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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.

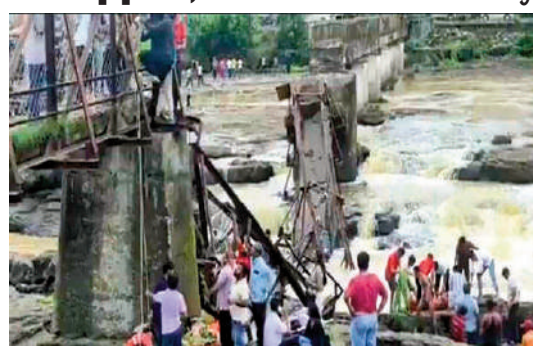
He assured that the surveys are being conducted in the presence of farmers to avoid disputes and ensure accuracy, bringing transparency and clarity in land ownership that will significantly benefit rural landholders.

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.

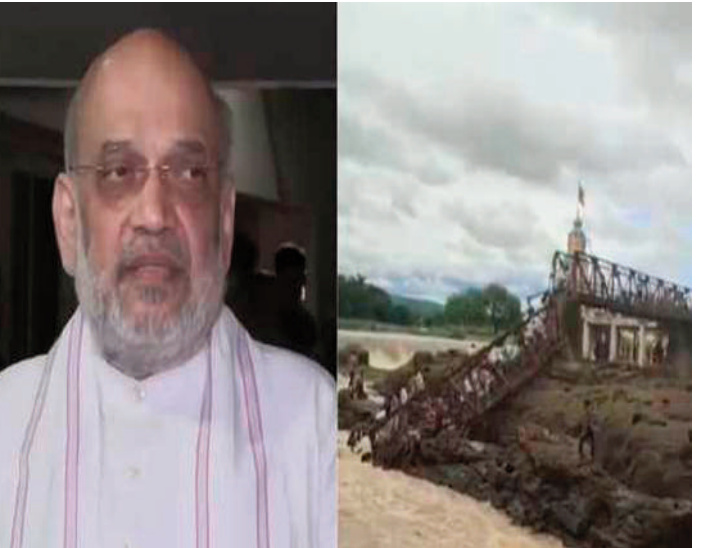
He further assured necessary intervention in meeting the demand for establishing a community hall for Sant Kabir Samaj.

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

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 is-

ssues 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.

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YOU CAN GET MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH WITH YOGA

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

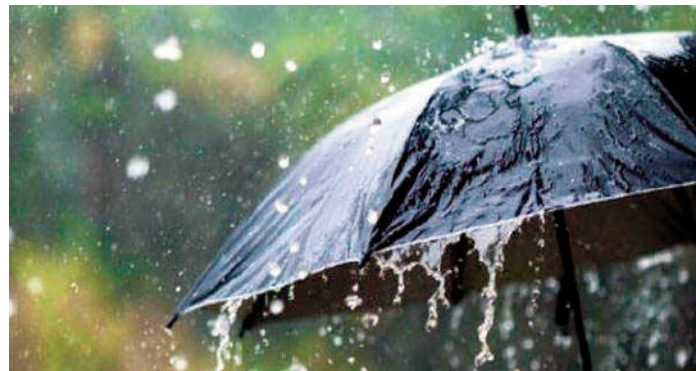
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four o'clock in the evening Ilyavalli said that Komandoor will be held under the auspices of the Swamivari.

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 Code 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 G7 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."

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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 southwards 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 southwards.

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 waterlogged 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 Guptakashi 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 Rudrapur 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.

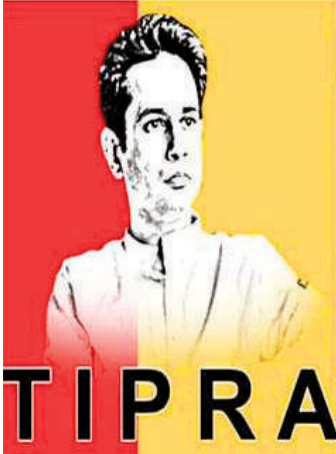


TIPRA Motha writes to PM seeking deportation of illegal Bangladeshi nationals from Tripura

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

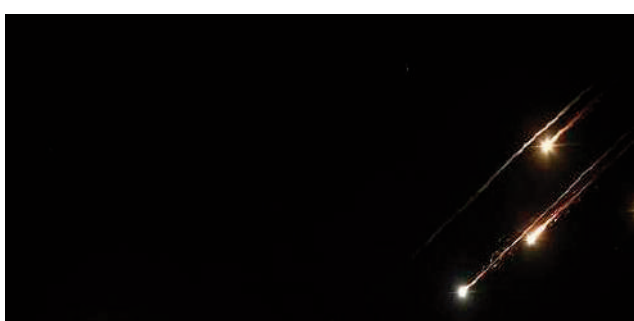
Tehran, June 15 (UNI) Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) launched late Saturday night a "large-scale combined offensive operation" against Israel, involving a significant number of missiles and drones, the IRGC's official news outlet Sepah News reported.

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."

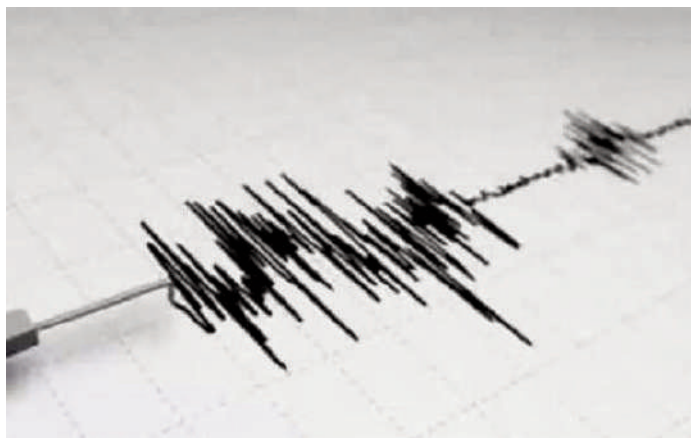
"He feels, as do I, this war in Israel-Iran should end," Trump wrote on his social media platform Truth Social, adding that Putin knows Iran "very well."

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

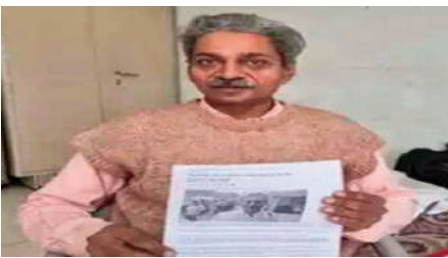
street Nagpada near Kamathipura the red light area of Mumbai.

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



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



strings, blending the essence of Pranava Nadham with contemporary 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, 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-



taining their quality. He said such industrial units create employment opportunities for the local people and also pave the way for development 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 engaged in the manufacturing who apprised him about the details of the manufacturing process.

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

tracted towards the enterprise 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 manufacturing of various products main-

Tripura University marks progress in IIRF 2025 ranking

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 University'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 region securing the 13th position in IIRF this year, followed by Tezpur University (24th), Mizoram University (25th),



Central Agricultural University (26th), Northeastern Hill University, Shillong (29th), Nagaland University (34th), Sikkim University (36th), Assam University (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 reflects key parameters, with Placement Performance at 223.5, Teaching, Learning Resources & Pedagogy at 197.3, Research at 175.1, Industry Income & Integration at 148.8, Placement Strategy & Support at 63, Future Orientation 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, celebrated for their archery, with weapons and mounted on a lion — symbolising feminine strength in its most powerful form.

In more recent centuries, figures like Mai Bhago Kaur and Rani Durgavati stood against the Mughal armies, while Rani Lakshmibai of Jhansi and Kittur Chennamma fought valiantly against British colonial rule. These women were not mere outliers — they were trailblazers whose legacies continue to inspire.

The participation of Indian women in the military began formally with their induction into nursing services under the British Indian Army. Thousands served with distinction during the World Wars. After independence, women were granted regular commissions in the Armed Forces Medical Corps in 1958. Since then, more avenues have gradually opened. In 1992, women were inducted into various non-medical branches of the Indian Army under the Short Service Commission. By 2008, they were eligible for permanent commission in the Legal and Education Corps, and in 2020, this opportunity was extended to eight more branches. Over the last decade, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, there has been a conscious and concerted effort to promote the inclusion of women in the armed forces. Iconic milestones — such as Captain Tania Shergill leading an all — male contingent at the 2020 Republic Day Parade, or Lieutenant Colonel Sophia Qureshi heading an all-male contingent 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 significant 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 encourage wider participation.

