

## PANCHANGAM

**Tithi**  
Sukla Paksha Ashtami  
Upto : Aug 02 07:23 AM  
Sukla Paksha Navami  
Upto : Aug 03 09:42 AM  
**Nakshatra**  
Swati  
Upto : Aug 02 03:40 AM  
Vishaka  
Upto : Aug 03 06:35 AM  
**Rahukalam**  
9:17 AM – 10:55 AM  
**Yamagandam**  
2:10 PM – 3:48 PM  
**Gulika**  
6:02 AM – 7:39 AM  
**Dur Muhurat**  
07:46 AM – 08:38 AM  
**Varjyam**  
09:57 AM – 11:45 AM

**WEATHER**  
**Forecast :** Cloudy  
**Temperature :** 31° / 24°  
**Humidity :** 63 %  
**Sunrise :** 6:02 AM  
**Sunset :** 7:04 PM

## Maha govt to provide protection, insurance cover for 1.5L Govindas

Mumbai, Aug 1 (UNI) The Maharashtra government will provide protection by providing insurance cover for 1.5 lakh Govindas in the state.

During Gokulashtami, human pyramids of 10-12 tiers (or even more) are formed for the Dahi Handi festival. Many participants (Govindas) get injured or disabled after falling during these events, and their treatment requires significant expenses.

The state government has decided to bear this cost by providing insurance coverage. Around 1.5 lakh Govindas in the state will be insured.

## CM Revanth Reddy hails role of people-centric journalism

(Capital Information)  
**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy hailed the role of people-centric journalism, emphasising its importance in safeguarding democracy.

Speaking as the chief guest at the 10th anniversary celebrations of the Nava Telangana daily, held on Friday at Sundarayya Vignana Kendram in Bagh Lingampally, the Chief Minister lauded the newspaper for consistently standing by the people.

"There are only a few press

organizations that consistently stand by the people, and "Nava Telangana" is one of them," he said. Highlighting the declining credibility of sections of the media, he recalled that newspapers once played a key role during the freedom movement and the historic armed peasant struggle by spreading social awareness.

He cautioned that some political party-



backed newspapers today focus on protecting their own interests rather than informing the public.

Revanth Reddy stressed the need for genuine journalists to draw a clear distinction between true journalism and those "wearing the mask of journalists" in the age of social media. He warned that the erosion of credibility in journalism, similar to that in politics,

could lead to a dangerous situation if left unchecked.

Drawing an analogy, the CM said, "Communists are like salt—without them, the fight for public issues loses its essence." He noted that the Congress has long benefited from the support of the Left parties and called for continued co-operation to strengthen pro-people initiatives.

The Chief Minister also assured that Nava Telangana would receive equal priority in government announcements and reiterated his government's commitment to maintaining strong ties with the Left for the welfare of the people.

The event was attended by Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, CM's Advisor Vem Narendar Reddy, CPM Polit Bureau Member B V Raghavulu, State Secretary John Wesley, former State Secretary Tammini Veerabhadram, and former MLA Julakanti Rangareddy, among others.

## A beautiful hut with old sarees

(Capital Information)

**Nalgonda town, Aug 01 :** Our hut, made of old sarees, had a stove on one side and my mother's bed on the other. My mother's desire and longing was to cook and send me to school, to teach me the basics of education, and to make me a useful person.



Special focus story write up by Kathula Hari.  
Photo Journalist, Nalgonda.

## Dy CM Bhatti dedicates 1st unit of Yadadri Thermal Power Plant

(Capital Information)  
**Nalgonda, Aug 1 :** Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu said the 4,000 MW Yadadri Thermal Power Plant will be fully dedicated to the nation by January next year.

Speaking after dedicating the first 800 MW unit to the nation on Friday and laying the foundation stone for an integrated township at the project site, to be developed at a cost of Rs 970 crore, Bhatti Vikramarka termed the event "historic" for meeting the state's power needs.

He said the project was delayed for nearly two years due to the previous government's failure to secure environmental clearances, which increased

costs significantly.

"After the present Congress government came to power, clearances were obtained in just two months, and two units total-

ing 1,600 MW were completed by setting weekly and monthly targets," he explained.

The Deputy CM announced that employees working at the remote site would be provided with world-class educational institutions, corporate-level medical facilities, and local welfare measures. Free education and healthcare will also be extended to local residents who cooperated in the project's construction, along with ambulance services and road development.

He assured that those who



gave up land for the project would receive jobs by August 15 and full rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) benefits.

Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy praised Bhatti

Vikramarka for his dynamic supervision, stating that the Yadadri project, once stalled, is now progressing rapidly and will benefit the state's power supply within two years.

## Cong govt to provide jobs to families displaced by Yadadri, Pulichintala Projects

(Capital Information)

**Nalgonda, Aug 1 :** Telangana Irrigation, Food & Civil Supplies Minister Capt. N. Uttam Kumar Reddy on Friday announced that the Congress government would provide employment to all families who lost their lands for the Yadadri and Pulichintala power projects.

He said that job appointment orders would be issued by August 15, reaffirming the government's commitment to fulfill its promises on humanitarian grounds.

Speaking to the media during dedication the 800 MW unit of the Yadadri Thermal Power Plant to the nation at Veerlapalem village in Damaracherla mandal of Nalgonda district, Uttam said the Congress government believes in working with compassion and sensitivity, particularly toward families displaced by large-scale development projects.

He assured that the displaced families of both Yadadri Thermal Power Plant (YTPP) and Pulichintala Power Project would be provided employment in the same plants, honouring the assurances



given to them.

The event was attended by Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Aduri Laxman Kumar, and local legislators. Along with dedicating the 800 MW unit, the leaders also laid the foundation stone for an integrated residential township for power plant employees, to be built at a cost of Rs 1,000 crore. Uttam called it a significant step towards providing long-term housing and

amenities to the workers.

He credited Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, who also handles Finance and Energy portfolios, for reviving the long-stalled thermal project. Uttam said Bhatti ensured public hearings were completed and long-pending environmental clearances were secured, paving the way for the project's restart. "It was Bhatti's leadership, initiative, and dynamism that brought this project back to life and helped us begin

1,600 MW of power generation," he said.

Uttam outlined that another 800 MW unit would be commissioned by October, followed by another 800 MW in December, with the project expected to achieve its full 4,000 MW capacity by February 2026. He congratulated the Energy Department and Telangana GENCO for effective execution under Bhatti's supervision and thanked the Deputy Chief Minister for his repeated visits and close monitoring of the project's progress.

Acknowledging the efforts of local leaders, Uttam said MLAs and MLCs had consistently stood by the displaced families. He assured that issues related to compensation, especially in tribal hamlets, would be reviewed and addressed on humanitarian grounds.

He reiterated that the Congress government is committed to inclusive development, ensuring that those who sacrificed their land for the state's progress receive dignity, support, and a share in the benefits of growth.

## Mahesh Kumar Goud highlights Cong achievements during Janahita Padayatra in Ranga Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President and MLC Mahesh Kumar Goud said the Congress party came to power in the state due to the relentless efforts of party workers over the last decade.

Addressing a meeting of Congress leaders from the erstwhile Ranga Reddy district as part of the ongoing Janahita Padayatra on Friday, he said the people believed that the Congress would "end the rule of oppression and bring people's governance."

Mahesh Kumar Goud said the party was fulfilling the promises made during the Tukkudu Assembly meeting, despite financial challenges left behind by the previous BRS government. "Former Chief Minister K Chandrababhan (KCR) pushed the state into a debt trap in ten years. Even so, we are imple-



menting welfare schemes in a way that will surprise the country," he stated.

He explained that the Janahita Padayatra was aimed at reaching out to the people, identifying gaps in welfare delivery, and resolving local issues quickly. He also assured that party tickets in future elections would be given only to leaders with strong public support.

AICC in-charge Meenakshi Natarajan, who participated in the meeting, said the Congress followed a politics of selfless-

ness and love, unlike the "selfish approach of the RSS and the BJP's corrupt ideology." She said the Telangana Congress model, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, had emerged as an example for the country, particularly with its commitment to a caste census.

"Only when we know the disease can we find the cure, and Rahul Gandhi has done that by raising the real issues of the people," she said, adding that true Congress workers are those who work selflessly for public welfare.

## CI Narsimhulu and Team Win Public Praise for Exceptional Policing in Devarakonda Circle

(Capital Information)

**Devarakonda, Aug 1 :** The police personnel under the leadership of Circle Inspector (CI) Narsimhulu in the Devarakonda circle limits have earned widespread appreciation from the local public for their dedicated service, accessibility, and proactive approach in addressing community concerns.

The CI and his team have not only remained available to the public but have also ensured consistent follow-up on grievances, earning the trust of the local residents. Their efforts in expediting land survey-related services and successfully reducing the local crime rate have had a significant positive impact on the region.

Locals expressed happiness over the improved policing standards and noted that the Devarakonda Police Station has become a role model in Telangana for public-friendly policing. They emphasized that the officers are working in a way that instills confidence among the people, demonstrating that the police are not just enforcers of the law but true partners in community welfare.

## Ensuring food security for every deserving family is a top priority : Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu

Government implementing the ration card issuance program on a large scale

(Capital Information)

**Ranga Reddy, Aug 1 :** District In-charge Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu said that the state government is implementing the ration card issuance program on a large scale and ensuring food security for every deserving family is a top priority. The process of issuing ration cards will continue continuously. Ration card is not a document but a document of self-respect.

The Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu attended the ration card distribution program held at Kotha Kapu Yadava Reddy Gardens in Karma ghat, LB Nagar constituency of Rangareddy district as the chief guest and distributed the cards. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that if the lives of the people of the state were to change, the previous government did not even think of giving ration cards. He said that unlike any other state, the Telangana government is providing 6 kg of rice to everyone through ra-



tion cards as part of the implementation of various welfare schemes. He said that despite financial difficulties and the previous government incurring a debt of Rs. 8 lakh crore, the government is keeping its promise by implementing the program of providing rice to every household without spending a single rupee as soon as it comes to power.

The minister explained that during the nine-year rule of the previous government, when the names of those who

had changed areas were removed from ration cards, people faced many difficulties, and now people are expressing happiness by saying that they are also registering their sons and sons' children in ration cards. He said that free buses and 200 units of free electricity are already being provided in relation to six promises, and the remaining promises will be fully implemented.

He explained that for the first time after the formation of

the government, the Congress government has allocated Rs. 10,000 crore in the budget for development and welfare schemes related to the progress of Greater Hyderabad, and Rs. 200 crore has been specifically allocated for the construction of sewage systems, drainage and roads in the LB Nagar constituency. The government is taking steps to provide RTC bus and Metro rail facilities to easily reach the city in all four directions, and it is unfortunate that despite Chief Minister Revanth Reddy repeatedly requesting the relevant department minister at the Center to provide funds for the Metro rail, the funds have not been sanctioned.

The minister explained that plans have been prepared for the outer ring road to the regional ring road to provide easy and safe access to district centers and that they are going to be completed in two years. He said that during (Cont. on Pg 2)



The report submitted by the PC Ghosh Commission on Kalashwaram was presented to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy by officials in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka, Ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

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## SC dismisses plea against Taradevi green area notification

Shimla/New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) Supreme Court today dismissed a Special Leave Petition (SLP) filed by Pristine Hotels and Resorts Pvt. Ltd., which sought to quash a Himachal Pradesh government notification declaring Shri Tara Mata Hill in Shimla as a designated green area. The court upheld the Himachal Pradesh High Court's earlier decision, which had rejected the petition on the grounds that the private company had no enforceable land rights in the area.

A Division Bench comprising Justice J.B. Pardiwala and Justice R. Mahadevan passed the 17 page verdict on July 28 and also used the occasion to express grave concern over Himachal Pradesh's worsening ecological crisis.

The court took suo moto cognizance of the widespread destruction caused by the 2023 and 2025 monsoon disasters and converted the matter into a Public Interest Litigation (PIL), issuing notices to the state of Himachal Pradesh and the Union of India.

