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Develop Munikudali as model Pushkar Ghat: Pawan Kalyan

Directs officials to establish an integrated wastewater and rainwater management system in the village with the goal of achieving 'Zero Liquid Discharge' Rajamahendravaram: Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has directed officials to transform Munikudali Ghat into a national-level model rural Pushkar Ghat and develop Munikudali village into a Zero Liquid Discharge spiritual and tourism hub ahead of the upcoming Godavari Pushkaralu. During a review meeting held via video conference from Amaravati on Sunday, Pawan Kalyan discussed in detail the proposals being prepared by the district administration under the leadership of Panchayat Raj Commissioner Krishna Teja and district Collector Kirti Chekuri. Joint Collector Y Megha Swaroop and Municipal Commissioner Rahul Meena participated in the meeting from the Collectorate. The Deputy Chief Minister stressed the need for a compre-



hensive development plan for Munikudali Ghat, giving equal importance to spirituality, tourism, and environmental conservation. He instructed the officials to ensure close coordination among departments so that the project emerges as a national model and a case study for integrated rural development.

Pawan Kalyan directed officials to establish an integrated wastewater and rainwater management system in the village with the goal of achieving 'Zero Liquid Discharge'. He stressed that no sewage should enter

mandal, including Muggalla, Katavaram, Kunavaram and Polavaram areas, as well as visitors from North Andhra and Agency regions, the district administration has identified locations for parking and holding areas. Plans are also being formulated for traffic management and parking facilities along the Gokavaram -Thorredu route leading to Munikudali. Later, while reviewing preparations with officials, Collector Kirti Chekuri directed that adequate measures be taken to maintain a water depth of four feet in the core bathing area for Pushkar pilgrims. She also instructed officials to ensure that every household in the village is provided with a toilet and tap water connection before the Pushkarams. A door-to-door survey will be conducted to assess the status of basic amenities among the 450 families in the village, and a comprehensive report will be prepared to facilitate infrastructure development, she added.

NEET-UG Retest Paper Setters Placed Under Strict Isolation To Ensure Exam Security

As one of the significant security changes following the paper leak in May, the paper setters for NEET-UG 2026 have been placed in a high-security lockdown at a secret centre, with no contact with the outside world until



June 21. The Ministry of Education and the National Testing Agency (NTA) have placed experts who create, moderate and translate NEET-UG 2026 retest question paper in absolute isolation, in an unprecedented move to ensure the integrity of the upcoming examination. The staff have been moved to an undisclosed, highly secure location where they will be kept in a complete "lockdown" until the examination is completed on June 21. There is a very strong digital restriction in place to remove the risk of leaks altogether. Personal communication devices (smartphones, laptops, smartwatches, etc.) are prohibited, and internet and contact with the outside are very limited. All accesses to and from the institutions are recorded and regulated. The extreme measure is the first step in an overall security upgrade that will come in layers following a massive paper leak scandal that saw the original exam cancelled in May. The new security protocol is structured around each and every stage of the cycle—from paper formulation to printing, transport, and final distribution—and ensures that no single group is responsible for the entire procedure. In addition, the authorities are considering using Indian Air Force aircraft to safely transport the examination materials, as well as conducting round-the-clock digital policing on social media and messaging platforms to counter fake information or leaked cheating content. The re-examination, which will be conducted on paper, is to be held in 551 domestic and 14 international cities on June 21.

Govt must address anger of the youth and institutional crisis: Narayana

Hyderabad: CPI national leader Dr K Narayana has warned that the current crisis in India is not temporary. He stated that after Prime Minister Narendra Modi came to power, constitutional institutions are being systematically destabilised, pushing democracy into danger. The phenomenal growth of the corporate ecosystem, notwithstanding, the problems of the commoner remain unresolved. Geographic Reference According to Narayana, the youth are facing harshest realities. Jobs are too few. Incidents like the UG-NEET controversy have added to the agony of students, who like the youth are looking for ways to vent their ire. He cited the recent Tamil Nadu Assembly elections, in which TVK emerged as the dark horse, which evidenced public opposition to established political institutions. A similar public outcry stemming from frustration is also prevalent in neighbouring nations like Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Nepal, he explained. In India, remarks by the Chief Justice of India have added to this dissatisfaction, while the massive pendency of court cases has become another source of anger



among the youth. Many are branding themselves as "cockroaches" and "bats" in their challenge to entrenched institutions. Narayana observed that the recent CJP protest in Delhi was not a great success. However, he insisted that governments must answer people's demands-jobs and justice. He said democratic protests are not achieving justice, which is adding to the disgruntlement of youth across the nation. This discontent is now manifesting in different ways, creating societal churn that could erupt like a bolt from the blue. He contended that there has been unreasonable corporatisation and dynastic power equations like in the film industry. The father is the director, and the son is the hero, with each

taking remuneration running into crores. This inflates the total investment in filmmaking, and producers then claim massive investments while demanding that governments raise ticket prices. National Politics Updates Meanwhile, farmers cultivate crops under hazardous conditions and yet are subject to neglect by governments. These contradictory double standards, he argued, are turning into social evils and further angering the youth. Dr Narayana said first it was Gen Z, now it is the Cockroach Janta Party, and tomorrow it may be something else. At the root is deep dissatisfaction, which, he warned, could reshape India's political and social landscape.

Min Bharath urges Arya Vysyas to turn industrialists



Kurnool: Minister for Industries, Commerce and Food Processing TG Bharath Gupta, speaking to The Hans India over phone from Bengaluru, said that he participated as the chief guest at the All-India Arya Vysya Mahasabha Federation programme and addressed the gathering on Sunday. National Politics Updates He said the members of the Arya Vysya community should emerge as industrialists and play a greater role in the country's economic development. The Minister said the meeting deliberated on the organisation of a three-day Global Arya Vysya Summit to be held in Bengaluru in December. On the occasion, Karnataka Arya Vysya Mahasabha State President Ravishankar announced that TG Bharath Gupta had been chosen as the Chairman of the Summit Organising Committee, a responsibility the Minister said he would discharge with the support of all community organisations. Bharath Gupta said Andhra Pradesh has been successfully conducting partnership summits with global investors and

expressed confidence that the Arya Vysya community could organise a similar international event with equal success. He urged all Arya Vysya organisations across the country to work together to make the summit a grand success and assured them of his full support for initiatives aimed at the community's progress. He also invited entrepreneurs from the community to invest in Andhra Pradesh. The Minister further speaking to The Hans India has stated that a recent meeting held in Hyderabad had resolved that members of the Arya Vysya community should adopt "Gupta" as their surname. He observed that the spirit of service has always been a defining characteristic of the community and encouraged members to continue contributing to society while expanding their presence in industry and business. Geographic Reference The programme was attended by several leaders of the Arya Vysya Mahasabha from Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

INCOIS Unveils 'NIRMAL Sāgar' and Research Scholars Collective on World Ocean Day 2026

Eye secrets Hyderabad, June 8, 2026: The Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS) celebrated World Ocean Day 2026 with the launch of two landmark initiatives aimed at advancing ocean sustainability and scientific collaboration. Marking this year's theme, "REIMAGINE: Beyond the World We Know, A New Relationship with Our Ocean," INCOIS unveiled NIRMAL Sāgar, an innovative clean-ocean programme that will establish the first integrated marine litter-tracking framework for the Indian Ocean Region. Leveraging ocean modelling, satellite remote sensing, and AI/ML technologies, the initiative will identify marine litter hotspots, monitor their movement, and support targeted cleanup efforts for healthier oceans. Another major highlight was the launch of the INCOIS Research Scholars Collective (IRSC), a student-led platform designed to foster collaboration, mentorship, interdisciplinary research, and professional development among young scientists. The initiative aims



to build a vibrant research community while strengthening outreach activities that connect science with society. The celebrations were inaugurated by the Director of INCOIS, who highlighted the critical role of ocean science and services in supporting sustainable development and disaster resilience. Eminent scientists, academicians, and dignitaries from leading national institutions participated in the event, emphasizing the importance of innovation, partnerships, and ocean literacy in addressing emerging marine challenges. As part of the celebrations, IRSC also organized a series of engaging activities, including photography, quiz, treasure hunt, and marine clay art competi-

tions, inspiring greater awareness and appreciation of ocean conservation among staff, scholars, and students. Through initiatives like NIRMAL Sāgar and IRSC, INCOIS has reaffirmed its commitment to scientific excellence, environmental stewardship, and a sustainable future for the oceans.

