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SHORT BRIEFS

Telangana releases 91 life convicts on special remission

Hyderabad, June 2 : The Telangana Prisons and Correctional Services Department on Tuesday released 91 life convicts, who were granted special remission by the state government, on the occasion of Telangana Formation Day. The department has also extended employment and rehabilitation support to facilitate their reintegration into society. Among those released are 85 male convicts and six female convicts. All of them were identified as eligible for remission based on the guidelines prescribed by the state government. With the aim of enabling the released convicts to lead dignified and meaningful lives in society and to foster their successful reintegration into the community, the Telangana Prisons Department has undertaken several initiatives. According to Soumya Mishra, Director General of the Telangana Prisons Department, of the 91 individuals released, employment opportunities have been provided to 38 at various fuel outlets operated by the Telangana Prisons Department. These appointments are expected to facilitate their immediate livelihood and aid in their smooth integration into society. "The remaining 53 released convicts expressed interest in pursuing self-employment, agriculture, family businesses, and other independent professions. This reflects their resolve to rebuild their lives in a lawful and constructive manner," Mishra said. To promote women's empowerment and rehabilitation, four female convicts were provided with sewing machines under a self-employment assistance scheme implemented through the Prison Development Fund. Soumya Mishra added that this initiative is not merely about the release of prisoners, but marks the beginning of a new life characterised by responsibility, dignity, and hope. She emphasised that every individual possesses the capacity for transformation, and that the objective of the prison system extends beyond merely imposing punishment to providing opportunities for reform and positive change. She noted that the released prisoners have earned this opportunity through their exemplary conduct, discipline, and unwavering commitment to reform throughout their incarceration. She urged them to make the most of this second chance granted by the state government, to lead law-abiding lives, and to become productive citizens who contribute positively to society. She also encouraged them to maintain strong bonds with their families, contribute to the development of the community, and serve as role models for successful rehabilitation. Mishra highlighted that the Telangana Prisons Department is continuously striving to transform prisons into centres for reform, skill development, and rehabilitation through various initiatives, including education, vocational training, employment-oriented programmes, counselling, and welfare schemes. She also noted that the rehabilitation process does not conclude the moment a prisoner steps outside the prison gates; rather, post-release assistance remains crucial for ensuring their successful reintegration into society.

MAMATA'S SIT-IN AGAINST ATTACKS: CONG CALLS IT HER RIGHT, BJP TERMS IT 'REFLECTION OF PUBLIC ANGER'

New Delhi: The Congress on Tuesday came out in support of Trinamool Congress (TMC) supremo Mamata Banerjee's sit-in-demonstration against the alleged attacks on her party leaders and workers and the eviction of hawkers illegally encroaching railway lands, calling it her "constitutional right". However, the BJP asserted that such a protest won't have any impact on the people of West Bengal who have turned "resentful" against the Trinamool. Speaking to IANS, Congress MP Pramod Tiwari said: "In a democracy, if there is injustice anywhere, the Constitution of India gives the right to hold peaceful protests against it and Mamata Banerjee is doing the same." "Everyone has seen that Trinamool Congress MP Abhishek Banerjee was brutally attacked. He is the official number two leader of the party and is an MP. If he is not safe under the BJP government, then I would say this is a well-planned attack by the BJP against him," he alleged. Referring to the attack on another Trinamool MP Kalyan Banerjee, Tiwari said: "He is a senior leader of the party but his head got injured in the attack." "Dozens of Trinamool Congress offices were vandalised and set on fire,"



he added. The Congress MP further said: "Such things had not taken place so far in independent India. This is the authoritarian face of the Bharatiya Janata Party." He urged all opposition parties to come together and protest against the alleged "goondaism" of the BJP. BJP MP Praveen Khandelwal said that former Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has "lost her peace of mind" after the defeat of the Trinamool Congress in the West Bengal Assembly polls. "She is disheartened, upset, and disappointed. Trinamool members, whether it is MP Kalyan Banerjee or MP Abhishek Baner-

jee, are engaged in political drama. The protest that Mamata Banerjee plans to stage today will have no impact. She should focus on managing her own party," he told IANS. "The public is demanding answers from the Trinamool Congress for their misgovernance in the state," he added. Echoing similar view, BJP leader Locket Chatterjee said: "The situation has changed dramatically within a month. Mamata Banerjee never imagined that the difficulties she created for the people would return in the form of public resentment to the party so quickly.

Godavari Pushkaralu should showcase Andhra's rich culture: CM Naidu

Amaravati, June 2 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on Tuesday directed officials to organise the Godavari Pushkaralu-2027 on a grand scale, showcasing the state's rich cultural, historical and spiritual heritage. Emphasising the importance of spiritual tourism, the Chief Minister noted that the Godavari river basin is home to numerous sacred temples and pilgrimage centres, making the Pushkaralu an excellent opportunity to promote spiritual tourism and boost economic activity across the region. Naidu, reviewing arrangements with the Ministers' Committee and senior officials at the Secretariat, said all departments must work closely to ensure the prestigious event runs smoothly. He also reviewed the Akhanda Godavari Development Project. He reiterated that the Polavaram Project would be completed and dedicated to the nation before the commencement of the Pushkaralu, creating an additional attraction for visitors. The Chief



Minister proposed developing the stretch from Dhavaleswaram to the Polavaram Project as an "Akhanda Godavari Corridor" and instructed officials to ensure that all infrastructure developed for the Pushkaralu becomes a lasting asset for the Godavari basin region. He expressed confidence that the event would significantly contribute to transforming Rajamahendravaram into a major metropolitan city. Naidu directed officials to focus on highway and railway traffic management and make special arrangements for the large influx of pilgrims from rural areas. To ensure convenience and avoid confusion, he instructed that all Pushkar ghats be numbered systematically. He called for improved road connec-

Govt bungalow not anyone's ancestral property: CM Samrat Choudhary attacks Lalu family



Patna: The political dispute surrounding the government residence occupied by former Bihar Chief Minister Rabri Devi has intensified, with Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary launching a sharp attack on the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leadership during a public gathering in Sheikhpura on Tuesday. Without directly naming individuals, the Chief Minister criticised what he described as an excessive attachment to government residences, asserting that official accommodations are meant for public servants and not for personal or hereditary use. "A government bungalow is not anyone's ancestral property," Samrat Choudhary remarked while addressing the gathering. He further alleged that some political leaders have become so attached to government housing that they are demanding separate residences for different family members while ignoring the concerns of the general public. The

Chief Minister said that public representatives should prioritise the welfare of citizens rather than focusing on retaining government accommodation after leaving office. Recalling his own political career, Samrat Choudhary noted that he had served in several ministerial positions, including as Bihar's Home Minister, yet had never treated official residences as personal property. He stated that after moving into the Chief Minister's official residence, he directed officials to install a signboard outside the premises stating that the house belonged to a public servant and was not private property. The Chief Minister also pointed out that he has changed government residences multiple times over the course of his political career. According to him, he has shifted between official accommodations eleven times since 1999. Drawing a comparison with former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, he said that whenever Nitish Kumar demitted office, he vacated the official residence without waiting for any notice from the government. The controversy centres on the government bungalow located at 10 Circular Road in Patna, where former Chief Ministers Lalu Prasad Yadav and Rabri Devi, and Leader of Opposition

NOMINATION FOR RAJYA SABHA POLL STARTS IN RAJASTHAN; BJP, CONGRESS YET TO NAME CANDIDATES



Jaipur: The nomination process for the Rajya Sabha elections in Rajasthan began on Monday, but the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Congress are yet to announce their candidates for the three seats falling vacant from the state. No nomination papers were filed on the opening day. Candidates can submit their nominations until June 8, while scrutiny of papers will be conducted on June 9. The last date for withdrawal of nominations is June 11, and polling will be held on June 18. Assembly Principal Secretary Bharat Bhushan Sharma has been appointed Returning Officer for the elections. Nomination papers can be filed in Room No. 106 of the Rajas-

than Legislative Assembly between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. by the candidate or one of the proposers. The election has gained political significance as the terms of three Rajya Sabha members from Rajasthan, including Rajendra Gehlot, Ravneet Singh Bittu and Neeraj Dangi, are set to end on June 20. While the first two MPs are from BJP, Dangi represents Congress. As the nomination process is underway, the BJP has intensified consultations to finalise its candidates. Following a meeting of national office-bearers in New Delhi on Monday, BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) B.L. Santhosh held discussions with state

Telangana celebrates Formation Day: CM Reddy, Guv unfurl Tricolour



Hyderabad: Telangana celebrated its 11th Formation Day on Tuesday with the unfurling of the National Flag and homage to martyrs by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla, Cabinet ministers and leaders of various political parties across the state. The main official celebration was held at Parade Grounds, Secunderabad where Chief Minister Revanth Reddy hoisted the Tricolour, reviewed a colourful parade and took salute. Standing in an open-top jeep, Chief Minister Reddy reviewed the parade by various contingents of state police and took their salute. Chief Minister Reddy presented medals of gallantry and meritorious services to the police officers and prizes to the best contingents. The Chief Minister in his speech paid tributes to those who laid down their lives during the decades long struggle for statehood of Telangana. Many of the Telangana activists fought for Telangana and stood as valiant fighters. On the occasion of Telangana state Formation Day today, I am bowing my head and paying humble homage to their sacrifices and the indomitable courage displayed during the Telangana movement," he said. "June 2 is an emotional occasion as we commemorate our history of sacrifice and chart a road map for the development of the youngest state of Telangana," he added. On behalf of Telangana people, he expressed profound gratitude to the then Prime Minister late Manmohan Singh, and the then UPA Chairperson Sonia Gandhi for fulfilling the dream of statehood that the Telangana people had cherished for a long time. The Chief Minister cut short his speech in view of the heatwave conditions. He said that his prepared text should be treated as read. Contingents from various wings of Telangana Police participated in the colourful march past. Seventh battalion of Telangana Special Police was honoured with the best contingent award for its outstanding performance. The event also highlighted the rich cultural heritage of Telangana. Chief Secretary K. Ramakrishna Rao, Director General of Police C.V. Anand and senior officials were also present. The Chief Minister paid tributes to Telangana martyrs at the memorial at Gun Park near the Assembly building before reaching Parade Grounds for the main event. Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla hoisted the Tricolour at his official residence