In a strongly worded observation, the Bench said: "It is high time the State of HP pays attention to what we have observed and starts taking necessary action... The Union of India also owes an obligation to ensure the ecological imbalance does not worsen. Of course, much damage has already been caused, but something is better than nothing."

The court criticized the State's development model, which it said prioritizes revenue generation at the cost of environmental sustainability. "We want to impress upon the State Government and Union of India respectively that earning revenue is not everything. Revenue could not be earned at the cost of environment and ecology," the order noted.

"If things proceed the way they are as on date, then the day is not far when the entire State of HP may vanish in thin air from the map of the country. God forbid, this doesn't happen."

The Bench highlighted the unchecked expansion of hydropower projects, illegal mining, deforestation, and haphazard tourism infrastructure, all of which have weakened the Himalayan ecosystem. The order noted that despite the imposition of green taxes and legislation to protect the environment, enforcement has been lacking and revenue collected is not necessarily being used for ecological restoration.

The Registry has been directed to convert the matter into a writ petition in public interest, and notices have been issued to the Chief Secretary of Himachal Pradesh and the Principal Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The matter is listed for further hearing on August 25, 2025.

## Gunbattle underway in J&K's Kulgam forest

Srinagar, Aug 1 (UNI): A gunbattle erupted between militants and security forces in Kulgam district of Jammu and Kashmir today, officials said.

Significantly, the encounter erupted on a day when J&K's Director General of Police, Nalin Prabhat, visited Kulgam and directed security officers to analyse and reassess the existing strategies and recalibrate the offensive operation to neutralise Pakistani terrorists.

The encounter erupted in the Akhal Khulsan forest area when joint teams of forces were conducting a search operation following an input about militant presence.

"During the searches, terrorists believed to be foreigners opened fire, triggering a gunfight," a senior security official said.

## PCC leader Kota Srinivas Goud demands disqualification of two MLAs over false affidavits

(Capital Information) **Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Campaign Committee Member Kota Srinivas Goud has demanded the cancellation of membership of two MLAs for allegedly filing false election affidavits in the 2023 Assembly polls.

Speaking to the media on Friday, Goud alleged that MLAs Chamakura Mallareddy and Marri Rajasekhara Reddy misled the Election Commission and the public by concealing assets worth hundreds of crores.

"Mallareddy failed to disclose 21 acres of land in Pochampally, Kandla Koya, and Dhulapally vil-

lages, valued at around Rs 200 crore, while Rajasekhara Reddy did not declare 2 acres of land in Dhulapally worth over Rs 100 crore," he said.

Goud said the Congress has collected complete evidence through the Right to Information Act and would soon approach the High Court seeking their disqualification. He also stated that a formal complaint, along with supporting documents, will be submitted to the Telangana State Election Officer and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

He further alleged that several irregularities involving Mallareddy would be exposed shortly.

## Transparent Land Re-Survey Initiated in Salar Nagar under Pilot Project : Collector Viziendira Boyi

(Capital Information)

**Mahabubnagar, Aug 1 :** A gram sabha (village meeting) was conducted on Friday at Salar Nagar village in Gandhid Mandal of Mahabubnagar district to discuss the progress and findings of the land re-survey being carried out under a pilot project. The re-survey is being undertaken by R.V. Consultancy as per the directions of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA), Lokesh Kumar, and Survey Settlement Commissioner Rajeev

Gandhi Hanumanth.

District Collector Viziendira Boyi attended the meeting along with Additional Collector (Revenue) Enugu Narasimha Reddy, RDO Naveen, Survey and Land Records AD Kishan Rao, and Gandhid Tahsildar B. Mallikarjuna Rao.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that Salar Nagar was selected as a pilot village for the re-survey initiative. The consultancy firm conducted the enjoyment survey, prepared field registers,



and drafted new land maps based on pahani (land ownership) and title deed records.

Key findings from the re-survey were shared with villagers:

61 individuals were found to be officially recorded as enjoying land.

9 individuals were physically in possession of land but had no official records.

Some people had records but were not actually in possession of the land.

Certain government lands

## Ensuring food security for every deserving family is a top priority : Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu

(Cont. from Pg 1) the Congress rule, along with the construction of the outer ring road, the state government brought water from the Krishna and Manjira rivers to the twin cities, while the BRS government that ruled for ten years did not bring even a single drop of water. The minister said that a new project will now be undertaken to bring the Godavari waters to the full extent.

He said that 65 thousand jobs have been created within a year of the formation of the government, along with this, investments and industries



are being brought to the state. This will provide employment opportunities, he said. Minister Sridhar Babu revealed that the

welfare of the people is the aim of the government, and while putting the stagnant economy on the right track, we are undertaking

development and welfare programs on the other hand. Later, the minister handed over personal protective equipment kits to the GHMC sanitation staff.

Government Chief Whip Patnam Mahender Reddy, MLC Dayanand Gupta, TUFADC Chairman Challa Narasimha Reddy, Road Development Corporation Chairman Mal Reddy Ram Reddy, RDO Rajeshwar Reddy, District Civil Supplies Department Officer Parijatha, local public representatives and others participated in the program.

### CITATION IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE (MACT) AT YADGIR

MVC No. 317/2023

Mohammed Gouse S/o Mohammed Iqbal, Age : 44 years, Occ : Computer Operator in DHO Office (Now Nil), R/o H. No. 3-2-67, near Yakub Bhukari Darga, Bhukari Mohalla, Yadagir, Tq. and Dist :Yadagir.

**Petitioner**

**V/s**

1. S.K. Mohammed Mustafa S/o Shaik Jalaluddin Khaja, Age : 38 Years, Occ : Owner of Motor Cycle Bearing Reg. No. TS-13-EM-3399, R/o H. No. 9-1-1/C/73/1, Defence Colony, Langer House, Golconda, Hyderabad. PIN-500008 (TS), Mobile No. 9738295440.

2. The manager/Legal officer, HDFC ERGO General Ins. Co. Limited, 108, H.M. GENEVA House, Cunningham Road, Bangalore-52.

**Respondents**

**Claim Petition U/Sec. 166 of M.V. Act**

To, The above-named Respondent No. 1,

Whereas, the above case the above -named petitioner Mohammed Gouse S/o Mohammed Iqbal has filed a claim petition for awarded of compensation of Rs. 65,00,000/- out of M.V. Accident Motor Cycle Bearing Reg. No. TS-13-EM-3399, occurred On 24-04-2023 at about 04:00 p.m, near DHO Office, Yadagir, on Yadagir -Sedam main road and also filed application U/o V Rule 20 and the same is allowed by this Court.

Whereas, several times notices were issued by this court and they were returned as un-served either not found some other grounds, it appears that you are avoiding service of notice of the court.

You are hereby called upon to appear in this court in person or by pleader duly instructed on 03-09-2025 at 11 AM and submit your objection if any failing which the said application will be heard and determined in your absence as per law.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this

By order of the court

**Sd/- Santosh Badami**  
Advocate for Petitioner

**Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer**  
Senior Civil Court Yadgir



## Collector Inspects Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Sarangapur

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial, Aug 1 :** District Collector Satyaprasad inspected the Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Sarangapur mandal of Jagtial district on Friday.

During the visit, he had lunch with the students and emphasized the importance of providing quality education and adhering to punctuality. He observed the teaching methods for 8th-class stu-

dents and appreciated their active participation. The Collector also reviewed the school's facilities and surroundings, instructing officials to ensure everything is well-maintained.

The inspection was attended by Revenue Divisional Officer Madhusudhan, District Education Officer K. Ramu, MEO Kishore, Tahsildar, MPDO and other officials.

## Venkata Reddy Appointed as CI of Devarakonda Sub-Division

(Capital Information)

**Devarakonda, Aug 1 :** CI Venkata Reddy has taken charge as the new Circle Inspector (CI) of the Devarakonda Police Sub-Division. As part of the latest reshuffle in the police department, Venkata Reddy has been transferred and appointed to this post.

Previously, he served in various departments and



earned recognition for effectively handling duties. With this

new assignment, he will oversee operations under the Devarakonda Police Sub-Division.

Speaking on the occasion, CI Venkata Reddy stated that he would work to ensure that police services reach the public efficiently and that law and order is strictly maintained. He empha-

sized his commitment to addressing public grievances promptly and taking proactive measures to tackle anti-social elements.

He urged the public to contact the police by dialing 100 in case of emergencies or suspicious activities. Venkata Reddy also stated that police personnel are always ready to serve and protect the citizens.



## Sports, A Way to Combat Bad Habits : SP

(Capital Information)

**Jagtial, Aug 1 :** District SP Ashok Kumar launched a mega volleyball tournament at the district police headquarters, emphasizing the importance of sports in preventing substance abuse among youth.

The tournament aims to raise awareness about the ill effects of narcotics and promote positive relationships between police and youth. The SP encouraged participants to be "anti-drugs warriors" and work towards a drug-free district.

The event was attended by SB DSP Venkataramana, Cyber Crime DSP Venkataramana, Jagtial and Metpalli DSPs Raghu Chander and Ramulu, Reserve Inspectors Kiran Kumar, Venu, Saidulu, and other officials, including Inspectors Srinivas, Arif Ali Khan, and CI's Anil Kumar, Sudhakar, Karunakar, Ram Narasimha Reddy, and Suresh, along with other police personnel, players and others.

## Telangana all set to launch Sports Policy 2025 at Hyderabad conclave

(Capital Information)

**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** All arrangements are in place for the grand Sports Conclave scheduled tomorrow at HICC Novotel, where the Telangana Government will officially unveil its Sports Policy 2025.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy will attend the event, which will also see the participation of several renowned sports personalities.

The conclave, organised under the leadership of the Department of Sports, aims to introduce the new policy to the sports fraternity and encourage widespread participation in its implementation.

Prominent attendees include celebrated sports analyst Charu Sharma, Indian sports icons and former Olympians Pullela Gopichand, Gagan Narang and Anju Bobby George, along-



side leading sports journalists such as Vishwanathan and Sabha Nayak. Officials confirmed that sports federations and association representatives will also play an active role in panel discussions and sessions.

The Telangana Sports Policy 2025, envisioned by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and developed over the past year by the Telangana Sports Authority, fo-

cuses on strengthening sports governance, long-term athlete and sports development, career and employment pathways in sports, infrastructure development across the state and building a comprehensive sports ecosystem. The policy seeks to position Telangana as a leading hub for sports excellence in the country.

The event will also witness the signing of MoUs

with global sports organisations like FIFA, leading corporates and international sports experts, marking a significant step towards building strategic partnerships for the state's sporting future.

Sports Authority Chairman Shivasena Reddy said the conclave is the starting point for a series of ambitious initiatives.

"Under the leadership of the Telangana Sports Authority, many more national and international events will follow. Telangana has already proven its capability to host events of this scale," he said.

He credited the dedication of sports officials and the Chief Minister's personal commitment for shaping the Sports Policy 2025, adding that the conclave will promote the policy nationwide and rally support for future initiatives.





## SCR GM Sanjay Kumar Srivastava Inspects Dhone – Kacheguda Section

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Sanjay Kumar Srivastava, General Manager, South Central Railway undertook detailed inspection of Dhone – Kurnool – Jogulamba – Gadwal – Mahabubnagar – Kacheguda Section of Hyderabad Division today i.e., 01st August, 2025. He was accompanied by Lokesh Vishnoi, Divisional Railway Manager, Hyderabad Division and other senior officials from Headquarters & Division throughout the inspection.

Sanjay Kumar Srivastava carried out rear window inspection from Dhone – Kacheguda section, wherein he examined the safety aspects pertaining to maintenance of tracks, bridges and signaling systems. The General Manager conducted detailed inspection of Kurnool City Railway station, he reviewed the passenger amenities, facilities and circulating area at the station. He also inspected the progress of redevelopment works undertaken at Kurnool station as part of



Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS). The General Manager also inspected CMLR (Coach Mid Life Rehabilitation) Workshop at Kurnool, wherein he reviewed the safe working practices.

