

EVENTS
TODAY

Rasa Kootami: Edition 3
Time: 4 pm
Venue: Sampadaya Vedula, Shilparamam

Chowrangee's Monsoon Magic
Time: 7 pm
Venue: Taramati Baradari

Telangana Robotic Championship
Time: 9.30 am
Venue: HICC

Aisha Kaisa by Amit Tandon
Time: 7 pm
Venue: Shipakala Vedula

Timeless with Sunitha
Time: 7 pm
Venue: Shipakala Vedula

Inder Sahani Live
Time: 8 pm
Venue: KLN Auditorium, FTCCI

SHORT TAKES

TGSPDCL TO
CONDUCT SAFETY
EXPO, WORKSHOP

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The southern discom will hold a safety expo and workshop on Saturday at its corporate office in Mint Compound here to promote electrical safety, reinforce a safety-first culture among employees and demonstrate modern safety equipment and technologies. The event will be inaugurated by Jitesh V. Patil, chairman and managing director of TGSPDCL. Organisers said the workshop will include exhibitions of advanced safety gear, technical presentations, and interactive sessions with industry experts showcasing innovative safety solutions.

₹10,000 REFUND
FOR HAJ-2026
PILGRIMS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The Telangana State Haj Committee on Friday announced that it would refund ₹10,000 to each Haj-2026 pilgrim, which they had to pay earlier this year for increased airline fuel charges. The circular on the revised charge was issued after few pilgrims reached Saudi Arabia.

State Haj Committee chairman Syed Gulam Afzal Biyabani said the Haj Committee of India had directed pilgrims to pay the additional fee. Pilgrims who have not paid the additional amount have to pay the amount directly to the Haj Committee of India as per Circular No. 42.

However, as assured by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, the state Haj Committee said it would refund the money directly into the individual bank accounts of the pilgrims.

HYD CYCLISTS
SEEK SOLAR
TRACK REVIVAL

NABINDER BOMMALA | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Cyclists urged officials to immediately restore the portion of the solar-roofed cycle track on the Outer Ring Road (ORR) that had been dismantled recently to facilitate the construction of an underpass. The Hyderabad Growth Corridor Limited (HGCL), a wing of HMDA dismantled 34-metre section of the 23-km track near the My Home Avatar Junction. Ravi Sambari of Hyderabad Cycling Revolution urged the authorities to restore it immediately. Cyclists also took to the social media platform X said complained that officials always prioritised providing infrastructure for cars over building cycling tracks.

S. Selvn, the 'Bicycle Mayor' of Hyderabad, questioning the dismantling of cycle track, asked if the officials would dismantle the Durgam Cheruvu cable bridge or an age-old palace to make way for vehicles.



The damaged section of the cycling track on the ORR.

IT commuters demand
better shuttle services

Traffic snarls expose weak public transport connectivity

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Commuters in the IT corridor have sought more shuttle services and improved public transport connectivity, particularly during the monsoon when the traffic congestion on the overcrowded roads worsens. Frequent gridlocks during peak hours have highlighted gaps in last-mile connectivity and inadequate public transport options.

S.N. Santosh, an IT employee from Sun City, said, "The traffic load during peak hours is unbearable, and congestion has become a regular topic of discussion among employees. If fast and reliable public transport is available, many of us are ready to use it."

Industry observers said most companies relied on cab services for employee transport due to cost considerations. Basant Pandu, a transport expert in the IT corridor, said, "Larger shuttle services such as buses are more expensive and require higher passenger occupancy." This causes more vehicles to be on the roads, especially during the peak traffic hours from 9.30 am to 11 am and 5 pm to 6.30 pm.

Commuters also pointed to overcrowding in Metro Rail services during the peak hours. Vijay Lakshmi, an IT employee, said, "From 5 pm, stations such as Raidurg, Madhapur and Hitec City become overcrowded. Platforms



A TGSRTC bus passes the Microsoft office in Hyderabad's IT corridor, where commuters face a shortage of buses during peak hours.

— R. PAVAN

and coaches are packed, making travel suffocating. That is why many of us prefer personal vehicles or company-provided transport. If better shuttle services or reliable public transport are provided, we will surely use them."

The Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) operates the SHE Shuttle service aimed at improving last-mile connectivity for women employees. Bhanu Murthy, assistant director of SCSC, said, "The concept was introduced in 2016-17 to improve women's safety and reduce traffic congestion in the IT corridor. At present, 13 shuttle buses operate in the IT corridor and Genome Valley, providing last-mile connectivity to Metro stations with support from company sponsorships." He added that a student mobility service is

currently in the testing phase to reduce dependence on autorickshaws and improve safety.

The shuttle service provides connectivity between key hubs such as Hitec City, Raidurg Metro, Gachibowli, Nanakramguda, Madhapur and Kondapur, operating from morning to late night with monitoring and security measures in place.

Srinivas Kollipara of Biome Venture Studio said increased deployment of larger shuttle services and improved public transport integration could help reduce the number of private vehicles on the road. He said companies need to support such measures for effective traffic management.

TGSRTC vice-chairman and managing director Y. Nagi Reddy said the corporation operates an exten-

sive network across the IT corridor. He said, "The corporation provides extensive and reliable public transport connectivity across Hyderabad's IT corridor, serving thousands of employees, students and residents every day. Major hubs such as Madhapur, Hitec City, Gachibowli, Financial District, Nanakramguda and Kokapet are covered by high-frequency city bus services connecting them to different parts of Hyderabad."

He added, "Each day, 341 buses operate 3,467 trips across 38 routes, with dedicated services during peak office hours. These services are integrated with major Metro stations, MMTS stations and transport hubs, along with premium air-conditioned buses and airport connectivity through Pushpak services."

Education unrest



USFI Telangana State Committee members protest at Praja Bhavan, demanding the government resolve pending issues in the education sector and fulfill students' long-standing demands.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

State govt allots 5 acres for KV in Jagtial

M. SRINIVAS | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The state government has sanctioned five acres of land free at Chelgal in Jagtial to construct Kendriya Vidyalaya buildings, out of the 10 acres that had been sought. The land falls in the Walamtari (Water and Land Management Training and Research Institute) campus.

The basic market and prevailing market value of the land was ₹21 lakh and ₹1.05 crore per acre, respectively. However, the government ordered alien-

ation of the government land free of cost, for the establishment of school.

Responding to the government order, BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind in a post on 'X', said, "This is a victory of BJP's rightful fight to ensure that the KV Jagtial comes up at Chelgal, which is more convenient, better connected and best suited for students, instead of the unsuitable locations being suggested by the local MLA out of his own vested interests," he added. He said the BJP will continue to fight for the remaining five acres.

No property tax relief for SVK

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The municipal administration and urban development (MA&UD) department has said that Sundaraya Vignana Kendram (SVK) in Gachibowli should not be given property tax exemption for the area that is being used for commercial purposes by leasing out to firms. The exemption is only for the area utilised for non-com-

CSE, IT attract highest
TG Eapcet seat allotments

V. SHIVANI REDDY | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Computer science and IT-related programmes recorded the highest seat allotments in the TG Eapcet engineering first-phase counselling released on Friday, reflecting students' continued interest despite the purported threat of developments in the field of artificial intelligence (AI).

AI, computer engineering, computer science and engineering (networks), and robotics and artificial intelligence registered 100 per cent seat allotment.

Among core branches, 86 per cent ECE seats were allocated, while civil, mechanical and allied courses recorded 80 per cent. The other engineering programmes, including chemical engineering, geomatics, agricultural engineering, and food technology, saw all seat allotment. According to the technical education department data, only six candidates from the 1 to 100 rank participated in the counselling and secured seats. Another 47 candidates from the 101-500 rank range participated and got seats. Overall,

88,510 candidates exercised web options and 79,891 were allotted, leaving 8,162 seats vacant. As many as 35,402 candidates secured different allotments from the mock allotment (change of college/branch). However, 8,619 candidates failed to get a seat as they exercised a limited number of web options. A total of 6,335 candidates have secured allotment under the economically weaker section quota. Overall, 87 colleges, including eight universities and 78 private engineering colleges secured 100% admissions.

NEW QR-CODED
HEALTH CARDS
FROM JULY 15

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Cashless treatment under new QR-coded health cards will begin from July 15, the Employees Health Care Trust (EHCT) Board decided on Friday.

The cards can be downloaded on mobile phones, and treatment will be available at 943 hospitals for 2,594 procedures.

The meeting, chaired by Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, also decided that CGHS rates would apply to treatments. Officials said the government order containing the revised EHS guidelines would be issued within four days.

An EHCT mobile app carrying all scheme details will be developed. The government plans to open 24 wellness centres at district headquarters, in addition to the existing 12 in operation to provide statewide coverage.

These centres will provide outpatient care, diagnostic tests and regular medicines.

A meeting with EHS CEO Hanumanthu Kodimba is scheduled for Monday to discuss the revised guidelines. Senior officials and representatives of employees' and pensioners' associations attended Friday's meeting.

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Microartist Ajay Kumar Mattewada of Warangal with his art to be launched aboard Vikram 1.

Microart by Warangal
artist heads to space

NARLAGIRI
YADAGIRI | DC
HANAMKONDA, JULY 10

The 'microart' to be launched aboard Vikram 1, India's first orbital launch vehicle built by Skyroot Aerospace, was created by internationally acclaimed micro artist Ajay Kumar Mattewada of Warangal.

The artwork features microscopic sculptures of Dr C.V. Raman, Dr Vikram Sarabhai—after whom the rocket is named—and A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, each measuring about 800 microns (0.8 mm), small enough to fit inside the eye of a needle.

The piece will travel into space between July 12 and August 4 during Mission Agaman, alongside several technology demonstration experiments. Begun in 2023 and completed in February 2026, the project required nearly 140 hours of meticulous work. Mattewada said he used space-compatible materials including stainless steel, 24 karat gold, pure silver, ceramic powder and carbon fibre particles. The sculptures were mounted inside an 18 karat gold miniature rocket model designed for spaceflight.

Developed in line with Skyroot Aerospace's engineering specifications, the artwork cleared vibration, thermal and environmental qualification tests before being integrated into a protective payload housing. Calling it the greatest recognition of his four decade artistic journey, Mattewada said he felt immense pride that miniature sculptures of three of India's most celebrated scientists would travel into space. He described the mission as a tribute to generations of scientific leadership that shaped modern India.

He thanked Skyroot Aerospace co-founder and CEO Pawan Kumar Chandana, Naga Bharath Daka, Nikhil Madduri and Dr C.V.S. Kiran for supporting the project.

Mattewada has devoted over 40 years to micro sculpture. He said working with 18 karat gold at a microscopic scale was one of his greatest challenges. "Unlike rigid stainless steel, its softness meant even the slightest pressure could deform or damage the miniature structure," he told *Deccan Chronicle*. He said he creates all his micro sculptures entirely by hand, without automated machines or 3D printing.

BILL ONE SERVICE
EXPANDS
BEYOND CURE

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

'Bill One', a service for unified municipal payments, was launched on Friday by T.K. Sreedevi, municipal administration and urban development secretary, enabling citizens to pay multiple municipal charges through a single platform. The service supports payment of property tax, water charges, and trade licence fees together in one transaction, eliminating the need for separate payments. A key feature of the service is that it generates a consolidated demand 'no objection certificate (NOC)' for all municipal services assigned to the Property Tax Identification Number (PTIN), water bill and trade licence.

The system is expected to reduce the burden on the municipality to generate multiple demand notices for various services. The need for multiple visits to collect different taxes and fees will be reduced with this initiative. It allows the taxpayers to pay in part and also in instalments based on their convenience, thereby providing greater financial flexibility.

● The service supports payment of property tax, water charges, trade licence fee.

DIGITAL | LEAP

Proposal to open 20 TMREIS degree colleges awaits Deputy CM's nod: Azhar

80,000 minority students to receive AI training

MRITTIKA BANERJEE | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A 24-module AI readiness and digital safety programme will begin across all 205 Telangana Minority Residential Educational Institutions Society (TMREIS) schools from August 15, which will cover 80,000 minority students at no cost to the state government. Announcing this, minorities welfare minister Md Azharuddin also said a proposal to open 20 TMREIS degree colleges was awaiting approval from Deputy Chief Minister and finance minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka.

The government on Friday unveiled the school programme in association with MASK NextGen Inc. and Doxa Consulting Private Limited. Intel is supporting the CSR initiative, according to the organisers.

MASK NextGen will provide the gamified, self-paced course, which includes 24 interactive modules and three assessments. The curriculum covers basic AI knowledge, digital safety, English proficiency, leadership, gender respect, diversity and inclusion. Avni Trivedi, founder and CEO of MASK NextGen, said all 205 schools were included

as they formed the TMREIS network. Her organisation tested the programme with residential institutions in January. "These children are away from their parents and in a different environment. They are learning technology, so they need to be safeguarded even more," she said. "We chose them from that perspective. This is a starting point for us, and we are looking to scale to others."

Teams will examine the internet access, computers and digital facilities available at each school. Staff capacity will also be assessed before the course begins. "The institutions

we worked with had the facilities. We are going to spend time with every school and assess what they have, how much they have and how we can digitise them along the way," Trivedi said.

Azharuddin said almost all TMREIS schools had internet access and computers. Students needed to learn how to recognise AI-generated material and protect themselves online, he added. "AI is here to stay. Even when you watch reels, sometimes you cannot make out whether it is real, AI-generated or whether it actually happened," the minister said. He said lessons on cyber-

security and digital safety at school would leave students better prepared when they entered college. Further, MASK NextGen will measure course usage, AI readiness and digital resiliency. Each student will receive individual AI readiness and digital resiliency scores during the programme.

"This is not to make it competitive, but to help them understand their own capabilities," Trivedi said. "We do not want students to have access and not use it." Asked about the information collected through the platform, Trivedi said MASK NextGen did not sell stu-

dent data. She first said no data would be collected, but later said the platform could see usage details, an ID and possibly a student's name. "We only see usage, an ID, maybe a name if at all, and how much they are playing the game. That is about it," she said. Schools could track information separately at their discretion, she added.

Azharuddin said the government was giving the highest priority to student security. "We cannot let any untoward incident happen. At the end of the day, the boys and girls studying in these institutions have to be safe and sound."

WEATHER

Max: 34.9 °C
Min: 24.2 °C
RH: 57 %
Rainfall: Trace
Forecast: Partly cloudy sky.
Max/Min temp.
35/24 °C

ASTROGUIDE

Parabhava: Uttarayana
Tithi: Nija Jyeshtha Bahula Dwadasi
till 2.02 am (Sunday)
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Variyam: 1.18 am to 2.44 am
(Sunday)
Durmuhurtam: 5.52 am to 7.36 am
Rahukalam: 9 pm to 10.30 am
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Muharram 25, 1448 H
PRAYERS
Fajar: 4.39 am
Zohar: 12.31 pm
Asar: 4.56 pm
Maghrib: 7.00 pm
Isha: 8.16 pm
SUNSET TODAY 6.54 PM
SUNRISE TOMORROW 5.48 AM
MOONSET TODAY 3.51 AM
MOONRISE TOMORROW 2.09 AM

COUNTER POINT



Let's convene an all-party meeting on the Bill for 30 days of custody!

Health min. pushes procurement reform

Hyderabad: Health minister Damodar Rajanaraj has directed Telangana Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (TMSIDC) officials to strengthen procurement systems to ensure timely and transparent supply of quality medical equipment to government hospitals.



Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy during the 'Rythu Ashirvada Sabha' at Jagannadhapuram in Khammam district on Friday. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, ministers N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, D. Sridhar Babu and others are also present.

— BY ARRANGEMENT

Kalvakuntla family will vanish, says Revanth

FROM PAGE 1

"I am predicting the outcome 32 months in advance: in the coming Kurukshetra, the Kalvakuntla family will disappear from Telangana's political landscape. I swear by Lord Sitaramachandra Swamy of Bhadrachalam that the Congress will return to power in the next elections," he said.

The Chief Minister criticised the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), alleging that it was attempting to secure majority support for passage of a Delimitation Bill in Parliament.

He also accused the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) of misleading people through surveys, questioning their credibility in the absence of an election context.

Referring to the Kaleshwaram project, he alleged that filling Medigadda could endanger downstream areas, including submergence of villages, and questioned the intent of BRS leaders.

Agri defines Telangana's culture, lifestyle: Bhatti

DC CORRESPONDENT
NALGONDA, JULY.10

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka on Friday stated that the Congress government considered agriculture not only as a vocation but also as "our culture and lifestyle," and is taking several measures for welfare of the farmers.

Speaking at the Rythu Ashirvada Sabha held at

Ragunadhapuram of Khammam district, Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said the government has taken several steps for the welfare of farmers and strengthening of the agriculture sector in Telangana.

About ₹9,000 crore has been credited to the bank accounts of farmers in a span of nine days for the monsoon crop season under the Rythu Bharosa

initiative.

"We should not consider this as a freebie, it is an investment for development of farmers," he said.

The minister noted that the government was paying ₹14,000 crore for discounts per year for supply of free electricity to farmers. It was also ensuring Minimum Support Price (MSP) to farmers for jowar and corn, he said.

He also referred to internal differences within the BRS and challenged its leaders on their political positions.

Highlighting state government's welfare measures, the Chief Minister said the government had spent ₹1.7 lakh crore on schemes for farmers over the past 36 months, includ-

ing crop loan waiver, Rythu Bharosa, Rythu Bheema, bonuses on fine rice, free power to agriculture and compensation for crop losses.

He said crop loans worth ₹20,630 crore of over 25 lakh farmers had been waived. He said the government had continued welfare schemes of the

Kavitha exposed ₹1,400-cr KLIS deal, charges Uttam

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Irrigation minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday said the claim by K. Kavitha, daughter of former chief minister K. Chandrashekar Rao, that ₹1,400 crore had exchanged hands and reached BRS leaders from contractors who built the Kaleshwaram project, had exposed how engineering standards had been compromised.

Structural failures in the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) were a result of poor-quality construction, arbitrary deviations from the approved design, and above all a contractor-politician nexus, Uttam Kumar Reddy said. Citing Kavitha's allegation that ₹1,400 crore was received

from KLIS contractors by the BRS, he claimed this 'inside story' behind the project explained why Medigadda barrage collapsed and why Annaram and Sundilla barrages were in a precarious condition.

He was addressing a press meet at Hurnagar. "The BRS owes an explanation to the people on Kavitha's allegations. When money is allegedly received from contractors on a quid pro quo basis, what quality of construction can the people expect," he asked.

He criticised BRS leader T. Harish Rao's challenge that he be made the irrigation minister for three months and that he will set right the Kaleshwaram project. He also said that any decision on

pumping water from Medigadda barrage would be based on the opinion of engineering experts and not on Harish Rao's demands. "Seeking the ministry is a politically absurd proposal. The person who was irrigation minister when the project was planned and executed, is now asking for three months to repair it. The people must decide whether such a demand is reasonable," he said. The fact was that Harish Rao was removed as irrigation minister in BRS' second term, Uttam Kumar Reddy pointed out. "If KCR, did not give him the irrigation portfolio, how can he now demand that Congress government hand over the department to him," he asked.

CS reviews industrial infra projects across Telangana

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Friday chaired a review meeting with senior officials of the industries and commerce department at the Secretariat to assess the progress of key industrial infrastructure projects being developed across the state. The meeting focused on accelerating industrial growth, attracting investments and creating large scale employment opportunities in the state.

The Chief Secretary took stock of the progress of major projects being implemented by the Telangana Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (TGIC), including Bharat Future City, Zaheerabad industrial city, Kakatiya Mega Textile Park and other strategic industrial



Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju participating in a review meeting with senior officials of the Industries and Commerce department at the Secretariat on Friday. — DC

infrastructure initiatives. MD TGIC K. Shashanka briefed him on the present status of these projects, the infrastructure being created, investment prospects and the timelines for their completion.

The Chief Secretary stressed that the primary objective of the department should be to position Telangana as a preferred investment destination by facilitating industries

with world class infrastructure and a business friendly ecosystem. He said attracting both domestic and global investments is essential for sustaining state's economic growth and generating large scale employment opportunities for youth.

Jaju directed the officials to work with a clear focus on achieving the goals envisioned by the government.



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SHORT TAKES

REVENUE OFFICIAL
DUPED BY FAKE
ACB OFFICER

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A cyber fraudster posing as a DSP of the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB) extorted ₹96,000 from a revenue inspector posted in Siddipet. According to Komuravelli police, the fraudster threatened the official, claiming the ACB had received complaints and would raid his office and residence.

The incident occurred in Cherial Mandal, days after the ACB trapped the local tahsildar while allegedly accepting a bribe.

Revenue inspector Talari Ilaiiah received a call on Thursday from a person claiming to be an ACB DSP. The caller initially demanded ₹1 lakh. Panicking, Ilaiiah transferred ₹96,000 online to the number provided. He later realised he had been cheated and lodged a complaint at Komuravelli police station. Police said a case was registered and investigation is under way. The incident comes just three days after Cherial Tahsildar Korra Dileep Nayak was caught by the ACB while allegedly accepting ₹70,000 bribe.

CLASS 10 STUDENT
ATTEMPTS
SUICIDE IN HOSTEL

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A 17 year old Class 10 student allegedly attempted suicide at a hostel in Sadashivanagar Mandal of Kamareddy. Reports said he was distressed after losing his aunt two days ago and struggling with being away from his family.

Another student noticed the incident and alerted the hostel staff, who rushed him to the Government Hospital in Kamareddy. He is reported to be out of danger.

CORPORATOR'S
HUSBAND HITS
RESIDENTS

DC CORRESPONDENT
KARIMNAGAR, JULY 10

A corporator's husband allegedly attacked residents who asked for roads and drainages in their locality. The incident occurred in the 29th division of Nizamabad Municipal Corporation on Thursday. With rainwater stagnating on roads, locals approached corporator Anif Fathima seeking immediate works. Enraged, her husband M.A. Khadar, along with followers, attacked them. Victims dialled 100 to inform the police, but response was delayed.

YOUTH BEATEN TO
DEATH OVER
GANJA DISPUTE

P. CHARITHA | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A 22-year-old man from Pasumamala under Hayathnagar Mandal was allegedly beaten to death by his friends after being lured out of his house in the early hours of Wednesday, reportedly following disputes over ganja transactions and an altercation involving a girl.

Police identified the deceased as Nishani Suhas, said to be addicted to ganja and involved in selling it to fund his habit. His mother Nandini, who had earlier shifted him from Secunderabad to Pasumamala to keep watch, had pinned her hopes on him after losing her husband and marrying off her daughter.

Suhas was friends with Rakesh of Secunderabad, Parashuram and Raju of Nadimipally and Pedda Amberpet, and another person. As he did not have a phone, he allegedly used one of theirs to chat with a girl on Instagram, sending obscene messages. The girl informed her boyfriend, one of the group, about the incident.

Combined with earlier fights over money in their ganja dealings, the group allegedly plotted to kill him. In the early hours of Wednesday, they contacted his mother from Parashuram's Instagram account. When she did not respond, they went to the house and took Suhas out.

He was taken to a deserted area on the outskirts of Pasumamala and attacked. Though he tried to run about half a kilometre, he was chased, beaten and killed. His body was later dumped on a cement bench near the cremation ground on the Pedda Amberpet-Pasumamala road.

Woman drugged, raped, robbed: Auto driver held

CCTV trail helps police track accused within a day

SYED OMAR FAROOQ | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Pocharam IT Corridor police arrested an autorickshaw driver within 24 hours after he allegedly drugged, raped and robbed a woman passenger.

The accused, Amgot Jeetya (50), on Thursday afternoon lured the victim while she was on her way to hospital in Bharatnagar, promising to drop her there, police said. Jeetya, who interacted with the victim when she was crying over her husband's ill health, offered her sedated toddy.

After she fell unconscious, he parked his autorickshaw by the roadside, carried her to an isolated place in Bacharam, raped her and fled in his vehicle, police said.

He allegedly confessed before investigators that he waited until the victim was affected by the toddy, took her via Ghatkesar to Bacharam, committed the

crime and fled with her ₹1,500 and mobile phone. The victim realised she had been raped and robbed after regaining consciousness and lodged a complaint.

"Based on the complaint, we first shifted her to a government hospital for medical examination and treatment in the presence of BHAROSA teams.

We swung into action after recording her statement, formed two special teams, tracked the accused by examining over 50 CCTV footages from Bharatnagar to the crime scene, identified him through the auto registration plates and lifted him from his house in Pratap Singaram on Friday," said K. Kankalah Goud, SHO, Pocharam IT Corridor.

A case of rape, kidnap and robbery has been booked against him. The case will be transferred to Uppal police for further investigation, sources said.

Teen's X post helps police arrest driver

K.M.P. PATNAIK | DC
VISAKHAPATNAM, JULY 10

An autorickshaw driver was taken into custody by the Pendurti police in Visakhapatnam after a teenage girl's post on X, alleging sexual harassment during a ride went viral on social media.

In a video shared on X, the teenager, speaking in Hindi, alleged that the driver offered her money in exchange for a sexual favour. She said she initially failed to understand what he meant, but the driver allegedly stopped the autorickshaw midway and repeated the offer. The girl said she asked him to drop her at her destination first.

After dropping her, the driver reportedly sped away after noticing that

she was recording him. However, the girl managed to capture his face on video. In the video, she appealed to the public to help identify the driver, stating that such incidents should not be allowed to happen in the city. "How can someone make such an offer so openly," she asked, urging people to trace the driver so that he could be handed over to the police.

Acting swiftly on the viral post, the Visakhapatnam city police traced and took the autorickshaw driver into custody. Pendurti police said a case was being registered and an FIR was being filed. However, officials did not disclose the identity of the accused, citing the ongoing investigation.

GRUDGE ENDS IN YOUTH'S MURDER

Hyderabad: A group allegedly chased and murdered a 22-year-old man and dumped his body on graveyard platform, Hayathnagar police said on Friday. Police said that the accused had chased Nishant Suhas on July 8 for over 1.5 km from Pasumamula village till Pedda Amberpet and murdered him.

Locals who found the body informed the Hayathnagar police who inspected the spot, registered a case of death under suspicious circumstances and sent the victim's body at OGH mortuary.

Couple accused of ₹50 cr fraud, flee to Switzerland

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HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A couple running a chit fund allegedly collected ₹50 crore from residents and fled to Switzerland, switching off their mobile phones, according to complaints lodged with the police.

According to police, Pabba Chandrasekhar and his wife Swapna left their Cherlapally home on June 22, telling their family members they were going on a sightseeing tour.

They last messaged their daughter Shreya on July 8 before going incommunicado. Shreya lodged a missing complaint at Cherlapally police station.

Upon learning this, investors who had put money into Chandrasekhar's chit fund business protested outside his house, demanding repayment.

Police said Chandrasekhar had been running Sri Venkateshwar Marketing, a cement finance and chit fund firm in Kushaiguda, for three decades.

Victims alleged he borrowed large sums citing his daughter's marriage and family health issues. One complainant, B.

Man duped of ₹6.5 cr by woman's false claim

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A jeweller on Friday lodged a complaint with the Madhurangar police alleging that his former employee and his wife had cheated him of ₹6.5 crore by falsely claiming that the woman had cancer and borrowing money for treatment. They subsequently refused to return the money.

Police said they had booked Vasireddy Swathi and her husband Sujeth, former manager at a jewellery shop owned by the complainant Malli Ramakrishna Reddy, for alleged cheating and breach of trust. Sujeth was listed as a realtor.

Ramakrishna Reddy claimed that of the money he lent Swathi and

Sujeeth, ₹2.5 crore was insurance pay-out for the death of a relative in the US. He had subsequently given ₹4 crore in multiple installments.

Ramakrishna Reddy alleged that Swathi had developed a friendship with his wife Padmaja Reddy when Sujeth was working his jewellery store, which helped the couple gain his trust.

When Swathi had allegedly borrowed the money, the couple had promised to repay it in cash and gold.

Ramakrishna Reddy alleged in his complaint that when he insisted they repay the money, Swathi allegedly threatened that she would die by suicide and name him in the letter. Police said an investigation was underway.

Sabita, said he took lakhs from locals, while another, G. Satyanarayana, claimed he collected ₹50 crore from over 70 people before disappearing. Malkajgiri police commissioner B. Sumathi con-

firmed a case has been registered and financial records are being examined. "We are probing all angles and may write to the Switzerland embassy if required," a senior officer said.



A major fire broke out in a godown storing decorative items on the banks of the Musi River at Chaderghat in the Malakpet Assembly constituency of Hyderabad on Friday. Firefighters rushed to the spot and battled the flames to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby structures.

— P.SURENDRA

Fire breaks in Chaderghat Musi river, vehicles burnt

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A fire at Kamalnagar Musi Nala gutted several automotive workshops and damaged vehicles before it was doused in about two hours, Chaderghat police said on Friday. The police along with seven fire tenders rushed to the scene and extinguished the fire by 6.20 pm. No one was injured.

The fire was reported at 4 pm by Syed Shabir, owner of HKBN Motors, who noticed a burning smell. Police said Shabir along with workers were having lunch inside the workshop at that time. They went to investigate the source of the smell

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and found that a small fire had broken out in a nearby scrap shop, according to Chaderghat station house officer K.B. Murari.

They tried douse the flames with water but the fire was fed by highly combustible materials and quickly spread to nearby establishments, Murari said.

The fire-hit establishments were identified as Moon Motors, HKBN Motors, Splash Motors, JFN Motors, Muqtar Decoration and Waseem

Motors. Immediately upon receiving information of the fire, personnel from Chaderghat police and the fire services department rushed to the spot and carried out firefighting operations.

By the time the fire was brought under control, several workshops were extensively damaged, and multiple vehicles kept for repair were destroyed.

Police registered a case of fire accident via FIR No. 266 of 2026 and said the cause of the fire was yet to be ascertained. SHO Murari said investigation was in progress, and action will be taken based on the inquiry report in accordance with law.

