



Opposition MPs protest in Parliament complex



Opposition MPs, including Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, protested in Parliament House complex on Tuesday (August 4, 2026) against the theft of donations at the Ram temple in Ayodhya and "police excesses" against student protesters. Carrying placards against the government, MPs protested in front of the Makar Dwar of Parliament with slogans such as 'chhanda chor, gaddi chor' and 'Amit Shah jawaab do' raised.



Parliament Monsoon Session Day 12 Ram Temple donation theft issue

Opposition MPs on Tuesday (August 4, 2026) staged protests in the Parliament premises over multiple issues, including the embezzlement of Ram Mandir donations, the police action on protestors during the Parliament March on July 20 in the national capital, and the Cauvery water dispute. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is set to introduce the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026, in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday (August 4, 2026), according to the revised List of Business issued by the House. The Bill seeks to further amend the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007, the Income-tax Act, 2025, and the Finance Act, 2026. Sitharaman will move for leave to introduce the legislation and subsequently introduce the Bill in the House. A day earlier, on Monday (August 3, 2026), the Lok Sabha passed a Bill to increase the sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court without any discussion as persistent protests by Opposition members over the police action against protesting students at Jantar Mantar and the alleged chadhawa chori (theft of offerings) at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya continued to disrupt proceedings. Meanwhile, the Rajya Sabha passed the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill, 2026.

Iran not seeking a wider war, President says



U.S. President Donald Trump said on Tuesday (August 4, 2026) that negotiations with Iran were ongoing despite Tehran's denials and the Islamic Republic was facing a "last chance before decapitation." Mr. Trump, speaking to reporters at the White House, said he agreed to continue to pursue talks with Iran at the request of Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and other countries. Mr. Trump said he expects negotiations will focus on reopening the Strait of Hormuz and create a pathway for Iran to address the United States' concerns about its nuclear programme. He told reporters they would likely learn about the status of the negotiations "today or tomorrow". Iran's Foreign Ministry denied on Tuesday (August 4) that negotiations with Washington were taking place, but Mr. Trump insisted they were. "We are talking right now," he said. "Our negotiations are with Oman to secure passage through the Strait of Hormuz," the critical oil corridor, Foreign Ministry spokesman Esmaeil Baqaei said.

H-FAST Raids

Uncover 25 Tonnes of Chemical-laced Spices in Hyderabad; 3 Held

Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Food Adulteration Surveillance Team (H-FAST) of Hyderabad police in joint coordination with the GHMC's Food Safety Department conducted a major enforcement drive against certain spice trading and processing establishments across the Hyderabad Commissionerate limits. The special crackdown aimed to curb use of harmful-to-human chemicals as adulterants, eliminate misbranding, ensure strict adherence to food safety standards, and protect public health. Based on credible information from the public, the special enforcement was held. During the operation, enforcement teams inspected 13 business establishments and independent business locations which were actively engaged in the procurement, processing, and wholesale or retail trading of spices and also indulging certain offences affecting human health. A total of 25 tonnes of various spices found to be containing certain dangerous chemicals and hazardous substances were seized during the raids. Consequently, three criminal cases were registered across three police stations, and three individuals responsible for the same have been arrested till now, Hyderabad Police Commissioner VC Sajjanar said at a press conference here on Tuesday.



Foreign Policy Conference Held at Government Degree College for Women



Hyderabad: India's evolving foreign policy and the challenges posed by changing global geopolitical dynamics came under discussion at a national conference organised by the department of political science, Government Degree College for Women, Hussaini Alam, Hyderabad in collaboration with the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA) and the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TGCHE). Prof. Upendra Choudhary of Aligarh Muslim University spoke on global foreign policy challenges and the importance of civilisational international relations. Prof. Balakista Reddy, chairman, TGCHE, discussed the relevance of the conference theme and emerging courses in higher education. Dr Nivedita Ray of ICWA, Prof. Afroz Alam of Maulana Azad National Urdu University (Manuu), Prof. Krishna Kumar of Osmania University and Dr K. Bhaskar of Government Degree College, Nayapul, shared their perspectives on international relations and India's foreign policy. Three panel discussions examined recent trends and challenges in India's foreign policy. During the valedictory session, Prof. V. Srilatha of Osmania University and Dr. Islamuddin Mujahed addressed participants on different aspects of the subject. The conference, chaired by Principal Prof. Appiya Chinnamma, was attended by research scholars, delegates from higher educational institutions across India and students.

Overnight downpour lashes Telangana between August 3 and August 4 morning



Heavy overnight rain lashed several parts of Telangana, including Hyderabad, between Monday (August 3, 2026) and Tuesday (August 4, 2026) morning, with some locations recording more than 100 mm of rainfall.

Udhayanidhi Arrested Over Alleged Trisha Remark at Cauvery Rally



Tamil Nadu Leader of Opposition Udhayanidhi Stalin has been arrested over a remark made during a public meeting in Thanjavur on the Cauvery water issue, with the TVK and other party leaders alleging that the comment was an indirect reference to actor Trisha. The DMK, however, denied the allegation, saying no such reference was made. Madras High Court has agreed to hear urgently the anticipatory bail plea. The ruling TVK had escalated its protest against Udhayanidhi over his allegedly offensive remarks directed at Trisha, filing complaints with both the local police and the National Commission for Women (NCW) on Tuesday. A police complaint was lodged at the Thanjavur East Police Station by S Bairavi, the TVK's Central District Women's Wing Organiser for Thanjavur, following which, Udhayanidhi was arrested. While addressing the rally in Thanjavur yesterday, Udhayanidhi Stalin was interrupted by sections of the crowd chanting "Trisha, Trisha." Pausing briefly, he allegedly remarked, "Whether the water reaches anywhere else or not, it should reach there," before clarifying that he was referring to the Cauvery. The contentious remark was made during a DMK demonstration led by Udhayanidhi near the Panagal Building in Thanjavur on Monday.

Government Junior Colleges Register Record Rise in Admissions: Abhilasha

Hyderabad: The Government Junior Colleges in Telangana have recorded a historic increase in student admissions for the 2026-27 academic year, reflecting the growing confidence of students and parents in the State's public intermediate education system. The Class XI (Intermediate First Year) admissions have increased to 85,453 students, compared to nearly 75,000 students in the previous academic year, registering an increase of around 14 percent.



Hyderabad: Telangana government has accorded the highest priority to protecting the interests of farmers and ensuring that every grain procured with public money is fully accounted for. The State government has therefore initiated a comprehensive review of the paddy procurement and custom milling system, along with strict enforcement measures against any misappropriation of government stocks. A high-level review meeting has been convened under the chairmanship of the Minister for Irrigation, Food and Civil Supplies N Uttam Kumar Reddy to examine every aspect of procurement, storage, milling, delivery of rice, recovery of the government dues and legal action against defaulting rice mills. This review is not directed against the rice milling industry as a whole. Telangana has hundreds of rice millers who have worked honestly with the government over many decades and have contributed significantly to the State's agricultural economy and the Public Distribution System (PDS). The government values their cooperation.

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Single Working Women Surrounded by Unique Challenges

(On the occasion of “Single Working Women’s Day” on 04 July)

In this digital era, the age-old stigma associated with single and/or working women is slowly but surely disappearing. Today, women do not have to be married and stay at home to prove their worth. Successful and accomplished single women can be found in every walk of life and they contribute to their workplace and communities on par with their peers who are married or in relationships. Despite this, there are many challenges that single working women still face in the workplace and in society. In many parts of the world, single working women are still considered to be a shameful thing. ““Single Working Women’s Day-2026:“

Barbara Payne realised that despite the important economic and social contributions of single working women, the society hasn’t rightly realised their achievements, strength, resilience, creativity, courage, and the unique challenges they encounter while balancing work, family, and personal life. To bring awareness on the plights of single working women, “Single Working Women’s Day” is observed annually on 04 August. The day also attempts to eliminate singlism - the discrimination of single people. It’s time to honour single working women in our life. Let’s respect their decisions and are inspired by what they do. ““Single Working Women in India:“

Single working women in India face a unique set of challenges, including social stigma, safety concerns, and difficulties in balancing work and personal life. They experience societal pressure to marry and may face judgement or assumptions about their marital status. Safety while commuting or living alone, is also a significant concern, with many women facing harassment or discomfort. The workplace inequalities, including gender pay gaps, sexual harassment, and limited career advancement opportunities. These issues may also lead to stress, anxiety, and other mental health problems. The financial insecurity, less access to resources, and lack of single working women role models may also add to the list of challenges they face. ““

The single working women serve as the primary breadwinners for their families while managing household duties and personal commitments. The issues like wage gaps, inflexible work hours, career breaks, motherhood penalty, limited leadership roles, glass ceiling life, workplace discrimination - the silent epidemic, and lack of adequate childcare support.

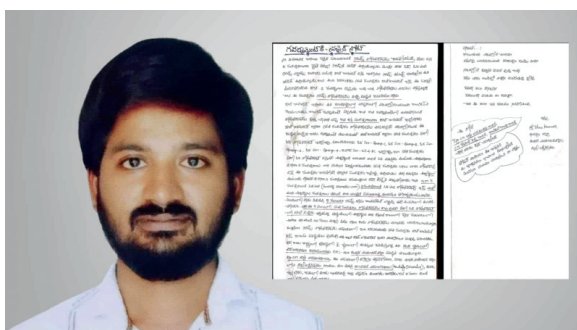
Dr Burra Madhusudhan Reddy

Komatireddy Offers Two Crops To Nalgonda District

Nalgonda: Roads and buildings minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy on Sunday announced that irrigation facility would be provided to two crops in Nalgonda district by completing the Srisaliam Left Bank Canal (SLBC) tunnel. Inaugurating the newly constructed Gram Panchayat office building at Kanchanpalli in Nalgonda mandal, he said his sole aim is to complete the SLBC tunnel works and provide irrigation facility to nearly four lakh acres in Nalgonda district by August 2028. Further, he promised irrigation through the Brahmana Vellemula Project to every acre in his Nalgonda assembly constituency. AThe minister underlined that agriculture and rural infrastructure development are the top priority for the Congress government. He maintained that reconstruction of SLBC tunnel and canal system is under progress with the aim of making Nalgonda drought-free and agriculturally prosperous. Venkat Reddy recalled that SLBC tunnel works had begun in 2007 by bringing machinery from United States of America when Congress had been in power in the combined Andhra Pradesh. After the formation of Telangana state, BRS came to power in 2014. Then chief minister K. Chandrasekhar Rao put the works of SLBC tunnel in cold storage. The minister emphasised that had the works been continued the tunnel could have been completed in two years by spending Rs 1,000 crore. However, after the Congress came to power in Telangana in 2023, works on SLBC tunnel have resumed and would be completed by August 2028, providing irrigation for two crops. Venkat Reddy said the Rs 11-crore Kanchanpalli Lift Irrigation Scheme would be completed by Dasara, ensuring irrigation to every acre in the village. He said he would personally distribute silk sarees to all women of the village during the Dasara celebrations. He assured that Kanchanpalli would be developed into a model village with improved roads, drainage, drinking water supply, irrigation facilities, and a modern government school. A Referring to the state government sanction-



ing Rs 300 crore for the drinking water scheme in Nalgonda Municipal Corporation, he said 24-hour safe drinking water would be supplied to every house in the city soon. Speaking on the occasion, district collector B. Chandrasekhar requested farmers to avoid paddy and cultivate alternative crops in view of the deficit rainfall due to the El Niño effect. He said the state government is establishing one Telangana Model Public School in every assembly constituency of Nalgonda district to strengthen public education. He appealed to villagers to maintain sanitation by segregating wet and dry waste. On the day, the minister inaugurated a 33/11 KV substation and distributed cheques of Kalyana Lakshmi to beneficiaries at a programme held in the Tahsildar office of Nalgonda.



Khammam man attempts suicide over delayed govt job notifications

Hyderabad: A young man seeking employment tried to die by suicide by consuming rat poison in Telangana’s Khammam district on Saturday, August 1. Gaddam Venu Kumar hails from New Lakshmipuram village in Mudigonda, which falls under Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka’s Madhira Assembly constituency. Before consuming the poison, he wrote a three-page note blaming the government’s failure to issue timely recruitment notifications as the reason for his attempted suicide. The letter states that the delay has deprived him and several like him of valuable years. “For the past six years, I have been preparing for state-level Group examinations. In 2018 (when the Bharat Rashtra Samithi was in power), the government released a job calendar and announced Group-I recruitments, but the vacancies were never filled. Instead, it was halted with assurances that jobs would be filled later,” the letter reads. The letter reads that during the 2023 Telangana Election campaign, the Congress party had promised to issue timely notifications if voted to power. But this was also not fulfilled. “If there was at least one notification every year, candidates would have had one examination annually. Instead, they are issued only once every two or three years. Or worse, once every five years, often around elections,” read the letter.