Further, the General Manager inspected Jogulamba Railway station, where he examined the waiting hall and reviewed the amenities provided at the station. He also reviewed the redevelopment works undertaken at the station as part of ABSS. The General Manager inspected

Gadwal Railway station, he reviewed the ABSS redevelopment works at Gadwal and examined the safe working practices at the construction site.

Later, the Sanjay Kumar Srivastava conducted a detailed inspection of Mahabubnagar Railway station, wherein he reviewed the passenger amenities, facilities and interacted with staff. The General Manager also examined the progress of redevelopment works undertaken at Mahabubnagar station as part

of ABSS. He instructed the officials to ensure adherence of safety guidelines at worksite and further speed up the pace of works so as to complete the project by the targeted date.

During the course of the inspection, trade union representatives met the General Manager and submitted representations regarding Rail developmental plans. The General Manager also interacted with media personnel and briefed them on the progress of various projects.

## Control seasonal diseases spreading during the rainy season : Collector B.M Santosh

**(Capital Information)**  
**Jogulamba Gadwala, Aug 01 :** The district collector who suddenly checked the Basti Dawakhana in the district center on Friday. The collector said that the authorities should work full to the public to provide medical services to the public. It has been suggested that mosquitoes should be used to use bleaching, oil balls and kerosene, and to pay special attention to sanitation in areas where most cases have been registered in the past. Pregnant women should be rushed to the district hospital in case of emergency. The collector said that the duties should be performed with a complete commitment.

The Collector suggested that the farmers should take appropriate measures to ensure that urea and fertilizer



are available. The collector, who had suddenly inspected the small Kishtayya trading company in Gadwal in Gadwal Zone, inspected the warehouse, urea stock, quality and e-pass registration process. The district agriculture officer has been ordered to provide a comprehensive report im-

mediately with the total amount of fertilizers and utility details of the fertilizer.

District Medical Officer Siddappa, District Agriculture Officer Sakriya Nayak, Agriculture Department Assistant Manager Sangeethalakshmi, Medical staff and others participated in the event.

## NRI Advisory Committee Member, Nizamabad Rural MLA Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy visited Pravasi Prajavani



**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** Nizamabad Rural MLA and Honorary Member of NRI Advisory Committee Dr. R. Bhupathi Reddy said that if Gulf workers and NRIs face difficulties, they can express their concerns here in Hyderabad every Tuesday and Friday in Pravasi Prajavani. He said that the credit for estab-

lishing Pravasi Prajavani in Telangana, which is not available in any other state in the country, goes to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Congress government.

MLA Bhupathi Reddy participated in the Pravasi Prajavani program held at Praja Bhavan, Begumpet, Hyderabad on Friday and

met the families of expatriates from Gulf, UK and Australia and inquired about their problems. He met with CM Pravasi In-charge and State Planning Commission Vice-Chairman Dr. G. Chinna Reddy and discussed various issues.

The event was attended by Manda Bheem Reddy, Vice Chairman of the NRI

Advisory Committee appointed by the Telangana government, members Nangi Devender Reddy, Sister Lizzie Joseph, NRIs Rara Sudhakar Goud (UK), Amarendra Bojja (USA), Gundeti Ganesh, Noone Laxman Yadav (Oman), migrant labor rights leaders B. L. Surendranath, Bhargavi and others were present.

## “A Few Seconds Can Change a Lifetime”: Nalgonda SP Sharath Chandra Power’s Heartfelt Message to Drivers Urges public to follow traffic rules, drive responsibly and value of life

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nalgonda, Aug 1 :** In a moving and powerful message that resonates with every road user, Nalgonda District Superintendent of Police Sharath Chandra Power has issued an emotional appeal to all drivers, urging them to prioritize safety, patience, and responsibility while on the road.

In his appeal, SP Sharath Chandra Power reflected on the value of time and how, in various stages of life, we are conditioned to wait.

“It takes nine months to be born, two years to walk, three

years to start school, 18 years to vote, 25 years to get a job, and sometimes 30 years to get married. Yet, we are unable to wait even 30 seconds while overtaking another vehicle on the road.”

He stressed that this impatience, especially while driving, is leading to avoidable accidents that result in severe injuries, long-term hospitalizations, permanent disabilities, and even loss of life.

“People are risking everything for a few seconds of hurry. If an accident happens, you may



spend hours, days, months, or even years trying to recover. Sometimes, life may never return to normal,” he cautioned.

The SP urged drivers and riders to take the following safety steps seriously :

Follow all traffic rules diligently

Maintain safe speed and direction

Always wear helmets and seat belts

Keep vehicles under control and in proper condition

Avoid overtaking recklessly or driving under pressure

He reminded everyone that driving safely is not just a personal responsibility but a social one too. “Let others go ahead,

and follow calmly. Your family, your children, and your loved ones are waiting for you at home. Don't let a few seconds of recklessness shatter their world,” he added.

The SP's message comes at a crucial time, as road accidents continue to be a major public safety concern in both rural and urban areas.

With a final note of compassion and caution, he said, “Drive safe, follow the rules, and reach your destination safely. Your life is valuable — not just to you, but to everyone who cares for you.”



## One CC camera is equal to 100 police officers : ACP Raja Venkat Reddy Everyone in the society should come forward to install CC cameras to prevent any untoward incidents

**(Capital Information)**  
**Nizamabad bureau, Aug 01 :** 8 CC cameras were installed on Friday at Khanapur X Road, Bypass Khazha Hotel intersection under Nizamabad Rural Police Station. City ACP Raja Venkat Reddy was the chief guest and inaugurated the CC camera system.

Speaking on the occasion, he said that one CC camera is equal to 100 police officers and he asked the people to cooperate in installing CC cameras as their responsibility. Rural Police Station SI Arif, CI Suresh said that it is commendable that the local Rural SI came forward and installed eight CC cameras on behalf of the police department to prevent any untoward incidents, clashes and road accidents within their police station limits.

He said that these CCTV cameras will be very useful for the police to keep an eye on them day and night. He said that Rathod Sanjay, the manager of Sri Jagadamba Hotel at the Khaza Hotel intersection on Bypass Road, who realized that nothing could be done without the cooperation of the locals, gave a CCTV camera to the police department at his own expense.

He also said, Naresh, who is a socially responsible citizen in the society and who arranges the servicing of CCTV cameras to prevent accidents. came forward and installed CCTV cameras in the respective places.

## Keep Surroundings Clean to Prevent Seasonal Diseases : Collector Viziendira Boyi "Observe Dry Day Every Friday to Curb Dengue, Malaria, Chikungunya"

**(Capital Information)**  
**Mahabubnagar, Aug 1 :** District Collector of Mahabubnagar, Viziendira Boyi, emphasized the importance of maintaining clean surroundings to prevent the spread of seasonal diseases such as dengue, malaria, and chikungunya. She urged citizens to observe Dry Day every Friday as a proactive step to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds.

As part of the Dry Day awareness program, the Collector visited Subhash Nagar, Ward No. 47 in Mahabubnagar town on Friday. She inspected several households and personally visited the home of a girl who had recently recovered from dengue. Interacting with her, She inquired about her health and was informed that she had received treatment at the Government General Hospital and was now recovering well.



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During his inspection, the Collector noticed stagnant water and garbage in unused restrooms behind some houses. She immediately instructed the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Praveen Kumar Reddy, to have them cleaned up. She also examined water storage tanks inside homes to ensure they were not

breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Addressing local residents, the Collector stressed the need for regular cleanliness and preventive measures to stop the spread of vector-borne diseases. “Everyone should keep their homes and surroundings clean. Mosquitoes breed in stagnant water, so observing Dry Day every Friday is essential,” She said.

She directed the medical, health, and sanitation departments to implement strict sanitation measures in all areas and raise public awareness about disease prevention.

Municipal Commissioner Praveen Kumar Reddy, along with municipal sanitation staff and health department officials, participated in the program.

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**Notice No. C/C/565/ATVM /2025, Date: 29.07.2025**

Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Secunderabad Division, South Central Railway on behalf of the President of India invites sealed Applications for Engagement of Automatic Ticket Vending Machine (ATVM) at the following 26 (Twenty Six) Locations for a period of 2 years.

The Application form for engagement of ATVM facilitators Retired Railway Employees & General Public is enclosed in Annexure -2 & Annexure-3 respectively. First preference will be given to Retired Railway Employees. Interested retired employees/ general public should submit their sealed applications in the prescribed form as per the category-wise schedule tabled below:

CATEGORIES	LOCATIONS (26)	Submission/ Opening date
NSG-1, 2 & 3	SCHYB, LPI, BMT, KZJ, WL, KMT, MCI, BIDR (9)	25-08-2025 (Monday)
Other Categories	VKB, MABD, BDCR, RDM, SKZR, ZB, DKJ, KDM, JMKT, BPA, GT, CT, HCTC, CDNR, BTNR, HFZ, BRBD (17)	26-08-2025 (Tuesday)

**NOTE: Applications to be submitted for the stations nominated on the specific dates only. Applications submitted before or after the nominated dates/ for nominated locations will be summarily rejected.**

In case the last date happens to be a Government Holiday, tenders will be opened on the next working day. For further details, you may contact the office of the undersigned on any working day.

The application form, eligibility criteria along with details of location wise no. of ATVM's and vacancy position for engagement of facilitators and other details can be downloaded from website www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in.

Applications to be dropped before 15:00 hrs on schedule dates in sealed tender box kept in the Tender Hall, Hyderabad Division Compound, Secunderabad (beside Anuraag crèche), Secunderabad. Applications received after closure i.e 15:00 Hrs of schedule dates will not be accepted or considered. Applications will be opened on the same date of submission at 15:30 hours.

A1155 Sr. Divisional Commercial Manager, Secunderabad

## Ex-superintending engineer sentenced to 2 years RI in DA case

Bhubaneswar, Aug 1 (UNI) The Special Judge, Vigilance Court, Bhubaneswar, has sentenced former superintending engineer Madan Mohan Samantaray to two years of rigorous imprisonment and imposed a fine of Rs 1,00,000 in a disproportionate assets (DA) case. According to sources from the Odisha Vigilance Directorate, Samantaray, a retired officer from the Irrigation Eastern Circle, Cuttack, was convicted under Section 13(2) read with 13(1)(e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.



# Editorial “1.78 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operational across India”

A total of 1,78,154 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs), formerly known as Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWCs), have been operationalised across the country as on July 15, 2025, the government said today

"The estimated cost for establishment and maintenance of each AAM is approximately Rs 17.03 lakh, including one-time and recurring annual costs. Funding for AAMs is approved through the National Health Mission's Programme Implementation Plan, submitted by States and Union Territories," Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare, Prataprao Jadhav, shared these details in a written reply to the Lok Sabha.

The Ministry also highlighted the 'Free Diagnostics Service Initiative' (FDSI) launched under the National Health Mission in 2015 to provide free pathological and radiological diagnostic services at all levels of public health facilities. The initiative includes 14 tests at Sub Centres and 63 tests at Primary Health Centres.

The AAMs, set up by strengthening Sub Health Centres (SHCs) and Primary Health Centres (PHCs), provide comprehensive primary health-care, encompassing preventive, promotive, rehabilitative, and curative services. These include management of communicable and non-communicable diseases, reproductive and child healthcare, and other health issues.

Equipped with upgraded infrastructure, essential drugs, diagnostics, trained personnel, and IT systems, the AAMs deliver twelve packages of primary healthcare services closer to people's homes, said Prataprao Jadhav.

Promotive and preventive health form an integral part of care at AAMs, with wellness activities such as yoga, cycling, and meditation being conducted regularly. As of June 30, 2025, over 5.73 crore wellness sessions have been organised.

The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) aims to establish a digital health ecosystem enabling interoperability of health data across public and private institutions to ensure seamless care. So far, 79.75 crore Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) IDs have been generated and 65.34 crore Electronic Health Records (EHR) have been linked, said the Minister.