TELANGANA STANDS AS SYMBOL OF SACRIFICES BY MARTYRS, SAYS GOVERNOR SHIV PRATAP SHUKLA

Hyderabad: Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla said on Tuesday that the formation of the state stands as a symbol of the sacrifices made by martyrs and the democratic struggles waged over several decades. On the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day, the Governor unfurled the National Flag at the Lok Bhavan. Subsequently, he received the Guard of Honour from the police forces. He paid rich tributes to the martyrs who laid down their lives during the Telangana



movement. On this occasion, the Governor extended his greetings to all the people of the state and to all the sons and daughters of Telangana living across the globe. The Governor

called upon everyone to remember and honour all those who laid the foundations of the construction of modern Telangana. Citing the adage "Janani Janmabhumi-shcha Swargada-

pi Gariyasi" (Mother and Motherland are greater than Heaven), he emphasised that one's motherland is indeed superior to paradise. The Governor remarked that Telangana's centuries-old culture, traditions, and rural agrarian heritage constitute the true lifeblood of the state. He lauded the efforts of the farming community — ranging from the chain of tanks dating back to the Kakatiya era to modern irrigation projects of today — for transforming Telangana into a lush and fertile

land. He noted with pride that, alongside the agricultural sector, Telangana has achieved international recognition in various other fields, including IT, pharmaceuticals, and startups. Inspired by constitutional values and the noble ideal of "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" (May all be happy), the Governor expressed his aspiration for the construction of a prosperous Telangana — one where rural development, urban development, the welfare of all sections of society, and the modernisation

RG RAO Educational Trust Celebrates 20 Years of Educational Service; Telangana Formation Day Also Observed

Bachupally, Hyderabad, June 2, 2026 Dakshina Bharath News

RG RAO Educational Trust celebrated its 20th Formation Day at Surya Global School, Bachupally, marking two decades of dedicated service in the field of education. Over the past 20 years, the Trust has positively impacted the lives of more than 1,000 children, particularly from rural and underserved communities. The event was graced by eminent dignitaries including Sri S. Narasingha Rao, Retired IAS Officer, Prof. Ramaiah, Gandra Mohana Rao, High Court Advocate and other distinguished guests from the fields of education and public service. The speakers appreciated the Trust's sustained efforts in providing quality education and creating opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds. The occasion also coincided with Telangana Formation Day, which



was celebrated with enthusiasm, highlighting the State's journey of growth and development. The combined celebrations reflected the shared values of progress, empowerment, and community development. Students presented colourful cultural performances, while several alumni returned to their alma mater to participate in the celebrations and share their inspiring success stories.

Speaking on the occasion, the dignitaries congratulated RG RAO Educational Trust on its remarkable journey and expressed confidence in its continued contribution to educational and social advancement. The event concluded with a renewed commitment by the Trust to continue its mission of delivering accessible, value-based, and transformative education to future generations.

COLLECTOR DIVAKARA TS CALLS FOR COLLECTIVE ACTION TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

Khammam: District Collector Divakara TS emphasized that environmental protection is the responsibility of every citizen and urged people to actively contribute towards conserving nature for future generations. Launching posters on Puligundala Eco-Tourism, environmental conservation, and plastic-free initiatives at the Collectorate along with DFO Anuj Agarwal and Additional Collector P. Srinivasa Reddy, the Collector announced a series of district-wide awareness programmes on environmental protection from June 1 to June 12 under the 99-Day Praja Palana Pragathi Pranalika initiative. He called for reducing plastic consumption, promoting water conservation, and undertaking large-scale plantation drives while ensuring the protection of planted saplings. Stressing that environmental neglect today would adversely impact future generations, he urged citizens to embrace sustainable practices and actively participate in preserving ecological balance. District Forest Department officials and other district officers attended the programme.



Certificates and Awards Distributed Among 155 Graduates of Al-Khair Computer Centre, Bhainsa' First Batch

STUDENTS SHOULD PLAN THEIR FUTURE IN TIME AND DEDICATE THEIR TALENTS TO THE UPLIFTMENT OF ISLAM: IQBAL HUSSAIN

Bhainsa: A dignified Certificate and Awards Distribution Ceremony was organized at the office of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Bhainsa, in honor of the 155 students who successfully graduated from the first batch of Al-Khair Computer Centre, Bhainsa. The programme was attended by Iqbal Hussain, Secretary of Institutions, Jamaat-e-Islami Hind Telangana, Ilyas Ahmed Rahil, District President of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, Nirmal, Dr. Wasif Qamar, Dr. Syed Furqan, General Surgeon, Nizamabad; Muneer Ahmed; Br. Abbas Ali, District President of SIO; Hafiz Muneeruddin, president Safa Bait-ul-Mal Bhainsa Branch, and several other distinguished guests. Addressing the gathering, Iqbal Hussain stated that the present era is the age of technology and skills. He emphasized that students and youth should develop their abilities and utilize them for constructive and positive purposes. He said that every individual possesses natural talents, and the need of the hour is to recognize and channel them in the right direction. He advised students to plan their future well in advance and dedicate their academic and technical skills to seeking the pleasure of Allah and promoting the message of Islam, as this is the true path to success in both this world and the Hereafter. On the occasion, Ilyas Ahmed Rahil highlighted the



services and activities of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, describing it as a comprehensive movement that provides guidance in all spheres of life and continuously strives for the welfare and reform of society. In his speech, Dr. Wasif Qamar stressed the importance of computer education in the modern age and encouraged young people to make effective use of technology for educational, social, and personal development. At the beginning of the programme, Mubeen Ahmed, Ameer-e-Maqami welcomed the guests and participants. He informed the audience that a total of 155 students successfully completed the DCA (Diploma in Computer Applications)

course in the first batch of Al-Khair Computer Centre. He also expressed his commitment to expanding the centre's efforts to equip more youth with modern computer education in the future. During the ceremony, outstanding trainees Qazi Ashfaq Ahmed and Saif Ali were felicitated with shawls in recognition of their excellent performance. Certificates and awards were subsequently distributed among the successful students. The proceedings of the programme were efficiently conducted by Syed Ghouse uddin, Secretary of Al-Khair Computer Centre, Bhainsa. A large number of members of Jamaat-e-Islami Hind, students, youth, and respected

Telangana Achieved Through People's Struggle and Martyrs' Sacrifices: Minister Vivek Venkataswamy

Tanduri Ganesh Dakshina Bharath News Medak, June 2:

On the occasion of Telangana State Formation Day, State Minister and District In-charge Minister Vivek Venkataswamy paid tributes to Telangana martyrs at the Martyrs' Memorial in Chinna Shankarampet (R) mandal, Medak district, on Tuesday. District Collector Pratima Singh, SP Srinivasa Rao, and other officials participated in the programme. Addressing the gathering, the Minister said Telangana State was achieved through the people's movement and the sacrifices of martyrs. He recalled the contributions of leaders and activists who fought for statehood and emphasized that the government remains committed to the welfare



and development of the people. He highlighted key initiatives such as Indiramma housing, 200 units of free electricity, ration cards, integrated schools, and skill development centres to improve education, healthcare, and employment opportunities. The Minister also noted that the government has procured 30 percent more paddy than in previous years. Officials and public representatives attended the event.

Historic Boost for Community Infrastructure: GHMC Sanctions ₹49 Lakh for Domalguda Valmiki Mehtar Shamshan Vatika

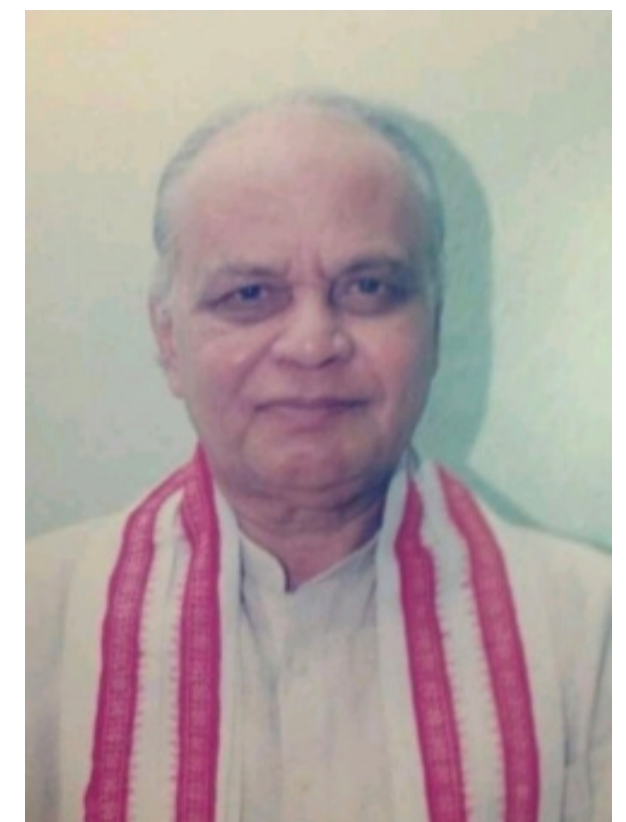
Hyderabad: In a major step towards strengthening community infrastructure and ensuring dignified public facilities, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has sanctioned ₹49 lakh for the development and modernization of the Domalguda Valmiki Mehtar Community Shamshan Vatika, fulfilling a long-pending demand of the local community. A delegation comprising Rajesh Parcha, Telangana State President of the Akhil Bharatiya Safai Majdoor Congress; Vicky Dhillon, Hyderabad District Vigilance and Monitoring Committee Member under the MS Act, 2013, representing Safai Karamcharis; and Subhash Dulgach, President of the Domalguda Valmiki Mehtar Community Shamshan Vatika, along with other office bearers, met Shrimati Mangatarulu, Zonal Commissioner, GHMC Secunderabad Zone. During the meeting, the delegation expressed their sincere gratitude to Shrimati Mangatarulu Madam for her support, leadership, and efforts in facilitating the sanction of ₹49 lakh for the much-needed development works at the Shamshan Vatika. The community representatives stated that the sanctioned funds will significantly improve infrastructure and civic amenities at the cremation ground, ensuring a clean, dignified, and well-maintained facility for community



members and the public. They further appreciated the proactive approach of the GHMC administration in addressing long-pending civic concerns and expressed confidence that the development works would be completed in a timely manner. Describing the sanction as a landmark achievement, the delegation noted that the project will serve future generations and stands as a testament to the commitment of GHMC towards inclusive development and community welfare.

Where is the place in history of the great leader who fought for Telangana?

