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PM Modi Hails Jalandhar Rally, Reaffirms Commitment to Citizen-Centric Development



New Delhi, July 17: Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised the enthusiastic public response to the BJP rally held in Jalandhar on Friday, describing it as a strong indication of the growing support for the party in Punjab.

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Young Hyderabad girl honoured for completing 13,800-foot trek in Himachal Pradesh

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Semicon 2.0 to Make India a Global Semiconductor Hub: Kishan Reddy

Union Minister says Telangana stands to benefit from Rs 724 crore EMC projects and new semiconductor initiatives



New Delhi, July 17 – The Journalist Post: Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy hailed the Union Cabinet's approval of the Semicon 2.0 programme, describing it as a historic step towards making India a global semiconductor and electronics manufacturing hub. He said the initiative would create significant employment and investment opportunities, particularly for the youth of Hyderabad and Telangana. The Minister said the Centre has approved Semicon 2.0, a long-term initiative aimed at strengthening semiconductor manufacturing, chip design, research, tal-

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Telangana Cabinet Unveils Drought Action Plan, Seeks Centre's Assistance Amid El Niño Crisis

Cabinet sets up helpline, orders contingency measures, approves Dharani probe and transgender representation in municipal corporations

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: The Telangana Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Friday expressed serious concern over the impact of El Niño and the prevailing drought-like conditions across the state, announcing a series of immediate measures to mitigate the crisis and safeguard drinking water, agriculture, and power supply. The Cabinet resolved to submit a detailed report to the Central Government, seeking the deployment of a special assessment team and financial assistance to tackle the emerging drought situation. Ministers



stated that rainfall across Telangana has remained significantly below normal, with many areas recording a deficit of over 30–35 per cent, prompting the government to prepare contingency plans across all departments. To assist farmers, the government has established a toll-free helpline (1800-123-7157) at Praja Bhavan, functioning under the

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Healthcare and Education Spending is an Investment in Telangana's Future: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

247 Nursing Officers receive appointment letters; government highlights reforms in healthcare, education, and employment

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka said expenditure on healthcare and education should be viewed as a long-term investment in human resources rather than free welfare, as it contributes significantly to the State's economic growth and de-



velopment. Speaking after distributing appointment letters to 247 Nursing Officers under the Insurance Medical Services (IMS) Department at Sevalal Bhavan, alongside Labour

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Modernised Hitech City Railway Station Inaugurated Under Amrit Bharat Scheme

BJP State President N. Ramchander Rao says Centre has significantly boosted railway investment in Telangana



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: The modernised Hitech City Railway Station, redeveloped at a cost of Rs 35.61 crore under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, was inaugurated on Friday as part of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's virtual inauguration of 75 Amrit Bharat railway stations across the country. Speaking at the event, BJP Telangana State President N. Ramchander Rao said the Central Government has transformed the Indian Railways through modern infrastructure and increased investment. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy, and railway officials for developing the Hitech City station with upgraded passenger amenities. Ramchander Rao said railway bud-

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TRS Leaders Claim Credit for Singareni Medical Board, Demand Dependent Jobs for All Eligible Applicants

Riaz and Boda Janardhan say government acted after Kavitha's warning; seek monthly medical boards and faster processing



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: TRS leaders Riaz and former minister Boda Janardhan on Friday claimed that the Singareni management constituted a medical board for dependent employment only after Kalvakuntla Kavitha warned of launching an indefinite hunger strike. Addressing a press conference at the TRS office in Banjara Hills, they demanded that all eligible applicants for dependent jobs be processed without delay. Riaz alleged that Singareni workers have faced hardship under the Congress government and accused the administration of delaying dependent employment and related is-

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Road Safety Must Be the Top Priority: IPS Officer Abhilash Bisht to New RTOs



RBVRR Police Academy concludes two-month induction training for Telangana Regional Transport Officers

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: Director of the RBVRR Telangana State Police Academy, Abhilash Bisht, IPS, called upon newly inducted Regional Transport Officers (RTOs) to prioritise road safety through technology-based enforcement, effective imple-

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MLA Sudheer Reddy Calls for Grand Success of BRS 'Yuva Sangrama Sabha'



LB Nagar MLA urges youth to participate in July 18 convention on employment issues

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: LB Nagar MLA Devireddy Sudheer Reddy has appealed to party leaders, unemployed youth, students, job aspirants, and the public to participate in large numbers in the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) 'Yuva Sangrama Sabha', scheduled to be held at Saroornagar Stadium on July 18 at 10 a.m. The convention is being organised to press for the implementation of the Congress government's election promises to unemployed youth. Addressing party workers, Sudheer Reddy urged division corporators, former corporators, division presidents, leaders of affiliated wings, and BRS activists to work in coordination to ensure the programme's success. He demanded that the state government immediately fulfil commitments such as filling vacant government posts, releasing a job calendar, and providing unemployment allowances. He said the convention is being organised to highlight issues affecting the youth and called on the public to extend their support. BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) is scheduled to attend the event as the chief guest. According to party leaders, the BRS will also unveil its action plan on employment and youth-related issues during the meeting.



EDITORIAL

"One Nation, One Election" – Essential for National Development

For India—the world's largest democracy—to evolve into a developed nation, stability in governance, continuity in policies, and administrative efficiency are crucial. However, with elections taking place in one state or another almost every year, the government machinery remains in a perpetual "election mode." Consequently, development programs slow down, government decisions are delayed, and vast amounts of public funds are diverted toward conducting elections.

Against this backdrop, the "One Nation, One Election" policy is not merely an electoral reform; it is a historic step toward steering the country rapidly along the path of development. The time has come to embrace this reform as a necessity of the times.

Currently, as Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly elections are held at different times, the Model Code of Conduct frequently comes into force. This leads to the stalling of new development works, welfare schemes, and infrastructure projects. A situation arises where more time is devoted to politics than to actual administration. How can development gain momentum if the country remains in a constant state of electioneering?

Conducting elections incurs an expenditure of thousands of crores of rupees each time. The Election Commission, security forces, government employees, and teachers remain engaged in election duties for months

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Rs 20 Crore Sanctioned for NAC Skill Development Centre in Manthani



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : The Telangana Government has sanctioned ₹20 crore for the construction of a National Academy of Construction (NAC) Skill Development Centre in Manthani, Peddapalli district, aimed at enhancing skill development and employment opportunities for youth. Orders were issued on Friday by Vikas Raj, Special Chief Secretary of the Transport, Roads and Buildings (TR&B) Department. The proposed centre will provide international-standard training in modern construction technologies through short-term and long-term courses. The initiative is expected to equip young people with industry-relevant skills, enabling them to secure employment in leading national and international companies or pursue self-employment opportunities. State IT and Industries Minister Duddilla Sridhar Babu welcomed the sanction of the project and thanked Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy for allocating the prestigious training centre to Manthani. He expressed confidence that the NAC centre would emerge as a major skill development hub for North Telangana, strengthening the construction workforce and generating employment opportunities for the region's youth.