## Emerging Powers and Global Governance: A BRICS Perspective

After the recent BRICS summit in Brazil, US President Donald Trump has been making comments against the BRICS. What is the US afraid of from the BRICS countries? The reason is that if the BRICS alliance strengthens in the future, it will affect various aspects of the world. BRICS is an alliance of countries that initially consisted of Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. At the first summit held in 2009, the founding countries of Brazil, Russia, India and China participated as BRIC, and South Africa joined in September 2010. It was later renamed BRICS. In 2023, the alliance expanded to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran and the United Arab Emirates. In 2025, Indonesia officially joined. With this, it became an alliance of ten countries. The acronym BRICS+ has been used informally to reflect the new membership since 2024. BRICS' goals include strengthening economic, political and social cooperation, as well as increasing the influence of the Global South in international governance. They are considered a force in shaping the global economic landscape, fostering cooperation in various areas such as trade, investment, education, and health projects in developing countries. Although BRICS countries are major emitters, they also emphasize the need for developed countries to take the lead in climate justice, emissions cuts, and financing. The BRICS+ 2024-25 expansion will see Egypt, Iran, UAE, Ethiopia and other countries expand BRICS influence in Africa, the Middle East and Latin America.

BRICS is not just an economic bloc, but also a political and strategic alliance that voices the interests of the global South. As its size and influence continue to grow, BRICS is poised to be a central pillar in building a more balanced, equitable and cooperative global order. In the context of President Donald Trump's protectionist policy threats regarding trade tariffs, sanctions, etc., BRICS members need to strengthen themselves with understanding among themselves and benefit from the current situation to become an effective alliance in the world.

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## "Once an MLA, enjoy life forever!" "5 years in the chair vs 60 years in the job: Pension bias"

A man works for 60 years but still has to wander around for pension, and a leader enjoys his entire life after holding the chair for 5 years!" Is this the same democracy that we believed was 'of the people, for the people and by the people'? Did the Constitution promise this equality?

Petitions of citizens like Sardar Singh Johal reach the Supreme Court because now the limits of patience have been crossed. For the employee who has been carrying files all his life, sweating in the fields, caring for children in school, saving lives in the hospital – pension is still not a facility but a struggle for him. On the other hand, a public representative, who has been elected by the people for 5 years, even if he has not gone to the House even for a single day, gets a lifelong pension – and that too only on the basis of becoming an MLA or MP once!

**No work, just a chair is enough!**

There are many politicians in India who once became MLAs or MPs, and then never contested any election. But money from the government treasury will keep going into their pockets for the rest of their lives – because 'they were once MLAs'! Imagine, if a clerk starts getting pension after working for just one year, the Finance Ministry will shudder! But when it comes to politicians, logic, morality and equality all go to the side.

**The hollowness of the 2018 Ref-orm Act**

A ref-orm act was introduced in 2018, in which an attempt was made to rationalize the pension system of public representatives. But neither its rules were implemented at the ground level, nor was any accountability of the leaders fixed. The pension of leaders is neither based on job nor on contribution. There is no review, no evaluation. Just take an oath once, happiness for life.

**The question is not why they get it, the question is**

*An employee craves for pension even after working for 60 years, while a leader gets pension for life after being in power for 5 years. This is a mockery of the values of democratic equality. A voice has been raised against this injustice in a petition filed in the Supreme Court. Now is the time for common citizens, employees and youth to share this demand - either everyone should get equal pension, or this facility of leaders should end.*

**why don't we?**

The question is not why leaders get pension. The question is why ordinary citizens who serve their entire lives do not get it? Thousands of contractual employees, guest teachers, Anganwadi workers, doctors and nurses working on contract, sanitation workers - is their hard work any less than that of a leader?

Even today, lakhs of government employees are waiting to get pension after retirement by paying EMI of their own money under NPS (New Pension Scheme). And on the other hand, netas, who already have all the allowances, cars, bungalows and security, are also enjoying pension.

**Pension system makes a mockery of democracy**

If there is any system in this country that is most unequal and dictatorial, then it is the pension of leaders. These people, who call themselves public servants, enjoy power more than service. And even when the service ends, the benefits of power continue – in the form of pension.

Many leaders who remain silent on issues related to the public remain in politics only on the basis of this pension. Whatever the ideology – everyone gets the same pension. There is no reservation, no deduction, no grade pay here. Everyone is equal – because they are leaders! Is this the secret of equality?

**Eliminate politicians' pensions — or give workers equality too!**

If a politician can be entitled to pension after 5 years of service, why shouldn't a teacher be given the same facility after 5 years of service? Why shouldn't a farmer, who grows food every year, get a minimum pension for life?

Or a strict and fair decision should be taken – that until the common employee is guaranteed a permanent job and pension, no leader will get this facility.

**Supreme Court's intervention: A ray of hope**

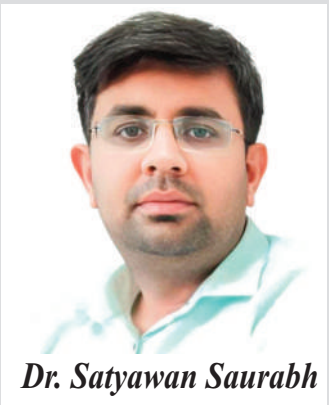
In Sardar Singh Johal's petition, it has been demanded that the pension of leaders should be abolished or at least the same rules should be applied in it as in the case of employees. The Supreme Court should give a quick and historic decision on this.

This is not a political issue, it is a question of social justice. It is an insult to the spirit of equality written in the Constitution of India that a particular class is given benefits only in the name of position, and the rest of the people have to struggle throughout their lives.

**Role of the public: Do not remain silent now**

If we remain silent, this inequality will never end. We have to take this message, this feeling and this voice to every street, locality, panchayat and university. The person who is an employee today, will be a voter tomorrow – and until the power of the vote brings about change, facilities like pension will remain only in the pockets of the leaders.

Every employee organisation, every youth forum, every teachers' union, every doctors' organisation must now raise this demand loudly - "Either pension for everyone, or no one!"



Dr. Satyawan Saurabh

## “Golden Families” Gimmick: A Grand Deception in the Name of Poverty Eradication : Dr. M.Suresh Babu, President, Praja Science Vedika

**(Capital Information)**  
**Hyderabad, Aug 1 :** The recently announced P4 initiative by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu — which claims to create a “zero-poverty” Andhra Pradesh through a Public-Private-People Partnership — is nothing more than a calculated political charade. While it is being marketed as a revolutionary step towards inclusive development, in reality, it conceals the systematic exploitation and deep-rooted inequalities that the current economic policies continue to perpetuate. The “P4” model supposedly encourages the top 10% of the affluent population — including NRIs, CEOs, celebrities, and industrialists — to voluntarily mentor and support the poorest 20% of households, who are labeled as “Golden Families.” These mentors, called “Margdarshaks,” are expected to provide financial assistance, mentoring, and personal involvement in the upliftment of these families.

But the truth behind this glossy narrative is more troubling. Behind the polished rhetoric of compassion and collaboration lies an unspoken acknowledgment: the government has abdicated its primary responsibility of ensuring social justice and economic equality. Instead of implementing structural reforms to address the roots of poverty — such as land redistribution, labor rights, fair wages, healthcare, and education — the government is now outsourcing its welfare duties to the very elite whose wealth has often been built on systemic inequalities. Worse still, this “Golden Family” initiative comes across as an audacious attempt to whitewash the failures of governance by romanticizing charity over justice. Poverty is not a result of individual failure or lack of mentorship; it is a result of policies that favor capital accumulation at the top while denying rights and opportunities to the bottom. Naidu's P4 model is designed not to dismantle this exploitative system, but to preserve it under the guise of voluntary goodwill. For years, economic policies in Andhra Pradesh have nurtured a system where the rich get richer — through crony capitalism, land grabs, privatization, and the weakening of public institutions.

Now, the same elite class, having amassed disproportionate wealth, is being asked to “give back” a fraction to the poor, while the government applauds from the sidelines, refusing to confront the roots of this disparity. The very language of the programme — “Golden Families,” “Margdarshaks,” “mentorship,” and “adoption” — betrays a feudal and patronizing approach. The poor are reduced to passive recipients of kindness, not rights-bearing citizens entitled to dignity, livelihood, and justice. Real empowerment cannot be achieved through charity but through structural change. Even more concerning is the political intent behind the P4 programme. By promoting this voluntary model and holding review meetings adorned with digital dashboards and call centres, Naidu is attempting to craft a legacy project under the Swarna Andhra@2047 vision — a branding exercise more than a development mission.

The initiative talks of identifying 30 lakh “Golden Families,” but what it fails to mention is how these families became impoverished in the first place. What happened to public distribution systems, rural employment guarantees, cooperative farming, state-funded education, and health-care systems? Why has the government ignored these foundational mechanisms that actually reduce poverty? In essence, the P4 policy is a classic case of managing the optics — a campaign designed to create the illusion of reform while preserving the very system that breeds inequality. It is a masterstroke in public relations, not poverty reduction. It invites the wealthy to become the new face of welfare, while the government rebrands itself as a facilitator, not a provider. Chandrababu Naidu's grand announcements, glossy visuals, and celebrity outreach may momentarily win headlines, but they will not erase the ground realities of a state still struggling with farmer suicides, unemployed youth, slum-dwellers without housing, and rural communities deprived of basic infrastructure.

Poverty cannot be eliminated through photo-ops with NRIs or corporate CEOs. It can only be addressed when governance becomes truly accountable, wealth is redistributed, public services are strengthened, and the poor are seen not as “Golden Families” to be adopted, but as equal citizens with rights, dignity, and voice. Let us not be blinded by slogans. The real golden future of Andhra Pradesh lies not in marketing gimmicks, but in systemic change. Until then, initiatives like P4 remain little more than a glittering deception.



## PM to unveil Rs 2200-cr development projects in Varanasi

New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate projects worth about Rs 2,200 crore during his visit to his Lok Sabha constituency Varanasi on August 2.

The projects span sectors like infrastructure, tourism, education, healthcare, urban development, and heritage conservation.

A statement from the Prime Minister's Office said that among the key highlights are road upgrades across rural and urban corridors, railway overbridges, and major works under the Smart Distribution Project to strengthen the region's power infrastructure worth over Rs 880 crore.

To boost tourism and cultural heritage, the PM will inaugurate redevelopment works at eight riverfront ghats and Kalika Dham, as well as launch projects for preserving historic kunds like Durgakund and Ramkund. Restoration work at Kar-

dameshwar Mahadev Temple and redevelopment of Munshi Premchand's ancestral home also feature prominently. To ensure access to potable water in rural areas,



the Prime Minister will also inaugurate 47 Rural Drinking Water Schemes under the Jal Jeevan Mission, said the statement.

In the education sector, 53 municipal schools will be upgraded. New projects include a district library and rejuvenation of high schools. Furthering his vision of quality education for all, the Prime Minister will inaugu-

rate the upgrading of 53 school buildings within the municipal boundary.

He will also lay the foundation stone for several educational projects, including the construction of a new district library and the rejuvenation of Government High Schools at Jakhni, Lalpur among others.

The PM will also inaugurate robotic surgery and CT scan facilities at local cancer hospitals and lay the foundation of a homoeopathic college.

In a significant step towards farmer welfare, the Prime Minister will release the 20th installment of PM-KISAN. An amount of more than Rs 20,500 crore will be transferred directly to the bank accounts of over 9.7 crore farmers across the country.

With this release, the total disbursement under the scheme since its inception will surpass Rs 3.90 lakh crore, according to the statement.

## Fadnavis slams Congress for 'Hindu terror' narrative after Malegaon blast acquittals

Nagpur, Aug 1 (UNI) Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis today strongly criticized the Congress accusing it of deliberately attempting to brand Hindus as terrorists in the aftermath of the 2008 Malegaon blast.