BRS faces fresh jolt as 50 youth, Mudiraj leaders shift loyalties to Congress



Hanumakonda: Around 50 youth, members of the Mudiraj community and former BRS activists from Kondapur village in Chilpur mandal of Station Ghanpur constituency joined the Congress party on Sunday, dealing another setback to the opposition in the region. The induction programme was held at the Hanumakonda residence of former Deputy Chief Minister and Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari, who welcomed the new

members by draping them with Congress party scarves. Among those who joined were Jakkula Veeraiah, Chokkam Sampath, Chokkam Ramesh, Raju, Nagaraju, Ajay, Lingaboini Ramesh, Ittaboini Rajasekhar, Rayagiri Satyam, Pedda Veeraiah, Mote Rahul and Ranjith, along with several others. Addressing the gathering, Kadiyam Srihari said the steady influx of leaders and youth into the Congress reflected growing public confidence in the

party. He attributed the trend to the Congress government’s welfare initiatives, stating that its schemes were directly benefiting poor and disadvantaged families across Telangana. The event was attended by Chilpur Temple Committee Chairman Potlapalli Sridhar Rao, mandal Congress president Chirra Nagaraju, former MPP Balaraju, Kondapur deputy sarpanch Naresh, village sarpanch and party workers.

Grand Oora Panduga Procession Draws Thousands



NIZAMABAD: Thousands of devotees participated in the annual Oora Panduga celebrations in Nizamabad on Sunday as the city witnessed a grand procession marked by devotion and traditional fervour. The village deity idols were taken out in a colourful procession from the Quilla Sharadamba Gadde. Devotees chanted “Puloriya” as the procession passed through the city’s main thoroughfares. The district administration made elaborate arrangements for the festival. The idols were carved and consecrated at Vadladhati on Saturday evening

before being taken to Sirnapalli Gadi for rituals. They were later brought to the Quilla Sharadamba Gadde near the fort’s main entrance on Sunday. After special prayers at the Quilla, the procession commenced, followed by the traditional ‘Sari’ distribution programme at Gajulpet. The Bandaru Posina ritual marked the formal commencement of the celebrations across the city. Members of the Sarva Samaj Committee and various community organisations participated in the arrangements over the weekend. Nizamabad Urban MLA Dhanpal Suryanarayana Gupta, Mayor K. Uma Rani, Sarva Samaj president, former MLA Endala Laxminarayana and leaders of the Congress, BJP and BRS offered special prayers at the Quilla Sharadamba Gadde.

Breastfeeding lays foundation for stronger generation: Seethakka



Warangal: State Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Rural Water Supply, Women and Child Welfare, Danasari Anasuya Seethakka, emphasised that breastfeeding is the foundation for a healthy future and urged mothers to adopt proper breastfeeding practices during World Breastfeeding Week, being observed from August 1 to 7. The Minister said every mother should begin breastfeeding within one hour of childbirth, describing breast milk as

the safest, cleanest and most nutritious food for infants. She advised mothers to exclusively abreastfeed babies for the first six months and continue breastfeeding along with complementary foods for at least one year or longer to ensure healthy growth and immunity. Seethakka also stressed that a mother’s nutrition directly affects the quality of breast milk and contributes to the child’s overall development. She directed Anganwadi workers, ASHA workers and health officials to organise awareness programmes across villages and encourage mothers to follow recommended breastfeeding practices. Extending her greetings to mothers, she appealed to the public to actively support and participate in the week-long campaign.



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Revanth Reddy Offers Prayers at Ujjaini Mahankali Temple as Bonalu Begins

HYDERABAD: Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy offered silk garments to Goddess Sri Mahankali and prayed at the Secunderabad Ujjaini Mahakali Temple on Sunday during the Ashada Bonalu celebrations. Revanth Reddy arrived at the temple along with ministers Konda Surekha, Ponnam Prabhakar, and Danasari 'Seethakka' Anasuya. Surekha offered the auspicious Bangaru Bonam to the deity along with the Chief Minister. The Chief Minister also met and interacted with devotees at the temple. Sanath nagar BRS MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav welcomed the Chief Minister and felicitated him. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao visited the temple, offered prayers and conducted special rituals. Haryana's former governor Bandaru Dattatreya, MP Vaddiraju Ravi Chandra,



MLAs Danam Nagender, Kaleru Venkatesh, Muta Gopal, Anil Jadhav, TPCC president Bomma Mahesh Kumar Goud and others also offered special prayers to the deity. US Consul General of Hyderabad Laura Williams participated in the Bonalu celebrations and offered a Bonam to the deity. Earlier in the day, minister Prabhakar and his wife offered the first Bangaru Bonam to the deity, along with Congress Rajya Sabha member Pawan Khara

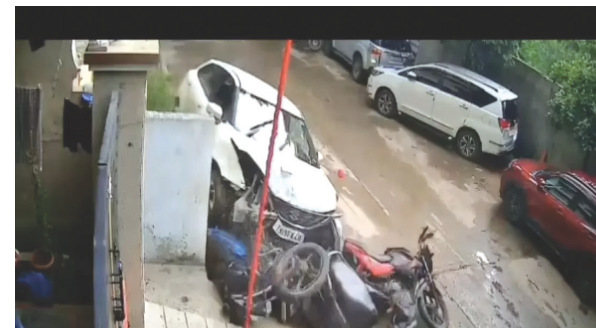
and TPCC vice-president Kota Neelima. Later in the day, the Chief Minister participated in a traditional Bonalu festival feast and celebrations at Prabhakar's camp office. BJP MPs Etala Rajender, M. Raghunandan Rao, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, MLA Padi Rakesh Reddy and BRS MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy were among those who attended the feast. Ministers D. Sridhar Babu, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, Konda Surekha, Vivek Venkataswamy, Vakiti Srihari, Md Azharuddin, Seethakka and Adluri Laxman Kumar, alongside various MPs, MLAs, MLCs, senior officials and other public representatives were also present. Congress leaders aspiring for nominated posts were also seen, some of whom placed requests with Revanth Reddy.

Bandi Sanjay Blasts Govt Over Bonalu Fund Allocation



Hyderabad: Union minister of state Bandi Sanjay Kumar has sharply criticised the government over what he termed "discriminatory" funding for Bonalu festivals, questioning whether Hindus must "beg for funds" to celebrate their festivals while the state allocated more money for Ramzan. After offering prayers at Secunderabad's Ujjaini Mahankali temple on Sunday to witness the Lashkar Bonalu celebrations, Sanjay expressed anger over the lack of basic facilities for lakhs of devotees standing in long queues under the scorching sun. The government has declared Bonalu a state festival but shows no intention to provide adequate funds," he told reporters after darshan. He said the government gave ₹33 crore for Ramzan and Rs 20 crore for Bonalu which is celebrated in over 3,000 temples across the twin cities. "Is this the treatment Hindu festivals receive under Congress rule," Sanjay asked and mentioned Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's purported statement, "Congress means Muslim, Muslim means Congress". Sanjay urged the state government to allocate festival funds based on population proportion. "Hindus constitute 80 per cent of Telangana. Festival funds should reflect this reality," he said.

Minor's joyride turns fatal in Madhura Nagar



Hyderabad: A 17-year-old boy allegedly rammed a rented car into a scooter after losing control of the vehicle, killing a 60-year-old man and injuring his 55-year-old brother in Karmika Nagar under Madhura Nagar police station limits on August 2. According to police, the deceased was identified as Raj Kumar, while his younger brother Prabhakar sustained injuries and is undergoing treatment. Raj Kumar was critically injured before succumbing, while Prabhakar reportedly suffered a leg fracture. Both were travelling to church on their scooter when the crash occurred. Police stated that the car was being driven by Ali Ahmed Khan, a minor and Intermediate student from Borabanda. The vehicle had been rented earlier on Sunday by individuals who drove to Karmika Nagar, washed the car, and left the keys inside while using the washroom. The minor, passing by the location, decided to drive the unattended car. He lost control, hit several parked motorbikes, crossed over to the opposite side of the road, and rammed directly into the scooter carrying the brothers. Madhura Nagar police registered a case, took the minor into custody, and initiated a detailed investigation into the incident.

Stop lecturing on democracy: KTR's open letter to Rahul Gandhi



Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtara Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Sunday, August 2, shot off a letter to senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, demanding that Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy tender an unconditional public apology to students over his recent remarks. During a discussion on job readiness and employability of engineering

students in Hyderabad, the chief minister called engineering students "criminal waste," sparking widespread criticism from the Opposition. He had said that nearly 1.1 lakh engineering students graduate every year, but "some can't even fill out a job application." "The Chief Minister has repeatedly targeted students and the youth," referring to Revanth's "beer and biryani ba

tech" statement and ridiculing students as "thugs." In his letter, the former IT minister held Rahul Gandhi politically and morally responsible for Revanth's remarks. "As the principal campaigner of the Congress party, the leader who personally sought the mandate of Telangana's youth and the person who handpicked Revanth Reddy as chief minister, the political as well as moral responsibility ultimately rests on you," he said. In a sarcastic jibe, he asked Rahul to "stop lecturing on democracy and constitutional morality" when it is not followed in his own party. "Rahul Gandhi's silence over the Chief Minister's remarks is a conscious political choice," KTR alleged. KTR hailed the young generation as the nation's greatest strength and the architects of a new India. "Every technological breakthrough and development is the result of the hard work of engineers, scientists, teachers.



Mild tension at Ujjaini Mahakali temple after Jogini Shyamala Devi Bonam topples

Hyderabad: Mild tension prevailed during the Bonalu celebrations at the Ujjaini Mahakali temple on Sunday after a Bonam carried by Jogini Shyamala Devi toppled from her head. The incident occurred at around 4 pm when Shyamala came to the temple along with other Joginis. Following the incident, the Joginis staged a protest at the temple, treating it as a serious matter. While the protest was underway, Jogini Shyamala fainted at the spot. The Joginis broke down following the incident. They alleged that the state government's negligence in not making proper special arrangements for the Joginis at the temple led to the incident. When contacted, Ujjaini Mahakali Devasthanam Executive Officer Manohar Reddy said he was aware of the incident.

Criminals hijacked students' protest in Delhi: TG BJP spokesperson



Hyderabad: Telangana State BJP official spokesperson and media in-charge NV Subhash alleged on August 2 that nearly 3,000 individuals with criminal backgrounds joined the recent students agitation in Delhi. Addressing the media, NV Subhash

quoted a report indicating that these individuals participated to cause disturbances, noting that genuine students were few in number. He alleged that criminals hijacked the agitation with support from certain political parties to defame the NDA government led by

Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Citing a Delhi Police report, NV Subhash stated that among the 3,000 participants, 101 were involved in murder cases, 62 in attempted murder, 60 in rape cases, and 2,089 in dacoity and robbery. Criticising the conduct of Congress, AAP, and SP leaders in Parliament, he alleged they were attempting to diminish the popularity of Prime Minister Narendra Modi by repeatedly stalling legislative proceedings. He added that opposition parties sought political advantage from the protest, creating national security issues for political mileage.

