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WEATHER

Forecast : Rain
Temperature : 29° / 25°
Humidity : 65 %
Sunrise : 5:45 AM
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Two people, stray dog burnt alive as HT wires snap in Hyderabad

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, June 15 : In a tragic incident, two people and a stray dog were burnt alive after high-tension electric wires snapped at Sagar Ring Road in LB Nagar during the early hours of Sunday.

According to police, the accident occurred when 11 KV wires suddenly broke and fell on the roadside where the victims were sleeping. Upon receiving information, the LB Nagar police alerted electricity authorities and averted a major disaster by ensuring the immediate shutdown of the power supply.

While the victims were identified as beggars, their full identities are yet to be ascertained. Their bodies have been shifted to Osmania Hospital for post-mortem.

TG Government signs MoU with 6 prominent NGOs in country

- **NGOs offer state of the art technology to improve educational standards in government schools**
- **Students to undergo training to crack NEET, JEET & other competitive exams**



(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, June 15 : In a significant step to improve teaching facilities in all government schools, Telangana State Education Department has signed MoUs with prominent NGOs in the presence of Chief Minister Sri A Revanth Reddy today. As part of the MoU, the NGOs will provide state-of-the-art technology teaching services free of cost to the students in government schools.

The government partnered with 6 reputed organizations at national and international level

to offer advanced Ed Tech facilities in government schools.

Nandan Nilekani-led Ek-Step Foundation, Prajwala Foundation run by Dr. Sunita Krishnan, Alak Pandey's Physics Wala, Khan Academy, Shoaib Dar-led Pi Jam Foundation and Safina Hussain's Educate Girls are the prominent organisations which came forward to offer their expertise in providing quality education by leveraging technology to students in government schools.

Enchanted by the welfare and development programmes

implemented by the People's Government, these organisations came forward and joined hands with the government.

The decision to seek the help of noted organisations was taken in line with the Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's idea of improving educational standards in the state. The state government strongly believes that partnering with India's renowned organizations will bring a revolutionary change in the education sector in the country.

The EkStep Foundation, run by Nandan Nilekani, is al-

ready working in 540 schools with an artificial intelligence-based platform. Now, the organisation will offer services in more than 5,000 primary schools in 33 districts. The organization provides Telugu and English languages as well as Maths basics from class 3 to 5th standard.

Physics Wala will provide coaching to Inter students for NEET, JEE and CLAT exams. It also provides free training to students from the school level for competitive exams.

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Local body polls in Telangana soon: Minister Ponguleti says notification by month-end

(Capital Information)

Khammam, June 15 : Telangana Revenue, Housing and Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy on Sunday announced that the field is ready for the local body elections in the state.

He said the election notification is expected to be issued by the end of June, and a cabinet decision on the schedule will be taken on June 16.

The MPTC and ZPTC elections will be held first, followed by Sarpanch and Municipal elections.



Speaking to party leaders at the Kusumanchi MLA camp office in Khammam district, the Minister stressed the need for unity among local leaders and urged them to resolve public issues on priority. He added that

candidates will be selected based on reservation and their winning chances.

As a part of development programmes in the Paleru constituency, the Minister participated in the Eruvaka (starting of cultivation) celebrations and extended greetings to farmers.

He highlighted that under the Indiramma government scheme, all eligible farmers will receive Rythu Bharosha (investment support) of Rs 12,000 per acre starting June 16, up from the previous Rs 10,000. He also stated that Rs 21,000 crore in farm loans have been

waived, surpassing the previous government's Rs 17,000 crore waiver.

Ponguleti assured that Rythu Bharosha will be provided for the third time from tomorrow and emphasised the government's commitment to delivering free electricity, quality seeds, and fertilizers to farmers.

He criticised the previous government for abandoning irrigation projects like Sitarama and Kaleshwaram and vowed that the current administration will complete them to ensure water for every acre.



Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary meets Telangana CM Revanth Reddy

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, June 15 : Union Minister for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Jayant Chaudhary met Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy at his residence in Jubilee Hills on Sunday.

The two leaders held discussions on a range of issues related to enhancing skill development in the state.

During the meeting, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy briefed the Union Minister on the various measures being undertaken by the state government to boost skill training and create employment opportunities for youth. He highlighted the initiatives aimed at aligning skill development programs with industry needs.

The Union Minister congratulated the state government on the establishment of a dedicated Skill University, acknowledging it as a significant step towards empowering the youth and strengthening the workforce. He assured the Centre's full cooperation and support in advancing skill development in Telangana.

Minister Jayant Chaudhary is in Hyderabad to participate in the Kaushal Mandan program scheduled to be held tomorrow, a statement said.



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Blood donation camp held to mark Dy CM Bhatti Vikramarka's birthday

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, June 15 : A blood donation camp was organised at Gandhi Bhavan on Sunday to celebrate the birthday of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka.

The event was held under the leadership of DCC President and Corporation Chairman Challa Narasimha Reddy.

The program saw participation from TPCC Vice President Venu Goud, several corporation chairmen, senior Congress leaders, and a large number of party activists.

The leaders cut a cake and extended warm birthday wishes to the Deputy CM, raising slogans such as "Long live Bhatti Vikramarka" and "Long live Congress Party."

Speaking on the occasion, party leaders hailed Bhatti Vikra-



marka as a dedicated public servant and praised his tireless efforts for the welfare of the people. "His 4,000-kilometre padayatra played a key role in bringing the Congress back to power in Telangana," they noted.

They described blood donation as the "greatest of all donations" and said the camp

reflected Bhatti Vikramarka's commitment to service. Warm birthday wishes were extended on behalf of the people

of Telangana, acknowledging his contributions to the state's development alongside Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud, and other cabinet colleagues.

Harish Rao urges united stand on Godavari-Banakacherla Link Project

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, June 15 : Former Minister and senior BRS leader T Harish Rao has written a letter to Telangana Irrigation Minister N Uttam Kumar Reddy, extending support and congratulating him for opposing the Centre's approval of the preliminary report on the controversial Godavari-Banakacherla Link Project proposed by the Andhra Pradesh government.

Harish Rao pointed out that under the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, any new irrigation project must first secure approvals from the Godavari and Krishna River Management Boards and then from the Apex Council.

He alleged that the Andhra



Pradesh government is proceeding unilaterally on the project without informing either Telangana or the statutory boards.

He expressed concern that tenders for the project may be

called soon, bypassing required procedures and stakeholder consultations.

Urging swift intervention, he appealed to the Union Jal Shakti Minister to immediately convene an Apex Council meeting to dis-

cuss the issue, highlighting Andhra Pradesh's violation of the Bifurcation Act.

Emphasising that the matter involves the broader interests of Telangana, Harish Rao requested that an all-party meeting be convened at the earliest without political bias, or alternatively, a special session of the Telangana Legislative Assembly be held to arrive at a consensus-based policy decision.

Assuring full support, Harish Rao said the BRS will stand with the government on this issue, placing state interests above politics. He urged Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to take appropriate and urgent action to safeguard Telangana's irrigation rights and resources.

Telangana Govt accelerates land issue resolution; Minister Ponguleti sets August 15 deadline

(Capital Information)

Hyderabad, June 15 : Telangana Revenue, Housing, Information and Public Relations Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has directed officials to resolve land-related applications filed by farmers during ongoing revenue meetings across the state, excluding the Hyderabad district.

These meetings, held since June 3, have covered 7,578 villages in 561 mandals and received 4.61 lakh applications. The initiative will continue until June 20.

Reviewing the progress

on Sunday, the Minister emphasised a humanitarian approach in resolving the applications and instructed speedy redressal. He said the Indiramma government has set a target of resolving all land disputes by August 15, India's Independence Day, and urged field-level officials to work accordingly, an official statement said.

Expressing concern over farmers' hardships due to unresolved land issues over the past decade, Minister Reddy criticized the previous Land Act for forcing farmers into legal battles without fault.



He said the newly introduced Bhu Bharati Act, under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, aims to provide a permanent solution to these problems and must be strictly implemented in the

field.

Highlighting efforts to address long-neglected Naksha villages-areas without survey records-he said a land survey is progressing rapidly in five pilot villages. So far, surveys

have been completed in 1,591 out of 2,988 acres across the villages of Salar Nagar (Mahabubnagar), Kommanapalli (Jagitial), Mulugumada (Khammam), Nuguru (Mulugu), and Shahidnagar (Sangareddy). The Minister instructed officials to complete the remaining work within ten days.

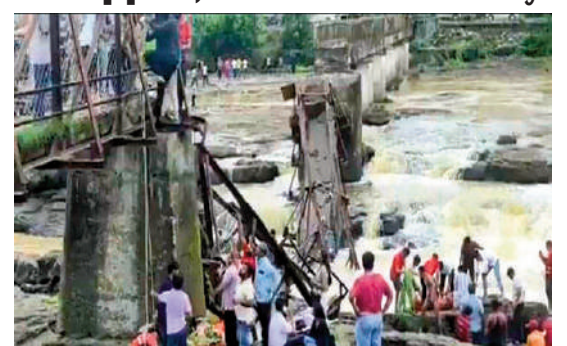
He assured that the surveys are being conducted in the presence of farmers to avoid disputes and ensure accuracy, bringing transparency and clarity in land ownership that will significantly benefit rural landholders.

Pune : Bridge on Indrayani river collapses, 10 to 12 feared trapped, one washed away

Pune, June 15 (UNI) Around 10 to 12 people were feared trapped while one person was washed away in the Indrayani River after an old bridge collapsed today in the famed tourist destination Kundmala in Pune district, police said.

The incident took place around 3.30 pm. Personnel from Talegaon Dabhade police station have reached the spot.

Since it was a Sunday, a large number of tourists were present at the place. Some people



were standing on the bridge. It is not yet clear how many people have drowned.

Initial reports said that around 10 to 12 people

were trapped and one was washed away.

The administration has started rescue operations and 5 persons have been rescued so far, said police.

Maha CM announces Rs 5 lakh compensation to each family of victims of bridge collapse incident

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday announced that the state government will provide financial assistance of Rs five lakh each to the families of those who lost their lives in the bridge collapse incident on the Indrayani river near Talegaon in Pune district.

He said that the state government will also bear the cost for the medical treatment of the injured.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi who is currently in Cyprus, spoke to CM Fadnavis over phone about the bridge collapse near Pune.

He was briefed on ongoing efforts to assist those affected.

Maha: Three died, 7 others injured in road accident at Shirdi

Pune, June 15 (UNI) Three passengers died on the spot and seven others were seriously injured in collision between a private luxury bus and a truck on Kolhar-Ghoti highway near Shirdi in Ahilyanagar district on Sunday.

According to sources in Ahilyanagar police control room, the incident occurred when a private bus heading to Shirdi collided with a mango loaded truck coming from opposite direction on the Kolhar-Ghoti state highway in early hours of the morning.

In this accident, three passengers died on the spot and seven others were seriously injured, who have been admitted to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Of injured persons, condition of two to three people is said to be critical, police said. Police have sent the bodies for post-mortem.

Police have registered a case against the driver of the truck in connection of accident.



Mumbai court sentences man to 20 yrs RI for sexually abusing three minor boys

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) A special POCOS court here has awarded 20 years' imprisonment to a 53-year-old man for his involvement in sexually abusing three minor boys, below age of 12 years, from his housing society in Kandivali area of the city.

While convicting the accused, the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences court also imposed a fine of Rs 50,000, of which Rs 15,000 is to be paid as compensation to one of the victims.

The abuse came to light when one of the victims informed his mother that on December 24, 2018, the accused had lured him with chocolates, blindfolded him under the pretext of playing hide and seek and assaulted him.

The mother lodged a complaint with Charkop police on December 26. Other parents joined her, leading to the arrest of accused the same day. Since the arrest in 2018, the accused languished in jail.

During the trial, the court examined several witnesses including the victims.

During the deposition in court, one victim identified the accused in the court and told the court that he used to play carrom with the accused, who would sometimes reward him after games and then exploit him under the guise of playing hide and seek.

Another victim could not testify as he died before the trial concluded.

AP CM seeks Rs 150 Cr support for HD Burley tobacco procurement

(Capital Information) Vijayawada, June 15 : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu held a crucial discussion with Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal regarding the challenges faced by farmers growing commercial crops and those involved in aquaculture in Andhra Pradesh.

