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Telangana CM Revanth Reddy Issues Alerts as Heatwave Intensifies in Telangana



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has expressed serious concern over the escalating heatwave conditions in Telangana. In response, he has issued alerts to both government officials and the public, urging caution amid rising temperatures across various regions. The Meteorological Department has issued special warnings for districts in North Telangana, where maximum temperatures are currently at their peak. In light of this, CM Revanth Reddy directed officials to take immediate action, including providing guidance through the Chief Secretary to District Collectors. The Chief Minister ordered authorities to ensure the availability of ORS packets to the public and to prioritise the supply of drinking water and electricity. Medical personnel in hospitals were advised to remain vigilant and deliver prompt treatment to heatstroke victims. Additionally, Revanth Reddy called for the setting up of Chaliveendralu (free drinking water centres) in urban areas and urged citizens to minimise travel during the hottest parts of the day. The government has activated measures to ensure public safety in the face of the severe heatwave.

Rahul Gandhi Slams PM Modi Over Viral 'Melodi' Moment With Giorgia Meloni Amid Economic Concerns

Rahul Gandhi criticised PM Narendra Modi over his viral 'Melodi' interaction with Italy's Giorgia Meloni, accusing him of focusing on optics while India faces economic challenges. The BJP hit back, calling Gandhi's remarks irresponsible. Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Wednesday criticised Prime Minister Narendra Modi over his widely discussed "Melodi" interaction with Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni during his Italy visit, saying the Prime Minister was prioritising image-building while the country faces economic difficulties. The controversy erupted after PM Modi gifted Meloni a packet of Parle's popular Melody toffees, referencing the viral "Melodi" nickname used online to describe the friendly rapport between the two leaders. Videos and photos of the exchange quickly gained traction on social media. Addressing a gathering in Amethi, Rahul Gandhi said the country was heading towards an economic crisis while the



Prime Minister was occupied with "reels and theatrics" abroad. He alleged that farmers, labourers, women, youth and small business owners were struggling, but the government remained focused on publicity-driven moments. Gandhi further accused the Prime Minister of failing to provide adequate economic protection to citizens in recent months and said leadership should focus on public welfare rather than symbolic gestures and viral content. The BJP strongly responded to Gandhi's criticism. BJP National President Nitin Nabin called the remarks unfortunate and said they reflected frustration stemming from repeated electoral defeats. He accused the Congress leader of disrespecting political decorum and attempting to create unnecessary controversy. The "Melodi" trend, combining the surnames of Modi and Meloni, first became popular during earlier international summits and was later embraced online by supporters and social media users. During the Rome visit, the two leaders were also seen together at official events, including a dinner meeting and a walk near the Colosseum. Apart from the viral moments, India and Italy are expected to discuss key bilateral issues including trade, defence cooperation, clean energy partnerships and the proposed India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC).

Delhi launches idol recycling drive to save Yamuna

New Delhi: Chief Minister Rekha Gupta on Tuesday announced a government drive to recycle damaged idols and offer an alternative to citizens who release such articles of faith in water bodies, including the polluted Yamuna. In a message, the Chief Minister also sought to engage citizens in the drive and invited their suggestions on locations to open centres to collect idols for recycling. "We're launching dedicated centres to respectfully recycle our cherished idols, a heartfelt step toward a cleaner, culturally mindful Viksit Delhi," she wrote on X. "Have a location suggestion? Public participation makes every good initiative stronger. Share your ideas, and let's honour faith with dignity and responsibility, together," said the Chief Minister on X. The Chief Minister's video message on social media triggered a prompt response from people, with one of them saying, "Every temple has a donation box. Likewise, every locality should have a dedicated 'Murti Kalash' for respectfully depositing broken idols. Collection centres located far away discourage people from disposing of them properly. Faith deserves dignity, and accessibility is the key." Another social media user commended the Delhi government initiative. "Your initiative for the respectful disposal/management of broken or damaged idols of deities is truly commendable. This is a very thoughtful step towards respecting our faith, culture, and religious sentiments. Heartfelt thanks and congratulations to you for this noble initiative."



Nara Lokesh aims to make AP Education Model Nation's Benchmark



Andhra Pradesh Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics, Nara Lokesh, announced that the "AP Model of Education" is set to become a benchmark for the entire country. Today, he conducted a review meeting with District Educational Officers (DEOs) and Additional Project Coordinators (APCs) at the Secretariat. During the meeting, Minister Lokesh discussed several key issues and issued important directives to officials. He urged them to prioritise achieving 100% student enrolment in government schools. He also advised officials to adopt a mindset that considers the children in government schools as their own. Additionally, Nara Lokesh provided guidance on improving infrastructure standards, aiming for government schools to attain a "star rating" based on the provision of essential facilities.

RTC employees seek speedy absorption into state services

The TGSRTC Supervisors Association on Tuesday met Managing Director Y Nagi Reddy to request the expedited absorption of the corporation into Telangana government services from June 2.



Following a general body meeting on Sunday, the association resolved to seek this integration and submitted a formal memorandum requesting the acceleration of the process to recognise all corporation staff as government employees. Chief Advisor Vasudeva Rao, President Ashok, General Secretary Rama Rao, and Working President Raju, alongside state committee members and supervisors, were present to press for this transition. They officially requested the declaration of June 2 2026 as the appointed day for full merger implementation.

Hyderabad Metro Phase 2 Gets Centre Support

The Central Government has decided to support the idea of a Hyderabad Metro Phase 2 project. This project has a 50-50 funding partnership with the Telangana Government. The Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy had shared a big update about this whole project after a big meeting was conducted with the Union Housing and Urban affairs Minister Manohar Lal in Delhi. According to the latest news given by the Hyderabad Metro updates, the Centre will be giving a final approval after checking the Detailed Project Report (DPR) given by the Telangana Government. This is a really

important step for this Metro Phase 2 project in Hyderabad. The proposed Hyderabad Metro Phase 2 route plan includes many new metro corridors across the city. Some major routes are Nagole to Shamshabad Airport, Raidurg to Kokapet, Miyapur to Patancheru, and LB Nagar to Hayathnagar. More routes like JBS to Medchal and Shamshabad Airport to Future City are also planned. The total cost of the Hyderabad Metro Telangana expansion project is expected to be around ₹58,000 crore. The Centre's support for Hyderabad Metro



50:50 funding is being seen as a big boost for the city's transport system. From the news given by the Telangana Metro Rail, the

government there has also completed the takeover over a massive Phase-1 operation from L&T Metro Rail. Officials believe that

this change of responsibility will help in improving work plan and speed up the process of making metros better. This massive Metro project in Hyderabad is expected to improve the heavy public transport traffic system and make traveling way easier for people in Hyderabad. The new Metro corridors will connect many important office areas, airports, residential areas etc. The announcement by Kishan Reddy Hyderabad Metro has created hope that the project will move forward soon with support from both the Centre and the Telangana government.

ABAP Annadana in Sabarimala -- Six-day non-stop service for thousands of Ayyappa devotees

Godavarikhani :The Maha Annadana Seva organized by Akhil Bharatiya Ayyappa Dharma Prachar Sabha (ABAP) on the occasion of the seventh month of Masapuja at the Sabarimala Dharmashasta Sannidhanam, a holy site, concluded on Tuesday. Through this six-day service, thousands of Ayyappa devotees were served Annaprashadam with spirituality and devotion, and received praise from the devotees. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were served to the devotees continuously from early morning to 11 pm at the ABAP Annadana Mandir along with Narayana in Sabarimala. It is noteworthy that every devotee is considered a child of Ayyappa without any distinction, whether it is a young Swami, a Kannes Swami, a mother Swami, or an old Swami, and every devotee is treated equally and provided with equal service.



organizers recalled the Vedic verses that "Food is the form of Parabrahma... Annadanam is the best of all donations." They said that providing food with love to the devotees who have reached the temple tired after climbing the hill is a great meritorious act. He said that by sitting in the same line and eating without any distinction of caste, religion or economic status, the principle of "Tattvamasi" is clearly visible in Sabarimala. ABAP expressed special gratitude to the donors,

volunteers, media representatives and Ayyappa devotees who contributed to the success of this Annadana Mahayagna. ABAP's Mission: With the spirit of service of "Food for the hungry - Water for the thirsty", Annadana programs are organized in Sabarimala during every month of Puja. Donate Annadana... Gather merit... Satisfy someone's hunger... Receive the blessings of Ayyappa.