SET for fast-track probe into Dharani deals, says minister

Hyderabad: The Telangana government's decision to order another inquiry into alleged irregularities in the Dharani land records portal during the previous BRS regime has sparked questions over the delay in identifying those responsible, even though a forensic audit flagged more than 10,000 suspicious transactions. At the Secretariat on Saturday, July 31, Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy said the Special Enquiry Team (SET) would conduct a fast-track probe into the alleged irregularities so that the culprits are brought to justice. Reddy added that the investigation would cover the entire process. A forensic audit alone could not fully expose the irregularities, he said, necessitating an investigation by the SET, he said. Meanwhile, the government's July 17 decision for the fresh probe has also raised concerns over an alleged delay in fixing responsibility. The SET, which will be headed by senior IPS officer Charu Sinha, ADGP (CID) and Director-General, ACB, comprises officials from the police, revenue and information technology



departments. However, since no official orders have yet been issued giving a specific timeframe for completion of the probe, questions are also being raised about the seriousness of the government. While the forensic audit ordered earlier by the government has identified over 10,000 suspicious transactions and submitted its latest report, no action has yet been taken against any official or BRS leader. This audit was ordered in December 2024, entrusted to the Kerala Security Audit and Assurance Centre in 2025, began in May of the same



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PM Modi urges youth to build a drug-free India



Hyderabad: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla underscored the critical importance of creating a drug-free society and urged young people to become ambassadors of the Nasha Mukta Bharat movement on August 2. He addressed the gathering as chief guest at the Nasha Mukta Yuva Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan, organised by Mera Yuva Bharat under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in collaboration with Brahma Kumaris. The Governor emphasised that youth play a pivotal role in safeguarding society from substance

abuse, calling upon them to contribute actively towards building a healthy, empowered, and developed India. Welcoming attendees, MY Bharat Telangana State Director In-charge Ch Anvesh called upon youth to participate actively in the campaign and become equal partners in nation-building. He urged them to adopt a drug-free lifestyle, take the anti-drug pledge with utmost sincerity, and contribute towards the vision of Viksit Bharat. A key highlight of the event was the virtual message delivered by Prime Minister Naren

dra Modi under the Nasha Mukta Yuva Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan. Around 1,500 participants watched the address and subsequently took the Nasha Mukta Yuva Bharat pledge, reaffirming their commitment to supporting the nationwide movement against substance abuse. The campaign highlighted the vital importance of youth participation in nation-building, encouraging young citizens to adopt healthy lifestyles while spreading awareness regarding the harmful effects of drug addiction. The event reflected the collective resolve of government institutions, social organisations, and youth to work together towards the vision of Viksit Bharat through a drug-free nation. Prominent dignitaries present at the event included Brahma Kumaris Director BK Kuldeep Didi, Special Chief Secretary to the Governor of Telangana M Dana Kishore, DPS Chairperson M Komaraiah, Indian Navy Captain Shiva Singh, and MY Bharat Telangana State Director In-charge Ch Anvesh.

Mother drowns nine-month-old daughter in Bairamalguda lake

Hyderabad: In a shocking incident, a woman allegedly drowned her nine-month-old daughter in Bairamalguda Lake on Sunday evening while reportedly under the influence of alcohol. According to the police, the incident occurred at around 6.30 pm when Lokasani Rajeshwari, (34) wife of Ravinder Reddy, a resident of Injapur in Ranga Reddy district and a native of Bidar district in Karnataka, allegedly drowned her infant daughter, Lokasani Anuradha, in the lake. The baby died due to drowning. The police, on receiving information, reached the spot and retrieved the body. The police shifted the body to the Osmania General Hospital mortuary for post-mortem examination.



Hyderabad: Culture Minister Jupally Krishna Rao has said that efforts were underway to establish an NRI Bhavan in Hyderabad at an estimated cost of Rs 10 crore to provide multiple services to visiting NRIs under one roof. He called upon Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) to partner in promoting tourism by introducing the state's destinations to their friends and colleagues abroad. He also invited the American Te

lugu Association (ATA) and NRI groups to adopt tourist destinations and heritage sites in the state and contribute to their conservation, restoration and development. Addressing the 19th American Telugu Association (ATA) conference at the Baltimore Convention Centre in the United States, the minister said the Telugu diaspora could play an important role in taking Telangana's tourism potential to a wider glo-

bal audience. Appreciating the contribution of the diaspora, the minister said Telugus who had settled abroad had made significant contributions in the fields of education, technology, business and entrepreneurship while continuing to preserve and promote the Telugu language, literature, arts, culture and traditions. Expressing concern over changing social trends, the minister said many families were spending beyond their means on education and healthcare in private institutions despite the government's substantial investment in strengthening public education and healthcare. He appealed to people to make greater use of government educational and medical institutions.

NRIs Urged to Partner in Promoting Telangana Tourism



EVs Key to Energy Security, Import Cut and Tech Self-Reliance, Says Kishan Reddy

Hyderabad: Union minister G. Kishan Reddy on Sunday said electric mobility is not just an alternative to petrol and diesel vehicles but a strategic pathway to energy security, pollution control, import reduction and technological self-reliance. He said the Centre was extending support across the EV ecosystem, covering manufacturing, batteries, charging infrastructure, research and skill development. Flagging off the first commercial electric bus of a domestic manufacturer, Reddy stressed that public sector units such as Coal India and NLC are expanding into solar, floating solar and pumped storage to ensure that the electricity powering EVs is green. He pointed to the National Critical Mineral Mission, approved with an outlay of Rs34,300 crore, as vital for securing lithium, cobalt, nickel and copper needed for EVs, solar panels, semiconductors and defence technologies. The bus was handed over to an operating partner in the presence of the manufacturer's director Venkatesh Challa. Kishan Reddy said the launch marked another step forward in clean transport, indigenous technology and green energy. He noted that Telangana is emerging as a hub for electric mobility, electronics and semiconductor design, with Hyderabad attracting international chip design centres and nurturing homegrown engineering talent under the Semicon India Programme. India now manufactures 99.2 per cent of its smartphones domestically and ranks second globally in mobile phone production. Electronics manufacturing has grown sevenfold and exports eleven-fold, generating around 25 lakh jobs.

Lack of knowledge behind Congress criticism of Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme: BRS

KARIMNAGAR: Stepping up their defence of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS), senior BRS leaders on Sunday criticised the present Congress government and its ministers for what they termed "misleading" remarks about the project. As part of the party's "Kaleshwaram Bata" programme, former MP B Vinod Kumar, MLAs Gangula Kamalakara, MLC L Ramana, former MLAs and other senior leaders visited the Yellampally backwaters, Nandi-Medaram and Laxmipur pump houses to explain to the people the functioning of the irrigation project. Later addressing the media, Vinod Kumar described the Kaleshwaram project as a "landmark irrigation scheme constructed during the BRS regime under the leadership of K Chandrashekar Rao". He alleged that the Congress leaders' criticism of the project reflects their lack of under-

standing of its engineering design. Describing Kaleshwaram as a matter of Telangana's self-respect, he termed as "ridiculous" the comments passed by several ministers on the project without understanding concepts such as gravity canals. Refuting allegations that there is no gravity canal between Medigadda and the Gayatri pump house, Vinod Kumar explained that water is lifted in stages from Medigadda to Yellampally at about 140 metres, then to the Nandi-Medaram pump house at around 230 metres, and further to the Gayatri pump house near Ramadugu at approximately 331 metres. From the Gayatri pump house, he said, water flows through a gravity canal into the Mid Manair Reservoir. The BRS leaders alleged that Telangana was facing drought conditions due to the Congress government's failure to effectively operate the irrigation system.

Bhatti urges NRIs to be partners in Telangana's growth



HYDERABAD: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said that the Congress government was according equal priority to welfare and development even while implementing all the assurances made to the people of Telangana. Addressing a meeting of Indian Overseas Congress (IOC) representatives during his visit to the United States, he said that development and welfare were two eyes of the Telangana government. Reiterating that the main objective of the present government is to transform Telangana into a global investment hub, he called upon the representatives of IOC and NRIs to become partners in the state's growth story. Vikramarka also said that the Bharat Future City was proposed to transform the state into a \$3 trillion economy by 2047. "The immediate target is to turn Telangana into a \$1 trillion economy in the next five years. The government is implementing the Telangana Rising 2047 Vision. Besides Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Cyberabad cities, the government is developing Bharat Future City with net-zero standards. The state was divided into three zones CURE, PURE and RARE," he explained. Stating that the state's per capita income has touched '4.18 lakh due to projects taken up by the government, he urged the NRIs to invest in the state. The deputy chief minister also said that the Young India Skills University was ushering revolutionary changes in the education sector. "Our government is also setting up integrated residential schools to international standards. In partnership with Tata Group, the government is upgrading ITIs as high tech digital training centres with an estimated cost of '2,100 crore," he said. To encourage students, he said, the government is also providing breakfast for 27 lakh students and providing mid-day meals up to Intermediate. On Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA), he said that the agency was established to prevent the encroachments of tanks, nalas and government lands.

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Opposition to protest in Parliament over police action on student protests, seek Amit Shah's statement

The Opposition will stage a protest at Makar Dwar of Parliament on Monday, reiterating its demand that Union Home Minister Amit Shah make a statement in both Houses on the police action against protesters during the July 20 demonstration in the national capital. Opposition parties are also expected to raise the alleged Ram Mandir donation theft row. The protest comes as the Monsoon Session enters its eleventh day, with Parliament also expected to witness discussions on the alleged attack on Independent MP Pappu Yadav in Delhi on Sunday. Last week, Yadav had triggered a political controversy after mimicking a priest and collecting donations while attacking the government over the alleged Ram Mandir donation theft issue. The session is also expected to see heated exchanges amid speculation that the Centre may introduce the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) Amendment Bill. Speaking to ANI, Congress MP KC Venugopal said the Opposition would continue to press for a statement from the Home Minister on the issues it has consistently raised, including the alleged police action against protesters. "I don't know whether they are introducing the FCRA Bill. I don't have any understanding about that. Let us see. We will raise the same issue of the Home Minister's explanation in the House... on the lathi-charge and the firing on Delhi students," Venugopal said. BJP MP Manish Jaiswal, meanwhile, said Parliament's primary responsibility was to function and pass legislation in the public interest, while accusing the Opposition of trying to disrupt proceedings. "While I do not know exactly which Bill is coming up next, the important thing is that the session continues. Parliament exists to serve the people; our hope is that work benefiting the public gets done. Parliament has many functions. Question Hour has its own place. There are specific ways and reasons to raise issues on any platform. However, the Opposition insists that everything must happen according to their wishes rather than the rules of Parliament; their sole aim is to cause disruption, which is not appropriate," Jaiswal said. Parliament is expected to witness another day of confrontation as the Opposition presses its demands while the government seeks to push ahead with its legislative agenda during the ongoing Monsoon Session.

Bhogapuram To US – Next Big Task For Naidu

The opening of Bhogapuram International Airport is being seen as a major milestone for Andhra Pradesh. But for lakhs of Telugu families, especially those living in the United States, this may be only the beginning. Every year, thousands of people from Andhra Pradesh travel to the US for jobs, higher education and business. Many families also visit their children and relatives abroad. But even today, most of them have to first travel to Hyderabad, Chennai, Bengaluru or Delhi before boarding an international flight. That is why many now feel the next big goal should be direct international connectivity from Andhra Pradesh. Bhogapuram has the poten-

tial to become a major international aviation hub in the coming years. Its location near Visakhapatnam, growing infrastructure and world class facilities make it a strong candidate for long haul international flights. Many believe the airport itself became a reality because of the combined efforts of the NDA government, with Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu playing a key role in pushing the project forward. The airport was completed in record time and is expected to transform North Andhra. Now, the focus could shift to attracting direct flights to destinations like the United States, Europe and the Middle East.



Pemmasani Chandrashekar is already one of the most influential politicians in Andhra Pradesh in his very first campaign from Guntur Parliament segment. This reflected in the fact that TDP chief Chandrababu promoted him as union minister in his very first term in the office. Considering the supreme vocabulary skills and honest intentions of this Guntur MP, YCP is finding it extremely hard to even

find a worthy candidate against him. After watching the working mechanism and local favouritism for Pemmasani, the YCP ranks have already given upon this parliament seat for good. But the YCP leadership is left with no other option to find a notable leader to come up against this TDP giant in Guntur Parliament segment one way or another. This is precisely where party Senior leader Ambati Rambabu is entering the scene. He has been extensively targeting Pemmasani for the last few months, and now he has made it for more interesting releasing a video song against him. Previously, when Ambati's house was vandalised by unidentified people after he severely abused CM Chandrababu, he shifted the narrative against Pemmasani. He gave the implication that the TDP MP lost civil

sanity and enjoyed it while his house was being vandalised. Now he has simplified it by releasing a full video song, where he is questioning the integrity of Pemmasani and defaming his image. This video is going viral on social media. Considering the scale of the political campaign that Ambati has launched against Chandrashekar, it could be indicative of the fact that he is preparing for a big battle against the financially sound TDP giant from Guntur. Ambati mostly contested from Sattenapalli assembly constituency till now. But considering that YCP does not have even a reasonable candidate against Pemmasani who's growing in stature already, the need of the hour for a worthy candidate could've opened doors for Rambabu.