Congress Has Hitler-Like Mindset, Fears BJP's Rise in Telangana: Ramchander Rao

Hyderabad, June 8: BJP Telangana President N. Ramchander Rao on Sunday alleged that the Congress party functions with a "Hitler-like mindset" and lacks respect for democratic institutions. He said the party continues to revolve around a single family and is attempting to follow an authoritarian style of governance. Rao criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu, calling them inappropriate and disrespectful. Claiming that the BJP is rapidly expanding in Telangana, particularly in rural areas, Rao said Congress leaders are increasingly worried about the party's growing influence and frequently target BJP leaders Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay. Defending the Centre's role in major infrastructure projects, he stated that the Central Government has provided support for the Hyderabad Metro, MMTS, and Regional Ring Road projects, while delays were due to the State Government. Rao also raised concerns over alleged irregularities in the Palamuru-Rangareddy project and questioned the transparency of the



Musi River rejuvenation initiative. He accused the Congress government of failing to implement several election promises and following a "Declare and Forget" policy. The BJP leader asserted that his party would continue to fight for the interests of farmers, students, employees, and the people of Telangana, and would intensify its public outreach and agitations in the coming days.

CP Reviews Arrangements for Fish Prasadam Distribution at Nampally Exhibition Grounds

- Extensive security arrangements in coordination with police
- Traffic diversions in several areas

HYDERABAD, June 8 (EYE SECRETS): Hyderabad CP C.V. Anand inspected the security arrangements at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds in connection with the distribution of Fish Prasadam. He reviewed the security measures and enquired with officials about the arrangements made. He inspected queues, counters and the Command Control Center. Along with the CP, Joint CP Traffic Joel Davis and Golconda DCP Chandra Mohan also reviewed the arrangements. Thousands of devotees have already started arriving at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds for Fish Prasadam. As a result, heavy traffic congestion has been witnessed in the Nampally Metro surroundings, with vehicles moving slowly. Special arrangements have been made by the medical and fire departments at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds for devotees attending the Fish Prasadam distribution. Three health camps have been set up for those arriving for the prasadam. Five ambulances have been kept ready for emergencies. Primary treatment is being provided on the spot to those who fall ill. Arrangements have also been made to shift patients to nearby hospitals if necessary. Medical teams will remain on alert round-the-clock. As part of the security measures, three Oxygen Units have been made available. Special emergency services have also been arranged considering the huge crowd expected. Officials have ensured all basic facilities for those arriving to receive the Fish Prasadam. All arrangements for the



Fish Prasadam distribution at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds have been completed. More than one lakh fish seedlings have been arranged by the government. People have arrived in large numbers not only from Telangana but also from other states. Nearly 50,000 people have already reached the Nampally Exhibition Grounds. Devotees have been standing in queues since 7 p.m. The distribution of Fish Prasadam will commence at 9:01 p.m. According to the auspicious Muhurtham, the organisers will begin the distribution at that time. Asthma and respiratory patients have arrived in large numbers. Officials are fully prepared with security, medical facilities and drinking water arrangements. Special traffic restrictions have been imposed in the Nampally area in view of the Fish Prasadam distribution. CP C.V. Anand stated that elaborate arrangements have been made for the programme. He said the distribution would begin at 9 p.m. tonight at the Nampally Exhibition Grounds. He said ministers Ponnam Prabhakar, Vakiti Srihari and Jupally Krishna Rao had inspected the arrangements. He further stated that around 25,000 people from different states across the country had already arrived in Hyderabad. The CP said that extensive security arrangements involving

thousands of police personnel had been made to ensure that no untoward incidents occur during the Fish Prasadam distribution. Security measures are being supervised by Golconda DCP Chandra Mohan. He said special measures had been taken to prevent traffic problems and that traffic diversions were being implemented in the Nampally surroundings. Five ambulances have been kept ready to meet any emergency situations. The Command Control Center is providing instructions and information in various languages. Residents of Hyderabad have been advised to plan their travel accordingly and, if possible, attend on Tuesday to receive the Fish Prasadam. Officials clarified that sufficient Fish Prasadam would be available for everyone and urged the public not to believe any rumours. Police security arrangements have also been made at various institutions. SHE Teams, Mounted Police and Task Force personnel are conducting continuous patrolling. Keeping in view certain health emergencies reported in the past, more stringent security and medical arrangements have been put in place this year. As the programme is being held during night hours, CP C.V. Anand appealed to devotees to follow police instructions and cooperate with the authorities.

Dr. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram Takes Charge as Director of ICAR-NAARM

Hyderabad, June 8, 2026: Renowned agricultural scientist and rice biotechnologist Dr. Raman Meenakshi Sundaram has assumed charge as the Director of ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (ICAR-NAARM), Hyderabad. A Fellow of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), Dr. Sundaram brings over 25 years of distinguished experience in the ICAR system. He previously served as Director of ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (ICAR-IIRR). Widely acclaimed for his contributions to crop biotechnology, molecular breeding, and genomics-assisted crop improvement, Dr. Sundaram played a pivotal role in developing the bacterial blight-resistant rice variety Improved Samba Mahsuri, a landmark achievement in rice research. A recipient of several prestigious honors, including the ICAR Lal Bahadur Shastri Outstanding Young Scientist Award and the CSIR Award for Science and Technology Innovations in Rural Development, he has significantly advanced rice research, innovation, and technology dissemination in India. His leadership is expected to further strengthen ICAR-NAARM's efforts in agricultural research management, innovation, entrepreneurship, and capacity building.



Accused in POC SO Case Sentenced to 20 Years' Rigorous Imprisonment

MIDJIL, June 8 (EYE SECRETS): The accused in a POC SO case registered under the limits of Nawabpet Police Station in Mahabubnagar district has been convicted after the completion of trial proceedings. The accused, Paspula Nandu (29), a resident of Mothighanpur village in Balanagar mandal, was found guilty by the Special POC SO and Rape Cases Court in Mahabubnagar. Delivering the judgment, Special Court Judge Smt. Taman Rajarajeswari sentenced the accused to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs. 20,000. The court also directed payment of Rs. 5 lakh as Victim Compensation to the survivor. District Superintendent of Police Smt. D. Janaki, IPS, specially commended Special Public Prosecutor M. John, Mahabubnagar Rural Circle Inspector Gandhi Naik, for-



mer Nawabpet SI Vikram, Court Liaison Officers Balakrishna (ASI), Krishnayya (PC), Shankar (PC), Rahim (PC), and CDO Vijay Kumar (PC) for their key role in successfully investigating the case, collecting strong evidence, and securing conviction before the court. Speaking on the occasion, the District SP said the police department deals with crimes against women and children with utmost seriousness and is committed to ensuring justice for victims through scientific investigation of every case. She warned that stringent action would be taken against those committing offences under the POC SO Act.

Prompt Action Needed on Every Prajavani Complaint



MIDJIL, June 8 (Eye Secrets): District Superintendent of Police D. Janaki, IPS, directly received petitions from members of the public and listened to their grievances during the Prajavani programme held at the Mahabubnagar District Police Office on Monday. People from various parts of the district brought complaints related to family disputes, land issues, financial frauds, cyber crimes, women's safety concerns and other matters before the SP. After carefully hearing each petition, the SP spoke with the concerned officials and directed them to take immediate legal action on the complaints. Speaking on the occasion, the District SP said that the responsibility of the police department extends beyond merely listening to public grievances and includes ensuring appropriate solutions to them. She stated that every complaint received through the Prajavani programme would be examined impartially and necessary steps would be taken to ensure justice for the victims. The SP instructed officials to accord special priority to complaints lodged by women, senior citizens and victims of cyber fraud. She urged the public to make effective use of the Prajavani programme for the resolution of their problems. The District SP also advised police officials to interact with the public courteously and respond to victims with empathy. She stressed that every officer should discharge their duties responsibly in a manner that further strengthens public confidence in the police department.

K'taka CM reaffirms commitment to sustainable urban mobility

Rides Metro en route to Kanakapura constituency to thank voters

Karnataka Chief Minister D K Shivakumar travelled by Metro rail on Sunday while heading to Kanakapura to participate in a 'gratitude tour' to thank the people of his constituency.

According to the CM's office, in a "people-friendly move," Shivakumar chose to travel by metro to avoid inconveniencing Bengaluru residents.

He travelled by Metro train from the Vidhana Soudha station to the last station on the Kanakapura Road, and then travelled to Kanakapura by road. The CM chose public transport to reaffirm the government's commitment to



sustainable urban mobility, his office said in a post on 'X'. "The Karnataka government is fast-tracking all ongoing Metro projects to improve accessibility, reduce congestion and provide faster, safer and more reliable connectivity across

Bengaluru. A world-class public transport network is essential to the city's future growth, economic vitality and quality of life," it said.