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

Modern warfare is increasingly technology-driven, and women have emerged as critical assets in domains like communications, cyber warfare, and intelligence. Women scientists and engineers 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, inspiring younger generations, and challenging traditional stereotypes.

Earlier, we were inspired by pioneers like Dr. Tessy Thomas, who led India's missile development 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 defence operations.

From visible faces like Wing Commander Singh and Colonel Qureshi to the many unsung women who formed the backbone of the Integrated Air Command and Control System (IACCS), their contributions were critical. The IACCS is an advanced command and control system that integrates real-time data from various air defence assets to detect, identify, intercept, and neutralise hostile threats. It is estimated that women constituted 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 operational command — remains one of the most compelling yet under-told narratives of our times. It is heartening to witness women rightfully occupying critical positions in service to the nation.

Their increasing presence in leadership roles is not just a matter of representation; it is a strategic imperative. With a Government committed to their empowerment, their role is only set to grow. As India embraces inclusive strength, we move closer to realising our full national potential — powered equally by the resolve of our daughters.

A Guide to Defending the Earth

Let's say one day astronomer announce that our worst nightmare has come true: a large object is headed towards the Earth with a significant chance of impact. What do we do? Besides "panicking" humanity 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 prepare.

The most straightforward approach is a kinetic impact: slamming whatever we got into the oncoming asteroid or comet. This approach has actually been tested with NASA's DART mission, and it works best for relatively small (less than a few hundred meters across) asteroids or comets that can be spotted from far away. The idea is to nudge the velocity of the threat by a very small amount. If we do it early enough, the comet or asteroid will end up in a completely different orbit and safely pass by the Earth.

The next most sophisticated 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 atmosphere, b) if that fails, at least change the direction of the asteroid or comet. While this method seems the most promising, the latest research suggests that it might not be the best way to tackle large asteroids. The problem is that those objects aren't like giant boulders, but more like loose piles of rubble barely glued together. Since there's a lot of space and gaps in those rubble piles, a nuclear weapon doesn't have a lot to effectively push around.

Thankfully there are some more subtle approaches. If we could deploy 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, especially when they get close to the Sun. Normally this evaporation happens equally in all directions as the object randomly tumbles around, but if we were to warm up one side more than the other, then the evaporation would act as a very weak rocket exhaust, pushing the asteroid 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 impact. That means our first line of defense is watchful vigilance



Kerala Industry Minister receives bodies of 5 Malayalees killed in Kenya road accident

Kochi, Jun 15 (UNI) Kerala Industry Minister P Rajeeve received the bodies of 5 Malayalees, who died in a road accident in Nehru, Kenya, and paid last respects on behalf of the State Government at the Cochin International Airport here on Sunday.

The bodies were brought to the Cochin Airport on a Qatar Airways flight at 9.30 AM.

The bodies of Muvatupuzha native Jasna (29), her daughter Roohi Mehrin (one and a half years old), Mavelikkara Cherukol native Geetha Shoji Isaac (58), Palakkad Mannur native Riya Ann (41), and her daughter Tyra Rodrigues (7) were brought.

The deceased, Jasna's husband Muhammad Haneefa, Riya's husband Joel,



and son Travis, who sustained injuries, were also brought here for further treatment.

The bodies of Jasna, daughter Roohi Mehreen, and Riya's son Tyra Rodrigues will be cremated on Sunday. The body of Geeta, a native of Mavelikkara, is being kept at a private hospital in Emakulam.

Following the swift intervention of Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan, the Central government has granted a

special exemption to the health precaution requirement of requiring a yellow vaccine certificate for entry into India for mortal remains brought from Kenya and their accompanying relatives.

On June 9, a tourist bus carrying a group of 28 Indians met with an accident. They had come from Qatar for tourism. The accident took place in Nehru, 150 km from Nairobi. The bus they were travelling in overturned and fell into a ravine.

India reports 10 more Covid-19 deaths amid slight in active cases

New Delhi, June 15 (UNI) The total number of active Covid-19 cases in India dropped slightly to 7,383 on Sunday, down by 17 cases from 7,400 a day earlier, according to the latest data released by the Union Health Ministry at 8 am.

However, deaths due to Covid pathogen cases increased by 10 to 97, the Ministry said. Three deaths were reported in Delhi, five in Kerala and two in Maharashtra. All reported cases involved individuals with significant underlying health conditions, highlighting the heightened risk posed to those with comorbidities.

Fresh infections in Delhi and Madhya Pradesh increased by 10 each to touch 682 and 130 respectively, but they dropped by 102 in Kerala, though total caseload was highest among states at 2007.



However, a few states including West Bengal, Arunachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Puducherry, and Tripura did not report any new infection, as per the government's website.

The three Covid virus related deaths in Delhi included a 57-year-old woman with diabetes and chronic lung dis-

ease, a man (57) with diabetes and liver disease, and an 83-year-old woman with a medical history of diabetes, hypertension, and lung disease.

In Kerala, the five deceased included an 86-year-old man with hypertension, coronary artery disease, chronic kidney disease, and dementia; a 79-year-old man

with diabetes, hypertension, and kidney disease; a 70-year-old man suffering from diabetes, hypertension, and thyroid disorders; a 92-year-old woman with a history of stroke and Parkinson's disease; and a 73-year-old man with hypertension, coronary artery disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

In Maharashtra, two deaths have been confirmed. One was a 56-year-old man with diabetes and hypertension. The second was a 32-year-old man diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia and anaemia — both conditions compromising immunity and resilience.

The public health experts have urged high-risk individuals to take all recommended precautions, including masking in crowded places, and regular health checkups.

Krishna flood alert in Yadgir, Gadag farmers cut off

Bengaluru, Jun 15 (UNI) With the monsoon intensifying over the Western Ghats, authorities in Yadgir released over 52,000 cusecs of water from the Basavasagar Dam, causing the Krishna River to swell sharply and raising flood concerns across low-lying areas in north Karnataka.

The river near Narayanpur is now flowing with force akin to a waterfall, prompting alerts among residents and farmers.

"As focus shifts to flood management and dam outflows in Karnataka's Bagalkot, Vijayapura, Kalaburagi, Yadgir, and Raichur districts, a parallel and largely overlooked crisis is unfolding in Gadag, where farmers along the Gadag-Betageri Road are raising alarm over the lack of critical infrastructure that renders thou-



sands of acres of farmland inaccessible during the monsoon."

"This is the main road to our fields," said a local farmer, speaking to reporters. "Thousands of farmers depend on this stretch to cultivate and access their land. Yet, there's neither a proper road bridge nor an overpass across the two streams here. When it rains, we're completely cut off."

The situation worsens during the monsoon, as runoff water accumulates in the nullahs, making crossing

hazardous or impossible. "Only a handful of us dare to cross the slushy paths, and that too at great risk. Most farmers are forced to turn back," the farmer said, adding that no meaningful government response has come despite repeated appeals.

Farmers are demanding the construction of a bridge over the streams to provide all-weather access to farmlands. The present lack of connectivity, they say, is not only a logistical issue but also a direct threat to liveli-

hood and food security.

The release of dam waters upstream adds to their fears. "If there is more rain and water release, these low-lying areas will be further flooded. Without a bridge, even emergency access will be impossible," a local Gram Panchayat member noted.

In the absence of timely intervention, the compounded effect of climate-linked weather events and infrastructure gaps could push farming communities deeper into distress. With the monsoon projected to intensify further in the coming weeks, farmers are urging state and district authorities to act before the situation spirals.

"We are not asking for favours. We are asking for the bare minimum—safe access to our own land," said a farmer leader.

Italy-based NRI booked for alleged fraud

Phagwara, June 15 (UNI) The Punjab police have registered a case against an Italy-based Non-Resident Indian (NRI), identified as Tersem Chand, for allegedly defrauding a villager in Kapurthala district under the pretext of facilitating immigration to Italy, an official said on Sunday.

The accused, originally from village Jagatpur-Jattan in Punjab, has come under the police radar following a formal complaint by Arun Kumar, a resident of village Kherra near Phagwara.

Arun Kumar alleged that Tersem Chand had promised to arrange his settle-

ment in Italy in exchange for a payment of Rs 16 Lakh. The amount was reportedly handed over in installments over a period of time.

Kumar stated that the accused neither provided the necessary documents nor fulfilled any of the commitments made regarding travel or settlement abroad.

The police have registered a case under Sections 420 (cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of property) and 406 (criminal breach of trust) of the Indian Penal Code, along with applicable provisions of the Punjab Travel Professionals Regulation Act.