On the successful conclusion of the program, ABAP Telangana State Public Relations Officer and Annadanam Mandir Camp Officer Janagama Tirupati said, "Annadanam is not just about providing food... it is about seeing and serving Lord Ayyappa in the hungry devotee." In the program organized on the last day, ABAP National President Ayyappa Das, Alangar Yogam Secretary Kaladaram, ABAP Trust members Racharla Ramesh Guruswamy and Ravichandran participated and congratulated the servants. Speaking on the occasion, the

District level meeting on 99-day Prajapalana Pragathi Plan on May 22: Collector C. Narayana Reddy

Ranga Reddy: The Rangareddy district administration has started rapid arrangements to make the 99-day Prajapalana Pragathi Plan program undertaken by the state government a success. District Collector C. Narayana Reddy has issued clear instructions to the officials to organize the district level meeting to be held on the 22nd of this month effectively and with public participation. The Collector, who held a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, held a review with the Additional Collectors and officials of various departments. Speaking on the occasion, he suggested that full arrangements should be made to start the district level meeting at 10 am as part of this program, which was undertaken with the aim of bringing the government closer to the people. He instructed the officials to ensure that public representatives must participate in the meeting and to provide advance information to ministers, MPs, MLCs and MLAs. The program should be started with the national anthem, the Chief Minister's message should be read out and the welfare and development schemes being implemented by the government should be discussed comprehensively. He also suggested that RDOs, Tahsildars, MPDOs, ward members, departmental officers, self-help groups, youth, farmers, women's groups and representatives of voluntary organizations should participate widely in the meeting. Keeping in mind the summer conditions, the Collector ordered that arrangements should be made for drinking water, shade, special seating for women and the elderly, as well as a screen, projector and special banners. "All departments should work in coordination and



make the Prajapalana Pragathi Sabha a success in a way that benefits the people," the Collector clarified. District Additional Collectors Chandra Reddy, Kiranmayi, DRO Sharada, ZP CEO Krishna Reddy, CPO Soumya, DPO Suresh Mohan and officials from various departments participated in this meeting.

Minister Uttamkumar Reddy gives clarity on Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project-- Jadcherla MLA Anirudh Reddy is absent!



Hyderabad: State Minister for Major Irrigation Uttam Kumar Reddy has made it clear that the government is not going to back down on the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy lift irrigation project. A review was held on the progress of the project work in a special meeting held with the ministers and MLAs of the joint Mahabubnagar district at the Secretariat. The public representatives who participated in the meeting urged the minister to

complete the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project at the earliest. He explained that if this project is completed, there will be a permanent solution to the irrigation problems in the district. Speaking on the occasion, the minister assured that "the Palamuru-Ranga Reddy project will not stop under any circumstances.. we will speed up the work.. we will release the necessary funds." He said that instructions have been issued to the relevant officials without delay in the land acquisition process.

The minister said that a continuous review of the progress of the project will continue and that this is crucial for the development of the Palamuru area. He said that the main goal of the government is to provide irrigation facilities to farmers. He also promised that he would come to the joint Mahabubnagar district within fifteen days. However, Anirudh Reddy was not present in this meeting. The absence has become a topic of discussion in political circles. While some are commenting that the enthusiasm for the meeting has decreased locally, it is being reported that MLA Anirudh Reddy could not attend as he was in Vijayawada. The name of the great leader Jadcharla MLA Anirudh Reddy, who stood by the victims of the Udandapur reservoir, is heard, but his absence from this meeting did not become a hot topic in the media. Jupally Krishna Rao, Vakiti Srihari, Yennam Srinivas Reddy, G Madhusudhan Reddy, Rajesh Reddy, Veerlapalli Shankar, Dr. Vamsi Krishna, Kasireddy Narayana Reddy and others participated in this meeting.

Raising Awareness on Cannabis and Drug Abuse Through Street Plays Performances by Praja Natya Mandali Artists Captivate Audiences in Nandigama

Nandigama | Nandigama, Tuesday: The street plays titled "Swargamlo Narakam" (Hell in Heaven)—performed under the aegis of the Praja Natya Mandali with the specific aim of raising awareness among the youth regard in the perils of cannabis and drug abuse—proved to be a major attraction at Gandhi Center on Tuesday night. Organized to mark the death anniversary of Puchchalapalli Sundarayya, a pioneer of the Communist movement in South India, the event received an excellent response from the public. The artists vividly portrayed—in a manner that brought the reality right before the audience's eyes—how the lives of young people are being destroyed by addiction to cannabis and drugs. Through the medium of street plays, they depicted the conflicts arising within

families, the crimes committed under the influence of drugs, and the tragic incidents unfolding in the lives of students, thereby prompting the audience to reflect deeply on these issues. The manner in which youth addicted to intoxicants are becoming a threat to society left a profound and disturbing impression on the spectators. On this occasion, Praja Natya Mandali state leaders Kavi Peter, Dammu Macherla, and Kondapalli; District President Rangareddy; and district leader Pambi Venkateswara Rao, along with Janga Damodar, were present. The dance performances and plays presented by artists—including Dappu Shaleen, Hanif, Sandeep, Tirumala Devi, Sudhakar, Ajay, and Chandrasekar—were highly appreciated by the audience. Through their performances, the artists appealed to the government



and the administrative machinery to take stringent measures to eradicate cannabis and drug abuse. He called

upon the youth to stay away from intoxicants.

Free Aadhaar Correction Center in Nandigama for a Few Days

Nandigama, : Municipal Commissioner G.Lovaraju announced that a free Aadhaar correction center has been established within the limits of Nandigama town, specifically at the Swarna Ward Secretariat in Kakani Nagar-2 (Kamma Hostel Road). He stated that this center will be operational from the 19th to the 22nd of this month. He further noted that the center provides an opportunity for individuals to make corrections to details such as their name, address, mobile number, and other particulars on their Aadhaar cards, free of charge. He urged the residents of the town to utilize this opportunity to update their Aadhaar details.



Medical shops to remain closed across the country today – Pharmacists' anger over online drug sales!

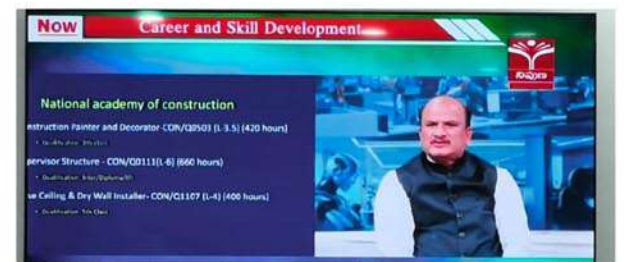
New Delh: Medical shops will remain closed across the country today. Pharmaceutical trade associations have called for a bandh against online drug sales and home delivery services. It is reported that thousands of pharmacists and medical shop owners are likely to participate in this protest. According to the pharmacists, medicines are not ordinary goods and selling them online without control is a game changer for people's health. They are especially concerned that medicines that should only be given with a doctor's prescription are easily reaching their homes. "It is dangerous to give priority to the delivery model by ignoring the system of knowing the patient's condition and giving medicines," traders warn.



On the other hand, they are expressing their concern that small medical shops are financially crippled due to the influence of online companies. The effect of this bandh is likely to be seen in many parts of the country. It seems that only a few medical shops may be open for emergency services. Pharmacists' associations have suggested that people should stock up on essential medicines in advance. "Medicines are not goods... they are a responsibility linked to life," the pharmacists are giving a strong message with their protest.

Youth Awareness Webinar on Skills and Career Opportunities Draws Strong Response

Khammam: A special online awareness programme for youth, conducted as part of the Praja Palana – 99 Days Progress Plan and Youth Sports Week celebrations, was successfully organised, district youth and sports officials said. The programme witnessed enthusiastic participation, with experts providing insights into skill development courses, Sports University and Skill University opportunities, and the recruitment process for the Indian Army's Agniveer scheme. Speakers highlighted the importance of skill enhancement and encouraged youth to make effective use of government-supported opportunities. The session was streamed live on YouTube and received an



encouraging response from participants across

Colorful Fair Adorns MM Degree College; Visitors Enjoy Rides and Shopping

Ghaziabad. A grand fair is currently being organized within the premises of MM Degree College in the city of Modinagar, drawing massive crowds every evening. The fair has been organized by Amit Chaudhary, Shivkant Sharma, and Tausif. With its colorful lighting, thrilling rides, food stalls, and shopping outlets, the fair has become a major center of attraction for the public. People from surrounding areas are also arriving in large numbers to enjoy the festivities. Special entertainment arrangements have been made for children at the fair. Large rides such as the Dragon Train, Break Dance, Boat Swing, and Tor-Tora are proving to be a huge thrill for both children and the youth. Meanwhile, stalls featuring cosmetics, artificial jewelry, clothing, and household items have emerged as a special attraction for women and young girls. As evening falls, the entire fairground lights up with a brilliant glow, and the hustle and bustle of the crowds create a truly festive atmosphere. Long queues of people can also be seen at the food stalls. Visitors are thoroughly savoring a wide variety of delicacies, including chaat, golgappas, momos, kulfi, and ice cream. Families arriving with their children are making the most of the fair, enjoying both the shopping and the entertainment on offer. The organizers—



Amit Chaudhary,

Shivkant Sharma, and Tausif—stated that special attention has been paid to security and hygiene at the fair. Adequate arrangements have been put in place for the convenience of visitors, ensuring that people of all age groups can enjoy the fair without any difficulties. They further mentioned that cultural programs and entertainment activities are being organized daily at the fair, which is continuously fueling the enthusiasm of the visitors. Locals remark that it has been a long time since Modinagar witnessed such a large and captivating fair. Whether young or old, everyone visiting the fair is experiencing a sense of joy and excitement. The lively atmosphere persists until late into the night, with the entire fairground bustling with crowds of people.