Agriculture Department from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM daily, to provide guidance and support regarding drought-related issues. The Cabinet directed District Collectors to remain on high alert to prevent drinking water shortages, ensure uninterrupted electricity supply, and respond promptly to public complaints. It also decided that available water in reservoirs should be prioritized for drinking water and power generation while appealing to farmers to cultivate short-duration crops suitable for drought conditions. As part of its preparedness strategy, the Cabinet decided to organize awareness programmes across the state and conduct district-level review meetings on July 20 under the



leadership of in-charge ministers and senior IAS officers. The meetings will involve public representatives, agricultural experts, scientists, and officials to prepare district-wise assessments of drought conditions and recommend mitigation measures. The Cabinet also entrusted State Planning Board Vice-Chairman G. Chinna Reddy with coordinating the preparation of a comprehensive report on the impact of El Niño on Telangana's agriculture sector in consultation with agricultural scientists and experts. Addressing the media after the Cabinet meeting, Ministers Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, Jupally Krishna Rao, Ponnamm Prabhakar, and Adluri Laxman Kumar announced that the Cabinet had approved the constitution of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to conduct a comprehensive probe into alleged irregularities linked to the Dharani land records portal. The investigation will cover the tendering process, land registrations, ownership changes, assigned lands, government lands, and other transactions from the portal's launch on October 29, 2020, to the present. In another significant decision, the Cabinet approved amendments to the Telangana Municipalities Act, 2019, enabling the nomination of transgender persons as co-opted members in municipal corporations across the state. The Cabinet also approved amendments to the Telangana Panchayat Raj Act, 2018, allowing Gram Panchayat funds to be deposited in nationalised banks, cooperative banks, and post offices for better financial management.

Semicon 2.0 to Make India a Global Semiconductor Hub: Kishan Reddy

ent development, and electronics supply chains. He also highlighted the Mobile Phone Manufacturing Scheme (MPMS), which seeks to further expand India's mobile manufacturing ecosystem. Kishan Reddy noted that under Semicon 1.0, the Centre sanctioned ₹724 crore for Electronics Manufacturing Clusters (EMCs) in Telangana, including projects at E-City, Fab City, Maheshwaram, Hyderabad, and Divitipally in Mahabubnagar district. He added that 27 institutions in Telangana, including IIT Hyderabad, IIIT Hyderabad, University of Hyderabad, NIT Warangal, JNTU Hyderabad, BITS Hyderabad, and Osmania Engineering College, are participating in semiconductor design initiatives. Highlighting the impact of the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, the Minister said India's electronics manufacturing has grown substantially over the past decade, with the mobile manufacturing sector now ranking among the country's leading export industries and generating employment for nearly 25 lakh people. He urged the Telangana government to formulate a dedicated strategy to attract semiconductor fabrication units, ATMP facilities, design centres, and research institutions, stating that Hyderabad is well-positioned to emerge as a major semiconductor hub under the Semicon 2.0 programme.

Modernised Hitech City Railway Station Inaugurated Under Amrit Bharat Scheme

get allocations for Telangana have increased from Rs 500 crore before 2014 to Rs 4,900 crore, enabling rapid expansion of railway infrastructure across the state. He stated that around 41 railway stations in Telangana are being modernised with world-class facilities, including lifts, escalators, and improved passenger services. "He also noted that five Vande Bharat Express trains are currently operating from Hyderabad and said the Centre has proposed three bullet train corridors and three high-speed rail corridors, with land acquisition already underway. He urged citizens to make greater use of rail transport, describing it as an environmentally friendly and energy-efficient mode of travel that contributes to national development.

Janagama District Congress Office Inaugurated, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Calls for Party Unity



Janagama, July 17 – The Journalist Post : The newly constructed Janagama District Congress Party Office was inaugurated on Friday, with Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy attending as the chief guest. The inauguration was held in the presence of district Congress leaders, public representatives, party workers, and members of affiliated organisations. Addressing the gathering, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said the new district office would serve as the focal point for all Congress Party activities in Janagama and strengthen coordination between the District Congress Committee (DCC) and its affiliated wings. He expressed confidence that greater unity and collective efforts among leaders and workers would further strengthen the party in the district. DCC President Dhanvanti Lakshmi Narayana Lakawat said the party is working to reinforce its organisational structure by improving coordination among all affiliated organisations and grassroots units. He urged party leaders and workers to discharge their responsibilities with commitment and work together for the party's growth and public service. The event witnessed the participation of State Committee leaders, TPCC members, DCC office-bearers, Block and Mandal Congress presidents, district presidents of affiliated organisations, municipal representatives, Agriculture Market Committee members, PACS representatives, temple committee members, councillors, former ZPTC and MPTC members, sarpanches, sub-sarpanches, Congress leaders, workers, and supporters.

KTR Must Apologise to Telangana Youth, Says TPCC General Secretary Chanagani Dayakar



Congress leader alleges BRS failed unemployed youth during its decade in power

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : TPCC General Secretary Chanagani Dayakar on Friday launched a sharp attack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), alleging that the party had failed Telangana's unemployed youth during its ten-year tenure in power. Referring to the BRS programme scheduled at Saroornagar Stadium, Dayakar claimed it should be called a "Betrayal Meeting" rather than a "Yuva Sangrama Sabha. Addressing the media, Dayakar said KTR had no moral authority to speak on unemployment, alleging that the BRS government failed to conduct key recruitment examinations efficiently and was responsible for repeated examination paper leaks during its tenure. He also alleged that the previous government neglected recruitment drives while focusing on corruption and the accumulation of wealth. The Congress leader claimed that recruitment for posts including Group-1, Group-2, Group-3, Group-4, DSC, SI and Constable, AEE, Nursing, and Health Department vacancies had been taken up under the present Congress government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. He further asserted that the current government was creating employment opportunities across public and private sectors, including industries, pharmaceuticals, and technical fields. Dayakar alleged that the BRS government failed to address the concerns of unemployed youth and questioned its credibility on employment issues. He expressed confidence that Telangana's youth would not be influenced by what he described as the BRS leadership's political campaign on unemployment.

Telangana SC Public Representatives Meet, Thank CM Revanth Reddy for Social Justice Initiatives



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : A meeting of Scheduled Caste (SC) MPs, MLAs, and other public representatives from Telangana was held at Dilkusha Guest House in Hyderabad on Friday to discuss the state's welfare initiatives and measures aimed at the social empowerment of Scheduled Castes. The meeting was presided over by Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, who is also the President of the Telangana State MPs' Forum. Participants held detailed discussions on welfare programmes introduced by the Telangana Government for the upliftment of the Madiga community, the statewide caste census, and the proposed ABCD categorisation intended to ensure equitable opportunities among Madiga sub-castes. The public representatives appreciated the government's initiatives towards social justice and equal opportunities and expressed support for measures aimed at strengthening the welfare of Scheduled Castes.