Hyderabad:) Today, the streets of Hyderabad are resounding with the slogans of "Telangana Shining". But do we have a culture of remembering the warriors who sacrificed their lives for this land and this state? Everyone knows that the formation of Telangana state was due to decades of struggle, the sacrifices of thousands of students, and the efforts of hundreds of leaders. However, the names of some great leaders who laid the foundations of that struggle have been erased from the pages of history today. The name that stands at the top among such people is M. Kamaluddin Ahmed. When talking about the Telangana movement, many people mention the name of Dr. Marri Chenna Reddy. But it is no exaggeration to say that the leader who bravely put the injustice being done to the Telangana region before the country for the first time was Kamaluddin Ahmed. Even before the Telangana Rashtra Samithi was formed and the slogan of a separate Telangana gained political strength, he was the leader who raised his voice and questioned the backwardness of Telangana on the platform of Parliament. Kamaluddin Ahmed, who received the blessings of the people as the MLA from Cherial in 1962 and the MLA from Jangaon in 1967, later entered the Lok Sabha as the representative of the people of Warangal. Despite holding many key positions as a Union Minister, Chairman of NAFED and President of APCC, the focus of his politics has always been the people of Telangana. His efforts to wipe the tears of Telangana farmers and find solutions to their irrigation problems are extraordinary. Especially due to the efforts made for the expansion of the Sriramsagar project, thousands of acres of fallow lands have been turned into green fields. Kamaluddin's efforts are an important chapter in the development that the farmers of the region are experiencing today. In a special debate on the Golden Jubilee of Independence held in the Lok Sabha on September 1, 1997, he fearlessly highlighted the injustice done to the Telangana region. He explained to the country how Telangana was lagging behind compared to the Andhra region. However, that honest voice became a curse for his political life. He was isolated by his own party leaders for speaking for Telangana. Those who had patted his shoulder and congratulated him till yesterday started attacking him with criticism. Even the leaders who supported Telangana changed their stance and weakened him politically. Finally, he had to withdraw from politics after the defeats he faced in the 1998 and 1999 elections. But the country recognized his talent. He proved his ability once again by taking charge as a



member of the Planning Commission and later as the Indian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia. He was a great intellectual with equal fluency in Telugu, Urdu and English. He was not only recognized as a political leader but also as a literary enthusiast and intellectual. However, even after the formation of Telangana state, Kamaluddin Ahmed did not get due respect. The fact that the leader who fought for Telangana all his life was not even given the honor of a state funeral when he died in 2018 is a matter of concern to Telangana society. It is sad to distance a person who played a key role in the movement from official history. Today, every leader and every political party who talks about Telangana's self-respect should introspect once. What respect did we give to Kamaluddin Ahmed, who risked his political future for the state? Why did we not think of naming a memorial, a research center, and a government institution after him in recognition of his services? In the history of Telangana, the name of M. Kamaluddin Ahmed is not a chapter... a movement. Forgetting him means obscuring a key truth in the history of the Telangana movement. The government, political parties, and Telangana society should officially recognize his services and give him due respect. Because for the history of Telangana to be complete, Kamaluddin Ahmed's name must be reborn in the memories of the people.

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Hyderabad: Water Board services at the doorstep of the people.. From complaints to tanker booking, everything is online. The Water Board has good news for the people facing drinking water problems and sewage problems in Hyderabad city. It has made services like filing complaints, booking tankers, paying bills, and applying for new connections available from home on a completely digital platform. The Water Board, which serves about 1.30 crore people in the city, is also efficiently handling the responsibilities of drinking water supply and sewage management. It is providing 24-hour services through a website, mobile app, and toll-free number to resolve the problems faced by the people quickly. To file a complaint, like this.. You can immediately register a complaint on problems like low pressure of drinking water, sewage coming onto the roads, damaged manhole covers, and contaminated water supply. In addition, the app also allows you to track the actions taken by the authorities from time to time. Need a tanker? No more queues. You can easily book a 5,000 or 10,000 liter tanker by calling 155313 from your registered mobile number. Select the required time and make the online payment



after OTP verification. There is no option for cash payments. Usually, the tanker reaches your doorstep within 24 hours. Services available to the public Tanker booking Payment of water bills Application for new connections Meter related services Geo-tagging of sinkholes Resolving sewage problems Complaint status tracking Water Board with cutting-edge technology The Water Board, which supplies water to the city from the Godavari, Krishna and Manjira rivers, is monitoring the pumping stations, reservoirs and pipelines in real time through SCADA technology. Ultrasonic flowmeters and smart meters are being used to detect leaks and estimate

water consumption. Modern approaches in sewage treatment STPs with SBR (Sequencing Batch Reactor) technology are being used to treat sewage in the city. This has increased the quality of water treatment and also reduced maintenance costs. Key Information Customer Care Number: 155313 Mobile App: HMWSSB Citizen Services Services: Tanker booking, complaints, bill payments, new connections, resolution of sewage problems People facing water problems no longer need to go around offices. With just one call and one click, Jalmandal services are now in your hands.

Collector serious about Prajavani – no chance for delay in resolving complaints!

129 COMPLAINTS IN A SINGLE DAY.. COLLECTOR NARAYANA REDDY STRICT ORDERS TO OFFICIALS

Ranga Reddy: District Collector C. Narayana Reddy has issued a clear warning to the officials that there is no room for negligence in resolving the problems of the people of Rangareddy district. He ordered that every complaint received in Prajavani should be examined with utmost priority and resolved within the stipulated time. He strongly advised the officials not to delay the complaints of the people in the name of pending. A large number of people from different parts of the district turned up for the Prajavani program organized at the Integrated District Offices Complex Conference Hall on Monday. A total of 129 complaints were received, and the victims brought their problems directly to the attention of the District Collector. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that Prajavani is a key platform for providing justice to the people. He directed the officials to be responsive to the problems of the people and to



resolve them promptly without ignoring any complaint from any department. He gave signals that delay or laxity in resolving the problems will not be tolerated. According to the details of the officials, 28 applications related to the Revenue Department and 101 applications from other departments were received, and a total of 129 requests were registered in Prajavani. The Collector issued key orders in the review meeting held later. He suggested that the “Environmental Conservation - Forest Awareness Week” to be held from June 2 to 12 as part

of the Public Administration Progress Plan should be a success. Similarly, he directed all the departments to work in coordination to organize the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations on June 2 in a grand manner. “Prajavani is an effective platform for solving people’s problems. Officials should respond responsibly to every request and provide a quick solution. State Formation Day and Environment Week celebrations should be made successful with the participation of the people,” he said. Additional Collectors Chandra Reddy etc.

Indiramma supports women with her women’s power - sarees distributed as a gift from Revanthana: Baba Fakhruddin

Jadcharla: As part of the Indiramma Mahila Shakti program, which is being implemented by the Telangana government with the aim of economic and social empowerment of women, a saree distribution program was organized in the 21st ward of the Jadcharla municipality limits to members of women’s self-help groups. Congress leaders Baba Fakhruddin, Peddi Ranganath, Basheer and devotees Ravi participated in this program and distributed sarees to women. They stated that the government is giving top priority to the welfare of women and that the welfare schemes being implemented under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy



are reaching every household. The leaders said that these sarees being distributed under the name of “Revanthana Kanuka” are a

testament to the government’s sincerity towards women. He said that the programs being taken up by the government for the welfare

CM REVANTH REDDY ANNOUNCES HOUSE-WARMING CEREMONIES FOR ANOTHER ONE LAKH INDIRAMMA HOUSES ON SEPTEMBER 17

Hyderabad: Resolves to Make Telangana a ‘Thatched Roof-Free’ State; Assures Procurement of Every Grain . Demands Centre Purchase Paddy and Maize; Ready to Hold Talks on Tummidihatti Barrage Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Monday announced that house-warming ceremonies for another one lakh Indiramma houses will be conducted on September 17, 2026. Reiterating the government’s commitment to ensuring housing for the poor, he said Telangana aims to become a “thatched roof-free” state. Addressing a public meeting in Kagaznagar, the Chief Minister said the government had already completed house-warming ceremonies for one lakh beneficiaries within a year and had launched construction of another 2.5 lakh houses under the second phase of the Indiramma Housing Scheme. He directed officials to identify all homeless families and ensure they are covered under the programme. The Chief Minister announced the immediate sanction of 3,500 houses for the constituency and an additional 21,000 houses for Integrated Tribal Development Agency (ITDA) areas. Stating that the welfare of tribal and Adivasi communities remains a priority, he said the government was committed to ensuring that tribal children in Adilabad grow up with dignity and self-respect. He added that houses were sanctioned without considering political affiliations. Referring to the proposed Tummidihatti Barrage, Revanth Reddy said the interests of Telangana farmers would remain paramount. He stated that he was



prepared to visit the residence of Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy and hold discussions on the issue if it helped secure justice for farmers. The Chief Minister urged Kishan Reddy to facilitate talks between Telangana and Maharashtra to resolve pending issues related to the project. Questioning the Centre’s approach, he said that while seven mandals were merged for the Polavaram Project, approval was yet to be secured for acquiring about 2,000 acres required from Maharashtra for the Tummidihatti Barrage. Appealing to the Maharashtra Government to initiate discussions, Revanth Reddy said the project would provide irrigation to 2.5 lakh acres in Adilabad district and enable gravity-based irrigation to vast agricultural lands. He also alleged that the Kaleshwaram Project had failed to provide irrigation benefits to Adilabad district. Reiterating the State Government’s commitment to farmers, the Chief Minister assured that every grain of paddy,

including moisture-affected and soaked produce, would be procured. He said the State had already procured 7.5 million metric tonnes of paddy during the current procurement season. Criticising the Union Government for announcing Minimum Support Prices (MSP) without undertaking procurement, Revanth Reddy demanded that the Centre purchase paddy, moisture-affected grain and maize procured by the State Government. He also criticised Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy for remaining silent on the issue. Warning of intensified protests if the Centre failed to respond, the Chief Minister said the State Government would dump procured paddy stocks in front of Union ministers’ residences on June 15. He urged farmers to support the State’s efforts and assured them that the government would continue to stand by them and purchase every grain brought to procurement centres.

RAYADURGAM LANDS ARE NOT WORTH GOLD.. BUT DIAMONDS! RS.204 CRORE PER ACRE..

Hyderabad: Rayadurgam lands, which have become the heart of Hyderabad IT corridor, have once again become the talk of the town. Literally proving that land prices are skyrocketing, an acre of land was sold for Rs.204 crore in the latest auction conducted by TGIIC. With this, Rayadurgam land is no longer an ordinary place.. It is being said that it has become an asset worth more than gold. When TGIIC put up for auction 5 acres of 9 holes of land belonging to Plot No. 4 in Rayadurgam, the famous real estate company Vamsiram Builders emerged as the winner in a huge competition. The bidding that started in the morning continued till the evening in a thrilling manner. The auction, which started with a starting price of Rs. 139 crore, increased by Rs. 1 crore each and finally stopped at Rs. 204 crore per acre. This single auction alone has generated more than Rs. 1038 crore for the government exchequer. The fact that the price per acre in another auction held two days ago was Rs. 237 crore, and now the rate of Rs. 204 crore is again being recorded clearly shows the demand for Hyderabad lands. The total income



of TGIIC through the two phases of land auctions has become a record. Rayadurgam, once considered a suburb of the city, has today emerged as the most expensive real estate destination in the country. The offices of IT giants, luxurious residential complexes, commercial centers, and international standard infrastructure are bringing immense value to the lands of this area. Development projects like the proposed elevated corridor from Paradise to Shamirpet Outer Ring Road, the Greenfield

Highway connecting Future City, and the Triple R projects are further boosting land prices. That is why leading real estate companies in the country are pouring crores upon crores for lands in Rayadurgam. According to market experts, land prices in Rayadurgam and Narsinghi areas are likely to increase further in the future as Hyderabad is rapidly growing as a global business hub. Analysts say that if the current prices are records, they are likely to become new benchmarks in the coming days.