These laws are intended to protect individuals from being exploited by unlicensed travel agents or fraudulent immigration consultants. SSP Gaurav Toora (IPS) confirmed that the complaint was found to be credible after preliminary inquiry, leading to the registration of the First Information Report (FIR). "We have initiated an investigation into the allegations.

The complainant has submitted relevant evidence, and efforts are underway to trace the accused and ascertain the full scope of the fraud," the official said.

He said further

legal action would be taken based on the outcome of the investigation.

Authorities have not ruled out the possibility of other victims coming forward, as such cases involving unauthorised immigration agents have been on the rise in the region.

Meanwhile, the SSP has urged residents to verify the credentials of travel agents and immigration consultants before making any financial commitments. Citizens are encouraged to report suspicious activities to the police promptly. As of now, Tersem Chand remains at large.

Today's Horoscope

ARIES

You are likely to impress people around you with your positive outlook and confidence. Speculation will bring in profits. A letter by post brings happy news for the entire family. Today you are going to make blind love possible to get. Today you will have a hidden adversary who will love to prove you wrong. Volunteering work that you do today will help not only those you assist but will help you look at yourself more positively. Your parents might bless your spouse with something really wonderful today, which will eventually enhance your married life.

TAURUS

Throw away the gloom- which is enveloping you and disrupting your progress. You should look twice at investment schemes that are presented to you today. Family function would make new friends. But be careful in your selection. Good friends are like a treasure you always want to preserve. Try to coax your partner into understanding, otherwise you might get in trouble. Everything seems in your favor today at work. Time to re-assess your strengths and your future plans. Your spouse will push the rewind button of those early stage love and romance today.

GEMINI

Health definitely needs care. There is a possibility of money loss today, hence you are required to remain alert while making transactions or signing any document. Minor changes around the house will be undertaken to improve the look of it. Unexpected romantic inclination. Be discreet and courageous especially in face of opposition that might arise at work place. With just little efforts, the day might become the best day of your married life. Respect elderly persons and seniors and honour gurus, teachers, scholars and acharyas for excellent health.

CANCER

Sort out your tension for mental peace. Monetary gains will be from various sources. Your domestic scene will be somewhat unpredictable. Romantic moves will not pay. Female colleagues will be highly supportive and help you in finishing pending jobs. Efforts made to improve your looks and personality will turn out to your satisfaction. After a bad phase of misunderstanding, the day will bless you with the love of your spouse in the evening. Make donations in iron vessels to poor and needy people and cherish happy family moments.

LEO

Smile as it is best antidote for all your problems. Your efforts to save money can fail today. Although you do not have to worry about it, as the situation will soon improve. Your domestic scene will be somewhat unpredictable. Absence of love may be felt today. You will be a part of something big which will win your appreciation and rewards. Today, you will have free time on your hands, and you can use it to meditate. The low health of your spouse might become an hindrance in your work, but you will be able to manage everything somehow.

VIRGO

Rise in family medical expenses cannot be ruled out. Today, with the help of a close friend, some businessmen are likely to gain monetary benefits. This money can overcome many of your troubles. Your domestic scene will be somewhat unpredictable. You need to spend time with your beloved to know and understand each other better. If you should be going on a days leave then do not worry- as things will run smoothly in your absence- If- for some strange reason- there's a problem- you'll fix it easily when you return.

LIBRA

Cultivate a generous attitude towards life. There is no use of complaining and getting upset over your living conditions. It is the beggarly thinking which destroys the fragrance of life and kills the hope of living a content life. Planetary placement doesn't seem favourable for you today in regard with money matters. Hence, keep your money safe. Social events will be perfect opportunity to improve your rapport with influential and important people. Your soulmate will think about you all day. Support from seniors as well as colleagues at workplace lifts your morale.

SCORPIO

Incase you have been feeling frustrated recently- you should remember that right actions and thoughts today will bring much needed relief. You may witness tremendous profit in business today. You can give new heights to your business today. You would forget your problems and spend good time with family members. Likely to share candyfloss and toffees with beloved on the cards. New ideas would be productive. Tension filled day when several differences might crop up with close associates. Marriage will reach to its best today in your life.

SAGITTARIUS

Keep your poise as you are likely to confront some difficulties otherwise-it may put you in some serious trouble. Especially control your anger which is nothing but a short madness. Today, one of your parents can lecture you on the importance of saving money. You need to listen to them very carefully, otherwise you may face problems in the upcoming time. Get everybody to your big party-You'll have that extra bit of energy today which will make you organize events for your group. A lonely phase that has been gripping you for long time ends-as you seem to find your soul mate.

CAPRICORN

You will have abundance of energy- but work pressure seems to get you irritated. Any of your movable property can get stolen today. Hence, you need to take good care of them. A favorable day for domestic matters and finishing pending household jobs. Your beloved will seek commitment- Do not make promise that you will find difficult to keep. Your colleagues might invite you for a small get-together after work. You can take out time for yourself from your packed schedule and go out with your life partner.

AQUARIUS

Your charming behaviour will attract attention. Those who had invested their money on the advice of an unknown person are very likely to gain benefits today. Someone close to you will be in a highly unpredictable mood. Past happy memories will keep you busy. Put your efforts in the right direction and you will be rewarded with extraordinary gains. You know the importance of personal space, and you are likely to get a lot of free time today. In this time, you can play a game or go to the gym. Today, your better half will support you in the most critical thing of your life.

PISCES

Your swift action will solve your longstanding problem. Today you can invest your money in religious activities, and most likely to incur mental peace and stability. Your domestic life will suffer if you spend extra time at office. Your beloved today would like to say his/her mind rather than listening to you. This can make you upset. You will reach your goals through hard work and patience. Natives of this zodiac sign should read some spiritual books in their free time today. By doing this, many of your troubles can be overcome. Do not push your partner for anything; this will only make you both distant at heart.



Kenya road accident: Bodies of five Malayalees to be brought on Sunday

Kochi, June 15 (UNI) The bodies of five Kenalites who died in a bus accident in Nehru, Kenya, will be brought to Nedumbassery Airport on a Qatar Airways flight at 8.45 am on Sunday.

The bodies of Muvattupuzha native Jasna (29), her daughter Roohi Mehrin (one and a half years old), Mavelikkara Cherukol native Geetha Shoji Isaac (58), Palakkad Mannur native Riya Ann (41), and her daughter Tyra Rodrigues (7) will be brought.

Following the swift intervention of the Chief Minister, the central government has granted a special exemption to the health precaution requirement of requiring a yellow vaccine certificate for entry into India for mortal remains brought from Kenya and their accompanying relatives.

Norka Roots will receive the mortal remains on behalf of the state government. From here, the mortal remains will be taken to their homes. The relatives of the deceased will also be with them on the flight.

On June 9, a tourist bus carrying a group of 28 Indians met with an accident. They had come from Qatar for tourism. The accident took place in Nehru, 150 km from Nairobi. The bus they were travelling in overturned and fell into a ravine.

J&K: AAP MLA from Doda withdraws support from NC

Jammu, June 15 (UNI) Aam Admi Party (AAP) MLA from Doda Assembly Constituency, Mehraj Malik withdrawn his support to the National Conference.

Asserting that the decision to withdraw support was made in the best interest of the people of Jammu

and Kashmir, Mehraj Malik reaffirmed his commitment to the trust, welfare of masses and overall development as his top priority.



"I, Mehraj Malik, MLA decision has been taken from Doda, hereby withdraw my support to NC in the government coalition," Malik posted on X.

He further posted, "This decision has been taken in the best interest of my people of Jammu and Kashmir whose trust and welfare will always be my top priority."

Mehraj Malik this year in March was appointed as the President of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for Jammu and Kashmir.

Pune gangster killed in encounter with police in Solapur

Pune, June 15 (UNI) A notorious criminal was killed in alleged encounter with Pune Crime Branch team in Solapur district on Sunday. Criminal was identified as Shahruckh Rahim Sheikh alias Atty (23).

Shahruckh was absconding and Pune police were looking for him for a long time.



Acting on a reliable information that he was hiding near Lamboti village in Solapur for past few days, a Crime Branch team went to Lamboti on Saturday midnight to arrest him.

Police raided the house where he was hiding. Upon seeing police,

Shahruckh Sheikh allegedly opened fire at police team. In retaliation, police fired back at Sheikh, in which he was seriously injured.

He was taken to the government hospital in Solapur in a critical condition, but he died during treatment.