The meeting also conveyed gratitude to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for conducting the caste census and initiating steps towards implementing the ABCD categorisation, describing them as significant initiatives for the Madiga community. The participants reaffirmed their support for the government's programmes focused on the welfare and empowerment of weaker sections and pledged to continue working towards achieving social justice across the state. The meeting was attended by SC MPs, MLAs, former MPs, former MLAs, and other public representatives from Telangana.

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mentation, and public awareness. She was addressing the valedictory ceremony of a two-month induction training programme conducted from May 18 to July 17, 2026, for three RTOs of the Telangana Transport Department. The Director presented certificates to D. Jagadeesh, P. Bhushi Reddy, and Chai Sai Charan, who successfully completed the training. She stressed that Transport Department officials play a vital role in reducing road accidents by ensuring proper vehicle fitness inspections, transparent licensing, and strict enforcement of the Motor Vehicles Act. She noted that road accidents can be significantly reduced through the three pillars of education, engineering, and enforce-

ment, supported by modern technology. Additional Commissioner C. Ramesh said the specialised training has strengthened coordination between the Transport and Police Departments.



The newly trained RTOs said the programme enhanced their leadership, discipline, and public service orientation, while outdoor training improved their confidence.

Welfare of SCs and STs Top Priority, Says MP Dr. Mallu Ravi at Wanaparthi Review Meeting

Wanaparthi | July 17, The Journalist Post : Nagarkurnool MP and TPCC Disciplinary Committee Chairman Dr. Mallu Ravi on Friday said the welfare and protection of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) remain a top priority for the Telangana government. He was speaking after chairing the SC & ST Vigilance and Monitoring Committee meeting at the Wanaparthi District Collectorate, held under the chairmanship of District Collector Adarsh Surabhi, IAS. During the review meeting, Dr. Ravi held detailed discussions with officials on the investigation and disposal of atrocity cases against SCs and STs, compensation and rehabilitation for victims, implementation of welfare schemes, and enforcement of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities)

Act and other related laws. Emphasizing the need for prompt action, the MP instructed officials to ensure speedy justice for victims and called for better



benefits of government welfare schemes without delay. Dr. Mallu Ravi stated that it is the government's responsibility to stand by the downtrodden and weaker sections of society by providing protection, confidence, and support. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to continuously working for the social welfare, empowerment, and dignity of SC and ST communities. The meeting was attended by the District Superintendent of Police, senior district officials, and members of the Vigilance and Monitoring Committee.

Women Safety Wing Trains Master Trainers for 'Stand with Her' Campaign Across Telangana

Faculty from colleges and universities equipped to promote gender-sensitive and safer campuses

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: The Women Safety Wing (WSW) of Telangana Police organised a Training of Trainers (ToT) programme under its flagship 'Stand with Her' Campaign at the National Institute for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (NI-MSME), Yousufguda, to prepare Master Trainers for the campaign's statewide rollout. The programme brought together lecturers and assistant professors from government degree colleges and universities across Telangana. The initiative aims to encourage men and boys to challenge gender stereotypes, prevent gender-based violence, and actively support the creation of safe, respectful, and inclusive educational institutions. The inaugural session was attended by Director General, Women Safety Wing, Ms. Charu Sinha, IPS; Deputy Inspector General of Police, Smt. Parimala Hana Nutan, IPS; Dr. Rajendra Singh, Joint Director, Department of Education; Dr. Soundarya Joseph, Department of



School Education; and Ms. Asiya Sherwani, Head of Training, Women Safety Wing. Addressing the participants, Charu Sinha stressed that educational institutions play a vital role in shaping attitudes and that the active participation of men and boys is essential to prevent gender-based violence. The training featured interactive sessions on gender sensitivity, bystander intervention, facilitation techniques, and practical strategies for implementing the campaign in higher educational institutions. The Women Safety Wing said the programme marks the beginning of a statewide awareness and capacity-building initiative to build safer, gender-sensitive campuses across Telangana.



Singareni Prioritises Telangana's Power Needs, Plans Higher Coal Supply Amid El Niño



CMD Dr. Buddaprakash Jyoti directs uninterrupted coal production and transport to ensure adequate fuel for thermal power plants

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) has assured the Telangana Government of uninterrupted coal supply to meet the state's rising power demand, with Singareni CMD Dr. Buddaprakash Jyoti directing officials to accord the highest priority to Telangana's thermal power plants in view of the prevailing El Niño conditions. Chairing a Singareni-Telangana Genco coordination meeting through video conference on Friday, Dr. Buddaprakash Jyoti reviewed coal production, transportation, stock availability, and the growing electricity demand across the state. Telangana Genco CMD Dr. Harish and senior officials from both organisations participated in the meeting. The CMD stated that electricity demand has increased significantly due to the impact of El Niño and stressed the need for seamless coordination between Singareni and Genco to ensure uninterrupted power generation. He directed officials to formulate an action plan to enhance coal transportation and maintain sufficient coal stocks at all thermal power stations across the state.

Officials informed the meeting that 72 per cent of Singareni's coal production is currently being supplied to Telangana Genco thermal power stations, NTPC Ramagundam, and the Singareni Thermal Power Plant. However, in view of the increasing demand for electricity, the CMD instructed officials to give greater priority to Telangana's requirements and, if necessary, divert coal currently earmarked for other states to safeguard the state's energy needs. To strengthen coordination, Singareni announced that special officers would be appointed to monitor coal transportation and resolve operational issues on priority. Officials were also directed to maintain continuous coordination regarding coal production, railway rake availability, road transportation, and daily fuel requirements of power generation stations.

Dr. Buddaprakash Jyoti instructed General Managers of all mining areas to ensure that coal production in open-cast mines remains unaffected during the monsoon season. He emphasized that production levels should not decline under any circumstances and that strict quality standards must be maintained throughout the supply chain. During the meeting, Telangana Genco CMD Dr. Harish reviewed coal stock positions at various thermal power plants and urged field-level officials to resolve transportation bottlenecks promptly to ensure uninterrupted fuel supply for power generation. The meeting was attended by Singareni Directors L.V. Suryanarayana, K. Venkateswarlu, and M. Thirumala Rao; ED (Coal Movement) B. Venkanna; GM (Coordination & Marketing) T. Srinivas; Genco Directors Nagya and Rajasekhar; Chief Engineers Bichanna, Lakshmaiah, and Sri Prakash, along with senior officials from both organisations.