'Gen Z Was Always With Us': Union Minister Piyush Goyal Says LoP Rahul Gandhi 'Feels Threatened' By PM Modi's Youth Connect

Union Minister and senior BJP leader Piyush Goyal on Sunday claimed that Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi "feels threatened" by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's growing popularity among young people, saying the Congress leader no longer commands the appeal he once believed he had among the youth. Asserting that the BJP continues to have the backing of young voters, Goyal said "Gen Z was always with us" and expressed confidence that the youth would continue to support Modi's vision of transforming India into a developed nation. Calling Modi the world's "most popular leader", the Mumbai North MP said the Prime Minister's engagement with young people and his presence across social media platforms would help accelerate India's development. "Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi feels threatened because of the growing popularity of PM Modi and the way he is connecting with the youth. Gandhi used to consider himself as a youth leader. It has been proven that he is no longer as popular as PM



Modi," Goyal told reporters. Responding to questions about youth protests at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi, which later culminated in Dharmendra Pradhan's resignation as Union Education Minister, Goyal defended the Centre's handling of examination paper leaks, saying the government had enacted stringent legislation under Modi's leadership. Goyal claimed that the Congress-led United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government had planned legislation to tackle examination paper leaks in 2010-11 but lacked the courage to introduce it. He said the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government enacted such a law in 2024 and subsequently strengthened it through amendments pro-



viding for tougher punishment and fast-track court trials. Goyal said Opposition parties, including the Congress, Samajwadi Party and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), had opposed the legislation in Parliament. "I can understand their disappointment and frustration as voters are rejecting them again and again. They are losing elections one after another. When the Bill was being discussed, they should have supported it. I condemn the Congress, Samajwadi Party, AAP etc for opposing the Bill," Goyal said. The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026, was passed by both Houses of Parliament last week.

As Expected, Scrutiny Begins on CJP Founder Abhijeet Dipke

It was always suspected that CJP chief Abhijeet Dipke who initiated the students movement against NDA government would face the consequences at the political level. This is precisely on display now. Going into the story, a Surat-based RTI activist on Saturday said he had sought an inquiry into the finances of CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke's father, a retired government employee who had funded his son's education abroad. "I have filed a complaint at three different locations. I have complained against CJP at ECI. Regarding the Rs 1 Crore fund by Kapil Sibal, I have complained to CBIC (Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs) that 18% GST be levied on it. I have also complained to Maharashtra Govt that Bhagwanrao Dipke was a Junior Engineer at MIDC. So, if



he received a salary of Rs 60,000-65,000 how was he able to afford education of his children in the US?" This RTI activist remarked on this matter. It is evident that certain investigative action is being demanded into this matter where the financial records of Abhijeet's father are going to come under scrutiny. It has to be seen how the family would be dealing with this situation now. On the other hand, Abhijeet Dipke's supporters argue that there is nothing unusual about students pursuing higher education abroad, as many Indian families.

Ambati Targeting the Guntur Parliament Seat?

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KNRUHS Releases NEET-UG State Ranks, Category-Wise Cut-Offs for MBBS Admissions



Hyderabad: The Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) on Saturday released the NEET-UG state merit ranks for Telangana along with the category-wise qualifying cut-off marks for admissions into MBBS and BDS courses for 2026-27. The details have been uploaded on the university's official website. The top rankers, however, aimed for seats in national-level institutions. Veeriahgari Sahyu, who secured All India Rank (AIR) 13 in NEET-UG, emerged as the Telangana first ranker with a score of 705 followed by Bura Sai Sharan (AIR 19, score

701). Three students with the same score of 700 followed next: Kandagatta Haneesh (AIR 21); Andem Sai Charan Reddy (AIR 38) and Mayuk Jayasimha (42). Kompella Sai Gayathri Tejoarunima, with AIR 83 and 693 marks, was the highest-ranked female candidate in the Telangana list, followed by Rutumbika Mohanty, AIR 91 with 691 marks. Veeriahgari Sahyu from Warangal in Telangana told Deccan Chronicle "I will be choosing AIIMS, Delhi. The best institution in the country as I have an opportunity." The university also announced the qualifying cut-off scores for different categories. The qualifying percentile for the general and EWS categories remained at the 50th percentile, while it was 40th percentile for students from the SC, ST and OBC communities. For general/EWS-PwBD, the qualifying percentile was 45th; and 40th for SC/ST/OBC-PwBD candidates. The corresponding qualifying score ranges have also been notified by the university for the admission process. Rutumbika Mohanty born in Telangana expressed that she wants to take neurosurgery in future. She would be the first MBBS student in the family. "The neurosurgery topic excites me. I am targeting JIPMER because for my rank I have fewer chances of getting (a seat) in Delhi." She said she had spoken to family friends and seniors who had studied in JIPMER and found it had the best atmosphere for studies. Mayuk Jayasimha from Hyderabad said that he wishes to study in AIIMS Delhi and was inspired by both his parents who are doctors.



JNTU-Hyderabad signs MoU with Coursera for online courses

Hyderabad: JNTU-Hyderabad and Coursera, an online learning platform, have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to offer open online courses to the university's students. Speaking on the occasion, JNTU-Hyderabad Vice Chancellor Prof. T Kishen Kumar Reddy said the university's students have the opportunity to earn credits through courses taught by highly competent and internationally reputed teachers at an affordable cost. A large number of courses are available for registration under most of the Professional Elective courses offered by the university. Registering for massive open online courses offered by internationally reputed service providers will enrich the profiles of the students, he said. Coursera Senior Enterprise Director Aaditya Razdan said Coursera offers its courses at several affiliating technological universities in India, including Anna University and Biju Patnaik Technological University, as well as several private universities. "Coursera offers courses to students of JNTU-H and its affiliated colleges at a highly subsidised price. As part of the registered courses, capstone projects are also offered," he added.

Rank wise list released for Telangana's NEET candidates

Hyderabad: Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences (KNRUHS) on Saturday, August 1, released the rank-wise list of Telangana candidates who qualified in NEET UG 2026 for MBBS/BDS admissions. Candidates can check their state rank and download the list from the official website. Veeriahgari Sahyu secured the highest score in Telangana at 705, achieving All India Rank (AIR) 13. This was followed by AIR 19 Bura Sai Sharan with a score of 701 and AIR 21 Kandagatta Haneesh with a score of 700. Andem Sai Charan Reddy and Mayuk Jayasimha both scored 700, securing AIR 38 and 42, respectively. The university has clarified that the list is meant only for information and shall not be considered the merit list. The following are the cutoff scores required for admission into undergraduate medical and dental courses for the academic year 2026-27: A separate notification will be issued inviting candidates to register for Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)/Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS) admissions.



IIT-Hyd: 5 Deep-Tech Start-Ups Selected From 110 Applications For Avishkar Venture Studio Summer Cohort 2026



HYDERABAD: The Centre for Innovation and Entrepreneurship at IIT Hyderabad has selected five deep-tech start-ups from more than 110 applications for its six-month Avishkar Venture Studio Summer Cohort 2026. They will receive research support, mentoring, investor access and

seed funding of up to Rs 10 lakh. The programme began on July 31 after 20 start-ups in deeptech, medtech, mobility and mediatech pitched before faculty, investors, entrepreneurs and industry experts. Entries were assessed on innovation, market potential, scalability, execu-

tion capability and founder strength. The ventures were Comply Ark Solution Private Limited, L2 Aero, Mimansa Play, SentraAuth Technologies and Stylique AI Private Limited, known as Yoko Styles. Their work covers DPDPA compliance, subsurface detection, speech development for children, behavioural biometric authentication and AI-based fashion design. Prof. Ramesh Loganathan, COO of CIE, said the studio would "transform promising technologies into scalable businesses". He further added that it would support MVP development, market validation, commercialisation and fundraising.



Maharashtra ITI Admissions 2026: DVET Announces Schedule For Remaining CAP And Institutional Counselling Rounds

Mumbai: The Directorate of Vocational Education and Training (DVET), Maharashtra, has announced the schedule for the remaining admission process for government and private Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) for the August 2026 session. Candidates who were unable to submit their applications within the earlier deadline will be allowed to register online and complete the application confirmation process until August 7. The admission process is being conducted through the Centralised Online Admission Process (CAP) for courses offered under the Craftsmen Training Scheme. The first institutional-level counselling round will be held between August 6 and August 13. A consolidated merit list of registered but unadmitted candidates, along with newly registered applicants, will be published on August 8. Eligible candidates will be able to register for the counselling round through their admission accounts from August 9 to August 10 after checking the vacancies available in government and private ITIs. The institution-wise merit list and counselling schedule will be made available by August 11. The counselling process and seat allotment for the first institutional-level round will be conducted on August 12 and August 13. Candidates allotted seats will have to complete the admission process at the respective institutes after verification of their original documents.

The second to seventh institutional-level counselling rounds will be conducted daily from August 17 to August 22. Candidates will have to remain physically present at the concerned ITI to register their attendance. Merit lists will be prepared at the institute level, following which seats will be allotted on the basis of merit, candidate preference, eligibility and the availability of vacancies. The notification stated that candidates who receive a seat during the institutional counselling rounds must complete their admission on the same day. Seats that remain unconfirmed will be treated as vacant and made available for allotment on the following day. The DVET has advised candidates to regularly check the official admission portal for updates, as the admission schedule may be revised. Registered candidates will also receive important updates through SMS.

NEET-PG 2026: HEALTH MINISTER J.P. NADDA REVIEWS SECURITY, TECHNOLOGY & EXAM PREPAREDNESS; 2.73 LAKH CANDIDATES REGISTERED

Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda on Saturday, August 1, 2026 reviewed the preparedness for the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test for Postgraduate (NEET-PG) 2026, with the focus on ensuring that the examination is conducted smoothly, securely and transparently. The NEET-PG 2026 examination is scheduled to be held on August 30, 2026. According to PIB, during the review meeting, Nadda assessed preparations being made by the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS), technology partners and other agencies involved in the conduct of the examination. The review covered examination logistics, arrangements for candidates, security measures and technology-based interventions planned for this year's test. According to the Health Ministry, 2,73,183 candidates have successfully registered for NEET-PG 2026. This represents an increase of more than 12.5% compared with the previous year. The examination will be conducted in a single shift across approximately 340 cities and

more than 1,300 examination centres. The wider network of examination cities and centres is intended to improve accessibility for candidates appearing for the postgraduate medical entrance examination. One of the key messages from the review meeting was a warning to candidates against rumours and fraudulent claims related to the examination. Nadda said the final question paper is selected through a secure, encrypted and time-bound process shortly before the examination begins. Multiple technological and operational safeguards are used to maintain the confidentiality of the paper until the scheduled start of the test. The Minister said claims that anyone has accessed the question paper in advance are false and intended to mislead candidates. Aspirants have been advised to rely only on official information issued by NBEMS and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Candidates have also been asked to report suspicious activities or attempts to use unfair means.

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5 home remedies to manage cough and cold



Natural home remedies that shoo cough and cold away. Coughs and colds often surprise us as the seasons shift, leaving us feeling under the weather. Effective over-the-counter pharmaceuticals are widely accessible, but there are also efficient home remedies that can reduce the symptoms and offer relief and healing.

Here are five all-natural remedies you can try in the convenience of your own home:

Saltwater gargle : A simple and powerful remedy for soothing a sore throat and reducing coughing is a salt-water gargle. Mix about half a teaspoon of salt into a glass of warm water and gargle the solution for 15-30 seconds before spitting it out. Repeat this process several times a day or you can even try to do it twice a day, to help reduce throat inflammation and break up mucus.

Honey, tulsi, and long pepper paste : Honey is well-known for its soothing properties, while tulsi (holy basil) and long pepper (pippali) have been used in traditional medicine for their anti-inflammatory and antibacterial properties. Create a paste by mixing equal parts honey, crushed tulsi leaves, and long pepper powder. Consume a teaspoon of this paste two to three times a day to ease coughing and boost your immune system.

Ginger, cinnamon, and turmeric drink : Ginger, cinnamon, and turmeric are all potent ingredients with anti-inflammatory and immune-boosting properties. Prepare a comforting drink by boiling slices of ginger with a pinch of cinnamon and turmeric in water.

Strain the mixture, add a teaspoon of honey for sweetness if desired, and sip on this warm drink throughout the day to relieve congestion and promote healing.

Chicken soup : It's not just grandma's remedy; chicken soup has genuine healing benefits for coughs and colds. Packed with nutrients and hydration, a warm bowl of chicken soup can help soothe a sore throat, clear nasal congestion, and provide comfort during illness. Go for a homemade version with plenty of vegetables and chicken for maximum nourishment.