During his visit to AP, the Union Minister met the Chief Minister at the CM's camp office here on Sunday. The two leaders discussed issues such as procurement of HD Burley tobacco, reduction of import duty on crude palm oil, tariffs imposed by the US on aqua exports, and GST reduction on mango pulp.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu explained the

current situation in the state and the hardships being faced by farmers. He also informed the Union Minister about the steps being taken by the state government to address these issues and sought the Centre's cooperation.

Mr. Naidu informed the Union Minister that farmers cultivating HD Burley and White Burley tobacco this season are facing severe difficulties due to falling prices, adding that the state government has already initiated procurement measures and has decided to procure 20 million kg of tobacco at an estimated cost of Rs 300 crore.

He mentioned that seven procurement centres have been set up through the AP Markfed in Bapatla, Guntur,



Palnadu, and Prakasam districts. He requested that Rs 150 crore be provided through the Tobacco Board for procurement.

"Tobacco has been cultivated in 1.31 lakh hectares this year, an increase over the previous year. The reduced international demand for tobacco has led to price

drops, adversely affecting farmers," Naidu explained to Piyush Goyal and urged for amendments to bring tobacco production and marketing fully under the Tobacco Board's purview.

The Chief Minister highlighted that the reduction in import duty on crude palm oil is impacting domestic farm-

ers and pointed out that slashing the duty to 10% is denying palm oil farmers fair prices. Mr.Naidu also urged the Centre to retain the earlier duty structure and noted that the duty cut could hamper the objectives of the National Mission on Edible Oils.

The Chief Minister told the Union Minister that 8 lakh aqua farmers in Andhra Pradesh are suffering due to tariffs imposed by the US on aqua exports and requested that the Centre hold talks with US authorities to reduce the 27% tariff on aqua products.

He appealed to the Centre to take proactive steps to relieve the tariff burden and help aqua farmers recover from this crisis. He also pointed out that hatcheries, feed mills, processing units,

and exporters are all affected by these tariffs.

Mr.Naidu urged the Union Minister to reduce GST on mango pulp from 12% to 5%. He stated that GST on mango jelly

is currently 5%, and a similar rate should apply to mango pulp as well. A GST reduction would benefit both mango farmers and the pulp industry. He mentioned that this issue has already been brought to the attention of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

Union Minister Piyush Goyal responded positively to the Chief Minister's requests. He assured that appropriate steps would be taken to support farmers engaged in tobacco, palm oil, and mango cultivation.

Telangana records landmark legal settlements, cyber refunds worth over Rs 45 cr

(Capital Information) Hyderabad, June 15 : The National Lok Adalat held across Telangana witnessed a remarkable success with the disposal of 1,93,439 cases, including 6,294 cyber fraud cases.

This initiative, conducted as per the directions of the Supreme Court, aimed at amicably settling compoundable cases and offering financial relief to victims, especially those affected by cybercrimes.

The settlement drive, which began on June 9 and culminated on June 14, was coordinated by the Telangana State Legal Services Authority (TSLSA) in collaboration with District Judges, Magistrates, District Legal Services Authorities, Police Commissioners, Superintendents of Police, and the State Cyber Security Bureau.

It addressed a wide range of legal matters, including FIRs, Disaster Management Act violations, petty offences,

and Motor Vehicle Act cases. The state recorded a notable increase in case disposals compared to the previous National Lok Adalat held on March 8, 2025, where 1,83,182 cases were resolved.

Apart from regular legal cases, a significant aspect of this edition of the Lok Adalat was the refund of money to victims of cybercrime. Several police units across Telangana actively worked on refunding amounts that were put on hold in cyber fraud cases.

Hyderabad, Cyberabad, Rachakonda, TGCSB, and Sangareddy were among the top-performing units in facilitating cybercrime-related refunds, which collectively amounted to over Rs 45 crore. This effort not only ensured financial justice but also restored the confidence of the public in the legal and policing system.

The Director General of Police, Telangana Dr Jitender,

appreciated the DIG and DSP of SCRB along with the SCRB team for their dedicated coordination with unit officers under the direct supervision of Ms. Charu Sinha, ADGP, CID.

He also congratulated all Commissioners of Police and Superintendents of Police for their teams' exceptional performance during the Lok Adalat. The success of this initiative is a testament to the effective collaboration between the legal and law enforcement systems, which provided a much-needed platform for citizens to resolve disputes quickly and peacefully.

Officials have urged the public to make full use of the National Lok Adalat mechanism in future as well, emphasizing its role in reducing court burdens, saving time and expenses, and bringing timely resolution and peace of mind to all parties involved, a statement from DGP office said on Sunday.



TG Government signs MoU with 6 prominent NGOs in country

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Khan Academy will offer video-based STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) training in accordance with the curriculum to students from class 6 to 10th standard in the state.

Prajwala Foundation, led by Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, will launch child safety and pro-

tection programs for students from class 6 to class 12 across the state.

Pi Jam Foundation will provide training in coding and computational thinking to students from class 1 to class 10.

Educate Girls will take up the enrollment of over 16,000 out-of-school children to improve literacy and educational

opportunities for girls.

Government Advisor K. Kesava Rao, Education Secretary Yogitharana, CM Special Secretary Ajith Reddy, School Education Director Narasimha Reddy, Director of School Education Naveen Nicholas, Education Department Special Secretary Haritha, Xstep

Foundation CEO Jagadish Babu, Prajwala Foundation Chief Dr. Sunitha Krishnan, Physics Wala Co-Founder Prateek Maheshwari, Khan Academy India MD Swati Vasudevan, Pi Jam Foundation Founder Shoaib Dar, Educate Girls CEO Gayatri Nair Lobo and others are present.



Follow Kabir's teachings, show equal respect for all sections of society, faiths: LG Sinha

Jammu, June 15 (UNI) Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Sunday attended a commemoration event on Sant Kabir Das here at Bishnah.

In his address, the Lieutenant Governor paid homage to Sant Kabir and highlighted his profound societal impact.

"Kabir was an enlightened spiritual master, who had stressed on the idea of the co-existence of faiths - Sarva Dharma Sambhava- and dedicated his life to spread the message of unity, brotherhood and social harmony.

Kabir is epitome of humanity. Kabir is a unique mystic of saints' tradition. Kabir embodies purity of heart. Kabir showers unpar-

alleled bliss and total experience of awareness. Kabir is the fragrance of our eternal values. Kabir is the confluence in which all the ideologies and path of worship meet and merge," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor, in his address, called upon the people to follow the teachings of Sant Kabir and show equal respect for all sections of society and all faiths.

He observed that Sant Kabir's profound message and divine verses, reflecting on various social issues and challenges, are as relevant today as ever.

"India has been home for centuries to seekers from different religions and this spirit



of brotherhood, social and religious diversities have become our strength.

"We must learn from the wisdom of Sant Kabir to preserve and nurture our ancient values, Sanskar of our ancient living civilization and our priceless knowledge system. We must reach out to every

citizen in J&K and inculcate and reinforce these values in new generation," the Lieutenant Governor said.

The Lieutenant Governor also shared the efforts of the J&K Administration, under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, for providing equal opportunities and

dignified life to all citizens.

Responding to the demands, the Lieutenant Governor assured appropriate measures to declare Sant Kabir Das Ji Jayanti as Gazetted holiday. He reiterated that it is the Government of India's commitment to ensure reservation in promotion.

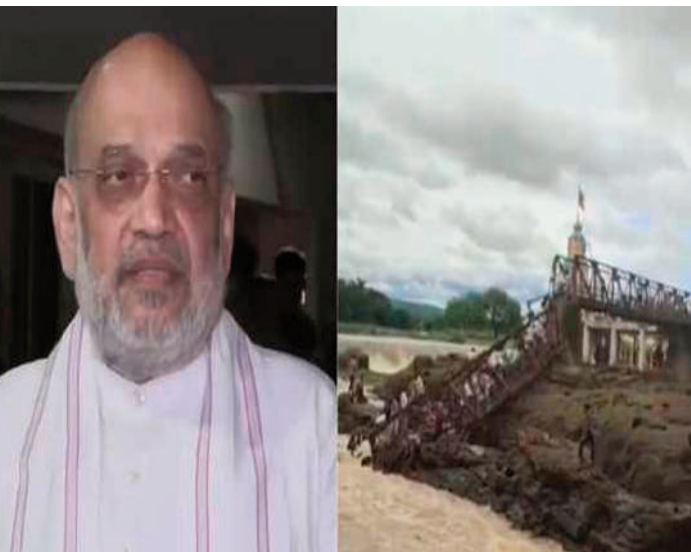
He further assured necessary intervention in meeting the demand for establishing a community hall for Sant Kabir Samaj.

The Lieutenant Governor also spoke on the significant role of Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP) in bringing a new Agriculture revolution in J&K, and transforming the lives of 13 lakh farming families, with dedi-

cated focus on marginal and small farmers.

The past eleven years, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, have marked a period of unprecedented change and growth for Indian agriculture, driven by a holistic vision to make farming more profitable, sustainable, and globally competitive, he further added.

Dr. Rajeev Bhagat, Member of Legislative Assembly, Bishnah; Prof Gharu Ram Bhagat, Member of Legislative Assembly, Suchetgarh; prominent citizens, community leaders, members of various organisations, and people from all walks of life were present on the occasion.



New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday expressed grief over the tragic bridge collapse on the Indrayani River in Talegaon, Pune.

Taking to social media platform X, Shah said that he spoke to Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis and enquired about the situation on the ground.

"Deeply saddened by the tragic incident of the bridge collapse on the Indrayani River in Talegaon, Pune," Shah said.

He said, "Spoke with Maharashtra Chief Minister Shri Devendra Fadnavis and inquired about the present situation on

the ground. NDRF teams posted nearby quickly rushed to the site, joined the rescue operation, and saved several lives with remarkable promptness".

"Heartfelt condolences to the families who have lost their loved ones. Praying for the speedy recov-

ery of the injured," the Home Minister said.

More than 10 people were feared trapped while one person washed away in the Indrayani River after an old bridge collapsed in the famed tourist destination Kundmala in Pune district, police said.



Maha: UBT chief instructs party workers to start preparations to win Brihanmumbai Corporation

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) Shiv Sena (UBT) chief Uddhav Thackeray on Sunday instructed party workers to start preparations to hoist the saffron flag on Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) headquarter.

Addressing the party branch heads here, he said that the executive from the branch head to the group head and polling agent in each branch must be strong, efficient and studious.

He gave special instructions from polling agents to group heads, department heads, branch heads to work hard in view of local body elections in the state.

Every group head must read the voter's list completely and the polling agent must do it from now on.

Thackeray also instructed to Shiv Sainiks and branch heads to work in accordance with the Municipal Corporation.

CM Revanth Reddy vows to bring Hollywood, Bollywood to Hyderabad

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, June 15 : Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has expressed his vision to transform Hyderabad into a global hub for cinema by attracting Hollywood and Bollywood film industries to the city.

He assured that the state government would extend all necessary support to the Telugu film industry and help elevate it to international standards.

Addressing the Telangana Gaddar Film Awards (TGFA)-2024 at Hitex, Madhapur, on Saturday night, the Chief Minister said that his government was committed to the growth of the film industry alongside IT, pharma, and defence sectors as part of its vision for "Telangana Rising - 2047."

He emphasised that Hyderabad aims to compete not with Indian cities, but with



global giants like New York and Tokyo.

During the award ceremony, the Chief Minister presented accolades to prominent film personalities. Allu Arjun was named Best Actor, Nivetha Thomas Best Actress, and Nag Ashwin Best Director. Nandamuri Balakrishna received the NT Rama Rao Award, Vijay Deverakonda the Kantha Rao Film Award, Yandamuri

Veerendranath the Raghu-pathi Venkaiah Award, Mani Ratnam the Paidi Jairaj Award, Sukumar the BN Reddy Award, and Aluri Poornachandra Rao received the Nagireddy-Chakrapani Film Award.

Revanth Reddy expressed pride in the evolution of the Telugu film industry, stating that it is now seen as a representative of Indian cinema on the global stage.

"Earlier, people spoke only of Bollywood. Today, it is a matter of pride that Indian cinema is equated with Telugu cinema," he said.