CBIT Launches Three-Day National Workshop for Civil Engineering Laboratory Technicians

Workshop focuses on consultancy expertise, laboratory skills, and modern testing practices

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : The Department of Civil Engineering at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, inaugurated a three-day national workshop titled "Enhancing Consultancy Expertise and Laboratory Handling Skills for Laboratory Technicians" on July 16, bringing together laboratory technicians from leading academic institutions and industry organizations. Participants from institutions including NCCBM, VNR VJIT, Vasavi College of Engineering, MGIT, VBIT, and VJIT attended the programme. CBIT Principal highlighted the importance of continuous professional training, while Head of the Civil Engineering Department Dr. K. Jagannadha Rao emphasized the crucial role of laboratory technicians in main-



taining quality education and research. Prof. P. Srinivasa Sarma, Head of the Consultancy Cell, called for continuous skill upgradation to meet evolving industry requirements. Delivering the keynote address, B. Sreenivasa Rao, Joint Director,

Centre for Construction Development & Research (CCDR), stressed the importance of quality standards in construction material testing and the role of technicians in ensuring reliable results. The workshop also featured hands-on laboratory sessions, giving participants practical exposure to modern testing techniques, laboratory equipment, and best practices aimed at strengthening consultancy and testing capabilities.

Telangana Endowments Department Appoints 191 Religious Staff in Historic Recruitment Drive

Minister Konda Surekha distributes appointment orders, announces welfare measures and temple development initiatives

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : In a landmark initiative for the Telangana Endowments Department, the State Government on Friday issued appointment orders to 191 religious personnel during a grand ceremony held at Ravindra Bharati, Hyderabad, marking what officials described as the largest recruitment drive in the department's history across the erstwhile united Andhra Pradesh and the separate Telangana State. Endowments Minister Konda Surekha personally handed over appointment letters to several newly recruited employees, including priests (Archakas), temple attendants, Vedic scholars, vehicle-blessing priests, assistant cooks, and traditional temple musicians skilled in instruments such as the Mridangam, Dolu, Sannayi, Shruti, and Talam.



The selected candidates have been appointed to serve in 47 temples across Telangana. Addressing the gathering, the Minister described the recruitment as a historic milestone that would be remembered in the annals of the Endowments Department. She said the appointments reflect the commitment of the Congress government led by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to strengthen temple administration and preserve the State's rich spiritual and cultural heritage. Emphasizing the significance of temple service, Konda Surekha said employment in temples should never be viewed merely as a source of livelihood but as a sacred responsibility and a rare opportunity to serve the Almighty. She urged the newly appointed employees to dedicate themselves to serving devotees with sincerity, reminding them that "service to devotees is service to God."

The Minister noted that temples are not merely places of worship but institutions that preserve India's ancient traditions, Vedic knowledge, culture, and Dharma. She said the devotion and discipline of priests, Vedic scholars, attendants, musicians, and kitchen staff play a vital role in maintaining the sanctity, grandeur, and reputation of temples. Highlighting the government's commitment to employee welfare, Konda Surekha announced that benefits for religious staff would be significantly enhanced through the

Archakas and Other Employees Welfare Fund Trust. She also revealed that the department would soon introduce performance-based awards for employees across all temple categories to encourage excellence in service.

The Minister further announced that orders would soon be issued to organize spiritual, religious, and mythological discourses at major temples across the State during special occasions to promote spiritual awareness among devotees. In view of the rain-fall deficit attributed to the El Niño phenomenon, she also announced plans to conduct Varuna Yagams in temples across Telangana to pray for timely rains and agricultural prosperity. Several newly appointed employees became emotional while receiving their appointment orders, describing the occasion as the fulfillment of a lifelong dream of serving in temples. Congratulating them, the Minister urged them to uphold the traditions and values associated with temple service and work with dedication for the benefit of devotees.



Konda Surekha reiterated that the Telangana Government remains committed to strengthening the Endowments Department through transparent recruitment, staff welfare, temple development, and the preservation of Agama traditions. She said the successful completion of the recruitment process was made possible through the collective efforts of officials across the department. The Minister also stated that after successfully organizing the Adi and Antya Pushkarams of the Saraswati River, the government is preparing to conduct the upcoming Godavari and Krishna Pushkarams on a grand scale under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

The event was attended by Principal Secretary Shailaja Ramaiyyar, Endowments Director Hanumantha Rao, Religious Advisor Govinda Hari, SITA Director Vijaya Raghavacharyulu, Regional Joint Commissioner Ramakrishna Rao, Deputy Commissioner Krishna Prasad, Additional Deputy Commissioners Srinivas and Jyothi, Assistant Commissioner Ramala Sunitha, Telangana Endowments Department Archaka Employees JAC Convener D.V.R. Sharma, Brahmin Welfare Parishad Chairman Basavaraju Srinivas, Dr. R. Srirama Ghanapathi, along with senior Endowments Department officials and representatives from various temples across the State.

CBIT Concludes Faculty Development Programme with NITTTR Chandigarh

One-week programme focused on strengthening industry-academia collaboration and enhancing higher education

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : The Department of Mechanical Engineering at Chaitanya Bharathi Institute of Technology (CBIT), Hyderabad, successfully concluded a one-week Faculty Development Programme on "Strategic Industry-Institute Interaction in Higher Education Institutes", organized in collaboration with the National Institute of Technical Teachers Training and Research (NITTTR), Chandigarh, from July 13 to 17, 2026. The programme focused on strengthening industry-academia partnerships by equipping faculty members with strategies to enhance curriculum relevance, experiential learning, innovation, entrepreneurship, industry-sponsored research, and graduate employability. Experts from academia and industry delivered sessions on internships, technology transfer, intellectual property, research collaboration, and skill development. Faculty members from various engineering disciplines actively participated in interactive discussions, case studies, and knowledge-sharing sessions. During the valedictory programme, certificates were presented to participants upon successful completion of the course. The Department of Mechanical Engineering thanked NITTTR Chandigarh, the CBIT management, Principal Prof. C. V. Narasimhulu, Head of the Department Prof. G. Laxmaiah, resource persons, coordinators, and participants for contributing to the programme's success. The FDP was coordinated by Dr. S. Narasimha Kumar and Dr. Ch. Indira Priya Darshini, with Dr. B. V. S. Rao and Dr. P. Anjani Devi serving as co-coordinators.



Jagga Reddy Meets Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Over TPCC Organisational Appointments



Discussions held on appointment of Mandal Congress Presidents in Tungaturthi Assembly constituency

RR Collector Directs Faster School Enrolment, Drinking Water Preparedness and Disease Control



District officials asked to strengthen public health measures and ensure uninterrupted essential services

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : District Collector C. Narayana Reddy has directed officials to accelerate student enrolment in government schools, ensure uninterrupted drinking water supply, and strengthen measures to prevent seasonal diseases through coordinated efforts across departments. During a video conference held on Friday from the Integrated District Offices Complex, the Collector reviewed development and public health initiatives with district officials and municipal commissioners. He instructed officials to expedite admissions for the 2026-27 academic year in government and local body schools, pre-primary schools, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas (KGBVs), and Telangana Model Schools. He also directed continuous monitoring of the construction of Young India Integrated Residential Schools to ensure timely completion. Citing the possibility of reduced rainfall due to the El Niño effect, the Collector asked officials to prepare contingency plans to prevent drinking water shortages and ensure uninterrupted supply in both rural and urban areas. He further instructed departments to intensify preventive measures against Dengue, Chikungunya, Malaria, and Typhoid, while ensuring adequate stocks of medicines, diagnostic kits, medical personnel, ambulance services, and emergency healthcare facilities. Reviewing monsoon preparedness, the Collector directed officials to ensure the availability of seeds and fertilizers, promote awareness on alternative crop cultivation, and streamline the farmer registration process. District Additional Collector (Local Bodies) K. Kiranmayi, RDOs, municipal commissioners, Mission Bhagiratha officials, education officials, and representatives of various departments participated in the review meeting.