Sundaraiah's life is an inspiration to the present generation



Kothapalli :: Shettipalli Sathireddy, a member of the CPM Siddipet District Executive Committee stated that the life of prominent freedom fighter and Communist leader Puchchalapalli Sundaraiah serves as an inspiration to the present generation. On Tuesday, marking the occasion of Sundarayya's 41st death anniversary, Sathireddy paid rich tributes to the late leader by garlanding his portrait at the CPM party office located in the Komuravelli Mandal headquarters of Siddipet district. Speaking on the occasion, he described Sundaraiah as a visionary leader. He noted that Sundaraiah fought tirelessly for the land rights of the poor, for food security, and for the eradication of bonded labor. He lauded Sundaraiah as a true warrior who selflessly distributed his personal wealth among the poor and dedicated his entire life to safeguarding the rights of workers, farmers, and other marginalized sections of society. He

recalled that Sundaraiah had spearheaded numerous struggles against superstitious beliefs as well as against capitalist policies. Sathireddy also expressed concern that the public is currently facing severe hardships due to the anti-people policies being implemented by both the Central and State governments. Calling upon the youth to follow Sundaraiah's ideals, he urged them to participate in democratic struggles aimed at protecting farmers, workers, and the poor. CPM Party District Committee member Baddipadaga Krishnareddy, Mandal Secretary Taduri Ravinder, and Mandal Committee members Taduri Malleshham, Ullampalli Sailu, Neela Bikshapathi, Sarla Yadaiah, Arutla Ravinder, Kanugula Raju, Taduri Naresh, Bodigam Ramreddy, Taduri Parameshwar, Dasari Mahesh, Pakanati Balu, Taduri Bharat Kumar, Nukala Srinivas, Chintala Kankaiah, Taduri Vinod, Putta Anjaiah, and others participated in this program

Distribution of Chief Minister's Relief Fund Cheques * MLA Adi distributed financial assistance of Rs. 14.15 lakhs to beneficiaries



Karimnagar District. Rajanna Siricilla, Vemulawada, : State Government Whip Adi Srinivas distributed Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) cheques to eligible poor families in Vemulawada constituency on Tuesday. Cheques worth Rs. 9 lakh 83 thousand were distributed to 30 beneficiaries in Vemulawada urban area and cheques worth Rs. 4 lakh 32 thousand were distributed to 13 beneficiaries in Vemulawada rural mandal area. A total of 43 beneficiaries received financial assistance of Rs. 14 lakh 15 thousand. Speaking on the occasion, Government Whip Adi Srinivas said that

the Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be very useful in providing medical treatment to the poor and providing financial security in emergency situations. He stated that the welfare of the people is the main objective of the state government and steps are being taken to ensure that everyone who is eligible gets the benefits of government welfare schemes. The beneficiaries thanked the state government, the Chief Minister and Government Whip Adi Srinivas for receiving financial assistance through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Local public representatives, party leaders, officials and beneficiaries participated in the program.

Special checks to eradicate drugs and marijuana



Karimnagar: On the orders of District SP Mahesh B Geete, police officers conducted special checks with the help of narcotics on Tuesday to prevent the illegal trafficking and sale of drugs and marijuana in grocery stores, pawn shops and bus stands in the vicinity of Yellareddypet mandal. Suspicious persons, objects and bags were thoroughly checked and awareness was created among the public. The police are constantly taking special measures to eradicate drugs in the district and it is advised to inform the police as

soon as information is received about the sale and use of marijuana or other drugs. Officials stated that the eradication of drugs and security measures will continue to be more effective with the cooperation of the public.

Collector holds teleconference with officials on grain procurement process

Karimnagar: District Collector Garima Agrawal has ordered to further increase the speed of grain movement from purchase centers.. unloading in rice mills and godowns. On Tuesday morning, the District Collector along with Additional Collector Gaddam Nagesh reviewed the movement of grain through purchase centers, unloading, online tab entry, steps to be taken to prevent farmers and porters from facing difficulties, and other issues through teleconference with officials of the Civil Supplies, Cooperation Department, Rural Development Department, Mepma and other departments. He directed the officials to focus on weighing the grain in the purchase centers in the district and moving the weighed grain to the designated mills and godowns, and to be vigilant at the field level and ensure that

the procurement process is completed smoothly. It was clarified that transport contractors should provide sufficient vehicles to transport the weighed grain bags at the purchase centers. In view of the intensity of the sun, it was suggested that all facilities should be provided at the purchase centers so that farmers, porters, as well as unloading mills and godowns should not face any difficulties, and drinking water and ORS packets should be made available. DRDO, DCO, AO MEPMA and other officials were instructed not to delay the online tab entry related to the grain collected from farmers. It was suggested that the officers of the relevant departments, mandal special officers and tehsildars should inspect the grain purchase centers and make suggestions.



Youth and Sports, Tourism Week begins * Collector releases poster of Tourism-Heritage Week

Karimnagar District. Rajanna Siricilla, : As per the directions of the Youth Advancement, Tourism and Culture (Sports) Department, the "Youth and Sports" Week has begun as part of the 99-day Public Administration Progress Plan being implemented by the District Youth and Sports Department with the permission of the District Collector. On this occasion, a "Career & Skill Development - Empower Skills, Empower Future" program was organized at the MYB Center in the district center. A special awareness program was conducted online on the skills and career development required to increase employment

opportunities among the youth. Similarly, on the occasion of the Tourism Week, the District Collector unveiled the poster of Tourism and Heritage Week. Officials said that the main purpose of these programs is to bring the tourism and heritage wealth of the district closer to the people. District Youth and Sports Officer (DYSO) Srinivas Goud, MYB Coordinator Tirupati Reddy, Karimnagar Heritage Department Assistant Director N. Sagar, Task Officer Ramesh, youth, students, coaches and department staff participated in the program.



Soil mafia on ceiling lands allotted to Dalits..? Why are the authorities silent..?

Jadcharla: Allegations of illegal soil excavation in the outskirts of Gollapalli, Jadcharla mandal - public outrage Allegations that large-scale soil excavation is taking place in the ceiling lands allotted by the government to Dalit families to earn a living by farming in the outskirts of Gollapalli, Jadcharla mandal have become a topic of discussion locally. There are allegations that soil has been being moved with the help of Hitachis and JCBs for the past few days without any mining permits. According to the public, this is not just a land use issue but also a matter that raises questions about the conservation of government lands and the rights of Dalits. Locals are concerned that if the lands allotted for agriculture are used for commercial

purposes, the beneficiaries will suffer losses in the future. However, people are raising questions about the lack of response from the Revenue Department and Mining Department officials despite such a large-scale soil removal. Locals allege that the lack of action despite the information being given to the relevant authorities is raising suspicions. It is reported that some are alleging that soil excavation is being carried out with the cooperation of the village sarpanch. However, no official confirmation has been issued on these allegations. Whose interests are the livelihood lands of Dalits being sacrificed for? If there are no permits, when will action be taken against illegal excavations? Will the authorities respond or will they remain



silent? Locals are demanding that the relevant authorities clarify this issue and reveal the real situation to the public.

Jadcharla MLA Anirudh Reddy in the CM race in 2034..?

Hyderabad : Comments that are leading to discussions in political circles The name of young MLA Anirudh Reddy from Jadcharla constituency is now being heard in the future leadership discussions of the Congress party. On social media platforms, in political circles, and in the comments of some analysts, the campaign that he may also be in the race for the post of Chief Minister of the state by 2034 has gained momentum Recently, a few days ago, Anirudh Reddy said on a TV channel, "If the political situation, party decisions, and people have blessings by 2034, I may also be in the race for the post of Chief Minister," and the campaign is going on as if he said it. These comments have aroused political interest. Anirudh Reddy, who is recognized as an active leader among young MLAs, has focused on party programs, response to public is-

suess, and future political direction, his followers say. At the same time, discussions are also underway in the Congress about a new generation of leadership. According to political analysts, with a long time until 2034, many factors such as state politics, internal party equations, public support, and election results are likely to become decisive. However, the discussion on young leadership is considered an interesting development. However, political sources say that the final decision on the Chief Ministerial candidacy will be based entirely on the party high command, the political situation at that time, and the strength of the legislature. From judges to the CM race?" - Only time will tell the answer to this question... But the discussion on young leadership has just begun.



Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra Inspects Mategaon Maize Procurement Centre and Warehouse



Bhainsa, : Division Correspondent: Nirmal District Collector Bhavesh Mishra conducted a surprise inspection of the maize procurement centre and warehouse established at Mategaon village on Tuesday. During the visit, he reviewed the procurement process, storage facilities, and the amenities being provided to farmers. Officials briefed the District Collector in detail about the arrangements being made at the procurement centres and the stock of maize stored in the warehouses. The Collector

examined the quality standards and records, and issued necessary instructions to the concerned officials. He directed the officials to ensure that farmers do not face any inconvenience and that all procurement and storage arrangements are carried out in a transparent and systematic manner. Additional Collector (Revenue) L. Kishore Kumar, Sub-Collector of Bhainsa Ajmera Sanket Kumar, departmental officials, staff members, and others were also present during the inspection.

Grand Welcome for Jagadguru at Gurudham

Jaggayyapeta - : Jaggayyapeta, Tuesday: Devotees accorded a grand welcome to Sri Sri Sri Sankara Vijayendra Saraswathi Mahaswamiji upon his arrival at the Sri Gurudham Dharmakshetram on Tuesday morning. The welcome ceremony, organized under the guidance of Shivashri Gantela Venkata Ramana and his wife, unfolded in an atmosphere steeped in devotion. During this event, Sri Ram Rajagopal (Tathayya) and his wife Ammaji—along with youth leaders Sri Ram Chinna babu, Sri Ram Krishna Pawan, and Sri Ram Krishna Siddhartha Roy—extended a traditional 'Poornakumbha' welcome to the Mahaswamiji at the Chillakallu tollgate. Subsequently,



special rituals were performed at the Gurudham Mahakshetram, and the devotees received the Mahaswami ji's blessings. On this

occasion, a large number of devotees participated and sought the Swamiji's darshan with deep reverence and devotion.

ACCELERATE 'JALADHARA' WORKS - COLLECTOR LAKSHMISHA DIRECTS

Vijayawada - *Kurnool:* District Collector Dr.G. Lakshmisha has directed officials to accelerate the 'Jaladhara' and 'Jalaharathi' programs currently being undertaken in the district, ensuring they are completed within the stipulated timelines and in accordance with the set targets. On Tuesday, he held a review meeting at the Collectorate with officials from DWMA, the Water Resources Department, and other coordinating agencies. Reviewing the progress of tank development works, the Collector instructed officials to inspect the condition of every tank at the field level and to undertake desilting, bund strengthening, and canal cleaning activities as required. He emphasized that priority must be given to measures aimed at enhancing water storage capacity.



While officials reported that out of the 766 works sanctioned in the district, 578 have already commenced and are currently in progress, the Collector ordered that the remaining works be initiated immediately. He made it clear that the Water Resources Department must maintain continuous supervision at every stage of the projects, ensuring there is absolutely no compromise regarding the quality of the work. He advised that the 'Jaladhara' program be implemented

effectively with the specific objectives of water conservation, groundwater replenishment, and ensuring the availability of irrigation water in rural areas. He called for the strengthening of water resources to meet future requirements through the development of tanks, canals, streams, and percolation pits. Collector Lakshmisha further stated that water conservation initiatives should be made successful through active public participation.

International Museum Day a Success - Collector Lakshmisha Congratulates Partners

Vijayawada | Vijayawada: District Collector Dr.G. Lakshmisha congratulated officials, staff, and representatives of cultural and historical organizations on the successful conduct of the International Museum Day celebrations, which were organized on an unprecedented scale. He noted that the events held on Monday at the Babu Museum in Vijayawada received an overwhelming response from the public. On Tuesday, P.Suresh (Commissioner of the Department of Archaeology and Museums), Deputy Director O.Ramasubba Reddy, and others met with the Collector at the Collectorate to express their gratitude. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that innovative programs are being organized as part of the efforts to achieve Sustainable Development Goals. He emphasized that development becomes truly sustainable only when culture, history, and heritage are preserved and handed down to future generations. He further remarked that the events achieved grand success thanks to the collective efforts of "Team NTR" and the



active participation of public representatives. He added that inter-departmental coordination, creative planning, and public involvement gave these celebrations a unique distinction. Collector Lakshmisha affirmed that, in the future, similar programs would be organized on an even larger scale to ensure the preservation of historical and cultural heritage.

No Shortage of Medicines Drugs Control Department Proactive Arrangements Made Ahead of Today's Chemists' Strike Sale of Medicines to Continue at Medical Shops and Hospitals

Vijayawada, The Assistant Director of the NTR District Drugs Control Administration stated that all necessary measures have been undertaken to ensure there is no disruption in the supply of medicines to the public, in light of the nationwide one-day strike scheduled for May 20th—called for by the All India Organization of Chemists & Druggists (AIOCD). Noting that the NTR District Chemists & Druggists Association and the Krishna District Wholesale Drug Trade Association are participating in the strike, the official announced that

designated medical shops in key centers across the district would remain operational even on the day of the strike. The official further confirmed that medical shops located within hospitals, clinics, and nursing homes—as well as generic medical shops operating within government hospital premises and all MedPlus stores in the district—will remain open to ensure medicines remain accessible to the public. Additionally, instructions have been issued to Drug Inspectors within the district to continuously monitor the situation. The official added

that directives have been given to coordinate with medical shop proprietors, hospital managements, and local authorities to take appropriate measures to prevent any difficulties from arising regarding the supply of medicines. He stated that special contact numbers for emergencies, as well as a list of available medical shops, have been prepared. The Assistant Director clarified that there is no need for the public to be anxious, as adequate arrangements have been made to ensure the continuous availability of essential medicines.

ARYA VYSYA ASSOCIATION HONORS CI AND SI AT NANDIGAMA POLICESTATION

Nandigama :Leaders of the Nandigama Arya Vysya Association paid a courtesy visit to Palivela Srinu and honored him with a bouquet and a traditional shawl. The association leaders extended their best wishes to him upon his recent assumption of duties as the new Station House Officer (SHO) at the Nandigama Police Station. Speaking on the occasion, CI Srinu emphasized that public cooperation is essential for maintaining law and order. He requested citizens to immediately bring any untoward incidents to the attention of the police. He

further stated that night patrolling and surveillance systems would be further strengthened, and that continuous monitoring would be maintained through CCTV cameras. Similarly, the association leaders also met with K. Surya Vamsi and honored him with a shawl. Speaking on this occasion, SI Surya Vamsi advised the public to remain vigilant and to immediately inform the police if they observe any suspicious incidents. Parepalli Saibabu, Samudrala Eswaraiiah, Juluri Nageswara Rao, Jemili Mallesh, and others participated in the event.



Nettem Raghuram Meets Nara Lokesh at Undavalli Residence - Discussions on Congratulations and Development Initiatives

Undavalli | Former Minister and Chairman of the KDCC Bank, Nettem Raghuram, paid a courtesy visit to Nara Lokesh—the Andhra Pradesh Minister for Human Resources Development—at his residence in Undavalli. He extended his congratulations to Mr. Lokesh on his recent election as the National Working President of the Telugu Desam Party. Speaking on the occasion, Nettem Raghuram lauded Nara Lokesh for moving forward as a guiding force for the youth while simultaneously working to further strengthen the party at the national level. He noted that Mr. Lokesh's foresight, dedication to action, and commitment to public welfare are infusing the party with renewed energy. Furthermore, Nettem Raghuram provided a detailed account of the development initiatives being implemented through the KDCC Bank for the welfare of farmers, women, and small entrepreneurs, as well as the institution's overall progress and the services it provides to the public. It is reported that Nara Lokesh commended these initiatives. He praised the KDCC Bank for its dedicated efforts toward fostering rural economic development and ensuring public



welfare.

The Bonda Family: A Pillar of Support for the Poor Monthly Aid of Rs. 4,000 for Needy Families - Assurance of Support for Students' Education

Vijayawada, Vijayawada, Tuesday: Leaders stated that service activities aimed at the welfare of the poor, downtrodden, and weaker sections of society are continuing in the Central Assembly constituency. Acting under the guidance of Government Whip and Central Constituency MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, the young leaders of the Telugu Desam Party—Bonda Siddhartha and Bonda Raviteja—are actively undertaking various service initiatives. Speaking at an event held on Tuesday morning at the MLA's office in Singhnagar, the leaders noted that they have already provided livelihood opportunities to numerous destitute families by distributing pushcarts, ironing carts, and food carts. They further explained that they are standing as pillars of support for students' education by adopting those who are unable to pursue higher studies due to financial constraints, paying their tuition fees on a monthly basis. On this occasion, local leaders brought to the attention of Bonda Siddhartha the plight of Morla Durgarao from the 61st Division, who is bedridden due to paralysis and facing severe hardships. Responding immediately, Bonda Siddhartha visited the victim's home, offered his condolences and support, and handed over a cash assistance of Rs. 4,000 from his own personal funds. He gave an assurance that a pension would be provided every month from



now on. Furthermore, the plight of Bayana Achchayamma—a resident of New Rajarajeshwari Peta in the 57th Division, who is elderly and unable to walk—was brought to the attention of MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao. It was noted that her pension had been discontinued under the previous administration on the grounds that her electricity bill was excessively high. Responding immediately, the MLA instructed Bonda Siddhartha to resolve the issue. Acting on this, Bonda Siddhartha announced

that he would provide a monthly pension of ₹4,000 starting today, and he immediately handed over the cash payment to the elderly woman. On this occasion, members of the affected family expressed their gratitude to the Bonda family. The leaders stated that their objective is to treat the people's problems as their own, to stand in support of the poor, to create employment opportunities, and to provide assurance regarding the future of students.