He announced that the Telangana Gaddar Film Awards would replace the erstwhile Nandi Awards, which were discontinued 14 years ago.

"We revived these awards to honour actors, directors, and all contributors to cinema," the CM said.

He also revealed plans to include a special chapter dedicated to the film industry in Telangana's Vision 2047 document.

"I will remain active in politics for the next 22 years and stand by the film industry, offering all possible support and incentives," he said.

Revanth Reddy urged renowned director S S Rajamouli to bring Hollywood and Bollywood filmmakers to

Hyderabad for film shoots, promising government backing to facilitate such ventures.

The event saw participation from Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, TFDC Chairman Dil Raju, GHMC Mayor Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, and several film industry stalwarts, including Allu Aravind, Ashwini Dutt, R. Narayana Murthy, M.M. Keeravani, S.S. Rajamouli, Chandra Bose, Jayasudha, Jaya Prada, and Suhasini.

The state government also sanctioned Rs 3 crore to the Gaddar Foundation, fulfilling a promise made by the Chief Minister during the Gaddar Jayanti celebrations.

The awards event honoured the best films and talents from 2014 to 2024 and was held from 1800 hours to 2300 hours.



Mopuru pavani memorial Awards

(Capital Information)
Nellore, June 15 : On the occasion of Father's Day today, veteran cartoonist Mopur Ram Seshu's daughter Mopur Pavani Memorial Award was awarded in various fields. Reading, Sports, Scientific music. All rounder. Cash for talented children in classical dance departments. Shaluwa. Honored with a memorial commendation.

In this event, in the field of life education in Jhansi music in Dikshita Dance. Jyotsna as talent in all fields. Rama Seshu Garu Mopu Ru Prasanthi presented awards in the sports industry.

The program was organized by Govindaraju Subhadra Devi. Rama Seshu's mother is Panchala Lakshmi. Poet Mo Puru Narasimham Srinivasan and others participated.
- A. Jayaprakash

Father's Day at Janahitha Vatsalya

(Capital Information)
Nellore, June 15 : In the wake of the center of the center of the Janahitha Vatsalya ashram, the mother who is not educated, the discipline, the spiritual path, the respect of the elders, and the respect of the elders from childhood, and the national level of seats in IIT NITs In the presence of the

students, AP Hansa district presidents Chaserla Sudhakar Rao and Chennai Venkateswara Reddy were honored by members of the Janahitha Vatsalya Executive Committee.

After retiring as the leader of the RTC, the leader of the trade union, volunteering for the advancement of the children in

the Janhitha Vatsalya ashram, and friends are giving a great deal of time to the progress of the friends and the mothers who come to the ashram with the help of the donors who come to the ashram.

Later, Vatsalya Executive Members Chennai Venkateswara Reddy also appreciated their services in the development of ashram children's education.

The event was attended by Human Service Madhava Service Team organizers Arava Parimala and Vatsalya Ashram Donors Raghunatha Raju and Sridhar Reddy.
- A. Jayaprakash



Three-Nation visit an opportunity to muster support against cross-border terrorism : PM

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi who left for a four-day three-nation visit to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia, in his departure statement described the tour as an opportunity to thank partner countries for their steadfast support to India in the fight against cross-border terrorism and galvanize global understanding on tackling terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.

Following is the Prime Minister's departure statement :

"Today, I will embark on a three-nation tour to the Republic of Cyprus, Canada and Croatia.

On June 15-16, I will visit the Republic of Cyprus at the invitation of President H.E. Nikos Christodoulides. Cyprus is a close friend and



an important partner in the Mediterranean region and the EU. The visit provides an opportunity to build upon the historical bonds and expand our ties in the areas of trade, investment, security, technology and promote

sues and the priorities of the Global South. I also look forward to engaging with leaders from partner countries.

On June 18, I look forward to my visit to the Republic of Croatia and meetings with President Zoran Milanovic and Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic. Both our countries enjoy centuries-old close cultural links. As the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia, it will open new avenues for bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest.

This three-nation tour is also an opportunity to thank partner countries for their steadfast support to India in our fight against cross-border terrorism, and to galvanize global understanding on tackling terrorism in all its forms and manifestations.'



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Free International Yoga Day, Mass Yoga Demonstration : M. Vishnuvardhan, Ward Revenue Secretary

(Capital Information)
Nellore, June 15 : Buja Buja Nellore, Ward Secretariat, Community Paramedics and Primary Health Care Providers Welfare Association, Seshu English Medium High School, organized a mass yoga demonstration on the occasion of Free International Yoga Day on the premises of Seshu English Medium School, Buja Buja Nellore on Sunday.

Speaking as the chief guest of the program, Ward Revenue Secretary M. Vishnuvardhan said that in today's modern lifestyle, physical and mental health can be improved by doing yoga. He said that yoga should be a part of everyone's life, and by doing yoga regularly, one can get rid of mental stress and be healthy and cheerful.

He said that regular yoga practice and moderate diet

can improve health and overcome diseases. He said that the use of English medicines used for BP, sugar and thyroid diseases will decrease. Ward Welfare Secretary Sheik Ghaus Basha said that yoga and meditation can bring mental peace to a person, and physical and mental health can be achieved only with yoga. Work Inspector G. Mahesh Rao said that health can be maintained only with

yoga practice, and explained how to do yoga, how to meditate, and how to breathe.

Seshu School Correspondent B. Adishesu, PHP District President Sakarapu Venugopal, TDP leaders Jenny Ramanaiah, Doodala Prasada Rao, retired RTC employee Sai, Doddaka Ramesh, Bairi Sankar Rao and others participated in this program.

- A. JAYAPRAKASH

Guruvayurappan Brahmotsava invitation pamphlets released



(Capital Information)
Nellore, June 15 : The annual Brahmots will be held on Tuesday to Sunday, the temple presidents have said that the Nellore Vedalpalem Sri Swamy Ayyappa Temple will be held at the temple of Sri Guruvayur Mahavishnu.

Speaking at a press conference held at the temple on Sunday, he said on the 17th

morning, the evening of the evening at the evening of the evening at 8.30 am on the 18th of 8.30 am Vehicle service is being held at Vedalpalem.

Thiru Kalyana Mahotsavam Service at 10:30 am on Saturday morning June 22nd morning June 22nd morning Baptism Thirumanjanam, Chakra Bath, Hayagrivaham, Dwadasa worship at

four o'clock in the evening Ilyavalli said that Komandoor will be held under the auspices of the Swamivari.

The meeting was attended by President Gudala Seshagiri Rao, Secretary Kattula Venkataratnam, B Srikanth Reddy, PT Jagannathan, Kathi Mohan Rao, Ramaniah, KG Sankaran and Nageswara Rao.

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Heavy rain likely in Telangana in next 24 hours : Met

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, June 15 : Heavy rain is likely to occur at isolated places in Siddipet, Medchal Malkajigiri, Vikarabad, Sangareddy, and Medak districts of Telangana during the next 24 hours, the Meteorological Centre said on Sunday.

According to a daily weather report, thunderstorms accompanied by lightning and gusty winds with speeds ranging from 30-40 kmph are likely to occur at isolated places in Telangana over the next five days.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are likely to occur at many places or isolated places over the state during the next seven days.

Southwest monsoon has been Weak over Telangana. Heavy rainfall occurred at isolated places in Mulugu and Kumaram Bheem districts of the state during the last 24 hours.

Rain occurred at one or two places over Telangana during the same period, the report added.

Congress voices concerns Over BMC graft, delayed civic polls

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) Mumbai Congress chief Varsha Gaikwad on Sunday called for a detailed white paper on the decisions and functioning of the Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) during the tenure of the incumbent Mahayuti government in Maharashtra.

The Mahayuti coalition, comprising the BJP, Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena, and Ajit Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party, has been governing Maharashtra since June 2022..

Gaikwad condemned the BMC for rampant corruption affecting essential services such as road maintenance, sewer cleaning, healthcare, and education. She highlighted that the BMC has been under an administrative setup for the last three years due to the absence of local body



elections.

She urged the state government to publish a white paper covering the BMC's activities till 2025, pointing out that investigations by the Enforcement Directorate and Maharashtra Anti-Corruption Bureau have only addressed issues up to 2022.

During recent visits to the Deonar dumping ground and Bhabha Hospital, Gaikwad observed severe deficiencies in basic

infrastructure and waste management. She accused the BMC of misappropriating funds, likening their use to party finances, with money being diverted to intermediaries and contractors.

Discussing the upcoming civic elections likely scheduled for later this year, Gaikwad said the Congress continues to highlight public grievances and that alliance decisions will be made by the party's central leadership.

The Congress is part of the opposition alliance Maha Vikas Aghadi, alongside Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT) and Sharad Pawar's NCP (SP).

Thackeray's unified Shiv Sena controlled the BMC until early 2022, after which the corporators' term ended, leaving civic polls overdue since then.



Maha CM Fadnavis mourns Uttarakhand helicopter crash

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis on Sunday expressed grief over the death of all seven people on board a helicopter, ferrying pilgrims from Kedarnath, that crashed near Gaurikund in Uttarakhand Sunday morning.

A toddler was among the deceased. Fadnavis extended his condolences over the loss of lives, particularly the three victims from his state.

In his message on X, he wrote, "Deeply pained by the tragic accident where passengers lost their lives in a helicopter crash near Gaurikund in Uttarakhand this morning while travelling from Kedarnath to Guptkashi. Among the victims were devotees from Maharashtra as well. I express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families. We stand in solidarity with all those affected."

Editorial Nepotism, corruption in police recruitment thing of past : Yogi

Describing Uttar Pradesh Police as a symbol of social trust, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Sunday said that before the year 2017, nepotism and corruption prevailed in police recruitment in UP, which is now a thing of the past.

Addressing the recruitment and appointment letter distribution programme of 60,244, the CM said that the role of police in Maha Kumbh was an example. "Every person who came to Prayagraj praised the behaviour of the police. If we can do it there, we can do it everywhere. The police force is becoming a symbol not only of law and order but also of social trust," he said.

He said that this is not just an administrative programme, but a historic step towards realising the 'smart policing' vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah. "Before the year 2017, nepotism and corruption prevailed in police recruitment in UP. It was impossible to get a job without money and recommendation, but now all this is a thing of the past. We completed the entire process on the basis of merit and transparency while following the reservation provided by the Constitution," he said.

Yogi said that there was no discrimination against any caste, religion, class or region in the recruitment.

Dalits, backward, tribal, poor, daughters all have got equal opportunity in the recruitment in the state. "This is the new UP, where every youth is getting justice on the basis of merit. The recruitment and appointment letter distribution programme of 60,244 policemen in UP Police is happening at a time when PM Modi's 11-year tenure of service to the country, good governance and poor welfare has worked to bring change in the life of every Indian in the form of New India," he said.

He said that in the last 8 years, more than 8.5 lakh government jobs have been given to the youth of the state. "At the same time,

about 2.25 lakh recruitment have been made in UP Police alone. This is not just a number, but a proof of our commitment towards making the state riot-free, fear-free and investment-enabled. With this, the double engine government has presented an example of the purity and transparency of the examination," he said.

He said that even the son of the poorest of the poor families has participated in this recruitment. "Now he too will be able to contribute to the service of the people of the state by becoming a constable" he said.

Citing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's formula of 'smart policing', Strict and

Sensitive, Modern and Mobile, Alert and Accountable, Reliable and Responsible and Techno Savvy and Trend, Yogi said that UP has made these principles a ground reality.

The CM expressed gratitude to Union Home Minister Amit Shah and said that when we started the recruitment process in the year 2017, the Union Home Minister played a big role in providing paramilitary and military training resources. "Now we have developed the capacity of training more than 60,000 police personnel in the state itself," he said.

He said that at present 8 new forensic labs have been started in the state while 6

more are under construction. "Two mobile forensic vans have been deployed in all 75 districts. Along with this, cyber police stations have been set up in 75 districts and cyber help desks in 1,994 police stations," he said.

He said, "All these arrangements are in line with the three new criminal laws (Indian Justice Code 2023, Indian Civil Protection Code 2023 and Indian Evidence Act 2023) to be implemented from July 2024."

Yogi urged the new recruits to be friendly, sensitive, and solution-oriented, offering his congratulations to them and their families. He expressed confidence that they would serve the state excellently.