The chief minister is envisioning a Bengaluru where efficient mass transit becomes the preferred

choice, making the city greener, smarter and more connected for every citizen, it said. During the metro journey, Shivakumar greeted fellow passengers and interacted with commuters. Some passengers even clicked selfies with him.

The CM decided to travel by metro after recognising that a road journey from his Sadashivanagar residence to Kanakapura Road would disrupt normal traffic movement, according to his office.

Shivakumar too took to 'X' to post pictures of his metro journey. "Today, I had the opportunity to travel on Namma Metro with fellow citizens on my way to Kanakapura. Sharing the

journey with my fellow Bengalureans was a reminder of how important safe, reliable, and affordable public transport is in the lives of the people of Karnataka," he posted on 'X'.

"Bengaluru belongs to all of us, and its future depends on solutions that make everyday life easier, more connected, and more accessible for every citizen. Namma Metro is playing an important role in that journey," he said. The CM visited his home constituency of Kanakapura and participated in multiple public meetings. This is Shivakumar's first visit to Kanakapura, in the neighbouring Bengaluru South district, since taking over as CM.

Kerala has vast untapped potential in blue economy: CM



Kerala has the potential to emerge as India's maritime gateway and unlock vast opportunities in the blue economy, Chief Minister V D Satheesan said.

The blue economy promotes the sustainable use of marine and coastal resources while balancing growth, employment and ocean conservation.

The state's strategic coastline, ports and maritime infrastructure are key drivers of future economic growth, he noted in an article released by the Public Relations Department on the eve of World Ocean Day (June 8).

Kerala's 600-km coastline, along with its two international ports, container terminal, 17 non-major ports, fishing harbours,

inland waterways and tourism assets, provides a strong foundation for developing a vibrant maritime economy, Satheesan said.

The CM said the state's development strategy envisions integrating these assets to transform Kerala into a major port-led economy, with greater reliance on coastal shipping for cargo movement and expanded opportunities in logistics, shipbuilding, cruise tourism, fisheries, aquacul-

ture and maritime services.

"The government's vision is to integrate these assets and transform the state into a major port-led economy, with at least 50 per cent of cargo currently transported by road eventually shifted to sea routes," he said. He added that the second phase would focus on cruise shipping, followed by tourism projects integrated with the state's river network in the third phase. According to him, transforming Kerala into a port-driven economy could generate lakhs of employment opportunities.

Noting that around 28 per cent of Dubai's GDP is derived from its port sector, Satheesan said Kerala's coastline and maritime resources hold immense untapped potential for economic growth and development.

Dhali Rampur four-lane survey completed: Himachal CM

Says tunnels to be given priority

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu said on Sunday that the survey work to upgrade the Dhali-Narkanda-Rampur road into a four-lane highway has been completed.

He said tunnel construction would be prioritised in the project to minimise landslide damage and to ensure safe travel.

Speaking to media persons in Narkanda in Shimla district, Sukhu said Himachal Pradesh is globally renowned for its rich 'Dev Culture,' and the people of the state have deep faith in their deities.

He said the state government is making efforts to promote religious tourism across the state, which is home to several revered temples.

He said the state government is constructing the Hatu Mata Ropeway and the project has been proposed under NABARD, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development. The project may take three to four years to materialise, but the government is committed to implementing it on priority, he said. The CM said funds have been sanctioned to improve the Hatu Mata road, with special emphasis on avoiding tree felling while ensuring better facilities for devotees. Sukhu also announced Rs 50 lakh for the Narkanda Nagar Panchayat, which was elected unopposed.

Later, newly elected Panchayati Raj representatives welcomed and felicitated the chief minister at Narkanda.

3 sub-inspectors suspended in Mathura for dereliction of duty, indiscipline

Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shlok Kumar has suspended three sub-inspectors and attached another to the police lines for alleged negligence, laxity and indiscipline in the discharge of their official duties, officials said on Sunday. The action was taken as part of efforts to strengthen law and order and maintain the integrity and public image of the police force, the SSP said.

He further informed that sub-inspector Virendra Singh, posted at Raya police station, was suspended following a complaint that he



had accepted a bribe. Taking immediate cognisance of the matter, his suspension has been ordered after he was found prima facie guilty during a preliminary inquiry.

In a separate action, sub-inspector Lokendra Singh, posted at the Refinery police station, was suspended for allegedly failing to deal seriously with a dispute between members of two

communities. Similarly, sub-inspector Rajat Dubey of Govardhan police station was suspended for alleged negligence in the disposal of investigations. Meanwhile, Devendra Singh, in-charge of the Rangji Temple police outpost in Vrindavan, was attached to the police lines for allegedly showing laxity in monitoring a listed mafia figure, officials said.

SSP Kumar assured that strict action would continue against police personnel found negligent while performing their duties and asserted that no one would be allowed to tarnish the image of the police force.

True tribute to Ramdhari 'Dinkar' lies in upholding equality, patriotism: Himachal Guv



Adopting the ideals of equality, inclusiveness and patriotism is the true tribute to Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar', Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta said on Sunday. Addressing the inaugural session of the two-day 'Rashmirathi Parv' at the historic Gaiety Theatre here to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee Year of 'Rashmirathi', the immortal epic poem of Rashtrakavi Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar', he said the event is not merely a remembrance of a great poet but a call to imbibe the values of social harmony, equality and patri-

otism in daily life. The governor said the true tribute to Dinkar would be to uphold these ideals and contribute towards building a stronger and more inclusive nation. Gupta said the festi-

val also serves as a tribute to great personalities who shaped India's national consciousness. Referring to Swami Vivekananda, Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Dinkar, he said, "Although they illuminated society through different paths, they all shared a common vision of placing the nation, society and humanity above all else."

He added, "Swami Vivekananda inspired the youth to rise and awaken, Lokmanya Tilak transformed Swaraj into the birthright of every Indian, Atal Bihari Vajpayee demonstrated that

politics is rooted in dialogue and sensitivity, while Dinkar immortalized these values through the power of poetry." Referring to 'Karna', the central character of Rashmirathi, Gupta said his life is not merely an ancient tale but a mirror reflecting the struggles and aspirations of every individual.

He urged young people to draw inspiration from Karna's perseverance, courage and determination. "The true Rashmirathi was not the one who possessed everything, but the one who conquered the darkness of adversity through his own inner light," he said.

'Guru Amar Das' life is a beacon of sacrifice, service, humanity: Haryana CM

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini on Sunday said that the life of the third Sikh Guru, Amar Das is a shining beacon for humanity that will continue to guide generations on the path of sacrifice, devotion, service and equality. He said the Guru strongly opposed social discrimination, caste divisions and outdated customs, and gave the timeless message of "Pehle Pangat, Pachhe Sangat", which remains a foundation of social harmony and equality.

The chief minister was addressing the gathering near Amarpura Chowk in Punjab's Ludhiana at the 9th Vishal Kirtan Samagam' organised to celebrate the birth anniversary of Guru Amar Das.

The chief minister appreciated the efforts of Guru Amar Das Seva Society, Shri



Sukhmani Seva Society and Guru Amar Das Gurudwara & Dharamshala Charitable Trust for organising the event.

Highlighting the life and teachings of Guru Amar Das, he launched a major movement for social reform and women's empowerment.

He strongly opposed the practice of 'sati', supported widow remarriage and encouraged women to reject the purdah system, Saini said.

He added that modern society is increasingly

chasing material comforts while facing growing mental stress, conflict and jealousy. In such times, the teachings of Guru Amar Das provide the right direction.

The chief minister said that Haryana and Punjab are not merely neighbouring states geographically; they are united by a common spiritual heritage, culture and historical legacy. The sacred footprints of the Sikh Gurus are also deeply embedded in the soil of Haryana.

Saini emphasised that the BJP government's respect for the Sikh community is reflected not only in words but also in concrete actions.

He said under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, unprecedented efforts have been made to preserve and promote India's religious and cultural heritage.

Hawala racket in Bareilly; 2 held, Rs 35 lakh seized

An alleged hawala racket was busted in Bareilly by the police on Sunday and two persons were arrested with Rs 35 lakh in cash and fake Aadhaar cards. Senior Superintendent of Police Anurag Arya told reporters that the arrests were made by the Baradari police following a tip-off during a special drive against illegal activities.

The accused, identified as Zameer Ahmad of Hajiyapur Chungi in Bareilly and Jagdish Chotiya of Bikaner in Rajasthan, were apprehended during a raid in the Madhobari area, police said.

Two fake Aadhaar cards, Rs 35 lakh cash and mobile phones have been recovered from the accused.