EAGLE Force operation busts drug network, 1 held

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The Cyberabad EAGLE Force team and the Hyderabad narcotics police during raids on Friday arrested one Akash and 29 consumers who allegedly tested positive for ganja, at Fathenagar, Balanagar. Police said the raids had dismantled a local retail drug network. Police seized 17.8 grams of ganja.

EAGLE Force director Sandeep Shandalya said the police had mounted the raid based on multiple

complaints received through the toll-free number 1908. They took along two consumers to identify the sellers. Prime accused Akash and his grandmother Chandramma were identified as the sellers. Chandramma reportedly sold small packets of ganja for ₹500 each in front of her house.

The 31 who were caught had arrived from different parts of Hyderabad allegedly to buy ganja. Of them, 11 were parents of single parents and three were orphans. Three con-

sumers were found with small packets of ganja allegedly purchased from Chandramma. Only two of them cleared the test for ganja.

Police said Fathenagar, N a n a k r a m g u d a (Gachibowli) and Dhoolpet were major supply points for ganja. The arrested youth, mostly around 25 years, admitted to being addicted for over two years and the sellers were found to be making huge profits, selling five-gram packets for ₹500, Shandilya said.

SPEEDING | CAR Mishap occurs when driver lost control

Car crashes into actor's residence

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A speeding luxury car crashed into the residence of actor Dharma in Filmnagar at about midnight on Thursday, police said.

The accident occurred when the driver apparently lost control on the vehicle at a curve. The occupants of the car

● POLICE SUSPECT that the driver and the other occupants of the car were drunk and a confirmation of the breathalyzer tests were awaited at the time of going to print.

were reportedly detained at the police station. No one was injured.

Smashing through the divider on the side of the road, the car



crashed into the compound wall and gate of actor Dharma's house. Dharma's family members and locals ran out in panic after hearing a loud noise.

Police suspect that the driver and the other occupants of the car were drunk and a confirmation of the breathalyzer tests were awaited at the time of going to print.

Dharma and his family members filed a complaint with the local police who seized the vehicle and began investigations.

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IN LOVING MEMORY OF

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S/o Late Shri Lakhmichand Paryani
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Uranium deal icing on cake of Modi's visit to Australia

Securing an agreement for supply of Australian uranium to fuel India's nuclear power programme was Prime Minister Narendra Modi's prize catch on his eastern trip to the Antipodes. The landmark deal should open the way to give a new impetus to India's clean energy objectives, the plans for which have either lain dormant or moved at snail's pace for over the 12 years since India and Australia had agreed in 2014 on a civil nuclear cooperation pact.

Australia's preparedness to get its miners to enhance their operations to fulfil India's large order for nuclear fuel to energise its green ambitions as well as steer away from fossil fuels a little more drastically because of current uncertainties over crude oil supplies and their carbon footprint also sends a message to the world on India as a reliable user of uranium for peaceful purposes.

The ground realities changed in the years since 2014 as the regulations over culpability and compensation in the event of a nuclear accident were altered in the "Shanti Act" of 2025, limiting liabilities to international standards. In those 12 years, much may have been said about selling nuclear fuel but the uranium never came from Down Under. Against a planned nuclear power generation of 100GW by 2047 (22.5GW by 2032), India's current installed capacity is just 8.8GW from 25 plants that generate only around three per cent of the nation's power consumption.

As Australian Prime Minister Antony Albanese pointed out, the pre-2014 bilateral ties — and perhaps the ties in the last 12 years — were "underdone" and it is only now that India appears to have moved up the international order to be considered a crucial strategic partner, if not quite an ally though both countries are fellow members in Quad. The nuclear deal caps this new effort to further ties and take the bilateral aspects further regardless of divergent views on China, the country that is invariably the elephant in the room at every major diplomatic meeting.

As Prime Minister Modi pointed out, the Indo-Pacific is not just the confluence of two great oceans, it also symbolises shared concerns over maritime security in view of the current geopolitical fears and suspicions. An array of pacts with Indonesia as well as Australia are set to operationalise closer cooperation in maritime matters in which India's role as a facilitator and coordinator of data sharing has been rising.

The other worry emanating from geopolitical shifts in the wake of US trade moves has been in the field of critical minerals and India's search for reliable supply chains is spurred by events after China stopped supplies. Australia may be well placed with the capacity to supply many materials from its Critical Minerals List. With the nations kicking on towards a fuller ECTA by building on the interim deal of 2022, India may also be hoping to reduce the trade deficit with Australia.

With investments flowing in — an Australian pension fund is taking a \$346 million punt on India's infrastructure fund and New Zealand mulls earmarking \$20 billion — the importance of pitching India internationally is stressed. Prime Ministerial visits carry a lot more significance than the civilian awards that Mr Modi is adorned with but which are a recognition of India's global heft today.

J&K: Halt libraries' crackdown

The Jammu and Kashmir administration's territory-wide campaign to screen and purge "objectionable" books marks a profound and troubling shift. It is one thing for a government to decide what textbooks align with its educational vision. It is quite another to raid bookstores, blacklist authors, confiscate publications and police every shelf in every school and coaching centre. This is not curriculum oversight. It is state-driven narrative control.

The trigger was the discovery of allegedly separatist-linked content in two school library books — *Personalities and Legends of J&K* and *Great Personalities of Jammu and Kashmir*. These titles referred to Jammu and Kashmir as "India-occupied Kashmir" and described pro-independence leader Muhammad Maqbool Bhat as "Shaheed-e-Azam" or great martyr.

Bhat, co-founder of the Jammu Kashmir National Liberation Front (JKNLF), a militant organisation advocating the reunification of J&K as an independent state, was hanged in Delhi's Tihar Jail on Feb. 11, 1984 after being convicted on murder charges. Over time, he came to be seen as a foundational figure in the violent separatist movement that gripped the region for more than three decades.

Glorifying him as a martyr contradicts India's stance. But the administration's response — suspending officials, blacklisting authors, withdrawing all their works, launching criminal investigations and ordering a territory-wide sweep of every book in every institution — goes far beyond correcting a procurement lapse.

That is part of a broader pattern. In 2025, the government banned 25 books by respected scholars, journalists and historians — from A.G. Noorani, Arundhati Roy, Sumantra Bose, Victoria Schofield, David Devasdas and Anuradha Bhasin to Piotr Balcerowicz and others — alleging they promoted "false narratives" and "glorified terrorism". Critics countered that these were rigorously researched works offering critical political analysis, not propaganda.

The new directive intensifies that fear. Schools must eliminate anything "prejudicial", "age inappropriate" or "contrary to national interest" — elastic categories easily stretched to fit any inconvenient fact. Police raids on bookstores make the message unmistakable: Only one version of Kashmir's story is now permissible. Kashmir's history — its conflicts, aspirations, traumas and political movements — cannot be erased by administrative order. Memory lives in people, not just pages. Article 19(xa) of the Constitution protects the freedom of speech and expression. The campaign in J&K undermines that guarantee, replacing dialogue with decree.

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Perils of being 'cancelled'... The twisted saga of my Jinnah play!

"The magpie's cry goes clackety-clack — It says she's gone and won't come back... Why personify the cry of a bird? The notes or the sentiment overheard? The magpie knows nothing of your loss... And even if it did, it wouldn't give a toss..." — From *Flutter Gutter Verses*, by Bachchoo

Unlike some distinguished writers — such as J.K. Rowling — and several academics, I have never experienced "being cancelled". This is the contemporary practice of being refused a platform to which one was formerly invited, owing to protests from people and lobbies who don't like your opinions.

So, JK has been denied a hearing and banned from several platforms because she believes that humans are assigned a gender at birth through their chromosomes and through formation of their sexual organs and secondary gender manifestations.

These bans and cancellations make me wonder if my opinions, which I express in these columns, in others and in my books and speeches from various platforms, are innocuous and not worth bothering about? Perhaps in my short and happy life, though I have acquired the description of being "radical", I have never sufficiently offended any vociferous lobby.

Luck? Caution? Fence-sitting? (I plead not-guiltily, m'lud)

Not for my opinions, but for my very existence, I have indeed suffered some bans or omissions.

I suppose the first one that comes to mind was when, in the wake of Richard Attenborough's Gandhi, I was approached by two Pakistanis — the distinguished director Jamil Dehlavi and a contemporary from Cambridge, Akbar Ahmad, proposing that I write a film on Jinnah.

I said I was out of sympathy with Jinnah for splitting the sub-continent. They said my Indo-nationalist view probably didn't take in all the facts that caused the fragmentation of British India. They urged me to read Stanley Wolpert's biography of Jinnah. I did.

Akbar, as producer of the tentative project, had offered me a decent sum of money if I would write the film. And yes, gentle reader, after reading two or three biographies of the Quaid-e-Azam, I understood the complexities that led to "Partition" and told Jamil and Akbar that I would write a script as I conceived it. They agreed and I did.

When I handed in the completed screenplay, Akbar said to me: "That's great, we'll start production soon, but Farrukh, you won't get a credit on screen as the writer!"

I was about to say "pour the hell qua non?" but instead simply asked why.

"Because the film is being financed by Pakistani capitalists who would not support the production if the screenplay was by a non-Muslim Parsi of Indian origin, resident in Britain with a reputa-

tion for Marxist views and radical 'socialistic' activity."

"And you are to promise to never claim to have written the film," Akbar said, "and I want to increase your fee by a thousand pounds."

Gentle reader, being of a modest (and acquisitive?) disposition, could I refuse?

The film went into production with Christopher Lee, famous for playing Dracula, as the mature Jinnah, and Shashi Kapoor as the angel Jibrail who questions Jinnah in heaven (yes, one of the opening scenes).

The film was a success in Pakistan — so much so that General Pervez Musharraf, who was then in charge, appointed Akbar Ahmad as Pakistan's high commissioner to Britain.

Then came the unravelling. Jamil and Akbar fell out, with Jamil accusing Akbar of inflating the budget and carrying away extremely large sums of money by pretending they were paid to (non-existent) "script consultants" and other such fabrications. Jamil blew the gaff, and journalists then called me to ask if I had written the script. I, sticking to my promise, said "no comment", or the equivalent. Then Seamus Milne, a *Guardian* journalist, showed me a document which said that I sold the script of *Jinnah* to Akbar Ahmad for "£1".

It had my signature.

So, he said either I did write *Jinnah*, or I was accusing the high commissioner of Pakistan of forging my signature. I said I wasn't accusing

Akbar of forging my signature.

"So, you did write *Jinnah*," says Seamus Milne.

Out of the bag burst pussy. The UK and Pakistani papers picked up the story and when they called me, I told them that if Gen. Musharraf was handing out diplomatic posts for writing *Jinnah*, I would be quite happy to be Pakistan's ambassador to Tahiti and will look after Pakistan's interests after I've looked after some of my own. It was a joke! *Dawn* printed it.

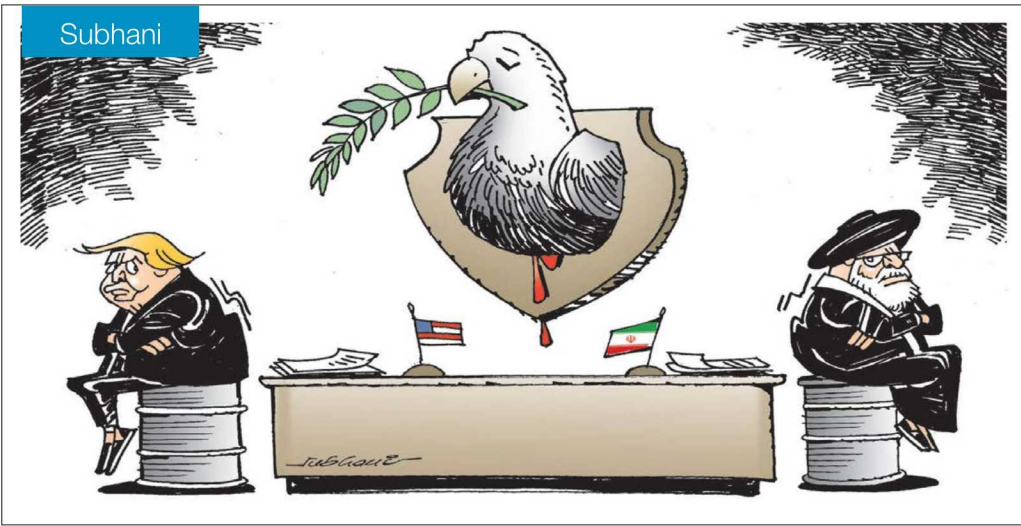
I subsequently met General (no longer supreme) and Mrs Musharraf at a friend's party and Mrs Musharraf asked me why my name was not on the film. I told her, and she, and the general, who was listening, said words to the effect of "that's absurd!"

So, to the latest of such reverses: I've written a play called *Karna: Warrior of The Sun*, based on the *Mahabharata*.

My good friend, a producer, proposed to stage it in India in partnership with the National School of Drama. Great!

He subsequently informs me that one of the members of the governing body of the National School insisted on cancelling the partnership on the grounds that the play was written by a non-Hindu, resident in Britain, with a reputation for being a Marxist.

Partnership duly cancelled... *O tempora! O mores!* But yes, it will reach the stage!



Did Fadnavis fiddle while Mumbai nearly drowned?



Shobhaa's Take

Rain... rain... go away... Little Donald wants to play..." While Mumbai drowned, the rest of the world stayed afloat, and in particular Big Bully Donald Trump, who tossed away any thoughts about a peace deal with Iran by declaring it was "over".

Closer to home, Mumbai just about managed to keep its head above water. Without writing another whiney column about the "multiple organ failures" of the BMC (Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation), which is the primary civic body responsible for the civic infrastructure and day-to-day administration of Mumbai, and also happens to be India's richest civic body, I do need to vent. When a megapolis virtually shuts down for two to three days, it is not just unacceptable but borders on the criminal.

A crime minus any punishment. Year after year, Mumbai comes to a standstill because of an annual event — the devastating monsoon. Note: This is an annual event. Not something that takes Mumbai by surprise. The Mumbai Monsoon is not an ambush. It is not a sneaky stealth attack that catches the city off guard. It is a closely tracked weather pattern. A known beast. "A Hungry Tide", that sweeps over a city with due warning. Year after year. Despite its predictability and well-established savage behaviour, the lack of preparedness by the civic authorities is nothing short of vicious negligence. It is a wonder, in a city that boasts of the country's top legal brains, nobody has taken the authorities to court on behalf of citizens. When things get desperate, we invoke the mysterious "Spirit of Mumbai". Mumbai-kars are expected to miraculously rise to the

To add insult to injury, just as Mumbai was staggering back to life, the ineffective and weak Maharashtra government has announced a ₹13,000-crore 'flood plan'.

vehicles and warned motorists about the landslide. They deserve recognition and gratitude. But hey... that does not absolve the administration from taking full responsibility, owning up and explaining where that money was spent — who pocketed how much. Rampant corruption in high places has paralysed Mumbai for decades... But the worm is ready to turn!

Despite the downpour that converted Mumbai into a filthy, dangerous swamp, there was reason to cheer — two high-profile celebrity *shaadis* were celebrated with the expected *dhoam dhaam* — nothing was allowed to dampen the spirits of Bollywood revellers. Mumbai loves its "Monsoon Weddings", especially if those involve our movie folks. Aamir Khan, 61, lived up to his well-established reputation as a life-long, diehard non-conformist, by marrying for the third time, surrounded by his loving family (which includes two former wives and their children).

The latest Khan wedding generated such a strong buzz on social media that for a few short, sweet hours we forgot all about our soggy, miserable, rain-soaked lives, and joined the party. Hurrah! Aamir set a new fashion trend for desi bridegrooms by wearing heavy anklets and a nose clip. Disappointingly, a beautiful "maang tikka", *sindoor* and *mangalsutra* were missing from his attire.

Not to worry. The wedding of Anshula marked the first marriage in Boney Kapoor's family. It was celebrated with all the traditional trimmings associat-

LETTERS

OLYMPICS DREAMS

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy deserves appreciation for establishing a Sports University (Hyd July 10). This forward-looking initiative will strengthen sporting talent and help Telangana and India win more medals in the future.

Sanjay Mahadas Pocharam

GRANDPA REVANTH

The photograph of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy making puris for his grandson highlights the importance of grandparents spending precious time with children.

M.A. Hadi Shahid Hyderabad

ENUMERATION FORMS

Minor name differences between Aadhaar and voter ID are forcing voters to choose offline submission of enumeration forms (*EF distribution: Poll authorities cover over 99%, July 10*). The EC should allow small corrections through Form 8 while linking mobiles, easing the process for voters.

N. Nagarajan Hyderabad

GURUKUL MEALS

The food poisoning of 40 Gurukul students exposes serious negligence in hostel kitchens (*40 Gurukul students fall ill after hostel meal, July 10*). Those responsible for the incidents must be punished.

Siraj ur Rahman Hyderabad

LAND GRABBING

The encroachment of land allotted for a police station is alarming (*HYDRABAD removes police land encroachments, July 9*). HYDRABAD's recovery of government land suggests that such illegal occupation was systematic. The previous government must explain how it happened and what action was taken.

Narendra Kumar Hyderabad

CYBER FRAUDS

The surge in cyber fraud is eroding trust in digital services (*Man looks for stocks on SM, duped of ₹86 L, July 9*). As even careful users fall prey to scams, the government, banks and technology firms must strengthen security, and ensure swift action.

Scian Venessa Stanislaus Hyderabad

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SHORT TAKES

RAIL PAX SEEK
EARLY OPENING OF
MALKAJGIRI STNDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Residents and rail passengers have urged the South Central Railway (SCR) to include Malkajgiri Railway Station in the proposed inauguration of redeveloped stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, following a recent inspection of works at Hi-Tech City station by the general manager.

The appeal comes amid reports that Hitec City Railway Station, redeveloped under the scheme, is proposed to be virtually inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 17. In a representation to the SCR general manager, the train travellers association sought inclusion of Malkajgiri station in the same programme, stating that redevelopment works there have also been completed.

Members of the Zonal Railway Users Consultative Committee (ZRUC) and Divisional Railway Users Consultative Committee (DRUCC) said passengers have been awaiting commissioning of the upgraded facilities. They requested the railway administration to expedite the inauguration, enabling the shift of the booking office to the new building and opening of the ladies' washrooms for public use.

SCR GM INSPECTS
STATION WORKS,
SAFETY SYSTEMSDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 9

South Central Railway (SCR) general manager Sanjay Kumar Srivastava conducted a detailed inspection of railway infrastructure and stations between Secunderabad and Shankarpalli on Thursday, including a rear window inspection of the section.

The general manager reviewed signalling systems, track conditions, sectional speeds and a minor bridge between Nagalappalli and Shankarpalli. At the Shankarpalli station, he assessed passenger amenities and reviewed the progress of ongoing redevelopment works. At Nagalappalli, he inspected facilities including the foot overbridge, circulating area, station building, newly constructed ramp and a nearby level crossing gate.

EX-RAILWAY
STAFF PROTEST
FORCEFUL EVICTIONDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Members of the All India Railway Retired Federation (AIRRF) staged a protest against the alleged forcible eviction of their federation premises and met railway officials in Hyderabad to press their demands.

A delegation of over 100 leaders and members met the divisional railway manager (DRM) and senior divisional personnel officer (Sr. DPO) of the Hyderabad Division, along with additional divisional railway manager and assistant personnel officer of the Secunderabad division, to oppose the eviction.

The federation alleged that power and essential services to the premises were disconnected without notice, causing hardship to users, particularly senior citizens. It stated that no official notice had been served and no consent was given for the eviction, terming the action unauthorised.

Railway officials said the matter would be examined following the meeting.

CEO: ECI may extend
SIR forms deadline

Says instructions issued to BLOs for complete voter coverage

MD NIZAMUDDIN | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Telangana Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) C. Sudharshan Reddy on Friday indicated the possibility of extending the dates for submission of enumeration forms and the ongoing phase of enumeration as part of the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll in Telangana.

Responding to queries from the media during a 'Meet the Press' event here, he said if that if the booth-level officers (BLOs) and electoral registration officers (EROs) requested the Election Commission of India, and based on the feedback from the state, the poll panel may extend the date. "This does not come under our jurisdiction. The Election Commission of India will take a call. We will let it know about the situation when the ECI asks (about the progress)," he clarified.

In wake of complaints that a large number of voters in Hyderabad district had not received enumeration forms, though data released by the poll panel showed the exercise was nearly complete, Sudharshan Reddy said strict directions would be issued to district electoral officers (DEO) to strengthen the monitoring mechanism and to issue clear instructions to the BLOs to ensure all the voters are covered.

Explaining why the SIR process was lagging in urban pockets like Hyderabad, Sudharshan Reddy acknowledged that BLOs were facing problems on ground while identifying voters. He said that unlike in rural areas, there were issues like mix-up of addresses and choco-bloc houses in the cities and towns and BLOs were mostly unfamiliar with the area where they were deployed.

"Even during the mapping phase, they struggled to locate the houses. For most BLOs, the area in which they are working is new. Once again clear directions will be given to the officials and to the Hyderabad DEO to increase monitoring," the CEO said. Over the issue of citizens holding voter IDs in different



Telangana Chief Electoral Officer C. Sudharshan Reddy speaks to media at a Press Club over ongoing SIR on Friday.

DEO issues notices
to 3 lagging EROsNABINDER
BOMMALA | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Hyderabad district electoral officer (DEO) R.V. Karnan, the GHMC commissioner, on Friday issued showcause notices to the electoral registration officers (EROs) of Sanathnagar, Musheerabad and Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly segments in view of their tardy performance in the ongoing special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral roll.

According to Karnan, the progress of SIR data digitisation in these constituencies was significantly below the expected standards. He conveyed a stern warning to all low-performing officers to improve their performance immediately. Karnan earlier conducted a comprehensive review meeting on the

progress of the SIR with all EROs and election officials of Hyderabad district. The meeting focused on the status of data digitisation, timely completion of enumeration forms, and adherence to the Election Commission's prescribed schedule.

During the review, he expressed serious concern over the poor performance of the EROs in the three segments and issued showcause notices.

He directed all EROs to closely monitor the digitisation process, ensure accuracy and timely completion of all pending work, and maintain daily progress.

He reiterated that any negligence or delay in the SIR process will be viewed seriously and appropriate action will be initiated against the responsible officials.

Sudharshan Reddy clarified that by the time the SIR process was complete, no voter would have two votes, even in different states. "From time to time the ECI runs a software to detect DSEs (demographically similar entries). Even during the ongoing process, the ECI runs this software. Once a voter is identified as having two votes, even in different states, he or she would have to face inquiry by the ERO," he said.

"Voters will be given a choice and the EPIC details of one card will be removed from the electoral roll. If DSE finds two votes with a voter after the SIR, the voter

will get a notice and may end up facing punishment of up to one year in jail, besides a penalty," Sudharshan Reddy explained.

Replying to a question over missing data of SIR-2002 in several booths of Fatehnagar in Balanagar under Kukatpally division, Sudharshan Reddy clarified the voters would receive notice based on which poll officials would take action. "Separate instructions will be given in such instances," he clarified.

Over alleged presence of 'Rohingya voters' in the city, Sudharshan Reddy made it clear that even if they had received voter IDs in recent years, they would receive

OWAISI SEEKS
PRCs FOR STATE
ELECTORATEDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Referring to readily available citizens information in what he called authentic databases of the Telangana government, AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi reiterated his demand that the state government issue permanent residence certificates (PRC) or PRC (family register certificates) to voters. Owaisi, along with TMREIS vice-chairman Md Faheem Qureshi, was speaking after meeting Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju on Friday.

Posting details on his X handle, the AIMIM president also referred to Karnataka government's decision to issue PRCs and demanded that the Revanth Reddy government must consider doing so in Telangana under Article 162. "If Revanth Reddy accepts, it will be beneficial to poor people of Telangana in getting their names in the final SIR list, which will save them many troubles and inconvenience. The Karnataka government is issuing PRC certificates through a GO under Karnataka Sakala Services Act 2011," he noted.

Owaisi stated that Telangana had authentic databases of the state's population including the Samagra Kutumba Survey, the Socio Economic & Caste Survey of 2024 and 2025, BHU Bharati Act 2025, food security card database of the civil supplies department, municipal tax records, school and board records. "Let us hope a positive decision is taken in the larger interest of the poor, minorities, BCs, SC & ST of Telangana," he added.

notices as they would not figure in the 2002 SIR list. "EROs have been given separate instructions over the areas which are in our focus. We have asked the officials to take extra care while dealing with these cases," the official added.



"Save M.S. Magta & B.S. Magta" rally to stand in solidarity with the residents and raise our voice against the ongoing HYDRAA actions.

— DC

protester said. However, HYDRAA commissioner A.V. Ranganath said no such notices had been issued. "We were unaware of the protest. HYDRAA has not

issued any notices to residents of MS Magta or BS Magta. The protest may have been triggered by misinformation."

He later visited the area and interacted with resi-

dents. "When I met the residents, they said some local opposition leaders had told them that HYDRAA had issued notices to 40 houses. The residents were allegedly misled and mobilised to stage the protest."

Some residents said they joined the protest based on information circulating locally. Bismal B. Bi, a resident of MS Magta for 50 years, said, "When I heard that our houses might be demolished, I was terrified. We belong to BPL families and have nowhere else to go." Another resident, Farah Begum, said, "I was born here 35 years ago. After hearing the news from local residents, I joined the protest."

Bonalu 2026: Twin cities
set for month long festivalDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The city is set to celebrate Ashada Bonalu, the major festival dedicated to Goddess Mahankali, beginning at Golconda on July 16. The celebrations will continue through the month, with key events at Old City temples and the Ujjaini Mahankali temple in Secunderabad. At a coordination meeting held at Golconda fort, endowments minister Konda Surekha directed officials from various departments to work in close

coordination for the smooth conduct of the festival that concludes on August 13. She unveiled the Bonalu poster and brochure. The festival will feature rituals, processions and offerings expected to draw large crowds. In Secunderabad, the main Bonalu and presentation of silk cloth by the government are scheduled for August 2, followed by Ranganam and the traditional elephant procession on August 3. Officials have been instructed to complete all arrangements in advance for traffic management, queue

lines, barricades, parking, drinking water, sanitation, electricity, medical services, fire safety and special buses. Special attention has also been asked for the July 16, 19, 23, 26, 30 and August 2, 6, 9 and 13 ceremonies. She emphasised cleanliness in and around temple premises and ordered mobile toilets, drinking water points, medical camps and continuous 108 ambulance services. GHMC has been told to follow timelines, while the electricity department has been asked to take extra care with wiring.

DCP REVIEWS
BONALU SAFETY
ARRANGEMENTSDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Secunderabad DCP Rakshit Krishna Murthy here on Thursday discussed vital arrangements, safety protocols, and precautionary measures required to ensure the smooth, safe, and peaceful conduct of the Sri Ujjaini Mahankali Bonalu festival.

The DCP emphasised to police officials and civic department heads the need for seamless coordination among all wings. Instructions were issued to the respective government departments to ensure timely compliance with all planned measures, at a convergence meeting held for the smooth conduct of the festival.

Heads of all government departments concerned, members of the Ujjaini Mahankali Temple Committee, organisers of Palaram bandi, tohela, and welcome stage attended the meeting. Additional DCP J. Narsalah, ACP Ch. Sridhar, and Mahankali inspector S. Ravi Kumar were present.

COURT GRANTS
INTERIM RELIEF TO
DMIT ASPIRANTSVUJINI
VAMSHIDHAR | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The Telangana High Court has granted interim relief to four Diploma in Medical Imaging Technician (DMIT) candidates, directing the authorities to accept their applications for technician posts notified by the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (Tims), while ordering that their results shall not be declared until further orders.

Justice K. Sarath passed the interim order while hearing a writ petition filed by the candidates who challenged the eligibility criteria prescribed in the recruitment notification issued by the Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (Nims) for appointments at Tims. The petitioners contended that they possessed the qualification of DMIT and were eligible for appointment to the posts of X-Ray/C-Arm Technician Grade-II, CT Technician Grade-II and MRI Technician under the ad hoc Rules notified through GO Ms. No. 65 of the health department, dated July 9, 2018.

DIRECTORATE OF ADMISSIONS
JAWAHARLAL NEHRU TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD
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ADMISSION TO PART TIME POST GRADUATE PROGRAMS - 2026-27
NOTIFICATION

Adv. No.: JNTUH/Admissions/PTPG/2026-27 Dt. 11.07.2026

Online Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for admission into Part Time Post Graduate M.Tech/MBA Programs (3 Years Duration) offered by JNTUH, Kukatpally Campus, Hyderabad for the academic year 2026-27.

Admissions will be made on the basis of performance in the Entrance Examination conducted by JNT University Hyderabad. Eligibility, Online Application form, Entrance Test syllabus and other details are available JNTUH Website www.jntuh.ac.in and <https://doa.jntuh.ac.in>.

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OFFICE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL: CHEVELLA:
RANGA REDDY DISTRICT
E-Procurement Tender Notice

Lr No. E/15/3/2026 Dt: 10.07.2026.

Online tenders are being invited through the e-procurement platform by the Commissioner, Chevella Municipality, Ranga Reddy District for (02) works amounting Rs. 49.50 Lakhs (MGP). The tender schedule can be downloaded from 13.07.2026 at 11:00 AM and will be received by the Commissioner, Chevella Municipality until 20.07.2026 at 11:00 AM. Tenderers can obtain further details from the e-procurement website at www.tender.telangana.gov.in. Last date for receipt of tenders for these (02) works valued at Rs. 49.50 Lakhs is 20.07.2026, at 11:00 AM. For further details Contact No. 7780149868.

Sd/- Commissioner,
Chevella Municipality.

DIPR RO. No. 5864-PP/C/ADVT/2026-27

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY
E-Tendering Tender Notice

Chief Project Manager, Gati Shakti, North Central Railway, Jhansi for and behalf of President of India invites sealed "Open Tender" through on Line (E-Tendering) for the following work:

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Earnest Money (Rs.): 869900.00 | Date of closing Tender: 30.07.2026

Date of completion/period from issue acceptance letter: 06 month

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Vacancy Circular
No. 1(3)/2026-ABCD
Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Electronics Niketan, 6-CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003

Calling Applications for filling up the post of Director General, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous body under MeitY.

Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) proposes to fill up the post of Director General, Software Technology Parks of India (STPI), an autonomous body under MeitY, in pay level 15 of the Pay Matrix (Rs. 1,82,200 - Rs. 2,24,100), through Direct Recruitment/Deputation basis. Last date for receipt of application would be the day falling after 45 days from the date of publication of the advertisement in the Employment News.

2. Detailed advertisement and application proforma can be obtained from websites of MeitY (www.meity.gov.in); STPI (www.stpi.in); Department of Personnel & Training (DoPT) (www.persmin.gov.in); and National Career Services Portal (www.ncs.gov.in).

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Vacancy Circular
No. 7(7)/2026-ABCD
Government of India
Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Electronics Niketan, 6-CGO Complex, New Delhi - 110003

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COMMUTER | FRIENDLY

User feedback sought before launch of revamped beta version

IRCTC to reduce captchas, booking steps

SANJAY SAMUEL
PAUL | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Indian Railways is set to launch the beta version of the revamped IRCTC website on Friday, with officials seeking user feedback ahead of its full rollout. The current website has been swamped by complaints over its user-unfriendliness.

The beta version introduces four key changes: removal of unnecessary captchas, pop-ups and graphics; visibility of seat availability across classes; faster checkout with fewer booking steps; and easier

repeat booking through saved passenger details. Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) and Centre For Railway Information Systems (CRIS) officials recently met students of Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur, who reviewed the beta version on July 10. The interaction follows earlier feedback from the students highlighting issues in the existing platform.

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They added that the passenger reservation system, in use for nearly four

decades and powering train booking applications, is being upgraded while remaining operational. "The upgrade has involved extensive work while keeping the system operational without disruption. The

new passenger reservation system will be launched soon."

On Tatkal bookings, officials said efforts to curb bot activity were ongoing. "We have taken several measures to curb bots in Tatkal bookings. While there has been some improvement, it remains a continuing challenge and further efforts are needed. We will continue to strengthen safeguards against such misuse."

They also noted that the RailOne app has crossed four crore downloads and has emerged as a major platform for railway services.

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Offline & Online Pre-Bid Meeting: 22.07.2026 at 11:30 Hrs.
Venue: At Secunderabad, RLDA Office
(Offline & Online Pre-bid Meeting details to be obtained from Manager/Project/Expert/SC/RLDA)
Last Date of Submission of e-Bid Online: 18.08.2026 up to 15:00 Hrs.

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SHORT TAKES

TGPCB ORDERS
CLOSURE OF 53
INDUSTRIESDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The Telangana Pollution Control Board (TGPCB) said it had ordered 53 industries to close or stop production after reviewing 260 units between January and June.

The reviews took place during task force meetings, according to a statement. The board said the action followed violations of pollution-control norms.

It also issued directions to 118 industries during the six-month period. Bank guarantees worth ₹1.75 crore were forfeited after industries failed to comply with PCB norms, the board said.



From left: Prof. Duncan H. Gregory, University of Glasgow with Prajakta Dange and Dr. Pratap Kollu of the University of Hyderabad.

ROYAL SOCIETY
HONOURS UOH
SCIENTIST KOLLUDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Dr. Pratap Kollu of the University of Hyderabad has been awarded the prestigious visiting fellowship by the Royal Society, UK. He is an assistant professor at the Centre for Advanced Studies in Electronics Science and Technology (CASEST), UoH's School of Physics.

Accompanied by his PhD research scholar Prajakta Dange, Dr. Kollu recently concluded a 10-day international academic exchange visit to the University of Glasgow, UK, where he also served as an honorary faculty member.

According to a statement, the UoH team collaborated with Prof. Duncan H. Gregory, Chair in Inorganic Materials at the School of Chemistry, University of Glasgow. Their deliberations and experimental strategies focused on critical, future-ready domains including advanced functional materials, smart instrumentation systems and next-generation energy storage systems.

This fellowship programme is supported by the Yusuf and Farida Hamied Foundation, established by the prominent scientist, leader, and philanthropist Dr. Yusuf Hamied, Chairman of the pharmaceutical manufacturer Cipla.

NIT WARANGAL
HOSTS GLOBAL
COMPUTING MEETNARLAGIRI YADAGIRI | DC
WARANGAL, JULY 10

The department of mathematics at the National Institute of Technology (NIT) Warangal inaugurated a three-day international conference on scientific computing and visualisation at the institute's Raman Hall on Friday.

Titled "Knowledge and Advances in Scientific Computing Jointly with Visualisation for Real-World Applications (KAS-IJVR 2026)", the conference, to conclude on July 12, brings together academics and researchers to discuss advances in scientific computing, mathematical modelling and visualisation.

Prof. Sridhar Rao Gunakala, professor and head at the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, in his inaugural speech, said, "Scientific computing and visualisation have become indispensable to modern research, enabling data-driven solutions to complex scientific and societal challenges." Prof. P.V.S.N. Murthy of IIT Kharagpur and Prof. Y.V.S.S. Sanayiraju of IIT Madras were present.

NIT Warangal-in-charge director Prof. N.V. Umamahesh said the conference focused on the rapidly evolving field and underlined the role of scientific computing and visualisation in addressing complex research challenges. The session was presided over by Prof. R.S. Selvaraj, head of the department of mathematics. Prof. D. Srinivasacharya, chairman of KASI-JVR 2026, outlined the objectives and emphasised need for collaborative research. The conference is being organised to mark the contributions of Prof. K.N.S. Kasi Viswanatham and Prof. J.V. Ramanamurthy on the occasion of their retirement.

Sajjanar targets mule
accounts, ghost SIMs

Says Hyderabad loses nearly ₹1 crore daily to cyber frauds

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Mule accounts and ghost SIMs are the lifeline of cybercrime networks and must be eliminated through coordinated efforts, city police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said here on Friday. He asked banks, telecom operators, regulators and law enforcement agencies to pitch in with measures to end the menace.

He remarked that the country should aspire to see a day when a bank can proudly display a board stating, "This Bank Has No Mule Accounts."

Emphasising the importance of swift reporting, he urged citizens to remember 1930, the National Cyber Crime Helpline Number, describing it as the "golden hour" lifeline for victims. The faster a fraud is reported, the greater the chances of freezing and recovering the money he added.

Cybercrimes are among the most organised forms of crime anywhere in the world, operating across jurisdictions and leveraging technology, social engineering and sophisticated fraud mechanisms to target unsuspecting citizens, he observed.

Highlighting the scale of the challenge, he noted that Hyderabad alone is losing nearly ₹1 crore every day to cyber frauds, underlining the urgent need for collective action.

"We need to address these issues holistically. Law enforcement agencies, banks, telecom companies, technology providers, educational institutions, industry bodies and citizens must work together to build a secure digital ecosystem," he said.

Calling awareness the most powerful weapon against cyber fraud, he stated: "The most impor-



Hyderabad police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar speaks at a round-table on digital trust and citizens protection organised by the FTCCI on Friday. — P. SURENDRA

Public safety measures planned
to reduce ORR accidents furtherDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

City police commissioner V.C. Sajjanar said that the administration was actively exploring the possibility of introducing an artificial intelligence (AI)-based electronic enforcement system on the Outer Ring Road (ORR), which has seen a spate of fatal accidents. This technology will enable seamless identification of diverse traffic violations and help clamp down heavily on chronic, habitual offenders. Speaking at a coordination meeting on safety on the ORR, expressing concern over the behavioural pattern of drivers,

he pointed out that analysis shows nearly 99 per cent of flagged vehicles were repeat offenders. Stating that stationary and broken-down vehicles on the ORR posed an extreme hazard and have often led to fatal accidents, he directed the patrolling teams and infrastructure partners to ensure their immediate removal.

Sajjanar strictly warned against parking or stopping vehicles on the main carriage-way and urged commuters to immediately dial the toll-free helpline number 14449 for swift assistance if their vehicle breaks down.

The meeting witnessed the active participation of

HMDA commissioner Sarfaraz Ahmad, and HMDA urban forestry director Rohit Gopidi, along with representatives from NHAI, GHMC, HGCL, IRB Infra, as well as traffic DCPs and additional DCPs from the Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Malkajigiri.

Senior officials reviewed the progress of the decisions taken during the previous coordination meeting held in May. Addressing the dignitaries, it was stated that 80 critical accident-prone spots have been identified across the ORR stretch and enforcement has already been strengthened at several locations.

through awareness is far more effective than recovery after a fraud has occurred." He was addressing over 200 participants, including industry

leaders, bankers, cybersecur-

ity professionals, legal experts, government officials and citizens, a press release issued by the commissioner's office stated.

2 arrested for cheating investors

SANDEEP ERUKALA | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Police have arrested two persons for allegedly cheating thousands of investors by promising high returns through a fraudulent scheme. The accused, identified as Mojesh and Lalithambika, were taken into custody by

the Sarpavaram police for operating under the name "Almighty Genesis" and duping investors on a large scale.

According to police, the duo lured people with promises of hefty profits and collected large sums of money from unsuspecting victims. During the investigation, officials

seized six laptops, four mobile phones, a car, bond papers and other documents from the accused.

Preliminary findings revealed that 7,342 people had invested in the scheme.

Of these, around 3,000 victims are from the undivided East Godavari district alone. Police said the

accused had collected approximately Rs 98.66 crore from investors, out of which ₹37.74 crore remains unpaid.

A case has been registered, and further investigation is underway to trace the money trail and identify any additional accused involved in the scam.

3-day training on
six sigma for MHMDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

A special three-day training programme on "Six Sigma" for Master of Hospital Management (MHM) students and resident medical officers (RMOs) was launched on Friday at the learning centre in the Nims old building.

The programme is being conducted under the Nims administration department in coordination with Dr. Martha Ramesh, the Six Sigma Training coordinator.

Speaking at the inaugural session, Nims director Prof. Rahul Devaraj noted

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about the importance of the Six Sigma methodology in enhancing quality standards within hospital administration.

He advised students and medical officers to develop a comprehensive understanding of modern management practices to ensure the delivery of quality medical services.

Dim lights please



Members of the Hyderabad Cycling Revolution, along with traffic and law and order police conduct a "No High Beam" awareness campaign at Gachibowli circle on Friday. —K. DURGA RAO

BOON TO | AYURVEDA

Telangana biodiversity boosts medicinal plant exports; Demand for Ayurveda seats grows

Centre charts roadmap to take Ayurveda global

NEERAJ KUMAR | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The Centre has signalled plans to globalise Ayurveda, positioning the traditional system as a credible, evidence-backed wellness and healthcare option in international markets. The move comes as other nations, notably China, expand their traditional medicine outreach, adding urgency to India's efforts.

NITI Aayog has released a document outlining short, medium and long term goals up to 2047, focusing on integrating Ayurveda into health systems, providing insurance coverage, setting up inter-

national centres of excellence and creating global quality frameworks.

By 2047, the roadmap envisages Ayurveda recognised in at least 20 national health systems and covered under insurance in at least 10 countries for selected conditions such as chronic back pain, osteoarthritis, sleep disorders, stress management and metabolic syndrome.

"With standard protocols and robust outcome data, Ayurveda can securely complement conventional care for lifestyle disorders. Evidence is the key that will unlock insurance and hospital channels abroad," said Dr. Anupama Rao, Ayurvedic practitioner

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● Demand for Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) seats in Telangana has risen modestly over five years, with higher application ratios from semi urban and rural areas.

and public health researcher. She added that Telangana's biodiversity and cultivation potential for medicinal plants give



● Authorities expect further growth with increased research funding and internationalisation.

the state a competitive edge in supplying high quality inputs for exports and research. The medicinal and aro-

Bheem Reddy diary reveals
Tollywood actor loan linkSYED OMAR FAROOQ | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The diary of suspended DSP Sankireddy Bheem Reddy, arrested earlier this week by the ACB in a ₹200-crore disproportionate asset case, has reportedly revealed the name of a Tollywood actor, to whom the cop had reportedly extended a ₹3-crore loan, a senior government woman officer.

The ACB is likely to issue notices and question the actor as part of its investigation, sources said. The diary also reportedly contains the names of several alleged benamis linked to substantial assets of Bheem Reddy. The ACB had said that the market value of the seized assets would be about ₹200 crore.

The ACB has stated that all those named will be questioned as the probe progresses.

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Bheem Reddy was arrested on Monday and sent on remand for 14 days to the Chanchalguda central prison. Sources said the ACB would seek his custody to question him on his alleged assets. Sources earlier said the ACB was questioning the suspected benamis to try and track the assets, whose documents its officials had recovered during the raids on Bheem Reddy and his associates. The ACB had conducted simultaneous searches at 16 locations of alleged

benamis of Bheem Reddy, family members, associates and friends in Telangana and Karnataka.

During the searches, ACB officials had recovered documents relating to several immovable properties, including a villa at Vessella Meadows in Ibrahim Bagh, a G-2 residential building with a penthouse and a flat in Teleconmagar, another flat in Gachibowli, two flats in Tellapur, open plots in Nagole, Patancheru and Pragati Resorts, commercial properties in Manikonda, agricultural land in Sangareddy, Vikarabad and Karnataka, besides an investment of ₹75 lakh in a rock sand mining company. The ACB seized about ₹43 lakh in cash as well as kg of gold ornaments, 20 kg of silver ornaments and bank balances of nearly ₹21 lakh.

Five SCCL mines
get 5 star ratingDC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Singareni Collieries Company Ltd (SCCL) has got national recognition with five of its mines awarded the prestigious 5 star rating in the Central government's annual best mine selection for 2024-25, officials said on Friday.

The Coal Controller Organisation (CCO), under the Union coal ministry, conducted the nationwide assessment this year from 382 applicants and selected 50 mines for the 5 star distinction.

From SCCL, R.K. Newtech and R.K. 6 (Srirampur area), J.V.R. OC 2 (Sattupalli area), Khairiguda open cast (Bellampalli area) and R.G. OC 1 (Ramagundam 3 area) mines have been selected as top performers. The selection is based on performance across 50 parameters grouped into seven categories, including mine working practices, use of extraction technology, financial health, worker welfare, community development in adjacent villages, safety and security measures for labour, and environmentally sustainable practices. Mines scoring above 90 per cent in the assessment are designated

ed 5 star after on site verification by expert teams from the CCO.

Officials said the inspection team recently carried out field visits to verify the information submitted by the company before declaring the awards.

The company described the honours as recognition of its strong performance in operations, worker safety, welfare initiatives and environment friendly measures.

This year's haul is notable for SCCL as five mines achieved five star status compared with four last year, marking the highest

number in the company's history for the assessment period.

In addition, 17 Singareni mines secured 4 star ratings. Deputy Chief Minister and energy minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka congratulated the SCCL management, mine officials and workers for the achievement. He lauded the company's sustained training, safety and welfare programmes and its role in supplying coal to meet the state's needs safely.

He urged other mines to emulate these best practices and expressed hope that more Singareni mines will earn 5 star ratings in future assessments.

Minister announces
Bhudhar cards soonDC CORRESPONDENT
NALGONDA, JULY 10

Revenue minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Thursday announced that Bhudhar cards, land ownership documents with unique geo referenced IDs, would be distributed to every farmer owning land.

Speaking at the Rythu Ashwada Sabha in Raghunadhapuram, Khammam district, he said that after completion of the land survey, Bhudhar cards with maps would be issued to

all farmers within two years.

Surveys are under way in 79 villages in each district as part of a pilot project.

He said the Congress government had already filled 71,000 vacant posts and would soon issue notification for recruitment of another 17,000.

Alleging that the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation scheme (KLIS) was built on "pillars of corruption," he accused the opposition BRS of trying to blame the Congress for its failures.

Government support for AYUSH research has grown, with expanded grants for clinical trials, new centres of excellence and digitisation of classical texts. The strategy urges a stronger evidence pipeline through randomised trials, observational cohorts and real world data registries, and recommends publishing an annual Ayurveda Global Evidence Report to build credibility.

The roadmap aims to standardise clinical evidence, boost exports, create jobs across cultivation, research and wellness tourism, and ensure equitable benefit sharing for communities that conserve medicinal biodiversity.

SHORT TAKES

FREE PUSHPAK RIDE WITH TICKET TO BENGALURU

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has introduced a facility offering free local travel in Hyderabad for passengers travelling to Bengaluru. Under the initiative, passengers booking TGSRTC bus tickets on the Hyderabad-Bengaluru route can avail complimentary travel on Pushpak AC services between various parts of the city and Shamshabad Airport. The free travel can be accessed by presenting a valid Bengaluru-bound TGSRTC ticket.

NAARM LAUNCHES GOLDEN JUBILEE WITH FCOARS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

As part of its golden jubilee celebrations of National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM) launched the Fcoars (Foundation Course for Agricultural Research Service) Retreat on Friday. The retreat aims to gather suggestions from Fcoars veterans for improving the curriculum, design, and duration.

"The rich experiences of veteran agricultural scientists should be documented and shared with younger scientists for the greater benefit of the agriculture sector," said Dr Yashpal Singh Malik, DDG, agricultural education, ICAR.

Dr R. Meenakshi Sundaram, director, NAARM, said that learning from the rich experiences of veteran leaders and policy experts in agricultural research management would enable NAARM to nurture future-ready leaders in agricultural science.

Through such leadership, he said, the institution could contribute towards realizing the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 through service to farmers.

HETERO TO HIRE 300+ QUALIFIED INTER STUDENTS

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Hetero Pharma, has partnered with the department of intermediate education to recruit more than 300 Intermediate (10+2) qualified candidates for its production and quality control departments across in its manufacturing units. About 70 candidates were recruited at the recent mega job mela organised under a Telangana Training & Placement initiative. The company expanded its hiring initiative to offer structured training and long term opportunities.

Hetero Pharma vice-president, HR, Dr S Venkata Jayapal Reddy, stated the company was happy to strengthen partnership with the department of intermediate education, and contribute to the state's vision of enhancing employability. Intermediate education director Abhilasha Abhinav added "This collaboration will help young graduates gain access to industry-relevant training and sustainable career paths in the pharmaceutical sector."



CLUSTER BUSTER Unions opposing consolidation of govt schools into cluster campuses

Corp., govt schools shut during bandh

MRITTIKA BANERJEE | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Several private and corporate schools remained closed on Friday after seven Left student unions called a statewide bandh of educational institutions from KG to PG. The Telangana government did not declare a holiday, so government schools and colleges functioned unevenly, while activists visited campuses in the city.

The bandh was called by SPI, AISE, PDSU, AIDSO, AIFDS, AISB and AIPSU. AISE and PDSU activists

who went to government schools and colleges, raised slogans against the government in support of their demands and asked management to suspend classes. SFT's Ghatkesar unit said that it had successfully enforced the bandh in the area. AIYF Telangana extended "complete support" to the protest. No clash, mass detention, road blockade or disruption to Metro and RTC services was reported in the city by Friday evening.

The unions opposed the proposed consolidation of government schools into

cluster campuses. Their demands included appointment of a full-time education Minister, recruitment to vacant teaching and administrative posts, regulation of private-school fees, and release of pending scholarships and fee reimbursement dues. They also sought withdrawal of GOs 7, 8 and 9, enforcement of the Right to Education quota in private schools, free uniforms and textbooks, better mid-day meal funding, and meals for government junior college students.



Police detain Left student organisation members protesting at the Ministers' Quarters in Banjara Hills, on Friday, demanding the release of pending fee reimbursement and scholarship dues.

— P. SURENDRA

Mujahid aide held for Moizuddin's murder

Police were keeping watch on Mujahid's associates, dad

SYED OMAR FAROOQ | DC
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Special teams probing the murder of High Court advocate and Waaf activist Khaja Moizuddin on Friday evening detained prime accused Mujahid Alam Khan's alleged henchman Mohammed Majid from the Anwar-ul-Uloom College. He was being questioned by the police. Moizuddin was mowed down by a car in front of his residence on May 23. It is reported that the police were keeping a

CLOSE WATCH

- Prime accused Mujahid Alam Khan's alleged henchman Mohammed Majid was detained from the college, Gyanesh, sources disclosed.



- Police reportedly collected the call data records of a security guard at the college, Gyanesh, sources disclosed.
- Sources said that based on a tip-off that Hassan Ali was taking shelter in Ooty,

watch on the associates of Mujahid and his father Mahbub Alam Khan who is the second accused in the murder

case. Police reportedly collected the call data records of a security guard at the college, Gyanesh, sources dis-

closed. Sources said police were on the lookout for Mujahid's driver Mohammed Munee and henchmen Hassan Ali 'Chaus', accused in the murder case and currently listed as absconding.

Sources said that based on a tip-off that Hassan Ali was taking shelter in Ooty, a special team had reached the hill station town in Tamil Nadu. However, the accused had escaped by them.

Sources said police also searched what was believed to be Mujahid Alam Khan's villa in Bengaluru.

Kerala man repays 25-yr-old debt to friend in Telangana

RAGHU PAITHARI | DC
KARIMNAGAR, JULY 10

A Kerala migrant worker travelled to Telangana's Jagtial district to repay a debt he had owed a friend for 25 years, proving that honesty can stand the test of time.

Mohammed Ismail, a native of Kerala, and Edla Lachanna of Dharmapuri became close friends while working in Saudi Arabia in 1991. They shared a room with three other workers

for nearly five years. During that period, Ismail had borrowed 120 Saudi Riyals (around ₹1,000 then) from Lachanna.

After Lachanna returned to India, the two lost contact, as mobile phones were not widely available. Although Ismail wanted to repay the amount, he could not trace his friend for decades.

After recently returning to Kerala, Ismail resumed his search and eventually located Lachanna's address

using Google maps, despite having no phone number or other contact details.

On Thursday, Ismail travelled to Dharmapuri with his friends and handed over ₹25,000 to Lachanna's family as a gesture of gratitude and repayment. He also spoke to Lachanna, who is currently working in the Gulf, over the phone. Touched by the gesture, Lachanna praised Ismail's honesty and said the reunion reaffirmed the value of true friendship.

Government mulls bifurcation of Warangal corpn

NARLAGIRI YADAGIRI | DC
WARANGAL, JULY 10

The government is examining a proposal to bifurcate the Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation (GWMC) as part of its decentralisation plans to improve urban governance and service delivery.

According to sources, a minister from the erstwhile Warangal district and several Congress MLAs had placed the issue before Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The proposal envisages formation of Greater Warangal and Greater Hanamkonda corporations, to address administrative and developmental requirements of the expanding urban region.

The move has gained traction amid the government's broader plans to restructure civic bodies, with Warangal considered the state's second major urban centre after Hyderabad which has been divided into three civic bodies. Proponents argue that decentralised administration would improve efficiency in governance and delivery of civic services.

The GWMC has 66 divisions, including 26 in Warangal East Assembly constituency, 24 in Warangal West, three in Parkal and 13 in Wardhannapet, along with several merged villages and suburban areas. Sources said the govern-



Greater Warangal Municipal Corporation Office.

ment is also considering expansion of municipal limits by merging peripheral villages and urban colonies. This could increase the number of divisions by 15 to 20 before any bifurcation. Officials are expected to examine the proposal based on population, geographical spread and administrative feasibility.

The proposal remains at a preliminary stage and no decision has been taken. In the final meeting of the current GWMC council, a resolution was passed seeking an increase in divisions from 66 to 100, which has been forwarded to the Chief Minister for consideration.

WARANGAL TOPS POLICE EVENT

Warangal: The Warangal police commissionerate emerged as the top performer at the three-day Bhadradi zonal police duty meet, which concluded on Thursday at the Mamnor Police Training Centre. Warangal police commissioner N. Swetha presented medals to the winners at the valedictory ceremony. The commissionerate secured 28 medals, including 13 gold. Bhadradi Kothagudem won 12 medals, Mahbubabad 13 medals and Khammam nine medals. Officers who performed well at the zonal meet will represent the region at the state-level police meet.

S. E. RAILWAY - TENDER

Tender Notice No. : C-SRC-LAU-R-dt-100726. Senior Coaching Depot Officer, Santragachi, South Eastern Railway, Kharagpur Division, acting through the President of India invites an open tender, through e-tendering in www.irps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below. No offline tender will be accepted. Eligible tenders are requested to apply for the same through online only in www.irps.gov.in website as per details mentioned below. Please read the tender document uploaded in the document section for details. **Name of the work :** Maintenance of mechanized laundry machines & equipment at Coaching Depot, Santragachi and Operations of laundry machines for washing and packaging of linens for 03 years. **Tender Value :** ₹ 33,23,17,094.23 (including GST). **EMD :** ₹ 18,11,600/-. **Closing date of tender :** 03.08.2026 at 11:30 hrs. **Cost of tender Document :** ₹ 10,000/- (non-refundable) (PR-462)

NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY

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2	194785 Third Call 30.06.2026	Construction of Aamkot to Dutapipali Road Length 2.65 km. i/c Culverts and Bridge.	291.38	
3	194786 4th Call 30.06.2026	Construction Of High Level Bridge and Approach Road Across Chirapaini Nalla on Raighar-Chirapaini Road K.M. 9/2.	424.23	
4	194828 First Call 30.06.2026	CONSTRUCTION OF OVER PASS ON RING ROAD NO. 2 AT SONDONGARI CHOWK , RAIPUR.	3993.26	
5	194832 Second Call 30.06.2026	Construction of State Highways Junction Improvement Works & Installation of Crash Barriers in Accordance with RRC Provisions. Distt. Raighar.	383.08	
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7	194836 Second Call 30.06.2026	Construction of Additional Room at Govt. College Pussoure, i/c W.S.S.F. Electrification Work.	283.50	
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9	194833 Second Call 30.06.2026	Construction of Multipurpose Sport Stadium at Mahapali, i/c W.S.S.F. Electrification & Approach Road Works.	459.39	
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11	194840 4th Call 30.06.2026	CONSTRUCTION OF GOVT. COLLEGE BUILDING CHHOTEDONGAR DIST- NARAYANPUR i/c WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY FITTING, ELECTRIFICATION WORK Work Code :- W30853.	454.32	
12	194841 4th Call 30.06.2026	CONSTRUCTION OF 100 SEATER BOYS HOSTEL BUILDING FOR PVTG STUDENTS i/c ELECTRIFICATION, WATER SUPPLY, SANITARY FITTING AT GURIVA DISTT. NARAYANPUR (Deposit work-without escalation and bonus).	270.41	
13	194842 Second Call 30.06.2026	CONSTRUCTION OF BADESAJAPALI TO KHEKHALIDIPA HEDASAPALI ROAD LENGTH 3.20 KM. i/c BRIDGE & CULVERTS AT DIST. MAHASAMUND (MAHASAMUND DN.).	381.18	
14	194843 Second Call 30.06.2026	CONSTRUCTION OF SARDHI BAHADURPUR ROAD(MDR NO. 340), LENGTH 6.50 K.M. i/c. CULVERTS AT DIST. MAHASAMUND. (MAHASAMUND DN.).	1127.98	
15	194846 First Call 30.06.2026	SITC of 33/0.4 KV Outdoor Substation (Equipment), LT Cable, Hume Pipe, MV panels, area lighting, earthing works, Pumps, Lightning Arrestor, ELV works & Air Conditioner works in Integrated Sports Complex, Raighar (C.G.).	763.15	
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MMC finds dirty food during raid

Parivaar, Vedhasree, R. Royal Bawarchi hotels under lens

DC CORRESPONDENT
HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Food safety teams found expired food, pest-infested suji, poorly stored meat and hygiene lapses during inspections at eateries in Ghatkesar, Pocharam, Chintal and Gachibowli, while one restaurant was ordered to stop operations. Malkajgiri Municipal Corporation said expired sauces were found at Akshith's Tandoori Fusion Dhaba in Ghatkesar. Cooked meat and other food kept in poor condition, along with food colours, were discarded. Inspectors found greasy flooring, dusty walls and roof, unhygienic freezers and poor ventilation. An improvement notice was recommended, and the outlet scored 72 per cent on hygiene.

Inspection notes recorded expired mushrooms at Sree Parivaar Multicuisine Restaurant, about six kg of storage-pest-infested suji at Vedhasree Hotel and Hospitality Services, or Tulips Hotel, and housefly infestation at R. Royal Bawarchi. The suji and

food colours were discarded. Hygiene scores were 88 per cent for Sree Parivaar, 95 per cent for Tulips Hotel and 75 per cent for R. Royal Bawarchi. The inspections found missing pest-control records, absent medical fitness certificates, greasy floors, poor ventilation, badly maintained freezers, untrained food handlers and inadequate dustbins. Elsewhere, the Cyberabad Municipal Corporation (CMC) ordered Al Saba Restaurant in Gachibowli to stop operations over "serious food safety and hygiene violations". It will remain closed until it complies with the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, and receives clearance. "Food safety is non-negotiable," CMC said.

At KS Bakers Private Limited in Chintal, awarded 96 per cent, the FSSAI licence for transport vehicles was unavailable during inspection, while food-grade packaging certificates and internal audit reports were not maintained. The operator was told to correct the deficiencies.



MMC officials inspect food items that are rotting in the fridge during an inspection on Friday.

Azhar plans panel for Waqf Board

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Minister for minority welfare Mohammed Azharuddin has said the state government is planning to constitute a committee to examine the affairs of the Telangana State Waqf Board, streamline its functioning and protect its assets and properties.

In an interview with *Deccan Chronicle*, Azharuddin said the committee would also recommend measures to ensure that Waqf properties are used effectively for the welfare and development of Muslim minorities in the state. "There is no point in being the minister for minority welfare if I can't ensure that the Waqf Board, which comes under my ministry, functions effectively," he said. Azharuddin said, "We are planning to constitute a committee to look into the affairs of the Waqf Board, streamline its functioning, protect its assets and properties, and ensure they are used properly for the welfare and development of Muslims."

Referring to the killing of advocate Khaza Moizuddin

in connection with a Waqf land dispute, he said there were several long-pending cases relating to Waqf lands and properties and that all such cases would be verified.