Fulfilling Promises, Empowering Villages

- Minister Ponguleti



(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, June 15 : Reinforcing the government's commitment to rural development, Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy visited Tirumalaya palem Mandal on Sunday to lay foundation stones for multiple road works and review welfare initiatives. During his visit, the Minister launched road development works worth several crores across villages like Bachodu, Rajaram, Solipuram, and Kakaravai. He also visited Hazrat Mansoor Shah Wali Dargah at Solipuram and offered a chadar. Speaking to the public, Ponguleti stated that the government is implementing each of its promises step by step. He assured that newly sanctioned road works would begin within days and be completed within the season. So far, development works worth ₹6 crore have been completed in Bachodu alone. Highlighting welfare measures, the Minister listed key initiatives such as: Free electricity up to 200 units for poor households, ₹500 LPG cylinders, Free bus travel for women, Aarogyasri coverage raised to ₹10 lakh, ₹500 per quintal bonus for fine rice, Free fine rice via ration shops, New ration cards and Indiramma housing rollout. He further assured farmers that ₹12,000 under Rythu Bharosa would be credited within a week, and that ₹21,000 crore in farm loans had been waived in the first 10 months of the government. Minister Ponguleti also emphasized that 20 lakh Indiramma houses would be built in the coming three years and that every eligible family would receive one in phases. The events witnessed participation from local officials and public representatives.

WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP FOR UNDER-15 HELD IN KOTHAGUDEM



(Capital Information)
Kothagudem, June 15 : The Bhadradi Kothagudem District Wrestling Association organized the Under-15 Boys and Girls Wrestling Championship at 3-Incline Grounds, marking the conclusion of the summer training camp held from May 1 to June 6 by the District Sports Authority. Over 60 young wrestlers from across the district participated. Winners were awarded medals and certificates by PCC General Secretary Nag Seetharamulu and District Olympic Association President Dr. G. Yugandhar Reddy. Speaking at the event, Seetharamulu emphasized the importance of balancing academics and sports, urging youth to utilize government schemes for sports development. Dr. Yugandhar Reddy praised the district administration for supporting sports and providing necessary equipment worth lakhs. The event was presided over by Wrestling Coach P. Niharika. Other notable participants included: Y. Venkateswara Rao, Vice President, District Olympic Association, P. Kaashi Hussain, General Secretary, District Wrestling Association, Adinarayana, President, District Judo Association, Barigala Bhupesh, General Secretary, Indian Style Wrestling Association, and several senior athletes, coaches, and sports officials.

Dr. Gundu Harikishore Receives Swami Vivekananda National Youth Award



(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, June 15 : Renowned Sanskrit scholar and young social thinker Dr. Gundu Harikishore from Khammam has been honored with the prestigious Swami Vivekananda National Youth Award in Kolkata. Dr. Harikishore, author of Shiva Purana in Sanskrit and an expert in Astrology, Numerology, and Palmistry, has been recognized for his contributions to literature and social service. His work blends language, spirituality, and cultural heritage, inspiring youth and promoting the Sanskrit language. The award was presented by distinguished personalities during a national-level event organized by the Swami Vivekananda Foundation. Scholars and well-wishers have praised Dr. Harikishore for bringing pride to Telangana through his dedication and achievements.

NEET 2024 : DOCTORS MEDICAL ACADEMY PUTS KHAMMAM ON THE NATIONAL MAP

- ❖ Thumu Vennela shines with AIR 307
- ❖ Telangana Open Category Rank 11
- ❖ 122+ Students on Track for MBBS Government Seats

(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, June 15 : In a shining moment of academic excellence, Doctors Medical Academy from Khammam has carved a national identity by delivering stellar results in NEET 2024. With students bagging top ranks, the Academy has once again proven itself as a powerhouse of medical coaching in Telangana. Leading the ranks is Thumu Vennela, who scored 626 marks, clinching an All India Rank of 307 and securing 11th place in the Telangana Open Category — an achievement that has brought pride not only to her institution but to the entire Khammam district. Speaking at a packed press conference held at the Academy campus, Directors Rayala Sathish Babu and Ega Bharani Kumar shared the journey behind these extraordinary results. "Vennela's success is just the beginning. Our student Rishika Sharma scored 588 marks, and Priyanka secured All India Rank 171 in the ST category. This is the fruit of years of focused mentoring and individual attention," said Ega Bharani Kumar.

A Legacy of Medical Achievers
Doctors Medical Academy has consistently produced government MBBS seat holders — 75 students in 2022, 95 in 2023, 108 in 2024, a new benchmark. This year, over 122 students are expected to secure government MBBS seats. The score range further reflects the Academy's academic strength: 6 students scored above 500- 21 students



scored above 450- 62 students crossed the 400 mark
Behind the Success: Vision, Mentorship & Care

The Academy attributes its success to a blend of visionary planning, dedicated faculty, and personalized mentoring. With a mission to bridge the gap between rural students and corporate coaching standards, the institution has stood as a beacon of hope for thousands of aspirants from Khammam and beyond. "Every year, our results are not just numbers — they are fulfilled dreams. We focus not only on academic instruction but on building the confidence and clarity required to become a doctor," said Rayala Satish Babu.

A Moment of Celebration
The Academy hosted a felicitation ceremony to honor its high achievers, where proud parents and enthusiastic peers gathered to celebrate the victory. The atmosphere was filled with emotion, applause, and hope — a true testament to what focused education can achieve. As the journey continues, Doctors Medical Academy remains committed to nurturing future doctors, one student at a time.

Peaceful Struggles for Minority Rights - New RPV Committee Formed in Madhira

(Capital Information)
Kothagudem, June 15 : To safeguard the rights of Muslim minorities and protect Wakf lands, the Rajyanga Parirakshana Vedika (RPV) is swiftly expanding across Telangana through new committee formations. As part of this, a new committee was established in Vanavari Krishna puram village, Mudigonda Mandal, Madhira constituency. At the oath-taking ceremony, RPV National President Syed Sadiq Ali emphasized that peaceful, united, Gandhian



movements are essential to secure Muslim rights "from the streets to Delhi." He said RPV aims to awaken the Muslim youth and lead them towards social, economic, and political empowerment. Committees have already been set up in Palair (Khammam), Kodad (Suryapet), Maripeda (Mahabubabad), and more districts. New Committee Members: President: Shaik Nagul, Vice President: Shaik Yusuf Miya, Secretary: Jaleel Pasha, Joint Secretary: Shaik Jamal, Treasurer: Sameena Begum, Advisors: Shaik Janimiya, Khassim Saheb, Ameer Saheb, Munna, Members: Rajab Ali, Shamshuddin, Jani, Madar, Mouali, Mohammed Jani, Akbar, Nagul Meera, Social Media In-charge: Shaik Majeed. The event was attended by Palair constituency in-charge Dr. Naziruddin and other leaders. Syed Sadiq Ali concluded by saying RPV is preparing to launch a peaceful state-level campaign from Hyderabad, forming full-fledged committees in all 33 districts.

Celebrating the Poetic Journey of Savyasaachi

(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, June 15 : At the recent book launch ceremony, renowned poet, journalist, and Kendra Sahitya Academy general council member Prasen lauded Savyasaachi for his remarkable poetry and his efforts to translate Telugu works into English. He noted that Savyasaachi's latest poetry volume "Nagnadesam" stands out for its poetic richness and emotional depth. Prasen also praised the poet's upcoming project of translating the signature works of eminent Telugu poets into English. Muvva Srinivasa Rao, educationist and President of Gurram Jashuva Sahitya Vedika, appreciated Savyasaachi's consistent poetic focus on social issues over the past decade. He hoped for continued powerful poetry in future volumes. Sriramaakavacham Sagar, who penned the foreword to "Nagnadesam", shared insights about the poet's family legacy. He mentioned that Savyasaachi's brother, Niyogi, is also a reputed poet and journalist. Sagar recalled Niyogi's earlier compilation "Akshara Nakshatralu", highlighting the legacy of 111 eminent poets. He expressed confidence that Savyasaachi will continue to be a strong voice through his poetry and translations. Renowned poet VR Vidyarthi stated that Savyasaachi's poetry carries the essence of greats like Sri Sri and Tilak. He praised the poet's earlier work "Manchu manishi" and acknowledged him as one of the significant contributors in modern Telugu poetry. Columnist and poet Annavaram Devender commended



Savyasaachi's work "Vangolusulu", written during his time in Karimnagar, and acknowledged the poet's bold literary challenges and socially reflective writing. Here is the minimised and refined English version of the second part of your document: Tribute to Mahakavi Sri Sri and Book Launch of "Grain Chains" The poetry volume "Grain Chains" — a collection of excellently translated verses — was launched and analyzed by noted poet and critic Dr. Pothagani Satyanarayana. The event was organized by poet and columnist Shahenshah. A special tribute was paid to Mahakavi Sri Sri on his 42nd death anniversary, with poet and singer Medagani Seshagiri rendering a soulful song penned by Sri Sri. Prominent poets and dignitaries present included Jeevan, K. Jwala Ramesh, Ibrahim Nirgun, Virumalla Sunanda, Kapila Ramkumar, Medagani Seshagiri, Venkataiah, Amruta varshini Jayaraj, Dr. Anjaneyulu, Dr. Pagidipalli Venkateswarlu, Devaiah, and Routuu Ravi, among others. The program concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Shahenshah.