Essential oil : Certain essential oils, such as eucalyptus and peppermint, have decongestant and antimicrobial properties that can help alleviate cough and cold symptoms. Add a few drops of your preferred essential oil to a bowl of hot water and inhale the steam by covering your head with a towel. For another option, you can dilute the oil with a carrier oil (like almond oil or castor oil) and massage it onto your chest and throat for relief.



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5 effective remedies to reduce uric acid levels



Uric acid is a natural waste product formed by the breakdown of foods containing purines. While it's essential for the body to regulate this acid, excessive buildup can lead to health issues like gout and kidney stones. Maintaining optimal uric acid levels is crucial for overall well-being. Here are 5 effective home remedies to help you reduce uric acid levels naturally.

What is uric acid and its role in the human body?

Uric acid is a byproduct of the digestion of purine-rich foods. Purines are naturally occurring substances found in certain foods and are also formed and broken down within the body. Normally, the body filters out uric acid through the kidneys, excreting it in urine. However, when there's an excess of purine intake or if the body is unable to eliminate uric acid efficiently, it can accumulate in the blood, leading to various health problems.

The normal range of uric acid is 3.4 to 7 milligrams per decilitre (mg/dL) for men and 2.4 to 6 mg/dL for women as the per National Library of Medicine, although it can range between 3.5 to 7.2 mg/dL.

Here are some remedies that will help you maintain the levels of uric acid.

Consume low-purine foods

Foods high in purines can exacerbate uric acid levels. Going for a low-purine diet can significantly help in reducing uric acid levels in the body. Here are some low-purine foods to include in your diet:

- Fruits: Most fruits are low in purines and can be consumed freely.

- Vegetables: Include plenty of vegetables such as bell peppers, cucumbers, carrots, and leafy greens in your diet.

- Low-fat dairy: Go for low-fat dairy products like milk, curd and cheese.

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Avoid sugary drinks

Sugary drinks, including soda and fruit juices, can contribute to increased uric acid levels in the body. High-fructose corn syrup, a common sweetener in many sugary beverages, has been linked to elevated uric acid levels. Instead, hydrate yourself with water, herbal teas, and fresh fruit juices to help lower uric acid levels.

Maintain a healthy weight

Excess weight can lead to higher uric acid levels in the body. Fat cells produce more uric acid compared to muscle cells. Being overweight makes it harder for the kidneys to filter out uric acid efficiently. Losing weight can significantly

reduce uric acid levels. Consult a nutritionist to create a healthy weight loss plan tailored to your body's needs. They can help you set realistic weight loss goals and provide dietary recommendations to lower uric acid levels.

Increase dietary fiber intake

Consuming a diet high in dietary fiber is beneficial for individuals with high uric acid levels. Fiber helps

absorb and eliminate excess uric acid from the bloodstream.

Here's how you can increase your dietary fiber intake:

- Eat plenty of fruits and vegetables: Include a variety of fruits and vegetables in your daily meals.

- Choose whole grains: Go for whole grains such as brown rice, whole wheat bread, and barley.

- Legumes: Add legumes like lentils, beans, and chickpeas into your diet.

- Nuts and seeds: Snack on nuts and seeds like almonds, chia seeds, and flaxseeds for an extra fiber boost.

Balance insulin levels

High insulin levels in the body can lead to increased uric acid production. It's essential to have your insulin levels checked by a doctor. If your insulin levels are high, your doctor can recommend lifestyle changes and medications to help balance them. Maintaining healthy insulin levels can aid in reducing uric acid levels and preventing related health complications.

What happens when our body has increased uric acid?

When the level of uric acid in the body becomes elevated, a condition called hyperuricemia occurs, leading to various health problems. High uric acid levels can cause the formation of urate crystals in the joints, resulting in the painful condition known as gout. Hyperuricemia is associated with an increased risk of kidney stones, kidney disease, hypertension, cardiovascular disease, metabolic syndrome, and certain inflammatory conditions like psoriasis.

What are the symptoms of increased Uric acid in body?

Increased uric acid levels in the body can lead to symptoms such as sudden and severe joint pain, typically in the big toe, as well as swelling, redness, and warmth in the affected joint. Other symptoms may include joint stiffness, limited

range of motion, and discomfort. In some cases, uric acid buildup can also cause kidney stones, which may result in pain in the back or abdomen, along with painful urination and blood in the urine.

How to maintain uric acid level in body?

To maintain healthy uric acid levels in the body, you can follow these tips:

1. Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day.

2. Limit alcohol consumption, especially beer and liquor.

3. Avoid high-purine foods such as organ meats, shellfish, and certain types of fish like sardines and anchovies.

4. Eat a balanced diet rich in fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and low-fat dairy products.

5. Maintain a healthy weight and exercise regularly to help control uric acid levels.

6. Limit sugary foods and beverages, as they may contribute to higher uric acid levels.

7. Talk to your doctor about medications that can help lower uric acid levels if necessary.

How does uric acid help our body?

Uric acid, a waste product formed during the breakdown of purines, serves several important functions in the body. It acts as a potent antioxidant, protecting cells from oxidative damage and reducing inflammation. Uric acid may have neuroprotective effects, aiding in the prevention of neurodegenerative diseases.

It also plays a role in wound healing and has antimicrobial properties, helping the body fight off infections. While uric acid is beneficial in these ways, maintaining healthy levels is essential to prevent health problems such as gout and kidney stones, which can arise from excessive uric acid buildup.

Who are at risk of increase in uric acid?

People at risk of increased uric acid levels include those with a diet high in purine-rich foods such as red meat, organ meats, shellfish, and certain types of fish.

Being overweight or obese, having a family history of gout or high uric acid levels, and certain medical conditions such as kidney disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and hypothyroidism can increase the risk. Medications like diuretics, aspirin, and drugs used to treat high blood pressure and cholesterol can also increase uric acid levels.

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Hair Mask vs Hair Butter: Which one should you choose for dry hair in monsoon?



It's all about finding what works best for your hair. So, go ahead and give both hair mask and butter a try to see which one gives your hair the desired results. In this article, we have described the benefits of both hair masks and hair butter.

Monsoon is here, and while everybody loves the romantic showers and cool weather, it plays havoc with our hair. Increased humidity and moisture in the air can make the hair frizzy, dull, and easily breakable. This is even more so for people who have dry and damaged hair. Extra care for our hair is essential in such a scenario to not let it suffer further damage.

Of the many hair problems in the monsoon, dryness is one of them. Continuous rain and cold winds dry out the natural oils from our hair, leaving it dried out and lifeless. Many women resort to hair masks and hair butter to deal with this. While both are nourishing and moisturizing products for dry hair, which one should you be using on your hair during the monsoon? Let's find out!

Hair Mask: What is it?

A hair mask is a deep conditioning treatment that is applied to the hair and left on for a specific amount of time before rinsing it off. Hair masks are highly concentrated with ingredients that penetrate the hair shaft and provide intense hydration and nourishment. They are designed to address specific hair concerns such as dryness, frizz, and damage.

Hair Butter: What is it?

Hair butter, on the other hand, is a creamy product that contains a blend of natural oils and butter such as shea butter, coconut oil, or avocado oil. It is designed to provide moisture to the hair and seal in hydration. Hair butter is usually used as a leave-in treatment or styling product.

Hair Mask vs Hair Butter :

When it comes to choosing between a hair mask and a hair butter for dry hair in monsoon, both have their benefits. If you have extremely dry and damaged hair, a hair mask would be more beneficial as it provides deep nourishment and hydration. On the other hand, if you have slightly dry hair or want to prevent further dryness, a hair butter would be a better option.

Hair masks are more concentrated and have a higher percentage of active ingredients while hair butters are lighter in consistency and provide surface-level hydration.

However, both hair masks and hair butter can be beneficial for dry hair during the monsoon season. It ultimately depends on your hair type and specific concerns.



Want spotless, blemishes-free skin? Make this DIY vitamin C serum at home

Vitamin C serum is used to remove blemishes and spots from the skin. Buying and applying serum from the market can be a bit expensive but if you want, you can easily make DIY vitamin C serum at home. Know the method.

Vitamin C removes blemishes from the face and reduces ageing. It increases collagen production in the skin which reduces the problem of inflammation and freckles. It is advisable to apply vitamin C serum to reduce pigmentation. Vitamin C serum is considered effective for healing the skin. Different brands of serums are available in the market; however, if you want, you can easily make vitamin C serum at home. For this, you will need some things. Know how you can prepare vitamin C serum at home.

What is needed to make Vitamin C Serum?

Ascorbic acid powder or vitamin C



- tablets
- 2 teaspoons distilled water
- 2 teaspoons of rose water
- 1 tsp glycerin
- 1 vitamin E capsule

How to make Vitamin C Serum?

To make vitamin C serum, grind vitamin C powder or tablets and put it in a glass bottle.

Now add rose water or distilled water to it. Keep stirring it well until the water and powder are com-

pletely mixed. Now add glycerin to it make a hole in the vitamin E capsule and add oil. Keep mixing all these things.

Then keep it aside. Before sleeping at night, take 2-3 drops on the hand and apply it on the entire face with the help of your fingers.

When and how should serum be applied?

If you want, you can also apply moisturizer on the face 15 minutes after applying vitamin C serum. Initially, you have to apply this serum in small quantities only. It may cause itching or a mild burning sensation on the face.

If it feels excessive, then stop applying it. However, you should keep in mind that before following any such tips or home remedies you should know about your skin type or consult with a doctor.

Using petroleum jelly on face before sleeping can help get rid of dry skin

If you use it before sleeping at night, you can get rid of many skin-related problems. So, let's know how to use Vaseline before sleeping at night.

Applying Vaseline can help get rid of dry skin.

We use petroleum jelly to soften our chapped lips, but do you know that it is not only beneficial for lips but also for the face? It does not contain any harmful chemicals. This is why petroleum jelly does not have any fragrance. If your skin is very dry, then you must add petroleum jelly to your skincare routine. It keeps your skin hydrated and also gets rid of dullness.

If you use it before sleeping at night, then you can get rid of many skin-related problems. So, let's know how to use Vaseline before sleeping at night. Using Vaseline on the face before sleeping at night helps to get rid of dry and dull skin. his versatile product has been used for decades to soothe and moistur-



ize dry, irritated skin. Its thick and oily texture creates a barrier on the skin, locking in moisture and preventing water loss. It also helps to replenish the skin's natural oils, making it an ideal choice for those with dry or flaky skin.

How to use Vaseline?

To use Vaseline, first clean your face and then apply the Vaseline on your face. Spread the Vaseline evenly on your face and then massage your face with dry hands. After this, wash your face with

warm water and then dry it with a clean towel.

Using Vaseline gives these benefits to the skin:

Moisturizes the skin:

Vaseline is a moisturizer. It locks the moisture in the skin and maintains skin hydration.

Makes skin soft and smooth:

Vaseline is very effective in getting rid of dry and dull skin. Its use makes the skinglowing and healthy.

Get rid of cracked heels:

If your heels are cracked, apply Vaseline to them. This will cure the cracked heels in a few days.

Regular use of petroleum jelly can help to improve the overall appearance and texture of dry skin, leaving it soft, supple, and hydrated.

So if you're looking for an affordable and reliable solution to get rid of dry skin, petroleum jelly is worth considering.

Is your skin dry or dehydrated?

Understanding whether your skin is dry or dehydrated is important in choosing the right skin care product. Dry skin needs more oil, while dehydrated skin needs more water. While both dry and dehydrated skin can feel uncomfortable and look dull, they are fundamentally different conditions with distinct causes and treatments. Dry skin is a skin type, typically caused by a lack of natural oils (sebum). It's often influenced by genetics, environmental factors, and ageing. It is usually influenced by genetics, environment and ageing. Harsh skin care products and excessive washes can also aggravate dry skin. Dehydrated skin is a condition that can affect anyone, regardless of skin type (dry, oily, or combination). It is caused by a lack of water in the skin. Factors such as climate change, diet, insufficient hydration, and excessive use of skin care products can cause dehydration.

What are the symptoms and

treatment options for dry skin?