Speaking to media in Nagpur on the sidelines of a public event, Fadnavis alleged that the then UPA government indulged in vote-bank politics by coining terms such as "Hindu terror" and "saffron terrorism" during a time when global terror activities were being carried out by Islamic extremists.

The Congress government tried to portray a false narrative to appease a particular community by claiming

there was Hindu terrorism, Fadnavis said.

They did this to show they were balancing the scale, even though there was no evidence to support it.

It was a conspiracy to malign the R a s h t r i y a Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and Hindutva leaders, some of whom were even arrested without any basis, he said.

The Chief Minister's remarks came in response to



recent revelations by a former Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS) officer, who claimed he was instructed to arrest RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat in the Malegaon blast case.

## New policy to transform UP into global leather footwear manufacturing hub: CM Yogi

Lucknow, Aug 1 (UNI) Uttar Pradesh is taking decisive steps to position its footwear, leather, and non-leather manufacturing sector on the global map. Chairing a meeting of the MSME department today, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath showcased the state's strong base skilled artisans, raw materials, and industrial hubs like Agra, Kanpur, and Unnao and called for a practical, results-driven policy to unlock its full potential.

While reviewing the draft of the Uttar Pradesh Footwear, Leather and Non-Leather Sector Development Policy 2025, the Chief Minister instructed the officials to adopt a cluster-based development model as a core strategy.

He emphasized the significance of clearly identifying regions in the state best suited for industry-specific development. He further said that integrating production, design, research, and training



on a single platform could not only attract large-scale investments, but also generate employment opportunities for lakhs of youth.

The Chief Minister also stressed the need to develop key infrastructure such as flat-topped factory complexes to offer modern, efficient workspaces for industrial units. Officials informed him that the proposed policy can generate around 22 lakh new jobs in the coming years marking a potential turning point in Uttar Pradesh's rise as a global hub for footwear and leather manufacturing.

India ranks as the second-largest producer and consumer in the world in this sector, with Uttar Pradesh

playing a significant role. Over 200 operational tanneries are located in Kanpur and Unnao, while Agra is recognized as the 'Footwear Capital' of the country.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the policy should not only promote leather and non-leather footwear manufacturing units, but also extend special incentives to ancillary units producing components like buckles, zips, soles, insoles, laces, dyes, chemicals, heels, threads, tags, and labels. He also stressed support for units manufacturing specialised machinery for leather stitching, cutting, moulding, and production of non-leather safety shoes.

The meeting also included a discussion on the proposed Uttar Pradesh Industrial Asthan Policy. Officials noted several challenges in the present system, such as inefficient land utilisation, lease execution complexities, unauthorised mortgaging and subletting, and idle plots.

The new policy aims to eliminate these hurdles by introducing a transparent, streamlined, and time-bound system. Plot allotment will be conducted via e-auctions or other transparent methods, with land prices determined area-wise.

However, land rates for anchor units will be set by the state government. Calling the proposed policy "practical and forward-looking," the Chief Minister stated, "A clear, simplified, and accountable process from land allotment to lease execution, construction, and production would provide confidence to investors and catalyze industrial growth."

## BSNL launches 'Freedom Plan' for customers on Independence Day

Srinagar, Aug 1 (UNI) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Ltd (BSNL), one of India's leading telecom service providers, today announced the launch of an exclusive promotional 'Freedom Plan' aimed at offering greater value and enhanced benefits to its esteemed prepaid mobile customers.

Under this new promotional offer, BSNL plans to add new customers at a highly affordable price of just Rs 1/- only.

"This limited-period plan is designed to cater to the increasing digital needs of our users and encourage wider access to affordable mobile services. The new sim card

will be free of cost and the first recharge is Rs. 1/- only with a validity of 30 days," a



spokesperson of the BSNL said.

The key features of the

promotional plan is 2GB per day high-speed data with unlimited local and STD calls and free 100 SMS /day. The offer is valid till August 30.

"We are committed to providing our customers with the best-in-class mobile services at competitive prices. This promotional plan is part of our ongoing efforts to deliver greater value and enhance customer satisfaction," PGM (BA) BSNL Srinagar Arvind Pandey said at the launch.

New customers can avail the promotional plan through BSNL mobile app, BSNL Customer care centres, channel partners and authorized retailers, he said.

## Vice Admiral Manish Chadha assumes charge as Commandant of Indian Naval Academy

Kannur, Aug 1 (UNI) Vice Admiral Manish Chadha, AVSM, VSM took over as Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy (INA), in a formal function held at Ezhimala, on Friday.

Manish Chadha succeeds Vice Admiral CR Praveen Nair, AVSM, VSM, who steered the academy with vision, professionalism and commitment.

A highly decorated flag officer, Manish Chadha is an alumnus of the 78th course of the National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla, and was commissioned into the Indian Navy on July 1, 1991.

A Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist, he has done his staff course from Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and



Higher command course from the National Defence University, Washington, USA. He has commanded Coast Guard interceptor Boat CGS-05 and Indian Naval Ships Veer, Kirpan and Mysore. He has held various staff and operational appointments at the Naval and Command Headquarters.

He was awarded the AVSM in 2025 and VSM in 2017. On promotion to Flag

Rank on December 6, 2021, he was appointed as the Flag Officer Commanding Gujarat Naval Area, and subsequently he served as the Assistant Chief of Personnel (Administration and Civilian) at the Naval Headquarters and Flag Officer Commanding Maharashtra Naval area. Prior taking over as Commandant INA, the Flag Officer tenanted the appointment of Assistant Chief of Personnel (Human Resource Development) at Naval Headquarters.

Under his helm, the INA is expected to further strengthen its reputation as a centre of excellence for professional military education and leadership development of cadets from Indian navy, Coast Guard and maritime forces of friendly foreign countries, a INA release said.

## Punjab schools to teach drug de-addiction: CM Bhagwant Mann, Kejriwal launch drive

Chandigarh, August 1, 2025 (UNI): Punjab schools will now include drug de-addiction as part of their curriculum to raise awareness among students about the dangers of substance abuse.

Students from Classes 9 to 12 will be taught a specially designed course aimed at educating them on how to stay away from drugs.

The program involves a 35-minute class every 15 days, using films, quizzes, and games to teach students why and how to avoid substance abuse.

The initiative was launched today by Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) national convener Arvind Kejriwal in Fazilka, where they also interacted



with students.

The duo is set to address a gathering soon. The Punjab government claims it is the first state in India to integrate drug de-addiction into the school curriculum.

The curriculum, developed by a team led by Nobel laureate Professor Abhijit Banerjee, has been praised

by scientists and education experts nationwide. The course will run for 27 weeks, with a 35-minute session held every fortnight.

Around 8 lakh students from 3,658 government schools will participate in this campaign. Over 6,500 teachers have been specially trained to deliver the course.

This marks the first time a state government has taken such a comprehensive and forward-thinking step to combat drug abuse.

The course will engage students through films, quizzes, posters, worksheets, and interactive activities to strengthen their resolve against drugs.

## Money laundering case: Punjab ex-Minister's son declared fugitive by ED court

Mohali, August 1, 2025 (UNI): The Enforcement Directorate (ED) Special Court has declared Harpreet Singh, son of former Punjab Forest Minister Sadhu Singh Dharmsot, a proclaimed offender in a 2024 money laundering case under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

The court has also sought details of Harpreet's properties to initiate attachment proceedings under Section 83 of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC).

According to the court's order, a proclamation was issued against Harpreet Singh, son of Sadhu Singh Dharmsot, on March 28, 2025. He has failed to appear in court, and the mandatory 30-day period has lapsed, leading to his declaration as a fugitive. The court directed that the relevant police station be informed accordingly.

Copies of the court's order were pasted at Harpreet Singh's residence in Ward No. 6, Annih Road, Amlah, Fatehgarh Sahib, a public place, and the Mohali court's notice board. Sadhu

Singh Dharmsot was arrested by the ED in 2024 in connection with the same PMLA case.

Dharmsot is accused of engaging in corruption and money laundering worth crores through illegal earnings during his tenure in the Forest Department. He is currently out on bail. The next hearing in the case is scheduled for August 19. Notably, Dharmsot was arrested by the ED in Jalandhar on January 16, 2024.

When the Congress government, led by Captain Amarinder Singh, came to power in 2017, Sadhu Singh Dharmsot was appointed Forest Minister and also held the Social Welfare Department portfolio.

After the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) assumed power, the Vigilance Bureau initiated a probe against him, uncovering a multi-crore scam in the Forest Department. Based on this FIR, the Vigilance Bureau arrested Dharmsot on June 7, 2022, and the ED later took him into custody on January 16, 2024, for further investigation.

## SP claims victory as Yogi govt retreats on school merger plan

Lucknow, Aug 1 (UNI) Former national president of the Samajwadi Chhatra Sabha and Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Sunil Singh Sajjan today claimed that the Yogi government had to ultimately bow down before SP chief Akhilesh Yadav.

Taking to his official social media account, SP leader Sunil Singh Sajjan wrote, "The world bows before those who can make it bow. Today, the Yogi government had to yield before our national president, Akhilesh Yadav Ji."

He further criticized the government's priorities, claiming that its focus was more on "madhushalas" (bars) than "pathshalas" (schools), and that these intentions had now collapsed. According to Sajjan, the administration was forced to roll back its decision.

He alleged that the government was pushing children's bright futures into



darkness, but under Akhilesh Yadav's leadership, Samajwadi workers had successfully opposed what he called an anti-education policy. Sajjan described the development as a victory for all students striving to build a golden future through education.

Earlier Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Minister Sandeep Singh had clarified the government's stance on the school merger initiative. Despite this clarification, the Samajwadi Party continues to claim political credit for the government's retreat.

Singh explained that the

decision to pair government and council schools—particularly those with fewer than 50 students—with nearby institutions was not new and had been under discussion for a long time. He assured that no school would be relocated more than one kilometer away and that no school would be shut down.

Addressing concerns about possible job cuts, the minister emphasized that not a single teaching post would be eliminated.

The state government faced a setback when the Lucknow bench of the High Court, responding to a petition from Sitapur district, stayed the school merger process in that district.

Following the court's order, the government was forced to step back. Acknowledging the seriousness of the matter, they held a press conference yesterday to officially clarify their position.

## Congress protests in MP assembly over minister's remark on Army officer

Bhopal, Aug 1 (UNI) Madhya Pradesh's principal-opposition Congress created pandemonium in the Assembly today over state Tribal Affairs Minister Vijay Shah's adverse comment about Indian Army officer Sofiya Qureshi.

The Question Hour could not be conducted as a consequence. As soon as Shah rose to reply to a query, the Congress lawmakers started shouting demanding dismissal of the minister. The Opposition members trooped into the well and sloganeered against Shah.

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya (Bharatiya Janata Party), launched an attack on the opposition, saying that those who insult the Army ought to be ashamed of themselves. Turning towards the Opposition, he called them agents of China and Pakistan.

The Congress remained adamant on Shah's resignation and the Treasury benches joined the ruckus. Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar urged the members to allow the minister to respond and the question hour to continue but the bedlam continued. The Congress members staged a sit-in in the well. Tomar adjourned proceedings until 1300 hrs.

Shah had made a derogatory remark against Colonel Qureshi who was holding the press briefings while Operation Sindoor was on. The minister's statement triggered countrywide protest. The Congress staged demonstrations in several parts of India demanding his resignation. The police registered a case against Shah following a court directive. The case is sub judice in the Supreme Court.



# International Information

## Putin reiterates Moscow's stance on settlement with Ukraine, says demands remain unchanged

Moscow, Aug 1 (UNI) Reiterating Moscow's core demands for reaching a peace settlement with Ukraine, Russian President Vladimir Putin confirmed that the Kremlin's demands remain unchanged.

Speaking after a meeting with Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, Putin emphasised the continued relevance and necessity of negotiations, but also underscored that resolving the conflict ultimately depends on addressing its root causes, reports RIA Novosti.

