatives like Khelo India and International Yoga Day, public awareness regarding health has grown significantly. He urged the public not to ruin their health by relying on unverified medical advice and tips circulating on social media (WhatsApp, Instagram Reels), stressing that

they must follow advice only from qualified doctors. Earlier on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas today, Rao visited War Memorial in the Parade Ground in Secunderabad and paid rich tributes to the martyrs. He said Kargil Vijay Diwas stands as a symbol of the Indian Army's invincible courage, unmatched valor, unwavering determination, and supreme dedication to the nation who demonstrated extraordinary bravery on the treacherous peaks of Kargil and protected the honor of the tricolor and the prestige of the nation. Offering his humble tributes to the immortal soldiers who laid down their lives for the defense of the motherland he said the sacrifice, immortality, and unprecedented dedication of our brave sons to the nation will continue to inspire patriotism and a spirit of national service in every Indian, especially the youth, for generations to come. On the occasion Former Chairman of the One Rank – One Pension Commission, L Narasimha Reddy, who participated in this event , recalled that resolving long-pending demands regarding soldiers' pensions during his tenure as Chairman was a historic decision. He emphasized that the sacrifices of our soldiers can never be forgotten by the nation, and the lives of those heroes who sacrificed their lives guiding our borders serve as an inspiration to today's youth.

## Marriage Brings Discipline, Says Bhagwat

HYDERABAD: (JUL 26) RSS Chief Mohan Bhagwat on Sunday said marriage is a discipline which instills dharma, while the reality of live-in relationships can be seen all over the world. Speaking at an event on 'contemporary motherhood' organised by Vishwa Mangalya Sabha here, he also said Gen Z is imitative, emotional and does not think with a calm mind, and what comes across to them as genuine appeals. "Marriage is a discipline which instills dharma. Its alternative is live-in rela-



tionship. Modernity. What are its consequences? We don't want responsibilities but happiness. Stay together when it is wanted and part ways when not wanted. No responsibilities. What will grow with it? What is growing, look around the world," he said.





EDITORIAL.

The Triumph of the “Unkillable”:  
How Gen Z Rewrote  
the Rules of Accountability

For over a decade, Indian politics operated under an unwritten law: the executive does not yield to street pressure. Cabinets remained impervious, political rhetoric brushed off public outrage, and state power consistently outlasted dissent. That streak ended at Jantar Man-tar. The resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan—following weeks of sustained, relentless youth demon-strations led by the Cockroach Janata Party (CJP)—marks a his-toric watershed in India’s democratic culture. What began as an online satirical movement against systemic paper leaks in nation-al entrance examinations like NEET evolved into one of the most potent youth uprisings the nation has witnessed in decades. The movement’s name carries a deliberate, biting irony. Coined after offhand political remarks equating young, job-seeking citizens to pests, the “Cockroach” moniker was reclaimed with pride by Gen Z. Cockroaches, after all, are famously impossible to eliminate; they survive against all odds. That metaphor proved prophetic. Neither extreme heat, nor police intimidation, nor the shutdown of nearby Delhi Metro stations and mobile data could scatter the thousands who assembled at the capital’s central protest site. When the authorities tried to seal off access, the movement spread virally across major hubs from Kolkata and Mumbai to Pune and Hyderabad.

What made this movement unique was its decentralised, dig-ital-native DNA combined with old-school, grounded discipline. Gen Z did not simply vent outrage on social media; they translat-ed algorithmic momentum into physical space. They refused to be co-opted by traditional political parties, keeping the focus strictly on structural educational reforms, institutional transparency, and immediate accountability for ruined student futures. The gov-ernment’s decision to accept the CJP’s key conditions—including dropping police cases against peaceful student protesters, pledg-ing systemic examination overhauls, and providing compensa-tion for families affected by the examination crises—is a victory far greater than the departure of one cabinet minister. It signals a re-centering of the public interest in governance. As organizers noted while calling off the sit-in in good faith, Pradhan’s stepping down is not the end-state, but a baseline. The broader institutional decay in India’s testing ecosystem, which has pushed young as-pirants into deep anxiety and tragedy, requires long-term policy repair.

The success of the Cockroach Janata Party proves that India’s youngest voters are neither politically passive nor easily distracted by rhetoric. They care deeply about their livelihoods, their academ-ic security, and the health of democratic institutions. By standing their ground without resorting to violence, Gen Z has re-taught the country a vital democratic truth: power ultimately belongs to the governed.



FOR MOM

Writing is a gift.  
Reading is a culture.  
Sharing is generosity.  
Judging is a responsibility.

The library still stands in silence.  
The auditorium echoes with applause.

That day...  
No one paused to ask where Literature  
had quietly gone.

Writers multiplied.  
Readers diminished.

And so...  
Certificates of honour began travelling  
farther than books.

Every hand that writes must first be an  
eye that reads.

The day a writer opens another’s book  
before their own, a true writer is born.

A pen that never reads may still write.  
But... it rarely awakens another soul.

Literature does not seek closeness.  
It seeks truth.

Scholarship does not grow through  
acquaintance.  
It blossoms through reading.

Words do not merely join hands.  
They unite hearts.

While books gather dust... walls wear  
new frames.

While pages wait patiently for a  
reader... platforms rush to deliver their  
verdicts.

The hands that choose...  
How many books have they read?  
How many lives have they understood?  
How many sorrows hidden in words  
have they carried?

When recognition comes to a writer...  
not only the writer’s stature, but the  
honour itself must rise.

Merit builds prestige.  
Familiarity breeds doubt.

This is not an age to count bowing  
heads.  
It is a time to measure the height of  
upright words.

Words must never run after positions.  
Let positions wait for worthy words.

Friendship may enrich literature.  
It must never replace literary merit.

There are gatherings.  
There are ceremonies.  
There are shawls.  
There are photographs.  
There is applause.

Yet... where is the reader who has truly  
read the book?

Today...  
Along with writing, reading must also  
grow. Along with recognition, stand-  
ards must endure.  
Literature must belong to everyone.

The day writers read one another...  
The day readers celebrate books...  
The day books matter more than  
awards... That day will be Literature’s  
true festival.

Let writers increase.  
But before that... let readers increase.

Let honours increase.  
But before that... let standards endure.  
Let gatherings grow.  
But before that... let conversations  
deepen.  
Let celebrations continue.  
But before that... let timeless works  
flourish.

Walls display plaques.  
They will one day crumble.

Photographs will fade.  
Titles will change.

But... one true sentence... one true  
book... one awakened reader... never  
grows old with time.

Time... is a remarkable judge.

It calls no witnesses.  
It hears no recommendations.  
It recognises no masks.

It asks only one question:

“Did your words leave the world kinder,  
wiser, or more humane than you found it?”

There... the writer ends.  
Literature begins.

Hearts preserve words.

Time neither condemns nor favours  
anyone.

For every word, there is only one meas-  
ure: the integrity of the written word.

The final verdict belongs to Time.

Time alone is the  
true Selection Committee.



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OPINION

Pradhan’s Resignation: A Political  
Defeat or the PM’s Finest Leadership Test?

“Leadership is not measured by refusing to yield,  
but by knowing what is worth sacrificing.”

A minister’s resignation does not necessarily signify a gov-ernment’s defeat. At times, it reflects a leadership’s willing-ness to make a difficult political sacrifice to prevent a larger crisis. Viewed through that lens, the resignation of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan deserves to be seen not merely as a concession to public pres-sure, but as an exercise in responsible po-litical leadership. While the Opposition may celebrate it as a victory, history often judges leaders not by how fiercely they defend their colleagues, but by how wisely they protect public trust and the nation’s long-term in-terests.

Any government possesses the legal au-thority and administrative machinery to contain protests. Yet democracies are not strengthened by the mere exercise of state power. True leadership lies in recognising



when a confrontation risks causing greater damage than compromise. It lies in choosing social stability over political ego, dialogue over confrontation, and the nation’s future over the fate of an individual minister.

The resignation, therefore, should not be interpreted as the government’s surrender. Rather, it represents the recognition that preserving the credibility of public insti-tutions is more important than protecting a single political office. When millions of young Indians begin to question the fairness of the education and recruitment system, the issue extends far beyond one ministry or one individual. It becomes a test of the State’s moral legitimacy.

Indian political history offers a power-ful reminder. In 1956, Lal Bahadur Shastri resigned as Railway Minister following the Ariyalur train disaster. He was not person-

ally responsible for the accident, yet he ac-cepted moral responsibility for the failure of the system under his charge. Far from weakening his political career, the decision elevated his stature and strengthened public faith in democratic accountability. His even-tual rise to the office of Prime Minister re-mains one of independent India’s strongest examples of how ethical responsibility can reinforce, rather than diminish, political leadership.

The students who participated in the movement were not fighting for narrow po-litical interests. Their concerns centred on the integrity of examinations, equal oppor-tunity, and the credibility of institutions that shape their future. Every prolonged protest carries a hidden cost. Academic calendars are disrupted, careers remain uncertain, and anxiety among young people deepens. If the resignation of a minister helps restore confidence among students and enables the system to regain public trust, it should not be viewed as governmental weakness but as a mature recognition that the future of millions outweighs the position of one in-dividual.

There is another dimension that gov-ernments cannot afford to ignore. Student movements, if prolonged, often attract po-litical actors and disruptive elements whose objectives differ sharply from those of the original protesters. History offers numerous examples where genuine public movements gradually lost their focus after being appropri-ated by competing political interests. In such circumstances, it is invariably the stu-dents themselves who become the biggest casualties. Preventing such a drift before it escalates is not political capitulation; it is prudent governance.

The Prime Minister’s decision also ap-pears to acknowledge a deeper institution-al concern. Every year, millions of Indians compete for examinations that determine their educational and professional futures. Once public confidence in the fairness of these examinations begins to erode, the damage extends well beyond a single con-troversy. It threatens confidence in the en-tire recruitment and education architecture. Restoring that confidence is not merely an administrative necessity; it is a democratic obligation.

A resignation should never be mistaken for an admission of personal guilt. In ma-ture democracies, ministers often step aside

to uphold institutional credibility, facilitate impartial investigations, and create space for systemic reform. Accountability is not an act of weakness; it is one of the strong-est expressions of democratic responsibil-ity. Governments that acknowledge public concern often emerge stronger because they demonstrate that institutions matter more than individuals.

Politically, too, the decision may ulti-mately work in the Prime Minister’s favour. Citizens rarely remember every procedural detail of a crisis. They remember how gov-ernments responded when public confi-dence was shaken. Did the leadership priori-tise the survival of a minister, or did it choose to reassure millions of young citizens whose faith in public institutions had begun to weaken? By opting for the latter, the gov-ernment may have appeared to retreat polit-ically, but it advanced morally.

However, the resignation cannot become the final chapter. It must become the begin-ning of meaningful reform. Greater trans-parency in examinations, stronger tech-nological safeguards, secure handling of question papers, independent oversight, and institutional accountability are essential if public confidence is to be fully restored. Without structural reforms, even the most significant political gesture risks becoming symbolic rather than transformative.