During interrogation, Ahmad allegedly revealed that he was in contact with a Dubai-based man identified as Ali Zeeshan and that a company



named KGN had been opened in the name of one Moin Ali to facilitate hawala transactions.

The office was located on the Pilibhit Bypass Road and allegedly had no legitimate business operations, police said. According to investigators, funds were transferred through token-based transactions and routed to contacts in Delhi. The second accused allegedly told police that he had been involved in hawala operations in Bareilly for the past four years and facilitated the movement of unaccounted money in exchange for commission.

Police have named Moin Ali and two Delhi residents, Lalchand and Dhammaram, as wanted in the case. Efforts are underway to trace them. An FIR has been registered under relevant provisions of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), and the arrested accused are being produced before a court for remand, police said. Arya said the alleged Dubai link and the source of funds were being investigated and that all aspects of the case, including possible national security implications, were under scrutiny.

Delhi CM to lead mega Yamuna cleanliness drive on June 14

A mega Yamuna cleanliness drive led by Chief Minister Rekha Gupta will be undertaken on June 14, the Delhi CMO said on Sunday. Public participation is the key to realising the vision of a clean, pristine and free-flowing Yamuna, the chief minister said. The cleanliness and awareness programmes will be held at various ghats on the banks of Yamuna river in the national capital. The chief minister will participate in the mega campaign and join citizens in strengthening the collective resolve for a clean and healthy Yamuna, the CMO said.

Gupta said that the Yamuna is not merely a river but an integral part of Delhi's cultural, religious and environmental heritage and the responsibility of protecting the river rests not only with the government but also with



every citizen.

The campaign is expected to see the participation of nearly 500 social, religious, educational and voluntary organisations, along with thousands of volunteers. Chief Minister Gupta said that last year, the 'Meri Yamuna, Mera Kartavya' campaign was also launched to clean the river and its ghats. Thousands of volunteers participated in that initiative, and more than 12

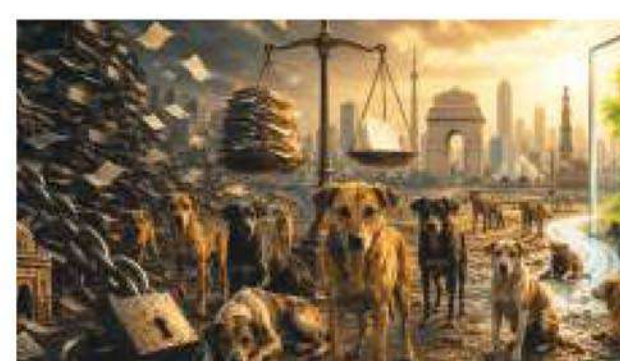
tonnes of waste was collected and scientifically disposed of. In coordination with the local administration, police, the Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the Health department and other concerned agencies, all necessary arrangements related to security, traffic management, drinking water, first aid, emergency services and sanitation are being put in place for the June 14 campaign.

After a three-year RTI battle, the Central Information Commission (CIC) has found "determined and deliberate resistance" to disclosure of information by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) in a stray dog management case and imposed a Rs 25,000 penalty. It also awarded Rs 10,000 compensation to the applicant and ordered proactive disclosure of records, including NGO payments, sterilisation and vaccination data. The order referred to the Supreme Court's May 19, 2026, verdict on the stray dog issue, which stressed the need to closely monitor the implementation of Animal Birth Control (ABC) measures through objectively verifiable data. The CIC said upfront public disclosure of information sought by the applicant would facilitate

regular monitoring of ABC measures and promote transparency and accountability. The case arose from a December 2022 RTI application filed by Akshay Kumar Malhotra seeking information on animal welfare organisations engaged by the MCD, sterilisation and vaccination of stray dogs, dog shelters, complaints received by authorities and expenditure incurred on such activities.

The commission said the information sought related to implementation of the animal birth control programme, payments made to NGOs, functioning of animal shelters, monitoring mechanisms and expenditure of public funds, much of which ought to have been proactively disclosed under Section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act.

During the show-cause proceedings, the CIC observed that the respon-



dents had "clearly evaded providing complete and relevant information on each of the queries and instead asked the appellant/complainant to approach the NGOs who executed the work. Obviously, such NGOs will tell him that they are not a public authority, and they will turn down any request from him," it said. The commission further observed that despite its earlier directions, the

respondent failed to place the information in the public domain and held that "the PIO stands in continued violation of hon'ble Apex Court's orders for upfront public disclosure as mandated under section 4(1)(b) of the RTI Act". Respondent's determined and deliberate resistance to disclosure of information to the appellant/complainant and also for putting it particularly in the public

domain is established beyond any doubt," the commission said. The CIC directed the MCD commissioner to ensure proactive disclosure of information relating to animal birth control programmes, sterilisation and vaccination data, payments made to NGOs, contracts, monitoring committee details, shelter and kennel information, complaints received and action taken reports. The commission also took note of the applicant's allegations that disclosure of his personal details to third parties had resulted in intimidation and harassment while he pursued information related to stray dog management in his locality. It observed that proactive disclosure of such information would reduce the possibility of "intimidation and harassment of individual information seekers".

DELIBERATE RESISTANCE

CIC orders MCD to disclose stray dog records, NGO payments

Bond tokenisation pilot likely in 6–9 months: SEBI chief



Mumbai: The markets regulator is preparing to roll out a bond tokenisation pilot within six to nine months, while also advancing a wide-ranging reform agenda covering corporate bond liquidity, broker capital norms, IPO price discovery and foreign investor access, SEBI Chairman Tuhin Kanta Pandey said on Monday. The initiative is being seen as a key step toward improving participation in India's debt markets and making fixed-income instruments more accessible and efficient. "The regulator is expected to roll out a pilot for bond tokenisation within six to nine months," Pandey said while speaking at the ICICI Securities India Investor Conference here. On the corporate bond market, Pandey said SEBI is working on a market-making framework aimed at improving liquidity in secondary trading. He also noted that coordination with the Reserve Bank of India remains crucial for upcoming reforms, particularly as the central bank has already released draft guidelines on total return swaps and corporate bond derivatives earlier this year. "These products are expected to move forward once the regulatory framework is finalised," he explained. The renewed focus on bonds comes despite rapid growth in issuance volumes, with corporate bond issuances crossing Rs 9 lakh crore. Overall market capitalisation has risen to around 128 per cent of GDP, while mutual fund assets have climbed beyond Rs 80 lakh crore. However, SEBI acknowledged that liquidity in the secondary bond market remains relatively shallow compared to the size of the system. "A revised methodology introduced by SEBI using granular market-level data and a wider coverage of instruments now presents a more accurate picture of this strength," he noted. "Together, these developments show a clear shift: Capital markets are increasingly becoming a core avenue for household savings and wealth creation," Pandey stated. In another major reform area, SEBI is reviewing variable net worth requirements for stock brokers. Pandey said the proposal is still under examination and no final decision has been taken, indicating that the framework could be recalibrated to balance capital adequacy with operational flexibility for intermediaries.

Rahul Roy recreates iconic 'Tere Dar Par Sanam' moment, delights fans on social media

Mumbai: Bollywood actor Rahul Roy has taken a nostalgic trip down memory lane by recreating the magic of the timeless song Tere Dar Par Sanam from his 1993 romantic drama Phir Teri Kahani Yaad Aayee. The actor, who often engages with fans through social media and humorously refers to himself as an "influencer", shared a video on Instagram featuring himself strolling through a garden dressed in an all-white outfit while the popular song played in the background. Adding a light-hearted touch to the post, Rahul captioned the video, "Sometimes I am also an Influencer," drawing appreciation from fans who fondly remembered the classic track and film. Directed by Mahesh Bhatt, Phir Teri Kahani Yaad Aayee starred Pooja Bhatt alongside Rahul Roy. The memorable song Tere Dar Par Sanam was rendered by legendary singers Kumar Sanu and Sadhana Sargam in its male and female versions respectively. The film revolved around a tragic love story in which Rahul's character falls in love with a mentally troubled woman played by Pooja Bhatt. Following her confinement to an asylum and eventual death in a fire, her memories continue to haunt him, forming the emotional core of the narrative. Rahul Roy rose to national fame with his blockbuster debut film Aashiqui in 1990. His on-screen pairing with Anu Aggarwal became immensely popular, and the film's chart-topping soundtrack helped turn both actors into overnight stars. Following the success of Aashiqui, Rahul appeared in several notable films, including Junoon, Sapne Saajan Ke, Phir Teri Kahani Yaad Aayee and Gumrah. He later entered reality television and emerged as the winner of Bigg Boss Season 1. In 2020, the actor suffered a brain stroke while shooting in Kargil, following which he underwent an extensive recovery process. Rahul Roy was most recently seen in Agra, a psychological drama directed by Kanu Behl. The film premiered at the Cannes Film Festival and received attention for its unconventional storytelling and performances.