On the Telangana government's Socio-Economic, Educational, Employment, Political and Caste Survey, Azharuddin said the data would be used to strengthen the welfare of Muslim minorities.

"We are using the survey data to identify gaps in education, employment and overall development among Muslim minorities. The findings will help us focus on weaker areas and formulate targeted welfare measures for the empowerment of the community," he said.

Highlighting the initiatives taken since assuming charge as minority welfare minister, Azharuddin said the government was giving top priority to education.

"We recently inaugurated two junior college buildings. A total of 20 buildings are ready for inauguration, and we are planning to establish 10 degree colleges each for boys and girls to reduce dropouts and encourage minority students to pursue higher education," he said.

Stop drainage at Habsiguda



Drainage water overflows onto the service road at Habsiguda, inconveniencing commuters and raising sanitation concerns.

— DEEPAK DESHPANDE

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA Revenue (LA) Department FORM VII				
(See Sub-rule (1) of Rule-25 and Section-19(1) of the Act-30/2013)				
AND				
(Act No. 21 of 2017 of Telangana Govt. Gazette No. 22 dt. 17.05.2017)				
Publication of Declaration				
G1/6180/2024 Lt. No. F/4687/2024		Date: 27.06.2026 Date: 15.06.2026		
Whereas it appears to the Government of Telangana/Collector that a total of Ac.12.30% gts. land is required in the Peddamunggal, Bachapuram, Kothapally, Kethapally and Perwala Villages of Neredugommu Mandal, Nalgonda District for public purpose, namely, Land proposed for acquisition for laying of Gravity Mains of Ambababavani Lift Irrigation Scheme on Foreshore of Nagarjuna Sagar Reservoir. Hence, below mentioned lands are notified under Section 19(1) of the Act, 30 of 2013 Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (Act, 30/2013).				
The Government of Telangana has issued G.O.Ms.No. 38 Irrigation & CAD (LA) Department dated: 09.11.2022 exempting the Ambababavani Lift Irrigation Scheme Project from the Provisions of Chapter-II & III under Sec-17 A, Act No. 21/2017 under RFCT in LA and R&R Act-2013.				
Therefore, declaration is made that a piece of land measuring more or less Ac.12.30% gts., of standard measurement, whose detailed description is as mentioned below, is under acquisition.				
Mandal: Neredugommu		Village: Peddamunggal		
Sl. No.	Sy. No. Classification	Extent (Ac. - Gts.)	Name of the Affected Person, Father/Husband Name	Other Particulars such as structures wells etc.,
1	2	3	4	5
1		0.005	Kethavath Ambaali W/o Makatala	
2	162 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts.	0.005	Kumbham Ankulu S/o Anthaiah	
3		0.005	Banavath Laali S/o Baala	
4		0.005	Banavath Beekya S/o Thavurya	
5		0.005	Banavath Baala S/o Thavurya	
6		0.005	Banavath Beekya S/o Thavurya	
7	163 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Laalu S/o Beelya	
8		0.005	Kethavath Bichya S/o Beelya	
9		0.005	Kethavath Chathriya S/o Beelya	
10		0.005	Kethavath Hari S/o Hanuma	
11	167 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Raghu S/o Thatthoji	
12		0.005	Kethavath Maniya S/o Peethiya	
13		0.005	Kethavath Raghu S/o Thatthoji	
14	168 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Laalu S/o Beelya	
15		0.005	Kethavath Moony S/o Meghya	
16		0.005	Kethavath Poolya S/o Shakru	
17	170 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Jagan S/o Jayaram	
18		0.005	Kethavath Rajesh S/o Dasru	
19	171 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts.	0.0025	Kethavath Somia S/o Thatthoji	
20	172 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Raghu S/o Thatthoji	
21	172 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts.	0.0025	Kethavath Poolya S/o Shakru	
22		0.0025	Kethavath Somia S/o Thatthoji	
23		0.005	Kethavath Rajesha S/o Mangintha	
24		0.005	Kethavath Sreenu S/o Mangintha	
25	177 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Heera S/o Jayaram	
26		0.005	Kethavath Rajeshwar S/o Dasru	
27		0.005	Kethavath Rajesh S/o Mangintha	
28		0.005	Kethavath Sreenu S/o Mangintha	
29		0.005	Kethavath Nanku S/o Pomya	
30		0.005	Kethavath Soni W/o Lalsingh	
31	178 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.065 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Sheela W/o Daaku	
32		0.010	Kethavath Hanuma S/o Lachu	
33		0.020	Kethavath Hanuma S/o Lachu	
34		0.010	Kethavath Naanku S/o Pomya	
35		0.010	Kethavath Soni S/o Laalsingh	
36	179 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Raaju S/o Thavurya	
37		0.005	Kethavath Raaju S/o Thavurya	
38		0.005	Kethavath Lalsingh S/o Thavurya	
39		0.005	Kethavath Baali W/o Dhansingh	
40	180 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Gamili W/o Maniya Naik	
41		0.005	Kethavath Hariash Naik S/o Daaku	
42		0.005	Kethavath Vinod Kumar S/o Daaku	
43	181 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Baali W/o Dhansingh	
44		0.010	Kethavath Baali W/o Dhansingh	
45	182 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Lachu S/o Sakru	
46		0.010	Vankunavath Venkataram S/o Thavurya	
47		0.005	Vankunavath Devusingh S/o Thavurya	
48	183 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.010	Vankunavath Buiji W/o Venkatram	
49	184 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.010	Vankunavath Buiji W/o Venkatram	
50		0.005	Kethavath Ramdas S/o Shakru	
51	187 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Ramesh S/o Shakru	
52		0.005	Kethavath Ramesh S/o Shakru	
53		0.005	Kethavath Ramesh S/o Shakru	
54	188 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.005	Islavath Rambabu S/o Venkravru	
55		0.005	Kethavath Ramesh S/o Shakru	
56	189 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Chenna S/o Lachu	
57	190 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.005	Mudavath Shankar S/o Taavurya	
58		0.005	Kethavath Papa S/o Ramachandru	
59	194 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.0025	Kethavath Saraya S/o Ramachandru	
60		0.0025	Kethavath Papa S/o Ramachandru	
61	195 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.005	Vankunavath Somani	
62		0.005	Vankunavath Maniya S/o Somani	
63	196 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts.	0.005	Vankunavath Vijayender S/o Somani	
64		0.025	Vankunavath Mohan S/o Venkati	
65		0.075	Vankunavath Haniya S/o Aala	
66	198 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.025	Lotavath Chandar S/o Taavurya	
67		0.025	Vankunavath Maadya S/o Bodya	
68	199 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts.	0.025	Lotavath Chandar S/o Taavurya	
69	200 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.005	Vankunavath Gopal S/o Aala	
70		0.005	Kethavath Naanku	
71		0.005	Lotavath Vasya S/o Hankya	
72		0.005	Donka (Bata)	
73		0.005	Lotavath Vasya S/o Hankya	
74		0.01	Kethavath Chinna S/o Lachu	
75		0.005	Govt Land	
76	201 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.2175 gts.	0.005	Mudavath Shankar S/o Thavura	
77		0.005	Kethavath Swamy S/o Mangintha	
78		0.005	Kethavath Papa S/o Ramchandru	
79		0.01	Govt Land	
80		0.005	Govt Land	
81		0.005	Govt Land	
82		0.005	Banavath Majaitaal S/o Seethya	
83		0.005	Banavath Samya S/o Seethya	
84		0.005	Govt Land	
85		0.005	Kethavath Mohilal S/o Lachu	
86		0.005	Govt Land	
87		0.005	Road	
88		0.005	Kethavath Lalsingh S/o Taavurya	
89		0.005	Kethavath Ramdas S/o Shakru	
90		0.0025	Kethavath Swamy S/o Mangintha	

91		0.005	Lotavath Kolya S/o Taavurya	
92		0.005	Govt Land	
93		0.005	Vankunavath Thavru S/o Lakya	
94		0.005	Vankunavath Thavru S/o Lakya	
95		0.005	Vankunavath Lachya S/o Bichya	
96		0.005	Govt Land	
97		0.005	Vankunavath Gopal S/o Bala	
98		0.005	Vankunavath Aala S/o Dhanya	
99		0.005	Vankunavath Haniya S/o Aala	
100		0.020	Govt Land	
101		0.005	Kethavath Bichya S/o Beelya	
102		0.010	Kethavath Ramdaas S/o Shkru	
103		0.005	Kethavath Ramdaas S/o Shkru	
104		0.005	Kethavath Ramdaas S/o Shkru	
105		0.005	Kethavath Ramdaas S/o Shkru	
106		0.005	Kethavath Ramulu S/o Shkru	
107		0.005	Kethavath Ramesh S/o Shkru	
108	202 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts.	0.0125	Vankunavath Lachya S/o Bichya	
109		0.0025	Vankunavath Nanda S/o Bichya	
110	203 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts.	0.0025	Vankunavath Jayendar S/o Somani	
111		0.0025	Vankunavath Gowda S/o Bichya	
112		0.005	Vankunavath Redya S/o Naanya	
113		0.0025	Vankunavath Nanda S/o Bichya	
114	204 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.0025	Canal	
115		0.0025	Vankunavath Nanda S/o Bichya	
116	205 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts.	0.0025	Vankunavath Chanti S/o Redya	
117		0.005	Vankunavath Panthi S/o Boiya	
118	219 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.0025	Lotavath Vasya S/o Hankya	
119		0.0025	Road	
120		0.0050	Lotavath Vasya S/o Hankya	
121		0.0025	Lotavath Bodya S/o Dharma	
122		0.0025	Jatavath Mangulal S/o Somani	
123	220 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0175 gts.	0.0025	Lotavath Laalya S/o Daakya	
124		0.0025	Lotavath Vasya S/o Hankya	
125		0.0025	Lotavath Taanya S/o Bichya	
126		0.0025	Lotavath Surya S/o Taanya	
127		0.0025	Lotavath Daaky S/o Bichya	
128		0.005	Kethavath Venkatraam S/o Chandu	
129		0.005	Kethavath Laxmi W/o Heera	
130	230 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.03 gts.	0.005	Kevathavath Dharjan W/o Daaku	
131		0.005	Kethavath Jogu S/o Thavru	
132		0.005	Donka Bata S/o Donka Bata	
133		0.005	Kethavath Dhanasing S/o Thavru	
134	232 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts.	0.010	Kethavath Mothilaal S/o Lachu	
135		0.005	Kethavath Venkatraam S/o Chandu	
136		0.005	Kethavath Pool Singh S/o Bichya	
137		0.005	Kethavath Harishingh S/o Kaalya	
138		0.005	Bakkathalia Bixamaiah S/o Chennaiah	
139	234 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.03 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Harishingh S/o Kaalya	
140		0.010	Vaddepally Parvathulu S/o Venkaiah	
141		0.010	Vaddepally Venkateswarlu S/o Venkaiah	
142			Vaddepally Krishnaiah S/o Venkaiah	
143	235 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.005	Vaddepally Parvathulu S/o Venkaiah	
144	240 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Hachhu S/o Sukya	
145		0.005	Kethavath Paandu S/o Sukya	
146	241 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts.	0.005	Kethavath Dharjan S/o Hanuma	
147		0.005	Kethavath Ramulu S/o Chokla	
148		0.005	Kethavath Sevu S/o Laxma	
149		0.005	Kethavath Ramulu S/o Chokla	
150		0.005	Butham Brahmaiah S/o Chandraiah	
151		0.005	Butham Venkataiah S/o Chandraiah	
152		0.005	Butham Sathiah S/o Chandraiah	
153	299 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts.	0.06	Adepu Venkaiah S/o Peddiah	
154			Adepu Yelliah S/o Bichaiah	
155		0.02	Adepu Ravi S/o Peddiah	
156			Adepu Venkatamma S/o Muthyalu	
157			Adepu Govidhu S/o Chinaramulu	
158		0.0050	Nakirekanti Nagaiah S/o Yelliah	
159	306 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts.	0.0050	Nakirekanti Saidulu S/o Salu	
160		0.0050	Nakirekanti Bixamaiah S/o Guruviah	
161		0.0050	Nakirekanti Anjaiah S/o Guruviah	
162	307 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts.	0.0025	Sripathi Danaiah S/o Malliah	
163		0.0025	Nakirekanti Ramulamma S/o Chennaiah	
164		0.010	Nakirekanti Rangiah S/o Narsaiah	
165	308 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0325 gts.	0.0025	Janapati Annamma S/o Ramaiah	
166			Bolligorla Sathiyamma S/o Sreenaiah	
167			Kunigorla Sadaamma S/o Lachiah	
168	316 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts.	0.0025	Govt Land	
169		0.0125	Chimata Nagamma S/o Saidiah	
170		0.0125	Janapati Ramaiah S/o Lingaiah	
171	317 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts.	0.010	Kethavath Ammulu S/o Rathana	
172		0.015	Kethavath Babu S/o Chandru	
173		0.0125	Kethavath Cheena S/o Amarsingh	
174	318 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0325 gts.	0.0125	Kethavath Laxmi Bai S/o Laxma Naik	
175		0.005	Kethavath Cheena S/o Amarsingh	
176		0.0025	Kethavath Laxmibai S/o Laxmanaiak	
177	323 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts.	0.0025	Kethavath Babu S/o Boddur	
178		0.0025	Kethavag Chitty S/o Eashvarisigh	
179		0.0025	Kethavath Jabbarlaal S/o Eashvarisigh	
180		0.0025	Kethavath Babu S/o Boddur	
181		0.0025	Kethavath Chitty Babu S/o Eashvarisigh	
182		0.0025	Kethavath Jabbarlaal S/o Eashvarisigh	
183		0.005	Kethavath Amarsingh S/o Boddur	
184	324 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.010 gts.	0.0025	Kethavath Babu S/o Boddur	
185		0.0025	Kethavath Chitty Babu S/o Eashvarisigh	
186		0.0025	Kethavath Jabbarlaal S/o Eashvarisigh	
187			Kethavath Babu S/o Boddur	
188		0.0025	Kethavath Chitty S/o Eashwer Singh	
189			Kethavath Jabbar S/o Eashwer Singh	
190		0.015	Kethavath Amarsingh S/o Boddur	
191		0.0125	Kethavath Taakru S/o Boddur	
192	332 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.05 gts.	0.025	Kanugula Venkataiah S/o Laxmaiah	
193		0.025	Kanugula Edukondal S/o Laxmaiah	
194		0.0125	Kethavath Bichi S/o Taakru	
195		0.0125	Kethavath Taakru S/o Boddur	
196		0.005	Butham Brahmaiah S/o Chandraiah	
197	333 Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts.	0.0025	Butham Venkataiah S/o Chandraiah	
198		0.0025	Butham Ramulal S/o Venkaiah	
199		0.005	Butham Rajaiah S/o Venkaiah	
200		0.01	Butham Rukamma S/o Chandraiah	

Choosing the right cooking oil big issue

DEEPIKA PASHAM | DC HYDERABAD, JULY 10

Like many Indian home-makers, a woman recently switched from using groundnut oil to rice bran oil after doctors advised her father-in-law to reduce his high cholesterol levels. She spent time researching different cooking oils before making the change. Six months later, during a routine health check-up, her father-in-law's cholesterol levels had declined.

While this is just one household's experience, nutrition experts say scientific evidence increasingly supports the role of healthier cooking oils in managing cholesterol and reducing the risk of lifestyle diseases.

With cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and obesity on the rise in India, experts have stressed that consumers should focus not on eliminating fats from their diet but on choosing the right quality of fats.

Consultant nutritionist Dr Matheen Asrar said fats are essential for brain function, hormone production, healthy cells and the absorption of fat-soluble vitamins. "The focus should not be on avoiding fats altogether but on consuming good-quality fats in moderation as part of a balanced diet," she said.

Dr Asrar said rice bran oil contains a healthy balance of monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids along with bioactive compounds such as oryzanol, tocopherols and tocotrienols, which have been studied for their role in supporting heart health and cholesterol management.

She noted that rice bran oil is particularly suitable for Indian cooking practices because of its high smoke point of 232 degrees Celsius, allowing it to withstand deep frying and stir-frying without breaking down as quickly as many other oils. Oils heated repeatedly at high temperatures may lose their nutritional quality and form harmful compounds.

Referring to scientific evidence, Dr Asrar said rice bran oil consumption has been associated with up to a 12 per cent reduction in LDL (bad) cholesterol within four weeks. She also cited a meta-analysis of 11 randomised controlled trials involving 572 participants, which found significant reductions in LDL cholesterol, total cholesterol and triglyceride levels among people consuming it. Echoing similar views, Sujata Stephen, general secretary of the Indian Association for Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition, Telangana, said nutrition awareness is essential for improving public health and enabling people to make informed dietary decisions.

According to the experts, the bioactive compounds present in rice bran oil help convert cholesterol into bile acids, neutralise harmful free radicals through their antioxidant properties and reduce inflammation in blood vessels, all of which contribute to better cardiovascular health. The experts said that while consumers have access to nutrition information, they should distinguish scientific evidence from popular myths.

Cleaned up



Aghapura nala is now free flow after the Hydra team removed the 56 trucks of loads of garbage which stagnated the flow. — P. SURENDRA

AP BRIEFS

Kakinada reel creator, two others held for murder

Kakinada: Kakinada Two Town police on Friday arrested social media reel creator Kunche Prabhu Teja, popularly known as "Kakinada Kurrodu", along with Kunche Nani and Perugu Anjali alias Rani, in connection with the murder of a man identified as Mojiu Satish. According to the police, Satish's body was found under suspicious circumstances. A post-mortem examination confirmed that he had been murdered. Satish worked as a helper for Prabhu Teja. The accused allegedly suspected Satish of stealing a ₹30,000 in cash and three mobile phones. Police said Satish had neither returned the stolen items nor money and had also abused Prabhu Teja.

On May 9, Prabhu Teja, along with the other accused, allegedly assaulted Satish, strangled him to death and later transported the body on a two-wheeler through routes without CCTV surveillance. They dumped the body under a tree on Sambamurthy Nagar 2nd Street to conceal the crime.

Shepherd hit by pellets in suspected poaching

Tirupati: A 75-year-old shepherd sustained injuries after he was hit by pellets allegedly fired by suspected poachers in a forest area near Nemaichenu of Ramakuppam mandal in Chittoor district on Friday. Rajamanikam had taken his sheep for grazing when the incident occurred. According to sources, a group of unidentified persons entered the forest area allegedly for hunting and fired towards bushes after noticing some movement, assuming it was a wild animal.

The pellets hit Rajamanikam on his shoulder and both arms. Farmers working nearby rushed to the spot and shifted him to a local government hospital. Doctors said his condition was stable and he was out of danger. Forest department officials and police visited the area and conducted an inspection. Efforts are on to identify those involved, police said.

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465	43	0.01	Kethavath Swami S/o Boiya	
466	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts	0.005	Kethavath Mathri S/o Vasya	
467		0.005	Kethavath Swami S/o Surya	
468	44	0.01	Kethavath Balu S/o Chandu	
469	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.005	Kethavath Lalu S/o Chandu	
470		0.005	Kethavath Koti S/o Sakriya	
471		0.0025	Kethavath Laskar S/o Sakriya	
472		0.0025	Kethavath Deva S/o Bichya	
473		0.0025	Kethavath Dhasu S/o Bichya	
474		0.0025	Kethavath Kishan S/o Bicha	
475		0.0025	Kethavath Madhu S/o Bicha	
476		0.0025	Kethavath Shankar S/o Bichya	
477		0.0025	Kethavath Baddu S/o Laxma	
478	46	0.0025	Kethavath Ranga S/o Laxma	
479	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0325 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Dasru S/o Bicha	
480		0.0025	Kethavath Chandu S/o Dulya	
481		0.0025	Kethavath Ramesh S/o Pulu	
482		0.0025	Kethavath Shakri S/o Pandu	
483		0.0025	Kethavath Bichi S/o Dasu	
484		0.0025	Kethavath Shakri S/o Pandu	
485		0.0025	Kethavath Laxmu S/o Boiya	
486		0.0025	Kethavath Kishan S/o Bicha	
487		0.0025	Kethavath Shankar S/o Bichya	
488		0.0025	Kethavath Lakpathi S/o Dulya	
489		0.0025	Kethavath Babu S/o Gopa	
490		0.0025	Kethavath Pandu S/o Gopa	
491	47	0.0025	Donka	
492	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts		Kethavath Pandu S/o Lakya	
493		0.0025	Kethavath Sreenu S/o Lakya	
494			Kethavath Shankar S/o Lakya	
495			Kethavath Hari S/o Lakya	
496	50	0.0025	Road	
497	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Sujatha S/o Jabbar	
498		0.0025	Kethavath Laskar S/o Daaku	
499		0.0025	Kethavath Lakkan S/o Daaku	
500	51	0.0025	Kethavath Gasya S/o Chattru	
501	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025 gts			
502		0.0050	Kethavath Mohan S/o Mangtha	
503	52	0.0050	Kethavath Balu S/o Mangtha	
504	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0175 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Poolingh S/o Balu	
505		0.0025	Kethavath Dasru S/o Gasya	
506	53	0.0025	Kethavath Jagthi S/o Gasya	
507	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Sevulu S/o Balu	
508		0.0025	Kethavath Mohan S/o Mangtha	
509		0.0025	Kethavath Sevulu S/o Balu	
510	63	0.0025	Canal/Vampu	
511	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Chandu S/o Somla	
512		0.0025	Kethavath Jabbar S/o Somla	
513		0.0025	Kethavath Daku S/o Lakkan	
514		0.010	Kethavath Dasu S/o Hobla	
515		0.0050	Kethavath Pavan S/o Pandu	
516	64	0.0050	Kethavath Pandu S/o Dasriya	
517	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts	0.010	Kethavath Ramsing S/o Lachya	
518		0.0025	Kethavath Ramsing S/o Lachya	
519		0.0025	Kethavath Pavan S/o Pandu	
520		0.0025	Kethavath Pandu S/o Dasriya	
521		0.0050	Kethavath Pandu S/o Surya	
522		0.0025	Kethavath Hanuma S/o Surya	
523		0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Boda	
524		0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Boda	
525	68	0.0025	Kethavath Raaga S/o Maadya	
526	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Barati S/o Lala	
527		0.0025	Kethavath Barati S/o Lala	
528		0.0025	Kethavath Lalu S/o Mangtha	
529		0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Boda	
530		0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Boda	
531		0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Boda	
532		0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Boda	
533		0.0050	Kethavath Venkatram S/o Raju	
534		0.0050	Kethavath Boddu S/o Maadya	
535		0.0050	Kethavath Raaga S/o Maadya	
536	69	0.0050	Kethavath Jagna S/o Sakriya	
537	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.04 gts	0.0050	Kethavath Seva S/o Sakriya	
538		0.0025	Kethavath Jagna S/o Sakriya	
539		0.0025	Kethavath Seva S/o Sakriya	
540		0.0025	Kethavath Raaga S/o Maadya	
541		0.0025	Kethavath Boddu S/o Maadya	
542		0.0025	Kethavath Venkatram S/o Raju	
543		0.0025	Kethavath Seva S/o Sakriya	
544		0.0025	Kethavath Jagna S/o Sakriya	
545		0.0025	Kethavath Shankar S/o Laakya	
546	70	0.0025	Kethavath Amarasingh S/o Bichya	
547	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Nandu S/o Mangtha	
548		0.0025	Kethavath Kishan S/o Mangtha	
549		0.0025	Kethavath Venkatram S/o Raju	
550	71	0.0025	Kethavath Mthilasi S/o Mangtha	
551	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0050 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Venkatram S/o Raju	
552		0.0050	Kethavath Takru S/o Bodu	
553	73	0.0050	Kethavath Babu S/o Bodu	
554	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts	0.0050	Kethavath Eele S/o Bodu	
555		0.0025	Kethavath Haasya S/o Lachu	
556		0.0025	Kethavath Venkatram S/o Raaiya	
557		0.0025	Kethavath Gopal S/o Raaiya	
558		0.0025	Kethavath Laxman S/o Raaiya	
559	75	0.0025	Kethavath Naanya S/o Raaiya	
560	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Ashok S/o Pandu	
561		0.0025	Kethavath Saidi Wo Keerya	
562		0.0025	Kethavath Naanya S/o Chandriya	
563		0.0050	Kethavath Kiriya S/o Chandriya	
564		0.0050	Kethavath Ramsingh S/o Boda	
565	78	0.0025	Kethavath Pandu S/o Redya	
566	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Shoban S/o Pota	
567		0.0025	Kethavath Laaxman S/o Chattru	
568		0.0025	Canal/Vampu	
569	85	0.0025	Kethavath Ramu S/o Maadya	
570	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.125 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Raaga S/o Maadya	
571		0.0025	Kethavath Ravi S/o Pota	
572		0.0025	Kethavath Shankar S/o Somia	
573		0.0025	Kethavath Shiva S/o Redya	
574		0.0025	Kethavath Hari S/o Redya	
575	89	0.0025	Kethavath Chandru S/o Redya	
576	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.1050 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Ravi S/o Redya	
577		0.005	Kethavath Ravi S/o Redya	
578		0.0025	KethavathChandriya S/o Redya	
579		0.0025	Kethavath Hari S/o Redya	
580		0.0025	Kethavath Pandu S/o Redya	
581	90	0.0025	Kethavath Sinru S/o Venkatram	
582	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.050 gts	0.0025	Dachepally Yellaiah S/o Anukulu	
583		0.0025	Dachepally Sinramulu S/o Anukulu	
584		0.0025	Dachepally Yellaiah S/o Anukulu	
585		0.0025	Dachepally Sinramulu S/o Anukulu	
586		0.0025	Kethavath Sinru S/o Venkatram	
587		0.0025	Dachepally Kasaiiah S/o Chennaiiah	
588		0.0025	Dachepally Anjaneyulu S/o Venkiah	
589	91	0.0025	Dachepally Yellaiah S/o Anukulu	
590	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.0025	Dachepally Sinramulu S/o Anukulu	
591		0.0025	Dachepally Yellaiah S/o Anukulu	
592		0.0025	Dachepally Sinramulu S/o Anukulu	
593		0.0025	Dachepally Anjaneyulu S/o Venkiah	
594		0.0025	Dachepally Kasaiiah S/o Chennaiiah	
595		0.0025	Kethavath Laxma S/o Mangtha	
596		0.0025	Kethavath Kasaiiah S/o Chennaiiah	
597		0.0025	Kethavath Sinru S/o Venkatram	
598	92	0.0025	Kethavath Hanuma S/o Mangtha	
599	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.025 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Pandu S/o Ghasiram	
600	93	0.0025	Kethavath Bicha S/o Ghasiram	
601	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.01 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Padma S/o Jagann	
602		0.0025	Kethavath Charan Singh S/o Soman	
603	100	0.0025	Road	
604	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Yada Anjala S/o Venkataiah	
605		0.0025	Kumbam Anukulu S/o Venkiah	
606	102	0.0025	Kethavath Ratan Singh S/o Soman	
607	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025 gts	0.0025		
608	103	0.0025	Mekala Bixamaiah S/o Yellaiah	
609	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Raaji Wo Ramulu	
610		0.0025	Mekala Bixamaiah S/o Yellaiah	
611	104	0.0025	Kethavath Ramadasu S/o Shakru	
612	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Dachepally Dashrath S/o Ramulu	
613		0.0025	Kethavath Raaji Wo Ramulu	
614	Total	2.28%		

968	248		Guddeti Muthamma S/o Pullaiah	
969	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025 gts	0.0025	Guddeti Gannaya S/o Ayanna	
970	249		Kasani Iddaiiah S/o Venkaiah	
971	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025 gts	0.0025	Kasani Muthyalu S/o Venkaiah	
972	250		Kethavath Shakru S/o Dulya	
973	0.0025 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Sreenu S/o Dulya	
974			Kethavath Panthu S/o Dulya	
	Total	4.04%		
Mandal: Neredugommu Village: Kethepally				
Sl. No.	Sy. No. Classification, Description of land i.e. Patta/ Inam/ Govt.	Extent (Ac. - Gts.)	Name of the Affected Person, Father/ Husband Name	Other Particulars such as structures wells etc.,
1	2	3	4	5
975	24		Mandadi Ramakrishna Reddy S/o Chenna Krishna Reddy	
976	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.075 gts	0.0075		
977	26		Islavath Bavoji S/o Soma	
978	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Lakya S/o Peethya	
979	0.0025 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Daakya S/o Peethya	
980		0.0025	Kethavath Sariya S/o Peethya	
981	27		Road	
982	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.075 gts	0.0025	Road	
983	28		Bhanavath Sali S/o Lashkar	
984	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.0025	Bhanavath Daka S/o Taavuriya	
985	29		Islavath Laxma S/o Soma	
986	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.0025	Islavath Chandu S/o Soma	
987	30		Islavath Mathuru Bavoji S/o Soma	
988	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts	0.0025	Islavath Mathuru Bavoji S/o Soma	
989	33		Bhanavath Krishna S/o Taavuriya	
990	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts	0.0025	Bhanavath Lala S/o Taavuriya	
991	35		Bhanavath Beeka S/o Taavuriya	
992	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts	0.0025	Bhanavath Beeka S/o Taavuriya	
993	36		Kethavath Tharun S/o Ramulu	
994	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts	0.0025	Mudavath Dhasru S/o Lekka	
995	37		Keathavath Laxmi S/o Pekia	
996	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Sarderhar S/o Pika	
997	39		Kethavath Rambabu S/o Pika	
998	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts	0.005	Kethavath Kishan S/o Chandu	
999	40		Kethavath Suresh S/o Chandu	
1000	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.005	Kethavath Basah S/o Jagiya	
1001	44		Kethavath Mangatha S/o Bicha	
1002	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.010	Kethavath Laxmi S/o Pekia	
1003	47		Nunpavath Sakru S/o Bichha	
1004	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.005 gts	0.005	Islavath Thavuriya S/o Sakriya	
1005	57		Nunpavath Bhadiya S/o Sura	
1006	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0125 gts	0.01	Kethavath Pandiya S/o Hanumathu	
1007		0.0025	Road	
1008	61		Kethavath Sukya S/o Bichya	
1009	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Daakya S/o Hanuma	
1010	62		Kethavath Bashah S/o Hanuma	
1011	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0325 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Daakya S/o Hanuma	
1012	63		Kethavath Taavuriya S/o Hanuma	
1013	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Pandya S/o Hanuma	
1014	64		Mudavath Dasru S/o Daakya	
1015	65		Mudavath Narsimlu S/o Soma	
1016	66		Islavath Naresih S/o Soma	
1017	67		Mudavath Dasru S/o Lakka	
1018	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025 gts	0.0025	Mudavath Naresimlu S/o Soma	
1019	68		Lokasani Pandya S/o Naaraya	
1020	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts	0.0025	Palthiya Mangtha S/o Sakriya	
1021	69		Kethavath Mangla S/o Pandya	
1022	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts	0.005	Kethavath Bhujji S/o Laksham	
1023	70		Kethavath Srinu S/o Shankar	
1024	71		Kethavath Bhadhu S/o Shankar	
1025	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025 gts	0.005	Kethavath Sukya S/o Bichya	
1026	72		Donka	
1027	73		Mudavath Meghya S/o Bichya	
1028	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0275 gts	0.0025	Kethavath Pradeep Kumar S/o Chennya	
1029	74		Kethavath Mothiya S/o Chennya	
1030	75		Kethavath Sardar S/o Peekla	
1031	76		Kethavath Baburam S/o Peekla	
1032	77		Kethavath Laxma S/o Peekla	
1033	78		Kethavath Laxma S/o Pika	
1034	79		Kethavath Bhaburam S/o Pika	
1035	80		Kethavath Sardhar S/o Pika	
1036	81		Kethavath Mothiya S/o Cheena	
1037	82		Mudavath Meghya S/o Bicha	
1038	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.02 gts	0.0025	Mudavath Naraiah S/o Dhruya	
1039	83		Kethavath Ekka S/o Sukya	
1040	84		Kethavath Bhama S/o Shanker	
1041	85		Kethavath Baddu S/o Shankar	
1042	86		Kethavath Bhama S/o Shanker	
1043	87		Kethavath Venky S/o Soma	
1044	88		Kethavath Sukya S/o Rupla	
1045	89		Mudavath Narayana S/o Dupla	
1046	90		Kethavath Mohan S/o Sukya	
1047	91		Kethavath Murali Mohan S/o Sukya	
1048	92		Kethavath Chandrashekar S/o Sukya	
1049	93		Kethavath Buji S/o Laxma	
1050	94		Kethavath Srinu S/o Shankar	
1051	95		Kethavath Bhadhu S/o Shanker	
1052	96		Kethavath Bhujji S/o Laxma	
1053	97		Kethavath Mohan S/o Sukya	
1054	98		Kethavath Murali Mohan S/o Sukya	
1055	99		Kethavath Chandrashekar S/o Sukya	
	Total	0.24%		
Mandal: Neredugommu Village: Perwala				
Sl. No.	Sy. No. Classification, Description of land i.e. Patta/ Inam/ Govt.	Extent (Ac. - Gts.)	Name of the Affected Person, Father/ Husband Name	Other Particulars such as structures wells etc.,
1	2	3	4	5
1056	123		Rapothu Nagaiah S/o Muthaiah	
1057	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015 gts	0.0025	Rapothu Venkataiah S/o Muthaiah	
1058	124		Rapothu Ramulu S/o Muthaiah	
1059	125		Rapothu Peddaiah S/o Muthaiah	
1060	126		Rapothu Anjanma S/o Peddaiah	
1061	127		Rapothu Venkatamma S/o Ramulu	
1062	128		Road	
1063	129		Gunreddy Mohanreddy	
1064	130		Kathavath Hanuma S/o Chandriya	
1065	131		Paspuleti Anil S/o Narayana	
1066	132		Mudavath Harla S/o Thavuriya	
1067	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0075 gts	0.0025	Mudavath Lala S/o Thavuriya	
1068	133		Canal	
1069	134		Mudavath Harla S/o Thavuriya	
1070	135		Mudavath Ghangya S/o Jaitiya	
1071	136		Mudavath Boddu S/o Dosya	
1072	137		Mudavath Sakriya S/o Thavuriya	

NCERT blacklist faces govt probe

Pradhan orders action against officials over lapse

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The education ministry has ordered a probe into NCERT's decision to blacklist a firm which was tasked with paper supply for textbooks and failed to meet the timeline, sources said.