"The talks are important and always in demand," he said, noting that Russia's conditions regarding settlement are still what they were, when first laid out in the summer of 2024.

These include Ukraine not being part of any military alliance, commit to maintaining its non-nuclear status, and the state recognition of its four captured regions - Donetsk, Lugansk, Kherson, and Za-



porozhye — as part of Russia, and lastly, the lifting of all sanctions imposed on Moscow.

Putin stressed that any agreement should pave the way for long-term peace without time constraints, and said Russia is open to waiting if Kyiv is unwilling to engage on these terms. He added that broader European security must be taken into account when discussing a Ukrainian settlement.

Confirming Moscow's recent battlefield advances, he said that Russian troops had indeed taken control of the town of Chasov Yar and con-

voiced full support for Russia's negotiating position.

The third round of peace talks in Istanbul, held behind closed doors on July 23 at the historic Ciragan Palace, lasted about an hour.

They followed a private meeting between Russian presidential aide Vladimir Medinsky and Ukraine's National Security Council Secretary Rustem Umerov, both of whom have led previous rounds of dialogue.

According to Medinsky, discussions included humanitarian concerns, such as the return of civilians displaced by military activity in Russia's Kursk Region.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov later told reporters that while high-level engagement is expected to finalise any eventual settlement, the current positions of Moscow and Kyiv remain "diametrically opposed," and compromise is unlikely in the immediate future.

## NZ faces sharp rise in tariffs on its exports to US, potentially harming Kiwi exporters

Auckland/Washington, Aug 1 (UNI) New Zealand faces a sharp rise in tariffs on its exports to the United States, a move officials warn could impact Kiwi exporters and strain trade relations.

Amid a "modest" trade surplus with the United States, New Zealand is facing a sharp increase in U.S. tariffs on its exports from 10% to 15% starting Aug. 7, according to a New Zealand government statement on Friday.

New Zealand Trade Minister Todd McClay said the tariff hike is based on U.S. calculations of trade surpluses, even though New Zealand's surplus is modest - about USD 500 million - and not significant in the context of the U.S. economy.

"Over the past decade, our trade relationship with the U.S. has seen periods

where the U.S. enjoyed a significant surplus and times, like now, when New Zealand has a modest one," McClay said, adding the bilateral trade remains "balanced and complementary."



The minister warned that the higher tariffs will seriously impact New Zealand exporters sending about NZD9 billion (USD5.28 billion in goods to the United States each year, saying a 15% rate will be much harder for companies to absorb or pass on than the previous 10%.

McClay said he will ur-

gently seek talks with the Washington's trade representative, noting U.S. exports to New Zealand face a much lower average tariff of 0.8%.

"Our focus now moves to engaging directly with the U.S. on this current announcement to seek changes to this decision," he said, reaffirming New Zealand's commitment to open, rules-based trade and strong bilateral ties.

New Zealand Finance Minister Nicola Willis told the media that Auckland has been hit by a "very blunt formula."

"This is a disappointing development. New Zealand and the U.S. have a deep, long-standing friendship and U.S. exporters already facing much lower tariffs exporting to New Zealand than goods going the other way," Willis said.

## Afghan Red Crescent Society provides humanitarian aid to four million returnees since past year

Kabul, Aug 1 (UNI) The Afghan Red Crescent Society (ARCS) has provided humanitarian aid to over 4 million vulnerable people across the country during the past year, the state-owned Bakhtar News Agency reported today.

According to the report, around 4.69 million people affected by poverty and conflict received financial, food, and non-food assistance over the past 12 months. The ARCS also delivered health services to more than 3 million individuals across the country during the same period.

The ARCS operates in seven zones nationwide, with over 3,000 staff members actively involved in delivering assistance and medical services to those in need.

## Trump says all perpetrators of 'Russia hoax' must 'pay big price'

Washington, Aug 1 (UNI) All people who promoted the false claims of Russia's meddling during the 2016 US presidential campaign must "pay a big price," US President Donald Trump said on Friday.

On Wednesday, Trump said that he wants all information regarding Russia's alleged interference in the 2016 election to be "shown" as long as it is credible. Earlier that day, Fox News reported that FBI Director Kash Patel has discovered a cache of classified materials related to the beginning of the



Trump-Russia investigation, stashed in multiple "burn bags" inside a concealed room at the agency.

"The Russia, Russia, Russia HOAX is now TOTALLY UNDISPUTED! THE FACTS ARE ALL THERE, IN BLACK AND WHITE. It is the biggest scandal in American History. The perpetrators of this CRIME must pay a big price. This can never be allowed to happen in our Country again!" Trump wrote on Truth Social.

Earlier in the week, on Thursday, the CIA and the US Justice Department declassi-

fied the Appendix of the Durham Report, which indicated that during the 2016 presidential campaign, Hillary Clinton endorsed a strategy aimed at discrediting her opponent, Donald Trump, by amplifying the scandal involving her email account, which she claimed was hacked by Russia to aid the Republican candidate.

The Durham report is the latest document declassified by the Trump administration in its efforts to expose the details of the so-called Russia hoax that

the Democratic Party has been promoting since Clinton's defeat to Trump in 2016.

Earlier in July, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence published an unclassified report from the House Intelligence Committee, originally from 2020, regarding Russia's purported interference in the 2016 US presidential election. The report indicates that the CIA relied on "biased" and "implausible" information to back claims suggesting that Moscow favored Trump over Clinton.

## Striving for Excellence in Education: Collector Viziendira Boyi Sets 100% Pass Target for Class 10 Students

(Capital Information)

**Mahabubnagar, Aug 1 :** In a proactive move to improve educational outcomes, Mahabubnagar District Collector Viziendira Boyi conducted surprise inspections at the Mandal Parishad Primary School and Zilla Parishad High School in Tankara village, Hanwada Mandal on Friday.

During his visit, the Collector interacted with first-grade students, checking their basic number recognition and reading skills. Pleased with their performance, she appreciated both students and teachers for their efforts.

She then observed a Class 10 Physics lesson and enquired about the previous year's pass percentage. Upon learning that only 20 out of 32 students had passed, he emphasized the



need for focused teaching strategies to achieve 100% results this academic year for the current batch of 44 students. She urged teachers to give individual attention to underperforming students and ensure no one is left behind.

In the 9th grade math class, she reviewed the use of digital teaching methods and inspected the AI Lab,

recommending its relocation from the upper floor to the ground level for better access. She also assessed the progress of infrastructure works like the dining hall and toilets, instructing officials to complete them without delay.

The Collector toured the school campus and evaluated the mid-day meal scheme, interacting with stu-

dents in their classrooms. In a meeting with the school staff, she stressed the importance of quality education and improved academic outcomes, especially for Class 10.

Later, Viziendira Boyi visited the local village health sub-centre, inquiring about fever surveys and measures being taken to combat seasonal diseases like dengue

and malaria. Health officials informed him that 25 households were surveyed on the same day. She also checked the availability of medicines.

The inspection was accompanied by MPDO Smt. Yashoda and other officials, reflecting the administration's commitment to both educational development and public health preparedness in rural areas.

## Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya reveals details of Operation Muskan - XI

(Capital Information)

**Nizamabad Bureau, Aug 1 :** Operation Muskan - XI program continued from Thursday to 31st of this month under the Nizamabad Police Commissionerate, Nizamabad Police Commissioner P. Sai Chaitanya informed.

The main purpose of this Operation Muskan is to collect information about missing, abandoned, and child laborers under the age of 18, if any, and to register a case against the employer who

works with them or to hand them over to their parents after counseling, while those without parents are handed over to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC). Also, children with parents will be produced before the Child Welfare Committee and handed over to their parents as per their orders.

In this Operation Muskan XI, a total of 154 children (148 boys and 6 girls) were rescued in Nizamabad, Armoor and Bodhan divisions under

the Nizamabad Commissionerate. Also, in the Commissionerate, 15 FIRs were registered in the Nizamabad division, 12 FIRs in the Armoor division and 9 FIRs in the Bodhan division, totaling 36 FIR's. Also, the details of the missing children were registered in the Darpan app and efforts were made to identify their addresses.

The details of the children caught in this Operation Muskan XI are as follows. The number of children identified as sub-divisions: 56 children were identified in the Nizamabad sub-division. 56 children were identified in the Bodhan sub-division. 42 children were identified in the Armoor sub-division. The total number of children identified in the three sub-divisions is 154, said Nizamabad Police Commissioner P Sai Chaitanya.



## Problems should be solved : Collector C.Narayana Reddy

(Capital Information)

**Ranga Reddy, Aug 1 :** District Collector C. Narayana Reddy has ordered the concerned officer to appoint a special team at the Mandal level to resolve the pending issues related to the Indiramma Houses being ambitiously undertaken by the state government.

The Collector held a video conference with the district officials from the Collector's Camp Office on infrastructure, agriculture, sanitation and Vana Mahotsav in Indiramma Houses, schools, hostels and dormitories.

Speaking on the occasion, the Collector said that sanctions should be given to all those who have land but do not have houses, awareness should be created for those who have taken loans in the past and are currently eligible, all those eligible under L1 in the PM Awas Yojana Rural / Urban should be registered immediately, and especially the construction of houses should continue at a fast pace.

Similarly, he instructed the Agriculture Department officer to ensure that the required urea



fertilizer is available 100 percent in the godowns of the respective Mandal centers during the rainy season, and that there is no shortage anywhere and farmers do not have to take to the roads.

The Collector warned that no problem will be tolerated in the schools, hostels and welfare shelters of the district, and ac-

tion will be taken against the concerned department officer if any problem arises.

The Collector assured that quality food and drinking water should be ensured from time to time, and if any drinking water problem is brought to his attention, the problem will be resolved immediately, and funds will also be released for the

same. The Collector suggested that vegetables should be brought once in two days instead of being stored in the welfare hostels, and that the kitchen should be kept clean.

The respective MEO should monitor the quality of mid-day meals in schools. He said that as part of the Vana Mahotsav program, everyone needs to plant saplings in large numbers, and that the target set for the district must be completed, especially according to the target allocated to the respective departments.

The Collector advised the officers of all departments to plant 100 percent saplings in government and private institutions and rural natural forests, saying that there is a possibility of those saplings growing as it is raining, and to plant saplings at the right time.

DRO Sangeetha, DRDA PD Srilatha, PD Housing Nayak, Agriculture Department Officer Usha, MPDOs, Municipal Commissioners, Special Officers, District Officers, and others participated in this video conference.



# Business Information

## Ford plans a major EV announcement at the upcoming Kentucky event

New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) Ford, a US-based automobile manufacturer, is set to reveal some breakthrough information about Electric



Vehicles (EVs) at its upcoming event in Kentucky, United States. While speaking during the earnings call, Ford's CEO Jim Farley hinted at a major announcement by terming it as a 'Model T moment' for Ford.

"We will be in Kentucky to share more about our plans to design and build a breakthrough

electric vehicle and a platform in the US. This is a Model-T moment for us at Ford. A chance to bring a new family of vehicles to the world that offer incredible technology, efficiency, space, and features," Farley added.

Reportedly, Ford is planning to develop an entire EV strategy with a new electric platform. The giant automobile manufacturer has been using a small 'skunkworks' team to launch a new and flexible EV manufacturing platform. While the company didn't confirm which type of models are now the primary focus.

Auto analysts pointed out that upcoming Ford vehicles will face competition from rival Chinese automakers, which was also stated by Farley while speaking in a Podcast last year.

## IDBI Bank employees to strike on Aug 11 protesting against privatisation

Chennai, Aug 1 (UNI) Opposing the proposed privatisation of their IDBI Bank, employees will strike work on August 11, 2025, said C.H.Venkatachalam, General Secretary, All India Bank Employees' Association (AIBEA).

Venkatachalam said the United Forum of IDBI Bank Officers and employees under the banner of AIBEA and AIBOA have given the call on August 11, 2025.

He said the Indian government and the Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) are planning to divest 30.24% and 30.48%, respectively, of their holdings in the IDBI Bank in favour of a private player.