Ultimately, Dharmendra Pradhan’s res-ignation should be viewed as more than the departure of a Cabinet minister. If it succeeds in protecting the confidence of India’s youth, preventing a wider political confrontation, strengthening democratic accountability, and restoring faith in the country’s examination system, history may judge it not as the gov-ernment’s defeat but as one of Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s most politically mature deci-sions. Leadership is not measured by an un-willingness to yield. It is measured by the wis-dom to recognise that preserving public trust is sometimes a greater victory than preserving political office.



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ABDUL KALAM: MADE GREAT  
NOT BY POWER, BUT BY VALUES

D r. APJ Abdul Kalam (Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam), pop-ularly known as the ‘Missile Man’, was the only President in Indian history who was a scientist. Along with being a great scientist of the country, he was also a wonder-ful human being and an inspiring leader. A role model of extraordinary virtues like simplic-ity, frugality, and honesty, Dr. Kalam won the hearts of all countrymen solely through these qualities, as finding a person with such traits in today’s political environment is rare. This is why millions of people even today consider him their source of inspiration and follow his teachings.



His greatest quality was that he won the heart of everyone he worked with. Giving a message to the country’s youth, he used to say that the youth of India must have the courage to think differ-ently, the courage to invent, the courage to travel unexplored paths, to discover the impossible, and to overcome troubles to achieve success. He used to say that we should look at the sky; we are not alone, the whole universe is friendly to us and conspires only to give the best to those who dream and work hard. For dreams to come true, it is essential that you dream first.

Born on 15 October 1931 in a poor family in Rameswaram, Tamil Nadu, Abdul Kalam over-came poverty and difficult circumstances to attain higher education and become a scientist. Under his leadership, India succeeded in devel-

oping several satellites and indigenous missiles, and also became a nuclear-powered nation. He worked on and successfully executed several important projects at DRDO and ISRO. During his lifetime, he authored more than 30 books, including ‘Wings of Fire’, ‘Ignited Minds’, and ‘India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium’. Between 1999 and 2001, he served as the Prin-cipal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and from 2002 to 2007, he was the 11th President of India.

When he reached the Rashtrapati Bhavan after becoming the President, he brought along only two suitcases containing his clothes in one and his favorite books in the other. Today, where politicians are eager to go on vacations and of-ten remain absent from parliamentary proceed-ings, Dr. Kalam, during his entire political ten-ure as President, took only two leaves—one on the passing of his father and the second on the occasion of his mother’s demise. While holding the highest office of the country, Kalam Sahab set an example of simplicity, frugality, and hon-esty during his tenure that is hard to find any-where else today. One such incident comes to mind when his entire family (a total of 52 mem-bers) came to Delhi to meet him. Everyone was brought from the station to Rashtrapati Bhavan, where they stayed for eight days. Every single penny spent on them was paid by Kalam Sahab out of his own pocket. It is said that he gave strict instructions to his officials that Rashtrapati Bha-van cars would not be used for his guests, and a separate accounting record was maintained for all their food and lodging expenses. After eight days, when everyone returned from Delhi, Ka-lam Sahab cut a check of Rs 3.52 lakh from his personal bank account and sent it to the Presi-dent’s Secretariat.

While serving as President, he never kept any gifts given to him. In fact, he used to say that his father had taught him never to accept a gift from anyone. Someone once gifted him two pens, but he returned those as well at the time of his de-parture from the presidency. Expressing con-cern about the future of Indian children, he used to ask anxiously that two crore children are born every year in the country; what will be their fu-ture, and what will be their goal in life? Should we take steps for their future, or should we leave them to their fate and work only for the benefit of the elite class? Dr. Kalam believed that if India is to be made a corruption-free nation with beauti-

ful minds, three key societal members can play the most important role: the father, the mother, and the teacher.

He had a vision for India’s future, which was published in his book ‘India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium’. In fact, a government or-ganization called the ‘Technology Information, Forecasting and Assessment Council’ prepares vision documents related to the country’s pro-gress, and Kalam Sahab was its chairman in 1996. Under his chairmanship, the ‘Vision 2020’ document was prepared in 1996-97. In that re-port, recommendations were made to the gov-ernment highlighting what India should aim to achieve by 2020. Based on the report, Kalam Sahab advised the government on what actions should be taken in technology, science, educa-tion, health, and the social sector for national development, and what role ordinary citizens should play in it. He believed that India would become a developed country by 2020 due to the contributions of its youth, but keeping current circumstances in mind, fulfilling this vision may still take a long time.

Dr. Kalam used to say that the world will re-member us only when we give our future gener-ations a safe and developed India, built on eco-nomic prosperity and cultural heritage. He said that people who do not work from their heart achieve nothing but a hollow success that fills their minds with bitterness. According to Ka-lam Sahab, life is difficult, and you can win only when you are conscious of your birthright to be a human being. If a person does not face difficul-ties in life, they will never feel the joy of success. This great personality departed for his eternal sleep on 27 July 2015 after suffering a sudden heart attack while addressing students during an event at the Indian Institute of Management, Shillong.



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# Punjab Government Betraying Youth- CM

CHANDIGARH, JULY 26

Haryana Chief Minister Sh. Nayab Singh Saini on Saturday accused the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Punjab of betraying the youth by failing to ensure transparency in recruitment examinations. Referring to the recent Excise Inspector recruitment examination, he alleged that the results reflected serious irregularities, with several selected candidates carrying unusual names such as "SBI", "GIPS" and "Photo". He further claimed that some candidates, who had reportedly filled two examination centres in their applications, had been selected twice, indicating glaring discrepancies in the recruitment process.

The Chief Minister also criticised the Punjab Government over the alleged leak of the Pharmacy examination paper conducted just four days ago, stating that repeated incidents of paper leaks amounted to a betrayal of talented and hardworking youth aspiring for government jobs.

Sh. Nayab Singh Saini was addressing a programme organised in Phagwara, Punjab, where he inaugurated a Blood



Donation Camp and flagged off an ambulance service.

## Service to Humanity is the Greatest Mission

The Chief Minister lauded the humanitarian initiatives of Sampla Foundation and Navya Helping Hands, saying that both organisations had made selfless service their mission. He remarked that the greater the number of such organisations in society, the stronger the nation would become. Expressing deep sorrow over the untimely demise of young Navya, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini praised her family for transforming their personal loss into a noble mission of serving humanity in her mem-

## Blood Donation is the Greatest Gift of Life

Encouraging the youth to donate blood voluntarily, the Chief Minister said that blood cannot be manufactured in any factory or machine. Despite remarkable scientific advancements, blood can only be produced by the human body and reaches those in need only when people come forward to donate voluntarily.

He said Punjab is the land of brave warriors, sacrifice and selfless service. The sacrifices of Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji, the valour of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji, and the martyrdom of Shaheed-e-Azam



Haryana Chief Minister, Sh. Nayab Singh Saini addressing the gathering organised at Phagwara, Punjab on July 26, 2026.

Bhagat Singh continue to inspire generations by teaching that the greatness of life lies in its purpose.

## Pays Tribute to Kargil Heroes

Paying homage on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas observed on July 26, the Chief Minister bowed before the brave soldiers who laid down their lives while defending the nation's frontiers under the most difficult circumstances.

He said the nation's soldiers protected India's borders by shedding their blood, while blood donors today pledge to save human lives by donating theirs. On one hand stands the unmatched courage of de-

fending the nation, and on the other, the compassion of saving lives. Both are rooted in sacrifice, duty and the noble spirit of placing others before oneself, he added.

## Haryana Taking Strong Measures Against Drug Abuse

The Chief Minister highlighted the Haryana Government's campaign against drug abuse, stating that awareness is being created among the youth through marathons and various outreach activities. He said drug addiction not only destroys the future of young people but also adversely affects their families and pushes them into poverty.

Highlighting the welfare initiatives of the Haryana Government, Sh. Saini said women belonging to families with an annual income of up to Rs. 1.80 lakh are being provided LPG cylinders at Rs. 500. Under the Lado Lakshmi Yojana, eligible women are receiving Rs. 2,100 per month. He further stated that farmers in Haryana are being provided the benefit of Minimum Support Price (MSP) on 24 crops.

## Merit-Based Recruitment in Haryana

The Chief Minister asserted that government jobs in Haryana are being provided purely based on merit without any parochialism. Referring to the recently declared JBT teachers' recruitment results, he said 1,500 candidates had secured government jobs solely on merit. He added that people from all sections of society in Haryana are satisfied with the welfare-oriented policies and transparent governance of the Central and State Governments. Former Union Minister, Sh. Vijay Sampla, Rajya Sabha MP, Sh. Ashok Mittal, Sant Gurcharan Singh Pandwa, and several other distinguished personalities were present on the occasion.

# India Emerging as Trusted Global Defence Partner: PM

**In Mann Ki Baat, PM Narendra Modi said India is becoming a trusted global defence partner. He tied missile tests, Kargil remembrance and Vikram-1 to a broader push in science and self-reliance.**

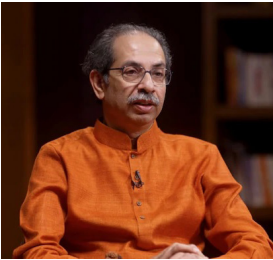
Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said India is emerging as a trusted global defence partner and continues to strengthen its defence capabilities. In his monthly radio broadcast, 'Mann Ki Baat', he said the country was reaching new heights in defence production and exports.

He also paid tributes to the soldiers who fought in the Kargil War, saying their courage continues to inspire the country. 'Kargil Vijay Diwas fills us with pride. This day reminds us of the extraordinary courage of our brave soldiers,' he said, recalling that they showed exceptional bravery during the 1999 conflict with Pakistan despite harsh weather and enemy challenges. PM Modi said India was making steady progress in defence and strategic technology. "India is emerging as a trusted global defence partner and the country continues to strengthen its defence

capabilities," he said. Referring to his visit to Indonesia at the beginning of July, he said a major agreement was reached for the BrahMos and Astra missiles. He said the Defence Research and Development Organisation this month successfully tested the Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket. "Behind this success is the collective hard work of our scientists and engineers. Just two-three days ago, DRDO successfully tested the Kusha missile as well," he said. The Prime Minister also said people across the country felt proud after the successful launch of Vikram-1 last Sunday and called it a historic moment for India's space sector. "This is India's first rocket developed by the private sector. Our young innovators have achieved what was once hard even to imagine. They demonstrated incredible skill, passion, and patience," he said. "From the successful launch of Vikram-1 to India's impressive performance in international science Olympiads, the country continues to make its mark in science and innovation," PM Modi said, as he linked the recent defence and space milestones with India's wider progress in science and innovation.

# Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation gave oxygen to democracy: Uddhav

**Uddhav Thackeray hailed the youth-led protests over exam irregularities after Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation. He said the movement revived democratic dissent and exposed failures of both the government and the Opposition.**



Swayamsevak Sangh from the protests. "CJP's protest is not only a failure of the ruling party but also of the Opposition. I had mentioned this sometime back, the country has lost trust in politicians," he said. The former Maharashtra Chief Minister also claimed that the country was being shown only a carrot, but had got nothing in reality. Thackeray said the protests were not only about NEET, but "an explosion of the betrayal and discontent of the last 12 years", and described them as very fervent. "From Delhi to Mumbai, (I) have realised that people have moved beyond fear. Till now, people were kept at gunpoint, but now they shrugged fear for their lives and have hit the streets," he said. Attacking the BJP-led Centre, he claimed the government had completely failed. "(They have) completely destroyed the country," the Sena (UBT) leader said. He also said that labelling the youths as cockroaches was an insult. In sum, Thackeray portrayed the nationwide protests over exam irregularities and the NEET paper leak as a wider expression of anger, saying they had revived democratic dissent while exposing the failure of the ruling side and the Opposition.

Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray has said the youth-led protests seeking the removal of Dharmendra Pradhan gave "oxygen to democracy", and called the Cockroach Janata Party's agitation a sign of the failure of both the government and the Opposition. He made the remarks in an interview with Sena (UBT) MP Sanjay Raut, executive editor of party mouthpiece Saamana, which was published on Sunday but recorded before Pradhan resigned as Union Education Minister on Saturday.

Pradhan stepped down after an unprecedented youth movement led by the Cockroach Janta Party, founded by Abhijit Dipke, drew lakhs of people over alleged irregularities in exams and the NEET paper leak. The agitation grew into nationwide protests in recent weeks, with demands for his resignation and reforms in the education sector. Thackeray said it was commendable that people no longer feared jail or guns, and added that this was "dangerous" for the ruling party. "These protests have given oxygen to democracy which was almost dying," he said. He also questioned the absence of the Rashtriya



# CM Sawant backs police action over 'Umar Khalid' placards at Goa protests

PANAJI: (JUL 26)

Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant said on Sunday that those involved in anti-national movements won't be tolerated in the coastal state, even as police questioned the organisers of two protests, where placards demanding the release of Umar Khalid were allegedly displayed. Police questioned Amreen Shaikh, the head of Uzvad NGO, which had called for protests in Mapusa and Panaji on Friday and Saturday, respectively, demanding the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan over irregularities in the exam system and the NEET paper leak.

Shaikh was summoned to the Mapusa police station. A group of citizens had filed a complaint on Saturday, alleging that some protesters had displayed placards demanding Khalid's release. The Goa police subsequently detained two youths.

# India Builds Data Centres, Pak Radicalises: Rajnath

**Addressing a gathering in Ladakh's Dras on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that Pakistan is busy nurturing its terror ecosystem, as India fosters a culture of startups.**



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday drew a sharp contrast between India's growing focus on innovation and development, and Pakistan's continued support for cross-border terrorism. Addressing a gathering in Ladakh's Dras on the occasion of Kargil Vijay Diwas, he said, "India is building data centres, while Pakistan is building radicalisation centres. While India is connecting the world through UPI, Pakistan is connecting terrorism through hawala." Singh further said that Pakistan is busy nurturing its terror ecosystem, as India fosters a culture of startups. He added, "While India is manufacturing semiconductors, Pakistan is producing suicide bombers."

Moreover, he highlighted India's achievements in the space domain, saying, "While India is sending satellites into space, Pakistan remains engaged in sending terrorists across the border. While India is providing software to the world, Pakistan is supplying terror." The Defence Minister also cautioned Pakistan to refrain from any misadventures meant to hinder India's progress. "Our paths are different. If Pakistan attempts to obstruct our progress through its nefarious designs, our brave armed forces are fully prepared to give a befitting reply." He further reiterated the Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led government's policy that any dialogue with Islamabad will only be regarding Paki-

stan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), which he emphasised is a part of India.

## ARMY HONOURS KARGIL HEROES

Singh, who arrived in Dras on Saturday, presided over the 'Shradhanjali Samaroh' (wreath-laying ceremony) at the Kargil War Memorial as the chief guest. The Indian Army hosted a 'Shaurya Sandhya' at the war memorial during the day, honouring the indomitable courage displayed by the Indian soldiers during Operation Vijay in 1999 and paying rich tributes to the fallen heroes. The Defence Minister participated in the solemn event and also handed a ceremonial kalash to some of the family members of Army personnel who laid down their lives in the Kargil conflict. The Army is hosting a series of events in Dras to mark the 27th anniversary of Operation Vijay. The occasion marks the glorious victory in 1999 when Indian soldiers, braving snow-clad peaks and relentless firing by Pakistani troops, reclaimed the heights of Kargil.

# MP: Hustings heat up in Datia as polling day draws close

DATIA (MP): (JUL 26)

The BJP and opposition Congress have deployed senior leaders in the Datia assembly constituency of Madhya Pradesh as the campaigning for the July 30 bypoll entered

the last phase. BJP's Ashutosh Tiwari, whose candidature caused heartburn among the supporters of former state home minister Narottam Mishra, is facing off against Congress's Ghanshyam Singh, a local royal. The ruling party has made

development one of its main poll planks, countered by the Congress, which is highlighting crop losses, alleged shortage of fertilisers, and "outrage" among the OBC community over purported non-implementation of full 27 per cent reservation.

# India's First Hydrogen Train Cuts 3,200 Litres of Diesel

NEW DELHI, JULY 25

Indian Railways has taken another significant step towards environmentally friendly transportation by introducing the country's first hydrogen fuel cell train. The train was launched on July 17 on the Jind-Sonapat route near Delhi. Since its inauguration, it has successfully covered more than 1,200 kilometres, saving over 3,200 litres of diesel.

The train generates electricity through a chemical reaction between hydrogen and oxygen, which powers the locomotive. The only by-product of this process is water vapour, making it one of the cleanest railway technologies currently available, with no smoke or carbon emissions.

Developed by Indian Railways using indigenous technology, the train consists of 10 coaches. It is powered by two hydrogen-powered driving power cars that together generate 2,400 kilowatts of power. These are supported by lithium iron phosphate (LiFePO<sub>4</sub>) batteries and hydrogen cylinders.

Indian Railways has also established its first dedicated hydrogen storage facility at Jind, with the capacity to store approximately 3,000 kilograms of green hydrogen. The facility can store hydrogen at pressures of up to 500 bar and dispense it at 350 bar. Safety has been given top priority. The train and storage infrastructure are equipped with advanced sensors to detect hydrogen leaks,

high temperatures, fire, and smoke, along with automatic shutdown systems, continuous ventilation, and other measures that comply with international safety standards.

Following the successful trial operations on the Jind-Sonapat route, Indian Railways has announced that trial runs on the Delhi route will begin soon.

Officials stated that the hydrogen fuel cell train is not only a technological achievement but also lays the foundation for India's indigenous hydrogen railway ecosystem. They described it as a major milestone in the country's efforts to develop a clean, zero-carbon-emission transportation system for the future.

MALIGAON, 26 JULY, 2026

Railway Protection Force (RPF) of Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has continued its dedicated efforts to safeguard vulnerable children and passengers across its jurisdiction through sustained vigilance and timely intervention. During the period from 18th to 20th July 2026, RPF personnel rescued several minors from different railway stations and trains and ensured their safe handover to the respective Child Welfare Committees (CWCs), Child Help Line and other authorized agencies for proper care and rehabilitation. Among the recent rescue operations, RPF personnel rescued a 12-year-old boy at New Alipurduar Railway Station on 18th July and handed him over to



the Child Welfare Committee, Alipurduar. On 19th July, RPF at New Bongaigaon rescued four minor girls travelling by Train No. 22504 and safely handed them over to the Child Welfare Committee, Bongaigaon for further care. On the same day, RPF at Kishanganj rescued a 10-year-old boy from Train No. 15910 and handed him over to the Child Help Line,



Kishanganj. RPF personnel at Katihar also rescued a 14-year-old girl from Katihar Railway Station and handed her over to Child Line, Katihar. In another operation, the RPF Train Escort Party rescued a 14-year-old girl travelling in Train No. 12505 and coordinated with the local police for her safe custody and further legal action. During the same operation, an 18-year-

old youth was also safely reunited with his father. Further demonstrating its commitment to child protection, RPF personnel at Goalpara rescued a 13-year-old girl from Train No. 75724 on 20th July and handed her over to the Child Welfare Committee, Goalpara. At Kamakhya Railway Station, RPF, in coordination with NGO representatives, rescued a 16-year-

old girl travelling in Train No. 12505 and handed her over to the Railway Child Line, Guwahati for safe custody. During current year from January to June, 2026, the RPF of NFR has rescued 430 persons including both male and female, from railway stations and trains across the NFR network, highlighting its sustained commitment towards child protection and passenger safety. Northeast Frontier Railway remains committed to ensuring a safe and secure railway environment. The Railway Protection Force continues to work in close coordination with Child Welfare Committees, Child Help Line, NGOs and local authorities to protect children in need of care and assistance and reunite them with their families whenever possible.





# Measles outbreak in Bangladesh claims four more lives; death toll rises to 820

DHAKA

As many as four children died with symptoms consistent measles in Bangladesh in 24 hours until 8 a.m. (local time) on Sunday, increasing the total number of confirmed and suspected measles-related fatalities to 820, local media reported.

The latest fatalities have been classified as suspected measles deaths, according to the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS). With the latest update, the number of suspected measles fatalities has increased to 725 while the number of laboratory-confirmed measles deaths stood unchanged at 95, United News of Bangladesh reported.

During the same period, 990 new suspected measles cases were reported, raising the total number of suspected cases in Bangladesh to 123,753.

Meanwhile, 170 new confirmed measles cases were reported in Bangladesh, raising the total number of laboratory-confirmed infections to 15,442. A total of 106,239 pa-



tients with suspected measles have been admitted to hospital in Bangladesh since March 15, United News of Bangladesh reported. Among them, 102,467 people have recovered, according to DGHS data.

Amid the worsening public health crisis, a report said that an average of nearly four children die every day from measles, and more than 800 people are hospitalised daily, while both the government's response

and public focus appear to have weakened.

Despite the government's claim that it exceeded its emergency measles vaccination target, hospitals reportedly continue to see an influx of unvaccinated patients, exposing the shortcomings in vaccine coverage.

The outbreak remained severe in the first three weeks of July, with the country's Directorate General of Health Ser-

vices recording an average of 1,005 suspected and confirmed measles cases, 821 hospital admissions, and nearly four deaths every day.

"The situation has improved, but not as much as expected two months after the vaccination campaign -- the authorities do not appear to realise that," Bangladesh-based newspaper The Daily Star quoted Mahmudur Rahman, chair of the National Verification Committee for

Measles and Rubella Elimination, as saying.

According to health experts, the outbreak has persisted due to vaccination gaps affecting nearly 40 lakh children, infections among children beyond the campaign's target age group, and weak infection prevention and control measures.

Rahman said that the 40-lakh gap between the measles-rubella and Vitamin A campaigns suggests that a large number of susceptible children remain unvaccinated.

Describing the 40-lakh gap "astonishing", Be-Nazir Ahmed, a health expert and former director of disease control at the DGHS, said that it indicated a significantly low vaccination target.