Bafna Global Venture Private Limited moved the Delhi High Court on June 24 citing a blacklisting order by NCERT issued on June 22 barring it for two years from participating in the procurement process of National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT).

While nobody from the NCERT appeared for the high court hearing, the court granted impunity to the firm from coercive action till further orders. The court also restrained the NCERT from invoking over Rs 6 crore bank guarantee furnished by the paper supplier.

"Taking serious note of reports that NCERT failed to effectively defend its decision to blacklist a paper supplier before the Delhi High Court, Education Minister



Dharmendra Pradhan

Dharmendra Pradhan has directed strict action against the officers responsible for the lapse," a source said. "The minister has ordered accountability for the officials be fixed who failed to take the necessary legal steps, reinforcing a zero-tolerance approach towards administrative and legal lapses while ensuring greater accountability in textbook production and procurement," the source added.

The firm argued in the court that the delay in printing of books was because hydrogen peroxide, the bleaching agent for the purpose of manufacturing of paper.

WANGCHUK SAYS HUNGER HAS STABILISED

New Delhi, July 10: Educator and climate activist Sonam Wangchuk on Friday said his hunger had "stabilised" as he entered the 13th day of his indefinite fast and asserted that his constitutional right should not be violated by attempting to remove him from the protest site.

He has been fasting in support of the Cockroach Janta Party's (CJP) agitation at Jantar Mantar, demanding Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation and government accountability over alleged examination irregularities, which entered its 21st day.

"Today is the 13th day (of the fast). I am feeling okay. My hunger has stabilised. The initial days are difficult as the body adjusts to fasting. There is some tiredness, but otherwise I am fine," he told.

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Minor girl abducted, raped by 2

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BHUBANESWAR, JULY 10

A minor girl was allegedly abducted, sexually assaulted and physically attacked by two men, including one of her relatives, in Odisha's Keonjhar district on Thursday. Police have taken both accused into custody and are expected to produce them before a local court after their formal arrest on Friday.

The incident took place

in Raigoda village under the Sadar police station limits in Banspal block. The survivor is undergoing treatment at a hospital and her condition is reported to be stable.

According to preliminary information, the prime accused, who worked as a truck helper and was a frequent visitor to the girl's house, allegedly took the minor away in a truck along with its driver. Investigators suspect the two sexually assaulted the

girl at a secluded location before allegedly attempting to kill her by attacking her with a stone.

The girl's cries for help reportedly alerted local residents, who rushed to the spot, rescued her and overpowered both accused before handing them over to the police. During the investigation, police found that the prime accused was related to the survivor, a fact that allegedly came to light only during questioning.

1189		0.0025	Kethvath Balu S/o Pethya	
1190		0.0025	Kethvath Pethya S/o Jithya	
1191		0.0025	Kethvath Pethya S/o Jithya	
1192	330	0.0025	Talsavath Balu S/o Bichya	
1193	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0025gts	0.005	Kethavath Topiya S/o Goriya	
1194	331	0.01	Bolgam Venkataiah S/o Narsimha	
1195	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015gts	0.01	Bolgam Bichaiiah S/o Narsimha	
1196			Bolgam Sattaiiah S/o Narsimha	
1197			Bolgam Jangliaiah S/o Narsimha	
1198			Bolgam Venkatesham S/o Narsimha	
1199		0.0025	Madam Chinnai Anjaiah S/o Pedda Salanna	
1200		0.0025	Madam Venkataiah S/o Pedda Salanna	
1201	334	0.0025	Madam Pedda Anjaiah S/o Pedda Salanna	
1202	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015gts	0.0025	Tekulapally Anjaneyulu S/o Venkataiah	
1203		0.0025	Tokulapally Anthaiiah S/o Krishnaiiah	
1204		0.0025	Tokulapally Gowraiah S/o Krishnaiiah	
1205		0.0025	Bolgam Venkatesham S/o Narsimha	
1206		0.0025	Islavath Naresih S/o Ramesh	
1207		0.0025	Islavath Surender S/o Ramesh	
1208		0.0025	Islavath Sardar S/o Ramesh	
1209	335	0.0025	Islavath Rajesh S/o Ramesh	
1210	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.035gts	0.005	Govt Land	
1211		0.0025	Govt Land	
1212		0.005	Govt Land	
1213		0.0025	Islavath Surender S/o Ramesh	
1214		0.0025	Islavath Sardar S/o Ramesh	
1215		0.0025	Islavath Rajesh S/o Ramesh	
1216		0.0025	Islavath Naresih S/o Ramesh	
1217		0.0025	Gaddam Venkatamma W/o Anjaiah	
1218		0.0025	Kavati Yadaiah S/o Lachaiiah	
1219	337	0.005	Kondapuram Muthyalu S/o Anthaiiah	
1220	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.015gts	0.0025	Komandla Venkataiah S/o Lachaiiah	
1221		0.0025	Veeramalla Ramakrishna S/o Chandriah	
1222		0.005	KethvathTopiya S/o Goriya	
1223	388	0.005	Kethvath Topiya S/o Goriya	
1224	Dry/Patta Ac. 0.0175gts	0.0025	Kethvath Srinu S/o Lala	
1225		0.0025	Madam Muthyalu S/o Yataiah	
1226		0.0025	Madam Ramaswami S/o Yerra salanna	
	Total	1.21%		
	Grand Total	12.30%		
The declaration is made after hearing of objections of persons interested and due enquiry as provided U/s 15 of the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013. The rehabilitation area is nil as there are no displaced persons due to this land acquisition.				
Mines of coal, iron stone, slate or other minerals lying under the said land or any particular portion of the said land, except such parts of the mines and minerals which may be required to be dug or removed or used during the construction phase of the project for the purpose of which the land is being acquired, are not needed.				
A plan of the land may be inspected in the office of the Land Acquisition Officer / Revenue Divisional Officer, Devarakonda on any working day.				
Sd/- Revenue Divisional Officer / Land Acquisition Officer, Devarakonda.				
Sd/- Additional Collector, Nalgonda.				
Sd/- District Collector, Nalgonda.				
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UP rains kill 16; Arunachal toll reaches 7, Tripura floods rise

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LUCKNOW, JATANAGAR,
AGARTALA JULY 10

Heavy monsoon rains continued to batter several parts of the country, leaving at least 23 people dead in Uttar Pradesh and Arunachal Pradesh, while floods displaced around 11,000 people in Tripura.

In Uttar Pradesh, the delayed but intense monsoon claimed 16 lives over the past 48 hours, with lightning strikes and rain-related incidents accounting for most of the fatalities. Eight people died after being struck by lightning in the Gorakhpur-Basti division. Two others were killed when a wall collapsed in Bulandshahr, while one death each was reported from Aligarh, Saharanpur, Bulandshahr, Meerut, Ghaziabad and Shamli. The heavy rainfall also



A view of the swollen Beas river after its water level rose following heavy rainfall, in Kuliu, Himachal Pradesh.

disrupted normal life across western Uttar Pradesh, prompting authorities to shut schools up to Class 12 in Meerut, Ghaziabad, Kasganj, Etah, Muzaffarnagar, Bijnor and Saharanpur as a precautionary measure. In Arunachal Pradesh, the monsoon death toll rose to seven after the body of 43-year-old Taw Ajini was recovered from the Lichi area in Papum

Pare district. She had gone missing after being swept away in flash floods at Posa in Keyi Panyor district on June 24. One woman remains missing. Earlier this week, two labourers from Bihar were killed and four others injured when a rain-triggered landslide struck a construction site in Lohit district.

Tripura also witnessed severe flooding

after days of incessant rainfall inundated low-lying areas in Unakoti, Dhalai and Khowai districts. Around 11,000 people were forced to take shelter in relief camps, although no casualties were reported. Officials said water levels in the swollen Manun river have started receding following a lull in rainfall, leading to gradual improvement in the flood situation.

2 arrested over killing of 6 Naga civilians in Manipur

DC CORRESPONDENT
with agency inputs
IMPHAL, JUL 10

A team of security officials led by the National Investigation Agency arrested two persons from Manipur's Kangpokpi district on Friday morning for their alleged involvement in the killing of six Naga civilians, police said.

According to them, the operation was carried out by a joint team of Manipur Police, NIA and CRPF based on credible inputs.

They launched the operation at Leilon Vaiphei in the early hours of Friday to apprehend two accused who were allegedly

involved in the killing of six Naga persons on May 13 in the same village.

Police said that a woman, Ayingbi, and another person, Pradip, were apprehended from the Kuki-Zo village.

The bodies of six Naga civilians were recovered from the vicinity of Leilon Vaiphei village on June 10, triggering protests by Naga and Meitei communities demanding the arrest of the perpetrators.

Naga groups had also blocked all routes to Kangpokpi district, leading to a massive surge in the prices of essential commodities in the Kuki-Zo majority

district.

Days after the bodies were found, Kuki Zo Council (KZC) chairman Henliethang Thanglet apologised for the incident and called for an impartial investigation into all acts of violence linked to the ongoing ethnic strife in Manipur.

"I admit the Kuki-Zo people made a grave mistake in killing the six Naga civilians. It was done out of emotion. I strongly condemn it. I am very sorry and apologise on behalf of my people," he had told a press conference. However, a day later, KZC stated that

certain portions of Thanglet's remarks had been "misconstrued as an admission of responsibility by the Kuki-Zo community".

It stated that the chairperson's expression of sorrow was made purely in the spirit of humanity, compassion, and "was not intended to assign collective guilt".

The clarification came after an influential Naga students' organisation expressed anger over the apology issued by the Kuki-Zo Council (KZC) chief regarding the killing of six Naga hostages in Manipur.



DC CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI, JULY 10

Bangladesh's embattled former prime minister Sheikh Hasina has told Reuters that she will return to her country in December this year and may even be killed there. In an interview to the global news agency on Friday, Hasina said, "They (Bangladesh authorities) may arrest me on my return, they may even kill me. Still, I have to go. My party leaders and workers are being subjected to tremendous repression. If death comes, I want it to come on my own soil, where my parents are buried and where their blood was shed."

This is the first time that Hasina has set out a concrete timeline for her return to her country from exile in New Delhi after she was ousted from power in Dhaka nearly two years ago.

Less than two weeks ago, in an e-mail interview to an Indian TV channel, Hasina had said she will return to her country this year and does not fear death. Ms. Hasina was quoted then as stating, "I do not fear death. In 1975, I lost my parents, my brothers, and almost my entire family. ... Many conspiracies have been hatched against me. But breaking through every web of conspiracy, I stood beside the people of Bangladesh. ... So, I want to say clearly: overcoming every obstacle and every conspiracy, I will return to my country this year."

It may be recalled that the pro-India Hasina was driven from power in August, 2024, after student protests began rock-

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Ex- prime minister, B'desh

ing her country in July that year resulting in widespread violence. She then fled to New Delhi and has been living in exile since.

The 78-year-old Awami League chief was sentenced to death last year in absentia by a special tribunal in the Capital Dhaka for "crimes against humanity" over her government's crack-down on student-led protests.

Hasina had then dismissed these charges against her baseless.

This had taken place when the erstwhile interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus was in power.

Following elections earlier this year, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) led by Tarique Rahman stormed to power in Dhaka. Lambasting both the erstwhile interim government and the current BNP government in Dhaka last month.

Jammu, Baital and Pahalgal without prior registration, hoping to avail themselves of tatkal or on-the-spot, registration. The Amarnath Yatra administration has repeatedly appealed to pilgrims to strictly follow the prescribed registration and scheduling process in the larger interest of safety and orderly conduct of the pilgrimage. The Jinhla High Court has directed that 100 bus hospitals at Baital and Chandanwari—functioning for the past three years—are providing crucial medical support to both pilgrims and personnel deployed along the yatra routes.

SHORT TAKES

3 HELD AFTER
FATAL GREECE
FIREBOMBING

Athens, July 10: Greece's counter-terrorism police arrested three people on Friday over a string of firebombings at homes of people linked with the governing party which killed a woman last week, its citizens' protection ministry said.

The 72-year-old mother of one of the ruling party's parliamentary candidates died of burns and four people were injured in one of three firebomb attacks in the northern city of Thessaloniki earlier this month.

The unknown assailants left gas canisters that had been set on fire outside the three buildings. The first two attacks led to blasts that caused only material damage, while the third wounded five people, including the woman who later died at a hospital.

PARIS COURT
FINDS MAN GUILTY
OF CHILD ABUSE

Paris, July 10: A Paris court on Friday found a man guilty of sexually assaulting a kindergarten-age girl in his care, in the first such verdict after multiple allegations in the French capital.

The 25-year-old defendant, who denied any wrongdoing, was given a suspended 18-month jail sentence and was banned from working with children.

The judges said his accuser, now aged six, had made "consistent, precise statements compatible with her young age" when she accused him of assaulting her at a Paris leisure centre between October 2023 and July 2025.

She had told her parents after repeatedly refusing to go back to the centre, and shown what he had done to her "on a doll when words failed her", they said.

BERLIN MAYOR
QUITS RACE AMID
BLACKOUT ROW

Berlin, July 10: Embattled centre-right Berlin Mayor Kai Wegner announced Friday that he would not run for re-election just weeks before the vote after facing months of criticism over his response to a major blackout in Berlin.

"I can no longer get my message out because another debate is overshadowing everything else," Wegner said on Friday.

"Yes, I made mistakes in communication," he added, referring to the power cut in January that left roughly 45,000 homes and around 2,200 businesses without power for nearly a week in the middle of a harsh winter.

Wegner has faced criticism for remaining at home on January 3 rather than rushing to the office or the hardest-hit areas, after an apparent act of sabotage knocked out power to an entire district of the city.

RYANAIR JET
SUFFERS MIDAIR
WINDOW FAILURE

Thessaloniki, Greece, July 10: A man was nearly sucked out the window of a Ryanair flight when it "detached" mid-air en route to Germany, with other passengers pulling him back inside, witnesses and officials said on Friday.

The passenger, described as a tourist from Serbia on a flight from Thessaloniki in Greece to Memmingen in Germany, has been hospitalised with friction burns but was otherwise in good condition, authorities said.

"Most of us had fallen asleep, we had closed our eyes. There was a noise, like a tyre bursting," a fellow passenger told Radio Thessaloniki.

"We immediately realised there had been a decompression. There were screams ... for a moment I thought someone had accidentally opened the emergency door," the woman said.

The masks dropped and there was a strong smell. The head and shoulders of one passenger were outside the window. Fortunately, he hadn't taken off his seat belt. Other passengers near the man helped to pull him in, she said.

Greek media reported the incident had occurred over North Macedonia, and said the window had been broken by a piece of debris that detached from one of the plane's engines. Ryanair in a statement said the flight "returned to Thessaloniki shortly after takeoff when a passenger window detached during the flight."

US, Iran peace talks on
amid ceasefire strains

Diplomatic efforts continue despite renewed tensions

Washington, July 10: Talks between the US and Iran over a permanent peace deal are continuing, according to a American official, despite two days of clashes that threatened to shatter an already fragile ceasefire.

The US is still committed to finding a diplomatic solution with Iran, the official said, declining to be named discussing sensitive matters. The official described the ongoing discussions as technical talks. The comments are likely to ease fears of a return to all-out war after the US launched strikes on Iranian military targets this week, retaliating against attacks on ships in the Strait of Hormuz. Iran hit back at US bases in the region, including in Kuwait and Bahrain.

The skirmishes underlined the precariousness of an interim agreement signed between Tehran and Washington in mid-June. Threats of retaliation between the warring sides have also persisted.

"An attack on infrastructure will be met with a reciprocal response," Iran's Supreme National Security Council secretary, Mohammad Bagher Zolghadr, said Friday, extending the warning to Israel. Mediators including Qatar have worked in recent days to ease the soaring tensions between the US and Iran. — Bloomberg

EU EYES IMPORT
BAN ON ISRAELI
SETTLEMENTS

Brussels, July 10: EU foreign ministers will discuss imposing an import ban on products from Israeli settlements, after pressure from a raft of member states for the bloc to take action, diplomats said on Friday.

Diplomats said the debate at a meeting in Brussels on Monday was not expected to yield any concrete decisions, but would help to sound out if there is enough support to move forward.

Several EU countries — including Ireland, the Netherlands, and Spain — have already imposed their own trade restrictions on Israeli settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories, considered illegal under international law.

Under pressure from the EU as a whole to take measures, the bloc's executive this week laid out options to curb trade with settlements, including a ban.

There is disagreement in Brussels as to whether that move would need backing from all 27 member states or just a weighted majority.

Diplomats say that key players Germany and Italy are still undecided on the move.

Israel has occupied the West Bank since 1967. More than 500,000 Israeli settlers live in the territory, excluding east Jerusalem, among some three million Palestinians.

The UN chief Antonio Guterres has condemned the "relentless" expansion of Israeli settlements in the West Bank. — AFP



Mourners attend the funeral of Iran's slain supreme leader Ali Khamenei and members of his family at the Shrine of Imam Reza, in Mashhad. — AFP

China curbs Helium
exports amid risks

Beijing, July 10: China announced on Friday a temporary export ban on helium, effective immediately, as resumption of military conflict in the Middle East threatens to trigger new shortages of the gas critical for chip manufacturing.

Earlier this year, the US-Israeli war on Iran led to helium shortages, disrupting companies globally, including in China, where the AI industry increasingly relies on domestic chips for training and running AI models. Helium is essential for

heat management in semiconductor production.

The helium ban is the latest example of Beijing seeking to prevent domestic shortages of critical materials by curbing exports. It has previously imposed similar measures on fuel, fertilisers and sulphuric acid.

China is also looking to boost domestic chip manufacturing capacity and reduce the industry's dependence on cutting-edge Nvidia semiconductors that fall under US export controls. — Reuters

WAR: HORMUZ
SHIPPING SLOWS
AS TENSIONS RISE

Singapore, Tokyo, July 10: Liquefied natural gas tankers have passed through the Strait of Hormuz in recent days, ship-tracking data showed, and 22 Japan-linked vessels have left the Gulf since Tuesday, but overall daily traffic has slowed as tensions flare in the West Asia.

Shipping companies and governments are monitoring the Strait of Hormuz following Iranian attacks this week on commercial vessels and US retaliatory strikes on Iran.

Data from Kpler and LSG showed at least five ballast LNG tankers without cargo have entered the strait in recent days.

They include GasLog Shanghai, controlled by Greek shipping company GasLog, and QatarEnergy-linked carriers Al Samriya, Al Dafna, Al Gattara and Al Rayyan.

The GasLog Shanghai and Al Rayyan likely moved into the strait overnight, having been seen outside the waterway on July 9, the data showed.

The other three QatarEnergy-linked vessels were last seen outside the Strait of Hormuz, off the west coast of India.

Trump ends tenure of
election commissioners

Washington, July 10: US President Donald Trump on Thursday terminated the last three members of the Election Assistance Commission, the independent, federal commission that assists election administration officials nationwide, the White House confirmed.

The remaining three commissioners of the four-member bipartisan commission were forced out of the commission on Thursday in different ways.

The one Republican appointee resigned and the other two Democratic appointees were fired via an email from the White

House Presidential Personnel Office, according to one person familiar with the decision and two other people briefed on the terminations.

The fourth commissioner departed the commission in April.

The terminations follow the recent Supreme Court decision that granted the president more power to fire members of independent agencies, and a push by Trump for more federal intervention in voting processes, traditionally the purview of the states, as midterm elections approach in November.

"On behalf of President

Donald J. Trump, I am writing to inform you that your position as Commissioner of the Election Assistance Commission is terminated, effective immediately. Thank you for your service," the termination email, seen by Reuters, said.

"The President, and head of the Executive Branch, reserves the right to remove individuals that may not be totally aligned with the important task of securing America's elections and ensuring every legal vote is counted," a White House official said in a statement, citing the Supreme Court decision as precedent. — Reuters

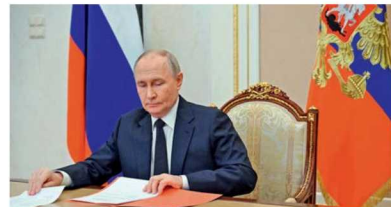
Kremlin: Putin open to diplomacy

Moscow, July 10: The Kremlin said on Friday that President Vladimir Putin remained open to achieving Russia's objectives through diplomacy, but that Moscow was carving out a wider buffer zone in Ukraine in response to Kyiv's escalatory actions.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that Ukraine's recent drone strikes on Russia's oil refineries and ports were strengthening Putin's resolve to keep fighting for now.

Peskov said Russia believed that Kyiv had no desire for talks at the moments and that Moscow was therefore continuing its military campaign in Ukraine.

Russia's FSB security service said on Friday it had thwarted what it called "a terrorist attack" on a military airfield involving Ukrainians



Russian President Vladimir Putin chairs a Security Council meeting via videoconference at the Kremlin in Moscow on Friday. — AP

drones at Russia's southern Rostov region, Interfax reported.

Meanwhile, the Kremlin on Friday accused Ukraine of escalating what it called "terror" actions against the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear power station, something it said was extremely dangerous.

Kremlin spokesman

Dmitry Peskov accused Ukraine of carrying out strikes against civilian infrastructure and against infrastructure directly related to the power plant.

Ukraine has stepped up attacks on Russia's energy and other infrastructure in recent months to undermine Moscow's war effort. — Reuters

Spain wildfire leaves
12 dead, 23 missing

Los Gallardos, Spain, July 10: At least 12 people have died attempting to flee a wildfire in southern Spain, and 23 were missing, officials said on Friday as firefighters battled to bring one of the country's deadliest blazes on record under control.

One Spaniard was among the victims and the rest appeared to be foreign nationals who ignored instructions to shelter in place, trying instead to flee by car as flames spread rapidly through a wooded area around the town of Los Gallardos in Almeria province, said Antonio Sanz, head of emergencies in the Andalusia region.

The area is a popular holiday destination and home to many foreigners, especially the French, Britons and Belgians.

Four people, who appeared to be British because the steering wheel of their car was on the right-hand side, died in one vehicle, he said. Seven others were found dead after apparently abandoning their cars and attempting to escape on foot along a route that was not part of the evacuation plan.

"The consequences have been terrible. Everything seems to indicate that, in the case of the dead, the majority — or all of them — are foreign nationals," Sanz said.

Juan Manuel Moreno, head of Andalusia's regional government, said 23 people were missing, some probably hikers. Rescue workers found several walking sticks at the scene. "I think they've been caught off-guard in the woods. When there's a sudden fire ... you don't know how to get out,"



A fisherman handles a rope near a fishing boat as waves crash over a breakwater in Yilan on Friday as Typhoon Bavi moves toward northeastern Taiwan. — AFP

15 killed as typhoon
Bavi batters Taiwan

Keelung, Taiwan, July 10: Fifteen people were killed in landslides in the Philippines and thousands in Taiwan were evacuated from their homes as the biggest typhoon in decades neared the region on Friday.

Typhoon Bavi is expected to pound Taiwan's north and east, as well as Japan's remote southwestern islands, on Friday and Saturday before smashing into China, which has been hit by deadly storms this week.

Two landslides triggered by heavy rains driven by Bavi killed at least 15 people and left six others missing on the Philippines' southern island of Mindanao, authorities said.

Locals in Taiwan's port city of Keelung, which is

expected to be one of the hardest hit areas on the island, stocked up on food, taped windows and stacked sandbags along shopfronts, heeding warnings from authorities to take precautions.

"They're saying it's going to be huge, of course that's scary, right?" Keelung grocery store owner Chang Shih-huo, 76, said.

"We've stocked up on some instant noodles and bread and stuff like that. Once the wind and rain really start picking up, we'll have to close the shop." After hitting Guam and the Northern Marianas on Monday as a super typhoon, Bavi was downgraded to a typhoon as it moved across the Pacific Ocean. — AFP

Moreno said. The circumstances resemble those in neighbouring Portugal in June 2017, when a huge wildfire

during a heatwave killed more than 60 people, with half of the victims burned to death in their cars. — Reuters

China lands reusable rocket

Beijing, July 10: China successfully landed a reusable rocket for the first time on Friday, according to its space agency, marking a major step in its space ambitions and in reducing launch costs.

The Asian giant may now be in a position to challenge US dominance in reusable rockets, which until now has been led by Elon Musk's SpaceX and Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin.

A Long March-10B rocket lifted off at 12:15 pm



A drone photo shows the capture of the returned first stage of Long March-10B carrier rocket.

(0415 GMT) from its launch site on Hainan in the country's south before

placing a satellite into orbit, the China National Space Administration (CNSA) said.

The first stage of the rocket — the lower part that provides the initial thrust needed to lift the launcher off the ground — was then recovered "via a net-capture system on a seaborne platform", the agency said.

China's state broadcaster CCTV aired aerial footage showing the launcher descending before gently landing on the platform. — AFP

CHINA WARNS
RUSSIA AGAINST
NUCLEAR STRIKE

Beijing, July 10: China has again told Russia not to even consider using a nuclear weapon against Ukraine, according to President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Russian nuclear saber rattling has accelerated in 2026, with officials and major Russian outlets making the case for tactical nukes more forcefully and unambiguously than any time since Vladimir Putin ordered the 2022 full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

In response, China, a vital enabler of Moscow's assault, has told Russia it must avoid any atomic attacks. — Bloomberg



Namibian President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, center, walks with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a welcome ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on Friday. — AP

Xi urges closer
N. Korea ties

Beijing, Seoul, July 10: Chinese President Xi Jinping urged China and North Korea to maintain "strategic resolve" amid a turbulent global environment and speed up implementation of agreements he reached with Kim Jong Un last month, Chinese state media reported.