After the stake divestment, the

holding of the Indian government and LIC in the IDBI Bank will be 15.24% and 18.76%, whereas the private party will own 66%, Venkatachalam said.

Referring to some media reports, Venkatachalam said the bidders for IDBI Bank are foreign investors from Canada and Dubai. Hence, it will not only be privatisation but actually 'foreignisation.'

A few years ago, south based Lakshmi Vilas Bank was allowed to be purchased by Singapore investor - DBS Bank. Before that, Fairfax from Canada had become the major investor in CSB Bank, formerly Catholic Syrian Bank, Venkatachalam said.



## TVS Motor Company sold 4.56 lakh units in July

Chennai, Aug 1 (UNI) Two and three wheeler maker TVS Motor Company today said it had sold 456,350 units in July 2025 with a growth of 29% as against 354,140 units in the month of July 2024.

Total two-wheelers registered a growth of 29% with sales increasing from 339,676 units in July 2024 to 438,790 units in July 2025. Domestic two-wheeler registered growth of 21% with sales increasing from 254,250 units in July 2024 to 308,720 units in July 2025.

Motorcycle registered a growth of 25% with sales increasing from 161,074 units in July 2024 to 201,494 units in July 2025. Scooter registered a growth of 42% with sales increasing from 139,995 units in July 2024 to 198,265 units in July 2025, the company said.

EV registered a growth of 10% with sales increasing from 21,442



units in July 2024 to 23,605 units in July 2025. Magnet availability continue to pose challenges in the short to medium term.

The Company's total exports registered a growth of 46% with sales increasing from 97,589 units in July 2024 to 142,629 units in July 2025. Two-wheeler exports grew by 52% with sales increasing from 85,426 units in July 2024 to 130,070 units in July 2025.

Three-wheeler registered a growth of 21% with sales increasing from 14,464 units in July 2024 to 17,560 units in July 2025.

## KRIDL clerk's Rs 30 crore empire unearthed in Lokayukta raid

Bengaluru, Aug 1 (UNI) Karnataka Lokayukta officials have uncovered a massive cache of unaccounted wealth during a raid on the residence of Kalakappa Nidagundi, a former clerk at Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) in Koppal.

Despite drawing a monthly salary of just ₹15,000, Nidagundi was found to possess assets valued at around Rs 30 crore, including 24 houses, 40 acres of farmland, and multiple plots. The assets were held in his name and close family members.

The Lokayukta team also recovered gold worth Rs 30

lakh and more than 1.5 kg of silver, along with two cars and two two-wheelers. Investigations suggest that Nidagundi, in collaboration with former KRIDL engineer ZM Chinchohkar, embezzled over Rs 72 crore by generating fake bills linked to 96 incomplete infrastructure projects.

The raid was part of a wider crackdown by the Lokayukta to identify public servants who have accumulated wealth disproportionate to their known sources of income. The operation at Nidagundi's residence was led by CPI Parashuram Kavatagi, under the supervision of Deputy SP Pushpalatha and

officer PS Patil, who are now analyzing documents, property deeds, and cash records to trace the money trail.

This case is among several that have emerged from the Lokayukta's latest sweep across Karnataka. Government employees from various departments, including engineering, horticulture, health, and municipal bodies, are currently under investigation for similar offences.

Authorities say the raid is part of a long-term strategy to curb corruption and restore accountability in public service. Further actions are expected as the investigations progress.

## Wells Fargo names Charles Scharf as Chairman

New Delhi, Aug 1 (UNI) Wells Fargo & Company, a US-based financial services giant, is set to give the additional charge of Chairman to its current CEO, Charles Scharf. Reportedly, the move is taken by the bank as an award for Scharf's major role in building the bank's image.

Charles Scharf is an American business executive and is currently serving as the CEO and President of Wells Fargo. Scharf has previous experience at Visa Inc. and BNY. He has done his Executive MBA at the Stern School of Business.



Steve Black (Current Chairman, Wells Fargo) said, "We are thrilled to recognize Charles' significant contributions to Wells Fargo and are planning to appoint him as

the chairman of the board. We also plan to appoint a lead independent director to maintain independent board leadership."

"The special equity award

is designed to acknowledge Charles' role in leading Wells Fargo through an unprecedented transformation, creating shareholder value and positioning the company for the future," Black added.

The statement reflected the board's desire to retain Charles Scharf as the CEO of the company due to its previous transformative initiatives for the future success of the company.

Charles Scharf also welcomed the decision of the board and highlighted his intent to contribute to organizational development during the current momentum.

# Alternative to MBBS

If you're looking for a career in healthcare but don't want to pursue an MBBS, there are many excellent alternatives. These options often offer strong career prospects, good salaries, and allow you to specialize in a particular area of healthcare. Here are some of the popular alternatives to MBBS:

### I. Allied Health Professions (Bachelor's and Diploma Programs):

These fields are crucial to the healthcare system and involve providing diagnostic, technical, therapeutic, and support services. Many of these courses do not require NEET (National Eligibility cum Entrance Test).

- \* Nursing (B.Sc. Nursing): A highly respected profession focusing on patient care, medical procedures, and patient management. There's high demand for nurses globally.
- \* Pharmacy (B.Pharm): Focuses on the world of medicines, including their development, manufacturing, dispensing, and safe use. Pharmacists can work in hospitals, retail, research, or the pharmaceutical industry.
- \* Physiotherapy (BPT - Bachelor of Physiotherapy): Involves physical re-

habilitation, restoring movement, and function in patients through therapeutic exercises and treatments. This field has growing demand, especially in sports and rehabilitation.

- \* Occupational Therapy (BOT - Bachelor of Occupational Therapy): Helps individuals with physical, mental, or developmental conditions develop skills for daily living and regain independence.
- \* Medical Laboratory Technology (B.Sc. MLT): Focuses on diagnostic tests and laboratory procedures, analyzing bodily fluids and tissues to diagnose diseases.
- \* Radiology and Imaging Technology (B.Sc. Radiology and Imaging Technology): Involves diagnostic imaging techniques like X-rays, CT scans, and MRIs.
- \* Optometry (B.Optom): Focuses on eye care, vision correction, and diagnosing eye conditions.
- \* Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (B.Sc. Audiology and Speech Therapy): Deals with diagnosing and treating hearing and speech disorders.
- \* Dialysis Technology (B.Sc.

Dialysis Therapy or Diploma): Specializes in operating dialysis machines and providing care to patients with kidney disease.

- \* Operation Theatre Technology (B.Sc. or Diploma): Involves assisting in surgical procedures and managing the operation theatre.
- \* Cardiac Perfusion Technology: Focuses on operating heart-lung machines during open-heart surgery.
- \* Respiratory Therapy Technology: Involves treating patients with respiratory



Vijay GarG, Retired Principal



disorders.

### II. Traditional and Alternative Medicine Systems (Often requiring NEET in India):

These pathways also lead to becoming a qualified doctor within their respective systems.

- \* Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS): Focuses on dental care, oral health, and surgery.
- \* Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery (BAMS): Concentrates on traditional Indian medicine, Ayurveda, using natural remedies and holistic

approaches.

- \* Bachelor of Homeopathic Medicine and Surgery (BHMS): Deals with homeopathic medical practices and remedies.
- \* Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery (BUMS): Focuses on the Unani system of medicine, which originated in ancient Greece.
- \* Bachelor of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences (BNYS): Studies natural healing and yoga for overall wellness.
- \* Bachelor of Veterinary Science (B.V.Sc): Focuses on the treatment and care of animals.

### III. Other Healthcare-Related Fields:

- \* Biotechnology (B.Sc. Biotechnology): Involves research and development in areas like genetic engineering, drug discovery, and diagnostics.
- \* Public Health (B.Sc./MPH): Focuses on improving health outcomes at a population level through awareness campaigns, disease trend analysis, and policy development.
- \* Clinical Research: Professionals in this field (e.g., Clinical Research Associates - CRAs) coordinate

and monitor clinical trials for new drugs and treatments.

- \* Biomedical Engineering: Combines engineering principles with medical sciences to design and improve healthcare equipment and systems.
- \* Nutrition and Dietetics (B.Sc. Nutrition and Dietetics): Focuses on crafting diets for health and illness management.
- \* Hospital and Healthcare Management: For those interested in the administrative and managerial aspects of healthcare facilities.
- \* Psychology (B.Sc. Psychology): Can lead to careers in counseling, clinical psychology (with further education), or mental health support within healthcare settings.
- \* Forensic Science: Can involve working in medical-legal aspects, such as toxicology or DNA profiling.

When choosing an alternative, consider your interests, aptitude for science, patient interaction preferences, and career goals. Research the specific course curriculum, job prospects, and earning potential for each field to make an informed decision.

# Gender Discrimination in HEIs Leadership In Digital Era

(Based on recent 'EduShine Search Partners' firm study report)

The detailed study on gender disparity in Indian Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) reveal a harsh truth of neglecting the eligible women leaders to heading these institutions, unfolded by a private firm "EduShine Search Partners". The HEIs consisting of public, private, deemed universities and institutions of national importance are headed by only 11.24 percent women leaders (only 152 out of 1,352 HEIs). In 2015, the Indian HEIs are headed by only 6.67 percent women

(54 out of 810), and 9.56 percent (110 out of 1,151 institutes) women are leading these institutes. The HEIs in America, UK, and Australia are headed by women at least 25 percent, far better than Indian institutions. Brazil has 47.3 percent, South Africa 23 percent HEIs are led by women. Globally, 25 percent of the top 200 universities are headed by female leaders. The women leadership is minimum in Institutes of National Importance (INIs) such as IITs, IIITs, IIMs, NITs, and



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### Fewer Women Leaders in Engineering Institutes:

Only 8.53 percent of the INIs (14 out of 164) are led by female. Among 120 premier engineering institutions consisting of IITs, IIITs, IIMs, NITs, and IISER, only two (NIT, IIIT of Tiruchirappalli) are headed by women leaders. Among 23 IITs not a single institute is led by lady leaders. Out of 21 IIMs, only two are having women leaders as head of institutes. Around 14 percent Central Universities

(08 out of 19) are having women heads. Among state universities 13.2 percent (65 out of 492), 13.67 percent (19 out of 138) of deemed universities, 9.18 percent (46 out of 501) private universities are headed by female forces.

### Let's Boost the Next Generation to Take Future HEIs Leadership:

There is a need to foster women leadership in HEIs in India is critical and require immediate review and action. The present women role are exposed Sipo that the next

generation of women gets inspired to take leadership in the education ecosystem, rightly said the survey. In academia's leadership hierarchy system, women are facing more hurdles compared to men.

The women staff members of these HEIs are getting lesser promotions to professors, deans, VCs and other high-ranking roles. These issues are hampering their candidature to seek those higher positions. The fewer participation of women in technical ed-

ucation also contributing the lesser women in leadership of these institutes.

There is an urgent need to bring more women in STEM institutes so that the female leadership in these institutes. The governments, policy makers need to invest more time, energy, and resources in promoting teaching as a career.

The leadership roles in HEIs need to be more aspirational so that many more women get motivated and committed to take it up.



## Ram Charan's Peddi Brings Back Royal Uttarandhra Shoot!

Global star Ram Charan's upcoming sports drama Peddi is moving fast with fresh scenes being shot at Ramoji Film City. The team is currently filming a festival sequence, set against a custom-built backdrop that reflects the culture of Uttarandhra. The film, directed by Buchi Babu Sana, is rooted in



a period setting and aims to bring regional flavor to the big screen.

Charan has physically prepared for the role, and he's joined by Janhvi Kapoor, who plays the female lead. Their scenes together are being shot with a focus on authentic detail and energy. The visuals aim to reflect not just the time period, but the spirit of the region.

Produced by Venkata Satish Kilaru under Vriddhi Cinemas, the film is also backed by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings. Kannada actor Shivraj Kumar, Jagapathi Babu, and Divyendu Sharma are part of the core cast, giving the film a solid lineup across industries.