Sarpanch post belongs to women... Why garlands for husbands?

ONCE AGAIN, THE CULTURE OF ‘SARPANCH PATI’ HAS COME TO THE FORE IN THE JADCHARLA SARPANCH SANGAM PROGRAM!

Jadcharla: The rights and dignity of women representatives have once again come into question in the new executive election program of the Jadcharla Mandal Sarpanch Sangam. The fact that Gopal Reddy, the husband of the elected woman sarpanch of Kishtaram village, participated in the program and garlanded and received felicitations along with the leaders led to severe criticism. While the people voted for a woman sarpanch, women’s groups are outraged that it is against democratic values for husbands to participate in official programs and



act as public representatives. They are expressing their concern that such actions are weakening the original intention of the political reservations provided to women by the Constitution. “The position

belongs to women... Is the husband the boss?” are the women leaders asking. It is unfortunate that the trend of suppressing women’s independent decision-making power in village governance

ALL SET FOR STATE FORMATION DAY CELEBRATIONS COLLECTOR KOYA SRI HARSHA DIRECTS OFFICIALS TO ORGANIZE THE EVENT GRANDLY

Peddapalli, District Collector Koya Sri Harsha has directed officials to organize the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations in a grand and befitting manner across the district. On Monday, he personally inspected the arrangements being made at the Integrated District Collectorate premises and issued necessary instructions to ensure the successful conduct of the event. Speaking on the occasion, the Collector stated that all preparations should be completed meticulously, as Telangana is celebrating the 12th anniversary of its formation on June 2. He emphasized that the celebrations should reflect the prestige and achievements of the state government. He informed that Government Whip and Peddapalli MLA Chinthakunta Vijaya Ramana Rao will attend the celebrations as the chief guest. According to the schedule, the chief guest will arrive at the Collectorate at 7:45 a.m., followed by a Guard of Honour and a tribute



to the martyrs. The programme will include the unfurling of the National Flag at 8:00 a.m., followed by the singing of the National Anthem and Telangana State Song. A ceremonial parade will be conducted thereafter, and the chief guest will address the gathering. Appreciation certificates will also be presented to officials and staff members in recognition of their distinguished services. To ensure the smooth and successful conduct of the celebrations, the

Collector thoroughly reviewed arrangements related to the sound system, power supply, dais, tents, barricading, parking facilities, and security measures, and issued appropriate directions to the concerned officials. Additional DCP Ram Reddy, District Civil Supplies Officers Srinath and Srikanth, Peddapalli Revenue Divisional Officer B. Gangayya, Municipal Commissioner Venkatesh, Tahsildar Rajayya, and officials from various departments participated in the inspection.

Shyam, a sculptor from Kubeer received an award in Hyderabad.

Nirmal : Representative. Shyam, a teacher from Kubeer celebrated the tenth anniversary of Vishwakarma Knowledge Center. The tenth anniversary of Vishwakarma Knowledge Center was celebrated at Sundarayya Vigyan Kendra in Hyderabad. Shyam, a sculptor from Kubeer received the Vishwakarma Legend Award for his sculpture at Sundarayya Vigyan Kendra in Hyderabad from the hands of ACP Kiran Kumar, Assistant Collector, Vikarabad. Shyam, a sculptor, works as a teacher in Kubeer



ZPSS School. The villagers expressed special gratitude to Shyam, who received the award at Sundarayya Vigyan Kendra

in Hyderabad.

RAJANNA SIRICILLA STUDENT VIVEK SECURES ALL INDIA RANK 850 IN JEE ADVANCED 2026



Karimnagar : Gajula Vivek, a native of Hanmajipet village in Vemulawada Rural Mandal of Rajanna Sircilla district, has brought laurels to the district by securing an impressive All India Rank (AIR) 850 in the prestigious JEE Advanced 2026 examination. He also secured 136th rank in the OBC category, earning widespread appreciation from educationists and the public alike. With this outstanding performance in one of India's toughest engineering entrance examinations, Vivek has significantly enhanced his chances of securing admission to one of the country's premier Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs). Earlier, he had demonstrated his academic

excellence by scoring an impressive 99.84 percentile in JEE Main 2026, and his success in JEE Advanced has further reaffirmed his talent and dedication. Coming from a modest rural background, Vivek's achievement is being hailed as an inspiring success story. His parents, Gajula Srinivas and Lavanya, have consistently encouraged and supported his educational pursuits despite limited family resources. Vivek's father, Srinivas, completed his Diploma in Sircilla and later pursued B.Tech in Hyderabad. He subsequently joined the Indian Railways and has been serving for over two decades in the Electrical Department.

Currently, he is working as a Chief Vigilance Inspector in the Vigilance Department in Hyderabad. His mother, Lavanya, is a homemaker who has played a vital role in nurturing and supporting the family's educational aspirations. Vivek pursued his education at reputed institutions in Hyderabad. He secured 97.5 percent marks in CBSE Class 10 and 99 percent marks in Intermediate, consistently maintaining an excellent academic record. He further proved his merit by securing 138th rank in the EAPCET examination. Educational experts noted that while lakhs of students appear for JEE Main every year, only a select few qualify for JEE Advanced. Securing an All India Rank of 850 amidst such intense national-level competition is a remarkable accomplishment. Speaking on the occasion, Vivek attributed his success to consistent hard work, disciplined study habits, and systematic preparation. He expressed gratitude to his parents and teachers for their constant guidance and encouragement. My goal is to become an outstanding technology professional and contribute to the nation's development, Vivek said. Public representatives.

TIGHT SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS FOR TELANGANA FORMATION DAY IN NARAYANPET

NARAYANPET. : Narayanpet district police have intensified security arrangements to ensure peaceful and secure Telangana Formation Day celebrations across the district. As part of precautionary measures, bomb squad teams along with police sniffer dogs conducted extensive inspections at key locations in Narayanpet district headquarters on Monday. The inspections covered the District

Collectorate premises, bus stand, major junctions, crowded public places, and other important government offices. Police personnel thoroughly examined the areas using specialised equipment to detect any explosive materials or suspicious objects. Speaking on the occasion, District SP Dr. Vineeth IPS said that the police department had taken all necessary steps to maintain law and order and ensure smooth celebrations.



He urged the public to remain vigilant and immediately inform nearby police officials or Dial-100 if any suspicious bags, objects, or vehicles were noticed. The SP also appealed to citizens not to believe rumours or circulate unverified information on social media. He emphasised

that maintaining peace and security is possible only through public cooperation and urged people to celebrate Telangana Formation Day responsibly and peacefully. Bomb squad personnel, dog squad teams, and police staff participated in the inspection drive.

NO RALLIES, MEETINGS OR PUBLIC GATHERINGS WITHOUT POLICE PERMISSION: SP

NARAYANPET. : District SP Dr. Vineeth IPS announced that Section 30 of the Police Act has been enforced across Narayanpet district for one month to maintain law and order. The SP stated that the restrictions will remain in force until June 30, during which no rallies, meetings, processions, dharnas, public gatherings, programmes in function halls, or other events involving large gatherings will be allowed without prior permission from police authorities. He warned that legal action would be taken against organisers conducting programmes without obtaining prior approval. The SP further said

that gatherings or meetings likely to disturb public life or create inconvenience to people are strictly prohibited during this period. Dr. Vineeth also cautioned against the spread of unnecessary or communal content on social media, stating that cases would be registered against individuals spreading rumours or content capable of creating tension between communities. He stated that anyone violating the legally issued restrictions would face punishment under Section 30 of the Police Act and appealed to the public to strictly follow the rules. Organisers intending to conduct any programme or public event were advised



to submit applications in advance and obtain necessary police permissions. The SP urged citizens to cooperate in maintaining peace and public order across the district.

South India Sports Aerobics & Fitness Championship 2026 to Be Held in Vijayawada on July 11-12



BJP's Former Telangana State Spokesperson Mir Firasath Ali Baqri extends warm felicitations to Shri Nagendra Nath Tripathi Ji on his appointment as BJP National General Secretary (Organization). His tireless dedication, inspiring leadership, and unwavering commitment to the nation has earned him esteemed recognition. We wish him a highly successful tenure in this prestigious role.

Efforts Underway to Ensure Welfare Benefits Reach All Eligible Citizens

Hyderabad: As part of the 'NTR Bharosa' pension distribution program—a prestigious initiative implemented by the state government—MLA and Telugu Desam Party Politburo member Sriram Rajagopal (Tatayya) personally handed over pensions on Saturday to eligible elderly citizens, persons with disabilities, and widows in Christianpeta, located within the 25th Ward of Jaggayyapeta town. Speaking to the beneficiaries on this occasion, he affirmed that the welfare of the people remains the government's primary objective. He stated that measures are being taken to ensure that the benefits of government welfare schemes reach every single eligible individual.

MAHABUBNAGAR : The 3rd South India Sports Aerobics and Fitness Championship-2026 will be organized under the aegis of the South India Sports Aerobics and Fitness Association from July 11 to 12, 2026, at the DRMC Indoor Stadium in NTR District, Vijayawada, according to Association President Mohammed Ansar Hussain. The championship will witness participation from athletes representing various South Indian states in Junior, Sub-Junior, and Senior categories. Competitions will be conducted in Individual, Pair, Mixed Pair, Trio, Team, and Mixed Team events for both men and women across different age groups and categories. Athletes intending to participate in the championship have been instructed to carry their Date of Birth Certificate or Bonafide Certificate along with their Aadhaar Card for verification purposes. For further details regarding participation from Telangana, interested athletes and officials may contact 9492074994, 9849734784, or 9642312953.

Family Dispute Resolved at Women's Police Station Under 'Mission Shakti'

Vijayawada: Under the Uttar Pradesh government's "Mission Shakti" campaign—aimed at promoting women's safety, dignity, and self-reliance—hearings regarding family disputes were conducted on Monday at the Women's Police Station in Amethi. Deepshikha, the Station House Officer (SHO) of the Women's Police Station, along with her team, gave serious attention to complaints concerning ongoing disputes between husbands and wives and provided counseling to both parties. Through persuasion and dialogue, mutual differences were resolved, following which one married couple happily agreed to live together again. The couple expressed their gratitude to the Amethi Police. Wishing them a happy and successful married life, the police personnel at the Women's Police Station advised the couple to maintain mutual dialogue and trust in the future.



Four Accused Wanted in Assault Case Arrested; Scorpio and Revolver Recovered

Vijayawada: Under the direction of Superintendent of Police Sarvanan T., the Bazarshukla Police Station has achieved a significant breakthrough as part of an ongoing campaign to apprehend criminals. Led by Circle Officer (Musafirkhana) Atul Kumar Singh, a police team arrested four accused individuals—wanted in connection with an assault case and other related charges—acting on a tip-off from an informant. The arrested individuals include Avinash Singh alias Happy, Ashwani Singh alias Lucky, Prahlad Singh, and Shivbardhan Singh. The police recovered a Scorpio vehicle from the possession of the accused, for which valid documents could not be produced.