Symptoms: Dry skin feels tight, dry and flaky. It looks dull and ashy, especially in darker skin tones. Small lines can get worse due to a lack of moisture in the outer layer of the skin. Remaining Time -10:00

Treatment:

To manage dry skin, focus on replenishing the skin's natural oils, said Dr Debeshi Bhattacharjee, MBBS, DALM, FAAM and Clinical Cosmetologist; Medical Head and founder of Lueur Aesthetics, when we spoke to her. Use moisturisers that are rich and nourishing with ingredients like ceramides, fatty acids and natural oils. Avoid overly harsh cleansers and opt for ones that are gentle and moisturising.

What are the symptoms and

treatment options for dehydrated skin?

Symptoms: Dehydrated skin may feel tight, appear dull, and show fine lines more prominently. It can also be oily, as the skin can produce excess oil to compensate for the lack of moisture.

Treatment: Treat dehydrated skin by hydrating it from the inside out. Drink plenty of water and use hydrating skincare products with ingredients like hyaluronic acid, glycerin, and aloe vera. Avoid excessive use of exfoliants or products that can strip the skin of its natural moisture barrier.

Skin Type: If you've always had trouble with tightness, flakiness, or rough texture, you likely have dry skin.**Sudden Changes:** If your skin suddenly feels tight or dull, especially after weather changes, diet changes, or new skincare products, it may be dehydrated





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Trump says US will continue strikes on Iran until nuclear threat ends



Washington: US President Donald Trump said the United States would continue military action against Iran until Tehran is no longer able to threaten American forces or pursue a nuclear weapon, while expressing diminishing confidence that negotiations with the Iranian leadership would succeed. Speaking to reporters after chairing the first live televised Cabinet meeting held at Camp David, Trump said the administration would maintain pressure on Iran despite ongoing diplomatic contacts. "Well, we'll be hitting them very hard and, you know, at some point they're going to say, 'We just can't take it anymore,'" Trump said when asked what to expect in the coming weeks. He reiterated that preventing Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon remained Washington's central objective. "They cannot have a nuclear weapon. Iran will not have a nuclear weapon, and they can't have a nuclear weapon," Trump said. "If they did, the Middle East would have been wiped out by now." The President said Iran had suffered extensive military losses but insisted it still retained limited capabilities. "They have no navy, they have no air force, they have no anti-aircraft. Doesn't mean they don't have any capability. They have some, but very little," he said. Asked whether the United States had already escalated its campaign, Trump replied: "We've already gone big." "They had 159 ships. That was their entire navy, 159. Their entire navy is lying at the bottom of the sea. I'd say that's going big. They had 200 airplanes. They're all gone, every one of them." Despite ongoing contacts, Trump questioned Tehran's credibility in negotiations. "I guess you can. I mean, I'm losing faith in them because they do lie and they do misrepresent," he said when asked whether a diplomatic agreement remained possible. He said negotiations had been undermined after Iran launched missiles while talks were under way. "I got a call from Pete that they just

shot five missiles at one of our bases in Jordan," Trump said, adding that all five were intercepted by US forces. Trump also linked the military campaign against Iran to progress on a proposed Hamas disarmament agreement. "So we do have an understanding with Israel. Israel is very happy about it," he said. "Nobody thought that would be possible, to disarm Hamas." He added: "That shows you how much success we're having with Iran. Because if you go four months ago, five months ago, a deal like that would have been impossible." Asked whether Americans should expect further exchanges with Iran, Trump said some additional confrontation was likely. "A little bit. They'll get weaker. They'll get a little stronger maybe now, but they'll get weaker and then they'll peter out," he said. "You always have to keep your guard up." Trump said the administration was continuing discussions with Ukraine over possible transfers of advanced US weapons, including Patriot air defence systems and Tomahawk missiles, but stressed that such technology would be shared only with caution because of its strategic value. Responding to another question on Russia's war against Ukraine, Trump said both Moscow and Kyiv would eventually have to make compromises to end the conflict. "They're both going to have to make some concessions," he said. "Twenty-five thousand young, beautiful people, mostly soldiers, are dying every month." The exchange came after Trump convened his Cabinet at the presidential retreat in Maryland for what the White House described as the first live televised Cabinet meeting held at Camp David. Cabinet members outlined the administration's positions on the economy, defence, healthcare, foreign policy and domestic priorities before reporters questioned the President on Iran, the Middle East, Ukraine and other issues. Trump has consistently argued that Iran must never acquire a nuclear weapon and has made economic sanctions, military pressure and diplomacy the three pillars of his Iran policy.

'They Screamed And Yelled': Trump Reiterates Tariff Threat Ended India-Pakistan Conflict

US President Donald Trump on Friday once again claimed that his administration used the threat of steep tariffs to persuade India and Pakistan to end their military confrontation during Operation Sindoor in 2025. Speaking to reporters at Camp David, Trump asserted that Washington warned both countries of tariffs as high as 250 per cent if the conflict continued, adding that the economic pressure ultimately led to a ceasefire. "We ended the India-Pakistan (war). Eleven planes were shot down. That was raging. That was good. I used tariffs. I said, 'If you're going to go to war, 250 per cent tariff.' Each of them," Trump said after a televised meeting with his Cabinet colleagues. Claiming both sides initially reacted angrily, Trump added, "They screamed and yelled and were very angry. They were both angry about it. A day later they called and they said, 'We will not go to war.'" The US President also said Pakistan Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif had told him he "saved 50 million lives" by preventing a wider conflict between the two nuclear-armed neighbours. Trump further reiterated his broader claim that he had



stopped eight wars during his presidency through economic pressure and diplomacy. He also asserted that Russian President Vladimir Putin was interested in negotiating an end to the war in Ukraine. India has consistently rejected Trump's repeated assertions that the United States played a role in ending the hostilities. New Delhi maintains that the de-escalation was achieved through direct military-to-military engagement, with Pakistan's Director General of Military Operations (DGMO) initiating contact with his Indian counterpart on May 10, 2025. According to the Indian government, there was no third-party mediation involved in the ceasefire understanding, which followed several days of cross-border military action. Operation Sindoor was launched by India on May 7, 2025, in response to the April 22 terror

attack in Jammu and Kashmir's Pahalgam, where 26 people were killed. Indian armed forces targeted terror infrastructure in Pakistan and Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK), saying the strikes were aimed at dismantling facilities used to plan and support cross-border terrorism. The military operation was paused on May 10 after Pakistan requested a cessation of hostilities. While Pakistan has publicly credited Trump with helping avert a wider conflict, India has maintained that the ceasefire resulted solely from bilateral military communication and not external intervention. Trump has repeatedly made similar claims in recent months, insisting that tariff threats and economic leverage helped prevent escalation between India and Pakistan, a position that New Delhi has consistently disputed.

Massive Attack banned from Singapore over Palestinian flag display

SINGAPORE: British trip-hop band Massive Attack has been barred from performing in Singapore after an investigation found two members unfurled a Palestinian flag during a concert, police said. Two band members who held the flag on stage during a concert on Wednesday were also banned from re-entering Singapore and issued with warnings, police said in a statement late Friday, without naming the pair. Singapore, known for its tough laws on public speech and assembly, bans the open display of all foreign flags, national emblems or banners without a permit. A video circulating online showed two Massive Attack members on stage unfurling a Palestinian flag to loud, prolonged cheers from the audience, prompting the police probe. After concluding their investigation and in consultation with state prosecutors, police said they "administered stern warnings to both men" and barred them from coming back to the city-state. The media regulator is also probing possible breaches of licensing conditions. British trip-hop band Massive Attack has been barred from performing in Singapore after an investigation found two members unfurled a Palestinian flag during a concert. Notwithstanding the event organiser's prior acknowledgement of the licence conditions, during the performance, two band members held a foreign flag on stage, and one of them also shouted 'Free Palestine'," police said. The media regulator "will also not grant any future application for performances by the band in Singapore in view of the entry ban", police said. The concert promoter has not responded to an AFP request for comment. The band is known for its criticism of Israel's military actions in Gaza and has used its popularity to support the Palestinian cause. In April, frontman Robert Del Naja was among more than 200 people arrested at a protest in London's Trafalgar Square in support of Palestine Action, an activist group banned by British authorities. Affluent Singapore has established itself as a top concert hub for Southeast Asia, boasting of multi-night performances by Taylor Swift, Coldplay, Ed Sheeran and Bruno Mars.



Two former Sri Lankan officials sentenced to death for negligence in deadly Easter bombings

COLOMBO: A Sri Lankan court on Friday sentenced a former police chief and a former top Defense Ministry official to death after finding them guilty of criminal negligence that allowed Islamic State-inspired bomb attacks on Easter Sunday in 2019, which killed more than 260 people. A death penalty in Sri Lanka typically means life in prison because the country has had a moratorium on executions since 1976. Current President Anura Kumara Disa's nayake supports maintaining the moratorium. Former Police Chief Pujith Jayasundara and former Defense Ministry

Secretary Hemasiri Fernando were convicted and sentenced Friday by the three-member High Court bench. They have the right to appeal the ruling. The near-simultaneous bombings in 2019 were carried out at three tourist hotels and three churches — two of them Catholic and one Protestant — and killed 42 foreigners. A parliamentary committee found that police and intelligence officials failed to act on repeated intelligence warnings of the attacks. The court delivered the verdict against Jayasundara first and then against Fernando later in the day. The death sentence

came as a majority decision, with two judges agreeing and one judge writing a dissent arguing that both should go free. Two Sri Lanka-based Islamic militant groups were accused of carrying out the bombings, and none of those believed to have been directly involved are living. Separate trials are taking place for people allegedly connected with the perpetrators. Sri Lanka's Catholic Church has claimed that those identified so far as perpetrators are not the masterminds behind the bombings, and that there was a bigger conspiracy behind the attacks.

16 Indian sailors held hostage by pirates in Gulf of Aden, DGMA confirms



Kolkata: At least 16 Indian seafarers are now being held hostage by pirates around the Gulf of Aden and waters off the Horn of Africa, the Directorate General of Maritime Administration (DGMA) has confirmed. Their ships were hijacked between April 24 and July 17 this year. The MT Asana was the last one to be hijacked in the Gulf of Aden, about 65 nautical miles south of Al Mukalla, Yemen, on July 17. Of the 22 crew members on board, 11 were Indians. The tanker is now reportedly sailing towards Somalia, the DGMA has said. The MT Eureka was hijacked on May 2 this year off the Somali coast. There were four Indians among the 12 crew members. The MT Honour was also taken off Somalia on April 24. The tanker had a single Indian in the 17-member crew. Another vessel, the MV Sward, was also hijacked off the Somali coast. There were no Indian seafarers on board this ship, which has been put under monitoring by international naval forces. "The above incidents that the threat of piracy in the Gulf of Aden and the adjoining waters remains significant and warrants the need for strict compliance with internationally

accepted ship security measures," the DGMA has said. "It is pertinent to note that in the case of MV Golden Arsenal, the vessel could not be hijacked (on July 1, 2026) owing to the vigilance and preparedness of the crew. The crew maintained an effective lookout, promptly implemented the Ship Security Plan, secured themselves in the citadel, established timely communication with the Indian Navy and other maritime security authorities, and strictly followed the prescribed emergency response procedures," it said. "The incident highlights that vigilant watchkeeping, early detection of suspicious activity and adherence to established ship security procedures are critical in preventing such vessel hijacking and ensuring the safety of the crew," the DGMA added. The Indian Navy reacted promptly after receiving an alert from the MV Golden Arsenal and vectored a warship to its location. The pirates fled after the warship's helicopter approached. Marine commandos later boarded the ship and sanitised it before the crew left the citadel.

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GST Collections Surge 15.4% To Rs 2.11 Lakh Crore In July, Fastest Growth In 14 Months



Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections witnessed strong growth in July, rising 15.4% year-on-year to Rs 2.11 lakh crore. The increase marked the highest growth rate in 14 months and represented only the second time this financial year that monthly GST collections crossed the Rs 2 lakh crore mark. The rise was supported mainly by a sharp increase in GST collections from imports, which climbed 28.8% to ₹66,511 crore during the month. Domestic GST revenue also recorded healthy growth, increasing 10.1% to ₹1.45 lakh crore, indicating continued momentum in economic activity and consumer demand. July's performance followed a strong recovery in June, when GST revenues grew 13.9% to Rs 1.95 lakh crore. The July growth rate was the highest since May 2025, when collections had increased 16.4% compared with the previous year. GST collections had crossed the Rs 2 lakh crore level for the first time in the current financial year in April, reaching a record Rs 2.43 lakh crore. The surge in April was supported by year-end business transactions and annual return filings. Collections later moderated to Rs 1.94 lakh crore in May before rising again to ₹1.95 lakh crore in June. After adjusting for refunds, net GST collections in July stood at Rs 1.81 lakh crore, registering a 15.8% increase compared with the same period last year. Refunds issued during the month rose 13.1% to ₹29,968 crore. The increase in net customs GST revenue was particularly notable, rising 30.3%, reflecting stronger tax collections from imported goods. On a cumulative basis, gross GST collections during the April-July period of financial year 2026-27 increased 10.1% to Rs 8.43 lakh crore compared with Rs 7.66 lakh crore during the same period last year. Net GST revenue during the first four months of the financial year also recorded growth, rising 9.2% to Rs 7.21 lakh crore. The latest figures indicate sustained strength in tax collections, supported by domestic consumption trends and higher import activity. The continued rise in GST revenues is expected to provide further support to government finances while reflecting the broader pace of economic activity.