PM Modi Launches Rs 14,700 Crore Development Projects in Haryana, Unveils India's First Hydrogen Train

Prime Minister highlights Make in India, sports development, and cleanliness initiatives during Jind visit

Jind (Haryana), July 17 – The Journalist Post: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday laid the foundation stone and dedicated to the nation a series of development projects worth approximately Rs 14,700 crore in Jind, Haryana, covering key sectors including railways, infrastructure, transport, and public welfare. The event marked a significant milestone with the launch of India's first hydrogen-powered train, which the Prime Minister described as a historic step towards sustainable and advanced transportation. Addressing a large public gathering, PM Modi said that Jind and the state of Haryana have permanently etched their names in the pages of India's history by becoming the launch site for the country's first hydrogen train. He stated that the project reflects the rapid transformation of Indian Railways and the government's commitment to adopting cutting-edge technologies.

The Prime Minister said the hydrogen-powered train is completely emission-free, making it an environmentally friendly alternative for the future of rail transport. He emphasized that the train stands as a shining example of the success of the Make in India initiative, highlighting that the country has successfully developed and operated a hy-



drogen train with ten full passenger coaches—a major technological achievement. PM Modi noted that Indian Railways has made remarkable progress over the past decade by modernizing infrastructure, introducing world-class technologies, and improving passenger services. He said hydrogen-powered rail transport represents a major leap towards achieving cleaner and more sustainable mobility in India. Speaking about sports development, the Prime Minister announced that the government has formulated a new National Sports Policy – Khelo Bharat, aimed at strengthening India's sporting ecosystem. He said flagship initiatives such as Khelo India and the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) are providing athletes with world-class training, infrastructure, financial assistance, and international exposure. Reaffirming India's ambition to host the

2036 Olympic Games, PM Modi urged young athletes across the country to prepare with determination and dedication. He expressed confidence that India would emerge as a global sporting powerhouse through sustained investment in talent development and sports infrastructure. The Prime Minister also appreciated the people of Haryana for their "Swachhta Se Swagat" initiative, which promotes cleanliness and civic responsibility. He urged citizens to make cleanliness a daily habit and reaffirmed that public participation remains essential for building a healthier, cleaner, and more developed nation. The projects inaugurated and launched during the visit are expected to significantly strengthen Haryana's transport infrastructure, improve connectivity, generate employment opportunities, and contribute to the state's economic growth while advancing India's vision of sustainable development and technological self-reliance.

Healthcare and Education Spending is an Investment in Telangana's Future: Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

Minister Gaddam Vivek Venkatswamy, the Deputy CM said the government has introduced major reforms in the healthcare, education, and employment sectors. He announced that the government has already filled a record 76,000 government jobs and will soon recruit 120 Civil Assistant Surgeons, 6 Dental Civil Surgeons, 99 Pharmacists, 34 Lab Technicians, 54 ANMs, and other paramedical staff to strengthen healthcare services. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is modernising ESI hospitals by establishing advanced dialysis units, CT scan facilities, burns wards, and cardiac care centres, while accelerating the construction of multi super-specialty hospitals in Sanathnagar, LB Nagar, Alwal, and Warangal. He also announced the release of Rs 30 crore to ensure uninterrupted medicine supply in ESI hospitals. Highlighting Telangana's healthcare achievements, he said the State now has over 44,000 hospital beds, making it one of the country's leading healthcare providers, with nearly



75 lakh people benefiting from Insurance Medical Services. The Deputy CM said the government has sanctioned 9 new medical colleges, 16 nursing colleges, and 28 paramedical colleges, besides establishing a Skill University and Advanced Technology Centres in every Assembly constituency to prepare youth for future employment opportunities. Through TOMCOM, students aspiring for overseas jobs are being provided free training and a monthly stipend of Rs 2,000. Congratulating the newly appointed Nursing Officers, Bhatti Vikramarka described nursing as a noble profession dedicated to serving humanity and urged them to deliver compassionate healthcare to the people. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to continued investment in healthcare and education as key pillars of Telangana's development.



State President and EHCT Trust Member; Umadevi, Chairperson of the Pensioners' Association; and other representatives of employee organisations.

Employee, Pensioner Associations Thank Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka for Health Scheme

Representatives of various employee and pensioner associations expressed gratitude to Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka for the implementation of the New Employees Health Scheme, describing it as a historic initiative to strengthen the health security of government employees and pensioners. The representatives felicitated the Deputy Chief Minister and thanked him for taking the initiative to expedite the rollout of health cards, enabling employees, pensioners, and their families to access quality cashless medical services. They praised the Telangana government's focus on employee welfare and expressed confidence that similar welfare measures would continue in the future. On behalf of employees and pensioners across the State, they conveyed their appreciation to the Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Minister, and the Telangana government for introducing the scheme. Among those who participated were Lachchi Reddy, Chairman of the Deputy Collectors' Association; Devarakonda Saidulu, STF State President and EHCT Trust Member; U. Pochayya, STF State General Secretary; Sadanandam Goud, STU

Mahabubnagar Leaders Seek Water Allocation Through Palamuru-Rangareddy Project

Delegation urges Chief Minister to drop Yedula-Dindi diversion proposal and allocate water to Lakshmidivipalli Reservoir



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: A delegation comprising State Minister Jupally Krishna Rao, Nagarkurnool MP Dr. Mallu Ravi, and MLAs from the undivided Mahabubnagar district met Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, seeking enhanced water allocation for the region through the Palamuru-Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Project. The delegation submitted a representation requesting the Chief Minister to drop the proposal to divert water through the Yedula-Dindi canals. Responding to the request, the Chief Minister directed Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy to examine the proposal and take appropriate action. Later, the leaders met the Irrigation Minister and urged him to divert 2 TMC of water from the Palamuru-Rangareddy project to the Lakshmidivipalli Reservoir. They also sought adequate allocation of water from the Srisailem Reservoir to meet the irrigation needs of the Nalgonda and Palamuru-Rangareddy regions. The delegation said the proposed allocation would help strengthen irrigation infrastructure and ensure reliable water availability for farmers in the undivided Mahabubnagar district.

MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Inaugurates New Buildings for Women's Self-Help Groups

Cheryala, July 17 – The Journalist Post : Bhongir MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy inaugurated newly constructed buildings for women's self-help groups (SHGs) across Cheryala and several surrounding villages, reaffirming the Congress government's commitment to women's empowerment and economic self-reliance. The new buildings were inaugurated in Cheryala, Akunur, Rampur, Gurzakunta, Peddarajupet, Nagapuri, Shabash Gudem, Pothireddypalli, and Chunchannakota. During the programme, the MP interacted with members of the women's groups and enquired about their needs and challenges. Addressing the gathering, Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy said women's self-help groups are the backbone of rural development and family prosperity. He stated that providing dedicated infrastructure would enable the groups to conduct meetings, training programmes, and livelihood activities more effectively, while expanding opportunities for self-employment. The MP assured continued support for development initiatives and infrastructure projects aimed at strengthening women's economic and social empowerment. Local public representatives, government officials, members of women's self-help groups, party leaders, and residents participated in the programme.

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Telangana Launches 'New Employees Health Scheme' for Cashless Medical Care

Around 8 lakh employees and pensioners to benefit; 1,816 treatments covered under CGHS package rates

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Health Minister Damodara Raja Narasimha, formally launched the New Employees Health Scheme (NEHS) at the State Secretariat, providing comprehensive cashless healthcare to state government employees, pensioners, and their dependents. Addressing the gathering, the Deputy CM said the scheme was introduced to provide employees with a strong health security system, ensuring they no longer face financial distress due to medical expenses. He said the initiative would benefit nearly 8 lakh government employees and pensioners, along with 29.8 lakh dependent family members. Under the scheme, beneficiaries can access cashless in-patient treatment at 886 empanelled private hospitals across Telangana. The scheme covers 1,816 medical procedures and surgeries based on Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) package rates. A dedicated trust comprising government officials and employee representatives has been con-



stituted to oversee its implementation. Bhatti Vikramarka said the government is also clearing nearly Rs 10,000 crore in pending employee-related bills inherited from the previous administration, with around Rs 2,000 crore being released every month. He added that the government is committed to strengthening employee welfare and regularly reviews the payment process. The Deputy CM also highlighted other healthcare initiatives, including increasing the Rajiv Arogyasri coverage from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 10 lakh, benefiting over 1.06 crore eligible families. He urged government employees to continue delivering public services with renewed commitment and help implement welfare programmes effectively. Chief Secretary Sanjay Jaju, Health Principal Secretary Dr. Christina Z. Chongthu, Education Secretary Yogita Rana, senior officials, and employee union representatives attended the launch.

Dana Kishore Directs Completion of School Uniform Stitching by August 13

Special Chief Secretary reviews statewide programme, stresses quality and timely delivery



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post: Special Chief Secretary for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, M. Dana Kishore, has directed officials to complete the statewide school uniform stitching programme by August 13, 2026, while ensuring high quality standards and timely distribution of uniforms to students. During a State-level video conference, Dana Kishore reviewed the progress of the programme with District Rural Development Officers (DRDOs), MEPMA Project Directors, District Project Managers (DPMs), Assistant Project Managers (APMs) and other field-level officials. He instructed officials to intensify stitching operations in mission mode, mobilise additional Self-Help Group (SHG) women tailors and bulk cutters, and organise training programmes wherever necessary. He also directed that school-wise bulk cutting should begin immediately after fabric reaches mandal points to avoid delays in stitching. The Special Chief Secretary asked DRDOs and MEPMA Project Directors to coordinate with Regional and District Coordinating Officers to ensure the timely supply of fabric to districts that have received only partial consignments. Emphasising quality, Dana Kishore said every uniform must meet prescribed standards, be durable, and be properly stitched before distribution. He also instructed officials to monitor progress daily, resolve operational issues promptly, and ensure the programme is completed within the stipulated deadline. Officials from the Rural Development and MEPMA departments across Telangana participated in the review meeting and presented district-wise progress reports.

Women-Led Development Key to Viksit Bharat: Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla

Governor addresses FLO Hyderabad Silver Jubilee, lauds women entrepreneurship and leadership



Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla on Friday said that India has progressed from the concept of women's development to women-led development, describing it as a cornerstone of the country's journey towards Viksit Bharat. He stated that empowering women strengthens families, drives economic growth, and contributes significantly to nation-building. Speaking as the Chief Guest at the Silver Jubilee celebrations of FLO (FICCI Ladies Organisation) Hyderabad at JRC Convention, the Governor congratulated the organisation on completing 25 years of service in promoting women entrepreneurship, innovation, and leadership. He noted that FLO Hyderabad, with over 1,200 members, has become a leading platform supporting women entrepreneurs, start-ups, and corporate leaders. The Governor also praised the FLO Industrial Park, India's first industrial park entirely owned and managed by women entrepreneurs, describing it as a pioneering initiative that received appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the G-20 Summit. Shri Shukla further appreciated initiatives such as Style Tatva, which promote Telangana's handloom and handicraft heritage while creating sustainable livelihood opportunities for women artisans. Calling upon experienced entrepreneurs to mentor aspiring women, the Governor said India needs a supportive ecosystem where every woman can transform her aspirations into reality. He expressed confidence that FLO Hyderabad would continue to play a vital role in promoting inclusive growth and women's economic empowerment. The event was attended by FICCI President G. Sita Reddy, FLO National President Pooja Garg, members of FLO Hyderabad, women entrepreneurs, and other distinguished guests.



Contemporary Art Comes Alive at Angali Raghavendar's Solo Exhibition 'LIGHT AT – ®'

Hyderabad, July 17 – The Journalist Post : Art enthusiasts in Hyderabad have an opportunity to experience "LIGHT AT – ®," a solo exhibition by contemporary artist Angali Raghavendar, featuring a captivating collection of paintings that explore the interplay of light, colour, form, and imagination. The exhibition, which opened with a preview on July 16, is being held at Gallery Nos. 3 & 4, Chitramayee State Gallery of Art, Kavuri Hills, Madhapur, and will remain open to visitors until July 19, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM daily. Through his latest collection, Angali Raghavendar presents a series of contemporary artworks that celebrate creativity and visual expression. The exhibition invites visitors to experience artistic interpretations that blend vibrant colours with imaginative compositions, offering a unique visual journey. Art lovers, students, collectors, and members of the public are invited to visit the exhibition and interact with the artist's creative works. The exhibition aims to

THE JOURNALIST POST				TODAY'S GOLD, SILVER & DIAMOND RATES - INDIA		FRIDAY JULY 17 2026	
DATELINE: HYDERABAD / NEW DELHI							
GOLD RATES (Per 10 Grams)		SILVER RATES (Per 1 Kilogram)		DIAMOND RATES (INDICATIVE RETAIL PRICE)			
CITY	24 CARAT (999.9)	22 CARAT (999.5)	CITY	SILVER (1 KG)	DIAMOND SIZE	APPROX. PRICE	
HYDERABAD	₹1,46,680	₹1,34,480	HYDERABAD	₹2,45,000	0.25 CARAT	₹20,000 – ₹60,000	
VIJAYAWADA	₹1,46,680	₹1,34,480	VIJAYAWADA	₹2,45,000	0.50 CARAT	₹60,000 – ₹2,00,000	
MUMBAI	₹1,46,780	₹1,34,580	MUMBAI	₹2,40,000	1.00 CARAT	₹2,00,000+ – ₹10,00,000+	
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TRUTH. INSIGHT. IMPACT. Active Southwest Monsoon: Heavy Rain Alerts Across Many States

HIGHLIGHTS

- Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely over Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Meghalaya & Uttarakhand.
- Thunderstorms with lightning & gusty winds expected over Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Odisha, Chhattisgarh & Uttarakhand.
- La Niña & El Niño: Little risk over India.
- Humid conditions along coastal Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal & Kerala.