Xi made the remarks at a meeting with North Korea's Premier Pak Thae Song, who arrived in Beijing earlier on Friday for a three-day visit to attend an event marking the 65th anniversary of the neighbours' friendship treaty.

Xi travelled to Pyongyang for his first visit to North Korea in seven years last month, where he and Kim agreed to expand cooperation across politics, economy and culture.

"At present, the international situation is intertwined with changes and turmoil. China and North

Korea should maintain strategic resolve and enhance strategic confidence," state broadcaster CCTV cited Xi as saying.

He called for faster implementation of the consensus he had reached with Kim, saying the two sides should ensure their relations "keep pace with the time," CCTV reported.

The two countries should firmly safeguard their respective sovereignty, security and development interests, Xi told Pak. Signed on July 11, 1961, the Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance remains China's only active mutual defence pact.

Beijing has worked to draw Pyongyang back into its fold after the Covid-19 pandemic froze exchanges and Kim deepened ties with Moscow by sending troops and weapons to support Russia's war in Ukraine. — Reuters

DIGITAL | SAFETY

Big tech faces tougher EU scrutiny over user child protection

EU warns Meta over addictive design

Brussels, Belgium, July 10: Meta must change Facebook's and Instagram's "addictive design" or face a heavy fine, the EU warned on Friday.

Brussels accused the US tech giant of failing to limit the risks the platforms posed to users, especially children and vulnerable adults, because of features designed to keep them on Facebook and Instagram.

Of particular concern are those like endless scroll, highly personalised feeds and the automatic playback of videos.

"Protecting the physical and mental health of Europeans must be a priority for social media platforms," EU tech chief Henna Virkkunen said in a statement.

The European Union has in recent months stepped up its efforts to force Big Tech to better protect users online, especially children.

In a preliminary view on Friday, the European Commission said it "considers that Meta needs to implement design changes to both Instagram and Facebook" after concluding

the platforms broke EU content rules. Changes could include "disabling key addictive features such as 'autoplay' and 'infinite scroll' by default, implementing effective 'screen time breaks', and adapting its

recommender system to make it less engagement-oriented", it added.

Meta said it disagreed with findings but would continue to "engage constructively" with the EU.

If the regulator's views on Meta are confirmed, the EU can slap a fine of up to six percent of the company's total worldwide annual turnover.

A senior EU official insisted Brussels did not want to punish companies.

"We want to bring about change, and if we can get that change via commit-

ments then we would be most happy," a senior EU official said.

The findings come before an expert panel tasked by EU chief Ursula von der Leyen delivers its recommendations on Monday on how the EU can better shield children online from inappropriate content.

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7:25 PM, 10:35 PM

EVIL DEAD BURN TELUGU-USA
10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM,
10:50 PM

DHAMAAL 4 HINDI-USA
10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM,
10:50 PM

MOANA HINDI-USA
10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM,
10:50 PM

MAA INTI BANGAARAM TELUGU-USA
12:55 PM, 6:45 PM

RAO BAHADUR TELUGU-USA
1:20 PM, 7:40 PM, 10:45 PM

LOVE OH LOVE TELUGU-USA
10:05 AM, 7:15 PM

NAGABANDHAM TELUGU-USA
1:25 PM, 7:10 PM, 10:00 PM

ALPHA HINDI-USA
4:40 PM

DEEWANA TELUGU-USA
3:45 PM

HRUDHAYAM MURALI TELUGU-USA
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10:45 PM

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10:00 AM, 01:00 PM, 03:55 PM,
07:35 PM, 10:15 PM

NAGABANDHAM TEL 2D (UA)
12:30 PM, 03:50 PM,
06:50 PM, 10:40 PM

RAO BAHADUR TEL 2D (UA)
12:55 PM, 04:15 PM,
07:15 PM, 10:30 PM

MAA INTI BANGAARAM TEL 2D (UA)
11:05 AM, 07:50 PM

DEEWANA TEL 2D (UA)
04:30 PM

WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE HIN 2D (UA)
07:20 PM

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ALPHA HIN 2D (UA)
01:40 PM, 10:45 PM

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10:25 AM, 10:35 PM

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04:10 PM

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10:35 AM, 11:00 PM

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04:00 PM, 08:40 PM

MOANA ENG 3D (UA)
04:15 AM, 06:05 PM

OBSESSION ENG 2D (UA)
01:45 PM

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02:20 PM, 10:25 PM

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FORUM MALL-2.00,4.45,7.40PM
RK-4.35PM | **SMR-1.15,7.50PM**
MUSARAMBAGH-1.15,7.50PM
IRURUMMANZIL-2.35,11.00PM
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MJR-4.15, 7.35PM | CINEPLANET-4.15, 7.15PM
CINEMART-10.30, 4.15, 10.25PM

INOX GSM MALL-2.00, 7.35PM
NECKLACE MALL-1.40, 7.20PM
ASHOKA ONE-7.20PM

Cinepolis SUDHA-7.55PM | CCPL-4.30PM
DSL MALL-10.30AM, 10.50PM
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MANTRA-10.45PM | LULU-1.50, 4.40, 10.40PM

UK CINEPLEX NACHARAM 5.00, 8.00PM | KUKATPALLY 4.30PM

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MOVIE MX SKY MALL-1.30PM
GACHIBOWLI-5.30PM | NARSINGI 1.40PM

MOVIE MX AMR MALL-4.45PM

NALLAGANDLA-11.00,4.56PM
SHAMSHABAD-1.10,4.30PM

CENTRAL-11.30,7.30PM
ODEON-11.00,7.30PM | **PRISM-1.25,8.00PM**
FORUM MALL-2.00,4.45,7.40PM
RK-4.35PM | **SMR-1.15,7.50PM**
MUSARAMBAGH-1.15,7.50PM
IRURUMMANZIL-2.35,11.00PM
INORBIT MALL-1.55,7.30PM | **PRESTONE-12.00,7.50PM**
ATRIUM-1.45,10.45PM | **LAKESHORE-2.15,7.50PM**

KUMAR 70MM KACHIGUDA

11.30, 2.30PM 6.15, 9.30PM

SCHEDULE FOR JULY 11TH

LENIN TEL 2D (UA)
10:35 AM, 01:40 PM,
04:45 PM, 07:50 PM,
10:55 PM

NAGABANDHAM TEL 2D (UA)
01:45 PM, 07:20 PM,
10:25 PM

RAO BAHADUR TEL 2D (UA)
10:20 AM, 07:30 PM,
10:40 PM

DHAMAAL 4 HIN 2D (UA)
10:30 AM, 04:35 PM,
07:25 PM

LOVE OH LOVE TEL 2D (UA)
04:50 PM

MAA INTI BANGAARAM TEL 2D (UA)
10:50 AM, 01:35 PM,
07:25 PM

MOANA TEL 2D (UA)
05:00 PM

EVIL DEAD BURN TEL 2D (UA)
11:00 AM, 1:50 PM,
7:35 PM

I, NOBODY TEL 2D (UA)
7:35 PM

HRUDHAYAM MURALI TEL 2D (UA)
1:30 PM

UPCOMING ATTRACTIONS

17TH JULY (FRIDAY)

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SCHEDULE FOR TODAY

LENIN TELUGU-USA
10:00 AM, 1:05 PM, 4:15 PM,
7:25 PM, 10:35 PM

EVIL DEAD BURN TELUGU-USA
10:00 AM, 1:00 PM, 5:00 PM,
10:50 PM

LOVE OH LOVE TELUGU-USA
10:05 AM, 7:15 PM

ASIAN RADHIKA - AS RAO NAGAR
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MAA INTI BANGAARAM TELUGU-USA-Rs.180/250
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ASIAN CINEPLANET - KOMPALLY
NAGABANDHAM - THE SECRET TREASURE TELUGU-USA-Rs.250/300
RAO BAHADUR TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
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EVIL DEAD BURN TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
DHAMAAL 4 HINDI-USA-Rs.200/250

ASIAN M CUBE MALL - ATTAPUR
NAGABANDHAM - THE SECRET TREASURE TELUGU-USA-Rs.250/300
RAO BAHADUR TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
MAA INTI BANGAARAM TELUGU-USA-Rs.180/250
LENIN TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
EVIL DEAD BURN TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
DHAMAAL 4 HINDI-USA-Rs.200/250

ASIAN LAXMIKALA CINEPRIDE - MOOSPALLY
NAGABANDHAM - THE SECRET TREASURE TELUGU-USA-Rs.250/300
RAO BAHADUR TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
MAA INTI BANGAARAM TELUGU-USA-Rs.180/250
LENIN TELUGU-USA-Rs.200/250
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DHAMAAL 4 HINDI-USA-Rs.200/250

ASIAN CINEMART - RC PURAM
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DHAMAAL 4 HINDI-USA-Rs.100/150
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BHUVANGA 70MM JEEDETHALA	SVC SANGEETHA RC PURAM
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SANTOSH 70MM IBRAHIMPATNAM	SREEPREMA 70MM TUKKUGUDA
JAGADAMBA 70MM GHATKESAR	GANESH 70MM SHAMSHABAD
ASIAN MUKUND MEDICAL	VENKATESWARA 70 PATANCHERU
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VIBE-SHAMSHABAD

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JP MALL | MJR SQUARE | SHA |
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NECKLACE MALL | ASHOKA ONE

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MIYAPUR | NARSINGI | MALKAJGIRI

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11.30, 2.30, 6.00, 9.15PM

VENKATARAMANA/PADMAVATHI
11.30, 6.30PM

CONPLEX MPM MALL-2.30PM

Cinepolis MANTRA-11.05PM |
SUDHA-11.30AM, 11.15PM

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10.25AM, 10.50PM 7.45PM

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SAPTHAGIRI 70-RTC X ROADS
11.00, 2.00, 6.00, 9.00PM

ASIAN LAXMIKALA 70-2.50,9.40

VIJETHA 70MM-2.00,9.00PM

CINEMART-1.45,7.40PM

JP CINEMAS-4.15,10.15PM

ART-10.55AM | **GPR-4.30,10.30**

MALKAJGIRI-5.05,10.55PM
CHANDANAGAR-2.45,5.15,11.15PM
10.15,3.00, 12.00,5.20,
10.35PM **UK CINEPLEX** 10.15PM

SKY MALL-12.00,10.15PM

ENGLISH VERSION

ALLU ALLU-10.35PM | **OAMBI** 4.50,10.55PM

ART-4.05,11.00PM | **OAMBI** 10.40AM,10.35PM

PRASAD'S-11.50,4.35,9.20,11.45PM

NALLAGANDLA-12.40,5.10,11.10PM
SHAMSHABAD-10.50,5.15,7.50,11.10PM

TIVOLI 11.00,2.10,10.30 **CONPLEX** 11.00PM

ASIAN CINEMAS CINEPLANET-1.25,10.45PM
RADHIKA-10.50AM,10.30PM
MCUBE MALL-4.45,10.45PM

PVR RK PLEX-4.55PM
CENTRAL MALL-10.15,5.35,11.00PM
PRISM MALL-10.15AM,11.00PM
MUSARAMBAGH-10.30,4.50,10.50PM
ICON-10.55,5.00,11.00PM | ATRIUM-11.45,4.25PM
ODEON MALL-10.30,5.05,10.50PM
NEXT GALLERIA-10.30,4.45,11.00PM
INORBIT-5.05PM | PRESTONE-10.00AM,10.45PM
LAKESHORE-8.15PM,10.30PM
NEXUS MALL-5.10PM | IRURUMMANZIL-10.25PM

INOX GSM MALL-10.40,5.05,11.00PM
MP MALL-4.35PM | GVK-11.25,5.05PM
SATTVA NECKLACE-10.10,5.25,11.00PM

MIRAJ MIYAPUR-5.45,11.20PM
SHALINI-HIVAN-2.08,25.10,45PM
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TNR NORTH-1.30,4.50,10.50PM

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MP MALL-4.35PM | GVK-11.25,5.05PM
SATTVA NECKLACE-11.25,5.35,10.20PM
ASHOKA ONE-12.50,7.05PM

INOX GACHIBOWLI-1.30,10.45
SKY MALL-7.00PM

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DEVI70MM-RTC X ROADS

ARJUN70MM-11.30, 6.30PM

MAHALAXMICOMPLEX-KOTHAPET

VIJETHA70MM-11.00, 6.15PM

TALLUR70MM-11.15, 6.15PM

GOKUL70-11.15, 2.30, 6.15, 9.30

LAXMI70MM-SHAMSHABAD

ASIAN LAXMIKALA70MM-11.30AM

PRASAD MULTIPLEX

ALLU ALLU-11.10AM

ART-10.30, 7.10PM

NALLAGANDLA-10.30AM

SHAMSHABAD-11.15AM, 10.50PM

RADHIKA-1.25PM

JP MALL-10.45, 4.45PM

CINEPLANET-10.25, 4.25PM

ASIAN CINEMART-1.45, 7.40PM

JP CINEMAS-10.45, 4.45PM

MJR MALL-10.40, 7.20

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CCPL-5.00PM

TNR NORTH-10.45, 7.55

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ATRIUM MALL-4.40PM

ICON HITECH-2.15PM

INORBIT-1.35PM

LAKESHORE MALL-5.30PM

NEXUS(L&T IRRUMMANZIL)-1.20PM

NEXUS(L&T PANJAGUTTA)-5.05PM

FORUM MALL-1.45PM

PRESTONE-5.05PM

GSM MALL-2.45PM

SATTVA NECKLACE-1.30PM

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GRAND 2nd WEEK

RAO BAHADUR

INDRA/NAGENDRA70MM-9.40PM

LAXMIKALA CINEPRIDE-6.15PM

QAMB

AMB-12.50, 4.00, 7.40, 10.50PM

ART-1.30, 7.00, 10.40PM

AAA-10.20, 7.30, 10.40PM

PRASAD'S-1.40, 7.45PM

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JP CINEMAS-4.20, 7.15PM

SHA-9.30PM

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MUSARAMBAGH-1.00PM

L&T ICON-7.30PM

L&T GALLERIA-11.10, 7.30PM

SANATH NAGAR-2.00PM

GACHIBOWLI-2.00PM

4.45, 10.45PM

AMR MALL-MOULALI

9.25, 12.45, 7.45, 11.15PM

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2.15PM

CINEVERSE

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US lawmakers to vote on permanent daylight saving

Measure aims to end twice-yearly clock changes across the US

Washington, July 10: The US House of Representatives is set to vote next week on a bill to make daylight saving time permanent, according to a notice posted on Thursday. In May, the House Energy and Commerce Committee voted 48-1 in favor of the Sunshine Protection Act. The USSenate voted unanimously in March 2022 to make daylight saving time permanent but the House never took up the measure in the face of opposition. The proposal the House will consider next week would allow states to opt out. Daylight saving time — putting the clocks forward one hour during the summer half of



Construction on the new White House ballroom is seen from the Washington Monument, in Washington.

— AP

the year — has been in place in nearly all of the United States since the 1960s. Supporters of the House measure say the time shift causes sleep disturbances, greater workplace injuries and more car crashes. They also believe brighter evenings would spur more economic activity during winter. President Donald Trump has pushed for an end to the twice-annual clock switch-

ing, saying in May that it was 'time that people can stop worrying about the 'Clock,' not to mention all of the work and money that is spent on this ridiculous, twice yearly production." If it passes the House, the U.S. Senate would need to again consider whether to take up the measure, which faces opposition from U.S. Senator Tom Cotton, an Arkansas Republican, and others. Cotton has said it would result in absurdly late winter sunrises and force children to go to school in darkness in much of the country. Representative Vern Buchanan, a Florida Republican who has put forward the bill regu-

larly since 2018, proposed it again this year. The plan is popular in the lawmaker's home state because it would allow more evening hours of play on golf courses and sports fields. Representative Frank Pallone, a New Jersey Democrat, said permanent daylight saving time is "better for safety and will boost New Jersey's tourism industry. Let's stop changing the clocks twice a year." The United States used year-round daylight saving time during World War Two and enacted it again in 1974 to reduce energy use. But it proved deeply unpopular and Congress repealed it later that year. — Reuters

8 held in White House UFO plot

Washington, United States, July 10: Eight men accused in an alleged plot to attack a White House mixed martial arts fight hosted by President Donald Trump in June have been indicted on murder and terrorism conspiracy charges, officials said on Friday. The suspects, ranging in age from 19 to 32, are accused of planning to use armed drones to attack the event on the presidential mansion's South Lawn, with snipers firing on "high value targets" in the chaos. Law enforcement officials said they foiled the plot in the lead-up to the June 14 "UFC Freedom 250" event, which coincided with Trump's 80th birthday and ultimately took place without incident. It attracted thousands of fans to the fights in a temporary arena called "The Claw" that towered over the White House. "The group allegedly planned to carry out a mass casualty attack involving the use of drones armed with explosives and firearms meant to shoot people fleeing in the crowds," FBI special agent Jason Cromartie said. US Attorney Dominick Gerace said the eight alleged plotters were charged Thursday in a two-count federal indictment in Columbus, Ohio. They are accused of conspiracy to provide material support to terrorists, conspiracy to commit murder on federal government territory and conspiracy to murder federal government officials "including the president of the United States, the vice president of the United States, and members of Congress," Gerace said. The federal charges returned by a grand jury replace initial charges filed by prosecutors in various legal jurisdictions around the country. — AFP

Indonesia faces questions after corruption raids

Jakarta, July 10: Indonesian officials sought to play down signs of a rift between security agencies after police raids in Jakarta brought several alleged graft cases into public view and drew a senior prosecutor into a widening controversy. Police this week seized gold bars, cash and foreign currencies worth tens of millions of dollars in a series of raids in and around the capital, saying the searches were linked to at least three corruption and money-laundering investigations, including alleged coal-supply graft tied to recent power blackouts. In South Jakarta, investigators seized rupiah and foreign currencies equivalent to more than \$3 million from a concealed, two-meter-tall safe at a restaurant and from an adjacent money changer, state news agency Antara reported. At a house south of Jakarta owned by Deputy Attorney General for Special Crimes Febrie Adriansyah, police said investigators found 74 kilograms of gold bars along with cash and foreign currencies in seven suitcases locked in a safe, with the total haul valued at about \$26.3 million. Adding to the intrigue, armed military personnel were later deployed to Febrie's Jakarta residence. The military said the deployment was carried out at the request of the Attorney General's Office and cited rules on protection for pro-

secutors. Febrie is one of Indonesia's highest-profile corruption prosecutors, overseeing the Attorney General's Office unit that handles major graft cases, including probes involving state miner PT Freeport, Pertamina, Garuda Indonesia, former education minister Nadhim Makarim and President Prabowo Subianto's free-meals programme. Police have framed the searches as evidence-gathering in corruption and money-laundering investigations covering three case areas: alleged irregularities in coal procurement and supply to power plants, alleged misconduct in the handling of legal matters involving state insurers Asabri and Jiwasraya, and a separate matter tied to the settlement of debt involving companies linked to Krakatau Steel. A military spokesman said late Thursday that the "security arrangements do not affect any law enforcement processes, and we want to assure the public that there is no conflict with any institution." — Bloomberg

Sweltering Europe



A tourist shelters from the sun under an umbrella during a heatwave in Paris on Friday. Water reserves are being depleted rapidly in northern Italy, with farming under threat, as the region's main river dries up, local officials warned.

— AFP

Philippines commemorates South China Sea ruling anniv.

Manila, July 10: The Philippines commemorated on Friday the anniversary of a 2016 arbitration ruling, which invalidated China's expansive claims in the disputed South China Sea and which Washington and other allies have used as a rallying call against Beijing's growing assertiveness. China refused to join the arbitration initiated by the Philippines in 2013, and rejected as a sham the July 12, 2016 ruling by a tribunal established under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Beijing continues to defy the

decision and defend its claims to virtually the entire sea passage, a key global trade route where the territorial stand-offs, which also involve the Philippines, Vietnam, Malaysia, Brunei and Taiwan, have long been feared as one of Asia's most active flashpoints. The United States has repeatedly called on China to comply with the ruling. Both the former Biden and current Trump administrations have warned that Washington is obligated to defend the Philippines, its oldest treaty ally in Asia, if Filipino forces, vessels or aircraft come under an armed attack in the disputed waters.

Territorial confrontations in the disputed waters have become more prevalent in recent years, particularly between Chinese and Philippine and Vietnamese forces and fishing fleets. Philippine Foreign Secretary Maria Theresa Lazaro said Thursday the ruling is legally binding, comparing it to a lighthouse. "When the waters grow turbulent, when unilateral claims cloud the horizon and when the shadow of coercion looms, nations need something far more permanent than political convenience," Lazaro said. "They need a lighthouse." — PTI

GRAND 2nd WEEK

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INDRA/NAGENDRA70MM-9.40PM

LAXMIKALA CINEPRIDE-6.15PM

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AMB-12.50, 4.00, 7.40, 10.50PM

ART-1.30, 7.00, 10.40PM

AAA-10.20, 7.30, 10.40PM

PRASAD'S-1.40, 7.45PM

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NALLAGANDLA-11.00, 4.55PM

SHAMSHABAD-1.10, 7.55PM

NECKLACE-10.50, 7.30PM

ASHOKA ONE-1.30PM

GSM MALL-11.00, 7.35PM

GVK-4.10PM

MP MALL-4.30PM

BALANAGAR-7.45PM

SHALINI/SHIVANI-4.35PM

MIYAPUR-8.00PM

MALKAJIGIRI-7.45PM

CHANDANAGAR-7.30PM

NARSINGI-5.15PM

DSL MALL-1.30, 7.25PM

MANTRA-7.20PM

CCPL-7.40PM

TNR NORTH-10.00, 1.15, 7.05, 10.25PM

LULU MALL-10.00, 7.50PM

MCUBE MALL-1.20PM

RADHIKA-7.25PM

JP CINEMAS-4.20, 7.15PM

SHA-9.30PM

MJR MALL-1.20, 7.15PM

CINEPLANET-1.20, 7.15PM

CINEMART-1.20, 7.15PM

RK PLEX-7.00PM

CENTRAL MALL-7.15PM

INORBIT-11.00, 10.40PM

FORUM MALL-10.45, 7.30, 10.50PM

LAKESHORE-2.00, 10.45PM

SMR-5.00PM

ATRIUM MALL-7.30PM

PRISM-5.00PM

PRESTONE-1.00PM

IRRUMMANZIL-4.00, 10.50PM

ODEON-1.00, 10.40PM

MUSARAMBAGH-1.00PM

L&T ICON-7.30PM

L&T GALLERIA-11.10, 7.30PM

SANATH NAGAR-2.00PM

GACHIBOWLI-2.00PM

4.45, 10.45PM

AMR MALL-MOULALI

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Wally Funk, spaceflight pioneer, passes away at 87

Washington, July 10: Wally Funk, the trailblazing aviator who became the oldest person to fly to space some 60 years after first undergoing astronaut training with 12 other American women at the dawn of the Space Age, has died in Texas at age 87. Her death was announced in a statement posted on Thursday to social media by the city of Grapevine, Texas, a suburb of Dallas, where Funk resided and died at her home the night before, according to the statement. No cause of death was given. Funk, who was barred from NASA's early astronaut corps because of her gender, made headlines late in life when she joined billionaire Amazon.com founder Jeff Bezos as his honored guest along with two other passengers on the debut space-flight of his company Blue Origin's New Shepard rocket ship in July 2021. "I didn't think I'd ever get to go up," she said in a video interview posted on Blue Origin's website when Bezos' first crew list was unveiled weeks before the flight. The 10-minute suborbital voyage established Funk, then 82, as the oldest person ever to reach outer space, surpassing the previous record claimed by retired Mercury astronaut John Glenn, who was 77 when he returned to space in 1998 as a U.S. senator



Wally Funk (right) describes her flight experience as Mark Bezos, left, and Jeff Bezos applaud in the spaceport near Van Horn, Texas, July 20, 2021.

— AP FILE

flying aboard a NASA space shuttle. The two other passengers of Bezos' inaugural space tourism flight were his brother Mark and an 18-year-old Dutch high school graduate who became the youngest person to reach space. Emerging from the New Shepard capsule shortly after its safe parachute landing on the floor of the Texas desert, Funk told reporters, "I've been waiting a long time, adding, "I want to go again, fast." Visibly exuberant with her broad smile, royal blue flight suit

and short-cropped head of white hair, Funk instantly won a new generation of admirers on social media and beyond as White House spokesperson Jen Psaki proclaimed her "America's new sweetheart." Funk's record as the oldest person to reach space stood for nearly three months, until actor William Shatner, who played Captain Kirk on the 1960s sci-fi television series "Star Trek," was launched aboard Blue Origin's second New Shepard flight in October 2021. — Reuters

AID CUTS LEAVE 1M WOMEN WITHOUT SUPPORT, SAYS UN

Geneva, July 10: At least one million women and girls have lost access to life-saving support within the last year due to global donor aid cuts, a new United Nations report on Friday found. Nearly nine in 10 women's organisations can no longer meet the needs on the ground despite a large increase in demand since January last year, following the steepest drop in aid funding on record, the UN Women report found. The Trump administration slashed billions of dollars in foreign assistance this year, while other major international donors have also reduced aid budgets due to fiscal pressures and increased defence spending. The US had previously been the world's largest aid donor. Some 120 million women and girls require humanitarian assistance and protection worldwide. However, 40% of the 855 women's organisations surveyed in countries such as Afghanistan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Haiti are at risk of shutting down temporarily or permanently within the next year due to a shortage of funds, the report found. The majority of organisations surveyed said they can no longer meet current levels of need. — Reuters

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INDICATORS		%
Sensex	77,569.39	1.08
Nifty 50	24,206.90	1.02
S&P 500*	7,550.78	0.09
Dollar (₹)	95.40	0.01
Pound Sterling (₹)	127.98	0.04
Euro (₹)	109.07	0.04
Gold (10gm)* (₹)	143,840	1.460
Brent crude (\$/bbl)*	76.19	-0.14
IN 10-Yr bond yield	6.716	-0.56
US 10-Yr T-bill yield*	4.557	0.018

* As of 8:30 PM IST

Milky Mist to launch ₹2,023-cr IPO this month

Milky Mist Dairy Food is gearing up to launch its 20.35 billion rupees (\$213 million) initial public offering as early as July, paving the way for what is expected to be India's largest dairy-sector IPO. The company has completed investor roadshows and is aiming to open the share sale at the end of the month or in early August. The IPO comes at a time when local dairy stocks have lagged the broader market.



Volkswagen brings Tayron SUV at ₹41.99 L

Volkswagen, expanded its SUV line-up by introducing a lower-spec variant of the Tayron SUV for the Indian market. The new Tayron Life trim is positioned below its flagship SUV the Tayron R-Line and is priced at ₹41.99 lakh at Delhi showroom. The new Tayron Life, a premium 5-seater SUV becomes the brand's second locally assembled model this year, is aimed at buyers looking for more space, technology and everyday practicality.

Marri Retail, Tonbo among 5 IPOs get Sebi nod

Securities and Exchange Board of India has cleared initial public offering proposals by Tonbo Imaging India, Marri Retail, Gujarat Victory Forgings and Confidential Filing by Zetwerk Manufacturing Business. Rentomojo also received Sebi nod for IPO. Tonbo Imaging is a global defence electronics original equipment manufacturer. Its proposed public offer is an offer for sale of over 1.80 shares of face value ₹2 each.

Swiggy resolves Toing FSSAI licence issue

Swiggy said that it has resolved an issue flagged by Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) concerning its standalone budget food ordering and delivery platform Toing. The company said that it had received a prohibition order concerning Toing from the FSSAI dated July 6, 2026. It explained that the order was issued for updating licence particulars and was unrelated to food safety issues.

Stablecoin use could raise financial risks, says expert

SANGEETHA G. CHENNAI, JULY 10

Privately issued dollar-backed stablecoins are moving into the mainstream global payments ecosystem with the US advancing the Genius Act and more than 140 companies, including Visa, MasterCard, Google, Samsung and IBM, backing the OpenUSD initiative.

However, wider adoption could pose risks to global financial stability if the underlying US Treasury securities come under stress, according to Vivek Iyer, partner and financial risk advisory services leader at Grant Thornton Bharat.

Stablecoins are digital currencies pegged to the value of a fiat currency. OpenUSD is a privately issued dollar-pegged stablecoin backed by more than 140 companies. Under the OpenUSD framework, participating companies issue dollar-backed stablecoins that can be used as a medium of exchange across merchants accepting them. The initial focus is expected to be on expanding

TRAI BARS APPS FROM FILTERING 1600 SERIES CALLS

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JUL 10

Telecom watchdog Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (Trai) on Friday has said that no app can block phone calls originating from 1600 number series that are meant for communications and the government to citizens.

However, it clarified that promotional calls originating from 140 number series cannot be tagged or filtered by an app and can only be blocked by the Do Not Disturb (DND) registry which is managed by the regulator.

"Trai has mandated the use of 1600 series numbers for service and transaction calls by regulated entities of banking, financial services and insurance entities regulated by RBI, Sebi, Irdai and Pfrda to their existing customers and by government entities for government-to-citizen communication," the regulator said.

Trai also said that the key objective of assigning designated series for these communications is to make such calls trustworthy for the citizens.

On calls starting with 140 number series, Trai said that it is meant for use by registered telemarketers.



DRL OBESITY DRUG MAY FACE SUPPLY CRUNCH TILL OCT.

Hyderabad, July 10: Dr Reddy's Laboratories logged its steepest weekly loss in three years on Friday, after a disruption in generic semaglutide supply raised concerns it could lose its edge in the highly competitive diabetes market.

The company on Thursday said that the supplies of its generic semaglutide would remain unavailable in India and face disruptions in Canada until at least late October, after an impurity issue in the drug's active ingredient halted the production of new batches.

At least five brokerages have cut their price targets on the Indian drug-maker's stock since the announcement, according to data compiled by LSEG, and at least three lowered earnings estimates.