Over 5.9 Crore ITRs Filed By July 31 Deadline For AY 2026-27

More than 5.9 crore income tax returns (ITRs) were filed by taxpayers for assessment year (AY) 2026-27 before the July 31 deadline, which applied to individuals and Hindu Undivided Families (HUFs) whose accounts did not require mandatory audit. The Income Tax Department announced the milestone on August 1 through a social media update, stating that the number of returns filed had crossed the 5.9-crore mark by the end of the due date. The July 31 deadline covered taxpayers filing ITR-1 (Sahaj) and ITR-2 forms where account audits were not required. Returns submitted after the due date may attract interest and other consequences under the Income-tax Act unless any relief is announced by the authorities. The latest filing numbers come after an extended compliance period in the previous assessment year. For AY 2025-26, the government had extended the filing deadline, allowing taxpayers additional time. As a result, more than 7.3 crore returns were filed by September 16, 2025, which was the revised deadline. Tax experts had anticipated strong filing activity towards the end of the deadline period, as a significant number of tax payers generally complete their returns during the final days. The Income Tax Department had also issued regular reminders urging taxpayers to avoid last-minute filing and complete return verification on time. ITR-1, also known as Sahaj, remains the most commonly used return form among individual taxpayers. It applies to resident individuals with annual income of up to Rs 50 lakh from sources including salary, one house property and other specified income categories. It also allows agricultural income of up to Rs 5,000 during the financial year. ITR-2 is designed for individuals and HUFs who do not have income from business or profession but earn income through sources such as capital gains or multiple properties. The form is generally used by taxpayers with more complex financial situations.

PM Modi Lays Foundation Stone For Rs 2,500 Crore Chip Facility In Andhra Pradesh

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday laid the foundation stone for ASIP Technologies' semiconductor manufacturing facility at Tarluvada in Visakhapatnam, marking a major step in India's efforts to expand its semiconductor ecosystem. The ₹2,500 crore outsourced semiconductor assembly and test (OSAT) project is the first semiconductor manufacturing facility in Andhra Pradesh and South India approved under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM 1.0). Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu joined the foundation ceremony virtually. Spread across 30 acres, the facility is being developed with an initial investment of more than ₹460 crore and will have the capacity to produce 96 million chips annually. South Korea-based APACT Co. is partnering with ASIP as the technology provider. The facility will cater to high-growth industries such as artificial intelligence, high-perfor-



mance computing, data centres and high-speed communication networks. ASIP plans to further expand operations with an additional investment exceeding ₹2,000 crore to enhance advanced semiconductor packaging capabilities. The project is expected to generate more than 1,000 direct high-skilled employment opportunities and around 1,600 indirect jobs. Once operational, the facility will begin production using wire-bond and flip-chip ball grid array (BGA) packaging technologies. It will later introduce advanced 2.5D and 3D semiconductor packaging capabilities within two to three years. Addressing the event, Prime Minister Modi praised Andhra Pradesh's technology talent and said the state was positioned to play an important role in India's semi-

conductor manufacturing growth. He added that the government was committed to supporting the sector as part of the Viksit Bharat vision. India Semiconductor Mission CEO Amitesh Kumar Sinha described the project as an important contribution to India's semiconductor ambitions. He said the Visakhapatnam facility represented progress in advanced semiconductor packaging and reflected ISM's focus on supporting industry growth. ASIP Managing Director and CEO Venkata Simhadri said the project would strengthen India's semiconductor capabilities by developing advanced assembly, packaging and testing infrastructure. He highlighted plans for skill development, supply-chain localisation and expansion of Andhra Pradesh's semiconductor ecosystem.

Bloomberg again defers India bond inclusion in global index

Bloomberg Index Services (BISL) has once again deferred a decision on including Indian government bonds in its flagship Global Aggregate Index, saying recent market reforms need more time to become firmly embedded in day-to-day market practices. The move comes as a setback for the government, which last month scrapped the 12.5% long-term capital gains tax on bonds and the 20% withholding tax on interest earned from government securities in a bid to accelerate inclusion in the Bloomberg index. After Indian government bonds were included in JP Morgan's emerging market bond index on June 28, 2024, Bloomberg had initially proposed adding them to its index from end-January 2026. However, it had deferred the move earlier as well, citing operational and infrastructure-related issues. The latest Union Budget, presented on February 1, subsequently announced significant tax reforms for bonds.

Paytm Launches Split Bills Feature, Makes Group Expense Tracking And Sharing Easier

Mumbai: Digital payments platform Paytm has launched a new Split Bills feature, making it easier for users to track and share expenses with friends, family and travel groups. The company said the feature is designed to simplify the management of shared expenses such as dining, shopping, fuel, holidays and other group activities. Users can create a group, record expenses and monitor payments in one place. The Split Bills feature offers multiple ways to divide expenses based on users' needs. Bills can be split equally among all members, divided by a fixed amount, allocated according to individual shares or calculated on a percentage basis. These options allow users to manage different types of shared expenses more accurately and avoid confusion while settling payments. One of the key highlights of the feature is that it supports payments made through multiple methods. Users can record transactions made via Paytm UPI, other UPI applications, cash or debit and credit cards within the same group. The app also provides a clear view of how much each member owes or is entitled to receive. It includes a reminder option that helps users notify group members about pending payments.

India-Bhutan Development Ties: 12 Projects Approved, Rs 4,000 Crore Energy Credit Pact Signed During Vikram Misri's Visit



New Delhi, August 1, 2026: India and Bhutan have reviewed their development partnership, with the two countries approving 12 new projects worth Rs 332 crore and signing a Rs 4,000 crore Line of Credit agreement for energy projects. The developments came during Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's two-day visit to Thimphu, which concluded on Friday. The Line of Credit agreement was signed between Bhutan and the Export-Import Bank of India. Misri visited the neighbouring country to review the progress of development projects supported by New Delhi. During the visit, Misri called on King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay

and Minister for Foreign Affairs and External Trade Lyonpo D.N. Dhungyel. Misri's visit came soon after his China trip on July 27-28, as New Delhi and Beijing continue efforts to maintain dialogue and engagement on bilateral issues, including border-related matters and broader cooperation. On Thursday, Misri and his Bhutanese counterpart, Dasho Pema Lektup Dorji, co-chaired the fifth India-Bhutan Development Cooperation Talks. The discussions focused on implementing projects under Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan, according to the Indian Embassy in Bhutan. The two sides discussed all aspects of bilateral cooperation, including development partnership, energy, trade and investment, connectivity, and people-to-

people ties. They also discussed regional issues of mutual importance, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement on Friday. During the talks, India and Bhutan reviewed the overall progress and implementation of India's Rs 10,000 crore support for Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan period from 2024 to 2029. A total of 12 new projects worth Rs 332 crore were approved. The projects cover infrastructure, healthcare, agriculture, urban amenities and disaster management. The scale and range of the projects underline the importance both countries continue to place on development cooperation. The focus on infrastructure, healthcare and green initiatives also shows that the partnership is extending beyond traditional areas of engagement into projects with a direct impact on people's lives. The two Foreign Secretaries virtually inaugurated the Thimphu Ecological Park and Olakha Park. The parks were developed under the Green Infrastructure and Open Spaces in Thimphu initiative, funded by India as part of bilateral economic development. The two sides also exchanged a pact on cooperation in health education and research between the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and Bhutan's Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences. As part of India's support for Bhutan's green mobility initiatives, 45 electric vehicles were handed over to the Royal Government of Bhutan. Taken together.

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Chithravel's CWG medal wait ends with silver



CHENNAI: WHEN Praveen Chithravel revealed his phone wallpaper of the medal with the Commonwealth Games logo engraved on it after winning gold at the Federation Cup in May, his intentions were made clear. A place in the podium at the Commonwealth Games. In the 2022 edition in Birmingham, Chithravel had to see his compatriots take the podium after narrowly missing out on bronze. Then, Eldhose Paul (gold) and Abdulla Aboobacker (Silver) completed a 1-2 for India but Chithravel fell three centimetres short of bronze and a podium sweep. But on Saturday, Chithravel entered the triple jump pit with one clear goal – get into the medal positions. Beginning with a 16.05m mark on the first attempt, he knew he had to do better. His competitor from Jamaica Jordan Scott, made early inroads into the top three. After beginning with a 16.52m jump in the first attempt, he then leapt 20 centimetres farther to record a 16.72m effort in the fourth attempt. But Chithravel also made amends, by getting closer with a 16.58m leap. With two attempts remaining, the gold was still within reach. However, his best remained at that mark, and he had to settle for silver. While it is not gold, Chithravel will be delighted to end his four-year wait. In his career where he has hopped to history, this medal will have come at a time where is constantly trying to reinvent himself. Coach and former two-time World Championships medallist from Cuba Yoandri Betanzos will hope to make the most out of this medal. The next big target for Chithravel is the Asian Games in Japan. The jumper from Thanjavur in Tamil Nadu will hope to change the colour of the medal from bronze in the Hangzhou edition in 2023. Prabhu, who announced himself by winning a medal in the U20 World Championships in 2022, marked his rapid rise with a bronze medal. Earlier this year, he became only the fourth Indian to win a title in the United States' NCAA Division 1 outdoor track and field championship with a leap of 16.92m. On Saturday, Selva had lift-off, as he recorded a 16.43m effort. But his best jump came in the fifth attempt. After seeing Chithravel and Scott take the top two, third place was up for grabs. The jumper from Madurai did not miss out on the chance and sealed third. Oliver however, did not record any attempts after 16.50m. India's command over this discipline at the quadrennial event continues.

Once nicknamed khajur for his lean physique, Harsh becomes 1st Indian male judoka to win CWG gold



CHENNAI: Harsh Singh was hardly five when decided to enrol himself in Victory Judo Academy located in Kakrola village of South-West Delhi. Born in a daily-wage labourer's family, Harsh was a bundle of energy and used to play in the neighbourhood for hours. That is when he saw his friends training at the judo centre. That one knock on the door of the academy changed Harsh's life forever. He not only got a way to channelise his limitless energy but also found a career that would eventually give him name and fame. Of course, because of his modest background, the coaches and other staff at the academy took care of his diet and kit. The 23-year-old from Delhi on Friday added a new chapter to his blossoming judo career when he became the first male judoka from the country to clinch a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games. Competing in the -60kg weight category at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Harsh defeated Chikondi Kathewera of Malawi by Ippon in the round of 16. He then overpowered Alan Monthouel of Vanuatu by Ippon in the quarterfinal. The semifinal

against Pedro Carlos Antun of Australia turned out to be a relatively tougher bout but the Indian judoka won it by Waza-Ari to enter the final. In the summit clash, Harsh defeated another Australian opponent 10-0 finish on top of the podium. Hemant Rathee, Harsh's childhood coach, still remembers the day when the boy approached him requesting for admission in the academy. "He followed his friends to the academy. I had seen him playing in the neighbourhood. He was always at some or other kind of mischief but has a lot of energy so I decided to use it in the sport," an elated Rathee reminisced. Harsh's father is a daily-wage labourer and lives in the same locality. "Harsh hails from a modest background. His parents hardly visited the academy enquiring about his progress. They are poor people and are always busy in earning their livelihood." The coach not only trained Harsh but also fulfilled his dietary requirements. "Satyavan Gehlot also coaches youngsters here at the academy. He used to bring milk for boys, who could not afford it at their respective homes." Harsh was skinny when he joined the academy and remained the same for years earning himself a nickname — khajur (dates).