Yogandhra-2026 launched at historic Lepakshi temple

Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav urges people to adopt yoga as a regular practice and work towards achieving better physical and mental health Lepakshi (Sri Sathya Sai district): The State government on Sunday formally launched Yogandhra-2026, a statewide mass yoga campaign, at the historic Veerabhadra Swamy Temple premises in Lepakshi of Sri Sathya Sai district as part of the preparations for International Yoga Day on June 21. The initiative aims to encourage participation of one crore people across the State in yoga activities and promote healthier lifestyles through regular practice of yoga. Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav and BC Welfare Minister S Savitha attended the inaugural programme as chief guests. Along with Sri Sathya Sai district Collector A Shyam Prasad, Joint Collector M Mourya Bharadwaj, senior district officials, students and locals, they participated in mass yoga session conducted within the temple premises.



Addressing the gathering, Health Minister Satya Kumar Yadav said the primary objective of Yogandhra-2026 is to integrate yoga into people's daily lives and create greater awareness about health and wellness. He stated that yoga training programmes would be conducted across all districts and major tourist destinations in the State from June 7 to June 21. He urged people to adopt yoga as a regular practice and work towards achieving better physical and mental health. "The government has set a target

of making one crore people partners in this movement. The response has been encouraging, with 25,000 registrations recorded on the first day itself," he said. Minister S Savitha called upon women, youth, senior citizens, and people from all sections of society, from rural to urban areas, to actively participate in the yoga camps and contribute to the success of the initiative. Collector A Shyam Prasad said yoga training programmes would be organised systematically across all mandal headquarters and

secretariat jurisdictions in Sathya Sai district during the 14-day campaign. He also encouraged residents to register for the programme through digital platforms and take part in large numbers. District Forest Officer Chakrapani, DRDA Project Director Narasayya, district-level officials, medical and health department personnel, representatives of the AYUSH department, yoga instructors, elected representatives, and a large number of local residents participated in the event.

Multiple Sclerosis patients express concern over rising cost of treatment

Multiple Sclerosis patients in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan, face a critical health crisis due to skyrocketing treatment costs—reaching nearly PKR 1 million annually—and inadequate public funding. With medicine prices surging up to 500% across the country, patients are struggling to access essential therapies, leading to fears of rapid disease progression. Read about the urgent call for government intervention. Patients suffering from Multiple Sclerosis (MS) in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province have expressed concerns over the increasing price of treatment as well as the lack of access to advanced treatment for the chronic neurological disease and have requested the government to provide financial support to young people who are at risk of preventable disability, local media reported on Sunday. Doctors have estimated that there are 12,000-14,000 MS-diagnosed patients in Pakistan, though comprehensive national data is not available, Pakistani daily The Express Tribune reported. Medical experts have said that annual treatment expenses can reach nearly Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 1 million per patient. Some of the patients use the provincial Sehat Card programme for treatment;



however, doctors and patient advocates have said that the coverage amount is not adequate to meet the full cost of the treatment, and public hospitals do not have modern therapies. Patients who are not able to get complete funding are often forced to stop their therapy, a situation that neurologists have said can lead to rapid disease progression.

MS is a condition that happens when the immune system targets the brain and spinal cord. Symptoms of MS are different from person to person and depend on the location and severity of nerve fibre damage. These often include vision

problems, tiredness, trouble walking and keeping balance, and numbness or weakness in the arms and legs. The causes of MS are not known, but a family history of the disease may increase the risk. There is no cure for MS; however, treatment can reduce symptoms, prevent further relapses and improve quality of life, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). Meanwhile, in April, prices of medicines increased in the open market and the pharmaceutical hub of Bohor Bazaar in Pakistan's Rawalpindi, with prices rising from 50 per cent to as high as 500 per cent, local media reported.

Prices of essential medicines, including those for diabetes and hypertension, antibiotics, gastrointestinal conditions, and coughs, have increased. The price of an insulin injection device in the open market has increased from Pakistani Rupees (PKR) 2,200 to PKR 4,720, The Express Tribune reported. Critics have termed the increase "unbearable", stressing that insulin devices reaching between PKR 2,000 and PKR 5,000 deprive patients with low-income to access essential treatment and have urged the government to intervene.

Mamandur forest retreat draws nature lovers to the heart of Seshachalam

Tirupati: Nestled deep inside the Seshachalam forests, the Mamandur Forest Retreat remains one of the most sought-after community based eco-tourism (CBET) destinations for visitors from Tirupati, Kadapa and surrounding districts. Perched atop a hill amid dense greenery, the colonial-era guest house stands as a reminder of the region's history while offering visitors a peaceful escape from the noise and congestion of urban life. Nature lovers describe Mamandur as a place where silence, fresh air and scenic landscapes come together. Many visitors say that a single trip to the area often leaves them wanting to return again to spend more time amidst the forests and hills. The origins of the retreat date back to the British period. Historical records indicate that British officials identified the area as a suitable summer destination in the early decades of the 20th century.

Kenneth Anderson, a British railway employee associated with Renigunta, is said to have noticed the



hill and its pleasant surroundings. Impressed by the cool climate and dense vegetation, the British constructed a large building on the hill. The structure later served as a summer retreat for officials seeking relief from the heat of the plains. Over the years, Mamandur has evolved into an important eco-tourism centre. The Forest Department has taken steps to promote tourism in the area while ensuring the protection of the surrounding ecosystem. During the summer months, the retreat attracts a large number of tourists looking to experience the natural

beauty of the Seshachalam range. Apart from the historic guest house, visitors can explore several scenic locations in and around Mamandur.

Popular spots include Brahmadevuni Gundam, Kalleti Kona, Thumburu Theertham, Peddayeru Vanka and Bavi Kada Line. These locations are known for waterfalls, streams and lush surroundings. Even during summer, the sound of flowing water and the cool atmosphere provide a refreshing experience. Other attractions include Chakirevu Banda, Ring Road, Bandla Virusu,

Avvathatha Guttalu and Swamipadalu, which are frequented by trekkers and nature enthusiasts. However, forest officials caution that several of these areas fall within wildlife habitats where elephants and other animals move freely. Visitors are required to obtain permission from senior Forest Department officials before entering such locations. Tourists are currently allowed access to places such as Bavi Kada Line and Shikari Line located behind the guest house. Tourists have been raising demands for improving visitor facilities in the area. The Harini restaurant, once operated by the Tourism Department near the retreat, was closed following a fire accident. Visitors have urged authorities to reconstruct the facility in a similar form. They have also sought the revival of the jungle safari, along with the development of parks and recreational spaces for children, to further strengthen Mamandur's appeal as a family tourism destination.

Setback for Jharkhand CM as court dismisses his discharge plea in PMLA case

Ranchi: Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren suffered a major legal setback on Monday after a special court hearing cases under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) rejected his discharge petition in a case linked to 8.86 acres of land in Ranchi's Badgai area. The PMLA special court had reserved its order earlier after hearing arguments from both sides. On Monday, the court ruled that at this stage there are sufficient grounds based on available records and allegations to proceed with the case and that the accused cannot be discharged. With this, the Chief Minister's discharge plea was dismissed. The case pertains to the alleged illegal acquisition of 8.86 acres of land in the Shanti Nagar area of Badgai in Ranchi and the money

laundering charges related to it. The Enforcement Directorate (ED), which is investigating the case, has named Soren as an accused based on its findings.

In his petition seeking discharge from the case, filed on December 5, 2025, Soren had claimed that the allegations against him were baseless and that there was insufficient evidence to justify prosecution. He also contended that he had been unnecessarily implicated and that the ED did not possess any concrete evidence against him. During the hearing, the ED opposed the discharge plea, arguing that the evidence and documents gathered during the investigation were adequate in the matter to proceed to trial. Following



the rejection of the discharge petition, the case will now move forward in the judicial process and may proceed towards trial. The Chief Minister, however, according to legal experts, has the option of challenging the special court's order before a higher judicial

forum. This was the same case in which Hemant Soren was arrested in March 2024, and Champai Soren, now with the BJP, had become Chief Minister. The ED had conducted several raids and had summoned Hemant Soren ten times for interrogation.