During a search, a cartridges were recovered revolver belongs to another licensed revolver, four live from Shivbardhan Singh. individual. Necessary legal cartridges, and two spent According to the police, the action is currently

SP Conducts Public Hearing; Directs Prompt Resolution of Grievances

Vishakhapatnam: On Monday, Superintendent of Police Charu Nigam held a public hearing at the Police Office, listening to the grievances of petitioners and issuing directives for their expeditious resolution. During the public hearing, all Circle Officers and Station House Officers of the district participated virtually. To ensure immediate action on the complaints received, the SP directed the concerned officials to visit the respective sites, conduct on-the-spot inspections, and ensure

the high-quality resolution of the issues. She emphasized that any negligence in resolving complaints would not be tolerated. Through the effective utilization of technology during the public hearing, the monitoring of complaints and the assurance of prompt action were ensured. The Superintendent of Police also instructed officials to remain sensitive to public issues while taking transparent and impartial action.



Accused Arrested with 800 Grams of Illicit Ganja

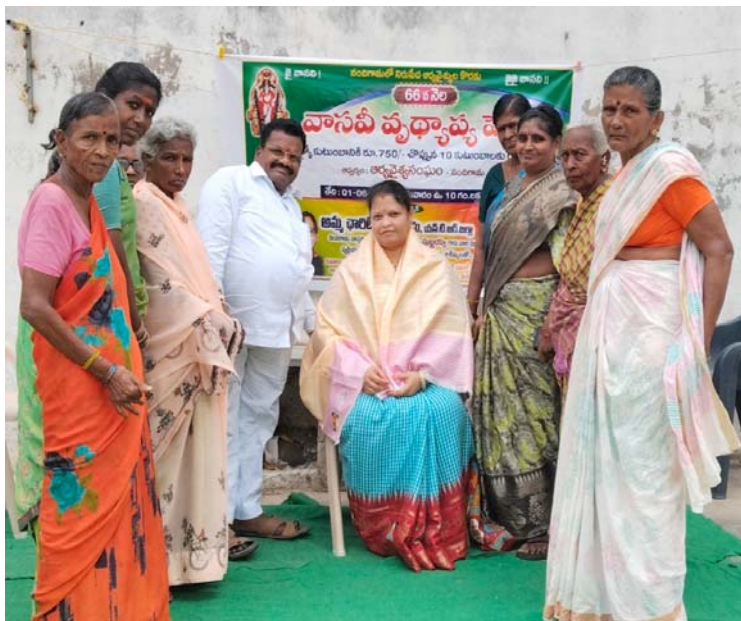
Vishakhapatnam: Under the direction of Superintendent of Police Charu Nigam, the Goshainganj Police have achieved a significant success as part of an ongoing campaign against narcotics trafficking. Under the supervision of the Additional Superintendent of Police and the Circle Officer (CO) of Jaisinghpur—and under the close guidance of SHO Akhanddev Mishra—Sub-Inspector Anil Kumar Saxena, along with a police team, conducted an operation in the Surauli Bagh area and arrested an accused individual. The arrested accused has been identified as Gauri Shankar, son of Ramdular Singh, a resident of Surauli, under the Goshainganj Police Station jurisdiction. During a search, 800 grams of illicit ganja was recovered from his possession. Based on this recovery, a case has been registered at the Goshainganj Police Station under Section 8/20 of the NDPS Act. The police have completed the necessary legal formalities against the accused and have produced him before the court.



Vasavi Old-Age Pensions for Needy Arya Vysya Families

Nandigama | The distribution ceremony for the 66th month of the Vasavi Old-Age Pension scheme—organized under the aegis of the Arya Vysya Sangham—was held in Nandigama on Monday. Under the leadership of the program organizer, Parepalli Saibabu, a total of 7,500 was distributed among 10 needy Arya Vysya families, with each family receiving 750. These pensions were presented through the courtesy of 'Ammu Charity,' a family from Nandigama dedicated to spiritual and social service. The pensions were distributed at the hands of Gopu Radhika

(the youngest daughter-in-law of the family), in memory of the late Swarajyalakshmi (wife of the late Gopu Venkata Subbayya), and with the support of the couples Gopu Kiran Kumar-Vinoda, Gopu Sravan Kumar-Radhika, and Pabbati Nageswara Gupta-Anuradha. On this occasion, Sangham representatives felicitated Gopu Radhika. Members of the Arya Vysya Sangham expressed their gratitude to the donor family for providing financial assistance to the Vasavi Old-Age Pension program on six separate occasions. Sangham representatives and members participated in the event.



MLA Soumya Interacts with Pensioners Distribution of Pensions in Nandigama Wards 11 and 6; Metal Supply Shop Inaugurated

Nandigama | MLA Tangirala Soumya participated in the social security pension distribution program held on Monday in Wards 11 and 6 of Nandigama town. Accompanied by Alliance leaders, she personally handed over pension cash to beneficiaries at their doorsteps and inquired about their well-being. Engaging warmly with the pensioners, she gathered their feedback regarding the benefits they derive from the pension scheme. On this occasion, several elderly individuals and persons with disabilities expressed their happiness over the government's policy of delivering pensions directly to homes on the first day of every month. They conveyed their gratitude

to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and the State Government. Speaking at the event, MLA Soumya stated that the government is striving to ensure that the benefits of welfare schemes reach every eligible individual. She noted that social security pensions provide a sense of financial security to the beneficiaries. Subsequently, accompanied by Alliance leaders, she inaugurated the new 'Dabburi Construction' metal supply shop established on Ramannapeta Road within the town. She extended her best wishes to the management of the establishment on this occasion. Alliance leaders, public representatives, party workers, ward leaders, and local



residents participated in the program.

One-Month Cricket Coaching Camp Concludes Successfully

Jaggayyapeta | The 2026 Summer Cricket Coaching Camp, organized jointly by the BV Sagar Sports Welfare Association and the Krishna District Cricket Association, concluded successfully on Monday. Held over a period of one month—from May 3rd to May 31st—the camp saw the participation of a large number of young cricketers who learned various techniques and nuances of the sport. During the closing ceremony held to mark the conclusion of the camp, Jaggayyapeta MLA and

Telugu Desam Party Politburo member Sriram Rajagopal (Tatayya), along with Municipal Chairman Srirangapuram Raghavendra Rao, attended as chief guests and presented certificates to the players who had completed the training. Speaking on the occasion, MLA Sriram Rajagopal stated that sports foster discipline, self-confidence, and leadership qualities among the youth. He noted that talented athletes from rural areas also have the potential to excel at national and international levels, and that

such coaching camps serve as invaluable aids in achieving this goal. He advised the athletes to engage in continuous practice and to move forward with high aspirations. Speaking on the occasion, Municipal Chairman Srirangapuram Raghavendra Rao commended the efforts of the BV Sagar Sports Welfare Association and the Krishna District Cricket Association in fostering a spirit of sportsmanship among the youth. He stated that they would extend their full cooperation towards the development

Clash Between Two Factions Over Old Enmity; One Injured

Vishakhapatnam: A case of physical altercation stemming from an old rivalry has been reported between two factions in Saifulllaganj, located within the jurisdiction of the Goshainganj Police Station. According to the police, upon receiving information about the clash around 5:30 PM on the evening of May 31, a team from the Goshainganj Police Station immediately rushed to the scene and initiated an investigation. The inquiry revealed that the dispute had arisen between Naveed Ahmed

and Junaid Ahmed—residents of Udra village—and members of the opposing faction, including Safat, Akhtar, Dilbar, and others. Junaid Ahmed sustained injuries during the altercation and was subsequently sent to the District Hospital for medical treatment. Additional Superintendent of Police Brijnarayan Singh stated that a case has been registered in connection with the incident, and necessary legal action is being taken. According to the police, peace and order have been maintained in the area.

ACCUSED WANTED IN 770-GRAM GANJA CASE ARRESTED

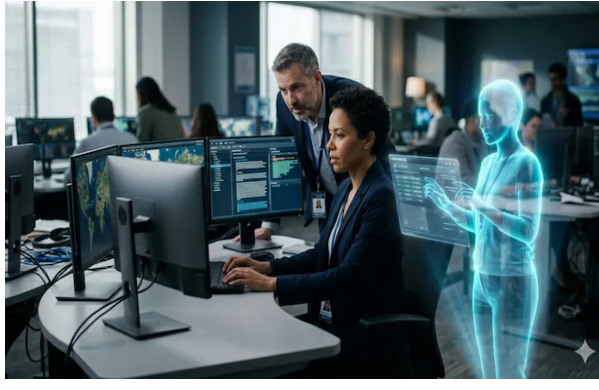
Nandigama: As part of an ongoing campaign against crime and narcotics trafficking, the Kotwali Dehat police have arrested an accused individual wanted under the NDPS Act. During the operation, conducted under the direction of Superintendent of Police Charu Nigam, the accused—identified as Vijay Singh (48), a resident of Bhawalpur Katarwa (Sangrampur Police Station area), District Amethi—was apprehended near a passenger waiting shed situated along the highway in the village of Abhiyakalan. According to the police, a case had been registered against the accused at the Kotwali Dehat police station under Section 8/20 of the NDPS Act. In connection with this case, 770 grams of illicit



ganja had previously possession. Following been recovered from his necessary

Now spying jobs at risk? CIA says it will create AI co-workers to help humans

New Delhi: Artificial intelligence is now beginning to take on the work of intelligence analysts. According to a report, the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is deploying AI to analyse intelligence gathered from its human spies. The technology will help the agency analyse the plans, capabilities, and intentions of foreign nations and create a holistic assessment of issues for policymakers to decide the further course of action. The application of this technology is expected to make the process quicker and more rigorous. The agency has already created its first-ever autonomous intelligence report, and Deputy Director Michael Ellis has said that its use will continue to grow. According to a Politico report, Ellis stated that the agency will build a classified version of generative AI across its analytic platforms to assist analysts with basic



tasks such as drafting key judgments, testing conclusions, and identifying trends in information. While AI will handle much of the analysis, the agency has clarified that final decision-making will remain in human hands. The US is already deploying AI in its war with Iran. In March, Brad Cooper, head of the US Central Command (CENTCOM), said that AI is helping US soldiers process large volumes of data. In the ongoing US-Iran war, AI has helped US forces analyse vast amounts of data in seconds and make faster, more informed decisions

than their adversaries. This development comes at a time when the US Department of War is engaged in a legal battle with AI company Anthropic. The US government has blacklisted the company and designated it as a supply chain risk after it attempted to limit the use of its models allegedly for lethal attacks and mass surveillance. Ellis said that the agency will "not let private companies dictate how and when the CIA will make lawful use of their technologies." Ellis added that the agency is deploying AI to maintain an edge over China,