Seven people including pilot die in Uttarakhand chopper crash

Rudraprayag/Dehradun, June 15 (UNI) Seven people, including the pilot, died when a helicopter carrying pilgrims returning from the Kedarnath Temple crashed in the Gaurikund area of Uttarakhand's Rudraprayag district today, official sources said.

The helicopter was bringing back five devotees and an employee of the temple committee after the darshan of Baba Kedarnath when it crashed around 5-30 am due to bad weather. All seven people, including the pilot, were killed.

A 23-month-old girl is also among the dead. The pilgrim family had come from Maharashtra.

Heli service nodal officer Rahul Chaubey said Aryan Aviation Company's helicopter VTBKA/BELL 407 crashed



due to bad weather in the Gaurikund area, falling in the forest above Gauri Mai Khark.

He said the helicopter was going from Kedarnath Temple to Guptkashi.

Women cutting grass above Gaurikund reported about the crash, as well as the dust it raised.

District Disaster Management Officer of Rudraprayag,

Nandan Singh Rajwar, said the crashed helicopter had left Kedarnath for Guptkashi at 5:21 am and at 5:24 am it was seen near Valley Poin amidst heavy fog which had turned visibility to zero in the area.

At 6:13 am, the helicopter company informed that the chopper had not reach Guptkashi. A search and rescue

operation was immediately started and the emergency response teams were activated.

Eight National Disaster Response Force teams, six of the State Disaster Response Force and 22 policemen, along with the team of District Disaster Relief Force, rushed to a place called Khadak, located about five kilometres above the incident spot Gaurikund, and began a massive search operation.

He said that the bodies of the victims of the accident have been badly burnt.

Rajwar informed that there were six adults and a child in the ill-fated chopper.

The deceased have been identified as Captain Rajbir Singh Chauhan, pilot, resident of Jaipur, Vikram Rawat, employee, Badrinath Kedarnath Temple Committee, res-

ident of Rasi Ukhimath, (45), Vinod Devi, resident of Uttar Pradesh, (66), Trishti Singh Uttar Pradesh, (19), Rajkumar son Suresh Jaiswal, resident of Maharashtra, (41), Shraddha wife Rajkumar Jaiswal, resident of Maharashtra, (35), Kashi daughter Rajkumar, resident of Maharashtra, girl (02).

He informed that the entire area has been cordoned off. Forensic and DNA sampling teams have also reached the spot. Rajwar informed that helpline numbers have been issued for the families of the affected. For this, State Emergency Operation Center 0135-2710334, 9058441404 1070 (toll fee) and Rudraprayag helpline number - 8958757335, 01364-233727 have been issued.

Mumbai couple arrested for obscene acts at public place in Bandra

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) A young couple was arrested for committing alleged obscene acts in a parked vehicle in suburban Mumbai on Sunday, police said.

Both of them were later released on bail.

According to the case details, personnel from Khar police station arrested the couple following a complaint filed by a female constable Shahzadi Khan.

The accused, identified as an auto-rickshaw driver Ashfaq Sayyaid and his partner and private firm employee Vaishnavi Chavan, were found allegedly committing the obscene act at Carter road in Bandra area.

According to the FIR, around 11:30 p.m. on June 13, Constable Shahzadi Khan was patrolling near Carter Road promenade in Khar West with other police personnel when she noticed suspicious activity inside a parked auto-rickshaw.

A woman was seated in the back alongside the driver, and both were allegedly behaving obscenely and making lewd remarks towards passers-by.

Their behaviour continued for some time, and when they made vulgar comments to a 27-year-old man, Constable Khan intervened and questioned them.

Both of them were arrested and later released on bail. The police have registered a case against them under Sections 296 (obscene acts and songs) and 3(5) (general explanation) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

What Forcing World Fame Sambhar Villagers to Display Posters- "House on Sale"?

Sambhar, a world fame name for its salty water lake and as India's largest saline wetland, also designated as Ramsar Site (recognized wetland of international importance), enticing not only the tourists, but also thousands of migratory birds from northern Asia and Siberia from November to February, came into hot news last week not for its beauty's attraction, but due to a strange step of its villagers to raise their grievances and attract the attention of the Rajasthan government towards the difficulty they face due to acute shortage of water not enough even to quench their thirst in this scorching heat days of May and June.

The villagers allege that the water supply services are so bad that they get water for only about 25-30 minutes every 72 to 96 hours. On the other hand, the central government claims that under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - 'Har Ghar Jal', it is implementing the provision of potable water to every rural household of the country, through functional tap water connection i.e. at a service level of 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd).

The finance minister of India, while replying a budgetary question on 17 march, 2025 stated , "Since August 2019, Government of India in partnership with States is implementing Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - 'Har Ghar Jal' to make provision of potable water to every rural household of the country, through functional tap water connection i.e. at a service level of 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd), of prescribed quality (BIS:10500), on regular and long-term basis."

Why are the governments failing to supply potable water at level of 55 litre per capita per day (lpcd), as provisioned and that too why not on a daily basis?

Facing the brunt of water scarcity, some Sambhar inhabitants have pasted posters

on their houses as "House on Sale" and even on the entry points of the streets they displayed the banners showing - 'Bhishan payjal sankat ke karan, is gali ke sabhi makan bikau hain' (Due to severe drinking water problem, all the houses in this street are for sale), as per media reports.

Times Now on June 4, quoting a resident, writes- "The angry residents held a meeting at Charbhuj Mandir and Dadudwara and took a big decision—to sell their houses and leave Sambhar. 'For sale' posters have been pasted on the houses in the streets. Local people say that despite repeated complaints, the water supply department does not pay heed to them."

Quoting Gautam Singhania, local BJP councillor from the area who represents ward 23, NDTV on June 3, states- "For the past 7 years now, we have no dedicated water tank that will supply water to our homes via pipelines. About 200 people from this ward got together and said it's better to migrate from here. If there will be no water, then what is the point of living here? The water works department is not worried, we have put up posters on every street and these have come up at 150 homes. In the last two years, people have been moving out but this water crisis has come to a head this summer."

There were about 3,500 people here, but that number now stands at 1700, said the councillor, adding that even those left behind plan to move out soon.

Media reports state that Vidhyadhar Chaudhary, Congress MLA from the area, claimed that he had also raised this issue in the Vidhan Sabha on January 31st.

Now the question arises - Despite Central government's 'Har Ghar Jal Yojana' (Water to every house scheme), which was to be implemented before the end of year 2024, why the residents of Sambhar and other areas are facing the

acute shortage of even the potable water? Why the completion target of the scheme of supplying potable water as per Jal Jeevan Mission was not fulfilled as it was promised to be completed upto 2024?

Stating the Jal Jeevan Mission 'A Milestone in India's Rural Water Revolution,' a central government's

PIB release on 14 AUG 2024 states- "The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 15, 2019, with the ambitious goal of providing tap water supply to every rural household by 2024. At the time of its inception, only 3.23 crore (17%) of rural households had tap water connections. The mission aims to bridge this gap by providing nearly 16 crore additional households with tap water by 2024, ensuring the functionality of existing water supply systems, and directly benefiting over 19 crore rural families. This initiative is intended to reduce the rural-



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urban divide and enhance public health."

Replying a question in Parliament on current status of Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), Finance Minister during her budget speech 2025- 26, presented the data as on 17 March 2025, which shows that the target of JJM was still lagging behind the target of 2024 and so she announced extension of Jal Jeevan Mission until 2028 with an enhanced total outlay.

She added that at the start of the Mission, only 3.23 Crore (16.7%) rural households were reported to have

tap water connections. So far, as reported by States/ UTs as on 17.03.2025, under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) - Har Ghar Jal around 12.30 Crore additional rural households have been provided with tap water connections. Thus, as on 17.03.2025, out of 19.36 Crore rural households in the country, more than 15.53 Crore (80.20%) households are reported to have tap water supply in their homes and works for the remaining 3.83 Crore households are at various stages of completion as per saturation plan of the respective State/ UT.

Opposition raises questions

Rajasthan State Congress president and former minister, Govind Singh Dotasra @GovindDotasra on his x account on June 9, 2025 comments, "The BJP government could neither provide irrigation water to the farmers nor it is able to provide drinking water to the common people

in this scorching heat. The entire state, including Sanganer, the constituency of Chief Minister Bhajan Lal ji, and Jodhpur, is facing severe water shortage.

When people in cities are worried about every drop of water, what would be the situation in the desert and far-flung areas. That too when the condition of the dams of the state is not good."

Dotasra adds, "Out of the total 691 dams in the state, 368 dams are almost empty, there are 176 dams where some water is left and there are only 7 dams where there is full water. So far, only 46% water has been stored in these 691 dams of the state, which is almost half compared to this period last year."

Dotasra warns the government of the crisis to come, "Despite the water crisis, the BJP government of the state is completely inactive, if a concrete plan for water management is not made in time, the water crisis in many districts can deepen further."

Congress Member of Parliament, since 2014 continuously, from Churu, Rajasthan, Rahul Kaswan @RahulKaswanMP On June 7, challenging the figures of JJM in his Churu Lok Sabha constituency says, "Under Jal Jeevan Mission, the officials have uploaded false figures of 70 percent work completion in Churu district on the portal, whereas the situation on the ground is different.

The works approved in 2019 under JJM in Churu, Sujargarh, Ratangarh and Sadulpur have not been completed yet. Due to delay and indifference, there has been a deviation in the budget, due to which the works of JJM in the above tehsils (like- in some places new tanks could not be built, in some places tanks have been built but are not being connected to the pipeline) are in limbo. Hence, we said that despite the work of approved tanks not being completed, action should be

ensured by investigating against the officials who uploaded wrong data on the portal.

Kaswan adds, "Many flaws have come to light in the preparation of DPR of the works to be done under JJM in the area. Hence, we have asked the officials to hold a meeting regarding JJM in Churu and ensure that the works are done with proper planning; so that the common people can get the benefits of the scheme properly."

Will the Government succeed to achieve the JJM target even upto 2028?

After central government's failure to achieve the Jal Jeevan Mission target to be completed upto 2024, it has extended the span for the next four years upto 2028. But, if we analyse the progress of JJM in three months from 17 March, 2025 to 13 June 2025 the progress of this mission seems very slow and it will be impossible to achieve the target even upto 2028, if it runs at the same speed. As on 17 March the achievement was 15.53 crore and as on 13 June it is 15.65 crore as per JJM web portal. In this way only 12 lacs new taps with water supply were installed in these three months, giving an average figure of 4 lacs per month, whereas to achieve the target upto the end of 2028 the average of 8.83 lacs water supply taps will have to be installed within remaining 42 months from June 25 to December 2028.

Why does the government fix such targets, which it cannot complete in time? Is the government lethargic or there is scarcity of funds? The voice and grievance of the inhabitants of Sambhar, who are ready to evacuate their ancestral village, should not only be heard with a soft heart, but also should be resolved. Rajasthan and the central government should take the potable water crisis on priority. Will they? (Ground Post).



PM Modi embarks on visit to Cyprus, Canada to attend G7, and Croatia

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi today embarked on a three-nation tour that will take him to Canada where he will attend the G7 Summit, to Cyprus and Croatia.

In a departure statement, the PM said that on June 15-16, he will visit the Republic of Cyprus at the invitation of President Nikos Christodoulides.

"Cyprus is a close friend and an important partner in the Mediterranean region and the EU."

He said the visit would provide an opportunity to build upon the historical bonds and expand the bilateral ties in the areas of trade, investment, security, technology and promote people-to-people exchanges.

"From Cyprus, I will travel to Kananaskis, Canada to attend the G 7 Summit at the invitation of Prime Minister H.E. Mark Carney.

"The Summit will provide space for exchange of views on pressing global issues and the priorities of the Global South. I also look forward to engaging with leaders from partner countries."

On the last leg of his trip, on June 18, the PM will visit Croatia.

"I look forward to my visit to the Republic of Croatia and



meetings with President Zoran Milanovic and Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic. Both our countries enjoy centuries-old close cultural links.

"As the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to Croatia, it will open new avenues for bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest."

PM Modi said the three-

nation tour "is also an opportunity to thank partner countries for their steadfast support to India in our fight against cross-border terrorism, and to galvanize global understanding on tackling terrorism in all its forms and manifestations."