Is 'Slow Dating' Replacing Hookup Culture?

The current state of modern romantic relationships does not revolve strictly on immediate chemistry between partners or pursuing short term casual relationships. This can also be observed with the emergence of another type of dating: discreet or secret dating; particularly amongst people who seek to build an emotional bond outside traditional relationships. People using dating apps are moving away from impulsive decisions around dates and are beginning to place a higher importance on developing deeper conversations, developing an emotionally similar manner of communicating with one another, and finding someone who has comparable characteristics.

Interestingly enough, many people who are engaging in discreet dating no longer wish to only engage in thrill-seeking encounters. They are now looking for approval from others, intellectual companionship, and a true emotional bond - something that they feel is missing from their daily lives. In many ways "slow dating" may be changing how modern-day casual, discreet dating is evolving.

From Instant "Sparks" to Feeling "Emotionally Safe"



For years, hook-up culture was about "speed dating." Quick matches, spontaneous meet-ups, sexually dispassionate relationships were very common. However, nowadays many people are feeling "burned out" from trying to have superficial relationships with emotionally unavailable people. The attraction of "slow dating" is that it is intentional. People are taking their time to discover if they feel emotionally safe and emotionally fulfilled by a connection before they make labels or progress beyond a platonic relationship. Compatibility is not limited solely to being physically attractive; it now includes issues such as how people communicate; their level of emotional maturity; and understanding of each

other's expectations. In addition, people who previously engaged in casual/extramarital/discreet dating are now looking to have longer conversations with their partners about more than just flirting. Many more are now looking for a true emotional connection through their partner.

Emotional Intelligence is What Everyone Looks For Today! Emotional intelligence is becoming more important than charm or physical appearance when it comes to dating. The capacity to communicate effectively and honestly, listen attentively and create emotional comfort is very attractive today. The increase in therapy culture, self-awareness of social media content, and open

dialogue about mental health and boundaries has played an important role in changing how today's daters view dating. Daters are developing their level of self-awareness and discovering their true needs from relationships, both traditional and discreet. According to Sybil Shiddell, Country Manager of Gleeden India, "Today, people are more deliberate when it comes to the types of connections they cultivate. People are creating long-term connections in the highly discreet space by proactively seeking emotional compatibility, substantive discussions, and consistency over short-term, spontaneous interactions. There is an increased interest in finding emotional fulfillment from their relationships versus just a transactional relationship." Love is SLOWING DOWN — and perhaps this is a GOOD thing. The hookup culture appears to be on a decline, but it is still relevant. Slow dating represents a greater cultural shift in which individuals are beginning to appreciate the value of emotional depth above instant gratification. In a fast-paced world, creating a meaningful connection will most likely change the definition of modern intimacy.

Ministers breathe fire against BRS over PRRLI project work

Ministers Jupally Krishna Rao and Vakiti Srihari on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on the previous BRS government regarding the delay in completing the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project. They accused former Chief Minister K Chandrashekar Rao and BRS leaders of neglecting the Palamuru region while misleading the public with false development claims. Addressing a media conference at the CLP office alongside Government Whip Yennem Srinivas Reddy and several MLAs from the erstwhile Mahabubnagar district, Jupally Krishna Rao stated that BRS leaders had no moral right to undertake a padayatra from Narlapur to Uddandapur after failing to finish the project during their ten-year rule. He dismissed BRS assertions that 90 per cent of the project was complete, alleging that despite



spending thousands of crores on pumps, motors, and surge pools, the previous administration failed to secure necessary permissions for canals and distribution networks. He estimated that nearly Rs 1 lakh crore would now be required to finish the project.

The Minister noted that while the Congress regime had historically spent Rs 8,500 crore on projects like

Kalwakurthy, Nettempadu, and Koilsagar, the BRS government spent only Rs 6,300 crore. He accused the previous government of failing to secure 90 TMC of water allocation for the Palamuru-Rangareddy project, alleging that Telangana's share in Krishna river waters had been compromised. Telangana Tourism Guide Jupally Krishna Rao also criticised the previous

administration for not constructing adequate reservoirs, questioning how 47 reservoirs could be planned without proper land acquisition. He noted that even the link between the first and second pump houses remained incomplete. Defending the Congress government, he said the present administration is committed to ensuring water reaches Lakshmidivipalli hillock. He added that the government has already spent Rs 17,160 crore on grain procurement while managing heavy debt repayments. Minister Vakiti Srihari stated that the people of Palamuru lost trust in the BRS due to its failure to deliver water, funds, and employment. He questioned how the Kaleshwaram project was prioritised over Palamuru-Rangareddy, adding that the Congress government has already spent Rs 9,000 crore to fulfil farmers' aspirations.

Weather Update: Surface circulation forms in Arabian Sea, showers likely in parts of AP

Officials at the Visakhapatnam Meteorological Centre have announced that a surface circulation persists from the Northwest Arabian Sea across Lakshadweep, Coastal Andhra, Kerala, Karnataka, and Rayalaseema. This circulation is located at an altitude of approximately 3.1 to 5.8 kilometres above sea level, bringing the possibility of isolated light showers with thunder and lightning. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued heat-

wave warnings for Andhra Pradesh, predicting temperatures between 40°C and 45°C in several districts. The department cautioned residents to remain vigilant amid the soaring temperatures. In other weather developments, the Southwest Monsoon is progressing actively. The IMD forecasts that the monsoon is likely to reach Kerala by 26 May. Over the next two to three days, the monsoon is expected to advance into the Northwest Arabian Sea, the Comorin region, and the Bay



of Bengal—specifically the Northwest, Southwest, and East-Central areas.

More GHMC services brought under Mee Seva WhatsApp platform: Sridhar Babu



In a significant push towards digital governance and citizen convenience, the Telangana government has expanded GHMC-related services on the Mee Seva WhatsApp chatbot platform. This initiative, implemented under the leadership of Minister for ITE&C D Sridhar Babu, aims to make public services more accessible, transparent, and user-friendly for residents across the state. According to the Electronic Service Delivery division of the IT and Communications Department, several new civic services have been integrated into the platform, allowing people to access them instantly through their mobile phones without visiting government offices. The newly added services include GHMC property assessment revision, birth and death corrections, home registrations, door number and name corrections, property tax services, and trade licence renewals.

Citizens can avail of these facilities by saving the official Mee Seva WhatsApp number 8096958096 and sending a Hi message to activate the chatbot. Users can subsequently select the required service, enter necessary details, complete payments, and submit applications directly through the interface. Officials stated that since its launch on November 18, 2025, the platform has received an overwhelming response, emerging as one of the fastest-growing digital public service channels in Telangana. Popular services currently include birth and income certificates, police challan payments, electricity bill settlements, and BIE result services. The state government remains committed to strengthening digital delivery systems and expanding citizen-centric governance through multiple online channels. This technological integration significantly reduces the need for physical visits, ensuring efficient and timely service delivery for the growing urban population.

Union Minister Kishan Reddy meets Manohar Lal Khattar, discuss Urban Development in Hyderabad

Union Minister Kishan Reddy, met today with Union Minister for Urban Development, Manohar Lal Khattar, to review key projects underway in Hyderabad under the Union Ministry of Urban Development. The officials held detailed discussions on urban infrastructure, sanitation, and public transport issues. Kishan Reddy provided a press statement outlining the outcomes of the meeting. He confirmed that the Hyderabad Metro Phase II project was a key topic. With the State Government having already taken over the project from L&T, the Central Government will examine the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and related technical details once received before making a final decision. He clarified that the Central Government has no objections to expanding Phase II and is willing to share costs equally with the State Government. The meeting also covered sanitation efforts for the Musi River in Hyderabad. Reddy announced that, under the AMRUT 2.0 initiative, Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) would be established at a cost of ₹3,975 crore to treat sewage flowing into the river.



AP to Launch India's Largest MSME Energy & Water Efficiency Programme

Dr.N.Yuva Raj Secretary Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Department, Govt. of AP along with M.Viswa, CEO of MSME -DC is Unveiling a report of EESL on the Technological Strategies for strengthening of MSMEs • To showcase the AP-EESL partnership for adoption of global technologies benefiting MSMEs • Andhra Pradesh to organise MSME Growth Conclave on May 25 in Vijayawada • Conclave aims to bring together key MSME stakeholders • Focus on partnerships with national and global organisations • AP launches 175 MSME Parks to strengthen industrial infrastructure • Proposed investments to exceed ₹1,000 crore • N. Chandrababu Naidu targets employment potential for nearly 21,795 persons • Strong emphasis on adoption of global technologies and sustainable manufacturing practices • Review conducted by Industries Secretary Dr. Yuva Raj ahead of conclave Vijayawada, May 20: Andhra Pradesh is set to draw national attention with the launch of one of India's largest Energy and Water Efficiency Programmes for MSMEs, aimed at transforming the State's industrial ecosystem through adoption of global technologies, sustainable manufacturing practices, and resource-efficient operations.