Let Us Unite to Protect the Constitution - Minister Ponguleti

(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, June 15 : Telangana Revenue, Information, and Housing Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy emphasized the importance of collective efforts to uphold the Indian Constitution. Speaking at the 'Jai Babu - Jai Bhim - Jai Samvidhan' rally held in Bachodu village, Tirumalayapalem Mandal, the Minister alleged that the Central Government is undermining the spirit of the Constitution drafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He stated that the government is ignoring the sacrifices made by freedom fighters and the fundamental rights enshrined in the Constitution. "We are organizing this yatra in every village to raise awareness about the dignity and value of the Constitution. The spirit of independence and constitutional rights must be remembered, especially at a time when regional and communal divides are being encouraged at the cost of development," he said. The Minister called for a united stand to protect constitutional values and warned against divisive politics. The event witnessed participation from public representatives, villagers, and local leaders.



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Congress leaders and cricket enthusiasts extend birthday greetings to Deputy CM



(Capital Information)
Khammam Bureau, June 15 : On the occasion of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's birth day, Congress leaders and youth in Khammam district celebrated with enthusiasm. District Congress President Puvvalla Durga Prasad and Mahila Congress President Dobbala Sowjanya led the greetings, wishing him a long and successful political journey. A small cake-cutting celebration was held at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Stadium, organized by Cricket Coach Mohammed Mateen, where several youth activists, NSUI, Sevadal members, cricket players and their families participated. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders wished that the Deputy CM continues to lead Telangana towards progress and celebrates many more birthdays in good health and spirit.

Grand Celebrations of Deputy CM's Birthday



(Capital Information)
Sathupalli, June 15 : The birthday of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka was celebrated grandly in Sathupalli. The event was organized under the leadership of Sri Rama Venkateshwar, District President of the SC/ST Protection Development Society. As part of the celebrations, fruits, sweets, and food were distributed to elderly residents in Prakash Nagar Colony of Gangaram village. Later, a cake-cutting ceremony was held to mark the occasion. Several dignitaries and senior leaders participated in the event and extended their heartfelt birthday wishes to the Deputy Chief Minister.

Grand Celebrations of Deputy CM's Birthday



(Capital Information)
Madhira, June 15 : Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka's birthday was celebrated meaningfully at the Adarana Seva Foundation Orphanage, Madhira. The program was led by Vemireddy Srinivasa Reddy and Kona Dhani Kumar, with the participation of Congress leaders and party workers. A cake-cutting ceremony was followed by Annadanam for mentally challenged residents. Speaking on the occasion, Kona Dhani Kumar expressed happiness over celebrating the day in service to the needy, describing Bhatti as a symbol of hope for the underprivileged. Participants included: Anil Kumar Nehru, Kariveda Sudhakar Rao, Ranga Srinivasa Rao, Parupalli Vijay Kumar, Kota Venkatakrishna, Devishetty Rangarao, Yannam Koteswara Rao, Munugoti Venkateswara Rao, Mondithoka Sudhakar, Katikala Sitarama Reddy, Pallapothu Prasada Rao, Siddamsetty Sandeep, Karlapudi Vasu, Cherukuri Nagarajuna, L.V. Reddy, Duricheti Jagannatha Chari, Boyapati Venkateswara Rao, Gaddala Nani, Kongara Ravi, Gaddala Raj, Samineni Ramathanam.

IJU Leader Kattekola Calls for Media Empowerment



(Capital Information)
Peddapalli, June 15 : In a powerful address at the TUWJ (IJU) Peddapalli District Conference, Union State General Secretary Kattekola Ramana Rayana emphasized the pressing need to empower working journalists and safeguard the sanctity of independent media. Stressing the media's role as the fourth pillar of democracy, he called upon governments and media houses to ensure protection, fair wages, and ethical freedom for journalists across Telangana. His speech drew applause from fellow members and marked a significant moment in the district-level dialogue on media rights.

Arya Vaishyas should be at the top in all fields

- MLA Uttam Padmavati Reddy



(Capital Information)

Kodad, June 15 : Kodad MLA Uttam Padmavati Reddy said that Arya Vaishyas should be at the top in all fields. On Sunday, he participated as the chief guest in the oath-taking ceremony of the new executive committee of the Suryapet District Arya Vaishya Mahasabha at the local temple Guntla Appaiah Function Hall and spoke. He expressed his heartfelt feelings that he and Minister Uttam have had an inseparable connection with Arya Vaishya associations for the past 30 years. He said that they support him as their daughter-in-law. He praised the Arya Vaishya service spirit as an ideal for the whole world. He said that he will solve all the problems of Arya Vaishyas. If you have any problem, you can contact him directly. Everyone congratulated the newly elected executive committee for their contribution to the construction of the Arya Vaishya building. Urban Arya Vaishya leaders, community leaders, AOPA officials, Vasavi Club officials, leaders of various mandals and villages in the district, and others participated in this program.

Let's save lives with blood donation

- Swarna Bharati Trust President Neela Satyanarayana



(Capital Information)

Kodad, June 15 : Swarna Bharati Charitable Trust President Neela Satyanarayana said that blood donors should come forward and become life donors to help those in danger. On Saturday, on the occasion of World Blood Donor Day, a blood donation program was organized at the local Tirumala Hospital Blood Bank in Kodad town. Speaking on the occasion, they said that by donating blood, healthy people will save those in danger and the youth must come forward to donate blood. Later, Sheikh Nazir and Oruganti Kittu, who donated blood to those in danger the most times, were honored with shawls, mementos and certificates of appreciation. Swarna Bharati Trust Presidents Neela Satyanarayana, Paidimarri Venkatanarayana, Trust General Secretary Charugandla Rajasekhar, Vice Presidents Katepalli Narasimha Rao, Patti Narender, Vempati Venkataramana, Ramamurthy, Narasimha Rao and others participated in the program.

Birthday wishes to Deputy CM - Nakrekal MLA



(Capital Information)

Nakrekal, June 15 : Nakrekal MLA Vemula Veeresham, who politely met and wished Deputy

CM Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka of Telangana State on his birthday.

Launching Rythu Vedika Video conferencing units by Hon'ble Chief Minister - District Agriculture Officer

(Capital Information)

Suryapet, June 15 : 16.06.2025 at 3.00 pm The Chief Minister will launch the video conferencing system of 43 farmer forums in phase 3. Along with these 43 VC units of farmer forums and the 23 farmer forums set up by VC units in the past, farmers should participate in this innovative program through VC units in a total of 66 farmer forums.

This program will be broadcast live through 1031 Rythu Neshtam video conferencing centers across the state. Therefore, we request the farmers, public representatives and journalists of Suryapet district to participate in large numbers in the cluster farmer forums in their mandals and make the program a success.