The MEA spokesperson said in a post on X:

"PM @narendramodi has embarked on a 3-nation visit to Cyprus, Canada and Croatia."

"On the first leg of the visit, PM will be paying an official visit to Cyprus, which is the first visit by an Indian PM to Cyprus after 23 years. In Canada, PM will be participat-

ing in the G7 Summit.

"In the last leg of the visit, PM will be on an official visit to Croatia. This will be the first ever visit by an Indian PM to Croatia."

Among the world leaders who will attend the G7 Summit include US President Donald Trump, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer, Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba, German Chancellor Friedrich Merz, French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

European Commission president Ursula von der Leyen will also attend.

The special invitees include PM Modi, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, Brazilian President Lula da Silva and Presidents of Mexico, Claudia Sheinbaum, South Korea Lee Jae-myung, South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelenskyy and UAE's Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Beijing was not invited to attend the summit. China warned the Group of Seven members on Friday against "manipulating" issues related to the world's second-largest economy for their own agenda, after they accused Beijing of unfair business practices a year earlier.



Naveen slams Odisha Government's lax response to Cholera outbreak

Bhubaneswar, June 15 (UNI) Biju Janata Dal (BJD) President and Leader of Opposition Naveen Patnaik on Sunday criticized the BJP-led Odisha government for its lax approach in handling the cholera outbreak in the state.

Taking to his official X handle, Patnaik wrote, "The state government's light-handedness in the face of cholera spreading in Odisha is shocking and disturbing to everyone."

Patnaik stated that cholera is taking a serious turn in several districts, including Jajpur, Kendrapara, Bhadrak, Puri, Cuttack, and Keonjhar, and has now begun spreading to other parts of the state.

Expressing grief over the situation, the BJD President said he was saddened by the loss of 14 lives due to the outbreak and extended his condolences to the bereaved families.

"Cholera has endangered people's lives. What had not been witnessed for many years is now disrupting daily life across multiple districts," he tweeted.

Patnaik urged the state government to remain alert and take strong, immediate measures to curb the spread of the disease and protect public health.

Cyclonic circulation over West Central Bay of Bengal off North Coastal AP: Met Centre

(Capital Information)

Amaravati, June 15 : The Meteorological Centre here on Sunday reported that the cyclonic circulation over the west central Bay of Bengal, off the north coastal Andhra Pradesh coast at 5.8 km above mean sea level, has now merged with another existing cyclonic system.



According to the daily weather report, the cyclonic circulation over south Bangladesh and adjoining north Bay of Bengal now lies over the northwest Bay of Bengal and its surrounding areas, between 3.1 km and 7.6 km above mean sea level, tilting southwestwards with height.

Additionally, a trough extends from east Madhya Pradesh to Bangladesh, passing through Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, and Gangetic West Bengal, up to 1.5 km above mean sea level, also tilting southwestwards.

Meanwhile, another trough extending from the

upper air cyclonic circulation over Marathwada and its neighbourhood to coastal Andhra Pradesh across Telangana, between 3.1 km and 5.8 km above mean sea level, has become less marked.

The weather office has forecast heavy rainfall at isolated places in north coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam over the next 48 hours.

Thunderstorms accompanied by lightning are also likely to occur at isolated places in north coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam over the next five days, and in south coastal Andhra Pradesh and Ray-

alaseema over the next 48 hours.

Gusty winds reaching speeds of 40-50 kmph are expected at isolated places across coastal Andhra Pradesh, Yanam, and Rayalaseema over the next five days.

Light to moderate rain or thundershowers are also likely at a few places or at one or two locations in these regions over the next seven days.

Rainfall was recorded at a few places in coastal Andhra Pradesh and Yanam, and at isolated locations in Rayalaseema during the last 24 hours, the report added.



F-35 British Fighter makes emergency landing in Thiruvananthapuram Airport

Thiruvananthapuram, Jun 15 (UNI) A F-35 British fighter flight made an emergency landing at the Thiruvananthapuram International Airport here at 9.30 pm on Saturday.

Though the emergency landing is said to be for refueling purpose, the fighter flight is currently parked at the bay and awaiting permission from the Central Government for refueling.

The F-35B Lightning is a stealth aircraft operating alongside the Typhoon. A multi-role machine, Lightning is capable of conducting air-to-surface, electronic warfare, intelligence gathering and air-to-air missions simultaneously.

Lightning has advanced sensors, mission systems and low-observable technology, otherwise known as stealth that allows it to operate undetected in hostile environments. Lightning is a short take-off and vertical landing aircraft that can operate from aircraft carriers and in austere environments.

Red alert in Dakshina Kannada, families shifted

Mangaluru, Jun 15 (UNI) With intense rainfall continuing to batter coastal Karnataka and a red alert in place, Dakshina Kannada Deputy Commissioner Mullai Muhilan has ordered the evacuation of families living in vulnerable houses and directed all taluk control rooms and the Mangaluru City Corporation to function round the clock.



The deputy commissioner instructed tahsildars and incident commanders to remain on high alert and ensure the readiness of rescue equipment to prevent loss of life. Any negligence in disaster response operations will be dealt with strictly, he warned.

Muhilan and Mangaluru City Corporation Commissioner Ravichandra Naik visited flood-affected areas in the city and inspected water-logged localities, including Pumpwell. They reviewed drainage-related issues with field officials.

In Attavar and other parts of central Mangaluru, heavy rainwater entered houses, affecting several families.

Twelve families were evacuated and housed at a temporary relief centre set up at the Purabhavana premises by the city corporation. Food and essential items were distributed. Commissioner Naik visited the centre and assessed the arrangements.

In Beltangady taluk, moderate to heavy rainfall was recorded since yesterday, intensifying post-2 pm. A classroom wall at Kashipatna

Government Higher Primary School collapsed during cleaning, though no injuries were reported. River levels rose, and strong winds were observed in the evening.

Puttur, Sullia, and Subrahmanya experienced steady rainfall since yesterday. After mild rain earlier in the week, heavy downpours resumed post-noon and continued into the night. Areas such as Sullia town, Jalsooru, Mandekolu, Bellare,

Aranthodu, Sampaje, Guthigar, Panja, Kollamogru, Subrahmanya, Balpa, Kaikamba, and Bilinele were among those affected. No damage was reported.

Udupi district also witnessed intense rainfall on Saturday. Although water entered several low-lying areas, no major incidents occurred. Commuters faced difficulties due to waterlogged roads and streets.

Five houses were par-

tially damaged as trees were uprooted by strong winds, with losses estimated at Rs 1.77 lakh. Moderate showers were reported in Byndoor and Kundapur, while Udupi, Manipal, and Parkala received heavier rainfall in the afternoon. Continuous downpour was also seen in Karkala, Hebri, Padubidri, Brahmavar, Kota, Saligrama, Kaup, Uchila, and Shirva, leading to traffic disruptions.

Heavy rainfall from morning to evening lashed areas including Karkala, Hebri, Agumbe, Someshwar, Shivapura, Mudradi, Kabbinala, Marne, Shirilalu, Kervashe, Mal, Mudaru, Durga, Renjala, Kalya, Ninjooru, Bailoor, Kaudoor, and Kukkoondoor. In several places, trees fell on power lines, resulting in temporary power cuts.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast continued heavy rainfall in the region. While the red alert is expected to end today, an orange alert has been issued for June 16-17, indicating the likelihood of further downpours.



Mamata distressed by Uttarakhand chopper crash

Kolkata, June 15 (UNI) West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Sunday expressed shock at yet another civilian tragedy in which a helicopter carrying seven people on board crashed near Kedarnath temple in Uttarakhand early this morning. A report from Dehradun said a chopper crashed near the Kedarnath shrine in Uttarakhand early Sunday, claiming seven people on board, including six pilgrims and the pilot.

The helicopter had taken off from Kedarnath en route to Guptkashi around 5:30 am when it crashed shortly after takeoff. A child was among the six pilgrims in the ill-fated helicopter.

The report quoted Rudraprayag district disaster management officer Nandan Singh Rajwar that the mishap happened above the forests of Gaurikund amid poor visibility triggered by vagaries of weather in the forested region of Uttarakhand.

"Most distressingly, another civil aviation tragedy was reported this morning, this time from Uttarakhand, in the Kedarnath - Gaurikund - Guptakashi region.

7 people were on board in the helicopter, including a child and the pilot, and there has been a reported crash with the worst being feared by the media," Bengal CM said

"While we await the results of rescue and search operations, my prayers go out for each one on board," she said.

Five killed, one injured in road accident in Amethi

Amethi (UP), June 15 (UNI) Five people were killed when an ambulance carrying a dead body collided with another vehicle in the Shukul Bazar of Amethi district here in Uttar Pradesh on Sunday, police sources said here.



Police said that this accident happened early this morning on the Purvanchal Expressway when the ambulance carrying a dead body from Haryana to Bihar hit a pickup vehicle from behind.

"In this accident, the ambulance was shattered and five people including the driver died on the spot. The pickup driver also suffered minor injuries in the accident. Local police and UPDA officials are engaged in relief and rescue work," they said.

Station House Officer Shukul Bazar Abhinesh Kumar said that the deceased have been identified as Rajkumar Sharma alias Satish Sharma, Ravi Sharma, Sarfaraz, Abid and Phulo Sharma.

"Shambhurai is injured and has been admitted to the Community Health Centre," he said.

Police said that this accident happened early this morning on the Purvanchal Expressway when the ambulance carrying a dead body from Haryana to Bihar hit a pickup vehicle from behind.

TIPRA Motha writes to PM seeking deportation of illegal Bangladeshi nationals from Tripura

Agartala, June 15 (UNI) The ruling BJP's partner in Tripura government, TIPRA Motha, sent a memorandum to Prime Minister Narendra Modi through Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu seeking the centre's intervention for deportation of illegal Bangladeshi nationals from the state.

They said as per Indira-Mujib pact, whoever came to Tripura after May 24, 1971 are illegal immigrant and all such individuals need to be pushed back to Bangladesh for maintaining demographic balance and internal security.

According to police, the fresh push on illegal immigrants could escalate political tensions in the state, particularly given the involvement of people in high positions, al-



legedly among the post-1971 settlers in the state. The issue became highly sensitive with the ruling coalition increasingly raising alarm over the influx of outsiders and the need for constitutional safeguards.

A 15-member TIPRA

Motha delegation, led by Forest Minister of Tripura Animesh Debbarma, called on Governor on Saturday to press for the immediate deportation of illegal immigrants from the state and submitted a memorandum to Prime Minister.

"While other states are actively identifying and deporting illegal foreigners as per directions from MHA, Tripura remains the only state where the administration has completely failed to act. This inaction has turned Tripura into a gateway for the continuous illegal entry of Bangladeshi and Rohingya nationals," he alleged.

They demanded the formation of a high-level committee comprising representatives from all Central paramilitary forces and

the State police to coordinate a pushback operation against illegal migrants who entered the state after the cutoff date.

They also pointed out that while states like Assam, Gujarat, and Meghalaya have taken proactive measures to detect and deport illegal immigrants, Tripura has seen no such significant action. He stressed the importance of including both Tripura Police and central security forces in the proposed task force.

Debbarma expressed concern over demographic changes in Tripura, recalling multiple waves of migration from East Pakistan, especially during 1949 and 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War, when over six lakh refugees arrived.

International Information



UAE president discusses Mideast tensions with French, Italian leaders over phone

Abu Dhabi, June 15 (UNI) President of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan held separate telephone conversations with French President Emmanuel Macron and Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni to discuss recent developments in the Middle East, particularly in the wake of Israeli strikes on Iran, according to the Emirates News Agency (WAM) on Saturday.

During the calls, the leaders exchanged views on the escalating tensions and stressed the importance of exercising maximum restraint.

They underscored the need to avoid further escalation and to resolve disputes through diplomatic means that safeguard regional peace and stability.

The conversations also highlighted the UAE's strategic relations with both France and Italy, with the leaders vowing to continue strengthening bilateral cooperation across various fields in support of shared interests.

PM Modi arrives in Cyprus, welcomed by President Christodoulides at airport in special gesture

Nicosia/New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Cyprus on Sunday and was welcomed at the airport by President Nikos Christodoulides in a special gesture.

In a post on X, the PM said that his visit will add significant momentum to the bilateral relations, especially in areas like trade, investment and more.