Energy efficiency experts stated that the Andhra Pradesh Government's partnership with the Union Government through Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the Ministry of Power, will serve as a model for other States by improving industrial competitiveness, reducing operational costs, generating green employment opportunities, and strengthening environmental sustainability. The initiative aligns with the objectives of the Government of India's Raising and Accelerating MSME Performance (RAMP) Programme and the State's MSME and Entrepreneur Development Policy. As part of the vision laid down by N.



Chandrababu Naidu for sustainable and competitive MSME growth, the Industries Department is organising the "MSME Growth Conclave" on May 25 at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Kala Vedika in Vijayawada said Dr.N.Yuva Raj Secretary Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Department, Govt. of AP.

The conclave will bring together key stakeholders from across the MSME ecosystem and showcase major initiatives undertaken by the State Government to strengthen MSME competitiveness, sustainability, technology adoption, and market readiness. The event will be attended by the Chief Minister as a chief Guest and Industries / MSMEs Minister Kondapalli Srinivas and several Ministers and the chairman SP MSME- DC will participate. The conclave will feature expert sessions, launch of new initiatives, partnerships with global and national organisations, facilitation services, and interactions with institutions supporting MSME growth and entrepreneurship. Ahead of the conclave, Dr.N.Yuva Raj Secretary Industries, Commerce and Food Processing Department, Govt. of AP, who has already briefed the Minister Sri.Kondapalli Srinivas, today held a review meeting with MSME Development Corporation, CEO Viswa Manoharan and local EESL officials. He has suggested them to make elaborate arrangements and create widespread aware-

ness among MSMEs Stakeholders regarding the benefits and long-term impact of the proposed technologies.

A major highlight of the conclave will be the formal launch of the Energy and Water Efficiency Intervention Programme for MSMEs in partnership with EESL, as part of the State's broader technology upgradation and sustainability agenda. The Government had earlier signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with EESL during the CII Partnership Summit 2025 to undertake structured interventions focused on improving resource efficiency, reducing operational costs, and promoting sustainable manufacturing practices among MSMEs across the State. Under the programme as part of implementing advanced Energy and water technologies, comprehensive energy and water audits will be conducted across MSMEs in the State along with cluster mapping and diagnostic studies covering 15 MSME clusters and benefiting more than 1,000 enterprises.

The Energy Intensity Mapping and Diagnostic Study will establish a comprehensive baseline of energy consumption and operational performance at both unit and cluster levels. The study will analyse sector-wise and process-level energy consumption patterns through structured data collection on electricity and fuel consumption, production output, operational parameters,

and utility usage across MSME units. Cluster-specific Energy Intensity Indicators will also be developed to benchmark MSME units engaged in similar industrial activities and identify high-energy-intensive enterprises requiring priority interventions. Participating MSMEs will be geo-tagged, and GIS-based spatial mapping will be undertaken to identify energy intensity hotspots within industrial clusters. The audits and diagnostic studies will help identify energy losses, water consumption gaps, utility inefficiencies, process optimisation opportunities, equipment retrofitting requirements, and broader technology upgradation needs. Based on the findings, Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) will be prepared with recommendations on energy-efficient machinery, process optimisation, efficient utility management, water reuse and recycling systems, and sustainable production practices. MSMEs undertaking technology upgradation will also be eligible for subsidy support of up to 25% under the MSME & Entrepreneur Development Policy 4.0 (MEDP 4.0). Andhra Pradesh currently has over 21 lakh MSMEs, forming the backbone of the State's industrial ecosystem and contributing significantly to employment generation, regional economic growth, and Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP). The manufacturing segment accounts for nearly 24% of the MSME sector, comprising approximately five lakh units across agro-based industries, apparel manufacturing, textile weaving, food processing, dairy operations, and several traditional and emerging sectors. Nearly 45% of these enterprises are led by women entrepreneurs, reflecting the inclusiveness and diversity of the State's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The MSME credit ecosystem has witnessed significant growth, with institutional credit flow crossing approximately ₹1.17 lakh crore during FY 2025-26. Under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP), 6,193 enterprises

were established, generating employment for 68,123 persons with margin money assistance of ₹205.95 crore, placing Andhra Pradesh first among southern States. The Government has also launched the AP Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Programme (AP-CMEP), a ₹300 crore credit-linked subsidy scheme focused on manufacturing and knowledge economy sectors, targeting support for 3,500 MSMEs and generation of nearly 17,000 employment opportunities. Additionally, under the PM Vishwakarma scheme, 25,068 loans amounting to ₹179 crore were disbursed during FY 2025-26, with Andhra Pradesh ranking fifth nationally. Under the newly launched 175 MSME Parks, over 700 units have been allotted nearly 202 acres of land with proposed investments exceeding ₹1,000 crore and Hon'ble Chief Minister has given target to create employment potential for around 21,795 persons. He also strongly advocated for Global Technologies to strengthening the sector Secretary said. Under the MSE Cluster Development Programme (MSE-CDP), five projects have been completed and operationalised, while six additional projects are under implementation. Further strengthening cluster-based industrial infrastructure, the Government launched the AP Cluster Development Programme (AP-CDP) with a ₹200 crore outlay to develop 45 MSME clusters by 2030, benefiting more than 1,600 MSMEs and generating over 7,000 jobs. Under the RAMP Programme, the Government has also undertaken extensive capacity-building initiatives aimed at improving entrepreneurial capabilities and MSME competitiveness. The State has additionally focused on strengthening market access and export linkages for MSMEs through Reverse Buyer-Seller Meets organised with buyers from 25 countries, generating over 400 export leads and creating new market opportunities for enterprises across Andhra Pradesh.

SEIL Energy India Inks Rs 4.5 cr CSR deal for world-class inclusive sports academy



Nellore: As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives, SEIL Energy India Limited has launched the construction of a world-class Inclusive Sports Academy (ISA) in Nellore with a financial outlay of Rs 4.5 crore. Company Chairman Tareq Mohamed Sultan Al Mugheiry performed the groundbreaking ceremony at the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) campus on Tuesday. The state-of-the-art facility will feature an enclosed, 15,000 square foot all-weather indoor stadium with a 300-seat spectator gallery. SEIL Energy CEO Janmejaya Mahapatra stated that the arena will provide a dignified platform to train specially-abled athletes for state and national sporting excellence.

Special measures initiated to assess impact of Jaladhara-Jalaharathi works

Nandyal: The district administration in Nandyal has initiated special measures to scientifically assess the impact of works undertaken under the "100 Days Jaladhara" and "Jalaharathi" programmes through the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). District Deputy Director of the Groundwater Department, Raghuram stated that the initiative aims to evaluate the effectiveness of water conservation and groundwater recharge activities taken up across the district. Speaking at a practical training programme organised near piezometers at the Regional Agricultural Research Station on Tuesday, officials explained the methods used for measuring groundwater levels. The programme was attended by DWAMA Project Director Suryanarayana, groundwater

officials, and field-level staff from various divisions. The training focused on improving technical knowledge and ensuring accurate field-level monitoring of groundwater data.

Officials said that special "Observation Wells" would be established in areas where Jaladhara and Jalaharathi works were executed to closely monitor changes in groundwater levels. At present, the Groundwater Department records water table levels through 109 piezometers located across the district. However, as these piezometers are not available in all project areas, the administration has decided to create dedicated observation wells to regularly record groundwater fluctuations in locations where water conservation works have been carried out. The officials noted that the initiative would help



generate comprehensive data on the outcomes of the programmes, including improvements in water storage capacity and groundwater recharge. During the training session, field staff from the DWAMA department as well as personnel from the Atmakur and Nandyal divisions were given practical demonstra-

tions on the installation of observation wells, methods of measuring water levels, and procedures for data recording. The department stated that the training was aimed at enhancing the capacity of field staff to maintain accurate and reliable groundwater monitoring systems.

Between the cheers and the silence: The uneasy wait for Dhoni's final goodbye

New Delhi: MS Dhoni walked into another Chennai night carrying the same aura he always has. The noise rose instantly, the yellow flags fluttered louder, and thousands inside Chepauk stood up, hoping to witness something memorable once again. Not just a cameo, not merely a few runs, but perhaps one final moment with the man who has defined Chennai Super Kings for nearly two decades. That possibility, unspoken yet overwhelmingly present, hung over CSK's clash with Sunrisers Hyderabad on Monday. This was never only about a league game. It was about Dhoni, about what he still means to CSK, and about the growing uncertainty over how or when this extraordinary relationship will finally end.