Investigation Launched After Ground Equipment Damages Three Air India Planes At Delhi Airport

A probe has been launched into the accident that saw the ground equipment of an airliner damage three planes at the Delhi airport. An investigation is underway into the sudden severe atmosphere and rain which have blown over the Air India's ground equipment in three parked aircraft at Delhi's IGI Airport. The Delhi airport, Indira Gandhi International Airport, has launched an official investigation into the accident which occurred when it was hit by harsh weather and handling equipment collided with three Air India aircraft parked on the ramp. Heavy rain coupled with sudden strong wind gusts toppled ground support equipment at Terminal 2 on Sunday during the accident. The ground operations team of Air India Engineering Services and IndiGo's



rolling equipment, which comprised three narrow-body aircraft, was run down by the rolling equipment. All three aircraft have been pulled out of active service and are currently in for a thorough technical inspection and repair after the accidents. Delhi

International Airport Ltd (DIAL), the airport's operator, said that the weather did not change much and it was not warned by Air Traffic Control (ATC) of either the airport or the airlines due to the rapid changes. The damage to the Air India fleet is the main concern, although other carriers reported minor weather-related delays. It is believed that two of the affected aircraft are likely to be restored to service in relatively short time while one will be restored in a longer time. The investigations will evaluate the safety systems and protocols at the airport and to see how well the ground equipment is managed during sudden monsoon storms.

Teenager Suspected Of Killing Father And Sister Over Online Gaming Addiction



An 18-year-old boy in the Karnataka district of Koppal allegedly killed his father and sister in the attack, and left his mother in critical condition. Police are investigating the possibility of online gaming addiction. An 18-year-old youth in the Koppal district of Karnataka has allegedly killed two members of his family and wounded the third family member in a terrible family tragedy. Local police are currently investigating whether the violent outburst was caused by a serious addiction to online games. The accused, who was identified as 18-year-old Sai Naidu, allegedly attacked his family members before firing the gun at himself. His 20-year-old sister, Pragati, sadly passed away on the spot. His father, Yankanna Naidu, aged 48, and his mother, Soujanya, were rushed to the Ballari Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS) Hospital with severe injuries. Both the father and the mother have been taken to the hospital; the father later died from his injuries, and the mother is in critical condition. The teenager also survived his self-inflicted injuries and is currently under medical supervision at the same hospital. Gangavathi police have conducted the crime scene inspection and have set up a formal investigation. Initial evidence strongly suggests an online gaming addiction, but officials stress they are still working out the details and have yet to officially determine this as the actual reason for the attack.

MK builders MD donates Rs 20 lakh to TTD welfare trusts



Tirumala: K Ramakrishna, Managing Director of Visakhapatnam-based MK Builders, donated ₹20 lakh to Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) on Sunday morning. The contribution was divided equally, with ₹10 lakh allocated to the Sri Venkateswara Pranadana Trust for free medical care and ₹10 lakh to the Sri Venkateswara Annaprasadam Trust for free meals. Ramakrishna handed over the demand drafts to TTD Executive Officer Muddada Ravichandra at the Ranganayakula Mandapam inside the Tirumala temple. Rajya Sabha MP Vemireddy Prabhakar Reddy and TTD Board Member Vemireddy Prashanthi Reddy were present.

Toxic makers release special BTS video celebrating director Geethu Mohandas's birthday



Chennai: The makers of the highly anticipated action drama *Toxic* treated fans to a special behind-the-scenes (BTS) video on the occasion of director Geethu Mohandas's birthday, offering a glimpse into the filmmaker's creative vision and leadership on one of Indian cinema's most ambitious productions. The newly released video showcased Geethu Mohandas at work on the sets of *Toxic*, directing scenes, coordinating large-scale action sequences, guiding actors and managing a massive crew with remarkable confidence and precision. The footage highlighted her hands-on approach to filmmaking and underscored her role in shaping the film's grand vision. Sharing the video on social media, the makers paid tribute to the filmmaker with a heartfelt message: "Behind every shot that hit different, every silence that said more than dialogues ever could, there she was! Happy birthday @geetu_mohandas."

The BTS footage provided more than just a glimpse behind the camera, showcasing the scale and complexity of the production. The visuals captured Geethu Mohandas closely overseeing every aspect of the filmmaking process, from performance direction to intricate action choreography, while navigating expansive sets and managing a large international production team. Widely regarded as one of the few female filmmakers in India leading a project of such scale and global ambition, Geethu Mohandas appeared deeply involved in every detail of the production, balancing creative storytelling with operational execution. *Toxic: A Fairytale for Grown-Ups* features actor Yash in the lead role alongside Nayanthara, Kiara Advani, Huma Qureshi, Rukmini Vasanth and Tara Sutaria. Produced by KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations, the film has attracted significant attention for its scale, visual ambition and unique storytelling approach. Earlier this year, the makers announced a postponement of the film's release following an overwhelmingly positive response at CinemaCon. Originally scheduled to hit theatres on June 4, the film will now be released worldwide on a new date that is yet to be announced. According to sources close to the production, the enthusiastic reception at CinemaCon generated fresh opportunities for a broader international release, prompting the team to revise its distribution and release strategy to maximise its global reach.

CARE doctors warn of rising lung diseases and cancers among young adults

Doctors at CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad, warn of an alarming rise in tobacco-related lung diseases and cancers among young adults in their 30s and 40s. Learn why vaping and nicotine pouches are fueling this crisis and the vital importance of professional cessation support. City & Local Guides

Hyderabad: Healthcare experts at CARE Hospitals have raised alarm over the growing incidence of tobacco-related lung diseases and cancers among younger adults, warning that many patients in their 30s and 40s are being diagnosed with serious health conditions traditionally associated with older age groups.

Marking World No Tobacco Day, observed globally under the World Health Organization's theme, "Unmasking the Appeal – Countering Nicotine and Tobacco Addiction," doctors highlighted the increasing use of tobacco and nicotine products among youth, driven by flavored products, vaping devices, nicotine pouches and aggressive digital marketing.

According to experts, India continues to face a major tobacco-related public health burden, with nearly 267 million tobacco users and over 1.3 million deaths linked to tobacco consumption every year. Doctors say respiratory illnesses such as chronic cough, breathlessness, worsening asthma



and early-stage Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) are now being detected at much younger ages.

Dr Jayachandra, Clinical Director and HOD, Senior Consultant – Interventional Pulmonology, CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad, said tobacco-related lung damage begins much earlier than most people realize. By the time symptoms become evident, significant and often irreversible dam-

age may have already occurred. He also cautioned against the growing popularity of e-cigarettes, vaping devices and nicotine pouches, stating that these products are not harmless alternatives and can lead to nicotine addiction, airway inflammation and long-term lung damage.

Highlighting the cancer burden, Dr Yugandar Reddy, Senior Consultant – Surgical Oncology, CARE Hospitals, said nearly one-third of all cancers are linked to tobacco use. Tobacco consumption is associated with cancers of the mouth, throat, lungs, food pipe, pancreas, liver, bladder and several other organs. National Politics Updates

Doctors also warned about the dangers of passive smoking and stressed that quitting tobacco at any age significantly reduces health risks. They urged individuals to seek professional help through counselling, behavioural therapy and medical support to overcome tobacco addiction.

Dr Jayachandra, Clinical Director & HOD, Senior Consultant – Interventional Pulmonology, CARE Hospitals, Hyderabad

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'APL is Andhra Pradesh's cricket festival, will boost rural talent': ACA President Kesineni Sivanadh

Andhra Cricket Association President Kesineni Sivanadh has announced the return of the Andhra Premier League (APL), starting June 9, 2026. The "cricket festival of Andhra" will feature seven teams across Visakhapatnam, Kadapa, and Mangalagiri, with a focus on empowering rural talent. Read more about the tournament schedule and plans for the grand final. Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) President and TDP MP Kesineni Sivanadh on Sunday announced that the Andhra Premier League (APL) will begin on June 9 in Visakhapatnam, describing the tournament as the "cricket festival of Andhra" and a key platform for nurturing talent from rural and economically weaker backgrounds. Addressing the media ahead of the tournament, Sivanadh said the ACA was proud to bring back the league after the successful conduct of its



previous edition. "We are proud to announce the cricket festival of Andhra. The Andhra Premier League will start from June 9 in Visakhapatnam. Last year we successfully conducted the APL, and we are excited to host it again this year," Sivanadh said. The ACA chief revealed that this year's tournament will be staged across three venues, Visakhapatnam, Kadapa and Mangalagiri in the Amaravati capital region.