New Delhi: Six years ago, when Luca Carano was living in Barcelona with his then-girlfriend, they decided to leave their dog Luna home alone as they went out for dinner. They usually took the puppy with them, but on that night they left her at home. "I was thinking right then, she's going to be bored and lonely, there should be something on YouTube for Luna," says Carano, a pilot who now lives in Bologna, Italy. He decided to act on his idea. He created the YouTube channel Siesta Dog TV which features videos of dogs, for dogs, in colours they can see best. Cartoons as long as 10 hours each feature illustrated dogs playing around in an animated New York City, or dogs watching duck ponds. Calming classical-like or ambient music accompanies the images on the screen, all made to relax dogs. One of Carano's videos attracted around 3.5 million views. "I've seen



how Luna enjoys these videos, and I get so many comments from people who say they feel great leaving their dog alone with my videos because it calms them," Carano adds. Over the six years since Carano started out, TV for dogs has snowballed. A host of channels cater for the increasing number of pet owners who worry about leaving their dogs at home. "People are more closely attached to their dogs than ever before and they treat them like children and worry about leaving them alone," says Nicholas Dodman, the director of the Center for Canine

Behaviour Studies in Connecticut. "There's also more awareness these days about separation anxiety affecting dogs," he says. That's creating demand for dog-friendly TV - other channels include Four Paws TV, Cartoon Dog Music, Puppy Dreamscape and Sleepy Cats. Some videos show puppies frolicking or close-ups of squirrels, others stream loops of squishy toys enjoyed by other animals or humans. Carano's videos, unlike other channels, mainly feature blue hues, which dogs can see much clearer than other colours. Making such material has

become easier thanks to AI. "Some of our videos are AI, some are hand-drawn, and technology allows us to make the videos set wherever we want, like Hawaii," says Carano. "And when it comes down to it, dogs don't care if what they are seeing is AI." But do dogs actually watch TV and does it do them any good? The research is mixed. A study from the Canine Behaviour Centre at Queen's University Belfast, published in 2023, looked at the reaction of 50 dogs in a rescue shelter to different screens. It found that dogs spent only 10.8% of the total available viewing time looking directly at the television monitors. "The dogs in this investigation directed relatively little attention towards the television monitors and habituated to their presence within a short period of time," the report said. The authors stressed that traditional forms of dog

entertainment were vital for wellbeing. "The provision of social contacts, both with other dogs and with humans, is essential and should be considered the most important form of environmental enrichment for confined dogs." The lack of attention to screens tallies with research done by Ilyena Hirskyj-Douglas, an assistant professor at the University of Glasgow's School of Computing. She conducted two studies that found dogs typically can't watch videos for a long period of time. "I noticed short bursts of video consumption from dogs," she says. However, the study only investigated the habits of two dogs. Other research is more positive. A study from Auburn University, published in July last year, looked at the viewing behaviours of 453 dogs through surveys completed by their owners. The researchers only looked at the behaviour of dogs that, according

Instagram lets you edit comments after posting now, here is how to do it



New Delhi: Instagram now lets users edit their comments after posting. On Thursday, the social media giant announced that users can update their comments within 15 minutes of posting. The platform is introducing this feature to enhance the overall user experience. Earlier, Facebook, Meta's other major platform, offered a similar feature. With Instagram's new update, the company will provide users with the flexibility to edit their

comments multiple times within a 15-minute window. Previously, if an error was noticed after posting a comment, users had to delete it and retype the entire message to post it again. This update offers an opportunity to Instagram's more than three billion users to edit their comments as they like within the allowed time frame. To edit a comment, users need to press and hold the comment. When the options appear, they can select the "Edit" option. Once a

comment is edited, it will display a grey "Edited" label, which Instagram uses to maintain transparency. The platform does not allow users to view the original version of a comment. Notably, only the text can be edited—if a comment includes both text and a photo, only the text portion can be modified. Meta's other popular messaging platform, WhatsApp, also offers similar flexibility to users. However, since the app does not support a com-

menting feature, this capability applies only to messages. Users can edit their messages within 15 minutes of sending, and the changes are visible to everyone, whether in a WhatsApp group or a one-on-one chat. Edited messages are marked "edited" next to the timestamp. Instagram is rolling out new updates to strengthen its presence in the market. Recently, the company introduced Teen Accounts in India. It promises stronger safeguards inspired by 13+ movie rating standards and parent feedback. Teens will now see more age-appropriate content by default, with stricter filtering of sensitive material across feed, search, and recommendations. The platform is also enhancing protections by limiting interactions with accounts that share inappropriate content and refining its AI responses for younger users. For parents seeking additional control, a new "Limited Content" setting offers an even more restricted experience. These updates aim to create a safer, more balanced environment for teens while giving families greater control

Oppo F33 series announced, F33 and F33 Pro with military-grade durability launching on April 15



New Delhi: Oppo is gearing up to launch the Oppo F33 series in India on April 15. The lineup is expected to include two smartphones: the Oppo F33 Pro and the Oppo F33. With this series, the company seems to be focusing more on durability and toughness. Ahead of the launch, Oppo has confirmed that the upcoming devices will be IP69K-certified, meaning they can withstand high-pressure and high-temperature water exposure. The military-grade

durability is also expected to help protect the handsets from accidental drops and slips. IP69K is considered a top-tier certification for resistance against water and dust. With this rating, the Oppo F33 series can withstand high-pressure washing, including exposure to pressurised water jets from multiple directions. These smartphones could be a suitable choice for individuals who work in open environments, such as construction or farming. Along

with the IP69K rating, the smartphone will come with an aerospace-grade AM04 aluminium alloy frame. This frame will come with an AGC DT-STAR D+ screen protection. An "airbag" cushioning system within the frame uses foam and silicone pads to absorb impact and protect key components, including the camera, speakers, and battery. To power the smartphones, a 7000mAh battery will be inside the device. The F33 lineup will be

supported by 80W SuperVOOC Flash charging. The company claimed the battery can retain up to 80% of its capacity even after 1,830 full charge cycles, equivalent to around five years of daily use. In terms of optics, Oppo has confirmed earlier through a teaser that the Oppo F33 Pro will ship with a 50-megapixel primary camera along with AI imaging features like AI Groupie Expert and AI Portrait Glow. On the front, the smartphone will have

CMF Phone 3 Pro launch tipped, leak says it will have this Qualcomm chipset

New Delhi: Nothing's spin-off brand, CMF, is reportedly working on the CMF Phone 3 Pro. The smartphone is expected to succeed the CMF Phone 2 Pro, which was launched in April last year. A fresh rumour now suggests that the Phone 3 Pro could arrive as early as the end of this month or in May. However, the company has yet to officially confirm these claims. Nothing CMF Phone 3 Pro expected specs and features According to a report by Android Headlines, the CMF Phone 3 Pro is expected to be powered by the Snapdragon 7s Gen 4 processor. If true, this would mark a notable shift from MediaTek to Qualcomm, as last year's model featured the Dimensity 7300 Pro

chipset. The smartphone is also expected to pack a battery between 5,400mAh and 5,500mAh, a slight upgrade over the 5,000mAh unit on its predecessor, the CMF Phone 2 Pro. Additionally, the device is likely to support faster charging. While the previous model offered 33W charging, the upcoming CMF Phone 3 Pro is said to feature 45W wired charging support. The earlier device also supported 5W reverse wired charging, but details about this feature on the new model remain unclear. In terms of display, the CMF Phone 3 Pro is expected to feature an AMOLED display, offering a 2392 x 1080 resolution. It may have a punch-hole



selfie camera on the front centered up top. The report also suggests that CMF's new smartphone will feature a metal frame, unlike its predecessor, the CMF Phone 2 Pro, which has a plastic frame. It also hints at some changes to the rear design, while the overall look is expected to remain largely the same. A hand-drawn sketch of the back panel shows two vertically aligned camera

sensors on the left, with a third camera placed slightly apart. The position of the flashlight also appears to have been changed. For context, the CMF Phone 2 Pro features a 6.77-inch AMOLED display with a 120Hz refresh rate and peak brightness of up to 3,000 nits. Under the hood, it is powered by the MediaTek Dimensity 7300 Pro chipset, paired with up to 8GB RAM.

Elon Musk says WhatsApp cannot be trusted on privacy, WhatsApp terms it untrue

New Delhi: Earlier this year, Meta found itself facing a major class-action lawsuit in a US court. The suit alleges that WhatsApp misled users with its end-to-end encryption claims while secretly enabling access to private messages. While Meta has strongly denied the allegations, the controversy is again gaining traction on X, with Elon Musk outright calling WhatsApp unsafe for users, reigniting his longstanding feud with Mark Zuckerberg and the broader debate around messaging privacy. Replying to a viral post highlighting the ongoing legal case, Musk wrote, "Can't trust WhatsApp." In another post, he urged users to shift to his own platform, X, for more secure

audio and video calls. This isn't the first time we have seen Musk taking shots at Meta. He has often criticised Zuckerberg and his company's platform, while also promoting X Chat as a more secure and private alternative. And the ongoing lawsuit has given another reason to Musk to call out his competitor. But this time Musk is not alone. In the viral thread, Telegram CEO Pavel Durov also criticised WhatsApp. He claimed the app's encryption could be misleading and accused it of sharing user data with third parties. "WhatsApp's 'encryption' may be the biggest consumer fraud in history — deceiving billions of users. Despite its claims, it reads messages and shares them



with third parties. Telegram has never done this — and never will," he wrote on X. However, it's worth noting that Telegram does not offer end-to-end encryption by default. Its standard chats are cloud-based, meaning messages are stored on Telegram servers. Only its "Secret Chats" feature uses full end-to-end encryption, making its privacy model fundamentally different,

and less robust — at least in theory — than WhatsApp's default encryption system. Lawsuit against WhatsApp Coming back to the controversy, at the centre of the issue is the class-action lawsuit alleging that WhatsApp allows employees, contractors, and third parties to access private messages. The complaint claims that internal systems at Meta, the parent company

Calligraphy catches on in city schools

Demand picks up for workshops, basic short-term courses to learn the ancient art



The ornate art of lettering was on the verge of losing its sheen and identity, until a few city-based calligraphers took it upon themselves to take the art to school children. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

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Calligraphy, the beautiful handwriting art, has now reached schools through workshops and a short or long term course. Students are now learning decorative writing from experts to improve their handwriting skills as well as to give a beautiful look to their project work.

Till a few years ago, the ornate art of lettering was on the verge of losing its sheen and identity, until a few city-based calligraphers took it upon themselves to take the art to the school children.

"We reached out to several schools and offered to teach the students the art of calligraphy, and the school managements replied positively. Now we conduct of-line workshops and basic short-term courses for children in the schools to help them learn the ancient art,"

said Mohd Zahid Akram, of Zahid's Calligraphy Studio Quli Qutb Shahi Nagar, near Golconda.