MLA Padmavati at the launch of Katram Arogya Seva Vehicle

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda Town, June 15: Yesterday afternoon, in the incident where a 20 month old boy was kidnapped from the Nalgonda District Government Hospital, on the orders of District SP Sarath Chandra Pawar, Nalgonda DSP K.Sivaram Reddy immediately formed (04) teams and examined the hospital's CCTV cameras and conducted an investigation at the RTC bus stand, collected information, identified the criminals with the help of technology, found the boy within 07 hours and handed him over to his parents. Bairam Anjibabu and Bagyalakshmi, a couple from Tungapadu village in Miryalagudeo mandal, have a son named Someswara Kumar, who is about (20) months old. Currently, Bhagyalakshmi is eight months pregnant and her health is not good. On

08-06-2025, she came to the Nalgonda Government Hospital along with her husband and son and Kuncha Parvathamma, who lives next to them, and was admitted to the labor ward of the hospital. Since then, Kuncha Parvathamma, who came with her, has been taking care of her. Yesterday, at around 2 pm, the child's mother and Parvathamma, who came with them, were sitting under a tree in front of the maternity ward of the Government Hospital, when two unknown women present there, pretending to be playing with the child, made conversation with them and made them familiar with the child. They both said, "You two have a meal, we will take care of the child." When they both went to the meal, the two unknown women kidnapped the child and fled. Kuncham Parva-



thamma, who came with the boy's family to Nalgonda Two Town Police Station, filed a complaint about this matter. Four teams were formed to register a kidnapping case and within seven hours, the culprits were arrested from the house of A-1's mother in Pedda Padishala village of Gundala mandal and the boy was rescued safely. The police team that cracked this case in seven hours under the

leadership of Nalgonda DSP Sri K. Shivaram Reddy, Two Town CI S. Raghava Rao, Narket Pally CI Nagaraju and Nalgonda Two Town SI Y. Saidulu and SI U. Satish and Bhuvanagiri Town CI Sri Ramesh, HC 467, P. Raju, PC 3010 Sagarla Shankar, PC 3067 Lavuri Balakoti and PC Janaki Ram and PC Thirumalesh were arrested by Nalgonda District SP Sarath Chandra Pawar congratulated him.

WJI's struggle on journalists issues

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda town, June 15 : Working Journalists of India state vice-presidents Siddi Reddy Srinivas Reddy and Anil Desai demanded that the state government formulate a special action plan to resolve the pending issues of journalists. Speaking at a union meeting held in Nalgonda district headquarters, they said that the procedures for issuing accreditations that have been pending in the state for a year should be announced immediately and given to all those who are eligible. He said that as part of the welfare of

journalists, they will soon meet the Chief Minister and submit a memorandum on the issues of journalists, including free housing, free treatment in hospitals, and other issues. He said that they are fighting to provide concessions to journalists in train and flight tickets and toll charges exemption. He said that respect for journalists in society will increase only if they are impartial as part of their profession, and they should work for the national interest. Working Journalists of India (WJI) is working for the welfare of journalists



in 16 states of the country and has its members in all the states of the country, they said. As part of the program, the Nalgonda District Ad-Hoc Committee was announced by State Vice Presidents Siddi Reddy Srinivas Reddy and Anil Desai, Gunti Ramakrishna was announced as the convener, Pasham

Ashok Reddy, Katta Rambabu, Bhupathi Raju, Mucharla Vijay were announced as co-conveners. Janagam Suresh, Alli Mallikarjun, Mucharla Srinivas, Ravinder, Ambati Thirumalesh, Thogoti Ramesh, Bathini Srinivas Goud, Kathula Yadagiri, T.Yadaya, Kathula Hari and others participated in the program.

Plane crash unfortunate

- NHRC District President Neelam Venkata Madhu

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda bureau, June 15 : The Gujarat plane crash has shocked the people of India. It is a very sad occasion for the 242 passengers who died in the plane crash and the 40 doctors who were also the ones who saved their lives, said Neelam Venkata Madhu, Nalgonda District President of the National Human Rights Committee (NHRC). It is a heartbreaking incident that many people on board the plane, who were on their way to work, for higher studies, and some to settle abroad, especially young children, died. He



said that it is an indescribable tragedy

that up to 40 medical students and 242 passengers, a total of over 280 people, lost their lives in this accident due to the crash that hit the hostel mess. He expressed his deepest condolences to the families of those who died in the accident. He urged the central government to set up a robust surveillance system that would be monitored regularly by the central government to prevent such air accidents from happening in the future. Nalgonda District President Neelam Venkata Madhu, District Chief Secretary Katta Nagendra Babu and others participated in the program.

Alumni reunion of Mamata High School in Nalgonda town

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda bureau, June 15 : A reunion of the 1991-92 batch of 10th class students of Mamata High School in RTC Colony, Nalgonda town was held on Sunday at the Indian Medical Association Bhavan in Nalgonda town. All the students of that time came together today and reminisced about the sweet memories of that time. They greeted each other warmly and inquired about each other's well-being. Speaking on the occasion, Mamata High School correspondent Yanala Prabhakar Reddy said that they started Mamata High School at that time because education was neglected in government schools. Despite having no experience, they brought many changes in the education system while running schools, and despite facing ups and downs, they are still running the school. He congratulated the teaching staff who have been working in the school since then. He said that it was very happy that even though it was difficult to conduct classes without any distinction between festivals and holidays, the students stud-



ied very much and invited them to this program today as beneficiaries. He thanked the parents of the students who supported the establishment of the school despite their lack of experience. Several alumni said that they had studied 33 years ago and later went to different places, and a special WhatsApp group was formed to bring them all together and after many efforts, they brought everyone together. He said that it was very happy that they all came together after 33 years and reminisced about the sweet memories of those days. He said that the gatherings of alumni improve friendships and provide an opportunity to solve problems with each other. He said that the teachers who taught them are also equal to fathers, which is

why this program was organized on Father's Day. He said that the alumni meet, which will be organized again as per the suggestion of the teachers, will be organized in a plastic-free manner. Alumni Reddy Giri, Namreddy Srinivas Reddy, Sripathi Yadaya, Mohammed Kavi, Orsu Venkateswarlu, Warangal Krishna, Subhash Reddy, Rabbani, Rajender Reddy, Anamku Satyanarayana, Rajani, Jyoti, Nirmala, Kavitha, Peddi Srinivas, Mamata High School teachers MD Salim, Pratap Reddy, Venkata Rami Reddy, Dadi Chandrasekhar Reddy, Shekhar Reddy, Yanala Radhika, Doddi Rammurthy, Dadi Sudhakar Reddy, Ootkur Madhusudan Reddy and others participated in this program.

Special prayers and tributes for the victims of the plane crash

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda bureau, June 15 : On Sunday, a grand tribute was paid to the victims of the Ahmedabad Air India flight accident at the local Naya Nagar Baptist Church under the leadership of Pastor Yesayya. Special prayers were offered that God may grant peace to their souls and comfort and solace to their families. Special prayers were offered to God that such accidents should not happen again. Telangana State Tribal Teachers Vice Presidents Jaggu Nayak, Bhagyashree Sara Vijayanand, Moses, Poyilla Saidulu, Rambabu, Gurunath, Nagaraju, Ramakrishna, Drakshavalli, Ramyasree and others participated in this program.



Kondeti will soon get the right result for his hard work

- Senior Congress leader Kunduru Janareddy

(Capital Information)

Nalgonda town, June 15 : Senior Congress leader and former CLP leader Kunduru Janareddy said that everyone who has worked hard in the Congress party will get due priority. On the occasion of Kondeti Mallaiah being appointed as the TPCC Vice President by the Congress high command, he was felicitated with garlands at Janareddy's residence in Nagarjuna Sagar on Sunday. Speaking on the occasion, Kunduru Janareddy said that Kondeti Mallaiah has worked hard in the Congress party from the beginning and his hard work will soon be rewarded. He said that justice will be done for everyone in the Telangana Praja government. Along with him, leaders of Dalit, student, youth and trade unions participated in large numbers and felicitated Kondeti Mallaiah with shawls and garlands. Youth Congress District President Gouni Rajaramesh, Congress party leaders Alampalli Janaiiah, Katepalli Venkanna, Madugulapalli SC Cell Mandal President Nakirekanti Saidulu, Konda Bhaskar, Kondeti Shankar, Takkellapalli Saidulu, Bhudida Vijay, Edavelli Vijay, Venkataiah, Nagesh, Garlapati Govardhan, and others participated in the program.



Colonel Santosh Babu's sacrifice is priceless

- SP Narasimha Suryapet District

(Capital Information)

Suryapet, June 15 : On the occasion of the 5th death anniversary of Colonel Santosh Babu, a program was organized at the Suryapet district headquarters today. District SP Narasimha attended the program and paid tribute to the statue of Colonel Santosh Babu on behalf of the district police department. Speaking on the occasion, the SP said that he fought bravely as an army jawan and died in the defense of the country, and his sacrifice is priceless. His loss is very painful for his parents, wife and children, but he said that the recognition, tribute and remembrance of Colonel Santosh Babu's sacrifice across the country is a comfort to the family. He said that citizens should work for the defense of the country by taking him as an example. Youth is the future of the country. Such youth are today becoming weak due to bad addictions, he said that the youth should take the sacrifice and courage of the Colonel as an example. The event was attended by the Colonel's family members, army officers, Army jawans welfare association, NCC students, citizens, town dignitaries, and police personnel.