Peddi is set to release on March 27 next year. With its strong cast, regional backdrop, and period setup, the film is shaping up to be one of Ram Charan's most distinctive projects yet.

## Suhas' Oh Bhama Ayyo Rama Streaming on Two OTT Platforms

Suhas, known for his natural acting style, was last seen in Oh Bhama Ayyo Rama (OBAR). Despite some initial buzz, the film turned out to be a bitter pill to swallow at the box office. It also marked the Tollywood debut of Joe actress Malavika Manoj.

In a surprise move, the film is now streaming on not just one, but two platforms, ETV Win and Amazon Prime Video. What's more, Prime has also released a Tamil-dubbed version, aiming to reach a wider South Indian audience. Whether OBAR can find a second chance on OTT remains to be seen.

The film features a supporting cast that includes Anita Hasanandani, Ali, Ravinder Vijay, Babloo Prithiveeraj, Prabhas Sreenu, and Raghu Karumanchi. Directors Harish Shankar and Maruthi also make cameo appearances. Music is by Radhan.



## Pawan Kalyan making it happen for PMF!

Generally speaking, deputy chief minister, Pawan Kalyan is a man of his word, and he likes to uphold his dignity when it comes to standing up to commitments for producers. He did the same for Mythri Movie Makers by shooting for Ustad Bhagat Singh, despite his busy schedule.

The latest news is that Kalyan is now set to reward another leading production house People Media Factory for their continued contribution towards his project in the recent past.

Earlier, this top production house made Grow with Pawan Kalyan and they were later part of the distribution process of Harihara Veera Mallu, as well as it is reported that they paid Some big amount for the smooth release of the film.



This has generated a lot of goodwill for the production house near Pawan Kalyan, and he is now scheduled to work on a project under their production soon. Reportedly TG Vishwa Prasad met with Pawan Kalyan recently, and the two of them have collectively decided to work on a project in the future.

This is a note of thanks from Pawan Kalyan to the

leading production house for backing him, despite all the oddities that have been happening.

However, this project will remain to be under the sheets for a long time as the producer first has the task of finalising the right director for Kalyan. More details in this regard will be emerging in the future, and we have to patiently wait for the same.

## 71st National Film Awards 2023-Complete list of winners

The 71st National Film Awards 2023 are out in the open. The awards have become a talking point as stars like Shah Rukh Khan have won the best actor award for the first time. Telugu cinema has won multiple awards, and here is the complete list of awards given.

Telugu winners  
Best Male Playback Singer: PVN Rohith(Baby)  
Best Screenplay-Sai Rajesh(Baby)  
Best Lyrics: Kasarlya Shyam(Balagam)  
Best Telugu Film: Bhagavanth Kesari  
Best Action Direction: Hanu-man (Telugu)  
Best VFX- HanuMan  
Other languages  
Best Tamil Film: Parking  
Best Actress: Rani Mukerji  
Best Actor- Shah Rukh Khan(Jawan)  
Vikranth Massey(12th Fail)  
Best Punjabi Film: Godday Godday Chaa  
Best Odia Film: Pushkara  
Best Marathi Film: Shyamchi Aai



Best Malayalam Film: Ullozhokku  
Best Kannada Film: Kandeelu: The ray of hope  
Best Hindi Film: Kathal: A Jackfruit of mystery  
Best Gujarati Film: Vash  
Best Bengali Film: Deep Fridge  
Best Assamese film: Rangatapu 1982  
Best Choreography: Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani  
Best Music Direction: Vaathi (Tamil)- songs  
Best Make-up, Costume designer: Sam Bahadur  
Best Production Designer: 2018- Everyone is a hero (Malayala)  
Best Editing: Pookalam (Malayalam)  
Best Sound Design: Animal  
Best Cinematography: The Kerala Story (Hindi)  
Best Female Playback Singer: Jawan  
Best Actress Supporting Role: Ullozhokku (Urvashi), Vash  
Best Actor Supporting Role: Pookalam (Vijayaraghavan), Parki

## Guru Prasanth eyes strong comeback in PVL 2025 with Hyderabad Black Hawks

New Delhi, August 1 (UNI) Winning the trophy is the ultimate goal," says Hyderabad Black Hawks' Guru Prasanth, as he prepares to return to the court with renewed passion, grit, and determination.

Despite missing the last season due to injury, Guru who was the MVP and best attacker in the second season was retained by the Hyderabad Black Hawks — a gesture that means a lot to the Tamil Nadu player. Now, as he prepares to return, he's determined to give it his all and leave no stone unturned every time he steps onto the court in the Black Hawks jersey.

"I'm really glad they decided to retain me. Honestly, I was hoping for it because I want to perform for the team — something I couldn't do last season," Guru said. "This time, we're aiming for the trophy. We want to prove ourselves, and more importantly, I want to prove myself."

Injuries are part of an athlete's journey, but what hurt the most wasn't just the in-



jury- it was not being able to play most matches or support my team," Guru said. "That said, I always had the grit and determination to come back stronger after recovery."

Speaking about his injury, Guru shared, "I suffered an ACL tear along with a horizontal meniscus tear in my medial meniscus during the FIVB Club World Championship camps in November 2023. That put me into full rehab for about nine months. I slowly returned to the court through smaller tournaments. It was tough in the beginning, but I gave my body the time it needed to

heal — and that made all the difference."

Guru shared how his father played a crucial role in keeping his spirits high during the rehab phase, constantly motivating him to stay positive and focused on his recovery. "Obviously, I was feeling low — mentally, it was a tough and traumatic phase. But as an athlete, you have to stay strong and maintain a positive mindset," Guru said. "What's done is done; the focus should always be on what lies ahead. Controlling the controllables with the right attitude really helps in healing, both physically and

mentally. I was lucky to have supportive people around me, especially my family — and above all, my father, who kept me motivated throughout."

The youngster lavished praise on PVL for helping getting more talent from grassroots.

"The Indian team performed quite well in the last CAVA tournament," he said. "With the support of the coach, statisticians, and analysts, the team is doing a great job on the international stage. Having access to such amenities is essential. Also, thanks to Prime Volleyball, players have improved significantly in terms of skill. Indian volleyball has seen tremendous growth over the past two years."

Guru hopes the team can lift the trophy for the fans. "They can expect us to give it our all — for the city, for the people, and for the love they continue to show us. Every Hyderabad Black Hawks fan deserves that. We'll be playing with our hearts on the court."

## Indian squads qualify for London 2026 World Table Tennis Championship

Kolkata, Aug 1 (UNI) India's men's and women's table tennis teams have sealed their berths for the 2026 World Table Tennis Championships (WTT) in London, following impressive performances at the 2025 South Asia Regional Championships held at the National Table Tennis Centre in Kathmandu.

With only 16 coveted Asian quota spots per gender available, the stakes were high. Four regional champions from Central Asia, South Asia, South-East Asia, and West Asia secure direct qualification for the WTT — one of the most prestigious events in the international calendar.

"The Indian squads, showcasing depth and dominance, made no mistake in ensuring their passage," said Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) today.

Both Indian teams emerged undefeated in the five-nation round-robin format, reaffirming their supremacy in the South Asian region.

The men's team — com-



prising Akash Pal, Ronit Bhanja, Anirban Ghosh, P.B. Abhinand, and Divyansh Srivastava — cruised past Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Maldives with identical 3-0 wins, displaying sharp form and tactical maturity.

Similarly, the women's team, led by Kritika Sinha, Selenadeepthi Selvakumar, Taneesha Kotecha, Sayali Wani, and Syndrela Das, produced an equally commanding show. They too registered comprehensive 3-0 victories over the same four opponents, not dropping a single match en route to qualification.

The team management made strategic use of the squad, rotating players effectively to provide vital international exposure to emerging talent — underscoring the bench strength and preparation ahead of the WTT.

With London 2026 set to host the world's best in a truly global showcase of table tennis, India's early qualification marks a crucial milestone. It not only reflects the teams' regional dominance but also sets the stage for focused preparations leading to the marquee event, where global ranking points, Olympic implications, and national pride will be on the line.

## India's Young pugilists commence campaign at the U19 Asian Boxing Championships 2025

Bangkok, Aug 1(UNI) India's junior boxing team will start its campaign today at the U19 Asian Boxing Championships 2025 here, with four young athletes representing the country on the opening day. As the tournament unfolds, these rising stars are set to showcase their grit and determination against some of Asia's toughest opponents.

The morning session, saw Suman Kumari taking on Meng-Sin Cheng of Chinese Taipei in the Women's Light Flyweight (48kg) category, the Indian pugilist emerged victorious. Later, Aakash Badhwar is scheduled to step into the ring in the Men's Flyweight (50kg) division, facing a formidable opponent in Odilshoh Khalimov of Uzbekistan.

The action continues in the evening session, where Sarthi Saini will face off against Haosheng Zhang of China in the Light Middleweight (70kg) category. Later in the session, Lokesh will represent India in the Light Heavyweight (80kg) division, going up against Norbek Abdullaev of Uzbekistan.

These bouts mark a significant start for India at the championships, with each athlete carrying the promise of future glory.

## Khalid Jamil new head coach of Sr Men's National Team

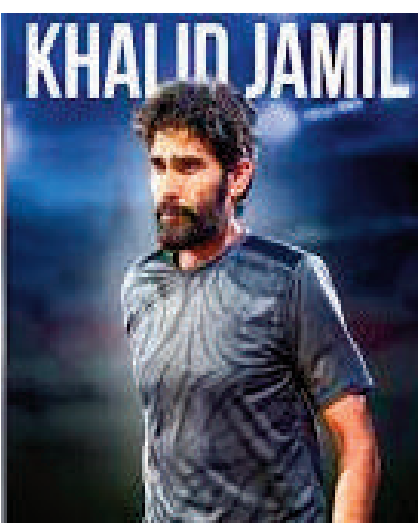
New Delhi, August 1 (UNI) The All India Football Federation's (AIFF) Executive Committee (EC) today appointed Khalid Jamil as the new head coach of the Senior Men's Indian National Team.

Decision to this effect was taken during the Committee's virtual meeting.

AIFF President Kalyan Chaubey, Vice President NA Haris, Treasurer Kipa Ajay, the members of the Executive and Technical committees, along with both Dronacharya Awardee coaches Bimal Ghosh and Armando Colaco, and Dhyan Chand Awardee Shabbir Ali, the AIFF's Technical Director Syed Sabir Pasha and Na-

tional Teams Director Subrata Paul presented a SWOT analysis of all the three shortlisted coaches — Khalid Jamil, Stephen Constantine, and Štefan Tarkovič.

Colaco and Ali expressed their views that the AIFF should prioritise selecting an Indian coach for the senior men's national team. All three opined that during their respective coaching careers, they, too, were once Indian coaches with no national team experience. However, they believe that Indian coaches need to be given a fair chance to prove themselves.



Technical Committee chairperson IM Vijayan, shared his experiences during his playing days, and said

that India had a much higher FIFA ranking with the likes of Sukhwinder Singh and Syed Nayeemuddin as the head coaches. Thus, he strongly recommended Khalid Jamil, as he has already been conferred with the AIFF's Men's Coach of the Year Award on two occasions (2023-24 and 2024-25).

Thereafter, the majority of the house accepted the recommendations of the TC. The AIFF Vice President Haris, along with members such as Pinky Bompal Magar, Thongam Tababi Devi, Climax Lawrence, Menla Ethenpa, Arif Ali, Mohan Lal, and oth-

ers, opined that for the betterment of Indian football, the federation must give an opportunity to an Indian coach.

Suggestions of Stephen Constantine also came in from a few members of the EC. However, after detailed discussions, the house decided in favour of Khalid Jamil. The house felt that since India are set to participate in the CAFA Nations Cup 2025 later this month, followed by back-to-back AFC Asian Cup Final Round Qualifier matches against Singapore in October, Jamil would be a better option, since he has been working with Indian players on a regular basis.