"If the target itself was inaccurate, this outcome was inevitable," he added.

Ahmed noted that inadequate planning and limited public outreach undermined the measles vaccination campaign, with many families remaining unaware of the revised vaccination schedule.

## Yemen's Houthis claim downing Saudi drone; Red Sea tanker reports close splash

SANAA

Yemen's Houthi group claimed on Sunday that it has shot down a Saudi-operated reconnaissance drone over the northern province of Al-Jawf, as a separate security incident was reported in the southern Red Sea involving a tanker.

Houthi military spokesperson Yahya Sarea said on social media platform X that the group's forces downed the drone with "appropriate weaponry" while it was conducting what he called "hostile operations" in Al-Jawf's airspace. He did not elaborate on the operation, Xinhua news agency reported. Earlier on Sunday, the United Kingdom Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) said it had received a report of a security incident after a tanker observed

"a splash from an unknown projectile in close proximity to the vessel" in the southern Red Sea, near the strategic Bab al-Mandeb Strait. The vessel and its crew were reported safe. The latest incidents came after the Houthis announced a maritime ban on Saudi-linked shipping last week and claimed attacks on commercial vessels.

## Romania shoots down third drone that entered its airspace



BUCHAREST

Romanian Air Force pilots have shot down a third drone that entered Romanian airspace without authorisation. According to the Ministry of National Defence of Romania, the drone was safely shot down 12 km northeast of Sulina, within Romania's territorial waters.

Romanian President Nicu-sor Dan congratulated the pilots for their work and called Russia's actions "inadmissible and intolerable" for violating Romania's airspace.

"A new drone was shot down this morning, at 10:13 a.m., by an F-16 aircraft of the Romanian Air Force, over Romania's territorial waters, in the Sulina-Chilia area. I congratulate the Romanian pilots and the ground teams for the

professionalism, courage, and efficiency with which they carry out their missions. Through their actions, they contribute to the defence of the national territory and the safety of Romanian citizens," President Dan wrote on social media platform X.

According to the investigation conducted by the General Prosecutor's Office, the drone shot down on Friday morning is of the Shahed type, used by Russia against Ukraine. Investigations into the drones shot down on Saturday and Sunday are ongoing. "Romania's diplomatic protest against the Russian Federation will be based on these investigations," Dan noted. "It is inadmissible and intolerable for the Russian Federation to continue violating Romania's airspace, which is, at the same time.

## India-funded college building opens, school project begins in Nepal

KATHMANDU

A new college building was inaugurated, and the foundation stone for a school building was laid in two districts of Nepal's western Sudurpashchim Province on Saturday under a scheme funded by the Indian government, the Indian Embassy in Kathmandu said on Sunday.



facilities in the region. Meanwhile, the foundation stone for a new building at Shree Maheshwar Secondary School in Bhimdatt Municipality of Kanchanpur district was laid on Saturday.

The foundation stone was jointly laid by First Secretary Nandan and Nilam Lekhak Joshi, Deputy Chief of Bhimdatt Municipality, according to the Embassy.

The school building will be constructed with financial assistance of around NPR 19 million from the Indian government under the HIC-DP programme. The project will be implemented through Bhimdatt Municipality.

According to the Indian Embassy, it is the 11th High Impact Community Development Project being undertaken in Kanchanpur district.

Speaking at the foundation-laying ceremony, Deputy Chief of Municipality Joshi and other local stakeholders appreciated India's development assistance and said the new infrastructure would help improve the learning environment for students and teachers in the municipality. The HIC-DP programme is one of the key components of Nepal-India development cooperation, supporting projects in sectors such as education, health, community infrastructure, and capacity building across.

## Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf to approach court to seek permission for Aug 5 protest

ISLAMABAD

The Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) leaders have announced that they will approach the court to seek permission for holding a protest on August 5 as the Lahore Deputy Commissioner Syed Musa Raza has not yet responded to their request for holding a peaceful gathering, local media reported on Sunday.

While addressing a press conference at the Lahore Press Club, PTI Lahore President Mian Akram Usman said the party had applied to the Lahore Deputy Commissioner for permission to hold a peaceful protest; however, they have not yet received a response, Pakistan-based daily Dawn reported.

Usman added, "Against this silence, we will go to court and execute our August 5 plan." PTI Secretary General Salman Akram Raja said that party founder Imran Khan was being held in solitary confinement and was not



allowed to meet lawyers despite facing 300 cases. Akram Raja added, "After the 26th Constitutional Amendment, expecting justice from the courts is tantamount to deceiving yourself." He said that public movement in Pakistan on August 5 is a call from Imran Khan and his sisters and expressed hope that people of the country would come out on the streets. Last week, the

rister Gohar Ali Khan held in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. During the meeting, the PTI leaders discussed matters about the party's Parliamentary affairs, Dawn reported.

Speaking to Dawn, PTI General Secretary Salman Akram Raja said that the lawmakers decided to choose August 5 to launch its movement, which will include public meetings, demonstrations and a long march.

He also added, "It was also decided that Mehmood Khan Achakzai and Allama Raja Nasir Abbas's opinions will be sought for finalising the protest plans and other activities."

While addressing a press conference, Gohar Ali Khan said that the meeting discussed the health of Imran Khan and his wife, Bushra Bibi. He added that August 5 will mark the completion of Imran Khan's third year in prison. He said that courts were not giving justice to Imran Khan and injustice in Pakistan must end.

PTI Parliamentary Committee decided to hold a nationwide movement starting August 5 for the release of party chief Imran Khan and to raise other demands, according to local media.

August 5 will mark the completion of three years of Imran Khan's imprisonment. The decision was taken during a meeting chaired by PTI's Interim Chairman Bar-

## India hands over family tents to Afghanistan to support returnees

NEW DELHI

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Monday announced that India has handed over family tents for Afghan returnees as part of its continued humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan.

"As part of India's continued humanitarian assistance to the people of Afghanistan, India has handed over family tents to the Afghan Ministry of Refugees and Repatriation (MoRR) to support the shelter and rehabilitation needs of Afghan returnees," the MEA wrote on X. Afghanistan has

been witnessing a large number of returnees, especially from Pakistan, as Islamabad has ramped up measures to repatriate refugees and undocumented migrants.

According to reports, an enforcement drive has begun following the expiry of the July 10 deadline for Afghans without valid visas to leave voluntarily.

The Taliban's Secretariat of the High Commission for Addressing Returnees' Issues said that more than 4,000 Afghans were deported from Pakistan within 24 hours over the weekend, Amu TV reported. Figures obtained from the Hamza Baba transit point in

Landi Kotal showed a significant increase in the number of Afghan refugees returning in recent days. According to officials at the transit point, the number of returnees has exceeded 10,000 daily since Pakistan ordered all Afghan nationals in the country to return to Afghanistan, Pakistan's daily Dawn reported. The spokesperson for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Pakistan, Qaiser Khan Afridi, while speaking to Dawn, expressed concern over the Pakistan government's decision to "forcibly" send back Afghan refugees and asylum seekers.

## Over 220,000 evacuated in France as raging wildfires spread



PARIS

More than 220,000 people have been evacuated from the Gironde department in southwestern France as devastating wildfires continue to spread, local prefecture authorities said on Sunday.

Late Saturday, Gironde authorities ordered the evacuation of an additional 55,000 residents on the outskirts of Bordeaux. The fires in Gironde have burned at least 42,000 hectares of land so far, Xinhua news agency reported.

The raging fires have also caused severe transport disruptions. French national railway operator SNCF announced on Sunday that rail traffic south of Bordeaux has been suspended until further notice, with services cut toward Arcachon and Morcenx at the request of the prefecture. About 98,000 hectares

of land have been burned by wildfires across France so far in 2026, setting a historical record for the country, French Interior Minister Laurent Nunez said on Saturday.

France had requested the activation of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism as wildfires continued to spread across the country, French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday.

Meanwhile, Spain is enduring one of its most destructive wildfire seasons in recent years, with massive blazes sweeping through the Madrid region and neighbouring Avila, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate or remain indoors. The fires have ravaged thousands of hectares across Spain, with the government declaring a national emergency.

Wildfires continued to burn across central Spain on Satur-

day. Authorities warned that strong winds and low humidity continue to hamper firefighting efforts despite cooler overnight temperatures.

Madrid's regional president Isabel Diaz Ayuso described it as the "worst fire in the history of the region".

According to the latest official figures, around 91,000 people have either been evacuated or ordered to stay indoors across the Madrid region, the province of Avila and parts of Toledo.

The fires have destroyed or damaged around 45,000 hectares in the neighbouring provinces of Madrid and Avila.

"The situation is complex," Interior Minister Fernando Grande-Marlaska said on Saturday, adding that it "has not been a positive day" for firefighting operations amid "extremely difficult" weather conditions.

## INS Sudarshini sails to Portugal after US event

WASHINGTON

Indian Navy's sail training ship INS Sudarshini has departed from the US' Boston, as part of ongoing Lokayan 26, and has now set course for Ponta Delgada, Azores (Portugal).

During her stay in the US, INS Sudarshini represented India at the SAIL 250 celebrations and the International Naval Review 250, showcasing India's rich maritime heritage while strengthening maritime partnerships through professional and cultural engagements, according to the statement released by the Ministry of Defence on Sunday.

The ship participated in SAIL 250 events at Norfolk, Baltimore, New York, and Boston, and hosted dignitaries, members of the Indian diaspora, and international naval delegations, reaffirming



India's commitment to maritime cooperation and friendship.

"INS Sudarshini has now set course for Ponta Delgada, Azores (Portugal). The ship continues to serve as a beacon of India's maritime strength, professionalism,

and goodwill on the global stage," the Ministry of Defence mentioned in a statement.

Last week, India's Consul General in Boston highlighted the ship's participation in SAIL Boston 250, describing it as a symbol

of India's maritime traditions, naval professionalism and expanding bilateral maritime ties with the US. The Consulate said a media briefing was held during the Captain's Reception aboard INS Sudarshini.

"At the Captain's Reception on board INS SUDARSHINI participating in SAIL250, Consulate General of India in Boston held a media briefing," the Consulate said in a post on X.

Addressing the gathering, Consul General Raghuram S. emphasised the importance of the vessel's presence at the international event commemorating the 250th anniversary of US Independence.

According to the Consulate, the Consul General noted that "SUDARSHINI is the only Naval tall ship to participate from Asia and the wider Indian Ocean Re-





# Govt Empowers Youth for Viksit Bharat: Sitharaman

MUMBAI, JULY 26

The government has made sustained efforts to empower young Indians by creating jobs, expanding skill development opportunities and giving them a direct role in policymaking as part of its vision for a 'Viksit Bharat', Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Sunday.

Speaking at the NDTV Profit Business Leadership Awards 2026, FM Sitharaman said the government's efforts have translated into concrete outcomes, including the distribution of more than 12 lakh appointment letters in the central government through the Rozgar Melas.