— Reuters

DIGITAL CURRENCIES

- Stablecoins are digital currencies.
- Open USD is a private dollar-pegged stablecoin.
- It is meant for transactions instead of currencies and the Genius Act allows these stablecoins to be backed by short-term US treasury bills.
- Transaction and usage fees to emerge only after the ecosystem reaches scale.

Focus will be on driving adoption rather than profits.

MONEY laundering and terrorist financing risks may arise.



adoption, with transaction and usage fees likely to be introduced after the ecosystem reaches scale.

"Countries impose current and capital account restrictions in line with their national interests. Stablecoins offer an opportunity to transact without many of these limitations," he said.

He also questioned the provision under the Genius Act permitting stablecoins to be backed by short-term US Treasury bills. According to him, the structure could encourage govern-

ments to rely more heavily on short-term borrowing, leading to fiscal indiscipline and increasing financial stability risks over time.

The RBI has already warned that private stablecoins could 'threaten domestic monetary sovereignty' and 'financial stability'. Iyer said privately issued digital currencies operating outside the banking system could reduce the RBI's ability to regulate money supply through interest rates, liquidity measures and open market operations.

WhatsApp, Telegram reply to govt notices

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 10

WhatsApp has submitted its response to the ministry of electronics and information technology (MeitY) regarding the proposed launch of the WhatsApp 'username' feature in India.

The reply, received late on Thursday night, is currently being examined by government officials. They are evaluating privacy, security and misuse-related concerns linked to the upcoming feature, sources said on Friday.

The username feature allows people on the messaging platform to communicate without sharing their phone numbers. The government flagged concerns that it could materially increase online fraud, phishing, digital arrest scams, and impersonation attacks. It had also directed the platform not to launch the feature until

consultations on the issue are completed.

Subsequently, WhatsApp had assured the government that it would not roll it out in India until discussions are complete. It also said users will not be needed to create a username and can continue using their existing phone number-based accounts.

Sources also said that Telegram also submitted a reply to government notice over its controversial 'username' feature. "The IT ministry is reviewing both the messaging apps and will soon announce its actions."



Indian generic pharma bets on global biosimilars in US and EU

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI JULY 10

Indian generic pharma giants are aggressively pivoting towards the global biosimilar market, particularly in the US and EU, transitioning from generic drugs to complex biologics to drive their next phase of growth.

However, looking at their near- and medium-term biosimilar pipeline, analysts believe that they will be late market entrants in highly competitive mar-

kets as a result of which biosimilars will contribute meaningfully to profits only in the long run.

Around 118 biologics are set to lose patent protection by 2034, presenting a \$234 billion biosimilar opportunity.

However, currently only 12 of these biologics have biosimilars in development which are heavily skewed towards high-value products, while low-



Jharkhand CM Soren showcases investment potential in state

FC CORRESPONDENT RANCHI, JULY 10

Jharkhand chief minister Hemant Soren held a series of business-to-government (B2G) meetings with industry bodies, global investors and corporate delegations to explore collaboration across tourism, manufacturing, renewable energy, healthcare, skill development and industrial infrastructure. These were part of the National Stakeholders' Consultation 2026 event.

A delegation from Singapore, led by Simon Wong Wie Kuen, High Commissioner of Singapore to India, expressed keen interest in long-term partnerships with Jharkhand.



CII representatives presented proposals solar and wind power, smart metering, transmission infrastructure, grid, renewable energy and others.

Industry body FICCI discussed strategies to position Jharkhand as a leading destination for nature tourism, destination weddings, sports tourism.

Firms like EaseMyTrip and MakeMyTrip expressed interest in promoting the state's tourism potential.

Investor wealth up by ₹5.8 L cr as mkts surge

Positive business updates from banks, MF inflows boosts sentiment

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, JULY 10

Benchmark equity indices rebounded on Friday, with the Sensex rising 827.57 points, or 1.08 per cent, to close at 77,569.39 and the Nifty-50 advancing 244.1 points, or 1.02 per cent, to settle at 24,206.90, supported by buying from foreign and domestic institutional investors.

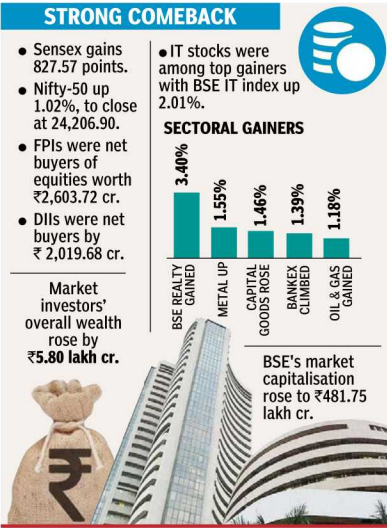
Investors' wealth rose by more than ₹5.8 lakh crore, with the BSE's total m-cap rising to over ₹481.75 lakh crore (about \$5.05 trillion) FPIs were net buyers of equities worth ₹2,603.72 crore while DIIs purchased shares worth ₹2,019.68 crore.

Sentiment was also aided by robust inflows into mid-cap and small-cap mutual funds in June, according to monthly industry data released during market hours.

IT stocks led the gains, with the BSE IT index rising 2.01 per cent after Q1 results of TCS boosted sentiment. TCS closed 1.04 per cent higher at ₹2,069.05.

Other sectoral gainers included realty (3.4 per cent), metal (1.55 per cent), capital goods (1.46 per cent), oil and gas (1.18 per cent) and bankex (1.39 per cent).

"After a brief interim



correction, the market appears to be on track for a strong recovery. Positive business updates from banks, along with a constructive outlook for the IT sector driven by in-line estimates, a potential rebound in global spending, and AI-related opportunities, have set the stage

for an optimistic start to the Q1 earnings season," said Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit.

"Buyers staged a strong comeback, recouping nearly half of the losses suffered earlier in the week," said Hitesh Rathi, technical analyst, equity & derivatives, Angel One.

Equity MF inflow surges 26% to ₹28,973 cr in June

RAVI RANJAN PRASAD MUMBAI, JULY 10

Flows into equity mutual funds rose 26.47 per cent to ₹28,973 crore in June compared to ₹22,908 crore in May, 2026 as per monthly data released by Association of Mutual Funds in India.

However debt funds saw outflows of ₹1,09,053 crore. The overall assets under management for the MF industry stood at over ₹82.22 lakh crore higher than ₹81.58 lakh crore in May, 2026. SIP remained the key driver of mutual fund assets' growth with

₹31,781 crore crore monthly inflow recorded in June.

Gold and Silver ETFs also witnessed positive flows of ₹3,443 crore and ₹4,286 crore respectively.

Hybrid schemes registered inflows of ₹12,892.76 crore. The highest flows were recorded in Mid-cap and Small cap funds at ₹6,090 crore and ₹5602 crore respectively while Flexi Cap funds received ₹5,231 crore while flows improved in Large cap funds and Multi-cap funds to ₹2,067 crore and ₹3,070 crore respectively. Flexi Cap funds manage the

highest amount of money among equity funds at over ₹5.72 lakh crore.

"Investors weren't fleeing equities, they were rotating out of value mandates and into direct mid-and-smallcap conviction bets during the dip," said Viraj Gandhi, CEO, Samco ME Arbitrage Fund and Multi Asset funds recorded ₹5,799 crore and ₹4,810.76 crore respectively.

"The MF industry continued its strong growth trajectory in June with AUM reaching ₹82.22 lakh crore. We are encouraged by the sustained participation of investors in SIFs," said Venkat Chalasani, CEO, AMFI.

Profits surge as Bank of Maharashtra, Indian Bank, and L&T Finance ace Q1

FALAKNAAZ SYED MUMBAI JULY 10

State-owned Indian Bank and Bank of Maharashtra on Friday reported a solid performance for the quarter ended June 30, 2026, with growth across key metrics compared to the same period last year.

Indian Bank's net profit increased to ₹3,273 crore, up 10.1 per cent from ₹2,973 crore in Q1 FY26 on improvement in asset quality. Another state-owned lender Bank of Maharashtra reported a

27 per cent year-on-year increase in net profit to ₹2,020 crore for the quarter ended June 2026 (Q1 FY27) driven by healthy growth in interest income and an improvement in asset quality.

Meanwhile, L&T Finance, one of the leading Upper-Layer NBFCs reported its highest ever consolidated net profit of ₹902 crore for Q1FY27, up 29 per cent YoY, while also achieving its highest ever consolidated book of ₹1.29 lakh crore up 27 per cent year on year.

Motors, inverters, power electronics to play key role

EV parts to hit ₹3.55 L- cr: Report

New Delhi, July 10: India's electric vehicle (EV) components market is expected to expand eightfold to around ₹3.55 lakh crore over the next seven years, from ₹41,000 crore in 2025, according to an industry report released at the India Energy Storage Week 2026 event in New Delhi.

The report pointed to the emergence of a dynamic domestic opportunity, as the EV component value chain becomes a central pillar in India's industrial and clean mobility ambitions, a statement said.

Vinayak Walimbe, MD, Customized Energy Solutions, said, "India's EV momentum is unmatched, powered by



innovation and collaboration. Strengthening domestic supply chains will be central to our clean mobility success."

Dr Ian Martinus, Investment and Trade commissioner, India-Gulf, Government of Western Australia said, "Western Australia is ready to partner with India not just as a supplier of critical minerals, but as an innovation

and investment ally in the EV revolution. The future of electric mobility and industrial-scale storage will be defined by what nations achieve together, not alone."

The CES report highlights how battery packs will account for more than half of the component market in 2025, with motors, inverters, and power electronics also playing significant roles.

As original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) increase drivetrain integration and Indian industry leaders invest in advanced subsystems, the share of motors, inverters, and battery management systems (BMS) within the component market is set to

AI, IRAN WAR RISKS WEIGH ON INDIAN IT FIRMS' EARNINGS

New Delhi, July 10: HCL Technologies, Wipro and Tech Mahindra are set to report earnings as their investor base increasingly questions the value of traditional information technology (IT) services in the age of artificial intelligence.

The sector is weighed down by macroeconomic uncertainty, exacerbated by the Middle East conflict, and the disruptive impact of AI adoption. The twin pressures have weighed on sentiment, driving down shares this year.

Negative sentiment toward the sector deepened after US-listed peer Accenture Plc forecast slower-than-expected quarterly revenue, reinforcing concerns over weakening demand and sending the NSE IT Index even lower.

On Thursday, Tata Consultancy Services met net income expectations, helped by cost-cutting efforts that helped it weather a slowdown in the core IT business.

— Bloomberg



ONGC TO DEVELOP 1.75 MILLION TONNE STRATEGIC RESERVE

FC CORRESPONDENT NEW DELHI, JULY 10

State-owned Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) on Friday said its board has granted in-principle approval for the development of a 1.75-million-tonne strategic petroleum reserve at Mangaluru. The project, along with associated facilities, will be developed as the Phase I extension of the Mangaluru strategic petroleum reserve. ONGC did not disclose the project cost or implementation timeline.

Meanwhile, the International Energy Agency said global supply jumped in June when the Strait of Hormuz reopened but still lagged pre-war levels.

Global oil markets got some respite last month as a peace agreement between the US and Iran facilitated the opening of the Strait, the effective closure of which had taken out about 14 million barrels per day of crude flows during the peak of the largest oil supply crisis in history. It said global oil supply rose by 4.1 million bpd in June, but stayed 9.4 million bpd below pre-war levels.

short passes



French fans react during France's victory over Morocco in the World Cup quarterfinal match at a watch party in New York City, USA. — AFP

Rain threat to Cup parties in Norway

Norway's famed "row" celebration may be one of the viral sensations of the World Cup in North America, but fans in the capital of Oslo might need their waterproofs when their side take on England in the quarterfinals on Saturday if forecast heavy rains arrive.

The team's five games so far at the tournament have seen tens of thousands of fans in Norway gathering outdoors to watch, with supporters packing streets and squares to cheer on their side and celebrate together as they contest their first men's World Cup since 1998.

However, a weather warning issued has authorities and fans alike scrambling to review their arrangements for Norway's biggest World Cup game since the country's women won the 1995 final. "Saturday afternoon and early evening, locally heavy rain showers with thunder are expected. In some places, more than 20 mm may fall in an hour," the Norwegian Meteorological Institute said in a "yellow" weather warning. — Reuters

Egypt team gets a warm welcome

Thousands of fans turned out to greet Egypt's national football team on their return home on Friday after their World Cup adventure ended with a 2-3 loss to Argentina in the knockout stage of the tournament.

Crowds gathered at the el-Alamein airport, waving photos of star player Mohamed Salah and holding signs celebrating the team's achievements as they cheered the players return.

Egypt made it to the Last 16 teams in the tournament for the first time.

The players are expected to meet Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, who thanked the team in a Facebook statement on Tuesday for their honourable performance and for achieving an unprecedented milestone in the history of Egyptian football. — AP

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Norway vs England from 2.30 am (Sunday); Argentina vs Switzerland from 6.30 am (Sunday) on Unite8 Sports 1, 2

Strong start for women

London, July 10: Smriti Mandhana's aggressive 83 and skipper Harmanpreet Kaur's solid 58 carried a laboured India to 202 for 5 against England at Tea on the opening day of the one-off Women's Test here on Friday.

However, Harmanpreet fell at the stroke of Tea, bowled by a lovely off-break from Mady Villiers, to leave the visitors in a bit of turmoil. Deepthi Sharma is batting on 5.

India had made 122 for 3 in the first session, courtesy a breezy 64-run stand for the third wicket between Mandhana and Jemimah Rodrigues (35, 38 balls). They needed a continuation of that in the middle phase to retain their control, and the tourists did just that through Mandhana and Harmanpreet. — PTI

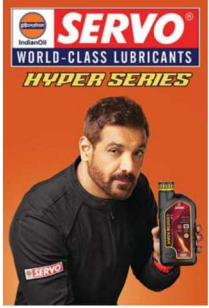
Brief Scores at Tea: India Women 202/5 in 51.2 overs (Smriti Mandhana 83, Jemimah Rodrigues 35, Harmanpreet Kaur 58) vs England Women.

FRANCE PRANCE

Mbappe and Dembele fire French past Morocco into Cup semifinals

Los Angeles (USA), July 10: France underscored their status as the World Cup's team to beat on Thursday, overpowering African champions Morocco with a clinical 2-0 win to book their third consecutive semi-finals appearance.

Kylian Mbappe curled in his eighth goal of the tournament.



ment on 60 minutes before Ousmane Dembele doubled Les Bleus' lead six minutes later to complete a drama-free victory at the Gillette Stadium outside Boston.

The win sends the 2018 champions into the last four, where they will face either Spain or Belgium at the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas next Tuesday.

Morocco had been tipped to pose a serious threat to France's hopes of reaching a third consecutive World Cup final. But Deschamps' men were always in control against toothless opponents

France	2
(Kylian Mbappe 60, Ousmane Dembele 66)	
Morocco	0

who failed to register a single shot on goal until the 83rd minute, when Azzedine Ounahi's long-range strike was parried away by France's alert goalkeeper Mike Maignan.

France struggled to find an early breakthrough, and missed the opportunity to take the lead on 28 minutes when Mbappe had a penalty saved by Morocco goalkeeper Yassine Bounou.

Morocco managed to hold out to half-time but it was always only a matter of time before France's relentless pressure paid off.

The breakthrough came on the hour mark, with Mbappe bending a brilliant right-foot shot past Bounou from the edge of the area.

Dembele made the game safe in the 66th minute, striding forward menacingly from midfield before steering a low finish into the bottom corner. Mbappe, who was substituted and received treatment for a minor ankle knock, later played down France's favourites tag, insisting the team's bid to win a third World Cup was far from complete. — AFP

France captain Kylian Mbappe celebrates after winning the World Cup quarterfinal against Morocco at Boston Stadium in Foxborough on Friday. — AFP

Still long way to go, says French captain

Foxborough (USA), July 10: France captain Kylian Mbappe insisted on Thursday his team were not getting carried away about their chances of winning another World Cup despite reaching the semi-finals thanks to a 2-0 win over Morocco. "I don't know if you can say we are on a mission. That is the easy term to use. But I think we are aware that the only way to let up is by winning," Mbappe told French broadcaster M6 after an eventful quarterfinal.

"We are in the semifinals and we are very pleased. There is still a long way to go and we are aware that what awaits is going to be even harder, but we are ready. We are ready to confront every-

thing we come up against, so we will recuperate in peace and watch tomorrow's game to find out who we will face next," he added.

Mbappe had a hand in Ousmane Dembele's goal which sealed the win for France at the Gillette Stadium near Boston, before later being substituted after taking a knock to the ankle, and being replaced by Jean-Philippe Mateta.

"I'm fine. I took a knock on the ankle but I'm fine. I think at that point JP was more prepared than me to play the final 15 minutes so I came off," he said.

He will expect to be fit for the semifinals. — AFP



FRENCH COACH DESCHAMPS HAILS MBAPPE

Foxborough (USA), July 10: France coach Didier Deschamps paid tribute to forward Kylian Mbappe after he scored his eighth goal of the World Cup to fire Les Bleus into the semifinals on Thursday with a 2-0 victory over Morocco.

"When it's Kylian, there's no problem — he never doubts himself, even though he had another chance before scoring," Deschamps told French broadcaster M6 after Mbappe netted his 20th World Cup goal in 20 appearances at the tournament.

Deschamps confirmed that Mbappe was substituted late in the second half because he had taken a knock to the ankle — the forward was seen applying ice on the sidelines.

"I am obviously really proud to be in a third straight semifinal. It seems logical and natural, but you still have to achieve it," Deschamps added in his post-game press conference.

He said his players "never doubted themselves" despite failing to convert a host of chances in the first half, including the penalty that Mbappe squandered.

"Obviously, I have great players, otherwise we wouldn't get there, but it's good. It was complicated because today, after missing the penalty, and with the chances (we had), we didn't convert," he added.

France will face either Spain or Belgium in Dallas for a place in the final. That semifinal will take place on July 14 — France's national day. "The only date we have in our diaries for now is the 14th, even if the 14th of July is a nice date for France," added Deschamps. — AFP

FIFA World Cup 2026		Quarter-final
 NORWAY vs ENGLAND 		
July 12, 2:30 am (IST)		
Miami Stadium, USA		
Capacity: 64,478		
Norway 	Overall Head-to-Head	England 
FIFA ranking: 19	Norway: 2	FIFA ranking: 4
Coach: Ståle Solbakken	England: 7	Coach: Thomas Tuchel
Captain: Martin Ødegaard		Captain: Harry Kane
Best finish: Quarter-final (2026)	Draw: 3	Best finish: Winner (1966)
Norway 	Route to Quarter-finals	England 
vs Iraq 4-1		vs Croatia 4-2
vs Senegal 3-2		vs Ghana 0-0
vs France 1-4		vs Panama 2-0
Round of 32 vs Côte d'Ivoire 2-1		Round of 32 vs DR Congo 2-1
Round of 16 vs Brazil 2-1		Round of 16 vs Mexico 3-2
Source: FIFA		KBR Sports Graphic

Friendly English face familiar foe

Miami (USA), July 10: England's quest to end 60 years of World Cup pain comes up against Norway's scoring machine Erling Haaland in a Miami showdown for a place in the semifinals on Saturday.

After overcoming high altitude and a fervent home crowd in Mexico City to progress to the Last Eight in an all-time World Cup classic, an England side boasting the in-form Harry Kane and Jude Bellingham are favourites to reach the semis in south Florida.

However, the Three Lions' defensive deficiencies will be severely tested by Haaland, who put Brazil to the sword in the Last 16 and has seven goals in his first four World Cup appearances.

Haaland, who was born in England and plays his club football for Manchester City, insisted there was no pressure on his side. "I think there's some clear favourites out there, England's one of them. I think all of you should put every single pressure on the English lads," he told reporters.

In their first World Cup for 28 years, the nation of just over five million people have far exceeded expectations. Even before setting off for the United States, a team photo of the squad dressed up as Vikings in front of longships went viral.

The theme has persisted with each victory celebrated by their fans performing a Viking row, from the stands of the United States to Times Square in New York, to the streets of Oslo.

Haaland was the man to beat the drum to conduct that row after his brilliant late double sent Brazil home. That made history as Norway reached the quarterfinals for the first time. "Playing against Brazil was kind of crazy for us Norwegians and to win against Brazil and then go and play England in the quarterfinals in the World Cup in the USA is quite special," added Haaland. — AFP



Norway striker Erling Braut Haaland (left) controls the ball as he takes part in a training session in Fort Lauderdale, USA, ahead of the World Cup quarterfinal against England. — AFP

Mickil powers Aces to final

Hyderabad, July 10: Khammam Aces booked their place in the final of the Hyderabad Cricket Association's Sreenidhi University T20 with a thrilling 10-run victory over Hyderabad E-Champions in Qualifier 1 at the Rajiv Gandhi International Cricket Stadium on Thursday night.

Powered by Mickil Jaiswal's unbeaten 76 off 34 balls and a disciplined bowling effort led by Sahendra Mallu (3/31) as well as Harshith Sai's disciplined final over, the Aces successfully defended 200 to hand Hyderabad E-Champions their first defeat of the tournament, ending the league leaders' unbeaten run.

Mickil Jaiswal and Sai Krishna ensured Aces maintained the momentum after the halfway stage, adding quick runs against the Hyderabad



Mickil Jaiswal of Khammam Aces plays a shot during his unbeaten 76 in Qualifier 1 of the T20 in Hyderabad.

attack. Sai Krishna accelerated with a six before Akhil Rathod ended his impressive knock, having him caught by Ganesh Gadugu for 40 off 30, leaving the Aces at 98/4 after 11 overs.

Mickil then took charge alongside skipper C. V. Milind (17 off 12), steadily rebuilding the innings with regular boundaries. Milind struck a six and a four off Shanmukha Ashwin and Pranav Varma respectively, while Mickil matched him stroke for stroke with a six off Ashwin and consecutive

boundaries against Ajay Dev Goud to bring up a brilliant half-century off just 26 balls.

After Ashwin dismissed Milind, Sahendra Mallu (9 off 8) joined Mickil as the duo added crucial late runs, with Mickil smashing two sixes off Ajay Dev Goud in the 18th over before finishing in spectacular fashion with three more sixes in the final over. Mickil anchored the innings with seven sixes and four boundaries, as the late assault helped the Aces pile 113 runs in the final 10 overs to finish with a formidable 200/6.

Brief Scores: Khammam Aces 200/6 in 20 overs (Mickil Jaiswal 76 n.o., G. Sai Krishna Reddy 40, Paras Raj 32) bt Hyderabad E-Champions 190/8 in 20 overs (Sai Vikas Reddy 69, Ganesh Gadugu 27, Pranav Varma 26, Sahendra Mallu 3/31). **Player of the Match:** Mickil Jaiswal.

NAVEEN & MUSA EYE PODIUM IN RWANDA RALLY

Kigali City (Rwanda), July 10: Indian rally driver Naveen Puligilla and his co-driver Musa Sherif will look for another podium finish at the Rwanda Mountain Gorilla Rally, the third round of the FIA African Rally Championship (ARC), starting here on Saturday. The duo completed the shakedown and qualifying stage on Friday.

The Duran Racing team's Puligilla and Sherif of Kasaragod will drive a Ford Fiesta, serviced by MRU Motorsports Africa, in the ARC3 category. The total distance is 307.52km while the 18 Special Stages of competitive distance forms 252km of demanding mountain stages on Saturday and Sunday.

Argies, ageless Messi in focus

Kansas City (USA), July 10: Lionel Messi has scored in every World Cup match so far, but after two gruelling knockout ties, will age finally catch up with the 39-year-old in the quarterfinal against Switzerland?

The defending champions have won all five of their games, with Messi's brilliance and their unshakeable team spirit central to their progress in the tournament.

Saturday's quarterfinal at Arrowhead Stadium will take him back to the scene of his hat-trick in Argentina's first match of the 2026 tournament. He has continued his scoring run, taking his tally to eight — level with Golden Boot rival Kylian Mbappe. And he has also become the leading scorer in World Cup history, with 21 goals across his career.

Aside from their diminutive genius, Argentina's most potent weapon is their remarkable camaraderie. The South Americans are now unbeaten in 11 World Cup games as they seek to become the first country since Brazil in 1962 to win back-to-back World Cups. — AFP

Brook adds salt to Indian wounds as England win fourth T20

Bristol, July 10: Shreyas Iyer's valiant unbeaten 80 went in vain as Harry Brook and Phil Salt made a mockery of the 159-run target with blazing unbeaten half-centuries, powering England to a series-clinching nine-wicket win over

India in the fourth T20 here on Thursday. Opting to bat, Iyer appeared to be batting on a different surface, in his 49-ball 80 not out, his second as skipper, to guide India to 158 for 7. He struck five sixes and four fours, holding the

innings together as wickets tumbled around him on a typical pacy English wicket. In stark contrast to the India innings, England were never troubled by the modest target and dominated the Indian bowlers from the outset as the home side romped

home in 13.5 overs to take a 3-0 unassailable lead in the five-match series. — PTI
Brief Scores: India 158 for 7 in 20 overs (Shreyas Iyer 80 n.o., Jofra Archer 2/20, Josh Tongue 2/36) lost to England 159 for 1 in 13.5 overs (Harry Brooks 79 n.o., Phil Salt 59 n.o.).

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ZVEREV IN WIMBLEDON FINAL

London, July 10: French Open champion Alexander Zverev ended the remarkable run of British wildcard Arthur Fery with a dominant semifinal victory on Friday to reach his first Wimbledon final. The second seed will face either reigning champion Jannik Sinner or seven-time winner Novak Djokovic for the title after seeing off Fery 7-6 (7/0), 6-2, 6-4 on Centre Court. Zverev is the first German man to reach the final at the All England Club since Boris Becker in 1995. — AFP

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GHOST TROLLING: THE NEW MENACE IN BOLLYWOOD

Forget the box office. With Alia the latest target, the industry's biggest battle is now being fought on social media, where anonymous trolls can make or break a star overnight

SUBHASH K. JHA

The online hate directed at Alia Bhatt has reignited the debate over whether the industry's biggest stars are being targeted by organised smear campaigns rather than genuine public criticism.

The backlash intensified around her recent public appearances and the release of *Alpha*, with social media flooded by memes, abuse and personal attacks. While criticism comes with stardom, many in the industry believe the scale and persistence of the trolling point to some-

thing far more coordinated.

Her *Love & War* director, Sanjay Leela Bhansali, dismisses the negativity. "She must not pay attention to conspiracy theories and just focus on her work, at which she is fantastic. Let the dogs bark."

Filmmaker Vikram Bhatt goes a step further. "A significant portion of the online backlash against her is driven by paid, bot-fuelled smear campaigns rather than genuine audience criticism. Anyone can buy a thousand negative comments for one lakh rupees on social media.

Industry rivals are intentionally financing this anti-Alia campaign."

SUCCESS, THEN THE STORM

DC CORRESPONDENT

Despite the success of *Dhurandhar*, Ranveer Singh found himself at the receiving end of relentless hate. Many in the industry argued that the Farhan Akhtar controversy was a contractual dispute that could not be pinned on the lead actor alone, yet Ranveer became the face of the backlash. The trolling intensified again after the Kantara-inspired deity controversy, turning him into another high-profile target of sustained abuse.



“IF THEY DON'T LIKE ALPHA, WHY IS SHE BEING BLAMED? IT'S THE SAME ALIA. HER TALENT HASN'T DIMINISHED.”

— RAM GOPAL VARMA

Veteran actor Anupam Kher also believes the trend is dangerous. "There is undoubtedly a smear campaign against some stars, Alia Bhatt and Varun Dhawan now and Sushant Singh Rajput earlier. The negativity took Sushant's life. I hope no actor in future gets so severely affected by these ugly smears."

Even Mahesh Bhatt has defended his daughter

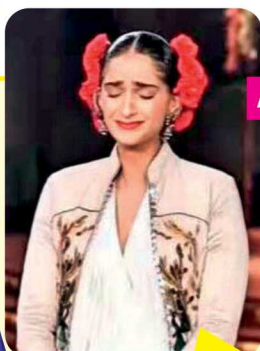
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ALSO IN THE FIRING LINE

● **Kiara Advani:** Faced backlash after bold scenes from *Toxic* became meme fodder.



● **Sonam Kapoor:** Criticised for getting emotional at a fashion show honouring Rohit Bal, with trolls calling it "overacting".



● **Bhumi Pednekar:** Targeted over her recent public appearances, fashion choices and attitude.



● **Ananya Panday:** Continues to face trolling over nepotism and acting, most recently for her Bharatanatyam-inspired dance sequence in *Chand Mera Dil*.

● **Akshay Kumar:** Frequently trolled over old endorsements, resurfaced interviews and recent box office setbacks.



Nolan & Holland's India moment

Cinema history is unfolding in Mumbai. Oscar-winning filmmaker Christopher Nolan has arrived in the city for the global tour of *The Odyssey*, set to become the first Nolan film to premiere in India. The director checked into the iconic Taj Mahal Palace with wife and producer Emma Thomas, even turning

to acknowledge cheering photographers with a wave. Tom Holland also arrived at the hotel to a frenzy of fans and media, while Matt Damon, who headlines the film, is expected to join the entourage soon.

With one of Hollywood's biggest filmmakers choosing India for a landmark premiere, Mumbai has become the centre of the cinematic world.

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Rich girl arms muscle their way into fitness

ANUSHREE CHAURASIA

For much of the last decade, women's fitness culture seemed to be experiencing a long-overdue revolution. Weight rooms that men once dominated became increasingly welcoming to women. Strength training replaced endless hours of cardio as the gold standard of health, and the mantra "strong is the new skinny" symbolised far more than a fitness trend.

Today, social media appears to be steering the conversation in a different direction. A growing aesthetic known as "rich girl arms" is quietly gaining popularity across platforms, promoting arms that appear slim and lightly toned but intentionally lack visible muscle. The ideal is one of effortless elegance—strong enough to carry a luxury handbag, but not so muscular that they challenge traditional ideas of femininity or hint at physical labour.

On the surface, the trend may seem like just another fleeting beauty preference. Yet beneath the carefully curated images lies a larger cultural conversation about what society values in women's bodies—and whether we are slowly returning to an era where appearance matters more than ability.