The word Calligraphy originates from the Greek terms kallos (beauty) and graphein (to write), literally translating to "beautiful writing". The art focuses on expressive, harmonious, and skillful letterforms created using specialised pens, brushes, or digital instruments.

"Unlike everyday handwriting or cursive, calligraphy involves lifting the writing instrument between strokes and varying the pressure to create thick down strokes and thin upstrokes. A different set of pens is used in calligraphy, and learning is not an expensive affair," said Arif Ahmed, a calligrapher.

These days there are only a few learners for Urdu and Arabic language calligraphy, and the number is quite high for English calligraphy,

he added. After the large-scale use of computers and laptops, the demand for professional calligraphers has come down. "Previously, people learned calligraphy to become a professional and earn their livelihood. It is not just for passion; people are learning," said Arif.

In the Chatta Bazar, a market in the Old City which is famous for its printing press where wedding cards are printed, there are quite a handful of calligraphers.

The artists here take up various projects such as writing religious texts, wedding invitations, and decorative frames.

"When it comes to lettering the wedding invitations, people bargain a lot. The wedding invitation card costs Rs 200 to Rs 300 each, but people hesitate to pay Rs 10 per card to the calligrapher," complains Tajamul Khan, a calligrapher at Chatta Bazaar.

Japanese Ice Block experience at Et-Si



Melting ice gradually transforms the flavour profile of the drink.

RUCHI RAI AGARWAL
Hyderabad

Ice in coffee has always been common, but what if your coffee was served inside ice itself?

Inspired by Japan's evolving cafe culture, Hyderabad's Et-Si has introduced the city's first Japanese Ice Block experience, where beverages are poured into handcrafted crystal-clear ice glasses.

The concept draws inspiration from cafes across Tokyo and Osaka, where visually striking iced beverages featuring coffee, matcha and

flavoured ice blocks have become increasingly popular. Unlike regular iced drinks, the flavour of the beverage gradually changes as the ice slowly melts, creating a more immersive and interactive cafe experience.

"I was fascinated by the visual appeal and evolving taste experience that these ice block drinks offered in Japan, and wanted to bring concept to Hyderabad by blending desserts and beverages into something bold and unique," says Anju Narang, founder of Et-Si. The cafe introduced com-

UoH: Walk-ins for contractual teaching staff

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The University of Hyderabad (UoH) has announced walk-in interviews for the recruitment of various teaching positions and a counsellor at the UoH campus school. These positions are purely on a contractual basis for a tenure of six months, spanning from June 22, 2026, to December 26, 2026.

A total of 25 vacancies - 1 PGT, 13 PGT, 10 PRT and counsellor - are available for candidates under 65 years of age. Interviews at UoH campus are scheduled from June 9 to 11.

Interested candidates must carry two copies of their filled-in application form, two recent passport-size photographs, documentary proof of residence, and a set of self-attested copies of all educational, reservation (SC/ST/OBC/EWS), and experience certificates. Original documents must be produced for verification. For further enquiries, email: principaluh@uohyd.ac.in.

Indian students prioritise job prospects overseas

Visa challenges weigh decision-making

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Amid ongoing layoffs and shifts in the global job market, Indian students are increasingly prioritising employment opportunities after graduation when opting for foreign universities.

A recent survey has revealed that 41% of the respondents consider career outcomes after graduation as the leading measure of value for money. It is ahead of teaching quality (31%) and gaining industry-aligned skills (27%).

In addition to career outcomes, the IDP Education in its latest edition of Emerging Futures - Voice of the International Student research report also highlighted how affordability and visa certainty are influencing Indian students' decisions to study overseas.

Affordability pressures continue to influence students' decisions on international education. A total of

43% of Indian students who are no longer pursuing overseas education said tuition costs were beyond their financial reach, and 32% cited rising living expenses as a key barrier.

Further, the research highlighted that 28% of respondents identified visa-related difficulties as a major challenge. It also highlighted how Indian students are focused on their destination choices earlier in the decision-making journey, with the number of students considering only one country increased from 19% to 22%. IDP Education said students today are placing greater emphasis on outcomes, employability, affordability and certainty while making destination choices. "Their destination choices have become more focused and depend on long-term return on investment. This indicates a clear shift towards more informed and outcome-driven decision-making, where stu-

dents are assessing destinations not only on academic reputation, but also on long-term career value, financial preparedness and confidence in post-study pathways," it added.

According to research, traditional destinations - Australia, UK, USA and Canada - continue to lead first-choice preferences.

Indian students considering the UK placed greater emphasis on high-quality teaching and academic support (39%), while those considering Australia prioritised industry-aligned skills and knowledge (29%) along with strong career outcomes after graduation (42%). Canada is associated with course-related work opportunities (29%), while the USA stood out for career connections and networks (34%) and career outcomes (46%). New Zealand recorded the association with post-study work rights (34%) and career outcomes after graduation (48%).

AT ITS OWN PACE



A peahen enjoys a stroll on a quiet road with greenery on both sides, in city on Tuesday. — Photo: Surya Sridhar

Online MBA programme

DY Patil Deemed to be University Online has announced the launch of its online MBA in Product Management, aimed at preparing professionals for the evolving digital and product-led economy. The university has also launched two additional future-focused programmes: Online MBA in Fintech & Digital Banking and Online MCA in Applied AI and Modern Computing. For more information, visit the website <https://www.dy-patiledu.com/>.

Green Gold TV launched

Green Gold Animation, creators of original animated entertainment, launched its dedicated Free Ad-Supported Streaming Television (FAST) channel, Green Gold TV, on Samsung TV Plus. Available to Samsung TV households, the channel offers a seamless, always-on viewing experience for families without any subscription or login requirements. It brings a curated line-up of popular titles such as Mighty Raju, Super Bheem, Krishna Balram, Krishna, Chorr Police, and Luv Kushh.

AESL students shine in JEE Advanced with top national ranks

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

Aakash Educational Services Limited (AESL) announced an outstanding performance in JEE Advanced 2026, with students securing top ranks at both the national and state levels.

At the national level, AESL students have secured 9 ranks in Top 100, including AIRs 4, 17, 35, 42, 52, 59, 63, 86, and 94. In Telangana, Mohit Shekhar Shukla emerged as the State's top performer by securing AIR

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4 with a score of 319 marks. Telangana students from AESL delivered an impressive performance, with 2 students securing ranks within the Top 100, 3 students within the Top 200,

and 8 students within AIR 1,000. Other achievers from Telangana include Jayanth Shekhar (AIR 94, 276 marks), Hanzalah Abedeen (AIR 105, 274 marks), Shiva Tejanshu A (AIR 374, 241 marks), A Chaitanya (AIR 634, 225 marks), Rishit (AIR 676, 223 marks), Deepak Nikethan Karthick (AIR 799, 218 marks), Abhijeet Reddy (AIR 844, 217 marks).

Dheeraj Kumar Misra, Chief Academic & Business Head, AESL, said, "We wish all the successful candidates the very best."

BheD Chāl wins top honour in Argentina

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

'BheD Chāl' (Herd Walk), a documentary directed by Hyderabad-based filmmaker Ankit Pogula, was recently declared the Best Film at the Pasturas Film Festival 2026 in Mendoza, Argentina.

The documentary is set in northern Karnataka and follows two Kuruba shepherds as they narrate their lived relationship with sheep, land and community. Told entirely in the shepherds' own voices, the film re-frames sustainability not as a policy abstraction, but as a daily and practised way of life. According to the film crew, what makes 'BheD Chāl' distinct is its first-



Ankit Pogula's documentary won at Pasturas Film Festival 2026.



screened at prominent film festivals, including MIFF, IDSFFK, FSA and DokuBaku.

Ankit is an award-winning documentary filmmaker and the founder of Tuning Fork Films. A graduate of the Mass Communication Research Centre (MCRC), Jamia Millia Islamia, New Delhi, he has been creating impactful and socially relevant films since 2004. Over the years, Ankit has collaborated with leading national and international organisations, including the British Council, TERI, Tata Trusts and the Azim Premji Foundation, producing films and media projects focused on education, sustainability and social development.

son narration, with no experts or external interpretation, relying solely on lived experience. The documentary also emphasises authenticity over advocacy and strikes a balance between emotional and analytical storytelling, using personal narratives to highlight

broader sustainability challenges. The film won the Best Documentary on Nature Award at the DokuBaku International Film Festival in Baku, Azerbaijan, and was shortlisted by the Green Film Network, often referred to as the "Green Oscars". It has also been

India tightens visa stay rules

NEW DELHI

Foreigners coming to India on a visa for 180 days or less will now have to register themselves "any time before the expiry of the said period of 180 days" in case they want to stay beyond the visa period, according to changes in the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025 notified by the union Home Ministry.

The new provision, notified on Monday, will replace the previous rule that required the registration "within fourteen days after the expiry of one hundred and eighty days of arrival in India". "... the Immigration and Foreigners Rules, 2025 (hereinafter referred to as

the said rules), in rule 12, (a) in sub-rule (1), (i) in the third proviso, for the words "within fourteen days after the expiry of one hundred and eighty days of arrival in India", the words "any time before the expiry of the said period of one hundred and eighty days" shall be substituted," the notification published in the gazette said. Foreigners on a visa for more than 180 days with a stipulation that "each stay shall not exceed 180 days" and who wish to stay in India beyond that period on any single occasion or in the aggregate in a calendar year shall have to register "any time before the expiry of 180 days". The new rule has now made it clear that such

registration will now be granted "only in emergent circumstances".

The new rules also provide slight relief to children born to parents where either or both parents are foreigners. Previous rules stipulated that upon the birth of the child in such cases, parents had to electronically intimate the registration officer within 30 days for availing visa services, including the grant of new visa and exit permission on the designated online portal or the mobile application.

This sub-rule shall not apply in cases wherein either of the parents is an Indian citizen and such parent wishes to retain the Indian citizenship of the child. PTI

JNTU results

CITY BUREAU
Hyderabad

The Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University (JNTU)-Hyderabad on Tuesday declared the BTech III Year II Semester regular and supplementary examination results for April 2026.

A total of 19,735 students from affiliated colleges registered for the examinations, of whom 18,523 appeared and 11,253 passed, recording a pass percentage of 60.75, according to a press release.

The results have been made available on the JNTU-Hyd website, <https://jntuhresults.in/>, the release added.