"Keeping 'Viksit Bharat' in mind, the government has made sustained and concrete efforts to empower young Indians by equipping them with the skills, opportunities, confidence and platforms they need to realise their potential and contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress," FM Sitharaman said.

Highlighting the govern-



ment's emphasis on engaging young people in policymaking, the finance minister said one of the first things she did after presenting this year's Union Budget was to hold an informal interaction with college students from across the country representing diverse academic disciplines.

"Through the PM Internship Scheme, we are giving young Indians their first real exposure to enterprise, with internships in the country's top 500 companies," the finance minister stated.

"The National Sports Policy 2025 aims to give our athletes modern facilities, sports science support, medical care, technology-based

performance analysis, world-class coaching and early international exposure," the union minister added.

FM Sitharaman said India's growth story is closely linked with the aspirations and achievements of its youth, adding that true leadership also involves preparing the next generation to shape the country's future.

"First thing I did after presentation of this year's budget was to have a free-wheeling conversation with young college students who came to Delhi from all regions of this country representing varied academic domains," FM Sitharaman mentioned.

"Many suggestions for the Budget are invited through Mygovindia portal, where young minds contribute valuable ideas, several of which are then incorporated into the Budget," the finance minister explained.

The finance minister also said India's expanding economic partnerships are creating new opportunities for young Indians across sectors.

# India's Export Growth Reflects Rising Global Competitiveness

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

India's export footprint continues to expand across diverse global markets, reflecting the growing competitiveness of Indian products and stronger trade partnerships, the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said on Sunday. The Ministry said the country's merchandise exports continue to demonstrate resilience, supported by sustained demand and deeper engagement with international markets.

"India's export footprint continues to expand across diverse global markets, reflecting the growing competitiveness of Indian products and stronger trade partnerships," the ministry stated.

"The broad-based presence of export destinations highlights sustained demand for India's manufacturing capabilities and reinforces the country's position in global value chains," it added.

According to the Ministry, the broad-based growth in exports across multiple destinations underscores the expand-



ing reach of Indian products and highlights the country's increasing integration into global value chains.

It said India's growing presence in global trade reflects the strength of its exporters, the resilience of domestic industries and the confidence of international markets in Indian goods. "India's growing presence in global trade reflects the strength of its exporters, the resilience of its industries, and the confidence of international markets," the ministry explained "As businesses continue to expand their global footprint, every milestone brings India closer to becoming a leading trading nation and realizing the vision of Vik-

sit Bharat 2047," it added.

The ministry added that the sustained demand for Indian products reinforces the country's manufacturing capabilities and strengthens its position as a reliable trading partner. It noted that the broad-based export performance reaffirms India's commitment to deepening trade partnerships, enhancing market access and driving export-led economic growth.

The ministry further said that as Indian businesses continue to expand their global footprint, every milestone brings the country closer to becoming a leading global trading nation and realising the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.

# India Must Cut Oil Dependence: Jayant Sinha

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

India must reduce its dependence on oil, while focusing to invest massively on renewable energy as any spike in global crude prices adversely impacts economic stability of oil-importing countries due to the increase in production expenses and inflation across sectors, Jayant Sinha, president of Everstone Group and former Union Minister of State for Finance said on Sunday.

Addressing the NDTV Profit Business Leadership Awards event, Sinha said oil prices have now come to play an even more significant role in determining the performance of the Indian economy than the monsoon.

Citing a popular joke in India's Finance Ministry, Sinha said, "India's finance minister is the monsoon. Now, 'India's finance minister is oil prices.'"

The monsoon was considered to be a significant determinant of India's economic health for several years. That role, today has been primarily replaced by global oil prices, Sinha remarked.



His comment comes in the backdrop of India witnessing lower-than expected monsoon rainfall this year, while global crude oil prices have soared due to Middle East conflict raising inflation risks, highlighting the importance that oil prices have a major bearing on India's economy.

Sinha also said that India should position itself alongside long-term global trends in an age of disruption.

While the monsoon is vital for the economy as it drives agricultural growth, controls food inflation, and fuels rural consumer demand, global oil prices directly influence inflation, transporta-

tion costs, and the manufacturing prices of nearly all goods.

He said the country must reduce its dependence on China, too, while remaining focused on major investment themes that will shape future economic growth.

Jayant Sinha said India should aim to increase investment to 40 per cent of its gross domestic product to support long-term economic growth. He said higher investment would be important as the country positions itself alongside major global economic and investment trends.

The NDTV Profit Business Leadership Awards are being held to honour some of India's top business leaders, companies, and entrepreneurs. The awards recognise those who have excelled in leadership and business growth.

The awards will be judged by an independent jury led by Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises. The awards recognise achievements across 12 categories, with winners selected through a two-step process.

# 8th Pay Panel Stakeholder Talks on Aug 7, 10

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

The 8th Central Pay Commission has announced two more rounds of stakeholder consultations in New Delhi next month as it continues discussions on pay revision and other service-related benefits.

In a notice, the Commission said it will interact with associations, federations and unions of Central Government and Union Territory (UT) employees which are located or registered in Delhi on August 7 and 10.

Eligible associations and unions can apply for an appointment with the Commission until July 31. The Commission said only those organisations that have already submitted their memorandum and have not yet interacted with the Commission in New Delhi or any State and UT are eligible to request a meeting.

Eligible organisations must submit their request by July 31, along with their unique Memo ID. The Commission said the venue and timings of the meetings will be shared separately.

During the consultations, employee bodies are expected to raise issues related to salary revision, pensions,



allowances, fitment factor, promotions, career progression and service conditions.

The Commission said the August meetings are part of an ongoing consultation process and that more interactions will be held in Delhi as well as other States and Union Territories in the coming months.

Employee organisations outside the Delhi-NCR region can seek appointments for meetings in their respective State or Union Territory, or at a nearby location.

The 8th Pay Commission has also extended the deadline for ministries, departments and Union Territories to upload employee data through its online portal until July 31. It said only data submitted through the official portal will be considered, while information sent via email or hard copies

will not be accepted.

The Commission recently held consultations with various stakeholders in Kolkata on July 9 and 10. The 8th Pay Commission is set to continue its nationwide consultations after the Delhi meetings, with the next round scheduled in Chennai on Sept. 7 and 8 and Puducherry on Sept. 9.

The Commission said that stakeholders, including Central Government organisations, institutions, associations and unions wishing to interact with the Commission at these locations, can apply for an appointment by Aug. 18, using the online application form and their unique Memo ID generated after submitting the memorandum. The venue details and meeting schedule for both locations will be communicated separately.

# Experts Outline Roadmap to Boost CPSE Project Execution

VADODARA, JULY 26

The three-day third edition of Bharat CPSEs' Consultative Conclave 2026 on Project and Asset Management successfully concluded on Sunday here with experts charting out a roadmap for strengthening project execution, asset management and organisational excellence across Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs) in the energy and mining sectors a day before at Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) Vadodara, after insightful deliberations on strengthening project execution, asset management and organisational excellence.

The event was organised jointly by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) and the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE) under the Union Ministry of Finance with Gati Shakti Vishwavidyalaya (GSV) as the strategic knowledge partner.

The conclave brought to-



gether policymakers, industry leaders, academia as well as senior CPSE executives to exchange best practices and chart the way forward in support of Viksit Bharat 2047.

Detailed discussions were held on planning, detailed project report, contracting, land acquisition, asset life cycle management, deep tech technology adoption and use of PM Gati Shakti platform in formulating an implementable CPSE Reform Agenda.

A total of 39 delegates from NTPC, Coal India, Bharat Coking Coal, BPCL, HPCL, Indian Oil, ONGC, ONGC Videsh, Oil India, MRPL, GAIL, SAIL, MECON, NMDC, Hindustan Copper, NALCO, NHPC, SJVN and Power Grid Corporation of India participated in the Conclave.

Mangu Singh (Former DMRC Managing Director) was the Chief Guest during the inauguration and focused on contract management as

an important aspect for success of the projects.

K. Moses Chalai (DPE Secretary), as the Guest of Honour, highlighted the need for innovative and data-driven approaches for asset and project management.

Addressing the valedictory session, Manoj Choudhary, GSV Vice-Chancellor, said the conclave had created a strong momentum for collaborative learning and fostered a culture of informed and data-driven decision-making.

He highlighted GSV's growing contribution to capacity building across railways, highways, aviation, maritime, logistics and other infrastructure sectors.

Referring to the MoU between GSV and CBC, he reiterated that this event marked the continuation of a long-term CBC-GSV partnership aimed at strengthening professional capacity across the infrastructure ecosystem of the country.

Delivering the valedictory address, Alka Mittal, Member (CBC Administration), expressed satisfaction on the candid deliberations that took place between the speakers, industry practitioners and the CPSE participants, as to why some projects run late and how culture, discipline, policy enablement and technology can set them right.

She reiterated that CBC along with GSV would publish a Bharat CPSE Compendium of best practices based on the recommendations that have emerged in this event.

Mittal appreciated the efforts put in by GSV as a knowledge partner under the tutelage of the Vice-Chancellor Manoj Choudhary and Kaushik Das for making this event a grand success and expressed eagerness to continue the collaborative efforts between CBC and GSV in the march towards infrastructure capacity building for 'Viksit Bharat 2047'.

# Listed debt entities must list transferred unlisted NCDs after business restructuring: SEBI

MUMBAI, JULY 26

Market regulator Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has clarified that listed debt entities taking over outstanding unlisted non-convertible debentures (NCDs) as part of a corporate restructuring or business transfer cannot avoid mandatory listing requirements merely because no fresh debentures have been issued. The clarification came through an interpretive letter issued in response to an informal guidance request from debt-listed company Ananya Finance for Inclusive Growth Private Limited, which sought regulatory clarity after assuming liabilities of its wholly owned subsidiary, Prayas Financial Services Private Limited, under a Business Transfer Agreement. According to the company, the agreement executed on February 28, 2026, transferred all assets and liabilities of Prayas to Ananya Finance, including outstanding unsecured and unlisted NCDs issued in July 2024. The company told SEBI that it had only taken over the obligations attached to the existing debentures and had neither issued fresh securities nor allotted new International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs).

Ananya Finance sought SEBI's guidance on whether the transfer of liabilities would amount to a fresh issuance requiring mandatory listing under the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, or whether the



debentures could continue to remain unlisted.

It also requested clarity on the procedure to be followed if listing was required.

In its response, SEBI said the applicability of the listing regulations cannot be determined solely on the legal form of the transaction.

The regulator observed that where a listed debt entity assumes obligations relating to outstanding unlisted non-convertible debt securities issued on or after January 1, 2024, such securities come within the ambit of Regulation 62A.

SEBI noted that Regulation 62A(i) requires listed entities with listed non-convertible debt securities to list all non-convertible debt securities proposed to be issued on or after January 1, 2024. The intent of the provision, it said, is to ensure such securities are brought within the regulatory framework and remain subject to disclosure standards and investor protection safeguards. The regulator further explained that in a business transfer or corporate restructuring, liabilities attached to outstanding unlisted debentures effectively become obligations of the listed entity. As a result, the listing requirement must be applied in a holistic manner, even if the transaction does not involve a fresh issuance of securities.