STRENGTH IS MORE THAN MUSCLE

Fitness professionals argue that reducing exercise to aesthetics overlooks its most valuable purpose. "Strength is not measured by how visible your muscles are but by how confidently you move through your everyday life," says fitness coach **Namita Raj**. "Whether you're lifting weights, carrying your children, travelling independently or simply protecting your long-term health, physical capability is one of the greatest forms of freedom a woman can invest in."

That perspective reflects a growing body of research showing that resistance training supports cardiovascular health, protects against osteoporosis, improves metabolic health and helps preserve mobility as women age. Muscle is not merely cosmetic. It is a functional infrastructure for lifelong wellbeing.

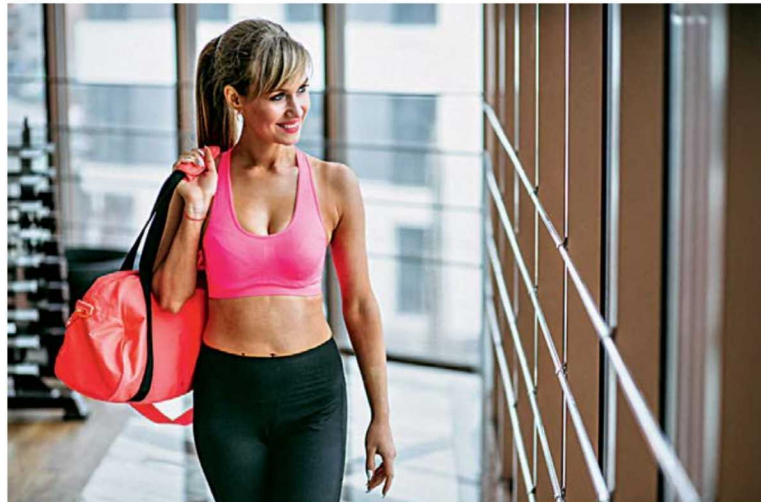
DECORATIVE FITNESS PROBLEM

Unlike previous fitness movements that celebrated athletic performance, endurance and strength, decorative fitness focuses almost entirely on aesthetics. The goal is no longer to deadlift heavier weights, complete a marathon or master a pull-up. Instead, it is to cultivate a body that appears healthy, expensive and effortlessly maintained.

Luxury fashion, "old money" aesthetics and minimalist beauty trends have merged to create an image of femininity that feels polished but deliberately understated. Visible muscle, once praised as a sign of discipline and confidence, is increasingly being portrayed as excessive or unfeminine in certain corners of the internet.

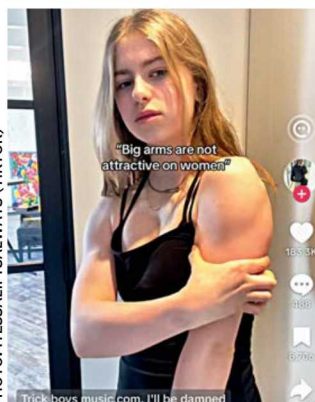
While trends naturally evolve, this particular shift raises important questions. If fitness becomes another tool for meeting narrow beauty standards rather than improving physical wellbeing, are women truly moving forward? "People should stop following these silly trends. Your body is a temple. Muscle strength is important irrespective of your gender," says **Sushama Patil**, a certified gym instructor from

Fitness experts fume as many women shift focus from functional fitness to fashionable fragility as part of new the 'decorative fitness' trend



THE CONCERN ARISES WHEN SOCIAL MEDIA QUIETLY CONVINCES WOMEN THAT TAKING UP LESS PHYSICAL SPACE IS SOMEHOW MORE ELEGANT THAN BECOMING STRONGER."

— **KARISHMA SHAH**, Fitness educator



Pune.

LOOKS VS STRENGTH

One of the greatest achievements of the strength movement is its emphasis on function over form. Women began celebrating milestones that had nothing to do with dress size, lifting heavier weights, improving mobility, running faster and simply feeling more capable in everyday life. Strength training has been consistently linked to greater confidence, improved mental health, better bone density and healthier ageing. It encourages women to appreciate their bodies for their performance rather than constant visual evaluation. Decorative fitness risks reversing that progress. Instead of asking, "What can my body do?" Many are once again encouraged to ask, "How does my body look?"

The difference may seem subtle, but its long-term impact can be significant. Fitness becomes another performance rather than a source of empowerment.

'EFFORTLESS' BEAUTY PRESSURE

The most misleading aspect of trends like "rich girl arms" is the illusion of effortlessness. Social media often presents these physiques as naturally attainable through gentle movement, Pilates classes, or daily walks, while overlooking the complex realities of individual body composition, genetics, nutrition, and lifestyle. Achieving an extremely lean appearance requires strict dietary control, regular exercise and favourable genetics. Marketing these bodies as effortless can create unrealistic expectations, particularly for younger women who may compare themselves to carefully



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— **NAMITA RAJ**, Fitness Coach

curated online images.

REDEFINING FEMININE POWER

Women's relationship with strength has always been shaped by culture. For generations, femininity was associated with softness, delicacy and dependence. The rise of strength training challenged those assumptions by proving that women could be powerful without sacrificing femininity. Fitness educator **Karishma Shah** says, "Every woman has the right to choose the kind of body she wants. The concern arises when social media quietly convinces women that taking up less physical space is somehow more elegant than becoming stronger. True empowerment comes from having options, capability and confidence, not from fitting into another aesthetic trend."

Her observation highlights an important distinction between personal preference and cultural pressure. There is nothing inherently wrong with preferring a lean physique, Pilates or low-impact exercise. Problems emerge when a single visual ideal becomes the benchmark for beauty or success.

A MATTER OF CHOICE

Fitness trends will continue to evolve, just as fashion and beauty standards always have. Some will inspire healthier lifestyles, while others will prioritise appearance above all else. The challenge lies in recognising the difference.

The strength movement offered women something that previous beauty trends rarely did: permission to occupy space, develop power and define health on their own terms. It encouraged women to train for longevity rather than simply aesthetics and to celebrate achievements measured in kilograms lifted instead of centimetres lost.

As decorative fitness gains momentum, the conversation should not be about rejecting femininity or criticising personal style. It should be about protecting the progress that redefined fitness as a tool for empowerment rather than decoration.

CENTRE COURT OR CONTENT COURT?

Wimbledon is no longer just about tennis. It's more of a deal about celebs, creators seen in the match

Remember when Cannes was the place to be seen? Now, the new status spot is Wimbledon! One day you're cheering in whites, next day every celeb, influencer and sports star is in the Royal Box with you. Wimbledon isn't just about tennis anymore. The tournament wants Gen-Z eyes! So hinting the influencers. One reel, one court-side selfie and boom — a 100-year-old sporting event is turning into the hottest lifestyle flex. The real question is... do they actually deserve to be there? Ofcourse, old-school tennis lovers are not happy. They are saying online that influencers treat Wimbledon like one giant photoshoot, not a tennis match! Meanwhile real fans are out here waiting hours in the queue or praying to win the public ballot... just to watch influencers waltz into the best seats for a brand deal. Is the influencer circus stealing attention from the actual sport and Wimbledon's legacy? For now, let's run down the celeb roll call. These are the names that got spotted at SW19 this year.

***Priyanka Chopra** showed up at Wimbledon on looking every bit on the fashion moment. Bandanna on, she grabbed a front-row seat. But what really broke the internet was Priyanka FaceTiming Nick Jonas and giving him a full VIP tour of Wimbledon from her seat!

***Kalyani Priyadarshan** turned up at Wimbledon in a baby blue midi with an asymmetric hem that did all the talking. High neck, front buttons and a chevron print, it was giving retro court-side glam. *Lokah* promotions, much?

***Ayesha Khan** turned Wimbledon into her personal photoshoot! Red ankle-length gown, trophy pose and all the cute corners of the stadium. She hit every pretty photospot SW19 had to offer because, apparently, if you're at Wimbledon now, you're leaving with the pictures to prove it.

***On the other hand, Rannvijay Singha and Prianka Singha** made Wimbledon their date day. The couple was spotted in the star-studded matches. Wimbledon is coming to India's feed or is it vice-versa? Instead of asking Indian celebs to suddenly get British tennis tradi-



FROM PRIYANKA CHOPRA TO KALYANI PRIYADARSHAN AND SREELEELA, INDIAN STARS TURNED UP IN FULL FORCE AT THE ALL ENGLAND CLUB THIS YEAR.

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tions, they brought the tournament to them.

***Mr. Faisu** also checked Wimbledon off his bucket list! Popular creator Faisal Shaikh was a specially invited VIP at the 2026 Championships in London, courtesy of Star Sports. From the stands to the behind-the-scenes, he took his millions of followers along for the

whole ride. For him, being seen there means clout, connections and more brand deals!

***The ex-India opener Shikhar Dhawan** was also spotted at Centre Court in London with his wife. The couple shared their Wimbledon diaries on social with: "From the cricket field to Centre Court... sport always finds a way." Newly married glow or just pure love for sport? You decide.



Aamir's son Azad and Gauri Spratt's son Quinn bond during the family's Melbourne holiday.

After wedding, Aamir heads to Melbourne for honeymoon

Post-wedding holiday doubles as bonding time for two young boys

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Whatever the memes say about Aamir Khan's third marriage, he and his extended family are at peace with his decision. Before making his relationship with Gauri Spratt official, Aamir took the confidence of his son Azad, whom he shares with ex-wife Kiran Rao, as well as Gauri's six-year-old son,

Quinn. The actor has now flown to Melbourne with Gauri, Azad and Quinn for a short holiday. The getaway is said to be an opportunity for the two boys to bond, while also allowing Aamir to spend quality time with Quinn. Aamir will also attend the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne, where he is nominated for Best Actor for *Sitaare Zameen Par*.

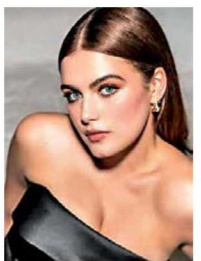
"HE'S LITERALLY MY BROTHER"

Off Campus star Ella Bright shuts down Belmont Cameli dating rumours

Off Campus may have fans shipping its lead pair, but Ella Bright is not buying it. The 19-year-old star has shut down romance rumours with co-star Belmont Cameli, calling him "literally my brother" and saying she would "never" date him. That's a pretty firm shut-down!

On the *In Your Dreams With Owen Thiele* podcast, Bright addressed fans shipping her with Cameli after *Off Campus*. "I totally get it, but it is so weird. Like, no," she said. "I love him so much, but he's literally my brother." She made it clear there's zero romance in real life.

Bright also gave Cameli's girlfriend a shoutout — writer Raina Morris, who she called "my angel on Earth." She was quick to praise the couple and confirm there was never anything romantic between her and the 28-year-old!



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IN THE NEWS

'NO CAMERAS ON MY MAN'

KENDALL JENNER IS THREATENING TO QUIT THE KARDASHIANS IF MOMAGER KRIS MENTIONS BOYFRIEND JACOB

Kendall Jenner is drawing a firm line when it comes to Jacob Eldridge. Reports tell *RadarOnline.com* that the 30-year-old model is "hell on wheels" about momager Kris Jenner bringing up her 28-year-old boyfriend on the next season of *The Kardashians*. Apparently, this romance is strictly no-camera zone!

"The problem is, if Kris wants to make it a plot line, she can just mention it herself and gossip to one of the sisters about it, so Kendall doesn't actually have a lot of control," reports suggested, claiming that the model is threatening to walk from the reality show if her new beau is mentioned.

But Kris isn't having it either. According to the reports, the momager thinks Kendall is being too dramatic and pointed out that they talk about sister Kylie's A-list boyfriend

Chalamet all the time. "I still don't want her mom mentioning it up," reports said. "She's really into Jacob and doesn't want her mom mentioning it up," reports said.

CAPRICORN | DEC. 22 TO JAN. 20

Dea r Capricorn, This week might be a bit challenging, and it's possible that things might not be as they seem. Don't worry, though. You don't have to figure everything out right away. Just take your time and ride out the storm of uncertainty. As the days go by, start gathering intel and see if your gut feeling has any clues for you. You will learn valuable lessons about yourself. Although the path ahead might be intimidating and scary, keep on going, and eventually everything will work out just fine.

LUCKY NUMBER: 18
LUCKY COLOR: BABY PINK
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I TRUST MY INTUITION, AND I FLOAT

AQUARIUS | JAN 21 TO FEB 19

Dea r Aquarius, Get ready, the wheel of fate is about to gift you good fortune and charged connections!!!! Your relationships, business and career finances, health, and spiritual well-being will all begin to improve. Be prepared of chance meetings or debates between two job offers that change everything for the better. Remember that though fate plays into your destiny, we have the power to manifest our own future. So get in the driver's seat and create the life you desire.

LUCKY NUMBER: 10
LUCKY COLOR: INDIGO
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: WITH EVERY SPIN, I EXPAND

PISCES | FEB 20 TO MARCH 20

Dea r Pisces, This week you need to make difficult choices. You may have to choose between many options, all of which may be tempting, but only one of which is the best choice. Not all of those choices are copyright lawsuits, but your intuition for guidance. Your ideas may be wonderful, but can you make them real? What can you really mean, here, in your life? The cards ask you to 'make the impossible possible'.

LUCKY NUMBER: 7
LUCKY COLOR: LIME
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: MY WILDEST IMAGINATION A TOLD THAT I WILL USE TO INFORM MY FUTURE IN A DOWN-TO-EARTH WAY

'BTS' caught in copyright storm

Lawsuit claims demo was shared by Artist Publishing Group to people involved in BTS' track

Trouble in the waters for BTS. BigHit Music has denied that *Swim* from the group's new album *Arang* ripped off an unreleased track by three American songwriters. The label responded to a US copyright lawsuit by calling the allegations false and vowing to defend the song legally. Studio City, Calif.-based Greylvin Johnson are the ones behind the suit, claiming BTS' hit *Swim* is a rip-off of their unreleased demo called *Swim*. Billboard reports the defendants include Hybe, BigHit Music and the song's writers, with ex-OneRepublic star Ryan Tedder on that list. BTS themselves weren't named, but RM does get a mention as a writer. The lawsuit also alleges that representatives of the label listened to it and shared it with individuals who later contributed to BTS' *Swim*.

BETTER DAYS ARE AROUND THE CORNER

YOU ASK WE ANSWER



By MAANYA KOHLI

A RENOWNED TAROT CARD READER, BELIEVES THAT TAROT IS A TOOL FOR DIVINITY AND THE CARDS CAN BE A SPIRITUAL GUIDE IN VARIOUS LIFE SITUATIONS

I have received two job offers, one from a new company and another from a former employer. Both are hybrid roles. Which opportunity offers better career growth, stability and long-term security? Also, what do the cards reveal about my marriage and future?

— Hazel

Dear Hazel, thank you for placing your trust in me. The cards suggest that these two opportunities carry very different energies. The offer from Company B appears to come with some uncertainty. While it may seem attractive initially, there are signs that it may not fully meet your expectations in the long run. The opportunity with S Company, however, feels much stronger. Since you are already familiar with the work culture and have proved yourself there, this path offers greater stability, confidence and scope for growth.

Sometimes, returning to a familiar place isn't a step backward. It's choosing a strong foundation on which to build something even bigger. On the personal front, I see possible movement ahead. The cards indicate marriage and a promising new beginning. Focus on your own happiness and growth, and the right partner will naturally come along with your journey. Wishing you clarity, success and abundant blessings ahead.

My son, Sai Vaneesh, completed his B.Tech in 2022 but is still waiting for the right job. When is he likely to find employment, and what do the cards reveal about his career and future?

— Muralidhar

Dear Mr. Muralidhar, thank you for your question. I understand your concern as a father. Watching your son complete his education and wait for the right opportunity can be chal-

lenging for the entire family. The good news is that the cards indicate this phase is temporary, and positive career opportunities are beginning to unfold. The reading suggests that Sai Vaneesh's success will come through merit, preparation and persistence. The efforts he has already invested in his education are likely to be rewarded. The next three to six months look particularly favourable for interviews, job offers or a breakthrough that sets his career on the right path. Often, a delayed opportunity turns out to be far better than the one you may have missed. His future appears stable, especially in roles that require analytical thinking, responsibility and strong communication skills. Once he secures his first job, steady career growth is indicated, with the potential to take on leadership roles in the years ahead. Wishing Sai Vaneesh every success and hope your family receives good news very soon. God bless.

VIRGO | AUGUST 24 TO SEP 23

Dea r Virgo, This week you may be trying to keep too many balls in the air and finding it impossible to maintain the balance between the various areas of your life. Professionally, there are opportunities to reduce your workload or make work more manageable, you just have to look for them. It is better to be a bit better organised and a little less busy than to be overwhelmed. My advice to you is to put your energy into prioritising your tasks. Create a balance and find time to work, play and laugh.

LUCKY NUMBER: 2
LUCKY COLOR: LIGHT GREEN
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I CREATE AN EQUILIBRIUM IN LIFE THAT ALLOWS ME TO BALANCE MY BEST SELF

LIBRA | SEP 24 TO OCT 23

Dea r Libra, This week carries a warm, nurturing energy where you're called to set an intention and take action. The cards remind you that you are capable of handling work with quiet confidence-like finally organising your dreams, whether big or small, and that you have all you need to do so. If you see obstacles in your way, find solutions that are a different way. The Universe is on your side. There is power and magic available to you.

LUCKY NUMBER: 1
LUCKY COLOR: GOLDEN
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I MANIFEST THE LIFE DESIRE THROUGH ENERGY AND INTENTION

SCORPIO | OCT. 24 TO NOV. 22

Dea r Scorpio, This week carries a warm, nurturing energy where you're called to balance ambition with care. You may find that you are standing on the shore with two paths ahead and seem equally doubtful or unclear. The key is to trust your intuition – take a deep breath, quiet the noise, and listen to your inner voice. For instance, if you're debating between two job offers, let relationship choices, don't rush. The answers will come when your body, mind and feelings become one, nurture them, the more abundance flows your way.

LUCKY NUMBER: 1
LUCKY COLOR: COLORED
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I LIVE MY DEEPLY CONNECTED LIFE WITH WARMTH AND ABUNDANCE

SAGITTARIUS | NOV. 23 TO DEC. 21

Dea r Sagittarius, This week you'll find yourself at a crossroads. You may face a decision that requires careful thought. Imagine you're standing on the shore with two paths ahead and seem equally doubtful or unclear. The key is to trust your intuition – take a deep breath, quiet the noise, and listen to your inner voice. For instance, if you're debating between two job offers, let relationship choices, don't rush. The answers will come when your body, mind and feelings become one, nurture them, the more abundance flows your way.

LUCKY NUMBER: 2
LUCKY COLOR: SAGE GREEN
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: WHEN I FEEL UNBUILT, UNKNOWN, I TRUST MYSELF AND FIND THE LIGHT

Tarot Tip for Career Growth: Donate notebooks, pens, or other educational supplies to a student in need on Wednesdays, with the intention of inviting new opportunities and positive career growth.

A guide to solstices, eclipses, and high-value timing

Have you ever wondered why certain business managers glide through effortlessly while others struggle? The answer lies in timing. Or why a brand launch suddenly captures global attention? It is not just luck; it is cosmic alignment. In high-stakes business and creative worlds, hard work is just baseline criteria. High-value timing is the real secret asset. By treating the calendar like an esoteric roadmap, you can learn to pull the year's most potent astrological milestones to amplify your success.

HARNESSING COSMIC HIGH-TIDES

Think of solstices as major energetic turning points. Just a few

weeks ago on June 21, we experienced the Summer Solstice – the ultimate cosmic peak of visibility where shadows retreat and light reigns. But this isn't just a seasonal event; it has been working on a bold new venture, this period was your energetic green light to command the spotlight. Conversely, the Winter Solstice on December 21 marks the season of esoteric sovereignty. As the sun dips below the horizon, it's time to step back from the public eye, draft NDAs, master your internal strategy, and plan your next legacy moves behind closed doors.

HARD WORK MATTERS, BUT TIMING CAN MAKE ALL THE DIFFERENCE. KEY ASTROLOGICAL MILESTONES MAY HELP YOU MAXIMISE OPPORTUNITIES AND SUCCESS.

cosmic wildcards that trigger sudden, massive changes in leadership, authority and public status. If you see repeating patterns in your corporate evolution or a bold personal pivot, this window will provide a definitive path forward. Here are key dates to watch: • **The Release:** Shortly after on August 27 and 28, a Partial Lunar Eclipse will shift the moon's position into your internal alignments. Treat this as your energetic audit. Use it to clearly define your mission, partnerships, dead weight, or outdated business dynamics. Timing your moves to these celestial currents transforms a launch into a legacy. Work smarter, align deeper, and let the cosmos do the heavy lifting.

ARIES | MARCH 21 TO APRIL 20

Dea r Aries, This week you are blessed with good fortune and youthful creativity. You are being passionate about life. Ensure that you are not stuck in day-to-day activities or weighed down by the burdens of the material world. The week brings it with change and fresh beginnings. Positively accept the changes around you. Your enthusiasm is admirable, but acting impulsively may invite criticism. Love and affectionate messages are headed your way. Singles may meet a new suitor soon.

LUCKY NUMBER: 9
LUCKY COLOR: BRIGHT ORANGE
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: AS A DREAMER OF MY DREAM I IGNITE THIS FLAME

TAURUS | APRIL 21 TO MAY 21

Dea r Taurus, This week may feel like a tug-of-war, with differing opinions, clashing schedules, or even unexpected competition at work or home. It's nothing you can't handle; think of it like a group project where everyone wants to lead. The key is to stay grounded and pick your battles wisely. A client once told me she had a similar week and discovered hidden leadership skills when she stepped in to mediate a family disagreement. Use this energy to grow through the chaos. Keep your cool.

LUCKY NUMBER: 5
LUCKY COLOR: TURQUOISE
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: WE RISE TOGETHER IN ACCELERATED HARMONY

GEMINI | MAY 22 TO JUNE 21

Dea r Gemini, This week brings new beginnings and opportunities. Follow your heart, there is magic in the air and the universe is waiting to support you with infinite love and guidance. Embrace the unknown and let go of fear. Take that leap of faith, even if you don't feel fully prepared. Use your creativity and spontaneity to make the most of this magical time. Have fun and treat life like an experiment. Remember to step into the unknown and trust that the Universe will guide you. Children bring happiness.

LUCKY NUMBER: 3
LUCKY COLOR: SKY BLUE
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I AWAKEN MY SOUL PATH AND I AM READY FOR ADVENTURE

CANCER | JUNE 22 TO JULY 23

Dea r Cancer, This week, it seems that you are living life on a mundane level. The cards urge you to step away from the day-to-day activities and spend some time on self-reflection. It is time to rediscover your greater meaning and purpose on this planet. It is time to focus on rebuilding yourself spiritually. Those Cancerians who are in a relationship might experience a situation where either partner needs some time or space. Even if there are challenges in the relationship, you both do not wish to break up or separate.

LUCKY NUMBER: 9
LUCKY COLOR: ROSE RED
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I WITNESS MY BRIGHTLY LIT HEART

LEO | JULY 24 TO AUGUST 23

My dear Leo, This week there is an indication that you may be in the midst of a new undertaking such as a hobby, business venture, or the beginning of a new educational experience. You will be full of enthusiasm. Remember, castles in the air may be beautiful in theory, but now is the time to begin to lay foundations under them. Keep records and receipts safe and secure. Concentrate on the communication of practical matters and control your information. Staying close to nature will be good for you.

LUCKY NUMBER: 1
LUCKY COLOR: WOODY BROWN
AFFIRMATION FROM LIGHT SEERS TAROT: I EXPERIENCE BRILLIANT MOMENTS OF CLARITY

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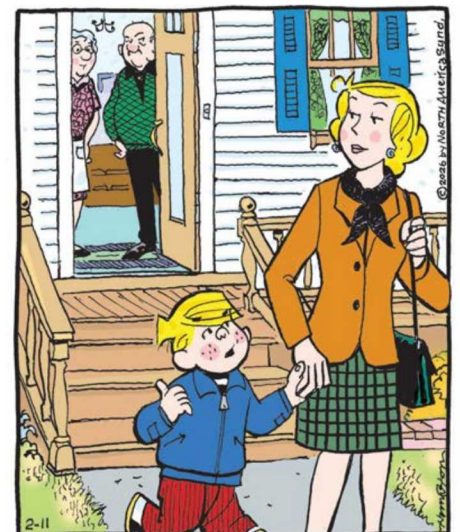
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Henry Boltzoff

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CM Vijay's 'Jana Nayagan' cleared with 'A' certificate

CBFC directs 12 cuts including references to TVK

✓ *Jana Nayagan*, the highly-anticipated final big-screen outing of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Vijay, is finally scheduled to hit theatres this month, after missing its original Pongal release date of January 9. On Thursday, the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) cleared the film with an 'A' certificate after 12 cuts. According to the CBFC's official website, the political thriller has a runtime of 183 minutes (three hours and three minutes). While the official list of changes has not been formally released, social media is flooded with leaked details of the insertions, excisions and modifications mandated by the Board. An industry insider has since confirmed that the viral list

is authentic. Chief among the CBFC's directives was the complete removal of all references to Vijay's TVK party from both audio and video tracks. (Significantly, Vijay's character in the film is named Thalapaty Vetri Kondan, abbreviated as TVK, the acronym of his real-life political party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam.) Makers KVN Productions have also been asked to replace a portion of dialogue—"Ambedkar satam... to...TVK sattam." Other key mandates include deleting visuals of an Indian flag falling to the ground and muting two profane words as well as the terms 'Bhagavatham' and 'Ranganathar.' The word OM and the phrase 'New India' (used during an explanation of 'Operation Meluha') are on the 'delete' list too. Directed by H. Vinoth, *Jana Nayagan* features an ensemble cast including Vijay, Pooja Hegde, Bobby Deol, Mamitha Baiju, Gautham Vasudev Menon, Prakash Raj, and Narain. The film, with music by Anirudh, is expected to hit screens on July 24.



Christopher Nolan's biggest 'Odyssey' yet

Behind the filmmaker's ambitious six-country quest to bring Homer's *The Odyssey* to the big screen in spectacular fashion



Christopher Nolan has never shied away from pushing cinematic boundaries. With *The Odyssey*, the Oscar-winning filmmaker has embarked on his most ambitious journey yet, transforming Homer's timeless epic into a globe-spanning spectacle shot entirely on IMAX film. Christopher Nolan has always dreamt bigger, but *The Odyssey* may be his boldest vision yet. Opening worldwide on July 17, it is the first feature ever shot entirely on IMAX film, bringing Homer's legendary tale to life on an unprecedented scale. Determined to create an accessible and immersive experience, Nolan filmed across six countries, using real ships, real seas and breathtaking locations to recreate everything from the Cyclops' cave and the Trojan Horse to the bleak expanse of Hades. The star-studded cast includes Matt Damon, Tom Holland, Anne Hathaway, Zendaya, Charlize Theron, Lupita Nyong'o and Robert Pattinson.

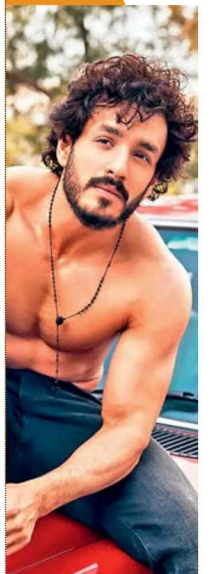
"WE ALL KNOW THE TITLE, WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT MEANS AND WHAT IT PROMISES. HOPEFULLY, AUDIENCES WILL FEEL WE MADE GOOD ON THAT PROMISE. IT'S THE ULTIMATE ADVENTURE STORY."



Sam shows up for Akhil

Actress shares ex-brother-in-law poster on IG Stories giving a *Lenin* shoutout

If there's one thing Samantha Ruth Prabhu never misses, it's supporting her people! The actress has wished ex-brother-in-law Akhil Akkineni all the best for *Lenin* on social media, in a gesture that's being praised as mature and very kind actually. The actress' sweet note shows that mutual respect still stand strong and that support goes beyond labels. Keeping it classy, she shared Akhil Akkineni's *Lenin* poster on Insta Stories with a note. The story quickly went viral. The love goes both ways! Akhil had earlier praised Sam's performance in *Maa Intlo Bangaram*. Though he missed it in theatres, he said the trailer convinced him it would be a hit. Applauding her for carrying the film as a solo female lead, he added, "Seeing a single woman perform those action sequences is something very different. Samantha did a commendable job. Congrats, Sam, and the entire team."



The new menace in Bollywood

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"It isn't her fault that she is my daughter. Ranbir or Alia are not where they are because they are star children. Their talent brought them here." Filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma is equally baffled. "If people don't like *Alpha*, why is Alia being blamed? She didn't direct or produce the film. She's only an actor in it and she has done her job well." He believes public perception has changed dramatically. "There was a time when nothing she did seemed to go wrong. Now nothing she does seems to go right. It's the same Alia."

WHO IS BEHIND THE HATE?

Insiders believe anonymous troll networks are fuelling hate against select celebrities. The triggers range from nepotism to fan wars. While genuine criticism exists, many industry veterans say round-the-clock abuse often appears too coordinated to be entirely organic. Few actors have been trolled as relentlessly as Arjun Kapoor. Whether it is a film release, a public appearance or his sister's recent wedding celebrations, he is routinely mocked. His father Boney Kapoor says, "Whether it is Arjun, Janhvi or Khushi, my children are always being trolled by these faceless people. What pleasure do they get in constantly ridiculing some stars? I call them anonymous terrorists. We don't know what their purpose is or why they choose to be so mean."



● Anupam Kher: "There is undoubtedly a smear campaign against some stars. The negativity took Sushant Singh Rajput's life."



● Vikram Bhatt: "Anyone can buy a thousand negative comments for one lakh rupees on social media."



● Boney Kapoor: "I call them anonymous terrorists. Who are they? What pleasure do they get in constantly ridiculing some stars?"

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