BBL: ANDREW FLINTOFF NAMED SYDNEY THUNDER'S HEAD COACH

New Delhi, June 2 : Sydney Thunder has secured one of the most high-profile coaching appointments in Big Bash League history, naming former England captain Andrew Flintoff as the club's head coach through to the end of BBL 17. Flintoff succeeds Trevor Bayliss, who stepped down in February after six seasons in charge. The appointment marks Flintoff's return to the Big Bash for the first time in more than a decade, having previously featured as a player during BBL 4. He represented England 272 times across formats and remains best remembered for his inspirational performances during the 2005 Ashes series, when he helped England reclaim the urn after an 18-year wait. Since moving into coaching, the 48-year-old has worked with the England Lions during their recent tour of Australia and has been credited with helping nurture emerging talent within the English system. Flintoff also oversaw a dramatic turnaround at Northern Superchargers in The Hundred, leading the side from the foot of the table to back-to-back top-four finishes. Speaking after his appointment, Flintoff said he sees enormous potential within the Thunder setup and is eager to begin work with the squad. "I can't wait to get over there and get started. I'm looking at this with a lot of optimism. You look at the franchise, you look at the players, you look at the support, and I think there's something really big to build on. You look at the squad and it's a real nice mix. You've got David Warner, Chris Green, Daniel Sams - some of these older guys are established cricketers, and you just want to provide an environment where they can go out there and flourish. We've seen how good they are. I saw Sam Konstas play against England under 19's, against one of my lads - incredible talent. Matthew Gilkes and Tanveer Sangha are the same," Flintoff said.

He highlighted the blend of experience and youth within the squad, pointing to senior leaders such as David Warner, Chris Green and Daniel Sams, while also expressing excitement about emerging talents including Sam Konstas and Tanveer Sangha. Beyond results, the former England skipper outlined a broader vision focused on culture, connection and commitment. "I want our players to connect with the people that come and see us. I want them to enjoy playing cricket. However, all that is underpinned by hard work... I want them to play with passion and leave everything out there on the field. You look around the world now and everyone gets the opportunity to play for all different teams but one of my aims over the time with Sydney Thunder is that every player looks back thinking "that's the best part of the year, that's a team that I want to play for. I'm excited to come over, get involved and coach this team."

arrived at the crease," Tendulkar said in a post on Reddit. The 15-year-old went on to be the top run-scorer in the tournament and one of the biggest success stories. The former India skipper was more amazed by the young boy's temperament during the playoffs: "His ability to score quickly in the Eliminator and Qualifier proved his intent was always the same, even as the stakes were high. Even more importantly, his batting seemed to give Rajasthan Royals an added sense of belief every time he walked out to the middle." Tendulkar also cited the dismissal of Jos Buttler by Josh Hazlewood in the 1st qualifier between RCB and RR, to highlight an instance of brilliant game awareness by a bowler: "Josh Hazlewood's dismissal of Jos Buttler in the 5th over of the 1st Qualifier showed the value of deception. Buttler had hit deliveries for a 4, 6, and a 4, and once a bat-

ter settles into a rhythm like that, he often tends to commit early." He elaborated on this: "What made the wicket special was how he subtly slowed down the next delivery by 10 km/hr, and Buttler had already gone through his shot by the time the ball reached him," the batting maestro said. Looking at the eventual champions, RCB, Tendulkar noted how their win was an all-round effort. "Every successful team develops an identity over the course of a campaign. RCB's identity seemed to be built around shared responsibility." He reserved high praise for

captain Rajat Patidar. "Rajat Patidar led from the front right through, but more importantly, he helped create an environment where others could do the same. The balance between leadership and contribution was an important part of them going all the way to yet another final," he said. The legendary batsman, however, suggested a change to the rules, keeping in mind the course of most of the games in the season. "One trend that I observed through this season was how many games were decided between overs 7 and 15. Teams are now much better prepared for Power-



plays and death overs than before." Tendulkar suggested the splitting of the powerplay: "I feel the Power-play needs to be split into two parts. First 4 overs as the batting Power-play and two overs of bowling Power-play, which could be utilised at any point in the innings. If implemented, this could become the most strategic phase of T20 cricket," he said. Tendulkar was also full of praise for Punjab Kings for their attitude, despite failing to win the trophy: "Punjab Kings brought wonderful energy to the tournament. Their cricket was positive, brave, and at times game-changing." According to him, the lesson learned from Punjab's season was to strike a balance between process and results: "Momentum plays a big part in lengthy tournaments, and eventually in such a quick tournament it comes down to process and not attaching yourself to the results."

BCCI APPOINTS SAIRAJ BAHUTULE AS INDIA'S SPIN BOWLING COACH



as a player was a matter of immense pride, and the opportunity to contribute to Indian Cricket once again in a coaching capacity is deeply special. I look forward to working with the players and supporting the team's pursuit of excellence across formats," he said. After retiring, Bahutule became one of Indian cricket's most respected coaches. He held head coaching positions with Vidarbha, Kerala, Gujarat, and Bengal. He also served as a spin-bowling coach for IPL teams like Rajasthan Royals and Punjab Kings. His work in developing talent has been significant, including his role as bowling coach during India's successful ICC Under-19 Men's Cricket World Cup campaign in 2022 and as part of the coaching staff for the 2024 edition. Bahutule also worked closely with India A and the senior men's team as a specialist bowling coach on several occasions. From 2021 to 2024, he was an essential part of the coaching staff at the BCCI's National Cricket Academy, now known as the Centre of Excellence, where he helped nurture

Mumbai, June 2 : The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) on Tuesday announced the appointment of former India all-rounder Sairaj Bahutule as the spin bowling coach of the senior men's national team. He will guide India's next generation of spinners across formats. "The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is pleased to announce the appointment

of Mr Sairaj Bahutule as the Spin Bowling Coach of the Indian Cricket Team (Senior Men)," BCCI said in a statement. Bahutule, who played for India in two Tests and eight One-Day Internationals, steps into this role after gaining extensive coaching experience in domestic, pathway, and international cricket. The former Mumbai player had a notable first-class career lasting

nearly two decades, during which he scored 6,176 runs and took 630 wickets, earning a reputation as one of the best all-rounders in the domestic circuit. Reacting to his appointment, Bahutule expressed pride in getting another chance to serve Indian cricket. "It is a tremendous honour to be appointed as the Spin Bowling Coach of the Indian Men's Cricket Team. Representing India

Team India arrive in Mullanpur for one-off Test against Afghanistan



New Chandigarh, June 2 : The Indian team arrived in the city on Tuesday ahead of their one-off Test against Afghanistan to be played at the Maharaja Yadavindra Singh International Cricket Stadium in Mullanpur locality of New Chandigarh from Saturday. With this match, the Shubman Gill-led side is set to return to red-ball cricket after the conclusion of the Indian Premier League (IPL) 2026. The Indian squad reached the city and was seen arriving at the team hotel as preparations began for the Test scheduled at the PCA New Chandigarh Stadium from June 6. Cap-

tain Shubman Gill led the contingent, while newly-appointed vice-captain KL Rahul, wicketkeeper-batter Rishabh Pant, and all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy were among the players spotted with the squad. The match will mark India's first Test appearance since their 2-0 home series defeat to South Africa last year. Although the Afghanistan Test is not part of the ongoing World Test Championship (WTC) cycle, it serves as an important fixture for India as they gear up for upcoming overseas assignments in Sri Lanka and New Zealand later this year. India will be hoping to use

the match to regain momentum in the longest format, with a squad that blends experienced campaigners and promising young talent. The team is expected to begin training sessions in the coming days as it fine-tunes preparations for the encounter. For Afghanistan, the match presents another valuable opportunity to test themselves against one of the world's strongest Test sides. The visitors have steadily gained experience in the format and will look to put up a competitive performance against the hosts. India and Afghanistan have met only once previously in Test cricket. Their maiden

encounter came at Bengaluru's M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in 2018, when Afghanistan made their Test debut. India dominated the contest, securing victory by an innings and 262 runs inside two days. The one-off fixture will also be the first red-ball meeting between the two sides since that historic clash eight years ago. India Test squad: Shubman Gill (c), Yashasvi Jaiswal, KL Rahul (vc), Sai Sudharsan, Rishabh Pant (wk), Devdutt Padikkal, Nitish Kumar Reddy, Washington Sundar, Kuldeep Yadav, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Manav Suthar, Gurnoor Brar etc.

VICTORIAN BBL SHAKE-UP LOOMS AS MELBOURNE STARS AND RENEGADES SET FOR MERGER: REPORT

New Delhi, June 2 : A major restructuring of the Victorian franchises in the Big Bash League (BBL) is underway, with the Melbourne Stars and Melbourne Renegades reportedly poised to be merged into a single franchise as part of broader changes linked to Cricket Australia's privatisation plans. Cricket Victoria staff were informed on Tuesday that the state's two BBL clubs will be consolidated into one Melbourne-based team, bringing an end to a decade-long city rivalry that has been a central feature of the competition since its inception. According to Sen.com.au, the newly formed franchise is expected to be based at the Melbourne Cricket Ground and operate under the name "Melbourne", although discussions are continuing regarding a permanent nickname and branding. Sources indicate the club is likely to adopt navy blue as its primary colour. The move is understood to be part of a wider strategy that will



see Cricket Victoria retain one BBL licence while committing to the sale of its second licence. The timing of that sale remains uncertain and will largely depend on processes overseen by Cricket Australia. Industry sources familiar with the discussions believe the second Victorian licence could be put on the market as soon as practicable, although questions remain over potential contingencies should a sale not proceed as planned. The merger also

raises immediate questions regarding player contracts and squad composition. While the finer details are yet to be resolved, it is expected that the 10 contracted players from each existing franchise will form the foundation of the new Melbourne squad. Notably, players reportedly were not formally informed of the developments on Tuesday, despite Cricket Victoria staff receiving updates earlier in the day. Several players

FIFA 2026 EXPLAINED: HOW THE 48-TEAM WORLD CUP WILL WORK

New Delhi, June 2 : The FIFA World Cup 2026 will mark the beginning of a completely new era in international football as the tournament expands from 32 teams to 48 teams for the first time in history. The tournament, which begins on June 11, will be jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It will also be the biggest World Cup ever organised, in terms of both the number of participating nations and the number of matches. For football fans, the new format may appear confusing at first, but FIFA believes the changes will make the competition more inclusive and global. Under the previous system, 32 teams were divided into eight groups of four teams each.

The top two teams from every group advanced to the Round of 16 before the knockout stages began. For FIFA 2026, the 48 participating nations will now be divided into 12 groups of four teams each. Every team will continue to play three group-stage matches. The top two teams from each group, along with the eight best third-placed teams, will qualify for the knockout rounds. This means 32 teams will enter the knockout stage instead of 16 under the older format. As a result, the tournament will now feature an additional knockout round called the Round of 32 before progressing to the Round of 16, quarterfinals, semifinals, and final. The total number of matches has increased



from 64 to 104, while the competition itself will run for almost six weeks. The increase in slots have benefited many nations who are making a comeback in the multinational tournament after a long gap. Iraq is returning to the tournament after 40 years. Scotland will play their first World Cup in 28 years. There are 16 stadiums across the three countries, which have the hosting rights, including 11 in the USA, three in

Mexico, and two in Canada. The United States will host most of the matches, including the final, while Canada and Mexico will also stage games during the tournament. Mexico will become the first nation to host matches in three separate World Cups after previously organising editions in 1970 and 1986. Apart from football, FIFA 2026 is expected to become one of the biggest sporting events in history in terms of revenue,