# Gas Reforms Key to Boost Long-Term Demand: Report

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

India's long-term natural gas growth will depend not only on expanding liquefied natural gas (LNG) import capacity but also on accelerating investment in transmission and distribution infrastructure, reforming gas pricing and market regulations, and creating stronger demand from gas-intensive industries, according to a new report by the International Gas Union (IGU). The report said that while India has made significant progress in expanding its LNG regasification terminal capacity, investment in midstream infrastructure has failed to keep pace, restricting the country's ability to increase natural gas consumption. It

added that reforms to pricing mechanisms, market access and commercial frameworks will be critical to supporting sustained growth in gas demand. The IGU said the recent Strait of Hormuz crisis has highlighted India's vulnerability to disruptions in energy supply chains, particularly because of its heavy reliance on LNG and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) imports from the Gulf region. Qatar remains India's primary LNG supplier, while a substantial share of the country's LPG imports also originates from the region. According to the report, India's dependence on imported gas remains significant, with domestic production meeting only around 50-52 per cent of total natural gas demand.

# Atal Incubation Centres to Boost Entrepreneurship: NITI VC

NEW DELHI, JULY 26

Incubation centres can play a pivotal role in nurturing entrepreneurs, commercialising research and strengthening collaboration between academia, industry and investors, thereby creating long-term economic value, NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri said on Sunday. Speaking at the inauguration of West Bengal's first Atal Incubation Centre under the Atal Innovation Mission at Techno India University in Kolkata, he expressed confidence that the facility would unlock the entrepreneurial potential of the state's youth and help build a vibrant innovation ecosystem. "Incubation centres provide an enabling environment for startups by supporting entrepreneurs, facilitating the commercialisation of research and fostering stronger partnerships between educational institutions, industry and investors," he said.

Later, addressing the Annual Convocation of Techno India University, Lahiri



congratulated graduating students and urged them to combine technical competence with integrity, discipline and sound judgement as they embark on their professional journeys.

"India's future would be shaped by the dedication, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit of its young professionals," Lahiri said adding that the newly launched Atal Incubation Centre would further strengthen the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in West Bengal.

"The Atal Incubation Centre would help unlock the entrepreneurial potential of West Bengal's youth and contribute to building a vibrant innovation ecosystem in the State," he mentioned.

During his visit, Lahiri also addressed eminent intellectuals and distinguished personalities at The Bengal Club on the theme, "Resurgence of Bengal in the Context of Viksit Bharat."

He observed that the vision of Viksit Bharat could only be realised through the development of individual states and recalled West Bengal's rich legacy in industry, education and innovation.

He emphasised the need to build on these strengths by strengthening human capital, physical infrastructure, industrial development and institutional capacity to unlock the state's full growth potential and contribute meaningfully to India's development by 2047.





# Cloud Computing

Building the Future of Digital Technology



Cloud computing has transformed the way individuals, businesses, and governments use technology. In the past, organizations had to purchase expensive computers, servers, storage devices, and networking equipment to run their applications and store their data. These systems required dedicated teams to install, maintain, upgrade, and secure them. Such an approach demanded significant financial investment and often limited the ability of businesses to grow quickly. Today, cloud computing has changed this traditional model. Instead of owning and maintaining physical infrastructure, organizations can access computing resources over the internet whenever they need them. This approach offers flexibility, scalability, cost savings, and better performance. Whether it is streaming a movie, shopping online, attending virtual classes, using social media, or conducting business operations, cloud computing works silently behind the scenes to make these digital services possible. As companies continue to embrace digital transforma-

tion, cloud computing has emerged as one of the fastest-growing career fields in the world. The increasing demand for cloud professionals has created thousands of employment opportunities across industries, making it an ideal career choice for students and working professionals alike.

#### Understanding Cloud Computing

Cloud computing refers to the delivery of computing services such as servers, storage, databases, networking, software, security, analytics, and artificial intelligence through the internet. Instead of storing information on a personal computer or maintaining physical servers within an organization, users can access these services from cloud providers whenever required. The cloud works much like public utilities such as electricity or water. People do not build their own power plants to generate electricity; instead, they consume electricity supplied by service providers and pay only for what they use. Similarly, organizations no longer need to build large data centres for every business requirement.

#### How Cloud Computing Works

Cloud computing operates through large data centres located in different parts of the world. These data centres contain thousands of high-performance servers connected through advanced networking systems. Cloud providers manage these facilities, ensuring continuous operation, security, and maintenance. When users access cloud services through the internet, their requests are processed by these remote servers rather than their own computers. Whether someone uploads photographs, stores documents, runs business applications, or hosts a website, the actual processing occurs within the cloud provider's infrastructure. Virtualization technology plays a significant role in cloud computing. Instead of dedicating one physical server to a single task, virtualization allows multiple virtual servers to run on the same physical machine. This improves resource utilization, reduces operational costs, and enables efficient management of computing resources.

#### Major Types of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing is generally classified into public cloud, private cloud, and hybrid cloud based on how the infrastructure is deployed. A public cloud is owned and managed by third-party cloud providers who offer computing services to multiple customers over the internet. Organizations share the provider's infrastructure while maintaining secure separation of their data and applications. Public clouds are widely used because they are affordable, scalable, and require minimal maintenance from customers. A private cloud, on the other hand, is designed exclusively for a single organization. The infrastructure may be located within the organization's premises or managed by an external provider. Private clouds offer greater control, customization, and security, making them suitable for industries such as banking, healthcare, and government where sensitive information must be protected. Hybrid cloud combines both public and private cloud environments. Organizations can keep confidential data in private infrastructure while using the public cloud for applications requiring large-scale computing resources. This

combination provides flexibility, security, and cost optimization.

#### Cloud Service Models

Cloud computing offers different service models depending on the level of control required by users. Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) provides virtual machines, storage, networking, and operating systems through the internet. Organizations manage their applications and software while the cloud provider maintains the physical infrastructure. Platform as a Service (PaaS) provides a complete environment for application development. Developers can build, test, and deploy software without worrying about hardware management, operating systems, or networking. Software as a Service (SaaS) delivers complete software applications through web browsers. Users simply access the software online without installing or maintaining it. Services such as email platforms, video conferencing applications, and office productivity tools are common examples of SaaS.

#### Career Opportunities in Cloud Computing

Cloud computing offers a wide variety of career opportunities for professionals with different skill levels. Cloud Support Engineers assist organizations in managing cloud infrastructure and resolving technical issues. Cloud Administrators monitor cloud environments, configure resources, and ensure system availability. Cloud Engineers design, deploy, and maintain cloud-based applications and infrastructure. DevOps Engineers combine software development with infrastructure automation to accelerate application deployment.

Cloud Security Engineers focus on protecting cloud systems from cyber threats through advanced security practices. Solutions Architects design complete cloud solutions tailored to business requirements. Experienced professionals may eventually become Cloud Consultants, Enterprise Architects, or Cloud Practice Managers responsible for guiding digital transformation strategies within organizations.

#### Learning Path for Beginners

Anyone interested in cloud computing should begin by understanding computer fundamentals, operating

#### Leading Cloud Service Providers

Several companies dominate the global cloud computing industry.

Amazon Web Services (AWS) is the world's largest cloud platform, offering hundreds of services related to computing, storage, networking, security, databases, and artificial intelligence. Thousands of organizations rely on AWS for their digital infrastructure.

Microsoft Azure has become a preferred choice for enterprises using Microsoft technologies. Azure integrates seamlessly with Windows Server, Active Directory, Microsoft 365, and other enterprise applications, making it popular among large organizations.

Google Cloud Platform (GCP) is recognized for its expertise in machine learning, artificial intelligence, data analytics, and container technologies. It powers many modern digital applications and research projects across industries.

Together, these providers continue to invest billions of dollars in expanding cloud infrastructure worldwide.

#### Advantages of Cloud Computing

Cloud computing offers numerous advantages that have transformed modern businesses.

One of its biggest benefits is cost reduction. Organizations avoid investing heavily in servers, networking equipment, cooling systems, and maintenance. Instead, they pay only for the resources they consume.

Scalability is another important advantage. Businesses experiencing increased customer demand can instantly expand their computing resources without purchasing additional hardware. Similarly, during periods of lower demand, unused resources can be reduced to minimize expenses.

Cloud computing also improves accessibility. Employees can securely access applications and data from anywhere using inter-

net-connected devices, enabling remote work and global collaboration.

Security has improved significantly in modern cloud environments. Cloud providers implement encryption, multi-factor authentication, continuous monitoring, disaster recovery, and compliance standards to protect customer information.

Automatic software updates, high availability, and rapid deployment further increase operational efficiency while allowing businesses to focus on innovation rather than infrastructure management.

#### Skills Required for a Career in Cloud Computing

A successful cloud professional requires knowledge across multiple technical domains.

Linux administration forms the foundation of cloud computing because most cloud servers operate on Linux-based operating systems. Professionals should understand file systems, user management, package installation, shell scripting, and process management.

Networking is equally important. Concepts such as IP addressing, DNS, routing, firewalls, virtual private networks, and load balancing are essential for designing secure cloud environments.

Knowledge of virtualization technologies enables professionals to understand how multiple virtual machines share physical hardware efficiently.

Cloud security has become increasingly important due to growing cyber threats. Professionals should understand identity management, encryption, access control, compliance, and security monitoring.

Programming and automation using languages such as Python allow cloud engineers to automate repetitive tasks and improve operational efficiency. Knowledge of DevOps tools like Docker, Kubernetes, Jenkins, Terraform, and Ansible has also become highly valuable.

systems, and networking concepts. A strong foundation in Linux administration is essential because many cloud platforms rely on Linux servers.

After mastering these basics, learners should explore one major cloud platform, such as AWS, Microsoft Azure, or Google Cloud Platform. Understanding virtual machines, storage services, networking, databases, and identity management forms the next stage of learning. Practical experience is equally important. Creating virtual servers, hosting websites, configuring cloud storage, deploying applications, and managing user permissions help learners gain confidence. Learning automation tools, container technologies, Infrastructure as Code, and DevOps practices further enhances employability. Finally, preparing for globally recognized cloud certifications validates technical skills and improves career prospects.

#### Future Scope of Cloud Computing

The future of cloud computing appears exceptionally promising. Emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, big data analytics, Internet of Things (IoT), blockchain, edge computing, and 5G networks all rely heavily on cloud infrastructure. Organizations worldwide continue migrating applications from traditional data centres to cloud environments to improve

flexibility, reduce operational costs, and increase business agility. As digital transformation accelerates across industries, demand for cloud professionals will continue growing.

Governments, financial institutions, healthcare providers, educational organizations, manufacturing companies, and e-commerce businesses are investing heavily in cloud technologies. This ongoing expansion ensures excellent employment opportunities for individuals with cloud computing expertise.