Preeti Pawar, Jaismine Lamboria win boxing gold medals for India at CWG 2026

India's Preeti Pawar and Jaismine Lamboria clinched gold medals in women's boxing at the Commonwealth Games 2026, with both delivering strong performances in their respective finals on Saturday. Preeti Pawar defeated Canada's Scarlett Savannah Delgado 5-0 in the women's 54kg final to secure India's sixth gold medal of the Games. The 22-year-old dominated the contest from the start, winning all three rounds unanimously with the judges awarding her a clean sweep. The World No. 3 bantamweight boxer controlled the bout with sharp combinations, disciplined footwork and effective counter-punching, preventing Delgado from making a comeback. The victory capped a successful campaign for Preeti, who had earlier defeated Zambia's Catherine Mwape 5-0 in the semifinals. The gold medal adds to a remarkable season for Preeti, who had already won the World Boxing Cup and Asian Championships titles ear-



lier this year. Shortly after Preeti's victory, Jaismine Lamboria secured India's seventh gold medal by defeating Michaela Walsh in the women's 57kg final. Jaismine won the closely fought contest by a unanimous decision. Despite a competitive bout, Jaismine maintained her composure to edge past Walsh. After the result was announced, both boxers shared a sporting moment as Jaismine raised Walsh's hand to acknowledge her opponent's effort.

Neeraj Chopra wins javelin silver as Yashvir Singh takes bronze



Glasgow: India's former Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra clinched the silver medal in the men's javelin throw at the Commonwealth Games 2026 after producing his season's best effort of 85.83m. However, the mark wasn't enough to regain the title as Sri Lanka's R.T. Pathirage delivered a sensational 89.75m throw to claim gold. It was a maiden Commonwealth Games medal for Yashvir Singh while Chopra grabbed his second medal after the gold at Gold Coast in 2018. He missed the 2022 edition with an injury. Neeraj opened with 80.97m before improving to 85.83m in his second attempt, which eventually stood as his best throw of the competition. His remaining valid throws measured 81.29m and 80.73m, while his final two attempts were fouls. India celebrated a double podium finish with Yashvir Singh securing the bronze medal. Yashvir reg-

istered a personal best of 85.41m, finishing just 42cm behind Neeraj in a closely fought contest. Pathirage's outstanding 89.75m effort proved unbeatable as the Sri Lankan thrower produced the performance of his career to take the Commonwealth title. With the first two spots sealed by Pathirage and Chopra after the second round, Yashvir Singh upset the rankings by producing his personal best throw of 85.41 in the sixth and final round to jump into medal contention. But his medal was not sealed yet as former World Champion Anderson Peters of Grenada and Douw Smit of South Africa had an opportunity to overtake him in their final throws. But both failed to come anywhere close to Yashvir's effort. Anderson Peters finished fourth with 83.88m, followed by Douw Smit (82.88m) and Trinidad and Tobago's Keshorn Walcott (82.55m). Paris Olympics gold medallist Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan, who was also the defending champion from Birmingham, failed to make a mark and finished ninth with a below-par performance of 77.41. Nadeem holds the Games record of 90.13m set at Birmingham in 2022. Rohit Yadav, the third Indian in the javelin throw final, finished seventh with a best throw of 81.56m. South Asians & Diaspora Despite missing out on gold, Neeraj's silver and Yashvir's bronze ensured India finished with two medals in one of the marquee events of the athletics programme, while Pathirage's stunning display emerged as one of the biggest upsets of the Games.

Yamini Maurya clinches 57kg silver, adds to India's historic judo campaign

MUMBAI: Yamini Maurya added another medal to India's tally at the 2026 Commonwealth Games, clinching the silver medal in the women's 57kg judo event. According to a press release, the podium finish marked another significant milestone for Indian judo, with Yamini securing India's third medal in the sport at the Games. Earlier, Asmita Dey and Harsh Singh scripted history by winning India's first-ever Commonwealth Games gold medals in judo, according to a release. Training at the Inspire Institute of Sport (IIS), Yamini has steadily progressed through the ranks of Indian judo, with the Commonwealth Games silver marking the latest milestone in her career. The medal further underlines the growing strength of Indian judo on the international stage and caps off a memorable campaign for the Indian contingent. Ahead of the Commonwealth Games, Yamini had spoken to IIS TV about the journey that brought her to one of the biggest stages in international sport. Looking back after her silver medal-winning campaign, her words reflected just how far she had come, the release said. "When I started in school, I didn't even have these mats; I started with normal mats and mattresses. I didn't know that I would come to the Commonwealth Games. I didn't even know what the Commonwealth Games was," she had said. Her journey to the Commonwealth Games podium was not without setbacks. After undergoing surgery in 2024,



Yamini spent nearly a year away from the mat before returning to competition. Reflecting on that phase ahead of the Games, she had said, "It took me almost a year to get on the mat. After that, it was very difficult to maintain my weight because my weight had increased a lot. So, I maintained my weight and started the competition while taking care of my injury." Speaking to IIS TV, Yamini had also reflected on the dream that first inspired her to pursue the sport. "I didn't even know what the Olympics were. At that time, my district coach told me that I had to play in the Olympics. I didn't know what the Olympics were. And somewhere in my mind, I knew that I had to play," she recalled. The Commonwealth Games silver marks another significant milestone in Yamini's career, capping a journey of resilience and determination while contributing to India's historic campaign in judo.



Buzz: Not Mokshagna, But His Sister to Debut First?



Fresh buzz from Tollywood has caught the attention of Nandamuri fans. Reports suggest that Nandamuri Balakrishna's younger daughter, Tejaswini, could soon make her acting debut. For years, fans have been eagerly waiting for Balakrishna's son Mokshagna to enter films. But now, the spotlight has shifted to Tejaswini, with industry buzz claiming she could become the next member of the Nandamuri family to face the camera. Over the past few years, Tejaswini has played an active role behind the scenes in Balakrishna's career. Industry insiders say she has been involved in planning and coordinating projects, including AHA's Unstoppable and the promotions of Balakrishna's recent films. Though she has stayed away from the limelight, many in the industry are aware of her contribution. The rumours grew stronger after Tejaswini appeared in a commercial and shared a few dance reels on social media. Her graceful screen presence received a positive response from fans, with many praising her confidence and natural charm.

According to the latest buzz, a woman-centric film is being planned as her launch project. The makers are said to be developing a strong emotional story with a meaningful message. Reports also suggest that the team is giving top priority to the script before finalising the director and the rest of the cast. Industry circles also claim Balakrishna is personally guiding the project and sharing his suggestions to ensure his daughter's debut is memorable. The Telugu film industry has rarely seen daughters of star heroes enter acting. While Niharika Konidela from the Mega family tried her luck, very few star daughters have chosen films as a career. If the latest buzz turns out to be true, Tejaswini's debut could become one of the most talked about launches in Tollywood.



Karthi's Sardar 2 Teaser: Packs Action & Mystery!

The promotional campaign for Karthi's spy action thriller Sardar 2, directed by PS Mithran, has begun, with the makers unveiling the film's action-packed teaser. It's a sequel to the blockbuster Sardar, in the same combination of Karthi and Mithran. The teaser smartly sets the stage for an intense spy thriller. It begins on an intriguing note, with both the protagonist and the antagonist uttering the word silence in contrasting situations, while the visuals erupt with relentless violence. At the heart of the story lies an unconventional clash between a father-son duo of spies and an antagonist who firmly believes he is the good guy. Karthi effortlessly switches between two contrasting personas. The veteran spy exudes wisdom and experience, while the younger character carries a stylish, fearless attitude. SJ Suryah, on the other hand, looks stylish, yet menacing and promises to be a worthy opponent. PS Mithran expanded the scale considerably, delivering slick action, international-style visuals and suspense-filled storytelling. George C Williams captures the action with striking visuals, while Sam CS injects the teaser with energy through his powerful score. Mounted on a lavish scale by Prince Pictures, the film boasts rich production values. Without revealing its biggest surprises, the teaser succeeds in building curiosity and further strengthens expectations surrounding Sardar 2.

Maresh Babu's Calculated Distance: Stardom Over Family?

Maresh Babu's nephew, Jaya Krishna Ghattamaneni's debut film, Srinivasa Mangapuram has released the other day and has got mixed talk. The movie will end up as a disaster to the makers. Jaya Krishna is the son of Late Ramesh Babu, brother of Maresh Babu. Everyone expected Maresh Babu to throw his weight behind the actor so that the movie will get good visibility and opening. But then, the Superstar confined himself to a video and a couple of tweets. He did not attend the Pre-release event and that has cemented whatsoever chances the movie have got. Ramesh Babu is Maresh Babu's own brother and he spent a lot of money to help Maresh's career initially. Maresh, on many occasions, claimed to be very close to his brother. So, it is shocking how Jaya Krishna did not receive necessary support from Maresh. In industry, there is this growing trend of actors being calculative in supporting each others. Gone are the days, we used to see audience going freely to each other's functions. But now, everything is commercial and calculation. There was a rumor that a Vishwaroopam scene was planned in AI for Ashok Galla's Devaki Nandana Vasudeva. The Lord's face will have Maresh Babu's resemblance. The team



did not even need Maresh's date. But then, Maresh Babu's team reportedly demanded remuneration for that AI Cameo and the producer who is already shattered backed out. And now, some other calculations may have prompted Maresh to stay away from Srinivasa Mangapuram. Attending a small film's event, may or may not benefit that film. We can not quantify the impact. But it will certainly enhance the goodwill of the Star. Megastar Chiranjeevi attended the Pre-release event of Kiran Abbavaram's Chennai Love Story. They are small actors, small director, and small producers. Attending the event showed the World Megastar's Magnanimity. Chiranjeevi supported every single hero from his family for his debut film. We do not know if Srinivasa Mangapuram would have benefitted really if Maresh Babu came to an event, but it would have shown the Star in a high regard. Some people can say there may be contractual obligations with Varanasi and look of the film maybe revealed. A day before the film's release, Maresh was spotted at AMB Cinemas with Priyanka Chopra and Nick Jonas for a movie screening. Many are questioning why Maresh made a public appearance ahead of the release, especially since the photos were officially shared by AMB Cinemas.

Spider-Man Shatters Records at the Indian Box Office



Spider-Man: Brand New Day has taken the Indian box office by storm, registering a phenomenal Rs 80 crore gross on its opening day. With this achievement, the film has become the biggest

Hollywood opener ever in India. The opening has surprised trade analysts as the film witnessed outstanding collections across major markets, proving once again that Spider-Man remains one of the most loved superheroes among Indian audiences. The Telugu states played a key role as the film recorded an impressive Rs 9 crore gross on day one, highlighting the massive fan following enjoyed by the franchise all over. Spider-Man is creating similar waves internationally as reports suggest that the film is heading towards a record-breaking collection of \$70-75 million in North America with just previews. The opening weekend is currently projected to cross a staggering \$325 million globally. With such an extraordinary start, trade predicts that the film will continue its dream run in the coming days. It is also likely to affect the theatrical run of Telugu releases Chennai Love Story, Srinivasa Mangapuram, and Newton's.

Kiara Advani looks dazzling in Toxic

Yash starrer Toxic: Fairytale for GrownUps, is one of the most anticipated and most craziest film of Indian Cinema. The movie has immaculate amount of craze, buzz, hype and anticipation that people are eager to watch it in theatres from 26th August. KVN Productions and Monster Mind Creations are producing the film on a never-seen-before scale. Geethu Mohandas is directing the film and teasers, trailer, two songs – Tabaahi, Madhoshi have become big chartbusters. Now, celebrating the birthday of leading lady, Kiara Advani, the makers have revealed a stunning and dazzling new poster of her from the movie. She looks like an International regal beauty in this one. Raising the excitement to sky high with each promotional update, Toxic is proving to be a box office monster waiting to unleash. Yash has become the talk of the industry with his bold and daring action, performance. Nayanthara, Tara Sutaria, Huma Qureshi and Rukmini Vasanth are playing prominent leading roles in this period action epic.

Dulquer Salmaan Bets Big on a Controversial Concept

Dulquer Salmaan joined hands with director Nahas Hidayath, who caught everyone's attention with RDX. The actor and director duo are now coming up with a new film, I'M Game. Billed to be a Malayalam film, the film will be dubbed into other languages and have a pan-Indian release. The makers launched the trailer of the film today, and it deals with one of the most controversial aspects of society – Gambling. The trailer introduces Dulquer Salmaan as a chaotic tailor's suit who immerses himself in the world of gambling in all sectors.