Sunkari Mallesh Goud's birthday celebrated in grand style



(Capital Information)

Nalgonda town, June 15 : Former Nalgonda District PRU President Sunkari Bhiksham Goud's brother and former Nalgonda District DCC President Sunkari Mallesh Goud were felicitated on their birthday by District PRU President Secretaries DVS Phani Kumar, Mekala Janareddy, Former District General Secretary Basireddy Ravinder Reddy, Former Municipal Vice Chairman Abbagani Ramesh Goud, Haliya Municipal Commissioner Mandadi Ramadurga Reddy, Former Councilors Venu Gopal Reddy, Kayyum Beg, Nalgonda Library Chairman Gade Vinod Reddy, Raghavendra College Head Somagoni Shankar Goud, PRU leaders Addanki Sunil, Veeramalla Srinivas Goud, Gundagoni Somasekhar Goud, Abbagani Nagayya, Sammeti Thirumalesh, Erukala Shankar Goud, Srinivas Goud, prominent lawyer Nethi Raghupathi, Anantula Shankar Goud, Janagam Srinivas Goud and others participated.

“Rythu Nestham” Program addressed by CM Revanth Reddy with Farmers via Video Conference

Extensive Arrangements Made at Rythu Vedikas Across the District : Collector Viziendira Boyi Reviews Preparations

(Capital Information)
Mahaboobnagar, June 15 : The Telangana government is set to host the “Rythu Nestham” program today (June 16), during which Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy will interact directly with farmers via video conference from Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University. The initiative aims to empower farmers with information on scientific agricultural practices, crop management techniques, modern technologies, and welfare schemes implemented by the state government.

To facilitate the program’s

smooth execution, video conference arrangements have been made at 1,031 Rythu Vedikas statewide, including 48 venues in the district.

District Collector Viziendira Boyi has instructed officials to ensure complete preparations at all venues and to decorate them festively with mango leaf garlands, coconut leaves, and flowers, creating a celebratory atmosphere. He emphasized the importance of ensuring all arrangements are in place, as the Chief Minister may interact with farmers from any Rythu Vedika in the state.

In a preparatory Webex meeting held on Sunday, the



Collector reviewed the arrangements with agriculture department officials, assistant directors, and other line departments. He directed that:

Each venue must be equipped with video conferencing and public address systems.

A minimum of 250 farmers

must be present at each Rythu Vedika by 3 PM.

The technical session will be held from 3 PM to 4 PM, followed by the CM’s address at 4 PM.

Out of the 86 Rythu Vedikas in the district, 16 already have video conferencing systems, and 32 more will be activated today, taking the total to 48 for this program. The remaining Vedikas are also being prepared for future programs.

To ensure proper monitoring and coordination:

Tehsildars, MPDOs, and MPOs have been appointed as in-charge officers for each Vedika.

Agriculture Officers will act as supervisory officers.

Mandal-level Special Officers have been assigned and instructed to remain present.

Additional Collectors and RDOs will attend at designated Vedikas.

The District Collector will personally participate in the event at one of the Rythu Vedikas.

The Collector also mentioned that MPs and MLAs have been invited to attend the program at Rythu Vedikas in their respective constituencies. He urged all farmers to actively participate in the program and utilize the opportunity to receive guidance

directly from the Chief Minister and agricultural experts.

Senior officials including Additional Collector (Local Bodies) Shivendra Pratap, Additional Collector (Revenue) Mohan Rao, District Agriculture Officer Venkatesh, DRDO Narasimhulu, Horticulture Officer Venugopal, and RDO Naveen participated in the review meeting.

The “Rythu Nestham” program marks a significant step in the state government’s ongoing efforts to connect with the farming community and promote sustainable agricultural development across Telangana.

Anbumani tenders apology, Father-son stand off in PMK seems to be heading for smooth ending

Chennai, June 15 (UNI) The stand off between father son in the PMK’s first family appears to be heading for a smooth ending after PMK President Dr Anbumani tendering an apology to his father and Party Founder Dr.S.Ramadoss on Sunday.

A day after the senior Ramadoss came down heavily and sharpened his attack on his son and declared that he would remain as PMK Founder and Chief till his last breadth, Dr Anbumani sought to bury the hatchet and tendered an apology.

The apology tendered by Anbumani was expected to strengthen the reconciliatory efforts being made by party seniors, including PMK Patron G K Mani, stressing on the need for the party to remain united especially with the key Assembly elections about 10 months away.

“Ayya (as Dr Ramadoss is affectionately called), should live for more than 100 years with good health, satisfactions and happiness. As a son, it is my duty to ensure that”, he

said.

“If you have any angst against me, please forgive me...there is nothing wrong in a son apologising to his father”, Dr Anbumani said, in what could be seen as an attempt to bring an end to the brewing stand off with his father, which at one stage seemed to have reached a dead end.

“Tell me what should I do...as a son and as Party President, I will do it”, he said, adding, “PMK was founded and nurtured by you, we will work towards realising your dreams”, he added.

Dr Ramadoss the attitude and activities of his son and party “working president” Anbumani had worsened after the recent youth conference at Mammallapuram and firmly declared he would continue to remain the founder and party chief till his last breath.

Dr Ramadoss also alleged that Dr Anbumani’s actions were akin to backstabbing and said he was spending sleepless nights due to the present crisis created by his son in the party.

Recently, the simmering dif-

ferences in the Vanniyar-dominated Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK’s), first family, deepened further as tensions escalated between the father and son.

The differences between had widened to such an extent with Dr Ramadoss openly admitting that he had made a grave mistake by making Anbumani as the Union Minister at the age of 35 and also accused his son of lacking leadership qualities.

PMK is a key political player in Tamil Nadu wielding considerable clout among the Vanniyars in Northern districts like Villupuram, Cuddalore, Dharmapuri, Krishnagiri and neighbouring districts.

The fresh internal political crisis in the family culminated in the resignation of PMK Founder’s grandson Mukundan Parasuraman from the post of PMK Youth Wing Secretary, whose appointment to the post turned out to be the starting point of the rift between the top two leaders in the party.

In his resignation letter addressed to Anbumani, Mukundan said he was quitting due to

personal reasons, while terming senior Ramadoss as his (Kula Deivam) ‘Family (Ancestral) deity’ and Anbumani as the ‘future’.

Sources close to the party indicated that Mukundan’s move was aimed at easing tensions between his grandfather Dr. Ramadoss and his uncle, Dr. Anbumani.

The resignation is seen as a gesture to reduce friction and support a more united party structure going forward.

Incidentally Dr Ramadoss’ decision to elevate him to the post and stripping Dr Anbumani, a former Union Minister, from the post of Party President and making him as Working President, triggered a public spat between the father-son duo a couple of months back.

After the spat, Dr Anbumani walked out of the meeting in a huff, prompting the party Founder to announce that PMK was founded and nurtured by him and those who did not like, are free to leave.

Dr Ramadoss said his orders should be obeyed and that those not following it have no

place in the party, signalling that all is not well between the father and son.

The fresh bout of confrontation between them stemmed from the fact over the issue of alliance for the 2026 Assembly elections with Dr Ramadoss coming down hard at his son and said that Dr Anbumani was insisting for an alliance with the BJP.

What began as a disagreement over electoral alliances has snowballed into a bitter public rift, with strong emotional and political overtones.

Turning emotional, Dr. Ramadoss declared that it was not Anbumani who erred, but he himself.

“The mistake was not made by Anbumani. I am the one who made a mistake by making him a Union Minister at the age of 35, even going against my own oath and principles,” he had said.

This confession highlights the deep regret and disillusionment Ramadoss feels about his decision to elevate his son in national politics, suggesting that his trust had been betrayed.



Five family members drown in Godavari River during pilgrimage to Basara

(Capital Information)
Nirmal, June 15: In a heart-wrenching tragedy, five members of a family drowned in the River Godavari at Basara here on Sunday.

The incident occurred when a group of 18 people from Hyderabad visited Basara to offer prayers to Goddess Saraswati.

According to police sources, the family had gone to the banks of the river as part of their pilgrimage. During the course of bathing in the river, five individuals were drowned. Upon receiving information, police rushed to the spot and began rescue operations with the help of local divers.

So far, four bodies have been recovered from the river, while one person remains missing. The retrieved bodies were shifted to the Bhainsa Area Hospital for post-mortem. Efforts are still underway to locate the fifth victim.

Police have registered a case and are continuing the investigation.