For days leading up to the fixture, the city had transformed into a waiting room of emotion. Streets around the stadium flooded hours before the toss. Yellow shirts filled every lane leading to the ground. Fans travelled across states not merely to watch cricket, but to experience what many feared could be Dhoni's final appearance in CSK colours.

And the franchise knew it too. Everything around the game carried the unmistakable air of occasion. Broadcasters amplified it. Former cricketers hinted at it. Commentators romanticised it. Social media revolved around it. The anticipation was not built around CSK's playoff chances alone; it revolved around the possibility of "Thala



Darshanam," Dhoni emerging one more time in front of the Chepauk faithful. There are defeats that end seasons, and then there are nights that leave behind something far heavier than two points lost on a table. For CSK and their millions of supporters, the loss to Sunrisers Hyderabad felt like both at once. Mathematically, Chennai's IPL 2026 campaign is not completely over yet. One league game still remains in Ahmedabad, and the playoff equation, however improbable, technically survives. But emotionally, it felt like the end of something larger. Perhaps not officially. Perhaps not conclusively. But enough to leave an entire fanbase suspended between hope and heartbreak.

That emotional economy has powered CSK for years now. Even in seasons where results fluctuated, Chennai possessed

one advantage no other IPL franchise could replicate: legacy. Continuity. Emotional permanence. And at the centre of that universe stood one man. Dhoni was never merely a player in Chennai. He became the identity around which the franchise evolved. Captain, finisher, talisman, symbol, over nearly two decades, he transformed into something far beyond cricketing definitions. Packed stadiums came not with the guarantee of victory, but with the hope of watching him walk out once more. That relationship between Dhoni and Chennai has always felt unusually personal, almost inseparable. An emotional thread that refused to break despite age, injuries and the passage of time. Even Dhoni himself reinforced that bond repeatedly over the years, insisting he would continue playing for CSK for as long as possible.

"I can play for as long as I want for CSK - That is my franchise. Even if I am in a wheelchair, they will drag me," he had once joked. That line perfectly captured the devotion between player and city. And perhaps that is why Monday night felt incomplete. The atmosphere inside Chepauk was deafening. Fans whistled through every over, cheered every moment and continued backing a struggling CSK side long after the game began slipping away. But as the tension rose, Dhoni remained distant from the central action. Yes, there were understandable cricketing reasons. Reports emerged of an additional finger injury. The team combination also appeared relatively settled in recent matches. Realistically, opportunities for him to bat were always going to be limited. But logic does not always soften emotion.

Because what unfolded at Chepauk also raised a difficult question: do CSK fans deserve more clarity than this? It is difficult to argue otherwise. For years, supporters have invested themselves emotionally in this journey. They have celebrated the trophies, defended the failures and carried the mythology of Dhoni and CSK almost as a shared cultural identity. The least they perhaps deserve is closure. Instead, every season now seems to end in ambiguity. And ambiguity is something Dhoni has always embraced. Throughout his career, he has preferred silent exits over grand ceremonies. His retirement from international cricket arrived

through a simple social media post accompanied by music he loved. No farewell series. No lap of honour. No orchestrated goodbye. That restraint is deeply characteristic of Dhoni. But the emotional scale of his relationship with CSK makes this situation different. For many supporters, the IPL represented their final opportunity to celebrate not just the cricketer, but the phenomenon. To properly say goodbye to the player who shaped modern Indian cricket, transformed Chennai into a powerhouse and became the defining face of the IPL era itself. Instead, there remains a growing sense of unease that the ending may simply arrive one day without warning. Perhaps that is exactly how Dhoni wants it. Perhaps he will once again surprise everyone, as he has done repeatedly throughout his career. Even now, nobody truly seems certain about his plans, not the management, not teammates, not fans. And that uncertainty has turned every Dhoni appearance into something bittersweet. Every walk to the crease now carries the weight of possibility. Every wave to the crowd feels loaded with interpretation. Every lingering moment on the field invites speculation. Chepauk experienced all of that on Monday night. But somewhere amid the noise, celebration and nostalgia, there was also a quiet sadness. Not because fans are unwilling to let go, but because they still do not know when exactly they must. And maybe that is the hardest part of all.

Can see Sooryavanshi breaking Gayle's record and making history, says Kumble

New Delhi: Former India captain Anil Kumble believes Rajasthan Royals' opener Vaibhav Suryavanshi is on the cusp of making history in IPL 2026, saying the teenager can break Chris Gayle's record for most sixes hit by a batter in a single season of the competition.

Sooryavanshi's scintillating 93 off 38 balls helped RR keep their knockout hopes alive in IPL 2026 with a commanding seven-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants. The left-handed batter was at his brutal best by hammering 10 towering sixes in a breathtaking assault that powered RR to chase down 221 and sign off from their home matches at the Saiwari Mansingh Stadium on a high. In the process, he became the first Indian batter in IPL history to hit 50 sixes in a single season.

"Very few batters can hit sixes over cover with such ease. But Vaibhav Suryavanshi did it multiple times against Digvesh Rathi. I am glad people still have words to describe such talent. I am running out of my own vocabulary. This kid is very special. What stands out even more is his mindset.

"Every time he speaks, he sounds mature beyond his years. That is crucial at this age, especially with all the attention and praise coming his way. He understands that this is just the start. He said it himself after the match: 'This is the start of my journey. If my journey is long enough, I will create a few of these records.' "He has already hit 53 sixes this IPL season. Chris Gayle



holds the record for most sixes in a season with 59. RR have one more league game and then the playoffs. If they win, he will get more chances. I can see Vaibhav Suryavanshi breaking Gayle's record and making history," said Kumble on Star Sports. Wicketkeeper-batter Dhruv Jurel continued his good run by smashing an unbeaten 53 off 38 balls and Kumble had rich words of praise for him. "Dhruv Jurel brings much-needed stability to Rajasthan's batting order. With Yashasvi Jaiswal and Vaibhav Suryavanshi attacking from ball one at the top, they can play freely knowing Jurel is there to hold the innings together if early wickets fall.

"His strike rate may have dropped this season compared to previous years when he batted as a finisher. But now that he is batting in the top order, his consistency has improved. His fifty against LSG was his fifth half-century of the season. In 13 games, that is a solid return. Yes, he has had some

ups and downs, but five fifties from your number three batter is something any team would take." Before Sooryavanshi and Jurel, stand-in captain Yashasvi Jaiswal was the aggressor in a 75-run opening stand, including smashing a hat-trick of boundaries off Akash Singh in a 23-run over before launching into Mohsin Khan for smashing a six and three fours. Jaiswal's early counterattack ensured RR had the perfect platform for Sooryavanshi and Jurel to

unleash carnage on LSG bowlers. "In a chase of 220, winning the powerplay is crucial. RR needed a flying start, but Vaibhav Suryavanshi began a little cautiously. That is when Yashasvi Jaiswal stepped up. He took on the bowlers and scored 43 quick runs. That aggressive knock gave RR the momentum they needed early on. "Once Vaibhav got his eye in, the game changed. He started finding the gaps and clearing the boundaries with ease. But he needed time to settle. Jaiswal's intent at the other end provided that time. It allowed Vaibhav to play himself in without worrying about the run rate. And once he was set, he tore the bowling attack apart. "That is the beauty of having two players at the top who understand each other's game well. One takes the early risks, the other builds the innings. Together, they made a steep chase look much easier than it actually was," concluded Kumble.

'He has four or five levels to unlock': Rayudu on Jurel's batting potential

New Delhi: Former India batter Ambati Rayudu believes Dhruv Jurel possesses extraordinary potential but still has 'four or five levels to unlock' in his batting after the wicketkeeper-batter's unbeaten knock



helped Rajasthan Royals (RR) secure a seven-wicket win over Lucknow Super Giants (LSG) in IPL 2026. Chasing a daunting 221-run target at the Saiwari Mansingh Stadium, RR completed the chase with five balls to spare. While teenage sensation Vaibhav Suryavanshi grabbed headlines with a breathtaking 93 off just 38 balls, Jurel's unbeaten 53 under pressure earned widespread praise for the calmness, game awareness, and composure he showed during the chase. Rayudu said Jurel already has the qualities of a complete batter and could become an even more dangerous T20 player if he improves his ball-striking ability further. "I think he has at least four or five levels to unlock in his batting. He is one guy I feel who has extraordinary potential. He is so clean, so neat. He has such a good technique. He just needs to free up his bat swing a little bit. I'm sure he will work with coaches during the off-season or whenever he gets time and become a much better ball striker than he is right now," Rayudu said on ESPNcricinfo. He also highlighted Jurel's comfort against pace and spin, along with his awareness between the wickets, saying the RR batter already looks like a complete package. "His temperament is top-class. His play against pace, he is so comfortable. There are so many good things, he steps out, he plays the spin well, reads the length well, he runs well between the wickets. I think he is a complete package that just needs to be properly unlocked and probably trained," he added. Jurel has scored 420 runs in 13 matches in IPL 2026. He has also scored five half-centuries so far at a strike rate of 150.