"Landed in Cyprus. My gratitude to the President of Cyprus, Mr. Nikos Christodoulides for the special gesture of welcoming me at the airport. This visit will add significant momentum to India-Cyprus relations, especially in areas like trade, investment and more."

The MEA spokesperson said in a post on X:

"India and Cyprus - A



trusted partnership underpinned by shared values & aspirations.

"PM @narendramodi has landed in Cyprus. As a special gesture, reflecting deep rooted historic ties, President @Christodoulides and FM @ckombos received PM on arrival at the airport.

"Extensive discussions to further deepen bilateral

ties lie ahead."

Prime Minister Modi arrived in Cyprus on Sunday afternoon on a two-day official visit to the island.

He was welcomed at Larnaca airport by President Christodoulides and Foreign Minister Constantinos Kombos, with a short meeting held upon his arrival at the airport's old terminal.



Cambodia seeks UN court resolution for border disputes with Thailand : PM

Phnom Penh, June 15 (UNI) Cambodia on Sunday submitted an official letter to the UN's International Court of Justice (ICJ), seeking the court's resolution for four disputed border areas with Thailand, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Manet said.

Hun Manet said Cambodia needs only justice, fairness and clarity in determining its borderline with neighboring countries so that future generations will not continue to have endless issues with each other.

The move came after soldiers of both countries briefly exchanged gunfire on May 28, resulting in the death of a Cambodian soldier.

EU struggles for trade deal with U.S by July 9 amid tariff tensions

Brussels, June 15 (UNI) European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen reiterated that the European Union's (EU) commitment to reach a "good" trade deal with the U.S. before July 9 during

a phone call with U.S. President Donald Trump.

In a post on social media platform X, von der Leyen on Saturday said that she had a "good call with President Trump ahead of the G7 Summit."



The U.S. government's decision to raise tariffs on steel and aluminum imports to 50 percent took effect earlier this month, escalating a trade dispute that has drawn sharp concern from European

producers, who warn the steep new duties could cause significant harm to the sector.

On May 26, European Commissioner for Trade and Economic Security Maros Sefcovic made similar

comments after Trump said talks with the 27-member bloc were "going nowhere" and threatened to impose a 50 percent tariff on all EU imports from June 1.

Following a call from von der Leyen, Trump then agreed to delay the planned tariff hike until July 9.

According to von der Leyen's post on Saturday, she and Trump also discussed the situations in the Middle East as well as in Ukraine during the phone call.

31 killed, 55 wounded in Israeli attacks on Iran's NW province: governor

Tehran, June 15 (UNI) Israeli airstrikes in Iran's East Azerbaijan province have killed 30 military personnel and one rescue worker, the province's Governor, Bahram Sarmast, has announced.

The attacks, which began in the early hours of Friday, have also wounded 55 people across 19 different locations, according to a statement carried by the semi-official Tasnim news agency on Saturday.

Among the sites hit was Tabriz Airport, a key logistics and transport hub in the provincial capital.



Video footage from the scene showed thick black smoke billowing into the sky.

Iranian media reported

additional damage to the nearby Shahid Fakouri military airbase and parts of the adjacent railway network.

In the pre-dawn hours of Friday, Israel launched a series of coordinated airstrikes targeting strategic locations across the country, including in the capital, Tehran.

Iranian state media has confirmed the deaths of several high-ranking military commanders and prominent nuclear scientists in these attacks.

In response to the Israeli offensive, Iran has launched barrages of ballistic missiles at military targets inside Israel since Friday night, further intensifying the conflict.



Israeli attack causes explosion in gas refinery in S. Iran : media

Tehran, June 15 (UNI) An Israeli micro aerial vehicle hit an on-shore refinery of the phase 14 of Iran's South Pars gas field in Bushehr province on Saturday, causing an explosion at the facility, the semi-official Tasnim news agency reported.

Due to the explosion, a part of the Fajr Jam gas refinery has caught fire, Tasnim said, adding no report was released yet of the extent of damage.

It added that Iranian passive defense and rescue forces were managing the situation. The attack comes amid heightened tensions following Israel's large-scale strikes on Iranian military and nuclear facilities, which have raised fears of broader regional escalation.

Earlier on Friday, Israel launched airstrikes on Iran's capital Tehran and other cities across the country with the aim of crippling Iran's nuclear infrastructure, ballistic missile production, and military capabilities.

In response, Iran on Friday night and early Saturday morning launched rocket barrages against Israeli targets. According to Israel's state-owned Kan TV News, three Israelis were killed and 172 others injured as a result of the attacks.

Iran launches new wave of attacks on Israel in response to Israeli airstrikes: official media

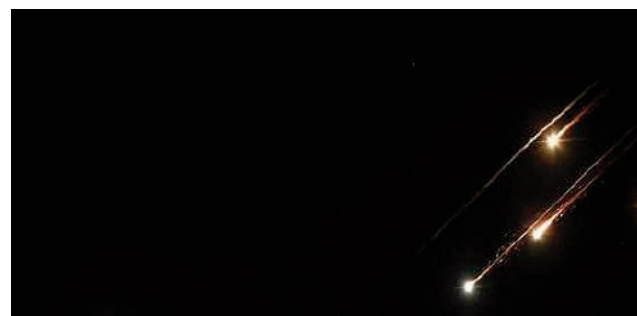
Tehran, June 15 (UNI) Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched late Saturday night a "large-scale combined offensive operation" against Israel, involving a significant number of missiles and drones, the IRGC's official news outlet Sepah News reported.

The IRGC's aerospace division carried out the attack, stating it was in response to Israel's "repeated aggressions" against Iran, according to Sepah.

In Israel, a rocket struck a residential building in a northern community, killing one woman and injuring 13 others, according to Magen David Adom (MDA), Israel's national emergency medical service.

Several others sustained moderate to light injuries, and four individuals were treated for anxiety, MDA said.

Earlier in the day, MDA reported that at least three people had been killed and 204 others injured since the beginning of the Iranian offensive.



Following the latest wave of attacks, Israel's Home Front Command advised residents outside the Haifa and northern regions that they could exit bomb shelters but should remain close to protected areas.

The Israeli military stated that its air defense systems were actively intercepting incoming projectiles, while Israeli air force units were carrying out strikes on military targets in Tehran.

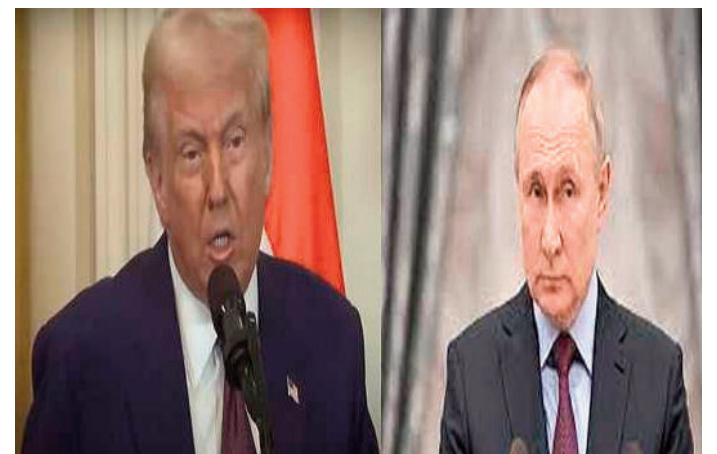
Iran's Ministry of Petroleum confirmed that two oil depots in Tehran were hit during the attacks. Residents reported two powerful explosions in the capital, with blasts felt in both the western and northern districts.

The ministry said the situation was "under control." Meanwhile, Jordan temporarily closed its airspace late Saturday as a precautionary measure following the Iranian missile barrage.

The country's Civil Aviation Regulatory Commission announced that the step was taken to ensure the safety of civil aviation.

The Iranian offensive came in retaliation for Israeli airstrikes conducted early Friday, which targeted Tehran and several other cities.

Iranian authorities said the Israeli strikes resulted in the deaths of multiple senior military commanders, nuclear scientists, and dozens of civilians.



Trump says he, Putin agree war in Israel-Iran should end

Washington, June 15 (UNI) U.S. President Donald Trump said he had a phone call with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Saturday over the tensions in the Middle East and Russia-Ukraine peace talks, and both of them agreed that "this war in Israel-Iran should end."

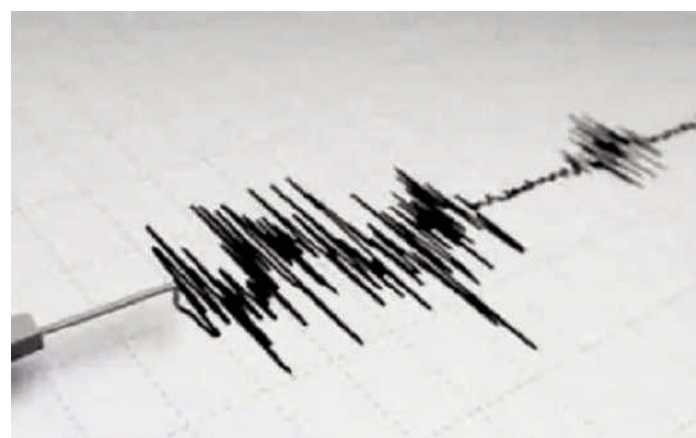
"He feels, as do I, this war in Israel-Iran should end," Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social, adding that Putin knows Iran "very well."

Trump said he also explained to the Russian president that the Russia-Ukraine conflict "should also end" during the one-hour call.

"We talked at length. Much less time was spent talking about Russia/Ukraine, but that will be for next week," said Trump.

"He (Putin) is doing the planned prisoner swaps -- large numbers of prisoners are being exchanged, immediately, from both sides."

Saturday was Trump's 79th birthday. Trump said that Putin wished him a happy birthday during the phone call.



5.3-magnitude quake hits South Sandwich Islands region : USGS

Beijing, June 15 (UNI) An earthquake with a magnitude of 5.3 jolted South Sandwich Islands region at 0318 GMT on Sunday, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

The epicenter, with a depth of 10.0 km, was initially determined to be at 55.89 degrees south latitude and 26.60 degrees west longitude.

Man who won Dawood property in auction 25 years ago yet unable to take possession

Mumbai June 15 (UNI) Hemant Jain, a resident of Firozabad in Uttar Pradesh, is still engaged in a legal battle to secure ownership of a property, once owned by gangster Dawood Ibrahim, which he purchased in a government auction 25 years ago.

Jain is now knocking on the doors of the special MCOCA court which has adjourned the hearing of his plea till July 9, a lawyer said here on Sunday.

In September 2001, Jain bought a 144-square-foot shop for rupees two lakhs in an auction.

The current market value of the shop exceeds Rs 25 lakh which is located at Jayraj Bhai lane Shuklaji

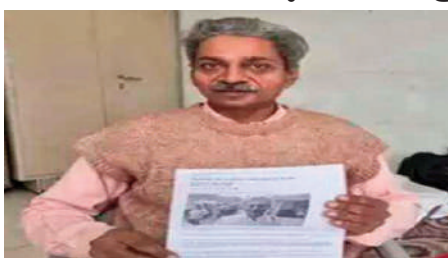
street Nagpada near Kamathipura the red light area of Mumbai.

When he approached the Income Tax Department to complete the possession formalities, he was informed that the process had been put on hold.

Jain eventually filed a case in a Mumbai court, arguing that since he had purchased the property at the auction, its registration should rightfully be in his name.

Following the court's instructions, the registration was finally completed on December 19, 2024, after he paid Rs 1.5 lakh in stamp duties and penalties.

Despite this legal victory,



Jain's troubles persist. The shop has been occupied by others for years, and they are not ready to vacate.

Jain has sought their removal to take possession of the property. He claims that the occupiers are Dawood Ibrahim's henchmen, running a business with lathe machines.

On June 11, he moved a plea before the special court in Mumbai, and argued the plea as a party in person.

"Since I did not have any lawyer, I was asked to seek assistance from legal aid lawyers who operate from the office located on the same floor as the court," said a disappointed Jain. His plea has now been adjourned to July 9.

He claimed that after winning the bid, he was told to appear before the special court in September 2001. "I appeared before the court where I was asked to give an affidavit stating that I will not transfer the said property to anyone having links to Dawood," Jain said.

He said that he complied with the directive and requested the court for the shop's vacant possession.