No bribe, no caste, every youth got chance on merit in UP police: Amit Shah

Lucknow, June 15, (UNI) Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah on Sunday said that Uttar Pradesh Police has not only made the recruitment process fair and merit-based, but has also set a new record by providing opportunities to the youth of every caste, district, and tehsil.

After distributing appointment letters to 60,244 newly appointed police personnel at a grand ceremony held at Defence Expo Ground, Sector 18, Vrindavan Yojana, Lucknow, the Union Minister praised UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath for the transparent and inclusive recruitment process.

He said that under the leadership of Yogi, UP Police has not only made the recruitment process fair and merit-based but has also set a new record by providing opportunities to the youth of every caste, district, and tehsil. “In these appointments, there was no discrimination based on slip, recommendation, and caste, but the entire process was completed transparently and based on merit.

Shah said that UP Police is the largest police force in

the country, and today 60,244 youth are becoming an integral part of it. He termed this day as the most auspicious day in the life of the newly appointed personnel and said that this is a moment of pride.

He said that these include more than 12,000 daughters, seeing the happiness on their faces, he got immense relief. He said that 100 percent benefit of reserved posts for women has been ensured in UP, which is a major achievement of the Yogi government.

Discussing the changes in UP after 2017, the Union Minister said that the law and order of UP had been continuously deteriorating since independence, but after the formation of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) government under the leadership of Yogi Adityanath in 2017, the UP Police started touching new heights. He said that Yogi has started a transformative era by taking schemes like industrial development, education, law and order, infrastructure, electricity, and tap water to the people.

He stressed that UP is no longer a stronghold of riots, but has become riot-free, and



the orders of goons no longer work. He called upon the newly appointed personnel to further strengthen this tradition.

The Union Home Minister laid special emphasis on the transparency of the recruitment process. He said that the use of technology, such as cameras, control rooms, command centres, PCR vans, and more than 150 on-wheel forensic science lab vans, has made the process more fair.

He claimed that none of the 60,244 youth had to pay a bribe of even a penny, which is the biggest achievement of any government. He said that this recruitment process was not only transparent, but the

representation of every section and region was ensured in it.

Shah also discussed the efforts made towards the modernisation of the police force in the country under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He said that with the implementation of new laws like the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023, such a system will be created in the country in the next five years, in which justice from any FIR to the Supreme Court will be available within three years.

He said, “Apart from this, technologies like CCTNS (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems), ICJS (Inter-operable Criminal Justice System), and forensic science have further strengthened the police system.”

The Union Home Minister highlighted the economic and social progress of the country in his address. He said that in the last 11 years, 25 crore people have come out of the poverty line and 60 crore people have benefited from schemes like gas cylinders, toilets, tap water, free treatment, and financial assistance to farmers.

He said that in 2014, India was the 11th largest economy in the world, but today it is in the fourth place, and by 2027, it will reach third place. He said that the Modi government has provided opportunities to every youth with steps like metro trains in more than 143 cities, more than 150 airports, and a new education policy.

Shah also discussed the government’s strict policy against Naxalism and terrorism. He said that Naxalism, which was spread in 11 states, is now limited to only three districts, and India will be completely Naxal-free by March 31, 2026.

He said that the Modi government has also taken a

tough stand against terrorism. He said that Pakistan attempted terrorist attacks thrice, but India gave a befitting reply every time and destroyed the terrorist hideouts. Referring to Operation Sindoor, he said that the Indian Air Force destroyed the terrorist headquarters.

The Minister told the newly appointed personnel that they are becoming a part of the UP Police in Amrit Kaal, and by 2047, when India will be ranked first in the world, UP’s contribution will be the biggest. He called upon the youth to move forward with the mantra of security, service, and sensitivity.

He said that the fear of UP Police should be tough on goons and mafias, but for the poor, backward, and tribal communities, the police should be seen as a messiah.

Shah also mentioned cultural and social reforms like the consecration of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, revival of Vishwanath Dham in Kashi, abolition of triple talaq, and new Waqf law. He said that India created history by reaching the south pole of the moon, and that place was named

Shiv Shakti.

He called upon the newly appointed personnel of UP Police to serve wholeheartedly. He said that it is a matter of pride to be a part of this police force of about four lakh members. He thanked Yogi Adityanath once again and said that his transparent and inclusive policies have taken the UP Police to new heights.

Shah distributed appointment letters to Satyam Nayak, Prem Sagar, Shalini Shakya, Upendra Kumar Yadav, Shilpa Singh, Dinu Babu, Yogendra Singh, Shivansh Patel, Manish Tripathi, Roshan Jahan, Azad Kushwaha, Mithilesh Bhatt, Soni Rawat, Neha Gond, and Sachin Saini.

On this occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Deputy CMs Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak, BJP State President Chaudhary Bhupendra Singh, Ministers, Chief Secretary, DGP, Police Officers and 60,244 newly appointed constables becoming part of UP Police related to 826 development blocks and 762 municipal bodies of all 75 districts were present.

Woman killed in cracker unit blast, Stalin announces solatium

Chennai, June 15 (UNI) A 37-year-old woman worker was killed in a blast at a private cracker manufacturing unit at Periyakumatty village in Bhuvanagiri Taluk in Cuddalore district of Tamil Nadu on Sunday.

Police sources said the deceased woman was identified as Lathakumari. Police and fire service personnel, rushed to the spot, removed her body from the debris and shifted to government hospital for post mortem.

Meanwhile, in a statement, Chief Minister M K Stalin expressed deep anguish and grief over the death of the woman worker and announced an assistance of Rs four lakh from the Chief Minister’s Public Relief Fund.

He also offered his deepest condolences to the bereaved family members.



Arunachal: 2 teenagers killed in fatal collision at Borum bridge

Itanagar, June 15 (UNI) In a tragic road accident, two young men lost their lives following a collision between a two-wheeler and a dumper truck at Borum Bridge near Naharlagun on Sunday.

The incident occurred this afternoon. On getting information a police team from the Naharlagun PS promptly reached the spot and initiated immediate action.

The dumper truck driver, identified as Md Hasanur Islam (22), a native of Borbam Pathar village under Bihpuria Police Station in Assam’s Lakhimpur district, and presently residing at Helipad Colony, Naharlagun, has been detained.

Police sources said that the collision resulted in the instantaneous death of two



youths riding the scooter.

The deceased have been identified as Md Tanveer Khan (18), son of Md Hoshair, resident of village Medawal, Bakira, Uttar Pradesh, and Md Sahil Alam (17), son of Md Mehruz Alam, resident of Baradi village under Kesariya PS in Bihar’s Motihari district.

The bodies have been shifted to the TRIHMS hospital at Naharlagun for medico-legal examination and further formalities.

Both vehicles involved in the accident have been seized. Authorities have initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the accident and ascertain responsibility.

Change in DSC exam dates scheduled on June 20 & 21

(Capital Information)
Vijayawada, June 15 : The Government of Andhra Pradesh has decided to celebrate international Yoga Day on June 21 in a grand and prestigious manner.

In view of this, the dates of the DSC exams that were scheduled to be held on June 20 and 21 have been revised, Mega DSC-2025 Convener M.V. Krishna Reddy said in a statement.

He stated that the change has been made to avoid any inconvenience to candidates who would otherwise face travel disruptions during the Yoga Day celebrations. The revised dates for these candidates are July 1 and 2.

The updated hall tickets reflecting the new exam dates and centers will be made available on the AP MEGA DSC?2025 official

Candidates are requested to take note of the changes, download the revised hall tickets, and attend the examinations as per the new schedule, urged M.V. Krishna Reddy, Convenor, Mega DSC-2025.



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, Superstar 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.

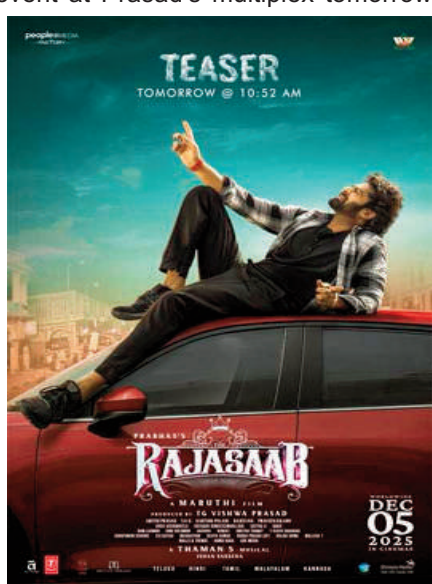
The makers are planning a major schedule in several exotic locales in the African country of Kenya.

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 superstar 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 superstar. 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 Pantoşiaia 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

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.