INDIA WEATHER MAP

RAINFALL ALERT

- Increasingly heavy (> 150 mm)
- Very heavy (100 - 250 mm)
- Heavy (50 - 100 mm)
- Moderate (20 - 50 mm)
- Light (< 20 mm)

MAJOR CITIES WEATHER

CITY	WEATHER	MIN/MAX (°C)
New Delhi	Thunderstorms	27° / 34°
Mumbai	Heavy Rain	25° / 30°
Bengaluru	Moderate Rain	20° / 27°
Hyderabad	Moderate Rain	24° / 31°
Chennai	Partly Cloudy with rain	27° / 32°
Kolkata	Heavy Rain	26° / 32°
Jammu	Thunderstorms	28° / 35°
Ahmedabad	Heavy Rain	26° / 32°
Pune	Moderate Rain	22° / 28°

IMD ADVISORY

Active monsoon conditions are likely to continue over most parts of the country. Citizens are advised to avoid waterlogging areas, follow local alerts and heed police orders regarding lightning and stormy winds.

AIR QUALITY INDEX (AQI)

CITY	AQI	Category
New Delhi	301-400	Very Poor
Mumbai	151-200	Moderate
Bengaluru	101-150	Moderate
Hyderabad	101-150	Moderate
Chennai	101-150	Moderate
Kolkata	101-150	Moderate
Jammu	101-150	Moderate
Ahmedabad	101-150	Moderate
Pune	101-150	Moderate

STATE ALERTS

- Red Alert:** Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Gujarat
- Orange Alert:** Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu, Rajasthan, Jharkhand
- Yellow Alert:** Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh
- Green Alert:** Punjab, Haryana, Delhi, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Goa, Tripura, Mizoram

Notes: Forecast and warnings are subject to change. Please check local updates for more details.

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Governor Felicitates Nine-Year-Old Trekker Siri Athasha for Scaling Sar Pass

Young Hyderabad girl honoured for completing 13,800-foot trek in Himachal Pradesh

Hyderabad, July 17 – **The Journalist Post:** Telangana Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla felicitated V. Siri Athasha, a nine-year-old girl from Hyderabad, at Lok Bhavan in recognition of her successful completion of the Sar Himachal Pradesh.Siri altitude of 13,800 feet, markable determination at a young age. During her interaction with the Governor, she also shared her experience of visiting Ladakh, home to the motorable road.Congratulating the young achiever, Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla praised her adventurous spirit and perseverance, saying that achievements like hers reflect the immense potential of India's youth and inspire others to pursue their dreams with dedication and confidence. The Governor encouraged Siri Athasha to continue striving for excellence and expressed hope that her accomplishment would motivate more children and young people to embrace adventure, discipline, and the spirit of exploration.



Neeraj Chopra Continues Diamond League Preparations

Olympic and World Champion intensifies training as he targets success in the Diamond League and World Athletics Championships.

NEW DELHI | JULY 17 : India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has stepped up preparations for the upcoming Diamond League meetings as he aims to maintain his outstanding form ahead of the World Athletics Championships later this season. The Olympic and World Champion has been training under the supervision of his coaching team, focusing on technique, strength, and consistency to remain among the world's elite throwers.

Neeraj has enjoyed another impressive season, delivering several strong performances on the international circuit and consistently crossing the 85-metre mark. His disciplined training programme includes technical refinement, physical conditioning, and recovery sessions designed to ensure peak performance during the crucial competitions ahead.

The Diamond League remains one of the most prestigious athletics circuits in the world, featuring the best athletes across various disciplines. For Neeraj, the competition provides an ideal platform to test his form against leading international rivals while fine-

tuning his performance before the World Championships.

The Athletics Federation of India has expressed confidence in Neeraj's preparations, highlighting his professionalism and dedication. Coaches believe that his experience in handling pressure at major global events will be a significant advantage as he seeks to add more international titles to his illustrious career. Indian athletics continues to gain global recognition, with Neeraj Chopra playing a key role in inspiring a new generation of athletes. Fans across the country are eagerly awaiting his performances in the Diamond League, hoping to see the reigning champion continue his remarkable success on the international stage.



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England and India Set for Series-Deciding ODI at Lord's



Winner-takes-all clash at the Home of Cricket as both teams aim to seal the three-match ODI series.

LONDON | JULY 17 : The three-match One-Day International series between India and England has reached a thrilling finale, with the decisive third ODI set to be played at the iconic Lord's Cricket Ground in London. After England bounced back with a four-wicket victory in the second ODI at Cardiff to level the series 1-1, both teams are preparing for a high-stakes encounter that will determine the series winner. India will be looking to recover from the disappointment of the second ODI, where a promising batting effort was undone by a middle-order collapse. Despite valuable contributions from senior batters, the visitors were unable to defend their total as England's experienced batting lineup successfully chased the target. The Indian team management is expected to focus on improving batting consistency and finishing the innings strongly in the series decider. Captain Shubman Gill is expected to lead from the front, while experienced campaigners Virat Kohli, Shreyas Iyer, KL Rahul, and the all-rounders will play crucial roles in India's bid to clinch the series. The bowling attack, spearheaded by the pace unit, will aim to make early breakthroughs and restrict England's powerful batting lineup on a surface that traditionally offers assistance to both batters and seam bowlers. England, meanwhile, enter the final ODI with renewed confidence after their impressive performance in Cardiff. Veteran batter Joe Root, who anchored the successful run chase with an unbeaten 99 in the previous match, will once again be a key player for the hosts. Supported by a balanced squad featuring experienced batters and a disciplined pace attack, England will look to capitalize on home conditions and complete a memorable comeback. With the series evenly poised, cricket fans around the world are eagerly awaiting an exciting contest at the historic Lord's Cricket Ground. The winner of the final ODI will not only claim the series but also gain valuable momentum ahead of upcoming international assignments, making the encounter one of the most anticipated matches of the summer.

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India Shuttlers Shift Focus to World Championships After Japan Open

National team begins preparations for badminton's biggest event after gaining valuable experience at the Japan Open Super 750.

TOKYO | JULY 17 : India's badminton contingent has shifted its attention to the BWF World Championships following the conclusion of its campaign at the Japan Open Super 750. While the tournament produced mixed results for Indian players, the experience gained against some of the world's top-ranked shuttlers is expected to play a vital role in preparations for the season's premier championship.