Arjun Das, Anna Ben-starrer Con City's dubbing begins

Chennai: The makers of director Harish Durairaj's eagerly awaited comedy family entertainer, featuring actors Arjun Das and Anna Ben in the lead, have now announced that dubbing for the film has begun. Taking to its X timeline, Power House Pictures, the production house producing the film, wrote, "The magic on the mic, the true voices of the city! #ConCity - Dubbing begins for the @harish_durairaj directorial, coming soon to theatres. An @RSeanRoldan musical. Starring @iam_arjundas @benanna_love @iYogiBabu #Vadivukkarasi #Akhilan. @powerhousepic in association with @Maaliandmaanvi @kloutstudios and @SilverTreeOffl." Earlier this month, the production house had announced that the unit had wrapped up shooting of the film. It had then said, "A journey we can't forget, a big step closer to you. #ConCity - WRAPPED UP! A film by @harish_durairaj, coming soon to theatres near you. An @RSeanRoldan musical. Starring @iam_arjundas @benanna_love @iYogiBabu #Vadivukkarasi #Akhilan.



@powerhousepic in association with @Maaliandmaanvi @kloutstudios and @SilverTreeOffl." The makers have already disclosed the characters played by Arjun Das, Anna Ben, Yogi Babu, Arul Doss, Abdul Razzak, Shahji Chen, Ponvannan, Sathanand, Rage Esakki, Madhan Dakshinamoorthy, Imman Annachi, Ramesh Thilak, Thambi Ramaiah and Bharadwaj Rangan in their film. A teaser that the makers had released earlier has triggered huge interest in the film. The teaser opens with Arjun Das getting threatened over phone by a money lender. He questions Arjun Das on why he had

stopped picking up his calls. From the phone conversation that Arjun Das has with this person, it becomes evident that Arjun Das has fled with his family after locking his home. The money lender threatens him saying, "Do you think I can't find you? If you think you can cheat me of my money, no matter where you run to, I will come and cut your family members to pieces before your eyes." Arjun Das sternly tells him he won't pay and asks him to do what he can.

Soon after the conversation, Arjun Das loses his temper and starts hurling things he can lay his hands on in anger. When he picks

up a small handy machine which looks like a receipt printer in a grocery store to hurl it, lighting strikes and it happens to touch the machine in Arjun Das's hand. Soon after, every-time, he presses a button for a receipt, 500 Rupee notes begin to come out of the machine. Soon, Arjun Das is in a position to repay the money lender. But it is not just Arjun Das who has found out that he has a machine that can cough up money... Written and directed by Harish Durairaj, the film, apart from Arjun Das and Anna Ben, also features Yogi Babu, Vadivukkarasi, Imman Annachi and Akhilan in pivotal roles. On the technical front, the film has music by Sean Roldan and cinematography by Aravind Viswanathan. Editing for the film is by Arul Moses A while production design is by Raj Kamal. Costumes in the film have been designed by Navaa Rambo Rajkumar while lyrics for the songs in the film have been penned by Mohan Rajan. While the dances in the film have been choreographed by Santhosh, the fight sequences have been choreographed by Action Sandhosh.

Varun Sandesh's 'Black Mail' gets a grand launch



Black Mail starring Varun Sandesh was officially launched with a grand pooja ceremony at Prasad Labs in Hyderabad. Produced by Avinash Koonapareddy under the Hanuman Film Factory banner, the film is written and directed by Srinivas Gundreddy. The project also features Gemini Suresh, Prithviraj, Sammeta Gandhi, and Nag Mahesh in key roles

The launch ceremony witnessed the presence of several film personalities and special guests from the Telugu film industry. Renowned writer-producer Kona Venkat gave the first clap for the muhurtham shot, while senior producer Bharadwaj switched on the camera. Gemini Suresh's mother, M. Venkata Subba Lakshmi, directed the first shot. Actors Rakshith Atluri and Sreelu also attended the event and extended their wishes to the team. Speaking during the launch, director Srinivas Gundreddy expressed confidence in the film's content and stated that Black Mail has a gripping storyline and engaging screenplay. Varun Sandesh revealed that he had known the director for a long time and agreed to the project after being impressed by the narration. He added that the regular shooting schedule would commence shortly. Actor Gemini Suresh shared his happiness about working alongside Varun Sandesh and praised the producer for his encouragement and support. Veteran actor Prithviraj described the film's title as highly catchy and mentioned that the screenplay would stand out as one of its biggest strengths. Meanwhile, producer Avinash Koonapareddy stated that his aim in entering the film industry was not only filmmaking but also creating employment opportunities for nearly 200 families. He further announced that 10 percent of the film's profits would be shared with the technicians working on the project, highlighting his commitment towards supporting the industry workforce.

The Politics of Privacy: When Bollywood Celebrity News Sparks a Media Ethics Debate

Introduction The intersection of celebrity culture and public privacy has officially reached a political boiling point. A striking Salman Khan hospital appearance recently crossed the line from a standard Bollywood celebrity news snippet into a national conversation about media regulation, ethics, and personal boundaries. The Breaking Point: Salman Khan Angry A Salman Khan viral video captured the actor losing his cool while leaving a Mumbai medical facility. He was seen frustrated and did not hold back with the crowd blocking his way. After the confrontation, the actor took to social media and condemn the aggressive nature of modern journalism. In a sharp warning to the press,

he wrote, "Saath saal ka ho gaya hoon lekin ladna nahin bhoola, yeh yaad rakh lena" (I am 60 years old but I haven't forgotten how to fight). This explosive Salman Khan hospital video quickly went viral on social media, with millions debating the incident. The Political Shift: Entertainment vs. Fundamental Rights People who closely follow politics, this clash is more than gossip. It reflects ongoing debates about paparazzi culture and the Right to Privacy. While the press argues for free speech, public opinion is shifting. Many citizens now want laws to protect public figures during private moments, like hospital visits or family grief. Khan raised a sharp ethical point to



reporters: "If they want to make money from my losses... stay quiet. Don't enjoy." Conclusion Salman Khan's latest news shows how the line between public interest and harassment is fading. As the paparazzi

clash keeps trending, it emphasizes the urgent need to update India's media laws. The incident is a sharp reminder that rules protecting personal privacy are long overdue

Yo Yo Honey Singh reveals he made beats for 'Payal' in 2007, used in 2024

Mumbai: Popular rapper Yo Yo Honey Singh on Wednesday revealed that he made the beats for his song "Payal" featuring Nora Fatehi in 2007 and then used them in 2024. Honey Singh, whose real name is Hirdesh Singh, shared a video of an aged person grooving to the number and said that his beats make generations move. "My beats makes generations move... M genius... Made this beat in 2007 at Rohini my guruji's flat In finally used in 2024 (sic)," wrote the 43-years-old wrote in the caption. The hip-hop musical artist was born in Hoshiarpur, Punjab. He made his mark on the music scene with the release of his Punjabi album International Villager in 2011. The album's track "Gabru", featuring J-Star, quickly climbed to the top of the Asian music charts, including the official BBC Asian charts. The Delhi-born musician's collaborations



with prominent artists, such as Diljit Dosanjh on "Lak 28 Kudi", further cemented his position.

The 42-year-old rapper sang his first Hindi song in Mastan. His popularity surged on YouTube, with two of his videos, "Brown Rang" and "High Heels," ranking among the top-trend-

ing videos that year. Following the success of "Brown Rang", Singh released "Angreji Beat" in collaboration with Gippy Grewal. In 2024, Singh launched his album Glory, featuring 18 tracks, including "Millionaire", "Rap God", and "Jatt Mehkma". In December 2024, a documentary titled Yo Yo Honey Singh: Famous was released on Netflix. On May 4, the musician, known for numbers such as "Angreji Beat", "Desi Kalakaar" and "Love Dose", revealed that he is spending a few days on a yacht and will be balancing fishing sessions with beat production. He shared a glimpse of himself on Instagram on a luxurious white yacht and is seen holding on to a fishing rod and wrote as the caption: "Music sessions on yacht for few days now !! Fishing n Beatproducing #yoyohoneysingh."

Sudigali Sudheer's new film 'Sudheer Joker' title and first-look poster unveiled



The multi-talented hero Sudigali Sudheer's new film titled 'Sudheer Joker' has been officially announced. Bigg Boss fame Aysha is making her debut as the heroine in this movie. The film also features Abhirami, Murali Sharma, Ajay Ghosh, Ramesh Indira, Vishnu Oi, and Muralidhar Goud in key roles. The movie is being produced by Vijay Donkada and Sridhar Makkuva, while PS Sunil Puppala is directing it. Ahead of hero Sudigali Sudheer's birthday tomorrow, the makers today unveiled the title and first-look poster of 'Sudheer Joker'. The newly released poster showcases Sudigali Sudheer with playing cards, creating an impressive and stylish look. Along with a special banger release tomorrow, an interaction session with fans is also being planned. 'Sudheer Joker' is being made as a complete commercial entertainer, and the makers are expected to reveal more details about the film soon.