#### Conclusion

Cloud computing has fundamentally changed the way the world uses technology. By providing computing resources through the internet, it has made businesses more efficient, flexible, secure, and cost-effective. Its influence extends across every major industry, supporting everything from online education and banking to healthcare, entertainment, and scientific research. For students and professionals seeking a future-ready career, cloud computing offers an excellent combination of high demand, attractive salaries, global opportunities, and continuous learning. Success in this field requires a strong understanding of networking, operating systems, cloud platforms, security, and automation, along with hands-on practical experience.







CWG 2026  
India's Preeti storms into women's 54kg boxing quarterfinals



GLASGOW: Indian boxer Preeti advanced to the women's 54kg quarterfinals at the 2026 Commonwealth Games after registering a commanding Referee Stops Contest (RSC) win over Malawi's Deborah Mitenje in the Round of 16 here on Sunday. Preeti was in complete control from the opening bell, earning the nod from all five judges in the opening round. The Indian pugilist landed a series of clean punches that forced the referee to halt the contest at 2:13 of Round 2, sealing an emphatic victory. The judges' scorecards reflected her dominance, with four judges awarding the opening round 10-9 in her favour, while one scored it 10-8.

GOLF  
Jackson Koivun storms into 3M Open lead with record-equalling 61



BLAINE (USA): Rising American star Jackson Koivun fired a tournament-record 10-under 61 to surge into the outright lead after the third round of the 3M Open at TPC Twin Cities, putting himself in prime position to secure his maiden PGA Tour title. The 21-year-old, who only turned professional after the U.S. Open last month, moved to 20-under par with rounds of 64, 68 and 61, opening up a three-shot advantage heading into Sunday's final round. Koivun's spectacular round featured six birdies and two eagles, with his charge gathering pace on the inward nine.

CWG 2026: Rishikanta claims silver in men's 60kg weightlifting, sets Games record in Snatch

GLASGOW

India added another medal to their tally at the Commonwealth Games 2026 as weightlifter Rishikanta Singh Chanambam clinched silver in the men's 60kg category on Sunday. The Indian lifter registered a combined total of 264kg, highlighted by a record-breaking effort in the snatch, to finish second behind Malaysia's Bin Kasdan Mohamad Aniq, while Kenya's Joshua Amunga Mboya completed the podium. The Indian opened with 116kg before successfully lifting 119kg and then 121kg on his third attempt to finish the snatch session on top of the standings. With the bar raised to 121kg for his final snatch attempt, Rishikanta reentered the new Games record in the snatch. Carrying



the momentum into the Clean & Jerk, Rishikanta opened with a successful 143kg lift to remain firmly in medal contention. His first attempt was composed and technically sound, keeping him ahead of the chasing pack. The Indian then opted for 148kg on his second attempt but was unable to complete the lift,

leaving Aniq with the opportunity to seize control. The Malaysian responded with a successful 149kg effort. In the final attempt, Rishikanta made one final bid for the gold by calling for 151kg attempt. He cleaned the weight to his shoulders but could not complete the jerk after adjustments, bringing his challenge to an end with a total of 264kg. Aniq, already assured of the title, finished in style by lifting 152kg in the clean and jerk to take his combined total to 273kg, setting a new overall Commonwealth Games record and sealing top spot on the podium. Kenya's Joshua Amunga Mboya claimed bronze with an aggregate of 260kg. Although he narrowly missed out on the top step of the podium, Rishikanta ensured India opened Day 4's medal account in style.

CWG 2026: Mirabai scripts golden hat-trick with Games-record lift



GLASGOW

Olympic medallist Mirabai Channu scripted another golden chapter in Indian weightlifting history by clinching the women's 48kg title at the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow on Sunday, completing a hat-trick of Commonwealth Games gold medals while shattering the Games and Commonwealth snatch records in the process. Mirabai, who was India's first gold medallist at the Glasgow Games, recovered from a difficult beginning to give a dominant performance; although she failed on her first attempt at the 82kg snatch, the Tokyo Olympics silver medallist managed to lift that weight on her second try and then increased the bar to 85kg on her last attempt, thereby setting new records at the Commonwealth Games in the event as well as new Commonwealth Records. Having taken an eight-kilogram

lead on the clean and jerk as a result of her record-setting snatch, the Manipuri lifter dropped the bar on her first attempt at the clean and jerk, but responded in a champion's manner by lifting 105kg on her second attempt and thus secured the gold medal well before the competition ended. This victory was Mirabai's third consecutive gold medal at the Commonwealth Games, having won at the 2018 Games held in Gold Coast and at the 2022 Games in Birmingham, which once again confirms her position as one of India's finest weightlifters. At an earlier stage of the day, India opened up its medal tally with Rishikanta Singh Chanambam, who delivered an impressive performance to win a silver medal in the men's 60kg event. Rishikanta surpassed the Commonwealth Games record in the snatch by lifting 121kg, which was above the previous record of 120kg.

He then lifted 143kg in the clean and jerk, bringing his total weight to 264kg and thus winning the silver medal. Bin Kasdan Mohamad Aniq from Malaysia ultimately won the gold medal with a total weight of 273kg, the Commonwealth Games record, and Joshua Amunga Mboya from Kenya secured the bronze medal with 260kg. Mirabai credits family, coach Olympic medallist Mirabai Channu credited her family's unwavering support through years of injuries and sacrifices after creating history by winning a third successive Commonwealth Games gold medal, saying their backing had been instrumental in keeping her motivated throughout her career. "My family has supported me a lot till today. I have suffered many injuries, but my family supported me a lot," Mirabai told reporters after clinching the women's 48kg title at

the Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow on Sunday. The Tokyo Olympics silver medallist also acknowledged the role of her long-time coach Vijay Sharma in helping her maintain consistency at the highest level. "From the beginning, there are many things for which we need to work hard and stay focused, whether it is the Games or a championship, on how we have to perform and how to maintain that performance. Vijay sir has always supported me in all of this," she said. Mirabai admitted that she had not initially planned to push for heavier lifts but changed her approach after missing her opening snatch attempt. "We were not going to put in so much effort in these Games, but my first attempt, which failed, was because of my own mistake. So we thought... But we also had to see what was going on in training and what more improvements were needed.



Peruka Snehit Wins Medal at Greater Hyderabad Inter-School Speed Skating Championship

HYDERABAD

The Greater Hyderabad Inter-School Speed Skating Championship was held today at Indira Park, Hyderabad, under the auspices of a Skating Academy. A large number of students from various government and private schools across the city participated in the competition, displaying remarkable talent and sportsmanship. Among the participants, Master Peruka Snehit, a Class VIII student of Army Public School, Golconda, delivered an outstanding performance and won a medal, emerging as one of the winners of the championship. Snehit has consistently excelled in skating and has previously earned several medals, certificates of merit, and accolades in various competitions, reflecting his dedication and perseverance. He is currently undergoing professional training under

Mr. Mohammed Junaid, a National Roller Hockey Player and Senior Skating Coach. This achievement stands as a testament to Snehit's hard work and the expert guidance provided by his coach. Master Peruka Snehit is the son of Dr. Peruka Raju, a distinguished poet, author, translator, and Junior Commissioned Officer in Indian Army. His achievement has been widely appreciated by the Army Public School, Golconda fraternity, including the school management, teachers, and fellow students, as well as his coach Mr. Mohammed Junaid. His parents, Dr. Peruka Raju and Mrs. Mamatha, along with his sister Vrunda, expressed immense pride and congratulated him on his success. They wished him continued excellence and many more achievements at various levels and bringing greater honour to his school and nation.

Sooryavanshi's 81, Mayank's 3-29 power India to 3-0 sweep over Zimbabwe

HARARE

Spearheaded by teenager Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's sublime 81 and a clinical three-wicket haul from speedster Mayank Yadav, India outclassed Zimbabwe by 35 runs in the third and final T20I at the Harare Sports Club on Sunday, and clinch a 3-0 series sweep. Having arrived on the back of disappointing series defeats in Ireland and England, India produced a clinical all-round performance to assert their dominance. Sooryavanshi set the tone early with a sparkling 81 off 49 balls to lift India to a formidable 192/5 on a slow pitch. In defence of the total, Mayank was clinical in using short of good length and short balls to ensure Zimbabwe were never in the hunt. Despite a sloppy display in the field that saw five chances being dropped, India restricted Zimbabwe to 157/7 to wrap up a comfortable series win. Electing to bat first, India rode on Sooryavanshi's calculated brilliance, as the young opener abandoned his typical all-out aggression for a more mature, paced knock and showed willingness to rotate strike via 19 singles and three twos. Blending power with precision, he hammered the Zimbabwe attack - whenever they erred - across the park for hitting eight fours and four sixes at a strike-rate of 165.31. Though India fell just eight runs short of the 200-mark, Sooryavanshi also shared stands of 75 and 50 with Ishan Kishan and Shreyas Iyer before Rinku Singh provided the finishing touches with 14-ball 25. For Zimbabwe, though Brad Evans was the standout bowler with 2-41, the bowlers were majorly expensive and gave away 17 extras - 15 of which were wides. Zimbabwe's decision to open the bowling with skipper Sikandar Raza back-



fired instantly as Sooryavanshi carved the first ball past short third man for four before bringing out the lofted drive for another boundary in a 17-run opening over. But Blessing Muzarabani quickly came in and reasserted his dominance over Abhishek Sharma. For the third time in the series, the towering pacer had the opener's number - inducing a thick edge as Abhishek attempted to smash him over cover, and an easy catch was taken by the keeper for just two. Unfazed by the early setback, Sooryavanshi muscled a hook into the parking lot off Muzarabani for six before edging him past third man for another boundary. Sooryavanshi displayed equal dexterity against fuller balls - repeatedly opening the face of his bat to squeeze out yorkers from Newman Nyamhuri and Brad Evans through the off-side for boundaries. On the other end, Kishan settled into his groove by slicing and muscling Brad Evans for consecutive boundaries before muscling Wellington Masakadza over mid-wicket for another four. Sooryavanshi also launched Masakad-

za over mid-wicket for another towering six before bringing up his second T20I fifty in 31 balls when he calmly cut Wessly Madhevere to deep point for a single. Though Kishan was castled by Raza for 29, Sooryavanshi continued to show his range - smoking Madhevere down the ground before reverse-sweeping him for another boundary. With skipper Iyer hammering Madhevere for consecutive boundaries, Sooryavanshi continued to dish out towering sixes, including a 102-m hit down the ground, before his attempt to go downtown again ended in Brad Evans pulling off a sensational low diving catch at long-off to finally dismiss the teenager for 81. Though Shreyas Iyer holed out to deep mid-wicket off Brad Evans for 27, Tilak Varma and Rinku Singh hit four boundaries collectively before the latter holed out to deep cover off Evans on the last ball of the innings. By then, India crossed 190-mark, thanks to Sooryavanshi's measured blitzkrieg and 40 runs coming from overs 17-20.