The Japan Open witnessed several Indian players facing stiff competition in both singles and doubles events. Former world champion P.V. Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, H.S. Prannoy, and other members of the Indian squad used the tournament to assess their form and identify areas that require improvement ahead of the World Championships. India's men's doubles campaign suffered a setback after star pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty withdrew from the tournament due to Satwik's shoulder injury.

The team management is closely monitoring his recovery and remains optimistic that the duo will regain full fitness in time for the World Championships, where they are among India's strongest medal contenders. The coaching staff is expected to conduct a detailed review of each player's performance, focusing on tactical execution, match fitness, consistency, and mental preparation. Special emphasis will be placed on improving finishing ability in crucial stages of matches, an area considered key to competing successfully against the world's elite players. With the BWF World Championships fast approaching, the Indian team will now participate in intensive training sessions and practice camps to fine-tune strategies and build confidence.

The Badminton Association of India believes that the combination of experienced campaigners and emerging young talent gives the country a strong chance of producing impressive performances on badminton's biggest stage. Indian badminton has continued to make steady progress on the international circuit, and the upcoming World Championships provide another opportunity for the nation's shuttlers to compete for medals and reinforce India's growing reputation as a global badminton powerhouse.



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South Indian OTT Releases This Week: Samantha's 'Maa Inti Bangaaram' Headlines Weekend Streaming Line-up

HYDERABAD, July 17: Streaming platforms are set to entertain audiences this weekend with an exciting lineup of South Indian films and web series. From action-packed thrillers to emotional family dramas and romantic entertainers, viewers have plenty of fresh content to enjoy from the comfort of their homes. Leading the list is Samantha Ruth Prabhu's blockbuster Maa Inti Bangaaram, which is making its much-awaited digital debut after a successful theatrical run.

The action drama, which marked an important milestone in Samantha's career, received a positive

response from audiences and critics during its theatrical release. Featuring Samantha in a powerful, performance-oriented role, the film impressed viewers with its emotional storytelling, intense action sequences, and



strong production values. Fans who missed the film in theatres can now watch it on OTT, making it one of the biggest streaming attractions of the week. Apart from Maa Inti Bangaaram, several South Indian films across Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada languages have also premiered on leading streaming platforms. The latest releases include action thrillers, suspense dramas, romantic entertainers, family-oriented films,



and comedy dramas, offering something for viewers of every age group and taste. The week's OTT schedule also features new original web series, crime investigations, psychological thrillers, and youth-oriented dramas. Streaming platforms continue to expand their regional content libraries, with increasing investments in Telugu and other South Indian-language productions to cater to growing digital audiences. Industry experts believe the strong OTT lineup reflects the rising demand for regional cinema beyond theatrical releases.

Many films are now finding a wider audience through digital premieres, allowing viewers across India and overseas to enjoy South Indian content in multiple languages with subtitles and dubbed versions. Entertainment analysts expect the weekend streaming releases to attract significant viewership, especially among families and working professionals looking for fresh content. With audiences increasingly embracing digital entertainment, OTT platforms have become an important avenue for filmmakers to reach millions of viewers. As the South Indian film industry continues to produce diverse and content-driven cinema, this week's digital releases promise an engaging mix of action, emotion, suspense, romance, and comedy, ensuring an entertaining weekend for movie lovers.

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Rakul Preet Singh Compares Tollywood and Bollywood; Actress Praises Telugu Film Industry's Working Culture

MUMBAI, July 17 : Actress Rakul Preet Singh has become the centre of discussion in the entertainment industry after sharing her views on the differences between the Telugu and Hindi film industries. During a recent interaction, the actress praised Tollywood for its supportive and family-like atmosphere, saying the collaborative work culture has played an important role in her career. Rakul, who has worked extensively in both Telugu and Hindi cinema, said that the Telugu film industry offers a warm and encouraging environment where actors, directors, producers, and technicians work together as a close-knit team.



According to her, the emphasis is on collective success rather than individual competition, making the overall filmmaking experience more comfortable and enjoyable. In contrast, Rakul observed that Bollywood is comparatively more competitive due to its larger scale and the sheer number of projects and artists. She clarified that every film industry has its own strengths and working style, but added that she has always appreciated the positive atmosphere and mutual respect she experienced while working in Telugu cinema. Her remarks quickly gained attention across social media platforms, with many fans and industry observers welcoming her appreciation of Tollywood's collaborative culture. Several users praised the Telugu film industry's professional environment, while others highlighted the increasing national recognition South Indian cinema has earned in recent years.

Rakul Preet Singh remains one of the few actresses to have successfully established herself in both Tollywood and Bollywood. Having shared screen space with leading stars across industries, she continues to balance projects in multiple languages while expanding her presence in pan-India cinema. Meanwhile, the Indian film industry is entering one of its busiest phases, with several high-profile Telugu and Hindi films gearing up for release in the coming weeks. Movie enthusiasts can look forward to a packed schedule of trailers, teaser launches, music releases, and star-studded promotional events as the festive box-office season approaches.

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'War 2' Emerges as One of 2026's Biggest Releases; Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR Fuel Massive Fan Excitement

MUMBAI, July 17 : The countdown has begun for one of the most anticipated films of the year as War 2, starring Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR, continues to dominate headlines and social media platforms. The action-packed spy thriller has generated unprecedented buzz, with fans eagerly awaiting the face-off between two of Indian cinema's biggest stars. Produced by Yash Raj Films as part of its successful Spy Universe and directed by Ayan Mukerji,

War 2 promises a grand cinematic experience featuring international locations, high-octane action sequences, breathtaking visuals, and an emotionally engaging storyline. Hrithik Roshan reprises his role as elite RAW agent Kabir, while Jr NTR makes his much-awaited debut in the Spy Universe in a powerful action-oriented role.

The recently released trailer has received an overwhelming response from audiences across the country. Fans have praised the film's spectacular visuals, stylish action choreography, powerful background score, and the electrifying on-screen presence of Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR. The trailer has become one of the most-

watched promotional videos of the year, generating millions of views within a short period.

The film's promotional campaign has further amplified anticipation through exclusive posters, behind-the-scenes glimpses, digital promotions, and fan engagement activities. Every update from the makers continues to trend on social media, with hashtags related to War 2 regularly featuring among the top entertainment trends. Trade analysts are also optimistic about the film's box-office prospects.

Advance booking trends indicate strong demand across multiplex chains and premium cinema formats in major cities, while overseas markets are also witnessing encouraging early interest. Industry experts believe the combination of

Hrithik Roshan, Jr NTR, and the YRF Spy Universe could result in one of the biggest opening weekends in Indian cinema this year. The film also stars Kiara Advani in a leading role, adding further glamour and star power to the action thriller. Fans are now eagerly waiting for the release, expecting the film to deliver spectacular action, gripping drama, and memorable performances. With sky-high expectations, a star-studded cast, and a massive promotional campaign, War 2 is poised to become one of the biggest cinematic events of 2026 and a major milestone in the expanding YRF Spy Universe.

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