In his recent plea, Jain pointed out that on October 10, 2001, he had submitted the affidavit to the court, agreeing to the condition of not selling the property to a third party with criminal background.

In the affidavit, Jain had requested the court that the property should be handed over with proper police protection. However, there is no progress yet, he asserted.

On December 19, 2024, the property had been registered in the name of the applicant but till date, he has not received the possession. Hence, the applicant is suffering heavy loss as he is unable to enjoy the property rights despite being a lawful owner," said Jain's plea.

Business Information

Pranava Group Hosts Landmark IPC Partners Meet, Igniting Collaboration to Shape Hyderabad's Skyline

(Capital Information)
Hyderabad, June 15 : Under the dynamic leadership of Pranava Group, the city's most influential International Property Consultants (IPCs) convened at the Trident Hotel Hyderabad for an unprecedented evening of connection, collaboration, and creation. This brought together eight global partners, CBRE, JLL, Cushman & Wakefield, Knight Frank, Vestian, Colliers International, Citadel, Savills and Anarock, united in their mission to transform Hyderabad's skyline and set new benchmarks in real estate consultancy and marketing.

The center piece of the evening was a groundbreaking panel discussion featuring industry stalwarts Rambabu Boorugu, Sandip Patnaik, Sreekanth Reddy and Joseph Thilak. This interactive session, unlike any before, lever-

aged a newly launched digital portal for real-time audience engagement, enabling guests to pose questions and share insights directly with the panel. Discussions ranged from Hyderabad's evolving investment climate and regulatory landscape to integrating technology in consultancy, sustainable design, and the city's emergence as a global

tionable knowledge and strategic perspectives, setting a new standard for industry dialogue.

Mr. Rambabu Boorugu, Executive Director & CTO, Pranava Group; delivered a visionary keynote, illuminating the group's commitment to sustainable urban transformation, technological innovation, and the creation of landmark



real estate hub. The session provided attendees with ac-

addresses of pride and repute. His address inspired the

audience, highlighting ongoing and upcoming projects that are redefining the global real estate landscape.

- The city's emergence as a dynamic, tech-driven real estate hub
- The fusion of AI-led marketing, smart infrastructure, and sustainability
- Strategies for mapping technology to the built environment
- The importance of collaboration among consultancies to drive innovation and growth

The evening commenced with Neha Gupta as Emcee, with a traditional lamp-lighting ceremony by the distinguished panellists, Rambabu Boorugu, Sandip Patnaik, Sreekanth Reddy, and Joseph Thilak symbolizing a bright and auspicious beginning. This was followed by a mesmerizing Kuchipudi dance performance, "Pranava Nadham," capturing the cosmic resonance of the universe and setting a devotional tone for the gathering.

Attendees engaged in a

lively Q&A, gaining actionable insights and forging new connections. This interactive segment, meticulously designed, set a new standard for industry engagement and knowledge sharing.

The evening concluded with heartfelt felicitations, expertly hosted by Emcee Neha Gupta, and a soul-stirring musical performance by Wendy

temporary Bollywood and Tollywood melodies. The event was meticulously organised by Fi5th Media

The IPC Partners Meet, powered by Pranava Group, stands as a testament to the power of collaboration, innovation, and shared vision, with connection, collaboration, and creation. where aspirations are transformed into reality,



strings, blending the essence of Pranava Nadham with con-

and Hyderabad's future skyline is shaped together.

Nitish inspects industry cluster of Sikandarpur in Bihta

Patna, June 15 (UNI) Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar said that several industrial units were manufacturing goods in the Sikandarpur industrial area of Bihta.

After inspecting the cluster of industries in Sikan-darpur of Bihta on Sunday, Kumar expressed his pleasure over the successful operation of the industrial units, which were producing various goods in the industrial area.

He said that with an aim to provide employment to the youth and to promote entrepreneurship among them, the Chief Minister Entrepreneurship Scheme has been started, under which people of all classes are being at-



tracted towards the enter-prise for employment. The atmosphere for industrialisation was conducive in the state and the government was also providing all required facilities to the entrepreneurs.

The Chief Minister said that his government was promoting investors for setting

up industrial units across the state, for which an industrial promotion policy has been framed keeping in mind the convenience of the investors.

Kumar said that in Sikan-darpur industrial unit of Bihta the women and men were engaged in the manufactur-ing of various products main-

taining their quality. He said such industrial units create employment opportunities for the local people and also pave the way for develop-ment of the area.

During inspection, the Chief Minister took details of the production of various items including garments, bags, and others.

The Chief Minister also interacted with those en-gaged in the manufacturing who apprised him about the details of the manufacturing process.

The Chief Minister also inspected the modern inte-grated centre, package house, cold storages and other such units.

Agartala, June 15 (UNI) Tripura University has improved its position in the Indian Institutional Ranking Framework (IIRF) 2025 and ranked 44th in the list of 50 top central universities of the country.

The position of Tripura University was 47th last year, but 28th in 2023.

However, Tripura Uni-versity's ranking in the latest IIRF was the lowest among the 10 central universities in the Northeast this year too. Rajiv Gandhi University in Itanagar emerged the best in the re-gion securing the 13th position in IIRF this year, followed by Tezpur University (24th), Mizoram University (25th),

Central Agricultural University (26th), Northeastern Hill Uni-versity, Shillong (29th), Naga-land University (34th), Sikkim University (36th), Assam Uni-versity (37th), and Manipur University (40th).

According to IIRF data, Tripura University achieved an Overall Index Score of 901, an increase from 897.86 in 2024 and a fall from 929.99

in 2023. The 2025 score re-flects key parameters, with Placement Performance at 223.5, Teaching, Learning Resources & Pedagogy at 197.3, Research at 175.1, In-dustry Income & Integration at 148.8, Placement Strategy & Support at 63, Future Ori-entation at 55.7, and External Perception & International Outlook at 37.7.

The Untold Story of India's Women Warriors

Traditionally, across civilisations, women have not played a direct role in wars and battles. Amazons, the legendary tribe of female warriors in Greek mythology, cele-brated for their archery, with weapons and mounted on a lion — symbolising feminine strength in its most pow-erful form.

In more recent cen-turies, figures like Mai Bhago Kaur and Rani Durgavati stood against the Mughal armies, while Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi and Kittur Chen-namma fought valiantly against British colonial rule. These women were not mere outliers — they

were trailblazers whose legacies continue to in-spire.

The participation of In-



In early societies, the preservation and safety of women were seen as vital to the survival and conti-nuity of communities. Yet history offers many pow-erful exceptions — women who defied con-vention and proved them-selves as exceptional warriors.

Take, for instance, the

riding skills, and battle-field acumen. Closer to home, the Rigveda men-tions Vishpala, a warrior who returned to combat with a prosthetic leg after losing her limb in battle — a testament to resilience and courage. Indian tradi-tion reveres Shakti, em-bodied as Maa Durga, the warrior goddess armed

then, more avenues have gradually opened. In 1992, women were in-ducted into various non-medical branches of the Indian Army under the Short Service Commis-sion. By 2008, they were eligible for permanent commission in the Legal and Education Corps, and in 2020, this opportu-nity was extended to eight more branches. Over the last decade, under the leadership of Prime Min-ister Narendra Modi, there has been a con-scious and concerted ef-fort to promote the inclusion of women in the armed forces. Iconic mile-stones — such as Cap-tain Tania Sengupta lead-ing an all — male contingent at the 2020 Republic Day Parade, or Lieutenant Colonel Sophia Qureshi heading an all-male con-tingent in a multinational exercise — have inspired a new generation of young women to envision careers in uniform. The opening of the National Defence Academy to women marked a signif-icant milestone.

As of July 2023, there are close to 4,000 women officers in the Indian Armed Forces. Including

the medical corps, the number rises to around 5,800. Additionally, there are approximately 1,000 women in other ranks and 4,600 female nursing staff. These figures are steadily increasing as policies evolve to encour-age wider participation.

Importantly, there is now no distinction in the deployment and working conditions of male and fe-male officers. Assign-ments are based on operational requirements, and employment rules are gender-neutral, en-suring equal opportunities for both men and women.

Modern warfare is in-creasingly technology-dr-iven, and women have emerged as critical as-sets in domains like com-munications, cyber warfare, and intelligence. Women scientists and en-gineers are making vital contributions to defence technology and innovation — creating new systems, refining operations, and boosting India's defence preparedness. They serve as role models, in-spiring younger genera-tions, and challenging traditional stereotypes.

Earlier, we were in-spired by pioneers like Dr.

Tessy Thomas, who led India's missile develop-ment programs. Today, we draw inspiration from the women who played pivotal roles in Operation Sindoor — a mission that not only avenged the lives lost in a terror attack but also marked a milestone in gender-inclusive de-fence operations.

From visible faces like Wing Commander Singh and Colonel Qureshi to the many un-sung women who formed the backbone of the Integrated Air Com-mand and Control Sys-tem (IACCS), their contributions were critical. The IACCS is an ad-vanced command and control system that inte-grates real-time data from various air defence as-sets to detect, identify, in-tercept, and neutralise hostile threats. It is esti-mated that women consti-tuted 25-30 per cent of the IACCS team involved in Operation Sindoor. The mission's success, in many ways, was a sisterly salute to those who had lost their husbands in the line of duty.

The story of India's women in defence — be it



Vijay GarG, Retired Principal

at DRDO, ISRO, or in op-erational command — re-mains one of the most compelling yet under-told narratives of our times. It is heartening to witness women rightfully occupy-ing critical positions in service to the nation.

Their increasing pres-ence in leadership roles is not just a matter of repre-sentation; it is a strategic imperative. With a Gov-ernment committed to their empowerment, their role is only set to grow. As India embraces inclusive strength, we move closer to realising our full na-tional potential — pow-ered equally by the resolve of our daughters.

A Guide to Defending the Earth

Let's say one day as-tronomer announce that our worst nightmare has come true: a large object is headed towards the Earth with a signif-icant chance of impact. What do we do? Besides "panicking" hu-manity has a few options to defend itself. But I gotta warn you: most of these are purely hypothetical, so if a threat does present itself, let's just hope we have enough time to pre-pare.

The most straightfor-ward approach is a kinetic

impact: slamming what-ever we got into the on-coming asteroid or comet. This approach has actu-ally been tested with NASA's DART mission, and it works best for rela-tively small (less than a few hundred meters across) asteroids or comets that can be spotted from far away. The idea is to nudge the ve-locity of the threat by a very small amount. If we do it early enough, the comet or asteroid will end up in a completely differ-ent orbit and safely pass

by the Earth.

The next most sophis-ticated approach is to put some nuclear teeth on whatever sending to the object. If we detonate a bomb next to or inside a comet or asteroid, we can hope to achieve two things: a) break up the large rock into many smaller ones that would then burn up in our at-mosphere, b) if that fails, at least change the direc-tion of the asteroid or comet. While this method seems the most promis-ing, the latest research



suggests that it might not be the best way to tackle

large asteroids. The prob-lem is that those objects aren't like giant boulders, but more like loose piles of rubble barely glued to-gether. Since there's a lot of space and gaps in those rubble piles, a nu-clear weapon doesn't have a lot to effectively push around.

Thankfully there are some more subtle ap-proaches. If we could de-ploy a giant mirror into orbit around the asteroid or comet, we could change its orbit that way. Asteroids and comets are

very volatile places, with their surface material constantly evaporating away into space, espe-cially when they get close to the Sun. Normally this evaporation happens equally in all directions as the object randomly tum-bles around, but if we were to warm up one side more than the other, then the evaporation would act as a very weak rocket ex-haust, pushing the aster-oid into a new direction.

If all else fails, we could also just play games with gravity. If we

put a spacecraft into orbit around an asteroid and slowly change where the spacecraft is headed, we can very slowly drag the asteroid around until it reaches a more favorable orbit.

Plenty of ideas, and plenty of chances to save humanity. But all these ideas share one thing in common: they all require us to know the threat well in advance, years or even decades before an im-pact. That means our first line of defense is watchful vigilance



Chiranjeevi posts an emotional Father's Day wish

On the occasion of Father's Day today, megastar Chiranjeevi took a moment to remember his late father and shared a heartfelt message with his fans.