U Mumba TT beat Dempo Goa challengers 8-5 to clinch second straight title

GOA

U Mumba TT produced a stirring comeback to end Dempo Goa Challengers' historic unbeaten run and successfully defend their Ultimate Table Tennis (UTT) Season 7 title with an 8-5 victory in a gripping Gra grand finale on Sunday at the Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium. Trailing 4-2 after the opening two matches, the defending champions responded spectacularly. Captain Manush Shah and Anna Hursey ignited the turnaround with a commanding mixed doubles victory before Manush produced a captain's win against Alvaro Robles. Anusha

Kutumbale then held her nerve in a dramatic decider against Syndrela Das to seal the title, handing Goa their first and only defeat of the season. The triumph saw U Mumba draw level with Goa as the competition's most successful franchise, with two titles each. Speaking on the league's impact, Dani said, "For me, the most important objective is to promote the sport and ensure that Indian players benefit the most from initiatives like these. When we launched this league, we said Indian players had to improve and that India had to win an Olympic medal, and that remains our goal. We are getting closer with every passing year. Our

players are performing exceptionally well. Manav and Manush are now World No. 2, while players like Syndrela and Divyanshi continue to make impressive progress. These are reassuring signs that UTT is providing the right platform and exposure for Indian players to compete and succeed at the highest level." U Mumba completed a memorable double after also lifting the Dream UTT Juniors title earlier in the month, becoming the first team to do so and capping a remarkable campaign for the franchise. Commenting on the success of the league, Bajaj said, "As we conclude the seventh season of Butterfly



UTT, it is gratifying to see how the league continues to grow stronger with each passing year. The quality of competition, the emergence of

Indian talent and the passion shown by fans reaffirm our vision for the sport. I would like to thank the players, franchises, the Table Tennis Federation of India, our partners, broadcasters and everyone who has supported this journey. Their unwavering belief has helped Butterfly UTT become a world-class platform for table tennis in India." The title clash opened with one of the season's marquee contests as breakout Indian star Abhinandh PB defeated Lilian Bardet 2-1, winning the opening two games. Bernadette Szocs then rallied from a game down against Anna Hursey to extend Goa's advantage to 4-2. U Mumba found inspiration in the

mixed doubles. Manush and Hursey stretched their winning streak as a pair to six matches, sweeping Robles and Syndrela Das in straight games to swing the momentum. The defending champions carried that confidence into the men's singles, where Manush recovered after dropping the opening game to Robles, edging a tense second game 11-10 before closing out the decider 11-5 to hand U Mumba a crucial 7-5 lead. Everything came down to the final match. Facing Syndrela, Anusha showed composure under pressure. Syndrela erased a 5-9 deficit to level at 10-10, but Anusha held her nerve to clinch the decisive point 11-10,

sparking jubilant celebrations. The title also marked a successful campaign for coaches John Murphy and Jay Modak, who were brought back by the franchise and guided the team to a second consecutive Butterfly UTT crown. The league's top individual performers were recognised at the conclusion of the season. U Mumba TT captain Manush and teammate Hursey were named the Men's and Women's Most Valuable Players respectively, while PBG Pune Jaguars' Omar Assar claimed the Shot of the League award. Dempo Goa Challengers' breakout star Abhinandh PB was honoured as the ChatGPT Player of the League.







# Dhanush Hits Back at National Award Trolls

When the National Film Awards were announced, a lot of Tamil critics and audiences felt that Meiyazhagan deserved to be on the list. Instead, when the jury confirmed awards for Raayan and Captain Miller, comparisons began, with many criticizing Dhanush's award. Dhanush is a great talent who, when recognized, can go the extra mile in further entertaining the fans and audiences. But the criticism that came in the recent past disturbed him a little. He admitted that Meiyazhagan was a better film than Raayan but also shared his view on the criticism. Dhanush strongly feels that there are other films that are definitely better than Raayan. However, he shared that there was a time when no one spoke when Dhanush's films really deserved the awards."I agree that films like Meiyazhagan and Maharaja were among the better films than Raayan last year. But when films like

Pudhupettai, Vada Chennai, Karnan, Maryan, and Raanjhanaa were released, no one came forward to strongly support the idea that they deserved National Awards," shared Dhanush. Many fans argue that what Dhanush says is true because he worked extremely hard in films like Maryan, Pudhupettai, Karnan, and even Raanjhanaa. Most of these films have attained cult status today. However, when the time came, none of them received the recognition they deserved through awards. "Today, nearly 90% of people are opposing my National Award. But when several of my films missed out on National Awards they truly deserved, not even 10% of people spoke about it," said Dhanush, which is a fact. Decisions like these can always be subjective because we can not expect everyone to unanimously like a film. But, when there is a chance to recognise and appreciate someone's effort, we must all take a minute to fulfill it with utmost sincerity than criticising the very decision.



## Will Venky Atluri Give Mamitha A Much Needed Hit?

Mamitha Baiju is one of the emerging actors in South cinema. The young actress, who was once restricted to Malayalam cinema alone, is now expanding her wings and trying to make a big name for herself in the industry. Mamitha is currently betting high on her next film, Viswanath and Sons, in Tamil, where she is paired with Suriya. Considering her recent setbacks in Tamil, Mamitha hopes to enter the success zone. After gaining immense popularity with films like Premalu, She was fortunate enough to do Dude, which established her as a leading lady in Tamil cinema. Instantly, she got chances to work with Dhanush in Kara and with Vijay in Jana Nayagan. Both the films, however, failed to give her a good push, irrespective of the box office status of these films. Mamitha is now playing a very important role at Viswanath and Sons. Just like Dude, the film also projects her in a role that could land her in the grey zone since she is seen

wooing someone double her age. The character's dynamics are such, and Mamitha is always ready to take on challenging roles. So far, the promotional material only raised curiosity surrounding her role, and if it clicks well, Mamitha's image and market can enter the next level. Director Venky Atluri also opened up during the interviews that people will realize why they cast Mamitha only after seeing the film. If such is his confidence in the role, and if it pays off, that will be a big breakthrough for Mamitha. The film will hit the screens on August 14th.



## When Mirai Girl Turns To Korean Girl

Ritika Nayak, who impressed audiences last year with the blockbuster hit Mirai, has plenty to be excited about right now. She has two much-awaited films lined up, Duet and Korean Kanakaraju. The latter, an Indo-Korean horror-comedy, stars Varun Tej, Ritika Nayak, and Satya, and is directed by Merlapaka Gandhi. The film is all set to hit theatres on August 7, 2026. Meanwhile, Ritika recently treated social media followers to a fresh set of pictures. She looked effortlessly pretty in a crisp white shirt paired with a vibrant floral skirt, her soft curls and layered gold jewellery adding a charming, breezy touch to the look. With back-to-back releases coming her way, Ritika seems all set for an exciting run at the box office this year.



## Yash Reveals Unique Method Behind Becoming Lankesh

Yash, who is gearing up for the release of his upcoming epic 'Ramayana', has shared that he used to play songs of Lord Shiva on full volume while shooting for the film. The team of 'Ramayana' graced the ongoing edition of the San Diego Comic-Con 2026 recently, where they spoke about the film. During the event, Yash, who essays the role of Lankesh in the film, shared that in order to become one with the character, he used music as a vehicle to get into the mindspace of the character as Ravana was a devotee of Lord Shiva. Sharing his experience of working on the film, Yash told 'Review Nation', "I kind of spoiled the whole atmosphere of the set. I used to be very serious. I used to get big speakers and just play music at full volume. So, I used to be in that zone. I used to play Shiva songs". "Ravana is a big devotee of Lord Shiva. I used to play that and I wanted to be in that trance. Forcefully, all of them would talk with a lot of difficulty because the music used to be so loud", he added. Earlier, the team of 'Ramayana' organised a special event ahead

of the film's scheduled trailer launch on July 24. The event, titled 'Pratham Sankalp' served as the film's trailer preview in the national capital. The evening marked Pratham Sankalp, the ceremonial beginning of Ramayana's journey from Bharat to the World. Pratham Sankalp also marked the first public coming together of the principal cast of Ramayana, a landmark celebration that united generations of Indian cinema around one of India's greatest cultural legacies. During the event, Ranbir Kapoor was seen touching the feet of Sunny Deol and the Indian poet, Kumar Vishwas. Ranbir took to the stage and greeted Kumar Vishwas and the senior actor paying his respect to them. However, the film's trailer launch was pushed owing to the nationwide student protests demanding the resignation of the former Union Minister of Education, Pradhan.



## Actor-Director List Grows in Tollywood!



Telugu cinema is going through a very interesting phase as several Telugu heroes have decided to take charge behind the camera. Instead of waiting for film-makers to bring them stories, many actors are now turning directors themselves and are turning over a new leaf in their careers. Now, the latest buzz is that Sudheer Babu is set to join the actor-director club. He is planning to direct his upcoming film and also play the lead role in it. While an official announcement is still awaited, the news has already created curiosity among fans. Sudheer Babu has always been known for experimenting with different subjects and taking risks with his film choices. If he indeed turns director, it will be an exciting new chapter in his career.

On the other hand, Vishwak Sen has also taken this route in his career beginning stage and now dealing with Cult, where he is acting and directing. Ram Pothineni also surprised everyone by announcing that he will direct RAPO 23, a psychological action thriller that will feature him in the lead role. Kiran Abbavaram is another actor who has stepped into direction, with work on his directorial debut already underway. This trend shows that actors are becoming more confident about telling their own stories on screen. With actors like Vishwak Sen, Ram Pothineni, Kiran Abbavaram, and Sudheer Babu taking up direction, Tollywood is witnessing a growing trend where heroes are becoming storytellers. Fans will now be eager to see what Sudheer Babu brings to the table as an actor-director.

## Mahesh Babu's Emotional Appeal for Jayakrishna

As the Ghattamaneni family prepares to introduce another hero to Telugu cinema, Superstar Mahesh Babu has extended his wholehearted support to his nephew, Jayakrishna. The actor released a special video on social media, urging fans to bless and encourage Jayakrishna, who is making his acting debut with Srinivasa Mangapuram. In the heartfelt video, Mahesh Babu expressed his happiness over his late brother Ramesh Babu's son stepping into the film industry."I'm very happy that my brother's son Jayakrishna is making his debut as an actor. Our entire family is eagerly looking forward to it. The teaser, trailer, and songs have all been impressive. Jayakrishna and Rasha

Thadani look wonderful together, and I congratulate director Ajay Bhupathi for presenting them so beautifully," Mahesh said. The Superstar also shared an interesting coincidence related to the film's release date. Srinivasa Mangapuram is set to hit theatres on July 30, the same date on which Mahesh Babu's debut film Rajakumarudu was released. "I think producer Ashwini Dutt deliberately planned this date. From the Vjyayanthi banner came actors like me, Ram Charan, and Allu Arjun. Now Jayakrishna and Rasha are also beginning their journey under the same banner. It's a wonderful blessing for them," he added. Mahesh concluded his message by making an emotional appeal to fans of

his father, legendary actor Krishna, as well as his own admirers, requesting them to support and encourage Jayakrishna and Rasha Thadani in their debut venture. Directed by Ajay Bhupathi, best known for RX100, Srinivasa Mangapuram is presented by Ashwini Dutt and produced by Gemini Kiran. Mahesh Babu's emotional message has now gone viral across social media, creating even more buzz around the film's release.