"The present APL is being conducted at three destinations. Matches will be played in Visakhapatnam, Kadapa and Mangalagiri. Each venue will host six days of matches and the final will be conducted in Mangalagiri," he said. Sivanadh added that Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh has been invited to attend the final as the chief guest. "We are inviting our Honourable Education Minister Nara Lokesh ji as the chief guest

for the final match at Mangalagiri. We hope this festival will bring cheers to cricket lovers across Andhra Pradesh," he said. Highlighting the league's role in talent development, Sivanadh urged media organisations to support and promote the tournament. "I urge the media to promote the APL because a lot of rural cricketers and players from very poor communities are benefiting through this league. With the support of the media, we can make the APL an even bigger success," he said. A total of seven teams will participate in the tournament, the same number as last season. "As in the previous year, seven teams will participate. We have not added any new team. Each team will play eight matches during the tournament. I congratulate all the teams and wish them success in making this year's APL a grand event," Sivanadh added.

'Balakrishna vs Rajasekhar?' Tollywood buzz gets bigger

A fascinating piece of Tollywood gossip is currently making the rounds, and if the whispers turn out to be true, fans could be in for a blockbuster face-off between two powerful screen personalities. While Nandamuri Balakrishna is busy wrapping up work on his much-awaited NBK111 with director Gopichand Malineni, industry insiders are already focusing on another ambitious project in his lineup. The film, to be directed by Koratala Siva, has been creating curiosity ever since reports emerged that it would be a powerful political action drama with a larger-than-life role for Balakrishna. Now, the latest buzz suggests that Angry Star Rajasekhar is being considered for the film's antagonist role. Though there is no official confirmation yet, the rumor has already sparked excitement among movie lovers.

Adding more intrigue to the speculation, sources claim Koratala Siva has designed a strong and impactful char-

acter for Balakrishna. While some reports suggest he will play a political leader, others indicate that the actor could be seen as a Chief Minister. Interestingly, another section of industry insiders claims the story will also have shades of a mafia drama, with Balakrishna portraying a powerful don. If Rajasekhar indeed comes on board, the film could feature an intense clash between two veteran actors known for their commanding screen presence and powerful dialogue delivery. The project is reportedly expected to go on floors in August, and fans are eagerly waiting for an official announcement. Until then, the possibility of Balakrishna and Rajasekhar sharing screen space is likely to remain one of the hottest topics in Tollywood circles.



Jaaved Jaaferi reacts to Ranveer Singh-Don 3 controversy, says 'I Am Not His Secretary'

Mumbai: Actor, dancer and television personality Jaaved Jaaferi has distanced himself from the ongoing controversy surrounding actor Ranveer Singh and the much-discussed developments related to *Don 3*, stating that he prefers to focus on his own work and believes the matter will eventually be resolved. Speaking exclusively to one of the leading news agencies, Jaaved Jaaferi responded to questions regarding the controversy and made it clear that he was not directly involved in the issue. He said he was unaware of the details of the dispute and saw no reason to comment extensively on a matter that did not concern him professionally. "I don't even know what kind of controversy it is. I should focus on my work. What should I do in this controversy? Neither am I



Ranveer Singh's secretary, nor what will I do? All I know is that am I any producer or director. So he is a good friend and does

good work. Whatever has happened will be sorted out," Jaaved said.

The controversy surrounding Ranveer Singh and Don 3 has dominated entertainment headlines in recent weeks following reports that the actor had exited the highly anticipated action franchise being developed by filmmaker Farhan Akhtar. According to reports, after Ranveer Singh's reported departure from the project, Excel Entertainment, the production house co-founded by Farhan Akhtar, maintained that significant pre-production work had already been completed for the film. The issue gained further attention when the Federation of Western India Cine Employees (FWICE) reportedly issued a non-cooperation directive

against Ranveer Singh following a complaint linked to his alleged withdrawal from the project. National Politics Updates However, the situation took a positive turn after mediation efforts by the Producers Guild of India, CINTAA and other industry bodies. FWICE subsequently withdrew the non-cooperation directive, paving the way for discussions aimed at resolving the dispute amicably. Reports have also suggested that Ranveer Singh responded through legal channels, after which talks were initiated between the concerned parties to find a mutually acceptable solution. While speculation continues regarding the future of Don 3, Jaaved Jaaferi's remarks reflect a belief that the matter will ultimately be settled through dialogue and industry cooperation.

'Irumudi' locks August 21 release date

Ravi Teja's highly anticipated film 'Irumudi' is set for a worldwide release on August 21, 2026. Directed by Shiva Nirvana, the movie will hit theatres in Telugu and Tamil (titled 'Irumudikattu'). Get the latest updates on the cast, music, and the potential box-office clash. The makers of Irumudi have officially announced that the much-awaited film will arrive in theatres on August 21, 2026, in both Telugu and Tamil languages. The Tamil version will be released under the title Irumudikattu, expanding the film's reach across South Indian audiences. National Politics Updates Backed by Mythri Movie Makers, the film stars Ravi Teja in the lead role and is directed by Shiva Nirvana. The release date announcement comes shortly after the film's teaser



glimpse generated a highly positive response from fans and industry circles, further raising expectations for the project. To mark the occasion, the production house expressed gratitude to audi-

ences for the overwhelming appreciation received by the teaser and confirmed the theatrical release plans. The teaser has already sparked significant buzz, with many praising its emotional tone

and intriguing presentation. Interestingly, the announced release date coincides with the scheduled release of The Paradise, starring Nani. However, reports circulating within the industry suggest that The Paradise could face another postponement, potentially preventing a direct box-office clash between the two highly anticipated films. Apart from Ravi Teja, the film features Priya Bhavani Shankar as the female lead, while Baby Nakshatra plays an important role as his daughter. The film's music is being composed by GV Prakash Kumar, adding further excitement to the project. With a promising teaser, a strong technical team, and growing anticipation among moviegoers, Irumudi is shaping up to be one of the notable Telugu releases of 2026.

Kamal Haasan says 'Pushpak' was made for Rs 15 lakh, claims it would earn Rs 200 crore today

Chennai: Veteran actor and parliamentarian Kamal Haasan revealed that his critically acclaimed silent film Pushpak was produced on a modest budget of just Rs 15 lakh, adding that if the film were released in the present era, it could have generated revenues exceeding Rs 200 crore. Speaking at the pre-release event of filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao's upcoming movie Sing Geetham in Chennai, Kamal Haasan reflected on his long association with the veteran director and their collaboration on several memorable films, including the iconic Pushpak, which earned widespread acclaim for telling a complete story without the use of dialogues. Highlighting the changing priorities within the film industry, Kamal Haasan said cinema was originally driven by passion, while commercial success was considered a secondary outcome. He expressed concern that the industry now often focuses on box-office earnings before creative fulfil-

ment. "Cinema is all about passion. Only after that does it become a business. Today, we tend to do it the other way around. We first calculate whether a film will make Rs 100 crore, Rs 200 crore or Rs 300 crore. When we made Pushpak for Rs 15 lakh, we felt as though we had created a Rs 150 crore film. In reality, if properly monetised, it would have earned more than Rs 200 crore. That is the truth of the industry," he said. The actor further noted that the industry had not always been able to fully monetise its creative output and was still learning to maximise the value of films. He praised Singeetham Srinivasa Rao for maintaining the same passion for cinema throughout his long career. Showering praise on the celebrated filmmaker, Kamal Haasan described him as someone who remained ahead of younger generations in terms of creativity and innovation. "He is always ahead of Gen Z. I am happy to celebrate a young man like Singeetham Srinivasa Rao.



Age may be a nuisance, but the mind can surpass it. He is a great example, and I would like to be his assistant director in that journey," Kamal remarked. Singeetham Srinivasa Rao has returned to directing at the age of 94 with Sing Geetham, which is scheduled for theatrical release on June 11. The filmmaker has directed nearly 60 films across multiple Indian languages and is widely regarded as one of the pioneers of innovative storytelling in Indian cinema.

Marketed as India's first musical fantasy film, Sing Geetham has been produced by Nag Ashwin under the banners of Vyjayanthi Movies and Swapna Cinema. The film stars Ayaan, Ahilya Bamroo and Shalini Kondepudi in lead roles. Kamal Haasan, Pushpak, Pushpak budget, Singeetham Srinivasa Rao, Sing Geetham, Nag Ashwin, Tamil cinema, Indian cinema, silent film, Pushpak movie, Chennai event, Vyjayanthi Movies, Swapna Cinema

Ram Pothineni's directorial debut



The much-awaited RAPO23 continues to generate buzz, with the makers now announcing the addition of acclaimed cinematographer Thirunavukarasu, popularly known as Tirru, to the project. The National Award-winning filmmaker will serve as the Director of Photography for the ambitious psychological action thriller headlined by Ram Pothineni. The announcement has further heightened anticipation surrounding the film, which marks a significant milestone in Ram's career. Apart from playing the lead role, Ram is also making his debut as a writer and director with the project. Produced by Krishna Pothineni under the newly launched banner Rapo Cinematics, the film is being mounted on a grand scale. Positioned as a psychological action thriller set in a neo-noir world, RAPO23 revolves around the intriguing tagline, "The Story of a Lone Wolf." The project first grabbed attention on Ram's birthday when the makers unveiled the first glimpse of his character, Veera. The striking poster and its dark visual aesthetic sparked widespread curiosity among fans and industry observers.