Calling his father his "Super Hero," Chiranjeevi expressed deep gratitude for the values and strength he inherited. "Fathers give us roots to stay grounded and wings to soar high in our lives," he wrote.

He also extended warm wishes to all fathers around the world, appreciating their strength, wisdom, and love in shaping lives. The actor's emotional note has struck a chord with fans, reminding everyone of the irreplaceable role fathers in their lives.

As of now, Chiranjeevi is busy shooting for his new film in the direction of Anil Ravipudi. The shoot is happening in Mis-souri and Nayanthara plays the female lead.

Father's Day special: Mahesh Babu, Sitara's mirror selfie storms social media

On this Father's Day, several film stars have taken to social media today and shared special photo moments with their dads. Tollywood star kid Sitara Ghattamaneni, too, took to Instagram and thrilled her followers by sharing a couple of selfies with her doting dad, Super-star Mahesh Babu.

"Happy fathers day nana i love u so much," Sitara posted, adding a sweet little red heart at the end of her post. The mirror selfie shows Mahesh lovingly planting a kiss on Sitara's head. In the picture, Mahesh is seen in a lean and fit avatar, while his hairstyle is undoubtedly the most striking feature.

Mahesh is sporting his current look for the highly anticipated SSMB29 under



SS Rajamouli's direction. The film has wrapped up a couple of crucial schedules in Hyderabad and Odisha.

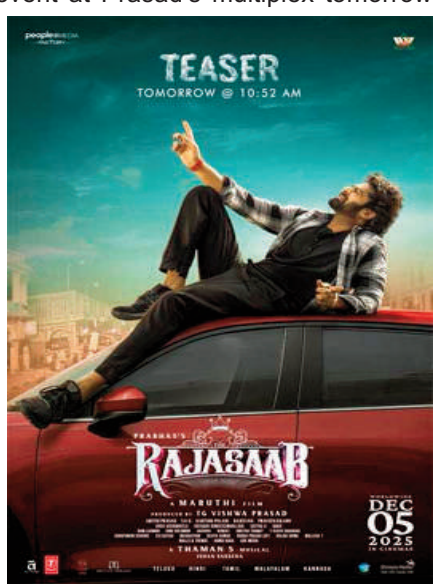
The makers are planning a major schedule in several exotic locales in the African country of Kenya.

Prabhas' ultra cool poster sets expectations soaring

The highly anticipated teaser for pan-India star Prabhas' crazy horror comedy, The Raja Saab, is all set to be launched in a grand event at Prasad's multiplex tomorrow (June 16) at 10:52 AM. The pre-teaser that was released earlier today further raised the expectations for the soon-to-be-released teaser.

And taking the hype and expectations to the next level, The Raja Saab makers have just unveiled a special poster featuring Prabhas. Dressed in simple modern wear, Prabhas looked at his stylish best in recent times in the poster. "The celebrations are set to hit the skies," read the announcement poster.

The Raja Saab also has young beauties Nidhhi Agerwal, Malavika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar, and Bollywood star Sanjay Dutt in lead roles. The Maruti directorial is produced by TG Vishwa Prasad under the People Media Factory banner. Thaman is the composer for this high-budget entertainer, which is scheduled for release on December 5, 2025.



Venkatesh Shocks His Fans Once Again with Rana Naidu Season 2

Venkatesh, the super-star affectionately called "Venky Mama" by his fans, surprised everyone two years ago by making his debut in a web series with Rana Naidu alongside his nephew Rana Daggubati. The first season was a pan-India release on Netflix and was a remake of the popular Hollywood TV series Ray Donovan.

The first season was a big shock for many Venkatesh fans. Some were disappointed by his bold and strong dialogue delivery and intimate scenes which were a dramatic departure from his usual family-friendly roles. Because of this many fans chose not to watch the complete season even though the story was quite interesting.



For Rana Naidu Season 2, the makers made a few tweaks. They reduced the number of bold scenes and strong language in response to the feedback from fans. This made the new season much less aggressive and more clean. However while the content might be less ex-

plicit, it fell weak in its story and character depth. Venkatesh's role in particular seemed less important and somewhat neglected. His character was used more as a side note, adding little to the main plot. Venkatesh seemed to perform without much enthusiasm. This lead

to growing complaints that the character fell flat. His look also appeared somewhat artificial, which further kept him from making a strong impact.

Rana Daggubati meanwhile stood out with a well-developed character, delivering a powerful performance. His role was much more dramatic and kept the story alive while Venkatesh fell into the background.

Overall Rana Naidu Season 2 was a weak follow-up especially for Venkatesh's fans who were expecting much more from their super-star. The actor's digital debut which initially seemed a bold and promising venture, is turning into a somewhat bitter memory for both him and his fans.

Kannappa Trailer: Exemplary Mythological Epic

It is already known that Manchu Vishnu is coming up with action epic Kannappa, which happens to be one of the most costliest projects in the making in Indian cinema. As the film is preparing for release on June 27, the promotional campaign is in full swing.

On the occasion, the trailer for the film has been released today and it promises a larger-than-life visual experience based on the Hindu mythological epic.

The first thing that grabs the attention right away is the magnanimous making values and extensive production designing that have gone into the making of this lively produced film. We get a clear glimpse of the exemplary visuals that are on offer with this film. Another good part is



that we get to witness some of the biggest stars in Indian cinema consecutively in the trailer, and this list includes Prabhas, Akshay Kumar, Mohan Babu and Mohanlal.

The trailer holds the attention from starting to end as it covers the journey of Vishnu, who plays Kannappa, who goes from being an artist to affirm believer of Siva.

The mythological epic part

that is displayed from starting to end is an instant success as we get a strong mythological field thanks to the emotions that are worked out.

This film appears to be a proper blend of technical aspects and strong emotional core. This is handsdown one of the better theatrical trailers for any film in recent times as we get a powerful visual experience from the same.

Global chess returns to Mumbai

Mumbai, June 15 (UNI) Mumbai is poised to become the epicentre of global chess action as the Rs 40 lakh prize money Aurionpro International Grandmaster Chess Tournament and Junior International Chess Tournament will be played at the World Trade Centre, Mumbai from June 16 to 24.

Organised by the Indian Chess School under the aegis of the All India Chess Federation, this double-header promises thrilling encounters and unmatched competition.

Over 400 players from 17 countries have confirmed participation in this chess extravaganza, including an impressive lineup of 16 Grandmasters and 13 International Masters.

With a combined prize fund of Rs 40.00 Lakhs, the event stands as one of India's richest chess tournaments — Rs 25.00 Lakhs earmarked for the Grandmaster section and

Rs15.00 Lakhs for the Junior (Under-13) section, the latter billed as the 'Richest Tournament for Children' in the world.

In the Grandmaster section, the top billing goes to GM Levon Pantois of Georgia, a formidable force with consistent performances on the international circuit. He is followed closely by GM Petrosyan Manuel from Armenia, while GM Luka Paichadze, also from Georgia, is the third seed.

Twelve-year-old FIDE Master Aansh Nerurkar leads the Indian charge in the Junior section, with strong challenges expected from Madhesh Kumar of Pondicherry and Maharashtra's Avirat Chauhan. The undeniable star attraction, however, is 12-year-old Women International Master Oshini Gunawardhana from Sri Lanka, whose presence adds international flair and excitement to the field.

Smith reveals next step in recovery from finger injury

London, June 15 (UNI) Australia batter Steve Smith has spoken for the first time since he picked up a finger injury during the ICC World Test Championship Final and provided a prognosis surrounding his return to international cricket.

Smith was sent to hospital during the third day of Australia's defeat to South Africa at Lord's after the veteran suffered a compound dislocation of his right little finger while fielding in the slip cordon.

The initial diagnosis for Smith is reasonably good, with the 36-year-old lucky to have avoided surgery and still a chance to feature in Australia's upcoming three-match Test series against the West Indies in the Caribbean.

"I will be in a splint for eight weeks now and I may

be able to play with it in a couple of weeks," Smith revealed after Australia's five-wicket loss to the Proteas at Lord's.

"It will depend on my functionality and what I am able to do, so it was probably the best result I could have hoped for," he said.

Smith's injury came about when he dropped South Africa captain Temba Bavuma when he was on just two in the Proteas' second innings and the missed chance cost the Aussies dearly as the skipper went on to score 66 and feature heavily in a match-winning partnership with opener Aiden Markram, an ICC report said.

The Australian was standing extremely close to the batter when the drop occurred and was also sporting a helmet to cope with the



uneven bounce in the Lord's pitch.

"I was standing pretty close with the helmet on and as we saw throughout the game a lot of nicks went short of first and second slip," Smith said.

"The plan was to stand pretty close and I lost sight of it with the angle that Mitchell Starc was bowling

and it kind of went inside Bavuma's hip and I didn't quite see it until really late and it kind of dipped on me a little bit late too as well," he said.

"It was tricky, it didn't go in my hand very well and fortunately there is no break there and it just split the skin and dislocated it which made me feel pretty ill at

that stage," Smith said.

The injury incident is the latest in a long set of dramas Smith has encountered at Lord's over the years, with the Australian admitting he now has a host of mixed emotions when recalling his recent appearances at the famous north London venue.

"I have a love/hate relationship with this place now," Smith stated.

"I have had some good memories here and some not so good ones as well," he said.

"Getting hit in the head by Jofra (Archer) in 2019 and now having my digit knocked off out here yesterday as well," Smith said.

"But it's a wonderful place to play cricket and I have enjoyed it here and it was a real good game of cricket again," he added.

Two killed as house collapsed on them

(Capital Information) Vizianagaram, June 15: Two persons were killed when the house in which they were working collapsed at Ramavaram village of Gantayala mandal of the district on Sunday.

Police said that when some workers were carrying out some works in a house, it suddenly caved in killing Kolisi Paidithalli (47) and Yerra Chinnayya (58). The bodies were extricated from the rubble and shifted to the GGH for postmortem.

Over 1 lakh students to get free JEE/NEET coaching

(Capital Information)

Vijayawada, June 15: In a historic move, the government of Andhra Pradesh, under the leadership of Education Minister Nara Lokesh, has launched a path-breaking initiative to provide free, high-quality preparation material and coaching to MPC and BiPC students studying in 1355 junior colleges under government sector across the state to prepare for national competitive exams like JEE and NEET.

This is the first time ever that such a large-scale effort has been made in the state's education system to help students from economically weaker backgrounds compete at the national level.

The study material being given to students for free for Physics, Chemistry, Biology, and Mathematics has been specially prepared by a team



of top subject experts from both government and private colleges over a period of six months.

To make sure students benefit fully from this support, the government has also extended college timings from 9:30 AM-4:00 PM to 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. Every day, students have now started receiving at least two dedicated hours of coaching based on this new material.

Junior Lecturers have been trained to teach the content effectively.

Along with free coaching material, the government has also introduced weekly tests, performance reviews, and regular

progress tracking—best practices typically found in top private institutions—now being implemented in government colleges.

"This initiative is about giving every student, no matter where they come from, a fair chance to succeed," said Minister Nara Lokesh.

"We are creating an environment where every child in Andhra Pradesh can dream

big and prepare confidently for JEE, NEET, and other national-level exams," he asserted.

The Minister highlighted that this bold step would benefit over 1 lakh students in 1,355 Government Junior Colleges in the government sector and is aimed at bridging the gap between private and government education. "Our government firmly believes that quality education must be a right, not a privilege. Our mission is simple: to give every student the confidence, tools, and platform to dream big and achieve bigger," Minister Nara Lokesh revealed.

The Andhra Pradesh government's vision is clear—education should be a right, not a privilege and that's what lays the foundation of Andhra Pradesh Model of Education, he added.



Kerala Health Minister invited to attend Victorian Parliament session

Thiruvananthapuram, June 15 (UNI) Kerala Health Minister Veena George has been invited to attend the Victorian Parliament session in Australia.

She has been invited as a special guest to attend and receive the honour of the Parliament.

The invitation has been extended as a recognition of the collaboration in the health sector between Kerala and Victoria, a release said.

The Minister will attend the Victorian Parliament session scheduled for June 19. Such an opportunity is rare for ministers from Indian states.

Over this period, several initiatives have been undertaken to strengthen the cooperation between Kerala and Victoria. During the visit, Minister Veena George will hold discussions with the Health Minister and the Minister for Women and Child Welfare of Victoria.