Sources close to the production reveal that Ram is treating RAPO23 as a deeply personal venture, overseeing multiple creative aspects, including writing, direction, performance, and overall world-building. The film is expected to showcase a new side of the actor as he steps behind the camera for the first time. Tirru's inclusion is seen as a major addition to the film's creative team. Renowned for his visually rich storytelling and expertise in crafting mood-driven cinematic worlds, the cinematographer has delivered memorable work across several acclaimed Indian films. India Travel Guide With Ram leading the project both in front of and behind the camera, and Tirru handling the visuals, RAPO23 is shaping up to be one of the most intriguing upcoming Telugu film projects. Additional details regarding the cast and crew are expected to be revealed in the coming weeks.

Chinnaswamy Stadium CCTV controversy takes new turn; firms accused of financial dispute and false complaint

Bengaluru : The controversy surrounding the alleged cutting of CCTV wires at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium during IPL matches has taken a dramatic turn, with fresh allegations suggesting that the case stemmed from a financial dispute between technology vendors rather than any security breach. According to claims made by officials associated with a CCTV installation contractor, two employees who were earlier accused of tampering with surveillance systems were allegedly implicated in a false complaint following a disagreement over pending payments. Sources said a ₹7-crore security and surveillance project was executed at the stadium through multiple vendors. The primary contract was reportedly awarded to Staqu, a Haryana-based technology firm. Subsequent work was subcontracted to Gujarat-based Techstitch and later to Pune-based IVS Tech Secure Pvt Ltd for CCTV installation and monitoring services.

Officials associated with IVS Tech Secure alleged that the company completed the project through Bengaluru-based personnel for a contract value of approximately ₹1.2 crore. However, after receiving around ₹1 crore, the company was allegedly denied the remaining ₹40 lakh despite repeated requests. The dispute reportedly escalated ahead of the final IPL match when a power-related technical issue caused portions of the CCTV network to stop functioning. Company representatives said two technicians, Abdul Kalam and Manjunath, were sent to the stadium to address the issue. When they were unable to resolve the problem immediately, they allegedly left to bring additional technical support. Project officials claim that CCTV footage showing the technicians moving around the premises was later used to accuse them of cutting surveillance cables. They contend that no evidence of sabotage exists and that the complaint was filed to divert attention from contractual and payment-



related disputes.

Further allegations have emerged regarding the implementation of the stadium's security infrastructure. Officials associated with the project claimed that despite commitments to deploy advanced AI-enabled surveillance systems in line with security protocols, only standard cameras capable of basic head-count monitoring were installed. The contractors have also alleged irregularities in project execution and claimed that demands for unofficial payments were made during the course of the work. Among the allegations is that an individual associat-

ed with the stadium's IT operations received money through both online transfers and cash transactions. Police sources indicated that the investigation has so far pointed towards a commercial dispute rather than deliberate sabotage of security systems. The two accused technicians have reportedly been granted station bail. The controversy has intensified scrutiny over security arrangements at IPL venues and the handling of contracts involving surveillance infrastructure. Authorities are expected to continue investigating the competing claims made by the companies involved.

Shreyas is going to have a good time as well: Rohit Sharma backs new India T20I captain

Batting icon Rohit Sharma has backed newly-appointed India T20I captain Shreyas Iyer to thrive in his new role, while hailing the T20 Mumbai League as an important platform for nurturing the next generation of cricketers. Rohit's remarks came on a night when 21,708 fans packed the Wankhede Stadium for a star-studded Nuvama Pri T20 Mumbai League 2026 clash between SOBO Mumbai Falcons and Triumph Knights Mumbai North East, featuring Iyer and Suryakumar Yadav. Iyer marked his recent elevation as India's T20I captain with a match-winning 61 off 36 balls, guiding the Falcons to a five-wicket victory. The Face of the League, Rohit said Mumbai cricket's demanding environment helps prepare players for leadership roles at the highest level. "Playing in Mumbai teaches you a lot of things. And if you ask anyone who has captained India or Mumbai, they'll tell you the same thing. Because nothing comes easy here," he said.

"You have to really earn it. So, captaincy is also something that you have to earn and earn the respect of people around you. And that is something that all these guys have." The World Cup-winning India captain pointed to the journeys of Mumbai cricketers



who have gone on to lead the national side, citing both Suryakumar Yadav and Shreyas Iyer as examples of resilience and leadership. "You've seen Surya who led India to the World Cup final. Look, he made his India debut at 31, if I'm not wrong. Which means that he never gave up. He always wanted to be in the fight. And when it came, he wanted to grab it with both hands. And he did it. "Now,

Shreyas has been announced as a T20 captain. And I'm sure looking at how he has captained in the last few years for his franchise in Mumbai and all of that, he's going to have a good time as well."

Rohit also underlined the importance of the T20 Mumbai League in providing opportunities for emerging cricketers and strengthening Mumbai's

cricketing ecosystem. "We want the platform for all the players to come out and show their talent. And this is the perfect platform for a lot of these guys who are playing and taking part in it. Last year was a huge success, I saw it. A lot of people turned up as well," he said. Calling the tournament a vital stepping stone for aspiring players, he added: "For a lot of these guys who have not been part of the IPL, this is a huge platform. I'm pretty sure a lot of the team owners will be watching. And the players will try and make the most of it." Rohit also credited Mumbai Cricket Association President Ajinkya Naik and his team for successfully staging the tournament and ensuring high standards despite the challenges of hosting it immediately after the IPL season. "Huge credit to Ajinkya [Naik] and his team for putting up this show and a wonderful platform for everyone. And what I've been hearing from everyone is that there hasn't been any compromise. It's never easy, especially after the IPL. I know how tough it is, not just for the players but also not to forget the groundsmen who have been here day in, day out. That shows the people involved in the T20 Mumbai League are quite passionate as well."

'He's broken down the door and deserves his place': AB de Villiers backs Vaibhav's India selection



Mumbai: South African great AB de Villiers has thrown his weight behind teenage batting sensation Vaibhav Sooryavanshi's selection in India's T20I squad, saying the youngster has done enough to earn his opportunity at the highest level despite his tender age. Speaking at a private event, de Villiers said it would have been easy for selectors to overlook the 15-year-old and opt for a more experienced player, but felt Vaibhav's performances had made the decision impossible to ignore. "It would have been easy to say that he's still too young and he's not ready and go for more experience. He's broken down the door, and he deserves his place in the India T20 team, so I'm happy for him," de Villiers said. Former Australia all-rounder Shane Watson also showered praise on the teenager during the same event, highlighting both his extraordinary power-hitting ability and fearless approach to batting. Asked which qualities he would borrow from current Indian cricketers, Watson immediately picked Vaibhav and pointed to the youngster's ability to clear boundaries in all directions. "Number one, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, for the power that he's got all around the ground, not just straight or to the leg side. Not just straight or to the leg side, it's also over the offside," Watson said. The former Australian star was even more impressed by Vaibhav's mindset, describing fearlessness as one of the defining traits behind his rapid rise. "And also to go with that, Vaibhav's fearless mindset as well. He's got no fear of getting out, which is something that I struggled with for a decent part of my career," he added. Vaibhav earned his maiden India call-up on Saturday after a remarkable IPL 2026 campaign. Representing Rajasthan Royals, the left-handed opener finished as the tournament's leading run-scorer with 776 runs, including a century and five half-centuries, and was adjudged the Most Valuable Player of the season. His selection has made him one of the youngest players ever named in an Indian senior squad, and he is now in line to become India's youngest international cricketer if he makes his debut in the upcoming T20I series.

Kishan Reddy offers prayers at Yadagirigutta



Yadagirigutta: Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy, visited the Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple on Sunday and participated in special religious rituals. The Union Minister arrived at the temple in the morning, where he was welcomed in accordance with temple traditions by Executive Officer Bhavani Shankar and the temple priests. He then took part in the deity's morning worship and Abhishekam (sacred bathing ritual) and offered special prayers. Following the darshan, the temple's Vedic scholars bestowed Vedic blessings upon the minister, while the priests conveyed the blessings of Lord Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy. On the occasion, Executive Officer Bhavani Shankar presented the minister with sacred temple prasadam, holy tirtham, and a portrait of the presiding deity.